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Head of State Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing offer flowers, water, fruits and 'soon' to Lawka Chantha Abhaya Labha Muni Buddha Image. — MNA

## Senior General Than Shwe and Daw Kyaing Kyaing attend Buddha Puja of Lawka Chantha Abhaya Labha Muni Buddha Image

YANGON, 5 Feb — The Third Buddha Puja of Lawka Chantha Abhaya Labha Muni Buddha Image was held on Mindhamma Hill in Insein Township this morning, attended by Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing.

Also present on the occasion were State Ovadacariya Sayadaws, Sayadaws of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee, Tipitakadhara Tipitakavida Sayadaws, Sayadaws of the State Central Working Committee of the Sangha, Sayadaws of the International Theravada Buddhist Missionary University and State Pariyatti Sasana University (Yangon), and Sayadaws of Theravada Ovadacariya Committee and Yangon Division Sangha Nayaka Committee totalling 45 Sayadaws, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and wife Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe, Daw Khin Than Nwe, wife of Lt-Gen Tin Oo, member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann and wife Daw Khin Lay Thet, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win and wife Daw Than Than Nwe, members of the State Peace and Development Council and their wives, the chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council the commander of Yangon Command and wife, ministers, the chief justice, the attorney-general, the chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board, the Yangon mayor, deputy ministers, and senior military officers and their wives, the director-general of the State Peace and Development Council Office, heads of department, officials, the chairman and members of Lawka Chantha Abhaya Labha Muni Pagoda Board of Trustees, members of social organizations, donors and guests.

Senior General Than Shwe and Daw Kyaing Kyaing paid obeisance to the Lawka Chantha Abhaya Labha Muni Buddha Image, and offered flowers, water and "soon" to the image.

The ceremony to share merits was held at the Gandakuti of the pagoda at 7.15 am. The Master of Ceremonies adviser at the State Peace and Development Council U Arnt Maung read out the agenda. The congregation recited the Namo Tassa three times to open the ceremony. The Teingya Group blew conch shells and beat gongs.

Vice-Chairman of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotika Bhaddanta Pañindabhivamsa administered the Nine Precepts to the congregation led by Senior General Than Shwe and Daw Kyaing Kyaing. Sayadaws recited *Metta Sutta* and *parittas*.

Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing presented robes and offertories to Secretary of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Sayadaw Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotika Bhaddanta Kumara.

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Head of State Senior General Than Shwe, wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing and entourage view round religious edifices on Mindhamma Hill. — MNA

### Success achieved due to collective efforts

The three nation-building forces, namely, the national people, the Tatmadaw and the government, join hands in implementing in earnest the basic objectives laid down by the government to bring about marked and rapid development in political, economic and social spheres. As a result, success has been achieved in various sectors.

Senior General Than Shwe  
Chairman of  
the State Peace and Development Council  
Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services  
(From message on the 51st Anniversary  
Union Day)



57<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Union Day  
special features on pages 7, 8 and 9.

## PERSPECTIVES

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### Explore and exploit more and more oil and natural gas

The Government of the Union of Myanmar has been striving for all-round development of the nation so that it can keep abreast with the development of other nations in the world and the living standard of its people become higher.

For this, the Government is systematically implementing the national plans with the use of natural and human resources.

Now that peace and stability is prevailing all over the Union, national development work can be carried out with added momentum and more and more natural resources are being exploited in the interest of the nation and the people.

The Ministry of Energy is now trying to produce more and more oil and natural gas for domestic consumption by extending the exploitation work at inland oil and natural gas deposits and offshore oil fields.

Due to constant exploration of energy deposits by the Ministry of Energy, new oil and natural gas deposits were struck at Nyaungdon in 1999, at Thargyi-taung in 2001, at Innadaw in 2002 and in offshore Rakhine in December, 2003.

Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi, together with responsible personnel, visited the Nyaungdon oil and natural gas field in Ayeyawady Division on 4 February and gave necessary instructions and attended to the requirements to be able to explore and produce more and more oil and natural gas in Maubin, Pantanaw and Nyaungdon (Middle). Then, the minister also inspected the production work at Well No. 21, which can produce 6.974 million cubic feet of natural gas and 72 barrels of condensate daily.

Moreover, 16 wells at Nyaungdon Oil and Natural Gas Field can produce 83 million cubic feet of natural gas and 1,184 barrels of condensate, which are being distributed to factories in Yangon region through the Nyaungdon-Yangon natural gas pipeline.

We believe that all the responsible personnel and technicians will try to the best of their abilities to exploit more and more oil and natural gas deposits to be able to meet the energy needs of the nation.

*Don't smoke*

### 57th Anniversary Union Day objectives

- for all national races to safeguard the national policy— non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty
- to keep the Union Spirit ever alive and dynamic among the national people
- for all national people to defend and safeguard the Union for its perpetual existence
- to prevent, through national solidarity, the danger of internal and external destructive elements undermining peace and stability of the State and national development, and
- for all national races to make concerted efforts for successful implementation of the seven-point future policy programme.

### Myanmar Gazette

YANGON, 5 Feb — The State Peace and Development Council has confirmed the appointment of the following heads of service organizations on expiry of the one-year probationary period.

Name	Appointment
(a) Dr U Soe Naung	Rector Primary Health University (Magway) Medical Science Department Ministry of Health
(b) Dr U Myat Moe	Rector Traditional Medicine Institute (Mandalay) Traditional Medicine Department Ministry of Health

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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

### Efficient use of fuel

- \* Saving one gallon of fuel per car per month will save the nation one US dollar
- \* Thus, a total of 455,822 cars in Myanmar can save US\$ 5.5 million in a year
- \* The amount, US \$ 5.5 million, can build a major bridge across Ayeyawady River

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### Officials, entrepreneurs discuss launching of new TV channel to help facilitate tourism business

YANGON, 5 Feb — A meeting was held at the Ministry of Information this afternoon to launch a new TV channel and to help the Myanmar TV and hoteliers and tour companies collectively run a media business.

Speaking at the meeting, Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan said the media and tourism have interrelationship. Tourism is a very important business for the nation. Thus, tourism plays a key role for national development and earns much income for the entrepreneurs who run it. The meeting was held to discuss the entrepreneurs' role in showing the world the tourist attractions and the objective conditions of the nation through the TV.

Through the Internet, the MRTV-3 programmes have reached the Eastern Europe and the American continent. In other words, we can say that it has reached the worldwide level. Plans are being made to telecast the MRTV-3 programmes in two sectors — the first sector is to promote international interest in Myanmar; and the second sector is to develop tourism with the help of advertisements.

The other aim of the meeting is to inform the entrepreneurs about the plans to launch a new TV channel highlighting, special education programmes on agricultural, livestock breeding, health, social and economic fields. The new channel will also covers telecasting of entertainment programmes including Myanmar films and video plays, dailies and periodicals. The new channel will help

promote the tourism business if hotels and guest houses show its programmes to the guests.

Minister for Foreign Affairs U Win Aung then discussed in detail the means to develop tourism.

Minister for Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen Thein Zaw said the new channel will help foreigners know more about the natural and cultural riches of Myanmar. Thus, entrepreneurs should not miss the opportunity. Tourist industry will achieve greater success only if it cooperates with the media and the publicizing of the Salone Traditional Festival through the TV and dailies is one of the examples. Director-General of the MRTV U Khin Maung Htay explained the telecasting of the programmes.

Adviser to the Information Ministry Director of Forever Group Co Ltd U Win Maw presented the Myanmar Media Box (MMbox), a digital receiver, to receive the new channel and other programmes, and Managing Director of Inforithm Maze Co Ltd U Thauang Su Nyein explained a tourism promotion CD Rom — Fascinating Myanmar. Information Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aung Thein and Transport Deputy Minister Col Nyan Tun Aung and other participants made suggestions sector-wise. Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan attended to the needs.

Also present were Secretary of Yangon City Development Committee Col Myint Aung, directors-general and managing directors of the respective ministries, IT entrepreneurs, hotel and tourism entrepreneurs and guests.

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Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan delivers an address at the coordination meeting on launching a new TV channel. — MNA

## Italy's Cabinet approves regulatory reform

ROME, 5 Feb— Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi's Cabinet approved on Tuesday a draft law to reform Italy's financial regulatory system, leaving the Bank of Italy with an effective veto over banking mergers, ministers said.

The bill, drawn up following the multi-billion euro scandal at food group Parmalat, will now go for debate to Parliament, which could take weeks or months to put it on the statute books.

Economy Minister Giulio Tremonti had originally proposed a radical overhaul of Italy's financial checks and balances that would have handed much of the Bank of Italy's regulatory powers to market watchdog Consob and the Antitrust Authority.

But in the event, at the request of Berlusconi, the Cabinet backed a watered-down version that means the central bank and Antitrust Authority will jointly decide on whether to allow mergers in the banking sector.

"If one of the two says 'no', then it is no. You will need two 'yes' votes," Foreign Minister Franco Frattini told reporters as he left the Cabinet meeting.

MNA/Reuters

## Deadly attacks on US soldiers on the rise in Iraq

WASHINGTON, 5 Feb— Nearly two months have passed since Saddam Hussein's capture, yet American soldiers still are dying at a rate of more than one a day.

Forty-five soldiers died in January and three more in the first three days of February. The January toll was five more than in December, despite hopes that Saddam's Dec. 13 capture would weaken the Iraqi insurgency and slow the killings from roadside bombs and other attacks.

The number of deaths in January will rise to 47 when the Pentagon changes the status of two soldiers who are missing and believed to have died in the Tigris River on Jan. 25. That would make the second highest monthly total since last April when daily combat from the invasion was still under way.

The worst month was November, when 82 died. In October there were 43, September

had 30, August 35.

All told, 528 U.S. troops have died since the war began in March. (The Pentagon's official tally on Tuesday was 525, but that did not include two deaths on Feb. 1 and one on Feb. 3.)

A review of Pentagon casualty reports shows that, of 39 deaths in January that the Army attributed to hostile action, 23 involved attacks with homemade bombs, which the military calls "improvised explosive devices."

The Army has put enormous effort into overcoming the threat from homemade bombs, often detonated along roadways used by Army convoys. Usually a remotely transmitted signal sets them off. —Internet

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## Death toll in Iraq attacks rises to 109

IRBIL, 5 Feb— Saadi Sultan Mameh was filming a reception at a Kurdish party office when, suddenly, a man with a stubbled beard shuffled into the frame. As soon as the man clasped the hand of a senior Kurdish official, Mameh heard a blast, and his viewfinder was covered in fire and flesh.

