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Pakokku U Ohn Pe Literary Award, scholarships and Pakokku Library Book Award presented for 2008

YANGON, 30 March—The prize presentation for Pakokku U Ohn Pe Literary Award, scholarships and Pakokku Library Book Award for 2008 was held at Traders Hotel on Sule Pagoda Road this morning, attended by Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan.

Patron of Fund Supervisory Committee for Pakokku U Ohn Pe Literary Award Managing Director of Printing and Publishing Enterprise U Aung Nyein gave a speech.



Information Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan presents prize to Pakokku U Ohn Pe Life-long Literary Award winner Dr Kyaw Sein.—MNA

Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan presented prizes to Dr Kyaw Sein (Dr Kyaw Sein) winner of Pakokku U Ohn Pe Life-long Literary Award. The Minister presented first, second and third prizes to Aung Tha Hsan (Thandwe) for “Tay-thi-hnget-ei-pan-paung-ta-ya-ka-byazu”, Maung Saw Tun (Kyaunggon) for “Amay-ywa-hnit-achar-ka-byar-myar” and Aphyaukmyay Maung Swe Mon for “Yay-chan-ta-khwet-pan-ta-khet” in collected poems genre and second and third prizes to Min Zeya for “Nge-thaw-hla-thi” and Paing (Hlaingthit) for “Plastic-hte-ga-kyai-ta-bwint” in novel genre.

Director-General of Myanma Radio and Television U Khin Maung Htay presented first, second and third prizes to Maung Cheint for “Ta-nga-a-the-mar-ye-thar-hey”, Nanda Khin (Thakkalamye) for “Bo-bwar-amway-chit-tat-say-hnit-achar-wut-htu-to-myar” and Nay Myo Thant for “Myay-thin-pyant-pyant-moe-yant-wut-htu-to-myar” in short stories genre and second and third prizes to Zin Min (Thameinhaw) for “Phyat-than-khe-ya-tha-maing-zin-hsaung-kyin-kher-ya-tar-won-myar” and Kay Myu for “Myanma-yoke-shin-

khet-oo-dar-rite-tar-hse-nga-oo-doe-ei-yoke-pon-hlwa-myar” in treatise genre.

Chairman of Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association U Hla Myaing (Ko Hsaung) presented prizes to Nay Zin Lat, Kyaw Kyaw Win (MA) and Hmawwun Kyi Myat for Pakokku Library Book Award.

Managing Director of PPE U Aung Nyein presented Pakokku U Ohn Pe scholarships to Ma Kyu Kyu Swe (Yangon University of National Culture and Fine Arts), Maung Pyi Phyo Aung (Mandalay UNCFA), Maung Phyo Pyi Sone Nyein (Monywa University), Ma Theint Theint Phyo, Maung Htin Lin Aung and Ma Nilar Tun of (Yadanabon University).

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Information Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan presents prize to Min Zeya who wins second prize in Novel genre.—MNA

Educative talks on health 4 April

YANGON, 30 March—Talks on Antioxidant & Your Health will be held at Myanmar Fishery Federation on Bayintnaung Road in Insein Township on 4 April.

Specialist Prof Dr Khin Maung Win will give talks and any one may attend the talks sponsored by Zifam Company.

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Video games, cell phones and academic performance: Some good news

BARCELONA, 30 March — Using cell phones and playing video games may not be as harmful to children's academic performance as previously believed, according to new research by a team of Michigan State University scholars.

In fact, cell phones had no effect on academic performance among a group of 12-year-olds, the researchers found in a three-year study published by the Conference Proceedings of the International Association for Development of the Information Society, or IADIS, in Barcelona, Spain.

And while the researchers found a strong relationship between video games and lower grade point averages, playing video games did not appear to affect math skills and had a positive relationship with visual-spatial skills.

Internet



Using cell phones and playing video games may not be as harmful to children's academic performance as previously believed.

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

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Businessmen and entrepreneurs who are financially strong and social organizations are to make concerted efforts individually or in groups for expanding the literary market and cultivating the reading habits among the people.

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PERSPECTIVES

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Extend cultivation of paddy and other crops

As the economy of Myanmar is based on agriculture, the government, with a view to boosting productivity of the agriculture sector, is trying its utmost to fulfil all the requirements. Needless to say, water is a sine qua non for agriculture. Therefore, dams, sluice gates and diversion weirs are being built wherever possible.

Paunglaung diversion weir constructed by the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation near Thitseintpin village in Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana Township was commissioned into service on 25 March. The purpose of the diversion weir is to irrigate farmland with the water that has been used in generating electricity.

Paunglaung diversion weir was built by damming the river downstream from the Paunglaung dam. The diversion weir can irrigate, through its left and right canals, about 35,000 acres of farmlands in Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana, Nay Pyi Taw Lewe and Yedashe townships for cultivation of monsoon and summer paddy and other crops all the year round.

Now that Paunglaung diversion weir has been built, monsoon and summer paddy, sugarcane, corn, sesame and such beans as green gram and chick pea can be grown in villages along the canals of the weir.

Thanks to the construction of more dams, sluice gates and canals across the nation, irrigated acreage of farmland and production of crops is increasing. As a result, the income of farmers has increased and their living standard has also become higher.

It is necessary for local farmers to extend cultivation of main crops and other seasonal crops by using the dam water in a most effective and beneficial way and to keep greening the forests in the watershed area.

Talks on fire prevention in progress at Medical Research Department.

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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

Myanmar delegation discusses Regional Cooperation for Disaster Risk Reduction in Bangkok

YANGON, 30 March—At the invitation of Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and Executive Secretary of ESCAP Dr Noeleen Heyzer, a Myanmar delegation led by Chairman of Tripartite Core Group Chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board U Kyaw Thu participated in the High-level Round Table on Regional Cooperation for Disaster Risk Reduction in Bangkok, Kingdom of Thailand, from 25 to 27 March.

The Chairman of the TCG was elected as a Vice-Chairman of the Meeting held at the hall of the United Nations Conference Centre (UNCC) on 25 March. Chairman of TCG U Kyaw Thu delivered an address on highlighting of Myanmar's experience in disaster risk reduction and its disaster management strategy.

The TCG Chairman met with Dr Noeleen Heyzer in a separate meeting, and cordially discussed issues concerning ESCAP's role in assisting the Post Nargis Early Recovery and Preparedness Plan (PONREPP) and

providing of technical support for the Civil Service Selection and Training Board in its capacity as the ASEAN Resource Centre.

On 26 and 27 March, the Myanmar delegation continued to participate in the First Session of the Committee on Disaster Risk Reduction (CDRR) and Expert Group Meeting on Information and Communications Technology (CICT) at the same venue.

The Myanmar delegation led by Chairman U Kyaw Thu arrived back here by air on 28 March.

MNA

Appointment of British Ambassador agreed on

NAY PYI TAW, 30 March—The Government of the Union of Myanmar has agreed to the proposed appointment of H.E Mr Andrew Richard Heyn as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the Union of Myanmar, in succession to H.E Mr Mark Canning.

Mr Andrew Richard Heyn joined the Overseas Trade Division of the Ministry of Trade and Industry in 1986 and transferred to the British Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) in 1989 and served in various capacities at different departments of the FCO and at Her Britannic Majesty's Embassies in the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and Portuguese Republic. He is currently serving as the Deputy Head of Mission and Director of Trade and Investment at Her Britannic Majesty's Embassy in Ireland.

Mr Heyn is married with children.—MNA

Chairman of Tripartite Core Group and Civil Service Selection and Training Board U Kyaw Thu attends the High-level Round Table on Regional Cooperation for Disaster Risk Reduction in Bangkok, Thailand.—MNA



Supreme Court (Mandalay) hears Special Criminal Appeal cases

NAY PYI TAW, 30 March—The Special Appellate Bench comprising Deputy Chief

Justice of The Supreme Court (Mandalay) U Khin Maung Latt, Supreme Court Judges of the

Supreme Court (Mandalay) U Thet Tun and U Kyaw Win sitting at court room No.1 of the Supreme Court (Nay Pyi Taw) heard (4) Special Criminal Appeal cases under Section 7 of the Judiciary Law, 2000, on 30th March 2009.—MNA

Talks on fire prevention held

YANGON, 30 March—As a gesture of hailing the 64th Anniversary Armed Forces Day, talks on fire prevention was held in conjunction with the fire fighting demonstration at the meeting hall of the Medical Research Department (Upper Myanmar) on 25 March.

Present on the occasion were the Director-General of Medical Research Department, staff officers of township Fire Services Department and officials.

First, Deputy Director-General of MRD Dr Kyaw Zin Thant made an opening speech on the occasion. Next, Head of township FSD U Zaw Win explained experiences. Then, a fire drill was carried out duties and responsibilities.—NLM

Erratum

Please read Kachin State in the headline of news item "Development of" which appears on page 2 of this daily issued on 26-3-2009. Error is regretted.

Ed.



US Army Europe commander Gen Carter F Ham on 26 March, 2009 in Al Hillah, 100 km (62 miles) south of Baghdad Iraq, looks over damage caused to a Humvee the day before during a patrol in the area. —INTERNET

Britain to start Iraq pullout on Tuesday

BASRA, 30 March — British forces will officially start to pull out of Iraq on Tuesday, signalling the end of six years of military operations that began with the US-led invasion that ousted Saddam Hussein.

The British-led coalition base in Basra will lower its flag and transfer to US control as American soldiers arrive to take up a new role that includes the training of Iraq’s fledgling police force.

“It will be a significant day because it signals the completion of Britain’s military tasks here,” Major General Andy Salmon, the outgoing British commander of the base, told *AFP* ahead of the pull out.

“We have had some difficult times but we look ahead to the future with a huge amount of optimism for Iraq.”—*Internet*

US, Iraqi troops clash with anti-Qaeda group in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 30 March—Iraqi security forces backed by US troops fought Sunday sporadic clashes with a local Awakening Council group members in a central Baghdad Sunni enclave, police and witnesses said. Since Sunday morning, the troops have tried to restore control in the Sunni neighbourhood of Fadel, a former stronghold for al-Qaeda militants, an Interior Ministry source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

Residents in the neighborhood said that US armoured vehicles and Iraqi military trucks deployed in the key crossings of the neighbourhood and frequently sent a message to local residents by loudspeakers, ordering them to hand over weapons by midday.—*Internet*



A member of the Iraqi army’s intelligence unit detains an alleged sniper from the Sahwa militia in Baghdad’s Fadel district. Iraqi forces clashed with anti-Al-Qaeda militants in Baghdad for a second straight day on Sunday, as US troops backing them ordered fighters to hand over their weapons or face reprisals. —INTERNET

Kurdish rebel leader in Iraq vows not to disarm

SULAIMANIYAH, 30 March—The military chief of Kurdish rebels launching attacks into Turkey from hideouts in Iraq said his group will not lay down its arms until there is a political settlement between the Turkish government and the militants, according to an audio tape released on Saturday.

