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## Nation-building endeavours are being made energetically

As the Tatmadaw government strove to establish national reconsolidation which is essential for the building of a peaceful, modern and developed nation it has now achieved it today unprecedented in history. The national brethren who went underground because of internal and external interferences have returned to the legal fold with trust in the leadership and goodwill of the government; they are now energetically engaged in regional development projects and nation-building endeavours.

**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.)

## Vice-Senior General Maung Aye inspects Kale Industrial Zone, construction tasks in Sagaing Division

YANGON, 6 Feb— Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, accompanied by Secretary-2 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, members of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint and Lt-Gen Tin Aye, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Rear-Admiral Soe Thein and Commander-in-Chief (Air) Maj-Gen Myat Hein, ministers, deputy ministers, senior military officers, and officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, left here by Tatmadaw aircraft on 3 February morning and arrived at Monywa Airport, Sagaing Division, at 9 am.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party were welcomed there by Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye, Deputy Commander Col Tin Maung Ohn, senior military officers and local authorities.

At the briefing hall of Monywa Airport construction project, Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Hla Myint Swe reported that original type of the runway is of hard earth mixed with gravel which was 5,000 feet long and 100 feet wide. And the runway is being upgraded into the 8,500 feet long and 100 feet wide tarred runway on which big planes can land.

Next, Chairman of Shwe Thanlwin Highway Co Ltd U Kyaw Win reported on progress of runway construction.

Director-General U Win Maung of Department of Civil Aviation and officials gave supplementary reports.

After hearing the reports, Vice-Senior General Maung

Aye gave instructions, saying that it is necessary to systematically keep records on construction of the airport. He said that records are to be kept so as to make extension tasks of the airport easy in the future. Next, he signed in the visitors' book.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye inspected progress of construction of the airport building measuring 180 feet by 60 feet.

Next, he oversaw progress in building the aprons and gave necessary instructions.

Tasks of Monywa Airport Construction Project is 90 per cent complete. In the afternoon, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party arrived in Kale by Tatmadaw aircraft. They were welcomed there by Brig-Gen Khin Maung Aye of Kale

Station and officials.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party went to Kale Industrial Zone and inspected the air-con minibus manufactured at Kale Industrial Zone.

Then, they inspected small-scale hydroelectric generators, paddy separator, harrow, paddy thresher, straw cutter, and other farming machinery and photolitho offset. After inspecting various kinds of jeep assembled from Kale Industrial Zone, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye said they have designated Kale Industrial Zone as the 19th industrial zone. He then urged industrial entrepreneurs to strive for development of the industrial zone to keep abreast of other developed zones.

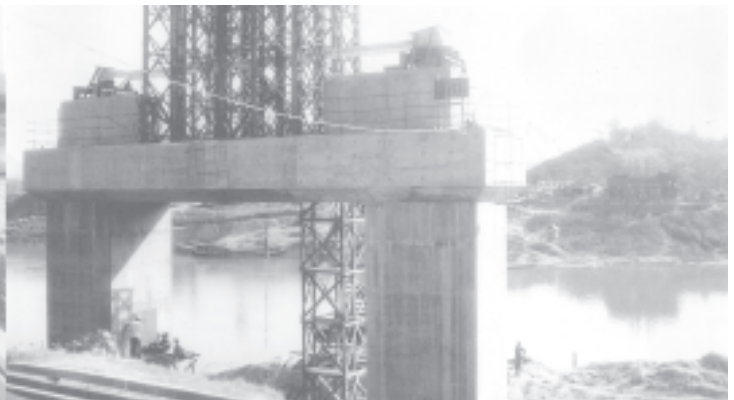
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*Vice-Senior General Maung Aye inspects products of Kale Industrial Zone. — MNA*



*Vice-Senior General Maung Aye inspects Myiththa Bridge (Kalewa) Project in Sagaing Division. — MNA*



## PERSPECTIVES

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## Tourism promotion through new TV channel

Head of State Senior General Than Shwe has given guidance on extension of the media as much as possible to cover not only the whole country but also penetrate the nations of the world and in doing so ways and means are to be sought to minimize the cost, and always try to improve the media to be excellent.

A meeting was held at the Ministry of Information on 5 February to launch a new TV channel and to help the Myanmar TV and hoteliers and tour companies collectively run a media business. Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Win Aung and Minister for Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen Thein Zaw made speeches on the occasion.

In his speech, Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan said that 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.

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.

Through the Internet, the MRTV-3 programmes have reached the countries in Asia, Europe and American continent. In other words, it can be said 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.