"My camera lens went red with blood," said Mameh. A second attacker slipped in similarly in a gathering of another Kurdish party office across town and unleashed a carnage of equal proportion. The death toll in the twin attacks rose to 109 Wednesday with more people dying of injuries overnight, according to Mahmoud Othman, a Kurdish member of the U.S.-installed Iraqi Governing Council. The U.S.-led occupation authority put the toll at 101 as of Tuesday night. —Internet

## US army apologizes for killing Iraqi child, FBI track terror groups

BAGHDAD, 5 Feb— The US army apologized for killing an Iraqi child, as the death toll from double suicide bombings, the deadliest post-war attacks in Iraq, climbed to more than 100.

Colonel William Mayville acknowledged that his forces were responsible Tuesday for mortar fire that killed an Iraqi boy during a major Muslim holiday as his family picnicked in the northern oil region of Kirkuk.

Mayville told a meeting with local government officials, attended by an AFP correspondent, that he had ordered an investigation into the shelling that also wounded the boy's mother and two brothers.

He said his troops had opened fire because they suspected insurgents were in the area, but that those responsible for the deadly error would be held accountable.

Mayville added that he ordered the payment of 2,500 dollars in compensation for the family of the nine-year-old boy, Bassam Sami Awwad, and 1,500 dollars for each of the three injured. —Internet



A US soldier from the 1st Armoured Division, right, watches as a new Iraqi Army soldier searches Iraqi commuters at a mobile checkpoint in Baghdad, on 3 Feb, 2004. The new Army is slowly beginning to assume the task of securing the capital following their training by US troops. —INTERNET

## "Reuters" demands new probe into US treatment of reporters

LONDON, 5 Feb— The London-based Reuters news agency delivered a letter to the US Defence Department on Tuesday, demanding a more thorough and objective probe at a senior level into the treatment of three Reuters staff by US troops in Iraq.

US troops arrested two Reuters reporters and their driver near Falluja in western Iraq on January 2 and had detained them for 72 hours. The international news agency then lodged a formal complaint with the US military over their treatment in detention.

In response, the US 82nd Airborne Division sent back an investigation report, saying no evidence of any specific incidents of abuse was found but admitting the Reuters crew had undergone some stressful treatment, including sleep deprivation.

Meanwhile, the US military launched an inspection of all of its temporary detention facilities in western Iraq and reinforced standards for handling detainees, Reuters said.

However, Reuters Global Managing Editor David Schlesinger said in a statement Tuesday that this investigation was "woefully inadequate". "It appears that the investigation consisted of simply interviewing the accused soldiers, and despite our offer, no effort was made to interview our staff," he said. —MNA/Xinhua



Two US soldiers keep watch on an Iraqi street during a night patrol on 4 Feb, 2004.

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## Journalists welcome to cover upcoming NPC, CPPCC sessions

BEIJING, 5 Feb — Chinese and foreign journalists are welcome to cover the upcoming annual sessions of the National People's Congress (NPC) and the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC) in Beijing, it was announced here Wednesday.

The Second Session of the 10th NPC opens on March 5 and the Second Session of the 10th National Committee of the CPPCC will begin on March 3, according to the general offices of the NPC Standing Committee and the CPPCC National Committee.

The NPC is the top legislative body in China, while the CPPCC is a broad-based national advisory organization consisting of experts and

citizens from all walks of life. The CPPCC plays a supervisory role and accepts suggestions and criticisms which relate to major state affairs and policies and other important issues.

A Press centre will be set up at the China Great Hall Hotel, No. 19 Xijiaominxiang Street, Beijing. It will be responsible for arranging for Chinese and foreign correspondents to cover the two

meetings.

Chinese correspondents from Beijing-based state media, who want to cover the meetings are required to send their applications to the Press centre, local correspondents who want to come to Beijing to cover the meetings, should first send their applications to the local delegations who will deliver those applications to the Press centre.

MNA/Xinhua

## Cyprus, Greece, Lebanon to launch business cooperation

NICOSIA, 5 Feb— Cyprus, Greece and Lebanon will soon launch business cooperation on issues that concern business, industry and tourism, Cyprus Finance Minister Marcos Kyprianou declared here Tuesday.

The three-party cooperation was initiated by Greek Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Andreas Loverdos, Kyprianou said.

Kyprianou said the relevant ministry departments are working on holding in Nicosia the first business council between the three

countries, to be held around end of spring. He said there was clear interest from both Cyprus and Greece for such cooperation while Lebanon was chosen because it is considered the gateway to the Arab world. The three-party council that will be organized in Nicosia will provide

an initial forum for business people of all three countries to get to know one another.

Kyprianou described the cooperation as "very interesting", noting that it will help the countries and their business people to further develop economically.

MNA/Xinhua

## Cook says Iraq war is Britain's "greatest blunder" since Suez

LONDON, 5 Feb—The war in Iraq is the "greatest blunder" in British foreign policy since the 1956 Anglo-French expedition in Suez, Egypt, former foreign secretary Robin Cook warned.

"The Iraq war is proving the greatest blunder in British foreign and security policy since Suez," he said wrote in Wednesday's edition of the Independent.

"The war has neither disarmed a single weapon of mass destruction nor diminished the terrorist threat to British interests."

"It has, though, undermined the authority of the UN, divided us from our major partners in Europe and damaged our status in the Third World, especially Muslim countries," added Cook, who resigned his post as a government minister last March in protest at British involvement in the Iraq conflict without UN approval.

He also questioned Prime Minister Tony Blair's motives for joining the US-led war that ousted Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein.

"The truth is that Tony Blair did not take Britain into Iraq because of any evidence of weapons of mass destruction. He joined in the war because he wanted to prove to (US) president (George W) Bush that Tony Blair was his best friend and Britain was his most reliable ally."

Cook, who has been sniping at Blair since he left government, also dismissed as a "diversion" the probe announced by the Prime Minister to determine whether flawed intelligence about Iraq's alleged weapons of mass destruction

was used to justify the war to remove Saddam Hussein.

"The Butler inquiry is a diversion, set up to examine the pretext for war rather than its origins," Cook said.

Lord Robin Butler, a former head of Britain's civil service, will head the probe into Britain's pre-war intelligence about Iraq's alleged weapons of mass destruction and report before July.

"It will be a gross injustice if the intelligence services get the blame," Cook added.

Blair, who previously insisted that Iraq did possess banned weapons, said he had acted in good faith in joining the United States in invading Iraq last March.—Internet

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A US military helicopter passes over Baghdad at sunset, Iraq, on 4 Feb, 2004.—INTERNET

## Poll finds Democratic candidate leading Bush

WASHINGTON, 5 Feb—Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry would defeat President George W Bush if the general election were held today, a USA Today/CNN/Gallup Poll published on Tuesday showed.

The survey, conducted from last Thursday to Sunday, found Kerry, a Democratic Senator from Massachusetts, would defeat Bush 53 per cent to 46 per cent, a lead outside the poll's margin of error of plus or minus three percentage points.

North Carolina Senator John Edwards, another Democratic candidate, would edge Bush out at 49 per cent to 48 per cent, a statistical tie. The President would best former Vermont Governor Howard Dean by 7 percentage points and retired general Wesley Clark by 3 percentage points.

MNA/Xinhua

## Iraq accident claims Houston soldier

BAGHDAD, 5 Feb—Armando Soriano's dark brown eyes and stoic expression captured in an Army photograph glowing in front of a candle in his parents' living room suggest he had a lot on his mind.

He joined the Army two months after graduating from South Houston High School in 2002 to help his financially struggling parents, Clotilde and Enrique.

On Sunday, they learned that Soriano, 20, the oldest of their five children, died that day in Haditha, Iraq. His vehicle, travelling with another one on a supply route, slid off a road and rolled over during bad weather,

the Department of Defence reported.

"He was a good student; no problems, and he was a nice son, and I thank God for that," said his mother, clutching a small album with pictures of her son — some of him looking distinguished wearing a uniform, others of him posing confidently and irreverently with Army buddies.—Internet

## Philippine President confident on strong economy

MANILA, 5 Feb — Philippine President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo Wednesday insisted the economy was "sound and strong" despite the peso's continued drop against the dollar.

"We can all help by staying calm and focusing in constructive economic endeavours and dealing with the effects of the oil price hike in the spirit of sacrifice and solidarity," Arroyo said in a statement.

"The transient pressure on the peso is coming from perceptions of instability fuelled by isolated military adventurism and excessive politicking," she added, referring to an alleged destabilization plot by a small band of junior officers and civil society leaders against her government, who are facing sedition charges before military and local courts.

Meanwhile, Arroyo warned currency speculators as well as dollar buyers and profiteers who might take advantage of the situation after the peso closed at a record low of 56.20 to the dollar on Tuesday. Earlier this week, the policy-making Monetary Board has instructed the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP, the Philippine central bank) to impose fines and administrative sanctions against currency market players found repeatedly violating foreign exchange rules.

MNA/Xinhua

## ASEAN+3 to continue cooperation in tourism

BANGKOK, 5 Feb—Ministers from the Association of South-East Asian Nations and China, Japan and South Korea (ASEAN+3) vowed to continue cooperation in developing the region's tourism, according to a media statement issued by a relevant meeting on Tuesday night in Vientiane, Laos.

"The ministers expressed their support for the implementation of decisions of the ASEAN+3 Summit to further boost the tourism industry, encouraging expansion of tourism between ASEAN and China, Japan and (South) Korea," said the joint media statement issued at the end of the third meeting of ASEAN+3 tourism ministers.

Ministers in charge of tourism from the above countries exchanged views on the global tourism situation and recent tourism developments in ASEAN and China, Japan and South Korea at their one-day meeting.

They were "pleased to note recent trends in the tourist arrivals between ASEAN with China, Japan and South

Korea, which reached 20 per cent of international tourist arrivals in ASEAN in 2003," said the document.

It noted that the ministers agreed to intensify their cooperation in tourism, especially in the fields of joint promotion and marketing, tourism investment and manpower development.

MNA/Xinhua

## China's volcanic island listed as national geological park

NANNING, 5 Feb—China's biggest volcanic island and a group of ancient sink holes, both located in south China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, have been listed as national geological parks.

The Ministry of Land and Resources announced on Tuesday 41 new geological parks, bringing the total number to 85. Weizhou Island, a 25-square-kilometre volcanic island, is 26 nautical miles off Beihai, a scenic port city facing Beibu Gulf.

The island is known as a "Museum of Volcanoes" and is thought to be the youngest volcanic island in China as geologists believe its latest eruption dates back about 7,000 to 10,000 years.