Murat Karayilan’s audio recording, sent to Iraqi Kurdish journalists, came less than a week after Iraqi President Jalal Talabani called on the Kurdish Workers Party, or PKK, stop fighting or leave Iraq.

“Our weapons are necessary because we are not dealing with a state that believes in democracy,” Karayilan said in the tape. “We are dealing with a state ruled by military generals. To abandon our arms without a political solution to our issues means suicide.”—*Internet*

The bridge over Euphrates river in Fallujah, through a building destroyed in an airstrike during the war. Iraqis have taken full control of Fallujah, the cradle of the insurgency, a major step in taking responsibility for their country.
INTERNET



Fatal shootings in US since July 2008

BEIJING, 30 March — A gunman stormed a nursing home in Carthage, NC, Sunday morning, fatally shooting eight people and injuring three others, including a police officer.

The United States top the world with 250 million firearms owned privately. Loose gun control has made the country a hotbed for gun-related crimes.

The following are major shooting incidents happened in the United States in the past eight months.

2008:

27 July — One person was killed and eight others were wounded as a man opened fire inside a church with a shotgun in the city of Knoxville, Tennessee.

1 Aug — A gunman took the lives of three teenagers and injured another near Menominee River in northern Wisconsin.

13 Aug — A man forced his way into the Arkansas Democratic headquarters and fatally shot state party chairman Bill Gwatney.

2 Sept— Six people were shot dead and two were wounded in a series of shooting incidents in Washington State.

16 Oct — One high-school student was killed and three were seriously injured when a gunman shot at them near their school in Detroit, Michigan.

26 Oct— Two people were killed and one was injured in a shooting incident at the University of Central Arkansas.

23 Nov — A teenager shot dead a young man in a shopping mall in suburban Seattle. One person was also seriously injured.

14 Dec— A man dressed in a Santa Claus costume barged into a Christmas Eve party in Covina, a Los Angeles suburb, and opened fire, killing nine people before taking his own life.

2009:

24 Jan — Two people were killed and seven others wounded in a gun shooting spree by unidentified assailants in a house in Wichita, Kansas.

On the same day, two teenagers died and seven others were injured when a gunman opened fire at a group of students outside a nightclub in Portland, Oregon.

24 Feb — At least seven people were injured in a gun shooting incident at the New Orleans’ Mardi Gras festival.

10 March— A gunman killed 10 people and himself in an hour-long rampage in Alabama that left his mother, grandmother and other relatives dead.

15 March— In a vicious shooting case that happened in Miami, the gunman shot four people to death and committed suicide.—*Internet*

Suicide attack kills eight, wounds six in S Afghanistan

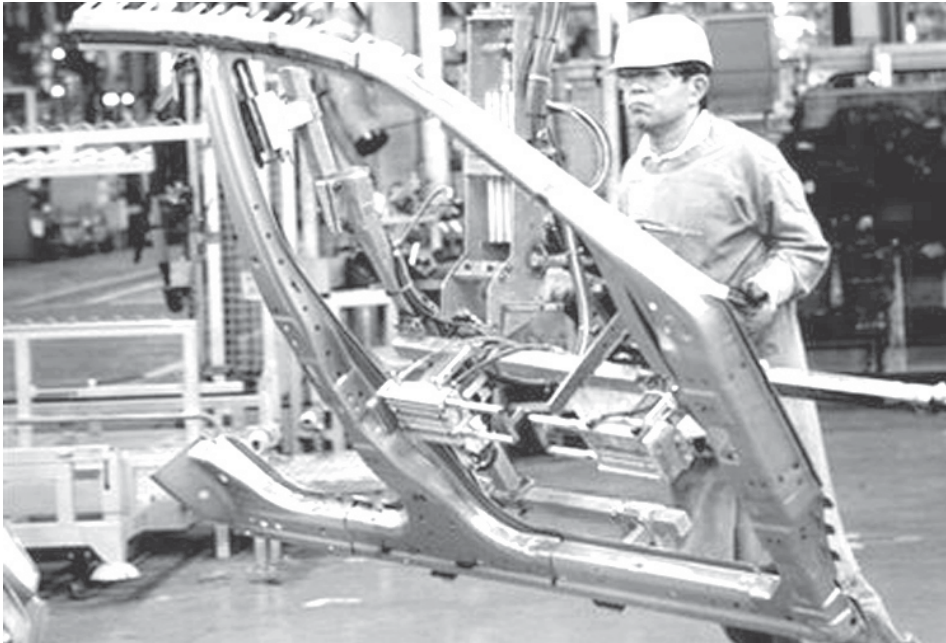
KABUL, 30 March—A suicide attack rocked Dand district of Kandahar province in south Afghanistan Monday, killing eight persons and injuring six others, Zalmay Ayubi the spokesman for provincial administration said.

“The terrorist entered the headquarters of Dand district around 11:50 am and blew himself up, killing eight persons including two police and six civilians,” Ayubi told *Xinhua*.

He also added that six more persons, including police chief and district chief of Dand were injured in the blast.

Internet





File photo shows a worker of Japan's auto giant Nissan Motor assembling parts at the company's Kyushu Plant at Karita town in Fukuoka prefecture. —INTERNET

Japan factory output dives 9.4 percent in February

TOKYO, 30 March—Japan's industrial output plunged for a fifth straight month in February as companies slashed production amid recession at home and in its major export markets, official data showed on Monday.

Factory production in Asia's biggest economy dropped 9.4 percent from the previous month as demand for Japan's cars, televisions and other high-tech goods has dried up, the trade and industry ministry reported.

The reading was worse than a market forecast of a 9.0 percent decline. Production had fallen a record 10.2 percent in January as the global downturn has battered Japan's exports, forcing its manufacturers to lay off thousands of workers and idle plants.

"Overall, industrial production is dropping quickly," with passenger cars, small vehicles and auto parts as well as chip-making machinery declining the most, the ministry said.

On a brighter note, production is expected to pick up as inventories run low, with the ministry forecasting a 2.9 percent rise for March and a 3.1 percent increase in April, based on the manufacturers' own forecasts.

But the ministry remained cautious in its predictions for the world's number two economy, where exports halved last month and which is believed to be on course for its worst recession since World War II.—Internet

With Mexico's army in the war on drugs

REYNOSA, 30 March— Acting on a tip, 30 masked soldiers in combat gear bust down the door of a boarded-up house to find 55 terrified migrants, hostages of the Gulf drug cartel.

Amid screams and the smell of urine and sweat, they find a blood-spattered room and a nail-encrusted log used to beat the captives and extort money from their families: \$3,000 each.

Five suspected kidnappers are hauled off in a military truck, including the alleged leader — the son of a local police officer.

The Associated Press spent five days on the front line of Mexico's drug war, embedded with the army's 8th Division in Tamaulipas state, one of many organized-crime hotspots now policed by 45,000 troops nationwide. Launched by President Felipe Calderon in December 2006, the army is Mexico's last and best hope to gain control over drug cartels and spiraling violence, which have killed more than 9,000 people since then.—Internet

IDB President highly appraises China's entry

MEDELLIN, 30 March — President of the InterAmerican Development Bank (IDB) Luis Alberto Moreno has said that he was very satisfied with China's entry into the IDB.

"We are very happy to have found the formula for China to be a shareholder and enter the family of our institutions," Moreno told Xinhua in a recent interview. Moreno noted that China has tried for 15 years to enter the IDB.

"Without doubts, China is very important for the world economy, not only for its production and commerce, but also for its monetary reserves, which are three times more of those from the European Union," Moreno said.

Moreno pointed out that "China has a clear goal in Latin America and the Caribbean, with which it has a growing commerce that has been multiplied by three times in the last 10 years." Moreno also

stressed that "the IDB has great knowledge on Latin American countries and that is what China needs for its insertion."

The IDB will soon start cooperation with the People's Bank of China, or the central bank, and other Chinese financial institutions, Moreno said. China promised to make a contribution of 350 million US dollars to the IDB to be used on economic and social development programmes.

Internet



Sri Lankan Navy boats race past the sea front Galle Face promenade in Colombo in February. —INTERNET

25 killed in Sri Lanka sea battle

COLOMBO, 30 March— At least 24 Tamil Tiger rebels and a navy sailor were killed in a major sea battle off Sri Lanka's northeast coast on Monday, a navy spokesman said.

Government forces sank four boats of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) off the coast of Mullaittivu, spokesman D K P Dassanayake said.

He said one sailor was killed and three more wounded in the sea battle.

The battle came as ground troops stepped up attacks against the Tigers who have been cornered in a narrow strip of jungle in Mullaittivu.

Internet

Eight killed in shooting spree at US nursing home

WASHINGTON, 30 March— A gunman stormed a nursing home in Carthage, North Carolina, on Sunday morning, fatally shooting eight people and injuring three others, including a police officer, police said.

The gunman, identified as Robert Stewart, 45, was wounded and apprehended at the scene, Maureen Krueger, a local District Attorney, told reporters.

The shooting happened around 10 am eastern time (1400 GMT) at Pinelake Health and Rehab Centre, a five-star, 90-bed rehabilitation, nursing and Alzheimer's care facility, according to Carthage Police Chief Chris McKenzie.

Those killed including a nurse and 7 patients, ranged in age from 78 to 98.

After the attack, six people were taken by ambulance to a nearby

hospital. Justin Garner, a police officer, was among the wounded. He was the first police officer at the scene to confront Stewart.

Officials said without Garner's action, the tragedy could be worse, because the gunman was shooting randomly room after room at the time.

Local officials were stunned by the magnitude of the violence. "This

doesn't happen in Carthage, this is brand new to us," said Carol Sparks, the town manager. "Everybody right now is in a state of shock. I am too." Carthage has a population of some 2,000 people. —MNA/Xinhua

An investigator carries a weapon at the scene where a gunman opened fire at a nursing home on Sunday morning, killing at least six people and wounding several others in Carthage, NC, on 29 March, 2009.—INTERNET





Indonesia speeds up infrastructure projects developments

JAKARTA, 30 March—Indonesia's Public Work Ministry accelerates building 12 prioritized infrastructure projects, including toll roads and bridges, which could create massive jobs and boost the real estate sector, a paper said here on Monday.

A Director at the Ministry Hermanto Dardak quoted by Bisnis Indonesia as saying that the speed-up of the projects aimed at cushion the impact of the global financial routs.

