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Senior General Than Shwe sees off Prime Minister General Thein Sein on his departure for Indonesia, Singapore



NAY PYI TAW, 16 March—Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe saw off Prime Minister General Thein Sein at Nay Pyi Taw Airport at 2.30 pm yesterday on his departure for Indonesia and Singapore. The Prime Minister is due to pay goodwill visits to the countries at the invitations of President of the Republic of Indonesia Dr Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono and Prime Minister of the

Republic of Singapore Mr Lee Hsien Loong.

Together with Senior General Than Shwe, Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint

Oo, SPDC member Lt-Gen Tin Aye of the Ministry of Defence, Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, heads of department, Ambassador of Singapore to Myanmar Mr Robert Chua Hian Kong and Charge d' Affaires of Indonesian

Embassy Mr Totok Prianamto also saw off the Prime Minister at the airport.

The delegation led by Prime Minister General Thein Sein comprises Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing, Minister for

Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe, Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint, Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Phone Swe and departmental heads and officials.

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Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council

Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe sees off Prime Minister General Thein Sein at

Nay Pyi Taw Airport. —MNA



Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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



PERSPECTIVES

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Actively participate in regional development tasks with added momentum

The government has laid down and is implementing the project for development of border areas and national races, the 24-special region development project and the five rural development project to bring about equitable development across the nation.

In its drive for ensuring national reconsolidation the government managed to make peace with 17 national race armed groups and other small armed groups. As a result, its efforts for development of border areas and national races have achieved remarkable progress.

In the past, Tangyan Township, Shan State (North) was of difficult access, for there was no peace and stability. In the time of the Tatmadaw Government the township is enjoying the fruits of development.

Tangyan situated 3,000 feet above sea level in Shan State (North) is 83 miles from Lashio. One has to pass Nampong, Hoya, Namton, Loingin and about 20 villages to reach Tangyan from Lashio.

Under the rural development project, villages in Tangyan Township have been facilitated with primary schools, self-reliant generators and small scale hydel power plants.

The national brethren in the township are earning their living through the growing of poppy substitute crops such as coffee, tea, rubber etc. The township has already cultivated 4,750 acres of groundnut exceeding the target of 3,200 acres. As it has exceeded the target of growing 900 acres of summer paddy by 146.46 per cent in 2009, it is now in a position to enjoy self-sufficiency in rice.

As the efforts to bring about equitable development in different parts of the nation have met with success, it is incumbent upon the local people in Tangyan Township, Shan State (North) to strive together with the government for greater success in regional development.

Official Representative of Phyathai Group of Hospitals, U Aye Maw explains modern medical treatment, and air ambulance services available in Myanmar.

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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

General banking course (officer level) concludes



Deputy Minister Col Hla Thein Swe delivers address at concluding ceremony of general banking course No. 13.—MNA

YANGON, 16 March—Organized by Banks Supervisory Committee, a concluding ceremony of general banking course (officer level) No.13 was held at the hall of Myanmar Banks Association, Yankin Township here, today.

Chairman of the Banks Supervisory Committee Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue Col Hla Thein Swe made a speech and presented prizes to the outstanding trainees.

Afterwards, the Governor of the Central Bank of the

Union of Myanmar U Than Nyein gave certificates to the trainees and certificates of honour to the instructors. One of the trainees spoke words of thanks.

Present on the occasion were Directors-General and Managing Directors of Departments and Enterprises under the Ministry of Finance and Revenue, executives of Myanmar Banks Association, guests, instructors and trainees.

A total of 45 trainees from State-owned banks and private banks attended the 12-week course. — MNA

Thai Phyathai Hospitals offer modern medical treatment, air ambulance for Myanmar

YANGON, 16 March —Discussion on Modern Medical Treatment Techniques by specialists from Phyathai Group of Hospitals of Thailand was held at Executive Board Room of Sedona Hotel on 8th February 2009. The opening speech was given by Professor Dr.Aung Gyi, Pro-Rector of the Institute of Medicine 2, Yangon.

The Official Representative of Phyathai Group of Hospitals, U Aye Maw explained the services available for the patients who want to receive treatment at Phyathai Hospital in Thailand. Then, Chief of Medical and International Business Director Dr. Surapong Ambhangwong, explained the Minimally Invasive Brain Surgery, Parallel Operation of Neuro and Spine Surgery. Later on, Dr. Yungyut Mayalarp, Director of Internal Medical Center explained the Latest Treatment Techniques of Liver Diseases, Hepatitis B & C, Liver Cancer, Colangio Carcinoma, and stem cell therapy for Hopeless Heart without surgery, Replacement of Hip joint, Knee joint and other joints, Special operation technique for Neuro and Spine operation for Pediatric

Patient, Nucleoplasty treatment, Bone Marrow Transplant, Laser-assisted Surgery Techniques. After that, patients who had taken treatment at Phyathai Hospital explained the experiences and services that they have gained while receiving treatment at Phyathai Hospital in Thailand.

Phyathai Hospital is located at the centre of Bangkok. It is voted by the patients as the most favorable hospital having reliable and accurate treatments at the reasonable cost. There are 12 Specialist Centers and 7 Clinics with more than 270 specialists by using world class modern facility and machines to treat both adult and child patients.

Air Ambulance Planes to transfer Emergency Patients from Myanmar for in-time treatment in Bangkok also arranged by Mr. Aye Maw. Further inquiries can be done at Official Representative Office of Phyathai Group of Hospitals at No.(Y-1), Thukawati, Kaba Aye Pagoda Road, Yankin, Yangon. Tel : (09)-50-11-42, (01)- 578-941, E-mail: koayemaw@gmail.com.—MNA

Minimally Invasive Neurosurgical Institute



Reproductive health programme starts on 23 March

YANGON, 16 March—Under the supervision of Medical Research Department (Lower Myanmar), an educative programme on reproductive health will start on 23 March. Those wishing to ask questions about and discuss reproductive health may dial 01-375565 on weekdays from 10 am to 3 p.m.—MNA



Afghan men walk at the site of an explosion in Kandahar on 15 March, 2009. A string of bombs ripped through parts of Afghanistan on Sunday, killing four US soldiers and three Afghan civilians, officials said, in attacks linked to a Taliban-led insurgency.—INTERNET

Hekmatyar men claim responsibility for killing four NATO soldiers in Afghanistan

KABUL, 16 March—Fighters loyal to Gulbudin Hekmatyar, the leader of his own faction the outlawed Islamic party Hizb-e-Islami, claimed responsibility for the attack that left four soldiers of the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) dead in the east Afghanistan on Sunday.

Haroon Zarghon, who claims to speak for the outfit told *Xinhua* from undisclosed locations that Mujahidin (holy warriors) of Hizb-e-Islami planted two mines in Kot district of Nangarhar Province at 8:30 am local time Sunday killing eight soldiers and damaging two armored Personnel carriers.

Earlier a statement released by the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) said that four ISAF service members were killed after an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) attack on Sunday in the east Afghanistan.

However, the statement did not identify the nationality of the victims and the exact place of the incident. This is the first time that Hekmatyar party claimed responsibility for the attacks against international troops based in Afghanistan while often Taliban militants are responsible for conducting suicide bombing attacks against Afghan and US-led Coalition forces in the country.—*Internet*

About seven policemen killed in suicide bombing attacks in Afghanistan

KABUL, 16 March—Some seven policemen were killed and over 10 others injured in suicide bombing attacks in southern Afghanistan on Monday, police said.

The suicide attack targeted the police department in Lashkar Gha district, capital city of Helmand Province in southern Afghanistan, said Daud Ahmadi, the provincial administration spokesman.

Internet

Roadside bombing kills two British soldiers in Afghanistan

KABUL, 16 March—One roadside bomb explosion on Monday claimed the lives of two soldiers with the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) in southern Afghanistan, an ISAF statement issued here said.

“An International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) soldier was killed and another died of wounds after an Improvised Explosive Device attack today in southern Afghanistan,” the statement said.

Meantime, Britain's Ministry of Defence has confirmed that two British soldiers died in an explosion in southern Afghanistan.

“The pair from the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers were traveling in an armored vehicle which was hit by a blast in the Garmsir district of Helmand Province,” the ministry said.

Internet

The damaged vehicle after an explosion in the outskirts of Kabul, Afghanistan, on 15 March, 2009. In the capital, Kabul, a suicide bomber on foot who was targeting a NATO patrol, but instead killed two Afghan civilians Sunday, said Lt-Gen Abdul Rahman Rahman, Kabul's police chief. —INTERNET



Seven Afghan policemen missing

KABUL, 16 March—The commander of Border Police in east Afghanistan Mohammad Zaman Mamozai said on Sunday seven policemen had gone missing in Nangarhar Province of eastern Afghanistan.

“Seven policemen with their weapons have gone missing in Ghoshta district since Saturday,” Mamozai told *Xinhua*. He said that the search to locate the missing is underway. Meantime, Mullah Khan Mohammad, who claims to be a Taliban commander in the eastern region, has claimed responsibility for the abduction of these police constables.—*Internet*

Explosion kills one, wounds six in S Afghanistan

KANDAHAR, 16 March—A roadside bomb struck a civilian car in Taliban former stronghold Kandahar in south Afghanistan Sunday, leaving one person dead and six others injured, a police official said.

“It occurred at a about 10 am local time (0530 GMT) when a bomb planted by insurgents struck a car belonging to Mayor of Kandahar city, killing one person and wounding six others all of them civilians,” a senior police officer Abdullah Khan told *Xinhua*.