It is surrounded by a large area of coral reef and is inhabited by 15,000 people.

Each year, the island receives hundreds of thousands of sightseers, who come to view the remains of volcanic eruptions such as craters, pozzolana, lava and unique

scenic spots formed by marine abrasion.

Guangxi's second contribution to the national list of geological parks is its doline group, the oldest and largest group of 27 ancient sink holes in the world, located in Leye County, 460 kilometres from the regional capital Nanning.

The doline group was formed 65 million years ago, and "Dashiwei", the largest hole of the group, is 613 metres deep and 420 metres wide. The virgin forest at the bottom of the doline covers nearly 100,000 square metres. It is home to over 1,000 varieties of plants and animals, including rare species such as blind fish and flying squirrels, as well as crabs and shrimp.

The dolines were discovered in 1998 and opened as a

tourist destination in October 2003. As a special geological landscape found in karst regions, dolines were formed by repeated cave-ins of the tops of underground caves and are mainly seen in China, Mexico and Papua New Guinea.

Also on the list of 41 new geological parks announced Tuesday are the scenic resorts of Jiuzhaigou, in the southwestern Sichuan Province, Yandangshan Mountain, in the eastern Zhejiang Province, Wangwushan Mountain, in the central Henan Province, and the Three Gorges of the Yangtze River.

The Stone Forest in the southwestern Yunnan Province was among the first 11 geological parks named in 2000.—MNA/Xinhua



Maria Gisela Hiciano, holds her daughter Rebeca in her arms as her father Franklin Martinez, caresses her at the CARE clinic in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, on 27 Jan, 2004. Rebeca, a Dominican infant born with a second partially formed head is scheduled to undergo a risky operation that will take an estimated 13 hours for a team of international doctors and nurses on Friday.—INTERNET

## Guerilla group claims Iraq bombings

**BAGHDAD, 5 Feb**—An Iraqi guerilla group claimed responsibility Wednesday for twin suicide attacks on the offices of two Kurdish political parties, saying they were targeted because of the Kurds' ties to the United States.

"Two of our martyrdom-seeking brothers...broke into two dens of the devils in the city of Irbil in the north of Iraq," said the statement by "Jaish Ansar al-Sunna", or "Army of the Protectors of the Sunna."

Sunna refers to the collective teachings of the Prophet Muhammad.

The statement was posted in Arabic on a Web site that frequently carries statements by Islamic militants. It said the Sunday

attacks were launched because the two Kurdish parties "paved the way for the American crusader army." The claim could not be independently confirmed. The name of the organization was included among a dozen insurgent groups that issued a joint statement this week in Ramadi and Fallujah warning Iraqis against cooperating with the US-led occupation.

Kurdish and US officials suspect the attacks may have been carried out

by Ansar al-Islam, an extremist group with alleged ties to al-Qaida. The attacks killed many officials of the Kurdistan Democratic Party and the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan.

In the statement, the Army of the Protectors of the Sunna condemned the PUK for the crackdown on Ansar al-Islam. It said PUK leader Jalal Talabani "was coordinating with the crusaders (Americans) to attack our mujahedeen brothers from Ansar al-Islam

group and their women and children."

The statement said US and Kurdish forces "pummeled them with tens of US rockets, shelled them with aircraft and for eight days, nonstop, whole villages with their mosques were obliterated from the face of the Earth." The statement was signed by Abu Abdullah al-Hassan bin Mahmoud, identified as the leader of Jaish Ansar al-Sunna.

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## 528 US soldiers killed since beginning of military operations in Iraq

**BAGHDAD, 5 Feb**—As of Wednesday, 4 Feb, 528 US service members have died since the beginning of military operations in Iraq, according to the Department of Defence.

Of those, 368 died as a result of hostile actions and 160 died of non-hostile causes, the department said. The British military has reported 57 deaths; Italy, 17; Spain, eight; Bulgaria, five; Thailand, two; Denmark, Ukraine and Poland have reported one each.

Since May 1, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 390 US soldiers have died — 253 as a result of hostile actions and 137 of non-hostile causes, according to the military. —Internet



US Army Sgt John Rhodes (left) hands a 9mm pistol to SPC David Guerrero, after it was confiscated from an Iraqi commuter at a mobile checkpoint set up along a Baghdad street on 4 Feb, 2004 in Iraq. — INTERNET

## Nepal, India agree to strengthen border surveillance

**KATHMANDU, 5 Feb**—Nepal and India have agreed to form a border district coordinating committee to sort out border related issues and strengthen security to check terrorism and trans-border crimes.

During the two-day Home Secretary-level talks between Indian Home Secretary N. Gopalaswami and his Nepali counterpart Ananta Raj Pandey, which ended Tuesday, the two sides agreed to increase vigilance along the border and strengthen security mechanism to check cross-border terrorism and crimes, Nepal's Home Ministry Spokesman Gopendra Bahadur Pandey told PTI.

A Home Ministry official

also said that India has responded "positively" to deporting and repatriating Maoists listed in the red corner notice of Interpol.

In order to enhance effectiveness of the border mechanism, a meeting of the joint working group on border management will be held every three months, Pandey said adding both sides agreed to share intelligence to check terrorism.

The two sides agreed to

form a border district coordinating committee comprising administrative and security officials from Nepal and District Magistrates from India to handle border related issues. On the drafting of a new and updated extradition treaty between Nepal and India, the two sides agreed to sort out the differences through the experts' group, which had already held two rounds of meeting, Pandey said. — MNA/PTI

## Central govt official stresses economic development in HK

**HONG KONG, 5 Feb**—Gao Siren, director of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (SAR), said here Tuesday that in Hong Kong's economic development lie Hong Kong people's greatest interests.

Addressing a Chinese Lunar New Year reception hosted by the Liaison Office and extending New Year greetings to people from all walks of life in Hong Kong, Gao said the Year 2003 witnessed Hong Kong's victory against SARS and its efforts for economic recovery.

In his speech, Gao made it clear that the Chinese central government has attached great care to Hong Kong's circumstances, and staged a series of concrete measures to support Hong Kong's struggle against various difficulties.

Measures he cited are the initiation of Chinese Mainlanders visiting Hong Kong on an individual basis, allowing Hong Kong banks to engage in the RMB business

and the inking of the Closer Economic Partnership Agreement between Hong Kong and the Mainland (CEPA).

Gao also listed the factors which showcased Hong Kong's economic betterment, namely, the activation of the Hong Kong stock market and property market, the drop of Hong Kong's unemployment rate, and slowdown of Hong Kong's deflation, and the enhancement of Hong Kong's consumers' confidence.

He called on the people of Hong Kong, bestowed with the golden opportunity for economic growth, to focus their efforts on the task so as to improve their livelihood, where lie the greatest interests of Hong Kong residents. — MNA/Xinhua

## Blair's debate on Hutton Report suspended by demonstrators

**LONDON, 5 Feb**—The British Parliament's House of Commons was suspended Wednesday after a group of protesters in the public gallery continually interrupted the debate on the Hutton Report over the death of arms expert David Kelly.

Anti-war protesters shouted "murderer" and no more whitewashes" shortly after Prime Minister Tony Blair opened the debate. Amid the interruption, Blair joked: "I somehow feel I am not being entirely persuasive in certain quarters."

He said the best defence against claims of a whitewash was the Hutton Report, which cleared the government of embellishing its Iraq weapons dossier.

Commons Speaker Michael Martin suspended the debate until 1305 GMT for the public gallery to be cleared.

On Wednesday morning, five demonstrators were arrested for throwing white paint at the gates of Downing Street to protest the narrow remit of an inquiry into Britain's intelligence on Iraq's weapons of mass destruction. The protesters, said to be dressed in judges' wigs and robes, were arrested

at about 0900 GMT and the paint was later cleaned off by firefighters using high-powered water jets.

Blair told the lawmakers Wednesday that the inquiry into prewar Iraq intelligence will not examine "whether it was right to go to war or not," saying the issue was a question for the government, Parliament and "ultimately the people" to decide. —MNA/Xinhua



Supporters of 'The Stop The War Coalition' burn a copy of the Hutton Report outside Downing Street recently. The House of Commons was briefly suspended after a group of anti-Iraq war protesters shouted "murderer" and other abuse at Prime Minister Tony Blair. — INTERNET

## Malaysian trade surplus up 45% in 2003

**KUALA LUMPUR, 5 Feb**—Malaysia recorded a big trade surplus of 19.74 billion US dollars in 2003, up 45 per cent over the previous year, an official release said on Wednesday.

Driven by the surge in exports since last March, total exports for the whole year reached an all-time high of 100.6 billion US dollars, an increase of 8 per cent from 93.17 billion US dollars in 2002, Ministry of International Trade and Industry said in its preliminary release of the Malaysia External Trade Statistics. Imports, meanwhile, increased by 1.6 per cent to 80.86 billion US dollars from the 2002 volume, the release indicated.

During the year, the exports to most markets registered increases, it said, adding exports to other ASEAN members increased by 7 per cent, the European Union by 9.4 per cent, Japan by 5.3 per cent, China by 22.6 per cent, Hong Kong by 15.5 per cent, and India by 42.6 per cent.

Malaysian major export products in 2003 included electrical and electronic products, palm oil, chemicals and chemical products, crude petroleum, liquefied natural gas, machinery, appliance and parts as well as wood products.

MNA/Xinhua

## Seven missing after fishing boat sinks in South China

**GUANGZHOU, 5 Feb**—Ships and planes are searching for seven missing fishermen aboard a boat which sunk Tuesday in the southern sea areas of Guangdong Province.

The accident occurred at 40 sea miles to the southeast of Huilai County in Jieyang City at 3:00 p.m. and seven fishermen aboard fell into the sea, according to the South China Sea rescue centre under the Ministry of Communications.

One ship from the centre and a warship from the South China Sea Fleet immediately took part in the rescue. Two planes with heat-detecting devices have also been scouring the sea areas. — MNA/Xinhua

# Iraq under US and allies' occupation

## Sufferings of Iraqi people resulting from US-led war against Iraq

During the US-led war against Iraq, the lack of adequate clean water and electricity supplies in much of the city of Baghdad was hampering efforts to treat the wounded. The situation overall was extremely problematic in terms of clean water supply and sewage evacuation.