Arrangements are also being made 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 cover telecasting of entertainment programmes including Myanmar movies 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.

The new channel will surely help foreigners know more about the natural and cultural riches of Myanmar. Thus, to achieve greater success in tourism industry, officials concerned, hoteliers and entrepreneurs are to participate in the endeavours for the launching of new TV channel.



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and Mr Sumar Kanti Barua of Bangladeshi pilgrimage team offer jewellery for Shwedagon Pagoda to the Secretary Sayadaw. — MNA



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and wife Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe donate 'soon' to members of the Sangha at reordination ceremony of Bangladeshi Sayadaw Bhaddanta Panñajota. — MNA

## Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and wife Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe attend reordination of Sayadaw of Bangladesh Monastery

YANGON, 6 Feb — A ceremony to reordain Bangladeshi Sayadaw Bhaddanta Panñajota of Bangladesh Monastery of Tamu Township was held at Maha Zayamgala Ordination Hall of the monastery at 10 am today, attended by wellwisher Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and wife Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe.

Also present on the occasion were Secretary of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Magway Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kumara and member Sayadaws, invited mem-

bers of the Sangha, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, ministers, the Yangon Mayor, deputy ministers, senior military officers, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, departmental heads, lay persons of the monastery, pilgrims from Bangladesh, social organizations and disciples.

First, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and wife Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe offered provisions to members of the Sangha who reordained the Bangladeshi Sayadaw. Next, the ceremony

to share merits for the reordination ceremony was held at the Ordination Hall. The Secretary Sayadaw administered the Five Precepts. Then, members of the Sangha recited Parittas.

Afterwards, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and wife Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe donated robes and offertories to the Secretary Sayadaw.

Similarly, Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe and the ministers presented robes and provisions to the Sayadaws.

On behalf of the Bangladeshi pilgrimage team, Mr Sumar Kanti Barua presented K 500,000 for all-round renovation of Shwedagon Pagoda

and jewellery including gold and silver umbrellas worth K 700,000 donated by Bangladeshi pilgrimage team to the commander.

Next, the Prime Minister and Mr Sumar Kanti Barua offered the donations for Shwedagon Pagoda to the Secretary Sayadaw.

Later, the Secretary Sayadaw delivered a sermon and the congregation led by the Prime Minister and wife shared merits gained.

After the ceremony, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and wife Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe offered 'soon' to the Sayadaws.

MNA



Education Planning and Training Department Director-General U Bo Win and Managing Director Mr Fumiyoshi Sakurai of Myanmar Tokiwa Corporation Ltd sign agreement to distribute pencils. — MNA

## Agreement signed for distribution of Myanmar Tokiwa pencils

YANGON, 6 Feb — The Ministry of Education and Myanmar Tokiwa Corporation Ltd signed the agreement on distribution of Myanmar Tokiwa pencils for basic education students at Higher Education Department (Lower Myanmar), here, this morning.

Director-General U Bo Win of Education Planning and Training Department of the Ministry of Education and Managing Director Mr Fumiyoshi Sakurai of

Myanmar Tokiwa Corporation Ltd signed the agreement.

Deputy Ministers for Education U Myo Nyunt and Col Aung Myo Min signed in the record book of Myanmar Tokiwa Corporation Ltd.

Myanmar Tokiwa Corporation makes an agreement to cooperate with the Ministry of Education for distribution of quality pencils in 2004-2005 academic year. — MNA

## Ceremony held to hail success of leprosy campaign

YANGON, 6 Feb — Ministry of Health held a ceremony this morning to hail the success of state-level leprosy campaign at the International Business Centre (IBC) on Pyay Road.

Present on the occasion were directors-general of ministries related to the Ministry of Health, Managing Director of News and Periodicals Enterprise Col Soe Win, deputy directors-general, rectors, directors, medical superintendents and

officials, members of social organisations, representatives of UN agencies, JICA and state and division health departments and officials and guests.

Health Department Director-General Dr Wan Maung read the message sent by Dr Kyaw Myint, Minister for Health.

Next, Dr Wan Maung and officials viewed round leprosy elimination commemorative booth displayed at the IBC. — MNA



# Blair urged to resign over Iraq intelligence

LONDON, 6 Feb — Britain's Tony Blair, who survived an inquiry into a weapon expert's suicide without a scratch, was sucked into a new row on Thursday over why he went to war in Iraq.

The Prime Minister has called an inquiry into British intelligence about banned Iraqi weapons as, nearly 10 months after Saddam Hussein was toppled, none has been found.

In the meantime, his public trust ratings have plunged.