Internet

Suicide car bomb kills two, wounds 14 in Afghan capital

KABUL, 16 March — A suicide car bomb rocked Afghanistan capital Kabul Sunday afternoon, claiming the lives of two persons and wounding 14 others, said officials with the Interior Ministry.

“It occurred at around 1 pm (GMT0830) when the suicide attacker driving an explosive-laden car blew himself up in Qalai Kashif area in 5th district, west of Kabul, killing two civilians and wounding 14 others,” the official told *Xinhua* but declined to be

identified.

He also added that the target apparently was a convoy of foreign troops.

Meantime, Interior Ministry spokesman Zamarai Bashari said that no foreign troops have been harmed in the blast.

No groups or individuals have yet to claim responsibility.

Taliban militants in a series of suicide attack targeted government buildings on February killed 20 people and wounded dozens others in the capital city.

Internet



Afghan police patrol near the wreckage of a car used by suicide bomber in Qalai Kashif area in 5th district, west of Kabul, Afghanistan, on 15 March, 2009.—INTERNET

Israeli envoys make final push to free soldier

JERUSALEM, 16 March —Israel postponed a crucial Cabinet meeting a few hours before it was to convene on Monday morning, giving negotiators more time to try to finalize an agreement with Hamas over the release of a captive Israeli soldier held by Palestinian militants in the Gaza Strip.

Adding urgency was a Palestinian shooting attack in the West Bank that

killed two Israeli police officers.

As talks continued past midnight in Cairo, lame-duck Prime Minister Ehud Olmert rescheduled the Cabinet meeting for on Tuesday morning. Earlier he said this round of talks would be the last before Israel's new government takes over.

Prime Minister-designate Benjamin Netanyahu is putting together a

hawkish coalition that is likely to be less accommodating to Hamas demands to exchange the soldier for hundreds of Palestinian prisoners, including convicted murderers.

While Israel has agreed to such prisoner exchanges in the past, critics have warned that the freed prisoners will resume violence once they hit the streets.—Internet



Sudanese refugee children press up against a fence in Djabal refugee camp near Goz Beida, southern Chad.—INTERNET

Fortis bank forecasts 22.5b euro loss for 2008

BRUSSELS, 16 March— Belgian bank Fortis said on Sunday it expected to report a record loss of 22.5 billion euros for 2008, when the world financial crisis drove it to be nationalised and sold off.

Fortis Holding “expects, based on Belgian accounting standards, a statutory loss carried forward of 22.5 billion euros (29 billion dollars) as at year-end 2008,” the bank said in a statement.

“That means there is no room for the payment of a dividend at the moment.”

It said it would publish full results for 2008 on 31 March.

Fortis Holding was formed last year when the damage wrought by the US-born international credit crisis forced it to be split up, with the Belgian and Dutch states taking control of its operations in those two countries.—Internet

Company failures to rise 59 percent in 2009

LONDON, 16 March—The number of companies going bust in Britain in 2009 is likely to rise by more than half from last year due to the economic downturn, a study showed on Monday.

The number of firms expected to collapse this year will rise by 59 percent to 36,000, or one in every 56, according to the Industry Watch report by accountants and business advisors BDO Stoy Hayward. In 2008, the number of failures was 22,600, or one in 87, the report said.

Failures will increase still further with 39,000 businesses, or one in 50, expected to hit the buffers in 2010 as the recession takes its toll, BDO said. The construction and real estate sector is expected to be hardest hit, followed by manufacturing.

Internet

Icebergs break off the Vatnajökull Glacier before floating to sea in 2006. A major scientific study has showed that icecaps around the North and South Poles are melting faster and in a more widespread manner than expected, raising sea levels and fuelling climate change.—INTERNET



Yemen blast



Map of Yemen locating the UNESCO world heritage site of Shibam, where four South Korean tourists were killed by an explosion on Sunday.—INTERNET

S Korean Gov't confirms four citizens killed in Yemen bomb attack

SEOUL, 16 March — Four South Koreans traveling in Yemen were killed while four others were wounded in a bomb attack in Yemen, the South Korean Foreign Ministry confirmed on Monday.

According to the ministry, two South Korean men and two South Korean women, all of whom were on a group tour, were killed in a bomb attack in the Yemen's southern city of Syoun. Their Yemeni guide was also killed.

The four wounded South Koreans, who are

not in a critical condition, were sent to Syoun Hospital for treatment, a ministry official said.

“We are still trying to find the exact cause of the incident and related developments,” said Kim Yuchul, director of the ministry's department handling accidents involving South Koreans abroad, early Monday.

Internet

Two Israelis killed on West Bank road

JERUSALEM, 16 March —Two Israelis believed to be police officers were shot dead on a road in the West Bank on Sunday night, local media reported.

An initial probe found that the two were driving on a section of Highway 90 near the community of Massua in the Palestinian territory when gunfire was opened at them, which caused the driver to lose control of the vehicle before it overturned, said news service Ynet.

The two were critically wounded by the gunfire and the somersault, and rescue teams that rushed to the scene failed to save their lives, according to the report.

Internet

Northeast US to suffer most from future sea rise

WASHINGTON, 16 March—The northeastern US coast is likely to see the world's biggest sea level rise from man-made global warming, a new study predicts.

However much the oceans rise by the end of the century, add an extra

8 inches or so for New York, Boston and other spots along the coast from the mid-Atlantic to New England. That's because of predicted changes in ocean currents, according to a study based on computer models published online Sunday in the journal *Nature Geoscience*.

An extra 8 inches — on top of a possible 2 or 3 feet of sea rise globally by 2100 — is a big deal, especially when nor'easters and hurricanes hit, experts said.

“It's not just waterfront homes and wetlands that are at stake here,” said Donald Boesch, president of the Univer-

sity of Maryland Center for Environmental Science, who wasn't part of the study. “Those kind of rises in sea level when placed on top of the storm surges we see today, put in jeopardy lots of infrastructure, including the New York subway system.”

For years, scientists have talked about rising sea levels due to global warming — both from warm water expanding and the melt of ice sheets in Greenland and West Antarctica. Predictions for the average world-wide sea rise keep changing along with the rate of ice melt.—Internet



US space shuttle Discovery lifts off, delivering solar array wings to ISS



The space shuttle Discovery takes off from launch pad 39A at the Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Florida on 15 March, 2009. —XINHUA

WASHINGTON, 16 March—The US space shuttle Discovery lifted off on Sunday from Cape Canaveral, Florida, on a mission of delivering the International Space Station's (ISS) fourth and final set of solar array wings, completing the station's truss, or backbone.

It is NASA's first space shuttle flight in 2009.

The space shuttle set off at 19:43

pm EDT (2343 GMT), thundering into a clear sky.

Thousands of people came to Kennedy Space Centre to see the blastoff.

The NASA TV shows that the five engines boosting Discovery and its external tank towards orbit shut down as planned about eight and a half minutes into flight.

Shortly after that, the shuttle entered its orbit with a speed of 17,500 miles (28,000 kilometers) per hour.

"Everything looks perfect on the orbiter," said Mike Moses, the head of the mission management team, at a live broadcast press conference following the launch.

Mike Leinbach, launch director for the mission, also thought the launch was "just gorgeous."

"I have seen a lot of launches ...and this was the most visually beautiful," he told reporters at the press conference.

Xinhua

Cambodia expects garment sector to recover in 2nd quarter

PHNOM PENH, 16 March —Garment, the foremost pillar industry of Cambodia, is expected to recover from the attack of the global financial crisis in the second quarter of this year, the Chinese-language newspaper the *Jian Hua Daily* reported on Monday.

"I think in the second quarter we will be able to maintain orders at the current level if we make factories more competitive," the newspaper quoted Van Sou Ieng, the just re-elected chairman of the Garment Manufacturers' Association of Cambodia (GMAC), as saying.

Garment orders were down by 40 percent in the first two months this year, compared with the same period of last year, due to much less demand from the traditional markets, namely US and Europe, he said at the annual meeting of GMAC on Sunday. —Xinhua

All items from Xinhua News Agency



Ancient houses of Baoshi Village, Tongshan County, central China's Hubei Province, are seen in the picture taken on 10 March, 2009. Tongshan County, located at the border of Hubei Province and Jiangxi Province, is famous for its ancient houses. Over 30 remaining ancient architectural complexes need preservation and development. The complexes, most of which could date back to the Ming and Qing (1644-1911) dynasties, glitter for the quantity while covering extensive fields of architectural varieties. —XINHUA

DPRK reopens border for South Korean workers

SEOUL, 16 March— South Korean officials said on Monday that the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) has reopened border crossing for South Korean workers.

The DPRK agreed earlier to resume the overland trips across the inter-Korean border and would allow South Koreans to make cross-border visits to the Inter-Korean Industrial Complex in DPRK's border city of Kaesong, the Unification Ministry spokesman Kim Ho-nyoun said. The DPRK has announced to cut off all military communication channels with South Korea in protest of ongoing joint military exercises between South Korea and the United States. Local media said scores of South Koreans were not able to return home from the industrial complex in Kaesong. —Xinhua



A village cadre writes the civil servant exam in Dongying city in east China's Shandong province, on 15 March, 2009. The province will hire 8,600 civil servants from 390,000 candidates this year, the ratio being about one chosen for every 45 candidates. —XINHUA

Report says junk food websites getting kids hooked

LONDON, 16 March— Multinational food and soft drink companies are using their own websites to promote unhealthy foods to children potentially as young as four, a news report by Consumers International said here on Sunday.