*Iraqi Munthir Sabir, who lost six members of his immediate family when an American ammunition dump exploded and destroyed his home, walks through the remains of the site on Saturday 26 April, 2003.*



*Iraqis pass a US-led forces checkpoint at an area known as Bridge Four outside Basra in southern Iraq, on 29 March, 2003. Explosions have been heard around the southern Iraqi city of Basra, a correspondent for Qatar-based al-Jazeera television reported on 30 March, 2003.*



*Debris litters the inside of a maternity hospital hit by coalition forces in Baghdad on 1 April, 2003.*



*An Iraqi girl leaves the city of Basra in southern Iraq across one of the town's bridges manned by British soldiers, on 30 March, 2003.*



*Eleven-month-old Iraqi girl Rossal cries in a Baghdad children's hospital near her two-year-old sister Aya as both suffer from gastroenteritis due to poor drinking water, on 18 April, 2003. Iraq's collapsed infrastructure means the re-establishment of basic services and civil authorities are more urgent priorities than food aid, humanitarian workers said on 19 April.*



*An Iraqi man holds his daughter, wounded during an airstrike according to hospital sources, in a hospital in Baghdad on 6 April, 2003.*

### Iraqi deaths up to 29 January 2004

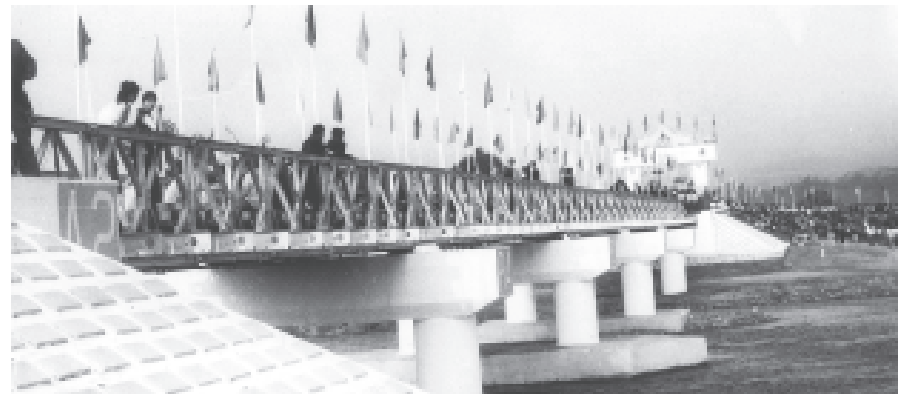
No	Iraqi side	Death toll
1.	Iraqi service personnel	about 10,000
2.	Civilian	9896
	Total	19896

Hailing the 57<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Union Day:Development images of Shan State (East) in the time of  
the State Peace and Development Council

Development Sector	1988	2004
<b>Agriculture</b>		
Sown acreage	179489	274950
Sown acreage (all year round)	205821	337329
Highland cultivation (acre)	-	25000
Irrigation facility	5	17
<b>Communication</b>		
Microwave station	-	11
Post office	11	26
Telegraph office	2	20
Auto-exchange	4	33
Telephone	2510	7465
<b>Electric power</b>		
Hydropower plant	-	2
<b>Information</b>		
Myanma Alin/Kyemon sub-printing house (Kengtung)	-	1
TV retransmission station	3	12
Information & Public Relations Department	-	14



The photo taken on 20 May, 2003 shows the 200-bed General Hospital in Kengtung, Shan State (East).



The 300 feet long and 12 feet wide Nantmwe creek bridge in Shan State (East) which was opened on 15 September 2003.



The Government has been striving for uplift of health and fitness of the people in border areas. Photo shows the Nursing and Midwifery Training School in Kengtung, Shan State (East).



Mongpan Hydel Power Station constructed on the east of Monghsat Township in Shan State (East).



An aerial view of developing Mongla in Shan State (East).

Development Sector	1988	2004
<b>Transport</b>		
Tarred road (mile)	110	214
Earth road (mile)	258	314
Bridge (above 180 feet)	4	8
<b>Education</b>		
School (basic)	355	611
Multimedia teaching centre	-	18
E-library	-	11
University/college	-	3
<b>Health</b>		
Hospital (200-bed)	-	1
Hospital (50-bed)	1	3
Hospital (25-bed)	1	6
Hospital (16-bed)	2	8
Border hospital	-	6
Rural health care centre	18	24
Traditional clinic	-	1
Border clinic	-	20

## Marching toward Golden Land in unity and amity



**Unity is strength**



*The youth development training school in Kengtung, Shan State (East) has been built for the development of nationalities in border areas.*

As the saying "Seeing is believing" goes, it was amazing to see the development of the border areas.

I frequently visited Lashio and Kengtung. Every time I visited the regions in eastern and northern Shan State I noticed more and more progress. The towns in the border areas are much like those of foreign countries.

After the government had taken up State duties in 1988, it restored peace and tranquillity in the country.

The government made peace with 17 armed groups. National race leaders who have returned to the legal fold are participating in the regional and national development tasks hand in hand with the people. The government has also made efforts for development of border ar-

eas and national races that lagged behind in development for various reasons after regaining the independence.

In order to implement the project for development of border areas and national races effectively and widely, the Central Committee for Development of Border Areas and National Races chaired by Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe was formed on 25 May 1989.

The Work Committee for Development of Border Areas and National Races comprising Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Khin Nyunt (now Prime Minister) as chairman was also formed in order to carry out the tasks

Races and Development Affairs on 30 January 1994 for raising the momentum of the tasks being undertaken and im-

plementing urban and rural development projects.

After formation of the ministry, efforts were made for progress of border areas that lagged behind in development.

The ministry un-

dertook the tasks for communication, transport, education, health, agriculture and livestock breeding.

By doing so, transport facilities devel-

oped and economic, social, education and health sectors also improved.

The towns in the

border areas have developed. Even modern buildings and five-star hotels and motels have emerged in the areas.

Mongla in Shan State East Special Region-4 was once only a village and there was no

Hailing the 57th Anniversary Union Day:

## Developing border areas



*Kengtung Degree College in Shan State (East). — MNA*

for development of border areas and national races.

The government constituted the Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National

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Now there are high-rise buildings as in other cities of the world. Namtip village with small huts has become a big town bordering China. Developing Chinshwehaw and Laukkai in Kokang region are cities in the border areas.

Tachilek at the Thai border has become a city

of the Golden Triangle and developed like major towns in the divisions.

Panglong University that people have never dreamed of has emerged in Panglong region, an auspicious land of national races. Government Computer College (Panglong), Government Technological College (Panglong), Loilem 200-bed specialist hospital and Panglong digital auto exchange have also been built.

(See page 9)

### Area and population of regions where border area development projects are being implemented

State	7
Division	2
Region	18
Township	68
Area	83415.34 miles
Population	over 5.3 million

### Roads and bridges built under border area development projects

Earth road	over 2793 miles
Gravel road	over 1640 miles
Tarred road	over 306 miles
Renovated road	over 2971 miles
Major bridge	42
Small bridge	659
Suspension bridge	16

## Sein Shwe Hlaing

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*The photo shows thriving poppy-substitute crops such as honey orange and lychee in Tachilek region of Shan State (East).*

## Developing border areas



Newly built Tachilek airport seen magnificently in Tachilek, Shan State (East).

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In accord with the guidance of Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe, the Panglong University was opened on 11 February 2003 for all-round development of the Panglong region, the heart of national people where the Union Spirit was conceived. The first courses of the university started on 18 December 2003. Students from eleven townships in Loilem and other three townships are attending the courses on Myanmar, English, Geography, History, Philosophy, Law, Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics, Zoology, Botany and Geology at the university. The university situated in the north of old Nankyinpu town near Panglong-Leikha is 206

acres wide.

Construction of Computer College started on 1 June 2002 and Technological College on 1 July 2002. The 200-bed special hospital was constructed on 27 May 2002. The facilities were opened on 11 February 2003. Transport for the people living in Panglong area is now smooth and new generation youths who are human resources can learn higher education living

in their own region. An opportunity to pursue higher education had never been provided in the past.

Border areas development tasks cover seven states and two divisions, 18 regions and 68 townships. The total areas of the project with a population of over 5.3 million are approximately 83,415 square miles. Earth roads stretching over 2,793 miles, gravel roads over

1,640 miles, tar roads 306 miles were constructed and over 2971 miles of roads were upgraded in the border areas under the development project. A total of 42 large and 659 small bridges and 16 suspension bridges were built. The total cost of roads and bridges was K 2,719.11 million. Endeavours were made for education, health, communications, agriculture, livestock breeding, min-

eral exploration, forest conservation and energy sectors.



Thriving paddy fields in Mongla region of Special Region-4 in Shan State (East).

### Poem

#### Panglong Chronicle

- Panglong land will stand witness  
All citizens born of the Union  
Put all their strength together and did it  
There's no change in historic trend  
It emerged strong, practically new  
Hands held together, we made a historic vow  
For pride and benefit of nation  
Ever striving, we continue on our journey  
Myanmar people's abode, start an era  
For emergence of one, we are building  
A new dawn brightness the horizon.
- Panglong's history, strong as the storm  
With violence, the foreign intruders  
We drove out, from the states and mainland  
Unitedly, and Myanmar's freedom  
We built together blood brothers  
Born of the Union, citizens all  
Proudly we proclaim, trusted chronicle  
We call witness, till eternity  
Long enduring, vibrant and alert  
Strength within nation.
- The time machine, changes what is  
Era alters, lines of history  
We hold a witness, our land, this Union  
To be perpetuated, looking ahead  
Along the route, exert all energies  
And defend the land, we make this vow  
The earth shall stand witness  
Panglong Chronicle, we use as vow,  
We implore, what you call Myanmar  
Shall be permanent, as long as the world exists.

Kaytu Nilar (Trs)

(Hailing the 57th Anniversary Union Day)

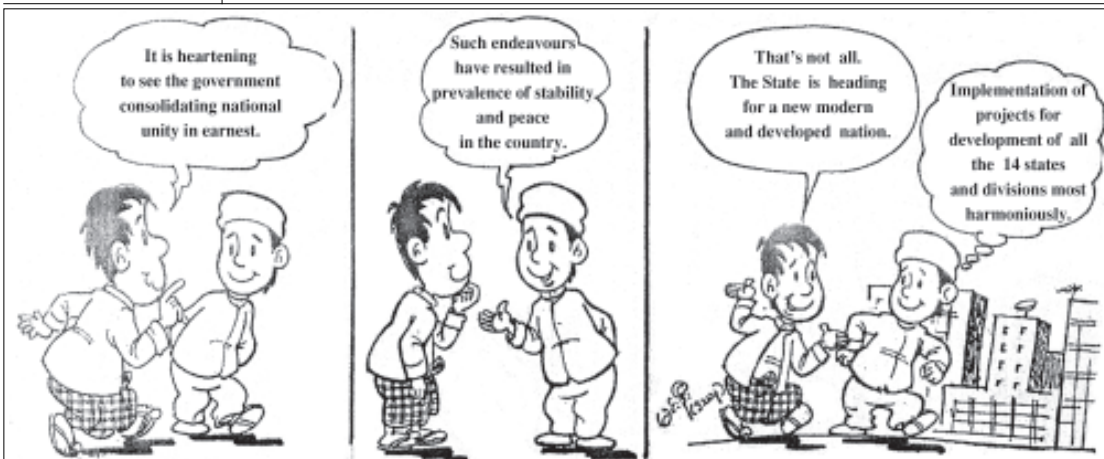
The government is implementing the 15-year plan for elimination of narcotic drugs which causes hindrance to border areas development. Up to 15 December 2003, the government spent over K 49,701.13 million on the project.