"A new road can step up economic activities by six times," he said.

The projects of roads were to be accomplished this year, including mega bridge connecting Java island and Madura island, and toll road of Bogor Ring Road, said Dardak.

The government has launched over 6.2 billion US dollars stimulus package to finance huge infrastructure projects.

The country's economy is predicted to grow between 4 to 4.5 percent this year.

Xinhua



Some photographers take photos of a tea garden in Meitan County, southwest China's Guizhou Province, on 28 March, 2009. Meitan County is the largest tea production base in northern Guizhou Province with about 1,333 hectares of tea plantation and local government are making their effort to develop ecological tourism in the region. —XINHUA



Russia's President Dmitry Medvedev visits Kubinka Airbase outside Moscow, on 28 March, 2009. —XINHUA

Tainted pepper recalled in California

LOS ANGELES, 30 March—The California government has ordered a recall of pepper tainted with salmonella after at least 33 people fell ill after eating the pepper, health officials confirmed on Sunday.

The tainted pepper was traced to spices from a San Francisco Bay Area food company, a Union City firm that distributes most of its pepper to Asian restaurants, according to the California Department of Public Health (CDPH).

Most of the 33 sick people found in California were in northern and central parts of the state, although nine additional cases were found in other states, the CDPH said.

The products do not have lot or batch numbers, but bear the "Lion How Brand" label. They include the company's entire product line, including ground or whole peppercorns of the white, black and cayenne varieties, chopped onion and onion powder, and chopped, minced or granulated garlic, the CDPH said.

Lion How Brand powder and mustard powder should also not be eaten, the CDPH said, adding that further investigation was still underway.

The company cannot be reached for comment. —Xinhua

Five Taleban insurgents killed by self-planted bombs in Afghanistan

KABUL, 30 March — Five Taleban insurgents were killed as the mines planted by themselves exploded pre-maturely in Khost province east of Afghanistan on Monday, a local official said.

Today at 5:00 am local time (GMT0030) when Taleban militants were planting mines in two parts of a road in Sabari district but both the mines went off pre-maturely leaving five rebels dead and injured two others," Daulat Khan Qayumi the district chief of Sabari told Xinhua.

Taleban militants have not made comment so far.

The militants who staged a violent comeback four years ago have vowed to speed up attacks mostly in the shape of roadside bombings and suicide attacks this year in Afghanistan.

Xinhua

Brazil, China to cooperate in developing genetically-modified cassavas

RIO DE JANEIRO, 30 March — Brazil and China signed this week an agreement on cooperation in researches to develop genetically-modified cassavas, announced the Brazilian Agricultural Research Corporation (Embrapa) on Friday.

The agreement aims to develop cassavas that contain more glucose and less starch which can be used in the production of ethanol, the Embrapa said in a statement. —Xinhua

India successfully test fired a new version of its supersonic surface-to-surface cruise missile BrahMos at Pokhran in the deserts of the western Indian state of Rajasthan, on 29 March, 2009. XINHUA



Missile BrahMos test fired at India's Pokhran

NEW DELHI, 30 March—India Sunday successfully test fired a new version of its supersonic surface-to-surface cruise missile BrahMos at Pokhran in the deserts of the western Indian state of Rajasthan, a senior Indian Defence Ministry official said.

"The Block II version of BrahMos missile, which has a striking range of 290 km, successfully made to its target in exactly two-and-a-half minutes after its was launched in Pokhran at around 11:00 am (0530 GMT)," the official said, on condition of anonymity. —Xinhua

All items from Xinhua News Agency



A German policeman detains a demonstrator during a protest in Berlin, on 28 March, 2009. Thousands of demonstrators gathered in Berlin and Frankfurt to protest against globalization and deepening global recession. —XINHUA



Rescue workers stand on the remains of a collapsed apartment building as they continue to search the rubble for survivors and victims, in Lagos, Nigeria, on 25 March, 2009. The Red Cross has raised the death toll to at least five in the collapsed building which fell down without warning on Tuesday in Nigeria's main southern city of Lagos.—INTERNET

Australian biker shot in gang war

SYDNEY, 30 March—An Australian Hells Angel whose brother was bludgeoned to death at Sydney airport was under guard in hospital Monday after being shot several times, police and media reports said.

In the latest episode in the country's ongoing biker war, police said the 32-year-old survived after being shot late Sunday outside his Sydney home and was in a stable condi-

tion in hospital.

News reports said the victim was Peter Zervas, whose brother Anthony was beaten to death at Sydney airport on March 22 during a brawl that saw simmering tensions between biker gangs explode into public violence.

The commander of the New South Wales Police Gangs Squad, superintendent Mal Lanyon, said

there was little doubt the gunman was from a biker gang.

"I think it's probably realistic that we will be looking at other motorcycle gangs," he told ABC radio.

Lanyon said he was concerned at reports biker gangs were stockpiling weapons and bringing members of overseas chapters to Australia as reinforcements.—*Internet*

Obama conditions bailout funds for automakers

WASHINGTON, 30 March—The White House says neither General Motors nor Chrysler submitted acceptable plans to receive more bailout money, setting the stage for a crisis in Detroit and putting in motion what could be the final two months of two American auto giants.

President Barack Obama and his top advisers

have determined that neither company is viable and that taxpayers will not spend untold billions more to keep the pair of automakers open forever. In a last-ditch effort, the administration gave each company a brief deadline to try one last time to convince Washington it is worth saving, said senior administration officials who spoke on the condition

of anonymity to more bluntly discuss the decision.

Obama was set to make the announcement at 11 am Monday in the White House's foyer.

In an interview with CBS' "Face the Nation" broadcast Sunday, Obama said the companies must do more to receive additional financial aid from the government.

Internet

Australia's meat industry calls for suspension on export inspection charges

CANBERRA, 30 March—Australian meat exporters called on Monday for a suspension on the government's plan to increase inspection charges from 1 July.

Exporters will have to pay the entire cost of inspections by the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service (AQIS), which the meat exporters said will limit exports. "Why you would want to now put a tax on exports at this crucial time, defies logic," The Australian Meat Industry Council

CEO Steve Martin told reporters.

According to *Australian Associated Press*, Martin said exporters are experiencing a difficult trading environment and the changes will cost jobs.

"They'll either pass it on to producers, so the producers will wear it, or businesses will wear it through reduced input, and reduced staff," Martin said.

The increased charges, would also impact on the fish, dairy, grains and horticulture industries that all

export overseas, Martin said.

Presently, food exporters are charged 60 percent of the cost of inspections, with the commonwealth funding the rest.

The meat industry has called the change to the tax, said it would place a 40 million Australian dollars (27.4 million US dollars) burden on all industry including agriculture. Of that impost, meat exporters would pay 32 million Australian dollars (22million US dollars).

Internet

Spider found at grocery likely not lethal

A spider found in a Tulsa grocery store might not have been as deadly as initially thought.

The spider, spotted in a shipment of bananas at Whole Foods, was taken on Sunday to the University of Tulsa, where animal facilities manager Terry Childs identified it as a Brazilian wandering spider, considered one of the most lethal in the world. But Barry Downer, the curator of aquariums and herpetology at the Tulsa Zoo, said video and photos he had seen of the spider led him to believe that it was a Huntsman spider, which is harmless to humans.

"There's pretty definitive evidence it has been misidentified," Downer said.

Childs said Wednesday night that he destroyed the spider at the urging of a TU administrator because of safety concerns.

Downer said the spider should have



been preserved for study, but he was told that the body would not be made available.

"It doesn't make any sense to me why it wouldn't be saved," he said.

A school spokesman said on Thursday that the university is looking into how and why the spider was destroyed.

Richard Grantham, director of the plant disease and insect diagnostics lab at Oklahoma State University, also said the spider should not have been destroyed.

Police say Pa labour chief too drunk to sign name

Police in Harrisburg say the acting chief of Pennsylvania's Labour and Industry Department was too drunk to sign a citation for public drunkenness.

Forty-three-year-old Sandi Vito entered a rehabilitation facility last week, shortly after news stories were published about an incident at a downtown hotel bar.

The Patriot-News published a copy of the citation in Thursday's editions. It said

NEWS ALBUM

Kangaroos "on the run" in France

Panic gripped Australian theme park in southern France when 15 kangaroos were found missing Saturday.

While 13 kangaroos were found on Sunday following a major search operation, three marsupials are still at large.

"When we arrived on Saturday morning, five pens had been broken open, their padlocks were smashed and the perimeter fence was torn in several places," said Carole Masson, owner of the nature reserve in southwestern Carcassonne. "We had 15 missing kangaroos — it was complete panic," she said.

Woman, 84, rescues 5-year-old boy from river

An 84-year-old woman rescued a 5-year-old boy who was pushed into a river in Jinan, Shandong province.

As he played on a small bridge in Lanxi village, one of his friends pushed Yu Hang into the river.

Wu rushed into the river and pulled the boy to the riverbank. She was exhausted after the episode was over and had to be fetched home by other villages.

The boy and Wu have become close friends.



Easter egg designer Regina Schilling presents one of her miniature works, a painted zebra finch egg, at the 19th Easter Egg Art Market in Dresden. Some 40 artists present over 5,000 decorated eggs at the event, which runs through.



Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency's Koichi Wakata enjoys an apple International Space Station.



Let's cultivate a good habit of reading

Kyaw Oo Swe

(Continued from yesterday)

As a matter of fact, the Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council at the Fourth Conference of Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association held in July 2006 had already stressed the need for those engaged in printing, publishing and distribution of books and publications to serve the interest of the State and the people, and also at the national literary award and Sarpay Beikman manuscript award presentation ceremonies held yearly by the government, he spoke of the need for them to cooperate with writers and journalists in nation-building endeavours. Moreover, the Minister for Information, whenever he met with CEC members of the Myanmar Writers and Journalist Association and Printing and Publishing Entrepreneurs Association, stressed the need of serving the national interest and fulfilled the requirements for development of the literary world and of those in the literary world.

With regard to making the literary market more successful and equipping the people with the reading habit, the following is the excerpt from the address made by the Minister for Information at the Fourth Conference of MJWA held on 28 June 2008:

"It is required for the literary world to make progress in making efforts for development of those from the literary world. And it is required for the literary market to make progress in striving for development of the literary world. To make the literary market more successful, discussions, paper reading sessions, workshops and foreign tours are to be conducted. It is due to the fact that 70 per cent of the population reside in rural regions. However, the literary market is still growing only among urban people. Therefore, for development of the literary market, the literary world and those from the literary world, it is required to cultivate the reading habit among the readers. And it is our belief that only when the rural people are fully equipped with the reading habit, will the literary market and the literary world develop."