In the face of global criticism about traditional junk food advertising to kids, household names such as Kellogg's, KFC, McDonald's, and Nestle

are attracting children online with Internet clubs, interactive games, and My Space-style sites, said a report titled *New Media, Same Old Tricks*, which was released for World Consumer Rights Day on Sunday. The report was released by Consumers International, the only independent global campaigning voice for consumers. To date, the organization headquartered in London has over 220

member organizations in 115 countries, trying hard to building a powerful international consumer movement to help protect and empower consumers everywhere.

According to the report, parents are also targeted with reassuring messages about the educational value of online games, web safety information and pro-motional coupons.

Xinhua

OPEC decides to maintain current oil production level

VIENNA, 16 March—Faced with declining international oil prices, the 152nd Oil Minister Conference of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) decided on Sunday in Vienna not to further cut crude oil production.

The ministers from OPEC member states decided to maintain the current output level and boost the prices by strengthening the implementation of existing production quotas.

During the six-hour discussion, the ministers analyzed the market situation and finally decided to keep the current production quota unchanged.

Announcing the decision after the meeting on Sunday afternoon, OPEC spokesperson Omar Ibrahim explained that OPEC first needed to review each member state's compliance of the current production cut quota, as well as its effect on oil prices.

Xinhua

A local youth rides his just-purchased motorcycle on promotion sales with governmental subsidies to countryside, in Meishan, south-west China's Sichuan Province, on 15 March, 2009. XINHUA



UN agency saved \$43m by procuring Indian rice in 2008

NEW DELHI, 16 March—World Food Programme, the food aid agency of the United Nations, had saved around 43 million US dollars by procuring Indian rice at a lower price than the market last year.

“WFP was able to feed many more hungry people in 2008 thanks to India's willingness to sell rice to the organization at well below the market rate. We were able to save around 43 million US dollars,” World Food Programme (WFP) Food Procurement Chief Nicole Menage said on its website.

India, which imposed export restrictions on non-basmati rice to contain inflation, sells rice to the needy countries on humanitarian grounds.

Praising India for 'humanitarian exception', WFP said that the Indian Government granted the exception for humanitarian assistance despite the extensive export restrictions which were put in place as a result of high food prices.—MNA/PTI



Two South Korean survivors listen to a South Korean diplomat at Sanaa International Airport on 16 March, 2009, before departing for Seoul via Dubai.—INTERNET

Taleban threaten to kill aid workers as spies

KABUL, 16 March—A top Taleban commander has issued a new threat to foreign aid workers, saying that under the insurgent group's new “constitution” they will execute them as spies or hold them in exchange for the release of Taleban fighters.

In an exclusive telephone interview on Friday night with CNN, Mohammed Ibrahim Hanafi said the Taleban intelligence wing was actively

gathering information on foreign aid workers. “If we get someone, that is how we will deal with it under our new constitution,” he said.

He added that he was telling “Afghan brothers not to work with NGOs.” In the 15-minute interview, arranged by an intermediary for CNN, Hanafi repeated the Taleban's pledge to keep girls out of public schools.

“Our law is still the same old law which was

in place during our rule in Afghanistan,” he said. “Mullah Mohammad Omar was our leader and he is still our head and leader and so we will follow the same law as before.”

“In my opinion,” he added, “Taleban aren't allowing girls to go to schools because Taleban want women to preserve their respect by staying in their homes, not to work as labourers for others.”—Internet

Red Cross report describes “torture” at CIA jails

WASHINGTON, 16 March—The International Committee of the Red Cross concludes in a secret report that the Bush administration's treatment of al-Qaeda captives in CIA prisons “constituted torture,” *The Washington Post* reported on Monday, citing newly published excerpts from the 2007 document.

The account of alleged physical and psychological brutality inside CIA prisons overseas also

states that some US practices amounted to “cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment,” the newspaper reported.

The secret report strongly implies that the United States violated international law prohibiting torture and maltreatment of prisoners, the newspaper said.

The Washington Post said the ICRC findings were based on its access to the CIA's 14 “high-value” detainees after they

were transferred in 2006 to the US detention camp at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

The ICRC report gave uniform accounts of abuse that included beatings, sleep deprivation, extreme temperatures and, in some cases, waterboarding, or simulating drowning, the *Post* said. *The Washington Post* said at least five copies of the report were shared with the CIA and top White House officials in 2007.

MNA/Reuters

NEWS ALBUM



Taxi drivers wait for passengers in central Mexico City, capital of Mexico. The Mexican government launched a programme of operating low exhaust taxis to improve the environment in the capital city.



A swan fights with gulls for a food at the Black Sea coast near the town of Varna, east of the Bulgarian capital Sofia, early on 14 March, 2009. Every year hundreds swans arrived to find food and warm weather on the coast.

Choose whole grains, good food, not diets

As the days get longer and bathing-suit season draws near, some try fad diets, when healthier eating should be the goal, a US nutritionist says.

Lona Sandon, assistant professor of clinical nutrition at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas, says it's important to keep whole grains in one's diet.

“Research shows that whole grains are good for your heart, lower the risk for diabetes and stroke, and may help prevent certain cancers,” Sandon says in a statement. “They also help in managing weight.”

Sandon says whole grains are not only full of fiber, but also have good-for-you nutrients like folate and niacin, B vitamins and magnesium.

“The phytochemicals found in whole grains have been shown to have health-promoting and disease-preventing benefits,” Sandon adds.

Boy survives 10,000-volt shock

A boy has survived a 10,000-volt electric shock in southwest China with just burns to his hands, a local newspaper reported yesterday.

Doctors could not find any other problems with seven-year-old He Haoyang after conducting a thorough medical check-up at a local hospital. Doctors have kept the boy in to monitor his recovery and make sure he has no muscle damage, the *Chongqing Morning Post* reported.

He, from Tongjiang County of Sichuan Province, was playing with wires in a field on 8 March, said his mother, Liu Jun. The wires suddenly broke and he got hit by 10,000 volts, the report said. “He fell down shortly after being shocked,” Liu said. “His friends shouted to him ‘Run!’ and he managed to run a few steps forward.”

Employees with local power company said the boy's survival was a miracle and he survived because he managed to get away from the area. They said the grass near the broken wires was all burned.

Man pleads guilty in stolen Hitler bookmark case

A Seattle-area man has admitted trying to sell a stolen bookmark that reportedly was given to Adolf Hitler by his mistress after the Nazis lost the Battle of Stalingrad in World War II.

Christian Popescu, 37, of suburban Kenmore, who emigrated to the area about 12 years ago from Constanta, Romania, pleaded guilty Thursday in US District Court to the sale or receipt of stolen goods.

The 18-carat gold bookmark, engraved with a portrait of Hitler, an imperial eagle and a swastika, was forfeited to the US government.

Police in Spain said three men took it and some jewelry from a glass display case at the auction house Duran Subastas de Arte in Madrid during working hours on 16 Oct, 2002.

Reportedly given to Hitler by Eva Braun after the Nazis surrendered at Stalingrad, the turning point in their invasion of the Soviet Union, the bookmark is inscribed, “My Adolf,



don't worry ... (the loss) was only an inconvenience that will not break your certainty of victory.

My love for you will be eternal, as our Reich will be eternal.

Always yours, Eva 3-2-43.”

Some antiques experts have questioned its authenticity, but federal agents said the theft made it illegal for Popescu to arrange to sell the bookmark 25 Nov to an undercover agent for \$100,000 outside a Starbucks store in suburban Bellevue.



Better and smooth transport contributing to rural development

Article: PyinOoLwin Chit Swe



Photo shows a part of Pyinsar-Pauktaw inter-village gravel road in PyinOoLwin Township.

broaden their horizons of general knowledge. In the past, the local people had to transport their agricultural produce to the urban area by bullock cart.

At present, the agricultural goods can be sent to the urban area by car. Due to better transport, the domestic products can be transported smoothly in PyinOoLwin Township.

As an evidence of economic growth, some people have fine houses. Most of the people in the villages owned TV

In its drive for development of rural regions, the government is undertaking five rural development tasks: to ensure smooth and better transport in rural areas, to ensure adequate supply of clean water, uplift of living standards of rural people, to improve the health care services of rural people and to develop the rural economy.

Among the five tasks, smooth and better transport in rural areas

is a basic need for rural development. Smooth and better transport will contribute to undertaking of regional development as quickly as possible. In PyinOoLwin Township, the Township Development Affairs Committee is constructing the rural-to-urban roads and inter-village roads to be used in all seasons by joining hands with the local people.

PyinOoLwin Township Development Affairs Committee built inter-

village roads—16,715 feet long tarred roads, 232,636 feet long gravel roads and 413,825 feet long earth roads, totalling 6,638,186 feet—within a decade beginning 1997-1998.

Thanks to construction of the roads, a total of 139 villages from 49 village-tracts in the township could undertake the education, health and communication tasks in earnest.

The Ministry of Education had opened



Gravel being placed on Pyinsar-Pauktaw inter-village road.



Trucks transporting products of villages to the market in PyinOoLwin Township through inter-village roads.

128 schools including Basic Education High, Middle and Primary Schools for enabling 12,147 students of the villages to pursue basic education.