Now everybody can witness unprecedented development of border areas with high-rise buildings and modern communication facilities.

In the past, these regions lagged behind in development due to lack of peace.

Now the border areas are enjoying fruitful results of development thanks to the efforts of national race leaders who have returned to the legal fold and participation of the entire people fully equipped with the Union Spirit.

Translations: NY





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## Senior General Than Shwe and Daw Kyaing Kyaing attend Buddha Pujaniya of ...

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Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe presented robes and offertories to Sayadaw Bhaddanta Pañindabhivamsa.

Daw Khin Than Nwe presented robes and offertories to State Ovadacariya Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Naninda.

General Thura Shwe Mann and Daw Khin Lay Thet presented robes and offertories to State Ovadacariya Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Bhaddanta Rajindabhivamsa.

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win and wife Daw Than Than Nwe presented robes and offertories to State Ovadacariya Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Nandavamsa.

Members of the State Peace and Development Council, the Yangon Command commander, ministers, the chief justice, the attorney-general, the chairman of CSSTB, the Yangon mayor and deputy ministers presented robes and offertories to Sayadaws.

Bhaddanta Kumara delivered a sermon, and the congregation shared the merits gained.

Senior General Than Shwe and Daw Kyaing Kyaing and the congregation offered 'soon' to 500 Sayadaws led by State Ovadacariya Sayadaws and Sayadaws of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee. The artistes of the Fine Arts Department of the Ministry of Culture sang the religious songs.

Staff of the Ministry of Defence, the Prime Minister's Office, the Military Intelligence, the SPDC Office, the Adjutant-General's Office, the Quartermaster-General's Office, the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Navy), the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Air), ministries, the Supreme Court, the Attorney-General's Office, the Auditor-General's Office, the CSSTB, the Yangon City Development Committee and the Township Peace and Development Councils in Yangon Division and donors presented offertories to Sayadaws on the pagoda platform and at the northern stairway.

Thiri Thudhamma Manijota Agga Maha Thiri Thudhamma Manijotas Teingya U Than Hla, on behalf of the congregation, shared the merits gained.

Senior General Than Shwe and Daw Kyaing Kyaing and party inspected the all-round development project of the Mindhamma Hill and viewed the religious buildings on it. — MNA



Daw Khin Than Nwe, wife of Lt-Gen Tin Oo, presents offertories to a Sayadaw.

MNA

## Greening of Yangon International Airport, environs ...

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Next, Deputy Minister for Construction Brigadier Myint Thein reported on assistance to be rendered for betterment of transportation in the zones. Officials of the zones also reported on progress of cultivating various kinds of crops and vegetables and conditions of irrigation facilities for supply of irrigation water.

Later, Deputy Director-General of the Irrigation Department U Khin Zaw presented progress reports on measures being taken for efficient supply of irrigation water and prospects of draining water from Moyungyi Lake; and Deputy Director-General of Water Resources Utilization Department U Hla Myint Maung on river-water pumping projects.

In response to the reports, the commander gave

instructions and attended to the requirements. Afterwards, the commander and party inspected tasks being undertaken for supply of irrigation water for summer paddy fields, and fish ponds being conducted by Ayeyawady Naval Region Command Headquarters. Departmental officials conducted the commander and party round the paddy fields. After inspecting the paddy fields, the commander urged the officials to render assistance to farmers to be able to conduct the double cropping on a broader scale. The commander and party also looked into the thriving summer paddy fields of the battalions and units under the No 11 LID. After hearing the reports, the commander gave instructions on strict supervision for supply of irrigation water for suc-

cess of summer paddy.

Next, the commander and party oversaw the progress of the tarring of the circular road linking No 1 Trunk Road with No 3 Trunk Road in Mingaladon Township and heard reports on construction of the road and tasks left to be done. After hearing the reports, the commander gave instructions on timely completion of the project meeting the set standard.

The commander also inspected the thriving summer paddy cultivated by the battalions and units under Yangon Command on both sides of No 3 Trunk Road in Mingaladon Township. After hearing the reports, the commander gave instructions on efforts to obtain the targeted yield of summer paddy and attended to the requirements.—MNA

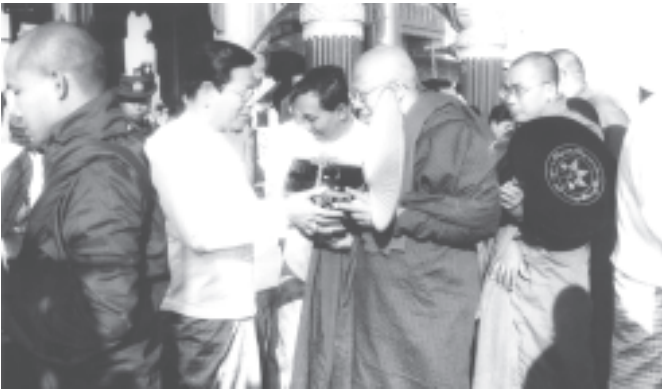
**The best time to plant a tree  
was 20 years ago.  
The second best time is now.**



*Head of State Senior General Than Shwe presents alms to a sayadaw.—MNA*



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*Daw Khin Than Nwe presents alms to a sayadaw.—MNA*

## **Buddha Pujaniya of Lawka Chantha Abhaya Labha Muni Buddha Image held**



*General Thura Shwe Mann presents alms to a sayadaw.—MNA*



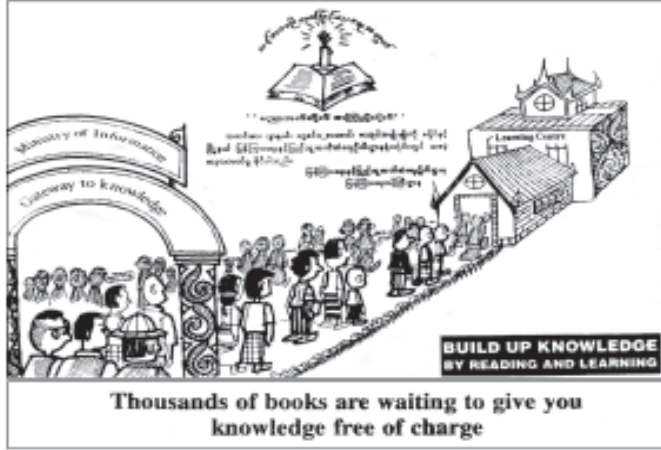
*Daw Khin Lay Thet presents alms to a sayadaw.—MNA*



*Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win presents alms to a sayadaw.—MNA*



*Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan presents alms to a sayadaw.—MNA*



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### Paramount sues Japanese company over due payment

LOS ANGELES, 5 Feb — The Paramount Pictures International on Monday sued a Japanese company for allegedly failing to make a 3-million-dollar due payment.

The studio is also seeking "millions of dollars in damages" from the defendant, Movie Television Inc., according to the Los Angeles Superior Court.

Representatives of the Movie Television Inc. could

not be reached for comment.

The studio claims it had leased the rights to movies and TV shows to Movie Television Inc. for sale to Japanese networks since 2000. Paramount Pictures International notified the Japanese company last week that it terminated the deal.

According to the lawsuit, Movie Television Inc. should pay Paramount three million dollars as of January 1.

MNA/Xinhua

## DON'T SMOKE

### Soros says US under Bush is danger to world

BERLIN, 5 Feb — Billionaire fund manager George Soros said on Wednesday the United States under President George W Bush was "a danger to the world" and renewed a pledge to open his wallet to Democratic Party challengers.

In an interview with Germany's *Stern* magazine, he said he had donated 12.5 million US dollars to back Democratic challengers so far. "The Bush Government wants to force its will upon the whole world," said Soros, whose 11.5 billion US dollars Soros Fund Management is one of the world's largest hedge funds. "This government has fallen into the hands of political extremists. America is a danger for the world."

Soros, 73, "broke" the British pound in 1992 and in May 2003 helped push the US dollar to near record lows against the euro by announcing he was selling greenbacks. He said he had lived in totalitarian systems in Hungary under both the Nazis and Communists, and feared the Bush Administration

### Microsoft issues patch for browser software flaw

LOS ANGELES, 5 Feb — Microsoft Corp., which was bracing for an attack against its web site by the MyDoom.B virus, issued a patch on Tuesday for what it called a critical flaw in its Web browser software. Microsoft posted on its web site a fix for its Internet Explorer Web browser that prevents malicious software coders from making any web site address look like that of another, a tactic scammers have used to trick individuals into disclosing personal banking information. — MNA/Xinhua

was moving the country in an ominous direction.

"I'm not comparing Bush to the Nazis but something's happening in this country that I never thought possible: the open society is deeply endangered," Soros said. He said he was alarmed the government was exploiting fears over the September 11, 2001, suicide attacks to pursue its aims. "It's often said this terrible act of terror changed the world," he said. "No, the world is being changed by the way the Bush Government is reacting to this terror, the way it's exploiting it and using it to curtail civil liberties and striving to rule the world."

Soros said his campaign contributions were a drop in the bucket but hoped they would help level the playing field. MNA/Reuters

### German beer sales fall for fourth straight year

BERLIN, 5 Feb — Germans drank less beer for a fourth straight year in 2003 as a new government deposit on cans and an ageing population led to sales erosion at the nation's 1,280 breweries, data showed on Monday. "Even the hottest summer in a century could not even out the slump in sales caused by political decisions," said Erich Dederichs, a spokesman for the German Brewers' Association, which represents around 90 percent of beer makers. Beer production fell 2.1 per cent from the previous year, the eighth decline in the past decade, to 105.5 million hectolitres, from 107.8 million in 2002, the Federal Statistics Office said.