It can be deduced from the excerpt from the address made by the Minister for Information that those from the literary world are required to equip the rural people with the reading habit and to strive for the literary market to make progress. It is found that in the past there were a small number of libraries in rural regions. It was due to the fact that books and publications could not be bought owing to lack of funds, there were no human resources that can manage libraries, it was devoid of reading facilities for local people and students and financial constraints.

Likewise, lack of reading habit among the people would result in the decline of literary market, for they were in no position to collect books that are worth reading. With an increase in the demand for books on entertaining, publishers and producers are desirous of making investment in those books. As a result, there are hardly any publishers who publish informative and knowledgeable books. Actually, publishing of informative and knowledgeable books, extension of the literary market and equipping the people with the reading habit are interdependent.

It is obvious that the three main pillars, namely, human resources capable of maintaining the libraries, raising the funds and management are a must for perpetual existence of rural libraries.

Therefore, in that regard, the Head of State has given guidance on development of libraries. In line with the guidance, the Ministry of Information made strenuous efforts for success of the drive through the opening of altogether 55,755 self-reliant rural libraries throughout the nation. In the process, it has had to carry out the five tasks, namely, acquisition of building and land for perpetuation of libraries, facilitating the libraries with furniture, developing the reading habit among rural people, maintenance of books and publications in the libraries and raising the library funds. Meanwhile, the Ministry of Information is now taking steps for acquisition of the internationally recognized ISSN and ISBN to infiltrate the literary markets at home and abroad. However, it is likely that the government alone is incapable of carrying that task and so are those from the literary world alone. This being so, who will cooperate in what way in this regard?

It is obvious that the three main pillars, namely, human resources capable of maintaining the libraries, raising the funds and management are a must for perpetual existence of rural libraries. This can be realized through the well-coordinated efforts of businessmen, wealthy persons and librarians in the nation. It is learnt that in the international arena, organizations made up of businessmen and intellectuals, joint venture corporations and NGO companies that were jointly established by the two nations are engaged in the tasks. With the help of those organizations, some are making efforts for development of human resources for libraries, raising the funds and management after contacting with the library associations in the region and the global literary organizations. In addition, they made field trips right down to the schools so that they can effectively cultivate the reading habits among the students.

For example, such organizations as the China Literary Foundations in the People's Republic of China, Book of Trust Association in India, the National Book Development Council in Singapore, the Asia Trust Funds in the Philippines, Nepal and Vietnam, the Book Box Library and the Language Project in Laos, the ASEAN Libraries Organization in South East Asia, the Asia Foundation in Asia are making all-out efforts in various ways and means for development of their literature and language, equipping more people with the reading habits, raising funds for the libraries and penetrating the literary markets at home and abroad. In the regional level also, conferences on cultivating the reading habits of the ASEAN Libraries Organization are held occasionally in order to equip the people with the reading habits. The ASEAN Libraries Organization in collaboration with the literary organizations in Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore and Thailand as well as those in the region is trying its utmost for improvement of the reading habits. Similarly, the

People's Republic of China and India hold the book promotion ceremonies in their efforts to develop the reading habits among their people.

In Myanmar, there are some businessmen and entrepreneurs who are interested in literature, literary enthusiasts and literati who can afford money. And they are making efforts for development of Myanmar literature. They held the literary award and manuscript award presentation ceremonies of Pakokku U Ohn Pe, Tun Foundation, Thuta Sweson and Sayawun Tin Shwe Literary and Manuscript Award. Nowadays, **one should not be content with the holding of such ceremonies but he should cultivate the reading habits among the people as a national concern so that the latter can keep pace with changes and developments. Therefore, literary foundations and organizations are to be established through the concerted efforts of librarians, literati and entrepreneurs for development of human resources capable of managing the libraries, raising the library funds and management for perpetual existence of rural libraries.** Having contacted with the regional and international literary organizations, those foundations and organizations are to successfully implement the drive for development of their literature and libraries in all seriousness. In the meantime, they are to engage in the drive for cultivating the reading habits among the youths and children. In the process, they are to give priority to developing the reading habits among the school-age children in both urban and rural regions while opening more libraries in schools, raising the library funds, developing human resources and transforming the self-reliant libraries into the e-libraries. They should develop the reading habits by organizing the reading contests, the book talks and the literary talks and setting up of reading camp, creative poetry picture book and story hour. It is a high time to launch the mass activities at national level to develop the reading habits among the people made up of the foundations, organizations and printers, publishers and distributors.

In conclusion, businessmen and entrepreneurs who are financially strong and social organizations are to make concerted efforts individually or in groups for expanding the literary market and cultivating the reading habits among the people. It has already been stated in the introduction that each and every one needs to have strong spiritual resistance so that the language, literature, culture and customs of the State and the people do not fade away and disappear. Thus, the entire national people are to be convinced of the fact that the developing of the reading habits is a driving factor for equipping themselves with strong resistance, and to accept it as a national concern. In other words, the entire national people are to try hard for successful realization of the drive being implemented by those from the literary world and the reading public.

(Concluded)
(Translation: TS)

To make the literary market more successful, discussions, paper reading sessions, workshops and foreign tours are to be conducted.



Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan presents cash award to members of Pakokku U Ohn Pe Literary Award Scrutiny Committee (2007-2010) through Chairman of the Committee U Myo Thant (Maung Hsu Shin).—MNA

Pakokku U Ohn Pe Literary Award,...

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Managing Director of News and Periodicals Enterprise U Soe Win presented outstanding awards in Myanmar and English to Maung Phyto Min Han of No 5 Basic Education High School in Botahtaung Township, Ma Phyto Thinz Khin and Maung Aye Chan Kyaw Kyaw of No 2 BEHS in Patheingyi, Ma May Thu Zaw of No 1 BEHS in Myittha, Maung Kyaw Zin and Ma Barani Soe Soe of No 1 BEHS in Mohnyin.

Managing Director of Myanmar Motion Picture Enterprise U Aung Myo Myint presented outstanding awards in mathematics, chemistry and physics to Ma Hsu Yi Hnin of No 2 BEHS in Yankin, Ma May Thu Kyaw of No 6 BEHS in Patheingyi, Maung Phyto Aung

Kyaw of No 1 BEHS in Latha and Ma Wai Mon Aung of No 1 BEHS in Pyigyidagon.

Director-General of Education Planning and Training Department U Bo Win presented outstanding awards in biology, economics, geography, history and optional Myanmar to Maung Phyto Aung Kyaw of No 1 BEHS in Latha, Maung Pyi Shan Aung of No 1 BEHS in Zalun, Ma Yin Yin Than of BEHS in Gangaw, Maung Myo Phyu of BEHS in Hopin and Ma Thet Hnin Wai of Kangyidaung Township.

U Tint Swe, Chairman of Pakokku Library Committee explained the presentation of the prizes.

Dr Kyaw Sein spoke words of thanks.

After the ceremony, the minister and guests had documentary photos taken together with the award winners.—MNA

Scholarship, academic matters discussed

NAY PYI TAW, 30 March—A coordination meeting on selection of candidates from Universities of Medicine for FRCP scholarship, post-graduate medical courses and chances for specialists was held at the hall of University of Medicine-1, Yangon, on 22 March, with an address by Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint.

Rectors and faculty members of medical universities from Yangon and Mandalay reported on selection of candidates for FRCP and academic matters for the subject-wise post-graduate courses.

After attending to the needs, the minister gave concluding remarks.

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Health Minister Dr Kyaw Myint speaks at the coordination meeting on selection of candidates from Universities of Medicine for FRCP scholarship.—MNA



Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin presents prize to a winner in Military Code of Conduct Contest.—MNA

Winners awarded in Military Code of Conduct Contest

NAY PYI TAW, 30 March—Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin delivered an address at the prize presentation ceremony for military code of conduct contest to mark

the 64th Anniversary Armed Forces Day at the hall of the command headquarters on 27 March afternoon.

At the ceremony, the commander awarded the prize winners.—MNA



A large number of people seen enjoying their visit to Tatmadaw Park and Square at Nay Pyi Taw Parade Ground on 30 March evening.

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Natural disaster prevention management course opened

NAY PYI TAW, 30 March—The opening of natural disaster prevention management course No 3/2009 of the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement was held at Kyaukpadaung District Red Cross Society in Rakhine State today.

Director-General U Than Oo of the Relief and Resettlement Department made an opening address. At the course, the instructors will lecture subjects on disaster prevention. A total of 58 trainees of Kyaukpadaung District are attending the 5-day course.—MNA



Ministry of Information trying its utmost for development of Myanmar literature and those from the literary field while striving for Myanmar literature to achieve international prominence

Minister for Information attends ceremony to honour those who have participated in successful realization of Ministry of Information's objectives



Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan speaks at the ceremony to honour those who have participated in the committees for successful realization of the objectives of the ministry.—MNA

YANGON, 30 March—A ceremony to honour those who have participated in the committees for successful realization of the objectives of the Ministry of Information was held at the Studio-A of Myanmar Radio and Television on Pyay Road here at 11 am today with an address by Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan.

Also present on the occasion were directors-general and managing directors of departments and enterprises under the Ministry of Information, advisors, literati and artistes who have participated in the committees for successful realization of the objectives of the Ministry of Information, guests and service personnel and others.

In his address, Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan said that the Ministry of Information is discharging the two main duties, namely, news and information duty and duty concerning literature and fine arts, adding that it is making all-out efforts in the process of changing news and information sectors for the better both in form and essence.

He said that the ministry is trying its utmost for development of Myanmar literature and those from the literary field while striving for Myanmar literature to achieve international prominence. Meanwhile, it is making

relentless efforts together with film and video artistes for the development of film and video fields so that they keep pace with changes and developments, he noted.

The ministry has recognized the active participation of literati, musicians and artistes in the successful realization of its objectives, he said and stressed the need for officials concerned to strive for Myanmar literature to achieve international prominence and to prevent the influence of media that can harm Myanmar culture and national interest. In the same way, concerted efforts are to be exerted for expanding the film and video markets, qualitative improvement of films and videos and development of film and video worlds, he said.

In conclusion, the minister urged those present to make well-coordinated efforts for cultivating the reading habits among the entire people including those from rural regions and for the emergence of organizations and foundations capable of ensuring the perpetual existence of the already established self-reliant rural libraries.