The Ministry of Health also facilitated the region with five rural health centres, 24 rural health branches, Zeebingyi Village with one 50-bed hospital and Wetwun Village with 10-bed station hospital. Moreover, Zeebingyi, Anisakhan and Wetwun villages were installed with telephones.

The Information and Public Relations Department had so far opened 120 libraries at 139 villages for enabling the local people to

sets and motorcycles.

The Township Development Affairs Committee has constructed 170,759 feet long tarred roads, 664,976 feet long gravel roads, 25,010 feet long stone roads and 15,079 feet long earth roads in PyinOoLwin.

Nowadays, the development of rural areas is interrelated with that of the urban areas. It is sure that the rural regions will be gaining momentum of all-round development based on better and smooth transport.

Translation: TTA

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Chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board
U Kyaw Thu
delivers an address
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Training course No. 1/2009 for trainers for civil service

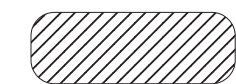
NAY PYI TAW, 16 March — Under the arrangement of ASEAN Resource Center for Training of Trainers for Civil Service, the training course No 1/2009 for trainers for civil service was opened at Civil Serv-

ice Selection and Training Board here this morning.

The course was opened with an address by U Kyaw Thu, Chairman of the board. Also present at the ceremony were members of

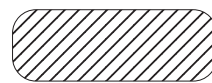
the CSSTB U Aung Myint, U Hla Myint Oo, U Win Aung, U Soe Oo, U Nyi Tun and U Kyaw Aung and departmental heads.

A total of 30 trainees are participating in the 3-week course.— MNA



Work coordination meeting on disaster preparedness in progress.

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Special Appellate Bench hears five special civil appeal cases

NAY PYI TAW, 16 March—The Special Appellate Bench comprising Deputy Chief Justice of the Supreme Court (Nay Pyi Taw) U Htun Htun Oo, Supreme Court Judges of the Supreme Court

(Mandalay) U San Tint Yi and U Myint Aung sitting at court room No.1 of the Supreme Court (Nay Pyi Taw) heard 5 special civil appeal cases under section 7 of the Judiciary Law 2000, on 16 March 2009.

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Work coordination meeting on disaster preparedness

YANGON, 16 March — As part of technical cooperation between UNESCAP and Myanmar, a work coordination meeting on preparedness for disaster in Myanmar was held at Meteorology and Hydrology Department here today.

Director-General of MHD Dr Tun Lwin ex-

tended greetings and Head of UNESCAP Mr Eduard Rene Bastiaans explained the mission for disaster preparedness.

Dr Tun Lwin briefed the measures taken after the cyclone Nargis and the participants discussed matters related to disaster preparedness.

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Indian doctors of AMRI hold medical conference

YANGON, 16 March—Doctors from AMRI (Advanced Medical Research Institute Ltd) in Kolkata of India held a medical conference at the Traders Hotel here yesterday afternoon.

Director of AMRI Mr D. N Agarwal extended greetings and Professor Dr

Saw Naing (Retd) presided over the conference.

Professor Dr R. N Bhattacharya of AMRI gave talks on Endoscopic Neurosurgery in the era of Micro Neuro Surgery, Dr K.M Mandana on Valve Repairs & Paediatric Cardiac Surgery, Dr Arghya

Majumdar on an overview of Renal Transplant Therapy and Dr Joydeep Banerjee Chowdhury on Recent advances in management of Osteoarthritis of Knee and replied to queries raised by those present.

Next, Director Dr Pronab Das Gupta ex-

pressed thanks and Professor Dr Saw Naing (Retd) presented gifts to those who gave talks.

The branch of AMRI is open at Room F-28, First Floor, Building-B, Pale Condo, Yangon by the name of Myanmar Vertex Co Ltd.

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Mr D.N Agarwal, Director of AMRI Hospital in Kolkata, extends greetings at medical conference. — MNA

Workshop on producing marketable quality paddy to be held

YANGON, 16 March—With the sponsorship of the Myanmar Agricultural Produce Trading under the Ministry of Commerce and the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, a workshop on participation of private sectors in producing marketable quality paddy will be held at the UMFCCI Office Tower on Minye Kyawswa Street in Lanmadaw Township here on 21 March.

The workshop will present five papers followed by a general round of discussions.

Those who wish to participate in it are to contact the UMFCCI (Tels 01-214344, 214345, 214346 and 214347) for registration.—MNA

Drive safely



Australian Ambassador calls on A & I Minister

NAY PYI TAW, 16 March—Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation

Maj-Gen Htay Oo received Australian Ambassador to Myanmar

Ms Michelle Su-Wen Chan at the ministry here at 1 pm today. During the

meeting they discussed matters related to agricultural cooperation between the two countries and boosting agricultural production.

Also present at the call were managing directors and directors-general of enterprises and departments under the ministry and officials.

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Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo receives Australian Ambassador to Myanmar Ms Michelle Su-Wen Chan.—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

Notice to mariners issued

NAY PYI TAW, 16 March —Chinnery Assets Limited undertaking joint venture in oil exploration together with Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise will conduct 2 D Marine Seismic Acquisition Survey at block No AD-6 of Rakhine offshore by observation vessel ISKATEL-5 from 23 March to 30 April.

The survey will be conducted at Point A between north latitude 20 degrees 29 minutes 50

seconds and east longitude 92 degrees, 35 minutes, 10 seconds, Point B north latitude 20 degrees 22 minutes 53 seconds and east longitude 92 degrees, 27 minutes, 35 seconds, Point C north latitude 20 degrees 22 minutes 10 seconds and east longitude 92 degrees, 25 minutes, 10 seconds, Point D north latitude 20 degrees 14 minutes 30 seconds and east longitude 92 degrees, 17 minutes, 30 seconds,

Point E north latitude 20 degrees 08 minutes 10 seconds and east longitude 92 degrees, 17 minutes, 30 seconds and Point F north latitude 20 degrees 15 minutes 00 seconds and east longitude 92 degrees, 44 minutes, 00 second. The mariner's notice was issued that various sizes of watercrafts are warned not to pass through four square kilometers areas of the AD-6 block while conducting the survey.

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Mandalay Association (Yangon) holds 32nd annual meeting

YANGON, 16 March-- The 32nd annual meeting of Mandalay Association (Yangon) was held at the hall of the association in Pabedan Township, here yesterday.

Chairman of the association U Mya Thaung (Jewel Hotel) spoke on the occasion. Secretary of the association Daw Myint Myint Sein, Joint Secretary-1 U Kyaw San (Diamond Neon) and Joint Secretary-2 U Ti Toe (Mann Myanmar) submitted the report for

2008 and Treasurer Daw Khin Win Mu the financial statement for approval.

Wellwisher Col Wai Lin (Retd) presented K 1 million to Mandalay Chanthagyi Rice Offering Association. Chairman U Mya Thaung and officials presented gifts to those who received titles conferred by the State, literary award winners, Academy Award winners and outstanding students.

Next, new executive committee was elected.

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Winners of the Myanmar Masters seen together with officials and special guests .—MGF

Prize presentation ceremony of Myanmar Masters 2009 held

YANGON, 16 March— The fourth day 18-hole event of Myanmar Masters 2009 continued at Pun Hlaing Golf Club in Hlinethaya Township yesterday evening.

Among the spectators were Patron of Myanmar PGM and Myanmar Golf Federation Maj-Gen Win Hlaing (Retd), Chairman U Te Za, Vice-Chairmen U Zaw Min and U Min Thein, General Secretary U Aung Kyi and executives, Mr Jitisak Tamprasert (rules official from the Asian Tour), those from Pun Hlaing Golf Club and enthusiasts.

After the event, the prize presentation ceremony was held with an address by Chairman U Te

Za. The Chairman presented prize to Professional Golfer Soe Kyaw Naing who scored hole-in-one in the event.

Next, SPA Group Director U Kyaw Paing presented the top amateur player award to Nay Bala Win Myint who stood first at the amateur level with 290 strokes. Afterwards, Chairman U Te Za presented prizes to Stewart Ginn (Australia) who stood third in professional golfers event with 286 strokes, to Airil Rizman Zahari (Malaysia) who came in second with 281 strokes and to Soe Kyaw Naing who won first with 278 strokes.

Later, Patron Maj-Gen Win Hlaing (Retd)

presented the Myanmar Masters Trophy to Soe Kyaw Naing who secured first position in professional golfers event.

Chairman U Te Za gave away US\$ 5,000 presented by Air Bagan Ltd as a special prize to Myanmar Masters 2009 Professional Golfers Champion Soe Kyaw Naing. The golf tourney was held by Air Bagan Ltd as main sponsor along with International Beverages Trading Co Ltd, KBZ Bank, Pun Hlaing Golf Club, Aureum Palace Hotel, Myanmar Treasure Resort Hotel, CEP SA (Lubricants), KM Golf Centre, Srixon and Alpine Purified Drinking Water as co-sponsors.—MNA



Irrigation facilities across nation extending monsoon and summer paddy acreage

Article: *Myint Maung Soe*; Photos: *Maung Maung Thant*

(from page 16)

In its efforts to uplift the livelihoods of the rural people, the government has built clusters of dams for agricultural purpose across the nation. Thanks to irrigation facilities, not only monsoon paddy but also summer paddy can be grown in many regions of States and Divisions.

Especially, the arid regions had relied on the rainwater in the past. Indeed, the scarcity of water was hindrance to the development of the agri-



U Aung Myaing
(Manager of MAS).