A hectolitre is 100 litres (22 Imperial gallons). Last year's sales were enough to fill about 10,560 Olympic-

sized swimming pools.

German beer production has been declining steadily since the mid-1990s, when breweries produced more than 115 million hectolitres a year. The country is still the third biggest consumer on a per capita basis, behind the Czech Republic and Ireland.

Brewers have said changing demographics are partly to blame for the drop in demand as fewer younger people in the German population means fewer beer drinkers. They also blame the slide on the fact that drinkers must pay a 25-cent deposit for each throwaway can, a rule that came into effect in January 2003 to promote recycling. The effect of the law has been to virtually eliminate canned beer on the German market.

MNA/Reuters

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### Russia's Yukos, Sibneft agree to halt merger

Moscow, 5 Feb — Shareholders with Russia's oil firms Yukos and Sibneft signed a protocol Monday to cancel their already suspended merger, Millhouse Capital, the trustee of the core Sibneft shareholders, said on Tuesday. "The parties reached agreement to conduct, as quickly as possible, all necessary actions to implement the protocol," Millhouse in a Press release.

The Russian oil giant Yukos signed a merger agreement with Sibneft last April, a move expected to create Russia's No 1 and the world's No. 4 private oil producer.

However, the merger was suspended in November re-

portedly due to Yukos core shareholders' rejection of Sibneft's demand for the control of the merged company. In mid-December, the Sibneft owners said the merger was off.

Yukos has been in trouble since July when one of its core shareholders, Platon Lebedev, was arrested on charges of theft of state property in a 1994 privatization deal. That was followed by the arrest of other core shareholders, including that of Mikhail Khodorkovsky, the former chief executive officer of Yukos and the richest man in Russia, on October 25 on seven charges ranging from fraud to tax evasion. — MNA/Xinhua

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Pixar Animation Studios on 4 Feb, 2004 claimed the mantle as world's top animated film maker after posting record quarterly income from runaway DVD sales of computer-animated hit 'Finding Nemo.' Chief Executive Steve Jobs made clear his company's relationship with Walt Disney Co would end when their distribution deal ran out in 2005, calling Disney's latest animated films bombs and its sequels embarrassing.—INTERNET

## Beijing police crack down on fireworks

**BEIJING, 5 Feb—** Beijing police have continued a major crackdown on the illegal manufacture, sale and igniting of fireworks.

Local police smashed 720 cases of illegal fireworks dealing from October 2003 to February 2, said Yu Hongyuan, deputy director of the city public security bureau on Wednesday. To improve public awareness of the fireworks ban, police officers distributed over four million copies of publicity materials and over 30,000 posters from 1 January to the Spring Festival, a traditional time of family gatherings, which fell on 22 January this year.

Beijing's eight urban districts and some suburban areas have banned firecrackers since 1993, but some Beijingers are still reluctant to farewell a traditional method of celebration.

At midnight of January 21, the eve of the Chinese Lunar New Year, many

Beijingers welcomed the Year of the Monkey with firecrackers.

Bright flashes and loud booms have been seen and heard around the city proper even in recent days as it is traditionally regarded that the festival concludes on Thursday, the 15th day of the first month on the Chinese lunar calendar or the festival of lanterns.

Illegally-lit firecrackers claimed four lives and injured 307 during the festival period, according to statistics from the city health bureau. Beijing's fire control department received reports of 871 fires from January 21 to 26, a 157-per-cent rise from the figure for the corresponding period last year. Two people died in fires. Over 210,000 police officers and security guards were patrolling the streets from January 22 to 26.—MNA/Xinhua

## Prosecutors say Newark security staff had crime records

**NEWARK (New Jersey), 5 Feb—**A New Jersey company charged with corruption could have jeopardized security at Newark Airport outside New York City by employing 27 people with criminal records there, prosecutors said on Tuesday.

A grand jury indicted Haynes Security company, its President John D'Agostino, 50, and his wife and company CEO Carol D'Agostino, 48, on corruption charges involving bribery, theft and conspiracy over five years starting in 1999.

"The outcome of the alleged illegal activity had the potential to jeopardize security at Newark Airport," State Attorney General Peter Harvey said.

He said there was no direct connection between the case and any security lapse at the airport on 11 September, 2001.

"A few of these workers did overlap on September 11 but we cannot tie at this point any conduct by these individuals to any of the September 11 events," Harvey said.

The indictment said Haynes had more than 12 million US dollars in contracts with the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey and Continental Airlines for Newark airport security. It said there was a pattern of bribes, theft and conspiracy by company officers in security contracts. They

failed to fingerprint thousands of personnel or send fingerprints and background checks to police as required by law.

Harvey said investigators found 27 people with criminal records working at Newark for Haynes.

He said the airport, which handles about 33,000 flights and 2.5 million passengers a month, had improved safety since the attacks led to nationwide tightening of security.

"Obviously, there is more work to be done, but we needn't be unduly alarmed," Harvey said. The grand jury also indicted Benjamin Riggi, 51, a manager of Public Service Electric and Gas Co.. He is accused of accepting 7,500 US dollars in a purported loan from Haynes — that was never paid back — in exchange for giving favourable reports to PSE&G about Haynes' performance. The defendants face up to 10 years in prison and fines of up to 150,000 US dollars each if convicted.—MNA/Reuters

## Mozambican President calls for joint efforts against epidemics

**MAPUTO, 5 Feb—**Mozambican President Joaquim Chissano has urged Mozambique's local society and the international community to work together in the fight against the HIV/AIDS and the cholera epidemics, local media reported here.

Chissano was speaking at the district of Marracuene, about 30 kilometres north of Maputo City, on Monday, during celebrations to mark the 109th anniversary of "Gwaza Muthini", an 1895 battle between the invading Portuguese Army and Mozambican resistance fighters.

Chissano called on all Mozambicans to be strict in observing the measures established by the Mozambican health authorities, in order to prevent the spread of these diseases. He also urged all Mozambique's research institutions to seek and collect data on the country's history and culture, which could then be systematized and published.

MNA/Xinhua

## 30 volunteers to receive SARS vaccine test in China

**BEIJING, 5 Feb—** Chinese scientists will select 30 volunteers to receive clinical tests for developing a vaccine against severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS), said sources with China's SARS vaccine research team.

The team has drawn up an implementation plan for the clinical research of a SARS vaccine. The first phase will last for three months in either Beijing, south China's Guangdong Province or neighbouring Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region.

The volunteers will comprise 15 men and 15 women aged from 18 to 40. The volunteers should pass medical examination and clinical observation.

They will be vaccinated only after signing an agreement, said the team leader. Their body temperatures should not be higher than 37 degrees Centigrade before vaccination.

The vaccine was found safe and effective in experiments on animals, including the rhesus monkey. The first phase test aimed to see if it

was safe and effective on the human body.

There were still risks, said the team leader. The vaccination might cause minor adverse effects such as low fever and pain. But these symptoms could disappear naturally without medical treatment.

A committee would be set up to protect the rights of the volunteers, who could participate or withdraw from the test at will. Researchers would provide medical treatment if they suffered any ill effects, said the team leader.

On the other hand, volunteers should follow the researchers' instructions and the requirements of the research programme. Under the implementation plan, the second phase of clinical testing will have more participants from a wider age range.

MNA/Xinhua

## Lusaka closes schools, market to contain cholera outbreak

**LUSAKA, 5 Feb—** The authorities in the Zambian capital Lusaka have closed four schools and a major market to contain the latest cholera outbreak, the official *Times of Zambia* newspaper reported Wednesday.

The closure was aiming to allow for cleaning exercises that the authorities hope to help contain the cholera outbreak that has killed over 80 people in the city since last November.

The closed schools are located in Chawama and

Mandevu townships. Chawama is one of the townships that have reported the largest number of cholera cases.

Soweto, the largest open air food market in Lusaka, was also closed amid heavy police presence and protests by reluctant traders.

Daniel Bowasi, Lusaka Province education officer, was quoted as saying that the schools were closed due to the poor sanitation conditions which the Health Ministry fears would worsen the cholera situation.

MNA/Xinhua



The 2005 Hyundai Tucson makes its debut at the Chicago Auto Show, on 4 Feb, 2004.—INTERNET

## US man fined for shipping self in plane

**DALLAS, 5 Feb—**A man who shipped himself across America in an air cargo crate to avoid paying a passenger fare was fined 1,500 US dollars on Wednesday and sentenced to 120 days of house arrest.

A federal court at Fort Worth, Texas, also put Charles McKinley, dubbed by local media as "Charlie in a Box", on probation for one year. He had faced up to one year in prison after pleading guilty to stowing away on an aircraft.

Last September McKinley, 25, filled out an air fight order that charged his New York computer company for the shipping costs, stuffed himself in a crate and sent his 5-foot-8-inch (173 centimetre) body in a box that was 42 inches (107 centimetre) high, 36 inches (91 centimetre) wide and 15 inches deep (38 centimetre).

MNA/Reuters

## SPORTS

**Benfica honour memory of Feher in league victory**

LISBON, 5 Feb— Benfica beat Academica 2-0 in an emotional Portuguese league match late on Tuesday, their first game since striker Miklos Feher died on the pitch last month.

Feher, a 24-year-old Hungarian international, collapsed and died during a league game at Vitoria Guimaraes on January 25. The cause of his death has yet to be determined.

Players and officials gathered in a circle at midfield for a minute of silence before the game, which was played in front of a capacity crowd of 56,000 at Benfica's Stadium of Light.

Giant screens showed images of Feher's career and the Benfica players carried his name on the back of their shirts. Feher's own number 29 shirt has been retired by the club.

When Slovenian midfielder Zlatko Zahovic put Benfica ahead with a header from a free kick in the 28th minute, his team mates gathered in an embrace and knelt, fingers pointing to the sky, to dedicate the goal to Feher.

"Feher will always be with us in the locker room and at Benfica," coach Jose Antonio Camacho told Record sports newspaper.

MNA/Reuters



Real Madrid's Jose Maria Gutierrez, left, David Beckham and Zinedine Zidane embrace to Raul Gonzalez, centre, after he scored a goal against Sevilla during a King's Cup semifinal first leg soccer match in Madrid, Spain, on 4 Feb, 2004.—INTERNET

**Real take handy Cup advantage against Sevilla**

MADRID, 5 Feb — Real Madrid edged towards a place in the King's Cup final as second-half goals from Santiago Solari and Raul earned them a 2-0 win over Sevilla in their semifinal first leg at the Bernabeu on Wednesday.