Now, more trouble has blown up after Blair said he did not know, when he won parliamentary backing for war in March last year, that a government claim Saddam could deploy such weapons within 45 minutes referred only to battlefield arms, not long-range missiles which could threaten other states.

Scientist David Kelly killed himself after being outed as the source for

a BBC report that Blair's team highlighted the 45 minutes claim, knowing it was probably wrong.

Surprising many, judge Lord Hutton's subsequent report into Kelly's death absolved the government of all blame.

Opposition Conservatives have seized on Blair's apparent ignorance of the detail and the fact Defence Secretary Geoff Hoon did know the limits of that intelligence.

Conservative leader Michael Howard called on Blair to resign for not getting to the bottom of the government's claims.

"If I were prime minister and had

failed to ask this basic question I would seriously be considering my position," he said.

But Government Minister Margaret Beckett said the furore over weapons types was "nitpicking of a high order".

"Do you think Winston Churchill went around asking precisely what kind of munitions were being used in the Second World War?" said Beckett, who is environment minister, on BBC Radio.

At the peak of the war in Iraq, Britain had around 45,000 troops in the Gulf — its largest troop deployment since Korea — but now there are fewer than 10,000. —MNA/Reuters

## Tourism to French Riviera

suffered from Iraq war, euro's rise, says official

PARIS, 6 Feb — Tourism to the French Riviera fell 2.5 percent last year because of uncertainty brought on by the Iraq war and the steep rise of the euro against the dollar, the head of the regional tourist board, Patrick Menucci, said Thursday.

The sun-drenched Mediterranean coast and its hinterland last year welcomed 34.6 million tourists — nearly half of the 75 million who went to France, the world's most-visited country, according to figures, Menucci presented.

"The tally for 2003 is not brilliant," he said, blaming "an exceptionally difficult international context", poor economic growth, a heatwave last summer and a strike by festival performers. —Internet



A police officer restrains one of several protesters dressed as Lord Hutton who threw white paint at the gates of Downing Street on 4 Feb, 2004. —INTERNET

## Russia still believes Iraq war a mistake, says top diplomat

Moscow, 6 Feb — Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Yuri Fedotov said Thursday that his country still regards the US-led military operation against Iraq as a huge political mistake, and urged the United Nations to resume functions for Iraq's settlement.

"We continue to stick to our opinion that the war against Iraq, not sanctioned by the UN Security Council, was a gross political mistake," he was quoted by *Itar-Tass* news agency as saying. Fedotov rebutted the allegation that the United Nations has become too frail to counter present-day threats and challenges, and called upon the world body to resume work in the post-conflict Iraq by using its extensive experiences in the restoration of peace.

The pressing task now is to find a way out of the present stalemate by joint efforts in accordance with norms of international law to ensure a better life for the Iraqi people, he said. The deputy minister said that a final

clarification about whether or not Iraq possesses weapons of mass destruction (WMD) should be made as soon as possible.

Iraq did develop WMD, but "some of those weapons were destroyed either by the Iraqis themselves or under the control of international inspectors," and the point now is whether any banned components for the production of WMD remain in the country, Fedotov said. He emphasized that any findings related to WMD should be verified by independent international inspectors, and the UN Security Council should take measures to prevent these weapons from getting into the hands of terrorists. —Internet

## Putin calls for equal Russia-EU relations

Moscow, 6 Feb — Russian President Vladimir Putin called on Wednesday for the development of relations between Russia and the European Union on an equal basis.

"We are not asking for some kind of exclusive relationship with the European Union, but we would like our relations to be built on a good neighbourly basis taking into account our common interests," *Interfax* news agency quoted Putin as telling visiting Italian Foreign Minister Franco Frattini.

He expressed Russia's readiness for "positive, constructive dialogue" and "compromises" with the EU.

Putin said Russia "treats... EU enlargement with respect and attention" and expressed the hope that the ideas put forward on Russian-EU relations by the current Italian leadership would be "put into practice".

"If this happens, Russia and Europe will set up a unified European space — both economic and humanitarian ... this would be to the benefit of everyone living in Europe," he said.

Frattini said Russia is "not just a partner but a special partner", noting that Europe has no future without cooperation with Russia, which should be much broader than Europe's relations with other neighbours, according to *Interfax*. —MNA/Xinhua

## Bali storm kills one, destroys 504 houses

JAKARTA, 6 Feb — One person was killed and three others were wounded on Wednesday after floods triggered by heavy rains since Tuesday night hit Indonesia's beautiful resort of Bali Island, a local government official said.