The news team of the Myanma Alin Daily had an opportunity recently to visit Yamethin Township of Mandalay Division where the cultivation of summer paddy is being undertaken.

that can yield over 100 baskets of paddy per acre. The per-acre yield of summer paddy is more than that of monsoon paddy due to more availability of sunshine and lack of bacteria."

He further explained, "Myanma Agriculture Service sets the aims for raising per-acre yield of all crops, disseminating modern agricultural techniques and seeking quality strains. To meet the aim, staff members of the MAS are supervising the agricultural tasks in all cultivation seasons."



Summer paddy plantation thriving near Kalamyaw Village of Yamethin Township with the use of irrigated water from Thithson Dam.



Canal of Kyeeni Lake supplying water for summer paddy plantations in Yamethin Township.

culture sector. So far, the government has implemented dike and dam projects, river water pumping projects and other irrigation facilities in most of the dry regions. Therefore, cultivation of various crops can be doubled in these regions through concerted efforts.

At present, agriculturalists and farmers are joining hands in expediting the cultivation of summer paddy in the States and Divisions.

In an interview, Township Manager U Aung Myaing of Myanma Agriculture Service said, "Our Yamethin District is implementing a plan for growing 3,000 acres of summer paddy in 2008-2009 cultivation season. In doing so, we seek three ways of water supply for cultivation task such as the irrigation facility, the natural flow water and the pumped water. We use Hsinnweyin, Thukhayin, Yezin Lonthwe and Hsinthukha paddy strains

Assistant Manager Daw Yin Yin Mar of MAS said, "We, the staff are working together with the farmers closely. We worked together in the paddy fields. We distributed agricultural technology, quality strains and pesticides to them. The field trips of the staff are the best assistance for them. When the yield of crops is high, we are very happy."

The members of the news team visited Kyeeni Lake, east of Yamethin,

that supplies water to the summer paddy fields in the township. Indeed, the lake is a large facility like a dam. Kyeeni Lake was maintained in successive eras. As the government maintained the lake last year, the facility with better inflow of water is benefiting summer paddy plantations.

The local farmers cultivated summer paddy in the irrigated area of the lake. Some of these regions, they used seeder in cultivation of paddy and it can be used for four acres of paddy a day. We learned that the use of seeder can also save time and money.

We witnessed the transplanting of paddy in the fields. With the use of water from Thithson Dam,

Kyeeni Lake, Meaung Lake, Nahto Lake, Gwaydauk Lake, Ta-aing Lake and Lemyu Dam, summer paddy is being cultivated in Yamethin Township.

So far, the government has built 219 dams across the country. Moreover, river water pumping projects and other irrigation facilities have been implemented. As a result, the farmers in various regions can grow summer paddy in addition to monsoon crops plus monsoon paddy and cold season crops.

Translation: TTA

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Paddy saplings being transplanted near Kyeeni Lake in Yamethin Township.



US energy secretary “pleased” about OPEC decision

WASHINGTON, 16 March — US Energy Secretary Steven Chu said on Sunday he was “pleased” that OPEC had decided against further cuts in oil production but believed the United States should keep trying to become energy independent.

“While OPEC’s actions are just one factor among many that go into the market price of oil, I’m pleased that there won’t be further production cuts — which could help to avoid oil price volatility,” Chu said in a statement released by the Department of Energy.

“However, I continue to believe that we should stay focused on what our country can do to become energy independent—ending our dependence on

foreign oil and investing in new clean energy sources that will put Americans to work and address the global climate crisis,” he said.

OPEC ministers meeting in Vienna agreed on Sunday to leave existing output targets unchanged, but promised to enforce those curbs more strictly.

OPEC has a 70-US-dollar a barrel price target and has been trying to reduce production by 4.2 million barrels per day. It is still overproducing that mark by 500,000 to 800,000 barrels per day. Chu noted that the United States consumes 20 per cent of the total world oil supply and OPEC produces about 30 per cent of the world’s total. — MNA/Reuters



Picture taken on March 15, 2009 shows a construction site of the Sanmen Nuclear Power Project (NPP) in east China's Zhejiang Province. The first phase of the Sanmen NPP is now ready for startup. — INTERNET



The photo taken on 15 March 2009 shows Centenarian Wagon. — INTERNET

Hundreds killed in South Sudan cattle attacks

JUBA (Sudan), 16 March — Heavily armed fighters have killed more than 200 people in raids on villages in South Sudan, where bloody tribal disputes over cattle are jeopardising peace efforts in the oil-rich region, officials said on Sunday.

The commissioner of Pibor County, Akot M. Adikui, told Reuters he had seen more than 200 bodies, but had heard reports that hundreds more may have been killed in a string of attacks over the past two weeks.

The surrounding Jonglei State, where Malaysia’s Petronas is searching for oil and France’s Total owns a huge concession, has long been plagued by tribal violence, often sparked by disputes over livestock.

Scores of people have been killed at a time in one-off cattle attacks in South Sudan. But officials said the number of reported deaths in Pibor and the appearance of a coordinated campaign against a series of villages was unusual.

“We believe about 453 people have been killed, based on the bodies and information from chiefs and members from villages,” Adikui said. “Many of the deaths are women and children.” He said at least 17 villages controlled by the Murle tribe were attacked from 5 to 13 March by armed members of the Lou Nuer tribe. He said the attacks were in retaliation for the theft of around 20,000 Lou Nuer cattle in January.

MNA/Xinhua

Russian strategic planes can use Venezuelan base

CARACAS, 16 March — Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez said on Sunday that Russian strategic planes can use a base in Venezuelan territory.

“I told Russian President Dmitry Medvedev that whenever Russian strategic planes need to stop in Venezuela to fulfill its plans, Venezuela is ready to

help,” Chavez said in his Sunday TV-radio programme “Alo, Presidente”.

Chavez said that in September 2008, Russian Tu-160 bombers stopped in Venezuela for the first time and made test flights and patrol missions in the Caribbean.

“Some newspapers

are saying that I offered a base in La Orchila to the Russians. You know it is not like that,” Chavez said. He added that Russian planes could make a stop in Venezuela, but it did not mean that he would give them La Orchila, a Venezuelan island in the Caribbean.

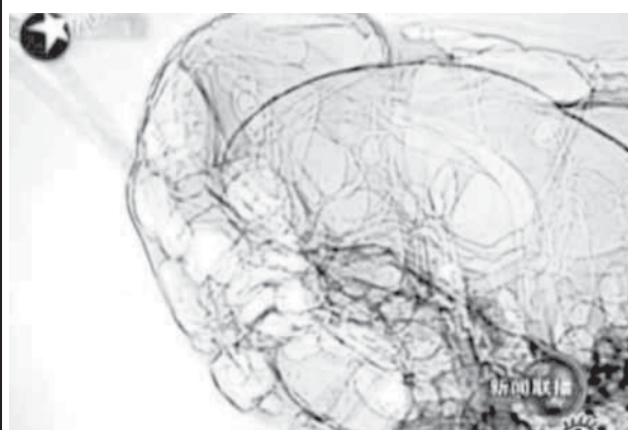
MNA/Xinhua

14 people killed in traffic accidents in Turkey

ISTANBUL (Turkey), 16 March — Fourteen people were killed and 33 others injured in two traffic accidents in southeastern Turkey on Sunday, the semi-official Anatolia news agency reported.

The first traffic tragedy occurred when a passenger bus collided with a passenger minibus at Nizip-Birecik E-90 highway in Gaziantep Province, killing nine people and injuring 23 others, said the report.

It added that a passenger minibus hit a car at Nizip town of Gaziantep Province, leaving five people dead and 10 others injured. — MNA/Xinhua



TV grab shows a hard X-ray photo of a live locust taken with the synchrotron radiation light source in Shanghai on 14 March, 2009. Even minute vessels in locust antennae can be observed and respiratory organs seen clearly, which otherwise can't be achieved with a traditional X-ray machine. — INTERNET

Five killed, six injured in E Ukraine traffic accident

KIEV, 16 March — Five people were killed and six others injured in a traffic accident in eastern Ukraine on Sunday, an official said. “The accident occurred when a car collided with a passenger bus on the road near the village of Olenovka in Kharkov region in eastern Ukraine on Sunday. Both vehicles caught fire following the collision,” said Ihor Krol, spokesman for the Emergency Situation Ministry.

“The driver and four passengers in the car were killed, and six people in the bus were hospitalized, three of them were in serious condition,” Krol added. “The cause of the accident is under investigation,” he said. — MNA/Xinhua

Mom guilty of killing baby in dryer

FRANKLINTON, 16 March — A Louisiana woman has been found guilty of second-degree murder for putting her infant son in a dryer and turning it on.

Lakeisha Adams, who had pleaded not guilty by reason of insanity, faces a mandatory life sentence in prison following her conviction Saturday on a second-degree murder charge. She is to be sentenced on 25 March, WWL-TV of New Orleans reported.

Bogalusa Police said that in December 2005, the then-18-year-old mother of two put her infant son in the dryer and turned it on, killing him. The station reported the coroner said the baby suffered third-degree burns on more than 50 percent of his body and blunt-force head trauma.

Internet

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**MV HANSEDUO VOY NO (-)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV HANSEDUO VOY NO (-) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 17.3.2009 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm up to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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Maldives vows to be first carbon-neutral nation

MALE, 16 March—The Maldives will shift entirely to renewable energy over the next decade to become the first carbon-neutral nation and fight climate change that threatens the low-lying archipelago's existence, the president said on Sunday.