Solari put Real ahead when he rifled the ball in from the edge of the area 10 minutes into the second half of what had been an evenly matched encounter.

The Argentine midfielder helped set up the second 15 minutes from time, winning the ball on the left and working it across for Raul to sweep low into the right-hand corner with a classy first-time finish.

Sevilla produced a typically gritty performance but failed to take their chances and Real will have a valuable lead going into next week's second leg.

Second-Division Alaves host Real Zaragoza in the second semifinal, first leg on Thursday.

Missing leading striker Ronaldo, who was forced to pull out at the last minute because of illness, Real were guilty of a series of bad misses in the first half.

Zinedine Zidane created the first clear chance of the game, teeing the ball up for an unmarked Raul to smash high and wide from eight metres out.

Sevilla, who dealt Real Madrid their worst defeat of the season when beating them 4-1 at home in the league, were quick to respond.

Midfielder Marti sent a rising shot over the bar and, in the next attack, Dario Silva made room for himself on the left before shooting straight at Real keeper Cesar.

Real were caught out midway through the half when Julio Baptista burst past two defenders on his way into the area, but the Brazilian striker lost his footing under pressure from Raul Bravo.

Real upped the pressure in the final 10 minutes before the break, but Javier Portillo and Ivan Helguera both missed with close-range headers over the bar.

The game turned with Solari's spectacular finish in the 55th minute.

Given space on the left, the Argentine turned inside one defender on the edge of the area and lashed the ball across goalkeeper Esteban and into the roof of the net.

Real picked up a gear after the goal and Roberto Carlos, Guti and Zidane all carved out chances before Raul added the second.

MNA/Reuters

**Pekerman agrees to leave cash-strapped Leganes**

MADRID, 5 Feb— Former Argentine youth coach Jose Pekerman has given up his position as sporting director of Spanish second division side Leganes in the wake of the economic crisis facing the club.

"Pekerman has realised that a small club like Leganes cannot permit itself the luxury of having a sporting director," club president Jesus Polo told sports daily Marca on Wednesday.

"We have to reduce costs to see if we can face up to the difficult situation in which the club now finds itself."

Pekerman, who steered Argentina to three World Youth Cup victories between 1995 and 2001, was appointed to the post in August following the planned purchase of the club by Argentine music tycoon Daniel Grinbank.—MNA/Reuters

**City come back from dead to win Cup replay**

LONDON, 5 Feb — Kevin Keegan's luck finally turned at White Hart Lane on Wednesday as his Manchester City side pulled off one of the greatest comebacks in FA Cup history to beat Tottenham Hotspur 4-3 in a fourth-round replay.

Eight-times Cup winners Tottenham appeared to have booked a fifth-round trip to Manchester United by halftime, thanks to superb goals by Ledley King, Robbie Keane and Christian Ziege.

But City, reduced to 10 men when midfielder Joey Barton was sent off for dissent seconds after referee Rob Styles had blown his whistle for halftime, roared back.

Sylvain Distin headed in Michael Tarnat's clever free kick three minutes after the break and, when Paul Bosvelt's shot deflected into the net off Spurs defender Anthony Gardener in the 61st, Spurs were suddenly rocking.

City goalkeeper Arni Arason pulled off some great saves as Tottenham tried to kill the tie, but the home side were stunned when Shaun Wright-Phillips lobbed an 80th-minute equalizer.

With the pulsating game heading for extra time, there was one final twist when John Macken, who replaced injured Nicolas Anelka midway through the first half, rose to head home a last-gasp winner.

Keegan, whose reign at City is under threat after a run of 11 Premier League games without a win has left them just above the relegation zone, could only watch a nightmarish first half in stunned silence as his side were torn to shreds.

Central midfielder King curled in a de-

lightful opener after two minutes and Keane, scorer of a penalty in the first match which earned Spurs a 1-1 draw, applied a cool finish from Stephen Carr's pass to make it 2-0 after 19 minutes.

City lost leading scorer Anelka to injury after 27 minutes and when Ziege, playing his second match after a long injury break, made it 3-0 just before the break with a dipping free kick the second period seemed a formality.

But, in a crazy reversal of fortune, City somehow dragged themselves back to book a mouth-watering Manchester derby in the fifth round and avenge their defeat by Spurs in the League Cup this season.

Speaking to Sky Sports, a disbelieving Keegan said: "I don't know how to describe my emotions. It was an incredible comeback, they'll talk about this long after we've all gone. 'I'm very proud of the team. At halftime, I walked off and asked where the nearest job centre was.'"

Tottenham manager David Pleat slammed his side for a shocking collapse.

"We were sloppy, even in the first half," he said. "The players have let themselves down and the fans must be devastated. We will see now if the players can cope with this defeat, I'll be looking for a reaction."

In the other fourth-round replay, Fulham were leading Everton 2-1 in extra time.

MNA/Reuters

**Bayern fall to second division Aachen in Cup**

BERLIN, 5 Feb— Second Division Alemannia Aachen knocked holders Bayern Munich out of the German Cup quarterfinals with a spirited 2-1 win on Wednesday.

Dutch striker Erik Meijer hit the winner with a headed goal nine minutes from time after the home side had showed more initiative throughout.

It was the second dismal performance in recent days by the German champions after they were held to a 1-1 draw by strugglers Eintracht Frankfurt in the Bundesliga on Saturday.

Defender Stefan Blank opened the scoring for Aachen after 33 minutes before Bayern levelled against the run of play, courtesy of a diving header from Germany midfielder Michael Ballack in first-half added time.

Bayern, lying third in the Bundesliga six points behind leaders Werder Bremen, will have to improve dramatically if they are to trouble Real Madrid in the opening knock-out round of the Champions League.

"We failed to dictate play and we could not keep up with the pace," said Bayern coach Ottmar Hitzfeld.—MNA/Reuters

**Sochaux's Oruma spoils St Etienne League Cup party**

PARIS, 5 Feb— A double by Nigeria's Wilson Oruma spoils St Etienne's party as Sochaux fought back from two goals down to win 3-2 in extra-time and qualify for their second successive French League Cup final on Wednesday.

Once great St. Etienne, relegated to France's Second Division in 2001, found themselves two goals up after 22 minutes thanks to Patrice Carteron and Lilian Compan and on course for their first domestic final for 22 years. But Oruma levelled the scoring on the hour before silencing the 33,000 fans in the Geoffroy Guichard Stadium with a brilliant winner in the 103rd minute.

In the final at the Stade de France on April 17, Sochaux will meet Nantes with both teams trying to win the trophy for the first time.

Nantes beat AJ Auxerre on penalties in the other semifinal on Tuesday.

"I can hardly believe we made it back.

"They're a great team, enthusiastic and technical, I'm sure they will return to the top flight next season," said Sochaux coach Guy Lacombe.—MNA/Reuters



Inter Milan's Adriano from Brazil, left, celebrates with teammate Alvaro Recoba from Uruguay during the Italian Cup match between Juventus and Inter, in Turin's Delle Alpi Stadium, Italy, on 4 Feb, 2004.—INTERNET

**MRTV-3**
**6-2-2004 (Friday)**  
**(Programme Schedule)**  
**Morning Transmission**  
**(9:00 - 10:00)**

- 9:00 Signature Tune  
Greeting
- 9:02 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Mingalabar"
- 9:06 Union of Myanmar  
(Kayah State)
- 9:10** **Headline News**
- 9:12 Aungpan Oranges
- 9:15** **National News**
- 9:20 Myanmar Elephants  
from Myanmar Forest
- 9:25 Leprosy Elimination  
Commemorative Day
- 9:30** **National News**
- 9:35 A Hidden Treasure  
(Kekku)
- 9:40 Song "We'll Greet  
You In Mon Language"
- 9:42 Kayan Dance
- 9:45** **National News**
- 9:50 Traditional Chin Li-  
queur (Khaung Yay)
- 9:58 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Come and See  
Myanmar"

**6-2-2004 (Friday)**  
**Regular Programmes for**  
**Viewers from Abroad**  
**Evening Transmission**  
**(15:30 - 17:30)**

- 15:30 Signature Tune  
Greeting
- 15:32 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Myanmar Pano-  
rama & Myanma Sen-  
timent"
- 15:36 Union of Myanmar  
(Kayah State)
- 15:40** **Headline News**
- 15:42 Aungpan Oranges
- 15:45** **National News**
- 15:50 Myanmar Elephants  
from Myanmar Forest
- 15:55 Leprosy Elimination  
Commemorative Day
- 16:00** **National News**
- 16:05 A Hidden Treasure  
(Kekku)
- 16:10 Song "We'll Greet  
You In Mon Lan-

- guage"
- 16:12 Kayan Dance
- 16:15** **National News**
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Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Myanma Pano-  
rama & Myanma  
Sentiment"
- 16:30** **National News**
- 16:35 Fishery Enterprise in  
Pyapon
- 16:40 Devoutly Making Do-  
nations
- 16:45** **National News**
- 16:50 Leisurely Cruise Along  
The Coast (Mawla-  
myaing to Myeik)
- 16:58 Let's Mail the lovely  
Cards
- 17:00** **National News**
- 17:05 King Thayawaddy's  
Bell
- 17:10 Myanmar Modern  
Songs "Speaking  
through our eyes"
- 17:12 The Wooden Walking  
Stick
- 17:15** **National News**
- 17:20 Tourists' happy expe-  
rience in Myanmar
- 17:25 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Come and See  
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**Evening Transmission**  
**(19:30 - 23:30)**

- 19:30 Signature Tune  
Greeting
- 19:32 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Myanma Pano-  
rama & Myanma Sen-  
timent"
- 19:36 Htamane Festival  
(Daw Yu Yu Htwe)
- 19:40** **Headline News**
- 19:42 Ayeyawady First De-  
file
- 19:45** **National News**
- 19:50 Mawtinson Pagoda  
Festival
- 19:55 Kayin Dance (We Bu  
(or) Paddy Winnowing  
Dance)
- 20:00** **National News**
- 20:05 Union of Myanmar  
(Kachin State)
- 20:10 Myanmar Modern  
Song "Greetings From  
Chin Hills"
- 20:15** **National News**
- 20:20 Unique Biodiversity of  
Indawgyi Lake (VI)