Next, Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan presented cash awards to Vice-Chairman of the National Literary Award Scrutiny Committee (2006-2007) U Tin Kha (Tekkatho Tin Kha), on behalf of the committee

members, to Chairman of the Sarpay Beikman Manuscripts Award Scrutiny Committee (2006-2007) U Myint Thein (Myint Thein Aung), on behalf of the committee members, to Chairman of Pakokku U Ohn Pe Literary Award Scrutiny Committee (2007-2010) U Myo Thant (Maung Hsu Shin), on behalf of the committee members, to member of the Board of Judges for Myanmar Motion Picture Standard, 2007 Motion Picture Censorship Group and Video Censorship Group Daw Po Po Kyi (Po Po Kyi-Law), on behalf of the group members, to Chairman of the MRTV Classical Song Scrutiny Committee, the Modern Song Scrutiny Committee and Myanmar Classical Song Scrutiny Committee Bogale Tint Aung, on behalf of the committee members and to Chairman of Myanmar References Compiling Committee U Thaw Kaung (Thaw Kaung), on behalf of the committee members.

Afterwards, member of the MRTV Classical Song Scrutiny Committee, the Modern Song Scrutiny Committee and Myanmar Classical Song Scrutiny Committee U Maung Maung Latt (Naung), on behalf of the artistes, spoke words of thanks.

After the ceremony, the Minister for Information cordially greeted those present on the occasion.—MNA

Kite Festival-2009 concludes

YANGON, 30 March—The Prize presenting ceremony of 5th Kite Festival for 2009 organized by Myanmar Traditional Sports Federation was held at Inya Lake Hotel here on 28 March, attended by secretary general of Myanmar Olympic Committee director general of Sports and Physical Education

Department U Thaung Htaik.

The director-general and personnel from Myanmar Women Sports Federation and Myanmar Traditional Sports Federation presented prizes to winners of the competition in respective categories.

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New earth road opened in Pakokku

YANGON, 30 March—Anaut Makyigan-Phalan Oh earth road of Pakokku Township constructed by Pakokku Township Development Committee was opened on 26 March, as a gesture to mark the 64th Anniversary Armed Forces Day for 2009.

U Tin Maung Soe, chairman of the district Peace and Development Council officially opened the new road which is 5,120 feet long and 12 feet wide, contributing to smooth transport for 8 villages of 6 village-tracts.

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Women publishers hold book sales

YANGON, 30 March—The book sales of women publishers is in progress at Lawkanat Art Gallery on Pansodan Lower Block here.

Books on various categories published by

Pyone, Zun Pwint, Nay Yi Yi, Yan Aung and Yan Aung-2, Kan Kaw Wityi, Bagan and Myo Sat Thit Publishing Houses are on

sale, at a discount of 10 to 30 percent. The book sales which is held for forth time will continue up to 5 April.

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Books of famous authors are on sale.

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Paunglaung Diversion Weir irrigating 35,000 acres of farmland in Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana, Nay Pyi Taw Lewe, Yedashe Townships

Article: Kyaw Sein; Photos: Aung Than (Mingala Taungnyunt)

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acting for the documentary video being directed by Ko Zaw Min Aung of Irrigation Department.

We were welcomed by Director U Myint Than, assistant directors and staff officers of Construction (5) of Irrigation Department.

In the first interview, Director U Myint Than explained, "The Construction (5) is taking the responsibility for construction of dykes and dams, drains and greening tasks in Nay Pyi Taw. Paunglaung Diversion Weir is one of its tasks. The diversion weir was built on Paunglaung River, downstream of

time. At present, the completed diversion weir commenced its functions of supplying water on 10 March."

"Thanks to construction of the diversion weir, the environment of Nay Pyi Taw will be lush and green. Local farmers will enjoy the higher living standard by earning more income from cultivation of double and triple crops. Due to large volume of water, the diversion weir was built as a heavy reservoir with the use of stones. A similar task was carried out at Paunglaung River," he added.

He further explained, "Actually, Paunglaung is a river, but not a creek. Hsinthay and Ngalaik

Shwe said, "Construction of the diversion weir started in 2005-2006. The diversion weir was built to minimize the wastage of water that flows out from the hydropower generating and to supply water to 35,000 acres of farmlands in Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana, Nay Pyi Taw Lewe and Yedashe Townships. The diversion weir is located on Paunglaung River 11 miles downstream of Paunglaung Dam. Each main canal is over 29 miles long. The left canal will irrigate 16,000 acres of farmland and the right one, 19,000 acres of farmland. In building the diversion weir, efforts were made for construction of the afflux bund for prevention against flooding at the villages on its right side. The bund is over 20,000 feet long across Paunglaung River."

Moreover, Assistant Director (Mechanical) U



Director U Myint Than (Construction-5) seen in an interview.

Paunglaung Dam. The rock-filled dam is also generating hydropower. Without draining out the water into Paunglaung River, the dam supplies water to the diversion weir in generating hydropower. Therefore, Paunglaung Diversion Weir built with right and left canals will irrigate 35,000 acres of farmland in Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana, Nay Pyi Taw Lewe and Yedashe Townships."

He continued to say, "The Construction (5) of Irrigation Department built the rock-filled dam at first. After constructing the hydropower plant installed with four 70-megawatt generators at the dam, the Paunglaung Diversion Weir Project and irrigation system were implemented at the same

creeks flow into Paunglaung River. Likewise, the water from generating hydropower also flows into the river. When the less volume of water flowed into the river, the workers carried out construction tasks day and



U Hla Shwe, Assistant Director (1).

night."

In another interview, Assistant Director (1) U Hla



U Tun Aung Naing, Assistant Director (Mechanical).

Tun Aung Naing also explained, "The mechanical engineers participated in the construction of the bund with the use of heavy rocks to block the flow of water. After completion of both right and left canals, the river has been unblocked. The workers repaired the machines as quickly as possible for timely completion of the construction tasks. If they were not able to carry out maintenance work, the damaged machinery were sent back to the workshop. About 100 mechanics,



Water flowing in 29.72 miles long left main canal of Paunglaung Diversion Weir to irrigate 16,000 acres of farmlands.

technicians and workers discharged their duties. In accord with the guidance of the Head of State, we strove for completion of the tasks as scheduled."

We had an interview with a woman who visited the diversion weir.

"I am Daw Tin Tin Aye of Thitseintpin Village and I am discharging duty of general worker at Basic Education Middle School (Branch) in Thitseintpin Village. The region got better transport due to construction of the road for the dam. The local people can use automobile or bicycle now. Supply of water contributes to



Daw Tin Tin Aye, General Worker, Thitseintpin BEMS (Branch).

development of agriculture. Farmers can earn the increased income through cultivation of double cropping. So, I thank the government for its efforts."

We also held an interview with farmer Daw May Nwe Win of Thitseintpin Village. She said, "I cultivate eight acres

of paddy and 12 acres of pea. After reaping pea, summer paddy can be grown. I thank the government for getting more income through the cultivation task."

In another interview, farmer U Win Myint of Thitseintpin Village, said that he grows sugarcane, paddy, maize, sesame, green gram, green bean and chick pea on 15 acres of land. Before completion of the diversion weir, he cultivated monsoon paddy only. At present, he is making preparation for harvesting summer paddy on 6.5 acres of farmlands. He said he thanks the

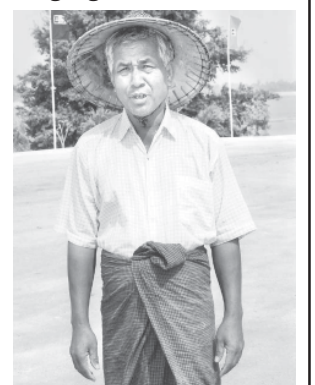


Daw May Nwe Win (farmer), Thitseintpin Village.

government for its assistance for carrying out the cultivation tasks both in summer and in rainy season.

Paunglaung Diversion Weir was built on Paunglaung River, near Thitseintpin Village of Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana

Township. The catchment area is 3267 square miles. The diversion weir is 750 feet wide and 15 feet high, and the sluice gate has two four feet by six feet valves, one six square feet valve and two four feet by six feet valve. The diversion weir can irrigate 35,000 acres of farmlands and it has 29.72 miles long left main canal, 29.35 miles long right main canal and



U Win Myint (farmer), Thitseintpin Village.

127.73 miles long tributary canals.

It was estimated that the project was implemented by spending K 16,143.526 million on construction tasks. Actually, the irrigation facility that can increase the yield of agricultural produce and individual income of the local farmers will contribute to the uplift of living standard of the local people.

**Translation: TTA
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Solar panels are pictured on the Marina Barrage building, with the Singapore Flyer observation wheel and office and hotel buildings pictured in the background, in Singapore in this on 25 March, 2009 file photo. For a country that's right on the equator, relying on solar energy in Singapore seems like a bright idea. Try and get off the grid, however, and it quickly loses its shine. The bulk of Singapore's almost 5 million people also live in high-rise buildings, rather than houses, which makes putting up cells on the roof nearly impossible for individuals.—INTERNET

US soldier guilty in killing of four Iraqis in 2007

VILSECK (Germany), 30 March—A military court convicted a second US soldier of murder in the execution-style slayings of four bound and blindfolded Iraqi detainees in 2007 after the soldier pleaded guilty at his court-martial Monday.

Wearing his dress uniform and speaking crisply and confidently, Sgt. 1st Class Joseph Mayo of Fort Bragg, NC, pleaded guilty to charges of premeditated murder and conspiracy to commit premeditated murder at the proceeding at the US Army's Rose Barracks in southern Germany.

He pleaded not guilty to a charge of obstruction of justice in the incident, which occurred while he was deployed to Iraq. Military prosecutors dropped that charge.

The 27-year-old will be sentenced later Monday and faces the possibility of life in prison, along with a reduction in rank to private, forfeiture of all pay and a dishonorable discharge.—Internet



Takeru Kobayashi(L) of Japan and Johnny Wu (R) of China's Hong Kong swallow food during an eating contest in Suzhou, east China's Jiangsu Province, on 29 March, 2009. Takeru Kobayashi, the famous Japanese big eater, claimed the title in the eating contest on Sunday by eating 164 sushi within 20 minutes.—Xinhua



Models display creations during a fashion show of 2009 fashion graduates of Zhejiang Sci-Tech University on China International Fashion Week (09/10 autumn/winter series) in Beijing, China, on 29 March, 2009.—INTERNET

Police chief, 13 security members wounded in bomb attacks in western Iraq

RAMADI, 30 March — A commander of a quick reaction force and 13 security members were wounded Sunday in separate bomb attacks that targeted Iraqi security forces in the western province of Anbar, a provincial police source said.