President Mohamed Nasheed said the Indian Ocean islands would swap fossil fuels for wind and solar power, and buy and destroy EU carbon credits to offset emissions from tourists flying to visit its luxury vacation resorts. Climate change threatens us all. Countries need to pull together to de-carbonise the world economy," Nasheed said in a statement. "We know cutting greenhouse gas emissions is possible and the Maldives is willing to play its part."

The \$1.1 billion (788, 134 billion pounds) plan would require 155 wind turbines supplying 1.5 megawatts each and a half a square kilometre of solar panels to meet the needs of the islands' 385,000 people. "We aim to become carbon-neutral in a decade," he said.—*Internet*



General view of Olhuveli island in Maldives last month. —INTERNET

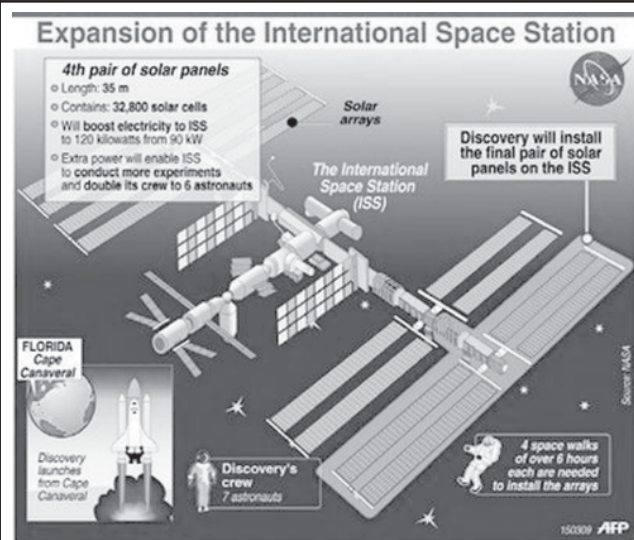
PUBLIC NOTICE

This public notice is hereby officially announced under the instruction which is expressly given by my clients, namely, Daw Sein Sein of Taunggyi, U Ba Tun (a) U Khin Maung Shwe of Taunggyi, Daw Than Sein (a) Nang Saw Mon of Moegok, Daw Ngwe Sein (a) Nan Saw Htwe of Tamway and U Ba Tint (a) U Mya Thauung of Taunggyi, as follows:-

Whereas the said my clients and U Thauung Zaw (a) Zaw Latt, holder of National Scrutinizing Card No: 13/TA KA NA (NAING) 003785 and also holder of Myanmar valid pass port No: 232032, are the children of late U Khine Maung (a) U Tin Win Khine and Daw Ei Pu who are Shan by race and Buddhist by religion.

Effecting from 1st day of February 2009, the above my clients will not take any responsibility in related to the claims, rights, libiliaties and whatsoever any claims against the said Thauung Zaw (a) Zaw Latt. And also not only by customery law but also social dealings between my clients and the said Thauung Zaw (a) Zaw Latt have been officially terminated.

Under the instruction
Hla Myint (B.A, LL.B)
Supreme Court Advocate
No: 98, Bo Aung Kyaw Street,
Botahtaung Tsp., Yangon
Tel: 01-380324



Graphic illustration explaining Discovery's mission to expand the International Space Station.—INTERNET

Vermont man attached antlers to doe's head

CONCORD, 16 March—A Vermont hunter is paying the price for trying to pass off a doe as a buck by attaching antlers to the dead animal's head, authorities say.

Marcel Fournier, 19, of Concord was hit with a \$400 fine and a 10-day jail sentence on 18 Feb for his hunting violations, the Burlington Free Press reported on Saturday. In addition, Fournier will not be allowed to obtain a state hunting, fishing or trapping license in Vermont for at least three years.

The Vermont State's Attorney Office charged Fournier with illegally hunting does after he tried to pass off his faux buck as lawful game last fall, the Free Press said.

When confronted by a state Department Fish and Wildlife warden, Fournier confessed he created the hybrid deer after killing it illegally on 22 Nov.

"He used epoxy and lag bolts recessed into the rack—but they weren't very firm," Warden David Gregory said. "When you grabbed them, you'd feel movement." —*Internet*

Planes pile up in boneyards

VICTORVILLE, 16 March—This year could set a record for the number of planes being stored in the United States rather than being flown, experts say.

The *Los Angeles Times* reported on Sunday that aircraft boneyards across the nation are filling up with jetliners that airlines no longer need amid declining ridership. The newspaper said airlines are grounding planes at a rate not seen since the 11 Sept, 2001, terrorist attacks.

Southern California Logistics Airport in Victorville, Calif, which was formerly George Air Force Base, is one of the nation's busiest storage sites. It's unfortunate, but when the economy is bad we're doing good," said Richard Robertson, an aircraft mechanic at Southern California Logistics Airport.

Internet

Crocodile suspected of killing Australian girl

DARWIN, 16 March — A crocodile seen in an Australian swamp seconds before a 12-year-old girl disappeared is suspected of attacking and killing her, police said on Monday. If confirmed, it would be the second fatal crocodile attack in northern Australia in five weeks.

The girl had been swimming with three other children on Sunday in the swamp on the outskirts of the northern city of Darwin when she disappeared, Northern Territory Police Superintendent Rob Farmer told Australian Broadcasting Corp radio. One of the children reported seeing a crocodile tail slap the surface of the water near where the girl had vanished moments earlier, Farmer said. A search of the swamp late Sunday and early Monday failed to find the girl or the crocodile. But police on Monday found her shorts in the water about 70 yards (meters) from where she was last seen, ABC reported.—*Internet*

A boy plays under the jets of water from a fountain in Kuala Lumpur on 16

March, 2009.

INTERNET

Dengue claims 24 lives in Bolivia

LA PAZ, 16 March — Dengue fever has claimed at least 24 lives in Bolivia this year and the outbreak is spreading, health officials say.

Eddy Martinez, national head of epidemiology, said he fears more than 60,000 people will be infected with the disease by the end of April, the daily news-paper *La Razon* reported on Saturday.

"We're still on the upward curve, we haven't reached the plateau from which to descend," said Erwin Saucedo, director of the Santa Cruz provincial health service. "The month of April will be key for reducing the cases of the epidemic and in that moment we will be able to say that it's under control."

The Latin American *Herald Tribune* reported

this is the worst epidemic of dengue in Bolivia in 20 years and is worse than the one in Paraguay in 2007, when 27,000 were infected and 17 died. Dengue is transmitted by mosquitoes. It causes high fever, headache, vomiting, joint pain and skin rashes, and can be lethal in its hemorrhagic version after a person is infected a second time.

Internet





Doctor says low-energy bulbs cause rashes

LONDON, 16 March — Some low-energy bulbs can cause painful rashes and swelling for people with light-sensitive skin disorders, a British researcher warns.

Dr Robert Sarkany said the British government should allow people with the disorders to use traditional bulbs, which are less energy efficient, the *Daily Mail* reported Sunday. The newspaper noted that already large retailers in England have stopped selling the conventional popular 100-watt bulb. They will be banned beginning in September, along with frosted 60-watt and 40-watt bulbs.

Sarkany, a photodermatologist at St John's Institute of Dermatology in London, said he has treated patients for rashes caused by exposure to low-energy lamps. "Patients with lupus feel strongly about this," he said. "They feel their skin deteriorates with fluorescent lights and have taken this issue to Parliament." —Internet

A farmer collects potatoes at a farm in Kadohiyar village, about 25 km (16 miles) north of the northern Indian city of Allahabad, on 16 March, 2009. —INTERNET



Python makes meal of maltese terrier

MELBOURNE, 16 March — A python has devoured a Northern Territory woman's 5.8kg pet dog, including the collar and name tag. Patty Buntine's three-year-old maltese terrier-cross Bindi disappeared from her Katherine home last week. Ms Buntine said she was worried when Bindi failed to show up for her routine breakfast. "She was always there so I got worried and went to look for her," she said. "I went around the side of the house and that's when I found the snake. It couldn't move and had

its head up in a striking position. It's belly was bulging - it looked like a great big coconut was inside it.

"I knew straight away that it had ate Bindi. I felt terrible - it's not very nice at all to think my little dog went that way," she told the *Northern Territory News*. Ms Buntine said Bindi was a lively dog and she was shocked the snake even got her.

She called snake catcher David Reed from Reedy's Reptiles to collect the snake. Mr Reed said it was a "one-of-a-kind" callout.

Internet

Boy, 3, speared through torso with 3-foot iron rod, liver injured

JHARKAND, 16 March — Three-year-old Mehul Kumar is lucky to be alive after being speared through the torso with a 3-foot (1 metre) iron rod. The boy, from Jharkand, India, was rushed to the hospital after he impaled himself falling off a terrace and onto a rod last week. The boy was fully conscious when he arrived at the hospital. Doctors removed the rod during a 4-hour operation and said he had lost a lot of blood and suffered some injuries, but "nothing major."

"Opening the abdomen, we discovered his liver was injured, the stomach was injured, but

thankfully, the spleen and pancreas were safe," said surgeon Sandeep Aggarwal said. "The child was lucky that he did not suffer any major injury but yes he had substantial injuries." Aggarwal praised Mehul for his strong willpower.