- 20:25 Song "Ayeyawady"
- 20:30** **National News**
- 20:35 The Making of a  
Myanmar Saung  
(Harp)
- 20:40 Ayeyawady Second  
Defile
- 20:45** **National News**
- 20:50 Tasty fried Nga-Poe  
from Padu Village
- 20:55 The Beauty and Grace  
of the hands
- 21:00** **National News**
- 21:05 Putao Surrounded by  
Natural Scenic Beauty
- 21:10 Song on Screen  
"Flourishing"
- 21:15** **National News**
- 21:20 The Birth Place of  
Lacquerware Techni-  
cians
- 21:32 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
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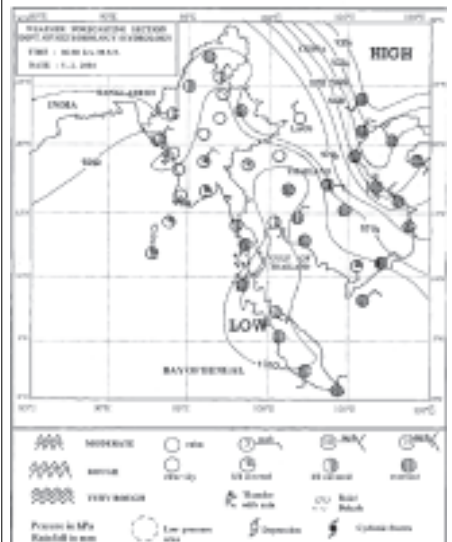
**6-2-2004 (Friday) &  
7-2-2004 (Saturday)**  
**Evening & Morning  
Transmission**  
**(23:30 - 1:30)**

- 23:30 Signature Tune  
Greeting
- 23:32 Song of Myanmar  
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Sights "Mingalabar"
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**Union of Myanmar**  
**State Peace and Development Council**  
**(Order No 1/2004)**  
**15th Waxing of Tabodwe 1365 ME**  
**(5th February 2004)**

**Permission granted for retirement**  
 The State Peace and Development Council has  
 permitted U Ko Lay, Minister at the Prime Minister's  
 Office, to retire from duties with effect from today.

By order,  
 Sd/ Soe Win  
 Lieutenant-General  
 Secretary-1  
 State Peace and Development Council

**Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas**
**WEATHER**

**Thursday, 5 February, 2004**

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours**

**MST:** During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in the whole country. Night temperatures were (5°C) above normal in Taninthayi Division, (8°C) below normal in Chin State, (3°C) to (5°C) below normal in Kachin, Shan, Rakhine and Kayah States, Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions and about normal in the remaining areas. The significant night temperature was (3°C) at Hakha.

Maximum temperature on 4-2-2004 was 35°C (95°F). Minimum temperature on 5-2-2004 was 13.6°C (56°F). Relative humidity at 9.30 hours MST on 5-2-2004 was 73 per cent. Total sunshine hours on 4-2-2004 was 8 hours approx. Rainfall on 5-2-2004 was nil at Yangon Airport, Kaba Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2004 was 3 mm at Yangon Airport and nil at Kaba Aye and Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba Aye) was 6 mph from northwest at 14.30 hours MST on 4-2-2004.

**Bay inference:** Weather is partly cloudy in South Bay and fair elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

**Forecast valid until evening of 6-2-2004:** Likelihood of isolated rain in Kachin State, upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%).

**State of the sea:** Seas will be moderate in Myanmar waters.

**Outlook for subsequent two days:** Likelihood of isolated rain in southern Myanmar areas.

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 6-2-2004:** Partly cloudy.

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 6-2-2004:** Partly cloudy.



**Friday, February 6**  
**View today:**

- 7:00 am**
1. Recitation of parittas by missionary sayadaw U Oattamathara
- 7:20 am**
2. တိပိဋကဓမ္မစာအုပ်တိုက်၊ အရှေ့တောင်အာရှတိုက်၊ အိန္ဒိယ (ယောဆရာတော်) ဟောကြားတော်မူအပ်သောဥပုသ်တော်၊ ပါရိသတ်
- 7:25 am**
3. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am**
4. Morning news
- 7:40 am**
5. Nice and sweet song
- 7:50 am**
6. လွှမ်းမိုးပြီမိတ်ပေးရင်
- 8:00 am**
7. The mirror images of the musical oldies
- 8:10 am**
8. (၇၇)နှစ်မြောက်ပြည့်တော်မူနေ့၊ အစီအစဉ်
- 8:20 am**

9. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:25 pm**
10. ဘိုးအိုအေးအေးအေးအေး
- 8:30 am**
11. International news
- 8:45 am**
12. English for Everyday Use
- 2:50 pm**
1. ဂရုတစိုက် (၇၇)နှစ်မြောက်ပြည့်တော်မူနေ့၊ အစီအစဉ် (အထူးတော်မူချက်)၊ အစီအစဉ် (ဒုတိယအကြိမ်လှည့်)
- 4:45 pm**
2. Songs to uphold National Spirit
- 5:10 pm**
3. (၇၇)နှစ်မြောက်ပြည့်တော်မူနေ့၊ ဂုဏ်ပြု အစီအစဉ်
- 5:20 pm**
4. ဘာသာလှပစုံစုံလင်လင်
- 5:25 pm**
5. (၇၇)နှစ်မြောက်တစ်ဆယ့်နှစ်နှစ်မြောက်တော်မူနေ့၊ အစီအစဉ် (ဒုတိယအကြိမ်လှည့်)
- 5:45 pm**
6. (၇၇)နှစ်မြောက်ပြည့်တော်မူနေ့၊ ဂုဏ်ပြု အစီအစဉ်
- 5:55 pm**
7. ကမ္ဘာ့စုံစုံလင်လင်အစီအစဉ်
- 6:00 pm**
8. အစုအဝေးတော်မူချက်

- 6:15 pm**
9. Discovery
- 6:30 pm**
10. Evening news
- 7:00 pm**
11. Weather report
- 7:05 pm**
12. Milo success in soccer
- 7:10 pm**
13. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတမ်းလွှဲ
- 7:35 pm**
14. ကြေးမုံတော်မူချက်၊ အစီအစဉ် (ဒုတိယအကြိမ်လှည့်)
- 7:45 pm**
15. ပြည်ထောင်စုမိတ်ဆက်ပြောချက်၊ အစီအစဉ် (ဒုတိယအကြိမ်လှည့်)
- 8:00 pm**
16. News
17. International news
18. Weather report
19. Teleplay:
- "မြန်မာ့တော်မူချက်၊ အစီအစဉ် (ဒုတိယအကြိမ်လှည့်)"
20. The next day's programme



**Friday, February 6**

**Tune in today:**

- 8.30 am** Brief news
- 8.35 am** Music
- 8.40 am** Perspectives
- 8.45 am** Music
- 8.50 am** National news/Slogan
- 9.00 am** Music
- 9.05 am** International news
- 9.10 am** Music
- 1.30 pm** News/ Slogan
- 1:40 pm** Lunch time music
- If I let you go (West life)
- My immortal (Evanesceens)
- 9.10 pm** Union Day commemorative talk "The Union be affectionate and united"
- 9.15 pm** Article/Music
- 9.25 pm** Music at your request
- I really miss you (S club 7)
- To be with you (Mr Big)
- 9.45 pm** News/Slogan
- 10.00 pm** PEL

**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

**Prime Minister receives national race groups**

YANGON, 5 Feb — Chairman of the Work Committee for Development of Border Areas and National Races Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt received a national race group from Manpan region led by U Sai Mon and another national race group from Monhin Monha region led by U Lawma at Zeyathiri Beikman on Konmyinthar here at 5 pm

today.

Present on the occasion were Minister for Home Affairs Col Tin Hlaing, Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint, Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein, Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint, Minister at the Prime Minister's Office Maj-Gen Thein Swe, Vice-Chief of Military Intelligence Maj-Gen Kyaw Win,

Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Brig-Gen Khin Maung, Deputy Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Tin Ngwe, Director-General of the State Peace and Development Council Office Lt-Col Pe Nyein, Director-General of the Government Office U Soe Tint, and senior military officers of the Military Intelligence Headquarters.

On the occasion, the leaders of national race groups explained that they would take part harmoniously in the regional development measures under the leadership of the State. They also asked for assistance to be rendered to education, health, agriculture, livestock, road transportation, and business transactions. — MNA

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt receives a national race group led by U Sai Mon and one led by U Lawma. — MNA

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**Greening of Yangon International Airport, environs coordinated**

YANGON, 5 Feb — A work coordination meeting on year-round greening of the Yangon International Airport and its surrounding areas lying within the 30-mile radius was held at the briefing hall of the orchid farm of Myanma Agriculture Service in Mingaladon Township here this afternoon, with an address delivered by Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Chairman and Yangon Command Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe. Present at the meeting were Deputy Minister for Construction Brig-Gen Myint Thein, No 1 Military Region Commander Col Tun Kyi, Col Myat Thu of No 11 Light Infantry Division, local authorities, departmental officials, and guests. In his speech, Maj-Gen Myint Swe said arrangements are under way to grow monsoon and summer paddy, beans and pulses, edible oil crops, vegetables and cash crops in the 30-mile-radius of Yangon International Airport to make it lush and pleasant all the year round. The State also provides irrigation facilities, river water pumping projects, and power tillers to be able to implement the project. Efforts are to be made to extend sown acreage and to conduct more double cropping.

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Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe addresses the meeting for all-year round greening of the 30-mile radius of Yangon International Airport. — YANGON COMMAND

**Minister attends ASEAN Tourism Ministers' Meeting**

YANGON, 5 Feb — The Myanmar delegation led by Minister for Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen Thein Zaw attended the 7th ASEAN Tourism Ministers' Meeting, the third meeting of ASEAN and China, Japan and Korea tourism ministers' meeting and ASEAN Tourism Exhibition 2004 at Vientiane, the Lao People's Democratic Republic. The Myanmar delegation together with tourism ministers of ASEAN nations and the People's Republic of China, Japan and the Republic of Korea attended the dinner hosted by Chairman of Laotian Tourism Administra-

tive Body Mr Somphong Mongkhonvilay at Lao Plaza Hotel on 2 February morning.

On 3 February morning, Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw and party attended the 7th ASEAN Tourism Ministers' Meeting. In the afternoon, the Myanmar delegation attended the third meeting of tourism ministers of ASEAN nations and the PRC, Japan and the ROK. Later in the afternoon, the tourism ministers held a press conference. In the evening, Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw and party attended the opening of ASEAN Tourism Exhibition 2004. Laotian

Prime Minister Bounnang Vorachith opened the exhibition. The Laotian Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Affairs Minister Mr Somsavat Lengsavad hosted a dinner to those present.

Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw and party arrived back here by air yesterday evening. They were welcomed back at Yangon International Airport by Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint, Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen Aye Myint Kyu and officials.

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Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw and party being welcomed back at the airport.

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