A roadside bomb went off near the convoy of Major Mohammad Jar, commander of the police's quick reaction force in the town of Amriyat al-Fallujah, some seven kilometres southeast of Fallujah City,

the source from the provincial police command told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

Jar and six of his bodyguards were wounded by the blast, the source said, adding that two of the convoy's vehicles were badly damaged.—Internet

Composer Maurice Jarre reacts with the Golden Honorary Bear for his lifetime achievement at the 59th Berlinale film festival in Berlin.—INTERNET

Netanyahu vows to reach “durable peace” with Arab neighbours

JERUSALEM, 30 March—Israeli Prime Minister-designate Benjamin Netanyahu said Monday that the new government will make every effort to reach “a durable peace with all of Israel's Arab neighbours.”

“Whenever Israel stands before peace-seeking an Arab leader, it follows and answers the call,” the Likud leader told the Knesset (parliament) in Jerusalem during a special session marking the 30th anniversary of the Israel-Egypt peace treaty.

Netanyahu praised late Prime Minister Menachem Begin and the late Egyptian President Anwar Sadat for “their wisdom in making the impossible possible.”

Israel and Egypt signed a peace treaty on 26 March, 1979, normalizing relations between the two countries. Earlier on Monday, Netanyahu officially informed acting Knesset Speaker Michael Eitan that he has succeeded in forming the cabinet, which would comprise 30 ministers and seven deputy ministers.

Likud lawmaker Reuven Rivlin was appointed Knesset Speaker.—Internet

S Korea sees national debt growth of 19% for 2009

SEOUL, 30 March—South Korea's national debt is expected to rise 19 percent in 2009 as the government is to increase its bond issuance to fund its large-scale supplementary budget, the nation's finance ministry said Monday.

According to the Ministry of Strategy and Finance, national debt is expected to top 366.9 trillion won (269.6 billion US dollars) this year, up from 308.3 trillion won (226.5 billion US dollars) of the previous year. With the forecasted figure, the nation's per-capita debt is to stand at 7.53 million won (5,530 US dollars), while it marked 6.34 million won (4,660 US dollars) a year earlier.

The increase of the debt amount will also pull up its portion in gross domestic product from 32.5 percent to 48.5 percent, which the government aims to gradually reduce to 30 percent until 2012.

The increase is attributed mostly to a massive amount of bonds that the government plans to issue for the record-high extra budget worth 28.9 trillion won, or 21.2 billion US dollars, for this year, according to the nation's experts.—Internet

Composer Maurice Jarre dies

BEIJING, 30 March—Oscar-winning French composer Maurice Jarre, who had composed music for over a hundred and fifty film and television productions, has passed away in Los Angeles, according to media France reports Monday. He was 84. Jarre, father of electronic music composer and producer Jean-Michel Jarre, had lived in Los Angeles for many years.

He won his first Oscar in 1962 for “Lawrence of Arabia.” “Doctor Zhivago” and “A Passage to India.”

Jarre was awarded two further Oscars for “Doctor Zhivago” and “A Passage to India.” —Internet



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**International Kite Festival
goes fly in Vietnam**

HANOI, 30 March — The International Kite Festival, held for the first time in Vietnam, concluded on Sunday, attracting kite artisans from 17 counties and regions, the *Vietnam News* reported on Monday.

Germany took the prize for youngest participants, while the French team got the award for the strangest-looking kite, said the newspaper. The largest kite award went to New Zealand, while the United Kingdom took the prize for the most variety. The prize for the longest kite went to the Indonesian team, while host Vietnam won the prize for the most traditional kites. The three-day festival, held in the southern beach city Ba Ria-Vung Tau of Vietnam attracted 20,000 domestic and international tourists.—*Internet*

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**Indian scientists
discover new bacteria**

NEW DELHI, 30 March — Indian scientists have found micro-organisms called extremophiles, that can survive boiling water and UV radiation, local tabloid *Mail Today* reported on Thursday. The scientists discovered these 40 kilometers above the Earth's surface, said the report. Leading the effort is South Indian city Hyderabad's Center of Cellular and Microbiology scientist S Shivaji, who has researched bacteria in Antarctica, Arctic Ocean and the Himalayan Glaciers. "The three new species discovered now can be differentiated from all species so far reported in scientific literature," the paper quoted Shivaji as saying.

These bacteria can withstand higher doses of ultraviolet radiation, grow in low nutrient conditions, and have fatty acid compositions that allows them to survive extreme conditions. The new species were isolated after extensive analysis of air samples collected from upper atmosphere. The samples were collected at altitudes between 20 kilometres to 41.4 kilometres in April 2005, but the discovery only came recently.—*Internet*

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A clown performs during the 7th international clown festival in Brasilia, Brazil, on 28 March, 2009. The event which started on 24 March and ended on 28 March attracted clowns from France, Switzerland, Argentina, Spain and Brazil.—XINHUA



Rakesh Sharma, India's first astronaut who went into space in 1984, salutes before a flight on board an F/A-18F Super Hornet, in Bangalore in February 2009. Indian scientists are looking to develop a curry fit for space, as the country plans its first manned mission outside the earth's atmosphere.—INTERNET

Brazilian researcher finds maternal milk polluted with toxic chemical

RIO DE JANEIRO, 30 March— A Brazilian researcher has found a presence of a high toxic chemical in samples of maternal milk in some Brazilian cities, due to the environmental pollution.

Claudia Hoffmann Kowalski Schroder made the research as part of her PhD project for the Food Engineering Faculty (FEA) in University of Campinas (Unicamp), the university

reported on its website on Sunday. The Hoffmann found tracks of "Polychlorinated biphenyl" (PCB) in most of the 200 samples of maternal milk taken in seven states of Brazil.

The biggest accumulation of PCB was found in the samples from Sao Paulo, most populated and polluted state of Brazil.

The PCB are synthetic chlorinated hydrocarbons

which threaten the quality of maternal milk, the best food for newborns. Since organs of infants are still in developing phases during the nursing, the presence of the PCB in maternal milk has unpredictable consequences.—*Internet*

Dust in Antarctic ice may help understand past climates

LONDON, 30 March — Ancient dust trapped deep in Antarctic ice sheets may come from South America and help uncover details of past climate change, a new study said on Sunday.

Dust deposition in Antarctic ice sheets was much higher during the last ice age, but the causes of this flux have long been unclear, researchers from universities of Edinburgh, Stirling and Lille, wrote in the journal *Nature Geoscience*.

Their study, however, shows that the coldest periods of the past 80,000 years correspond with the dustiest periods in Antarctica's past.

At that time, glaciers in Patagonia were at their biggest and dust from them was blown across the ocean to Antarctica, they said. During warming periods, dust was trapped in melt water

which ran into lakes at the edge of the ice, so less dust was blown south to Antarctica. Dust from the ice cores was analyzed and found to be a close match with mud of the same age in the Magellan Straits, the researchers said, showing that most of the dust originated in this region.—*Internet*



An aerial view shows homes on the southside of Fargo, North Dakota in the Briarwood neighbourhood surrounded by flood waters on 29 March, 2009. A dike holding back the swollen Red River failed early on and swamped a school in Fargo, North Dakota, but a backup dike contained the spill as cold weather favored flood fighting and evacuation efforts.—INTERNET

22 killed at Ivory Coast soccer match stampede

ABIDJAN, 30 March—A stampede at a World Cup qualifying soccer match in the Ivory Coast killed at least 22 people and wounded 132 Sunday, authorities said.

Fans at the Felix Houphouet-Boigny arena pushed against each other shortly before the game between Ivory Coast and Malawi, setting off a panic that led to the stampede, Interior Minister Desire Tagro said on state television.

"They started pushing to get in because the match was about to start and each and every one of them wanted to get in," Tagro said.

An *Associated Press* photographer said people began shoving and pushing 40 minutes before the beginning of the game. Police fired tear gas into one section of the crowd.—*Internet*

Hard-to-cure TB poses new global health threat

BEIJING, 30 March— The Beijing Chest Hospital was packed with people on a recent weekday morning. In the waiting area, Wang Chong, a migrant worker who has been fighting tuberculosis for several months, was facing a dilemma: Does he continue treatment that has already cost him more than \$5,000 or stop before his savings are wiped out?

It's not only his health at stake. If Wang stops treatment prematurely, his tuberculosis is likely to morph into one of the new, harder strains that resist

the drugs he has been using and that pose a growing threat to global public health. Countries as diverse as China, Russia and South Africa are vulnerable, and the new strains have also appeared in the United States. "TB is now taking on a deadly new form — one that will spread further," said Cornelia Hennig, the World Health Organization's TB programme coordinator for China. "We can choose: Either we act now with rational and proven approaches, or we pay later with a worsening

epidemic."

The WHO is trying to bring renewed vigor to the fight with a three-day meeting of health ministers from the worst-affected countries in Beijing starting 1 April. Also attending are WHO Director-General Margaret Chan and Bill Gates, co-chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, a major contributor to research on global health problems. Countries are expected to draw up five-year plans to prevent and control the spread of drug-resistant TB.—*Internet*

Gene found to suppress skin cancer

WASHINGTON, 30 March — US researchers said on Sunday they had identified an enzyme gene that suppresses tumor growth in melanoma, the deadliest form of skin

cancer.

The researchers from the National Institutes of Health found that one of the most often mutated genes that code for matrix metalloproteinase (MMP)

enzymes, MMP-8, actually serves as a tumor suppressor gene, but not an oncogene, as was previously thought.

MMP enzymes play a key role in the process of remodeling skin after sunburns, cuts or other injuries, and the MMP gene family has long been thought to increase the risk of cancers, including breast, colon and melanoma.

"The study suggests that a better approach may be to look for drugs that restore or increase MMP-8 function or for drugs that block only those MMPs that are truly oncogenes," the researchers said in a press release.

The findings were published in the British journal *Nature Genetics*.

Internet



Men carry an injured spectator following a stadium stampede ahead of a World Cup qualifying match between Ivory Coast and Malawi, in Abidjan, Ivory Coast on 30 March, 2009.—INTERNET

SPORTS



(L-R) Team China skip Wang Bingyu, third Liu Yin, second Yue Qingshuang, lead Zhou Yan and fifth Liu Jinli pose with the trophy after they won against Sweden in the finals at the 2009 World Women's Curling Championship in Gangneung, east of Seoul on 29 March, 2009.—XINHUA

Argentine press say Maradona has successful debut as coach

BUENOS AIRES, 30 March—Main Argentine press said on Sunday that Diego Maradona had a successful start as coach of the Argentine soccer national team, which won 4-0 against Venezuela in the 11th date of the South American qualifiers for the World Cup South Africa 2010.

"The passion returns: 4-0 to Venezuela," local daily *Calrain* published on Sunday hailed Lionel Messi "great performance", adding that "the national team went from lower to higher in the official debut of Maradona as coach."