Mehul was playing with colours on the terrace when he fell on an iron rod left standing on the under-construction terrace, his uncle Raja Kumar

Vishwakarma said. The rod pierced through his body and then broke, resulting in his fall from the roof.

In July last year, Supratim Dutta had similarly been impaled by a 5-foot long (1.5 metre) iron bar that had pierced through his chest in New Delhi. Supratim was saved by the doctors of All India Institute of Medical Sciences.

Internet

A man uses his mobile phone as he rests in the back of his tricycle in central Beijing on 16 March, 2009. Mobile telephones are seen as "a basic necessity" around the world and should enjoy persistent strong demand throughout an economic downturn, a United Nations agency said in a report published last month. —INTERNET



Scientists aim to replicate the sun

LIVERMORE, 16 March — Scientists in California say they're trying to replicate the power of the sun by firing laser beams at a tiny pellet of hydrogen.

Physicists at the National Ignition Facility in Livermore say the nuclear fusion experiments may offer the world a clean source of energy, *The Times of London* reported on Sunday.

The hydrogen pellet will be hit with 192 laser beams capable of generating 500 trillion watts -- 1,000 times the power of the U.S. national grid, said the scientists.

"We hope the ignition experiments will show that we can generate more power than we put in and that fusion can be the source of a supply of carbon-free energy," said Ed Moses, director of the facility.

Science is at least 25 years away from building fusion power stations that could provide a clean alternative to fossil fuels. Those power stations would use hydrogen atoms extracted from sea water as fuel to generate carbon-free electricity with minimal radioactive waste, Moses said. —Internet

Fractured wires may be linked to deaths

MINNEAPOLIS, 16 March — Broken defibrillator wires may have been a "possible or likely contributing factor" in the deaths of 13 people, says Medtronic Inc, maker of the device.

The wires, or "leads," went by the brand name Sprint Fidelis until they were recalled from the world market in 2007, *The Wall Street Journal* reported on Sunday. The leads carry electrical jolts to correct irregular heartbeats.

An estimated 268,000 Sprint Fidelis leads have been implanted in people worldwide, said Medtronic. When the leads fracture, they fail to dispatch the proper amount of electricity, which can result in death, the Minneapolis company said.

Four of the 13 deaths resulted from doctors' attempts to extract the leads, which typically attach in a scar to the inner vein wall or onto the heart itself, the *Journal* reported. —Internet

Scientists consider geo-engineering

LONDON, 16 March — British scientists say they are looking for ways to reduce global temperatures and curb greenhouse emissions through geo-engineering.

Researchers are looking into the feasibility of using artificial trees to absorb carbon dioxide or reflect sunlight away from Earth, *The Times of London* reported on Sunday. The Royal Society, Britain's national academy of science, is preparing a report on the subject, the newspaper said.

"Our study aims to separate the science from the science fiction and offer recommendations on which options deserve serious consideration," said working group chairman John Shepherd. Among the possibilities being considered is how ships might be used to spray droplets of sea water into the atmosphere where they would evaporate, leaving tiny salt crystals to rise on air currents into the clouds.

The crystals would bounce more of the sun's energy back into space, the newspaper said. "Anything that alters the climate in a different way from reducing carbon has inherent dangers because we don't understand the climate well enough," said government scientist Vicky Pope. —Internet

SPORTS

Mickelson holds off Watney for 1st WGC win

DORAL, 16 March—There was the hospital trip for two bags of intravenous fluids before the final round. The hot showers and baths to alleviate nighttime chills. The right-handed swing with a left-handed club to extricate his ball from shrubbery. The upstart challenger who wouldn't go away. Phil Mickelson overcame it all. And he's closer than ever to overtaking Tiger Woods.

Mickelson shot a 3-under 69 Sunday to beat Nick Watney by one shot at Doral, getting his first World Golf Championships victory and vaulting to No. 2 in the world behind Woods. Mickelson finished at 19-under 269 and earned \$1.4 million, the biggest payday of his career.

Not bad for a guy who could barely eat for three days, spent part of his Saturday night in an emergency room fighting dehydration and got tested all the way to the end by Watney, who came up with plenty of dazzling shots before falling just short.—*Internet*

Hamburg keep pressure on leaders Hertha



Hamburg's Peruvian striker Paolo Guerrero (L) vies for the ball with Cottbus' Danish striker Dennis Soerensen during the Bundesliga football match in Hamburg, northern Germany.—INTERNET

Germany winger Piotr Trochowski mean Hamburg finish the weekend fourth, but level on 45 points with second-placed Bayern Munich and Wolfsburg with Hertha on 49 points.

"That was a hard-earned win, it wasn't pretty, but it was important for us," said Hamburg coach Martin Jol. Hamburg will be without Croatian striker Mladen Petric for a few weeks after he damaged a thigh muscle in the game. "I took a knock to the muscle and I will have to sit out for the next two or three weeks," said Petric who has scored ten goals this season. Werder Bremen picked up their first league win of 2009 when they humbled Stuttgart 4-0 and inflicted the first defeat in ten games for VfB coach Markus Babbel as Bremen's Sweden striker Markus Rosenberg struck twice. The defeat leaves Stuttgart sixth while Bremen are tenth.—*Internet*

BERLIN, 16 March—Hamburg put themselves back in the Bundesliga title race on Sunday with a 2-0 win over Energie Cottbus to join the three-strong pack chasing leaders Hertha Berlin.

Two goals in seven first-half minutes from Croatia striker Ivica Olic and a free-kick by

Inzaghi joins 300 club, Inter maintain lead

ROME, 16 March—Filippo Inzaghi racked up 300 career goals as the veteran striker bagged a brace in AC Milan's 5-1 stroll at Siena on Sunday that boosted their quest to secure third place in Serie A.

Inter Milan maintained their seven-point lead over Juventus at the top as they defeated Fiorentina 2-0 at the San Siro thanks to two goals from Zlatan Ibrahimovic. AS Roma's bid to earn a top four spot, and the final Champions League qualifying berth, took a knock as their injury-ravaged side was held 2-2 at Sampdoria.

But in the picturesque city of Siena it was Inzaghi's day as the 35-year-old took his tally to



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five goals in his last two matches. It also took him to fourth on the all-time list of top Italian goalscorers, headed by Silvio Piola with 364 goals from a 25-year career from 1929 to 1954.

—*Internet*

Hiddink: United football race is far from over

LONDON, 16 March—Guus Hiddink insisted the Premier League title race is far from over after Chelsea narrowed the gap on leaders Manchester United to just four points. Hiddink's side responded to United's shock 4-1 home defeat to Liverpool by beating Manchester City courtesy of Michael Essien's first half goal.

While the Chelsea manager acknowledged that the advantage still lies with Sir Alex Ferguson's side, who have played a game less, he claimed the weekend's results could have a major impact on the eventual destiny of this year's championship.

Hiddink believes the decisive factor will be how United react to the shock of being humbled at Old Trafford by one of their fiercest rivals. Hiddink said: "If it was just four points it would be very close, but they have that game in hand. But it's clear that after yesterday's unexpected result that the tension has come back in the league.

—*Internet*



Chelsea's manager Guus Hiddink

O'Neill refuses to surrender Champions League dream

BIRMINGHAM, 16 March—Martin O'Neill believes his faltering team can still scrape a Champions League place despite a dispiriting 2-1 home defeat to Tottenham which left them in fifth place in the Premier League.

O'Neill has made quashing expectations an artform during his time at Villa Park and it was only a month ago that he was fending off suggestions that he could mastermind a shock assault on the title. But now his season is unravelling and this defeat to struggling Spurs hammered another huge dent into Villa's ambitions of a top four finish.

Villa have now only secured two league wins on their own turf since December and the optimism that had been building so steadily towards the end of last year is evaporating with each passing week. The renaissance of Arsenal has

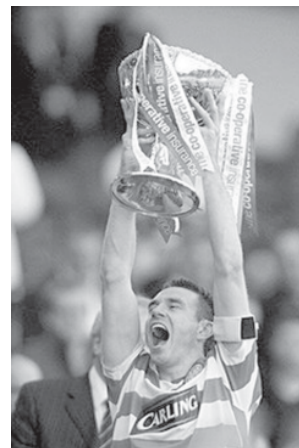
Strachan cools Scottish double football talk

GLASGOW, 16 March—Celtic manager Gordon Strachan claimed his team's League Cup Final victory over Rangers will have little bearing on the destination of the Scottish Premier League title.

The Parkhead side are now on course for a league and cup double following Sunday's 2-0 victory over their Old Firm rivals. With a three point lead over Rangers, Strachan's team are favourites to make it four league titles in a row. However, the Celtic boss believes Sunday's closely-contested final demonstrates how tight the title race will be and does not feel his side have gained any psychological advantage.

"I don't think the League Cup win will make any difference at all in the SPL," said Strachan

whose team currently lead the table by three points from their Old Firm rivals. "There is little between the two sides and that was demonstrated in the final.—*Internet*



Celtic captain Stephen McManus lifts the trophy after beating Rangers 2-0 after extra-time in the Co-operative Insurance Cup Final football match at Hampden Park, Glasgow.—INTERNET

Nadal breezes into third round at Indian Wells

INDIAN WELLS, 16 March—World number one Rafael Nadal has breezed past qualifier Michael Berrer and into the third round of the Indian Wells Masters series.