La Nacion daily said

that "Maradona's team, with Messi's hand" and added that "Argentina make its way with attack power." "With Messi as flag attach, the team was convincing and excited the people, beyond some of the lacking when making the game." *Sports*

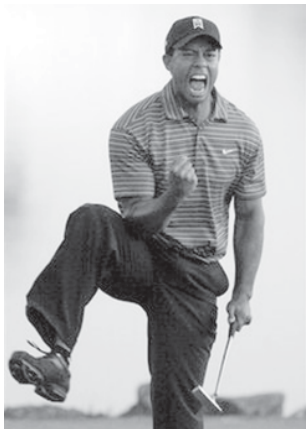


daily "Ole" headlined "Showgoal" and said that "Diego excited everybody again," "he made history in his official debut," "he exploited the Monumental as he requested and recovered the love between the national team and the audience."—*Internet*

Argentina's national football team coach Diego Maradona applauds his players on 28 March. Maradona could not have asked for a better result in his first official match as Argentina coach, with his team crushing Venezuela 4-0.

INTERNET

Tiger thrills at Bay Hill with winning putt on 18



Tiger Woods celebrates after sinking the putt to win the Arnold Palmer Invitational golf tournament at Bay Hill in Orlando, Fla, on 29 March, 2009. Woods closed with a 3-under 67 for a one-shot victory over Sean O'Hair.—INTERNET

ORLANDO, 30 March—Tiger Woods drove away from Bay Hill wearing the navy blue blazer traditionally awarded to the winner of the Arnold Palmer Invitational. He is more interested in a jacket of a different color, but this was a good start.

Woods couldn't have written a better script Sunday, even if he's guilty of plagiarism. For the second straight year at Bay Hill, he made pivotal putts along the back nine and came to the 18th hole needing a birdie to win. From the middle of the fairway, he had 164 yards to the hole—eerily, the same distance as last year. Sean O'Hair was in the final group, same as last year. The putt was far easier this time—only about 12 feet up the hill with a slight left-to-right break—but the outcome was predictable to just about everyone except for the lone voice from the bleachers that blurted out, "Playoff."

Woods holed the putt, and broke into a routine that also was similar to a year ago. He crouched and backpedaled as the ball rolled to the hole, but instead of slamming his cap to the ground, he punched the air with a roundhouse and hugged his caddie, Steve Williams, who lifted him slightly into the air.—*Internet*

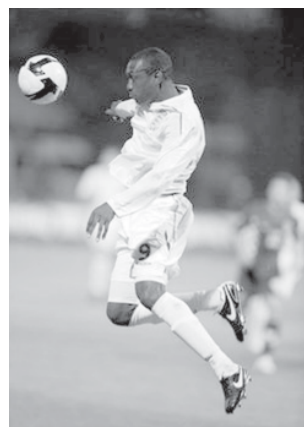
Heskey ruled out of Ukraine game

LONDON, 30 March—Striker Emile Heskey was on Sunday ruled out of England's World Cup 2010 qualifier at home to Ukraine this week with a hamstring injury.

The Aston Villa forward was forced off in the 14th minute of England's 4-0 friendly win against Slovakia at Wembley on Saturday, shortly after putting his side in front. It was the former Liverpool and Wigan Athletic striker's first international goal in almost six years and his first goal for England at their national stadium.

England coach Fabio Capello said Heskey had been suffering from "cramp", but the Football Association revealed that scans to his left hamstring showed that he would not be able to face Ukraine on Wednesday.

Heskey's withdrawal follows that of West Ham striker Carlton Cole, who came on in place of Heskey against Slovakia but was then taken off after sustaining a thigh strain.—*Internet*



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Federer, Serena, Venus and Stosur advance

MIAMI, 30 March—Serena and Venus Williams and men's world number two Roger Federer cruised into the fourth round of the WTA and ATP hardcourt tournament here but second seed Dinara Safina crashed out.

Reigning Australian Open champion Serena Williams defeated China's Peng Shuai 7-5, 6-2 while US fifth seed Venus Williams, the reigning Wimbledon champion, beat Germany's Anna-Lena Groenefeld, 7-5, 6-3. The sisters could meet in a semi-final at this nine million-dollar event, which saw its greatest upset yet when Australia's 42nd-ranked Samantha Stosur stunned Russian second seed Safina 6-1, 6-4.—*Internet*

Zambia fight back to rock Egypt in World Cup

JOHANNESBURG, 30 March—Zambia came from behind to force a 1-1 draw with Egypt at Cairo Stadium on Sunday as the 2010 World Cup-African Nations Cup qualifying shocks continued.

Wigan striker Amr Zaki put the 'Pharaohs' ahead on 27 minutes only for defender Dennis Banda from Lusaka army club Green Buffaloes to equalise early in the second half. Egypt, winners of the previous two biennial Nations Cup tournaments, will be bitterly disappointed at failing to get their third-round campaign off to a winning start at home.

Internet



Zambia's Francis Kasonde celebrates after scoring a goal against Egypt during their 2010 World Cup African zone group C qualifying football match in Cairo.

INTERNET

Brazil ties Ecuador 1-1 in World Cup qualifier

QUITO, 30 March—Brazil made a 1-1 away draw to Ecuador in their World Cup qualifier on Sunday due to the outstanding performance of goalkeeper Julio Cesar.

Ecuador outplayed the five-time world champions but were denied the goal by Inter Milan goalkeeper Cesar time and again.

Substitute Julio Baptista scored the opening for Brazil in the 74th minute before substitute Cristian Noboa made the equaliser in the 89th minute at the Atahualpa at 2,800 meters above sea level.

Brazil accumulated 18 points from 11 games in the 10-team South American qualifying group, five behind leaders Paraguay, while Ecuador have 13.

Xinhua

Boluda confirmed as Real Madrid president



Vicente Boluda, was confirmed as the president of Real Madrid at a General Assembly of club members.—INTERNET

MADRID, 30 March—Vicente Boluda was confirmed as the president of Real Madrid at a General Assembly of club members on Sunday, the club announced on its website. In total, 943 members voted to keep Boluda in his post, while 248 voted against him and there were 26 abstentions.

Sunday's meeting replaced the flawed General Assembly of 7 December, after which former president Ramon Calderon

was forced to step down amid allegations of electoral vote-rigging. The vote confirms Boluda as president, as until Sunday he had only held the post on an interim basis.

However, Boluda confirmed at the beginning of the meeting that the club intend to hold fresh presidential elections in June. A poll published on Sunday in the sports paper *Marca* suggested that former president Florentino Perez is the overwhelming favourite to win the elections.—*Internet*



Asleep in Jesus
Daw Rosalind Sui Thluai Ling, B.A. Ed, B.Ed
Township Education Officer, Chin State (Retd)
Age 72 years
Hakha, Chin State

Beloved daughter of (Rev Sang Ling-Daw Sai Pen), beloved sister of (Capt Sui Mang Ling, Retd), (Tial Cuai), (Capt Lian Hmung Ling, Retd), (Dr Herbert Tial Cung Ling, M.B.B.S, D O (Germany), U Thla Peng, B.Sc (Eng) (Dy. Director Constn, Corpn, Retd), (Dar Cin), Daw Mah Zing (Primary Head Retd), (Tial Chin), U Van Duh, B.Sc, BVS (Dy Director, Vety Department (Retd)), (Daw Betty Ling, BA), (Ngun Dang), beloved mother of Daw Bawi Cin, BA, M.Div, M. Th-U Ni Kham, Tial Tum Sung, grandmother of four, the great grandmother of one Daw R. Sui Thluai Ling asleep in Jesus on 30.3.2009 at 1:40 pm in her residence, Hakha, Chin State. Funeral service will be held at Hakha Baptist Church on 31.3.2009 (Tuesday) at 1:00 pm and buried at Hakha Baptist Cemetery.

Relatives and Friends far and near, please accept this as the only intimation.

Bereaved Family Members

Cholesterol drug reduces blood clots by over 40%

BEIJING, 30 March—A new study showed Crestor (rosuvastatin calcium that helps fight high cholesterol) reduced the risk of blood clots by 44 percent.

The study dubbed JUPITER — Justification for the Use of Statins in Prevention: an Intervention Trial Evaluating Rosuvastatin — was presented at the American Heart Association Scientific Sessions Sunday. It demonstrated that Crestor also reduced the combined risk of cardiovascular death, heart attack and stroke by 47 percent.

The study was a long-term, large-scale study of 17,802 patients designed to determine if treatment with Crestor lowered the risk of heart attack, stroke and other major cardiovascular events in patients with low levels of “bad” cholesterol (or LDL-C), and raised levels of the inflammatory marker C-reactive protein (CRP).—Internet.

MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (31.3.2009) (Tuesday)

Transmissions	Times
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Local Transmission

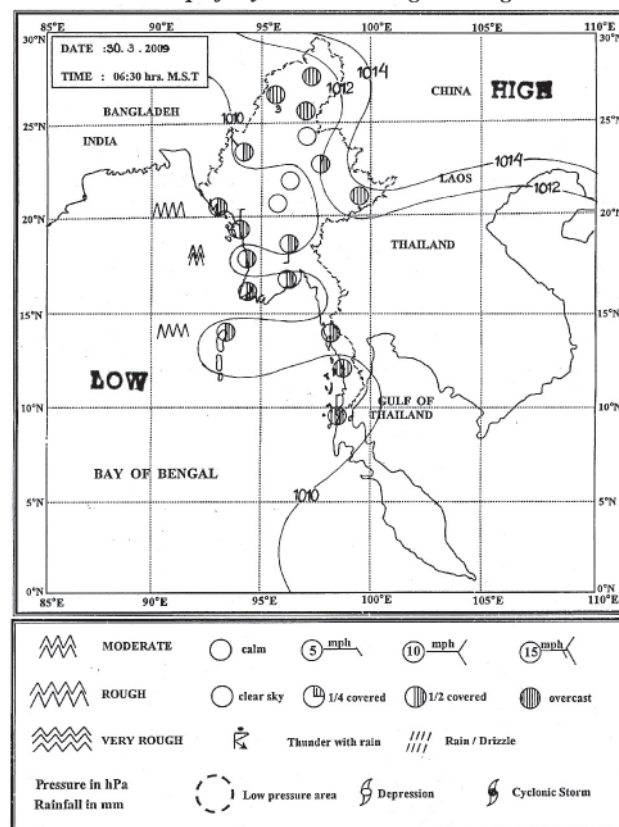
- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights
- * Lacquer painting workmanship from Sandadaw Pyae Pagoda
- * Jade Art
- * Tea Industry
- * The Origin of Htainmathein
- * Myanma Traditional Musical Instruments (Brass gong) (Maung Saing)
- * Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights

Europe/ North America Transmission

- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights
- * Are they real or paper?
- * Welcome to Ngwe Hsaung
- * Enjoy our Shan Food
- * Kayah Traditional Museum
- * Myanma Traditional Musical Instruments (Brass Instruments: Cymbal) (Kyay-Naung)
- * Melodious Flute Tunes of the Villages
- * Effigies-the super stars
- * Myanmar Modern Song
- * Lacquer painting workmanship from Sandadaw Pyae Pagoda
- * Jade Art
- * Tea Industry
- * The Origin of Htainmathein
- * Myanma Traditional Musical Instruments (Brass gong) (Maung Saing)
- * Butterfly Garden In Yangon
- * Nipa Palm Forest
- * Thriving Crops in Shan State (North)
- * Seik Khun Hand Loom Industry
- * Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights

Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Monday, 30 March, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST: During the past 24 hours, light rain or thunder-showers have been isolated in Kachin State and upper Sagaing Division, weather has been partly cloudy in remaining areas. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below March average temperatures in Mandalay, Magway, Bago and Ayeyawady Divisions, (3°C) to (4°C) above March average temperatures in Kachin State and upper Sagaing Division and about March average temperatures in the remaining areas. The significant Day temperatures were Minbu (42°C), Magway and Thayawady (41°C) each, Aungmye (40°C). The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded was Hkamti (0.15) inch.