Nadal downed Germany's Berrer 6-2, 6-1 in just 67 minutes, encountering little resistance from the 28-year-old ranked 112th in the world. Nadal, the 2007 champion in the California desert, broke Berrer in the opening game of each set and marched on from there.

"I played a very comfortable match," said Nadal, who booked a meeting with Russian Dmitry Tursunov, a 7-6 (7/5), 4-6, 6-3 winner over American qualifier Michael Russell. Nadal, who won his fourth French Open title and first Wimbledon crown in 2008, boosted his hardcourt credentials with his Australian Open triumph this year.—*Internet*



Aston Villa's Norwegian forward John Carew (left) is challenged by Tottenham Hotspur's English defender Ledley King during their English Premier League football match at Villa Park, Birmingham. Tottenham won 2-1.—INTERNET



A flock of snows and blues flying in the sunset on frozen Lewis and Clark lake, Yankton SD.—INTERNET

Financial crisis hits Cambodian rubber exports

PHNOM PENH, 16 March—The global financial crisis has cooled down car sales, thus decreasing the demand for tyres and rubber and eventually hitting Cambodia's rubber exports, Chinese-language newspaper *the Jian Hua Daily* reported on Monday.

The rubber price has gone down to 1,300 US dollars per ton in the international market and 1,200 US dollars per ton in the Cambodian market, the newspaper quoted officials at the Ministry of Agriculture, Forests and Fisheries as saying. The bottom line for Cambodian rubber planters was 700 US dollars per ton, they said. Although the planters were not in deficit at the current times, they made much less profits than before, they added.

Cambodia boasts an easy environment for rubber plantation and now has 110,000 hectares of land to grow rubber. The number is expected to rise to 150,000 hectares in 2015, according to official figures.

MNA/Xinhua

MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (17.3.2009) (Tuesday)

Transmissions	Times
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North America	- (23:30pm ~ 07:30am) MST

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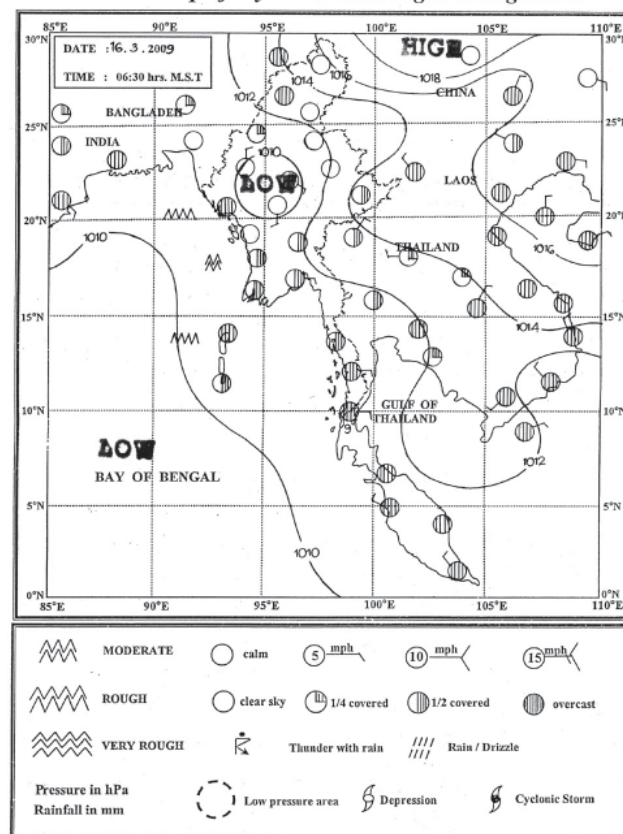
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- * Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights
- * Ancient City, Pakhangyi
- * Hundred Fruits from a Common Stem, our Union "Kayin State"
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- * Travelogue (Kalaw)
- * Mounzann Maywae
- * Hundred Fruits from a Common Stem, our Union "Kayah State"
- * Broder Towns in Northern Shan State
- * Historical Shwe Inpin Monastery
- * Ancient Mural Paintings of Poe Win Hill
- * The Royal Animal Weights of the Myanmar Empires
- * Myanma Natural Spirulina (Part-III)
- * Discovering Imaw Bum Area (Part-IV)
- * Myaing Hay Wun Elephant Camp
- * Ancient City, Pakhangyi
- * Shwe Bo's Glazed Pots
- * Hundred Fruits from a Common Stem, our Union "Kayin State"
- * Smooth Transportation ... Basic Infrastructure for Regional Development
- * Eiksiton Grape Orchard
- * Tiger Population Counting (Part-I)
- * National Landmarks Garden
- * Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights

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Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Monday, 16 March, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Shan and Mon States, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining States and Divisions. Day temperatures were (5°C) to (6°C) above March average temperatures in Kachin, Shan and Rakhine States, (3°C) to (4°C) above March average temperatures in Mandalay and Bago Divisions, (4°C) below March average temperatures in upper Sagaing and Yangon Divisions and about March average temperatures in the remaining areas. The significant day temperatures was Thayawady (40°C). The Noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Namhsan (1.02) inches, Kawthoung (0.36) inch, Hinthada (0.24) inch Monghsat and Kyaik Kham (0.12) inch each and Taunggyi (0.04) inch.

Maximum temperature on 15-3-2009 was 96°F. Minimum temperature on 16-3-2009 was 70°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 16-3-2009 was 85%. Total sunshine hours on 15-3-2009 was (0.6) hrs approx.

Rainfall on 16-3-2009 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and (0.04) inch at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (6) mph from Southeast at (12:30) hours MST on 15-3-2009.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 17th March 2009: Rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated in Shan, Rakhine, Kayin and Mon States, Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

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

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 17-3-2009: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 17-3-2009: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 17-3-2009: Partly cloudy.



Tuesday, 17 March
View on today

7:00 am

1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am

2. To be healthy exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning news

7:40 am

4. အတီးဖြိုင်ပွဲ

7:50 am

5. Nice and sweet song

8:00 am

6. Song of national races

8:10 am

7. “နောက်မကျရအောင်” (မင်းသူ၊ ကျော်ထူး၊ ခြင်္သေ့ပြည့်မောင်၊ ဒေါ်အေးအေးမြင့်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ကြည်စိုး)

8:20 am

8. (၆၄)နှစ်မြောက်တပ်မတော်နေ့၊ ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်

8:30 am

9. International news

8:40 am

10. Local Talent

8:50 am

9. Song of yesteryear

4:00 pm

1. Martial song

4:10 pm

2. Musical programme

4:25 pm

3. အကဖြိုင်ပွဲ

4:35 pm

4. The mirror images of

the musical oldies

4:50 pm

5. “မျှော်သူမမောစေချင်” (စိုးသီဟ၊ ဆုပန်ထွာ၊ နန်းကလျာလှိုင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-စောစန္ဒာလှိုင်)

5:00 pm

6. တပ်မတော်နေ့၊ ဂုဏ်ပြုတေးသီချင်းပြိုင်ပွဲ ဆုရတေးများ

5:15 pm

7. အပေးသင်းတက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ တတိယနှစ် (မြန်မာစာအထူးပြု) (မြန်မာစာ)

5:30 pm

8. Songs to Uphold National Spirit

5:35 pm

9. Musical programme

5:45 pm

10. ကြိုးစားမွေ့ရာ စွမ်းအင်လောင်စာ

5:50 pm

11. (၆၄)နှစ်မြောက်တပ်မတော်နေ့၊ ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်

6:00 pm

12. Evening news

6:30 pm

13. Weather report

6:35 pm

14. ကြယ်ပွင့်များရဲ့ရင်ခုန်သံ

6:55 pm

15. ဆိုလိုက်ကြစို့

7:20 pm

16. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “နွဲ့ဆိုးဆိုးသူကိုယ့်ချစ်သူ” (အပိုင်း-၂၁)

8:00 pm

17. News

18. International news

19. Weather report

20. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

- “ချစ်သူ့သံစဉ်” (အပိုင်း-၂)



PRC donates bulldozers, excavators to storm-hit areas

YANGON, 16 March — The government of the People's Republic of China donated 18 bulldozers and 40 excavators today to Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement to be used in rehabilitation and reconstruction of the storm-hit areas.

At the ceremony held at Bo Aung Kyaw Jetty here, Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen

Maung Maung Swe and Ambassador of the PRC to Myanmar Mr Ye Dabo signed the documents related to the machinery. Minister Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe accepted the machinery, spoke words of thanks and presented a certificate of honour to Mr Ye Dabo.

After the cyclone Nargis, the government of the People's Republic of China donated about

16.87 tons of foodstuff, about 20 tons of personal goods, about 17 tons of construction materials, about 6 tons of medicines and 1,628 tents to storm survivors. Besides, a medical team from the PRC had provided medical treatment to 4,199 storm victims in Kungyangon Township and also donated 4 vehicles to Myanmar.

Also present at the



Minister Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe presents certificate of honour to Ambassador Mr Ye Dabo.—MNA



ceremony were Deputy Minister for Construction Brig-Gen Myint Thein, Deputy Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Col Thurein Zaw, Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue Col Hla Thein Swe and departmental officials. — MNA

Bulldozers and excavators donated by the government of the People's Republic of China.— MNA

Irrigation facilities across nation extending monsoon and summer paddy acreage

Article: Myint Maung Soe; Photos: Maung Maung Thant



Photo shows Kyeeni Lake that irrigates summer paddy plantations in Yamethin Township.

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