Maximum temperature on 29-3-2009 was 101°F. Minimum temperature on 30-3-2009 was 68°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 30-3-2009 was 70%. Total sunshine hours on 29-3-2009 was (9.4) hrs approx.

Rainfall on 30-3-2009 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (Tr) at Mingaladon, (0.20) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.04) inch at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from Southwest at (21:30) hours MST on 29-3-2009.

Bay inference: Weather is partly cloudy in the Andaman Sea and North Bay and generally fair elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 31st March 2009: Rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated in Kachin, Chin, Shan, Rakhine and Mon States, Sagaing, Mandalay, 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 moderate in Myanmar waters.

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

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 31-3-2009: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 31-3-2009: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 31-3-2009: Partly cloudy.



Tuesday, 31 March
View on today

7:00 am

- မင်းကုန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am

- To be healthy exercise

7:30 am

- Morning news

7:40 am

- Nice and sweet song

7:50 am

- “တစ်သက်စာအမှတ်ရစရာ ဖီးချောင်းရေလှောင်တံ”

8:00 am

- အတီးဖြိုင်ပွဲ

8:10 am

- Song of yesteryear

8:20 am

- (၆၄)နှစ်မြောက်တပ်မတော်နေ့၊ ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်

8:30 am

- International news

8:45 am

- Musical programme

4:00 pm

- Martial song

4:10 pm

- ဆိုင်းအဖွဲ့ဖျော်ဖြေခန်း

4:20 am

- Dance of national races

4:30 pm

- နိုင်ငံ့စီးပွားအလေးထားကျေးလက် ထုတ်ကုန်များ

4:40 pm

- The mirror images of the musical oldies

4:50 pm

- အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ (ပထမနှစ်) (ရသစာပေအရေးအသားအထူးပြု) (ရသစာပေအရေးအသား)

5:05 pm

- Songs to uphold National Spirit

5:10 pm

- ဂီတသံစဉ်အလှဆင်

5:25 pm

- “ကျန်ရစ်ခဲ့သော ခြင်္သေ့လေးတစ်လုံး” (ဖိုးသောကြာ၊ ဆိုင်းရစ်လေပြေဦး၊ ဒေါ်ခင်လေးဆွေ) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ဆွေစင်ထိုက်)

5:40 pm

- (၆၄)နှစ်မြောက်တပ်မတော်နေ့၊ ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်

6:00 pm

- Evening news

6:30 pm

- Weather report

6:35 pm

- ကြယ်ပွင့်များရဲ့ရင်ခုန်သံ

6:55 pm

- ဆိုလိုက်ကြနို့

7:00 pm

- နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “နွဲ့ဆိုးဆိုးသူကိုယ်ချစ်သူ” (အပိုင်း-၂၃)

8:00 pm

- News

- International news

- Weather report

- လပတ်စီလေဝသနှင့်ဇလဗေဒ ခန့်မှန်းချက်

- ပြည်သူ့အတွက်တပ်မတော်

- (လျှပ်စစ်စွမ်းအား၊ ဟိုတယ်ခရီး၊ ပို့ဆောင်ရေး၊ မီးရထား)

- နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

- “ချစ်သူသံစဉ်” (အပိုင်း-၅)



Paunglaung Diversion Weir irrigating 35,000 acres of farmlands in Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana, Nay Pyi Taw Lewe, Yedashe Townships

Article: Kyaw Sein; Photos: Aung Than (Mingala Taungnyunt)

While Paunglaung River is flowing along its course, the 59.07-mile main canal of the diversion weir is benefiting the irrigated areas.

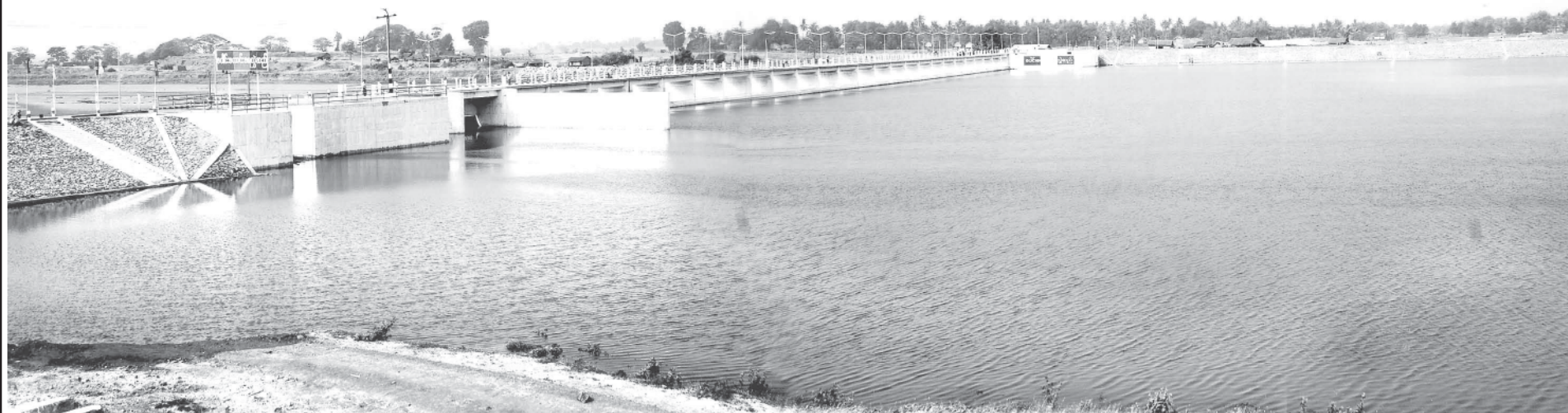
We, members of the news team of the Myanmar Alin Daily arrived at Paunglaung Diversion Weir to

write articles on progress of Paunglaung Multi-purpose Dam Project. Staff Officer U Thar Yar of Construction (5) took us to the briefing hall of the diversion weir.

We witnessed thriving summer paddy and pea plantations along the road to the diversion weir. These

plantations are being irrigated from the diversion weir.

We saw the local people near the briefing hall. They looked at film star Eindra Kyaw Zin who was (See page 10)



Paunglaung Diversion Weir built near Thitseintpin Village of Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana Township stores water to be supplied to 35,000 acres of farmlands.

Catering to car buyers' desires



View of the CATER car configurator.

SCIENCE DAILY, 30 March — Buying a new car is one of the biggest purchases most people make. But how can you be sure that the car you order will live up to your expectations? European and Asian researchers are using immersive virtual reality and emotional design to offer a solution.

Most people do not buy cars on a whim and most do not want just a standard model. They will often spend weeks comparing features before deciding whether to splurge on leather seats or put the money towards high-performance alloy wheels instead.

The customer's choices will not be based on functionality alone — if that were the case we would all drive the most fuel-efficient vehicles that can get us from A to B as cheaply, safely and comfortably as possible. Design also plays a major role, attracting people to a certain model based on tastes and feelings alone.

For manufacturers, this has long created a dilemma. Since the first assembly-line Fords rolled off the factory floor almost a century ago, mass production has meant that vehicles can be produced cheaply enough so that nearly everyone in the developed world can now afford one.

Internet

Team approach appears to work best for insect colonies

LONDON, 30 March — Ants and bees have long been recognized as tireless workers, but now new research suggests they behave like model citizens, too.

Unlike herds of bison or shoals of fish -- where individuals may appear to be team players but actually behave according to their own interests -- some animals, including ants and bees, really do have the best interests of the group at heart.

The study's findings appear to echo the insect worlds portrayed in the animated films *Antz* and *Bee Movie*, in which the characters live in rigidly conformist societies. Scientists from the Universities of Edinburgh and Oxford reached their conclusion by creating a mathematical model to study the manner in which cooperative groups of animals, known as superorganisms, evolve.—*Internet*



Ants cooperating to create a bridge for others to carry food back.

Green tourism on 4 April

YANGON, 30 March—Myanmar Tour Operators Association will hold a talk at Asia Plaza Hotel on 4 April.

Dr U Khin Maung Nyunt will give a talk on Green Tourism and any interested persons may enlist at MTOA Office (Tel-559672 and 559673).—MNA

Over Clocking to be demonstrated

YANGON, 30 March—Organized by Myanmar Computer Professionals Association, with the assistance of Golden Power Technology and Personal Computer Magazine, Over Clocking Demonstration will be held at Myanmar Info-Tech from 1 to 3 pm on 3 April.

Experts from Golden Power Technology and Personal Computer Magazine will conduct the demonstration. Preliminary discussions will be in the form of the workshop. Experiences and knowledge will be shared during the demonstration.

Any interested persons may attend the demonstration. For further information, dial Tel-652276.—MNA

Completion certificates presented

YANGON, 30 March—A ceremony to present completion certificates for State School for Fine Arts and State School for Music and Drama of Fine Arts Department under the Ministry of Culture for 2008-2009 academic was held in conjunction with fine arts exhibition at National Theatre, here this morning.

Director-General of Fine Arts Department U Yan Naing Oo made a closing speech on the occasion. Next, the director-general and officials presented completion certificates to 46 trainees.

Afterwards, the director-general viewed fine arts exhibition and enjoyed varieties of dances performed by the students.—MNA