Some 504 houses were also destroyed as the rains went along with thunderstorms, pounded several areas in the island, said I Made Suama, the spokesman of the Karangasem District government here Thursday. The fatality woman, who was identified as I Wayan Surji, 80 years old, was found in the ruin of her collapsed house. —MNA/Xinhua

## Shanghai-based processing zone makes 27% of world's notebook PCs

SHANGHAI, 6 Feb — The Songjiang export-oriented processing zone in Shanghai exported 10 million notebook PC units last year, accounting for 27 per cent of the total world output.

According to statistics from the Shanghai Customs, the processing zone, which occupies three square kilometres in a southwest suburb of the metropolis, gained an export value of 3.86 billion US dollars last year.

The Taiwan-funded Dafeng (Shanghai) Computer Co Ltd was the largest laptop computer exporter in the zone with an export value of 5.3 billion US dollars last year, five times more than the 2002

figure.

Its output made up 10.9 per cent of Shanghai's total exports or 17.2 per cent of exports by all overseas-funded firms in the city.

Songjiang was one of the 15 export-oriented processing zones approved by the State Council in April 2000. Currently, it has 58 registered enterprises with a total investment of 820 million US dollars.

MNA/Xinhua



A US military vehicle (L) escorts a convoy of trucks carrying prefabs on their way to Baghdad through the southern Iraqi city of Samawa recently. —INTERNET

## Study shows social hermits likely to die earlier

CANBERRA, 6 Feb —

Those who shun society are three times more likely to die earlier than those who are busy with social activities, according to a latest healthy study.

A research report released Thursday by VicHealth, a health promotion foundation of Australia's southeast state of Victoria, said 86 per cent of the 600 people surveyed think active social life benefits their health and happiness.

Chief Executive of VicHealth Rob Moodie was quoted in the report as encouraging people to be more involved in community activities. "More and more of us are living alone so it's even more important that we participate in our community," he said.

"Participation enables us to feel connected and well connected communities with strong social networks are more likely to benefit from lower crime figures, better health, higher educational achievement and better economic conditions," Moodie said. —MNA/Xinhua

## “Reuters” calls US probe on Iraq staff inadequate

LONDON, 6 Feb— *Reuters* said on Tuesday a US Army investigation into the detention and treatment of three of its Iraqi staff was “woefully inadequate.” A summary of the investigation sent to *Reuters* by the 82nd Airborne Division said that the inquiry into the arrest of the three Iraqis near Falluja on 2 January and their treatment during three days in detention did not find evidence of any specific incidents of abuse.

“The government’s investigation of the allegations of mistreatment made by *Reuters* staff was woefully inadequate,” *Reuters* Global Managing Editor David Schlesinger said in a statement.

“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.

“The military’s conclusion of its investigation without even interviewing the alleged victims, along with other

inaccuracies and inconsistencies in the report, speaks volumes about the seriousness with which the US government is taking this issue.”

The senior US military spokesman in Iraq, Brigadier General Mark Kimmitt, referring to the summary report, told reporters in Baghdad “most of the conclusions have already come out in that document.”

Pentagon spokesman Bryan Whitman, however, later told *Reuters* that the report was still subject to review and the investigation was

not complete.

“The report has not been vetted with the chain of command,” Whitman said. “Regardless of what has been provided you to date, we don’t consider this a closed matter by any means.”

Although the summary of the army investigation’s findings said no evidence of abuse was found, it said that the detainees were “purposefully put under stress,” including sleep deprivation, and subjected to uncomfortable treatment.

Internet

## Iraq mortar attack kills one US soldier, injures one

BAGHDAD, 6 Feb—Insurgents fired a mortar Thursday at a checkpoint near Baghdad International Airport, killing one US soldier and wounding another, the US command said.

The attack occurred about 2:15 pm outside the airport, which serves as a major American military base. No further details were released.

Internet



US soldiers of the 1st Battalion, 22nd Infantry Regiment of the 4th Infantry Division, on patrol in Tikrit on 5 Feb, 2004.—INTERNET

## Indian oil produces Servo Brand in the UAE

DUBAI, 6 Feb— As part of its initiative to expand overseas marketing in a big way, the Indian Oil corporation has commenced production of its Servo Brand Lubricants in Dubai to cater to Middle East and African markets.

Indian Oil, India’s largest company with sales of about 26 billion US dollars in the Financial Year 2003, has made arrangements with BP Middle East for blending Servo, India’s leading lubricant brand not only in terms of sales but also in terms of quality and range, at their plant in Jebel Ali free zone.

Indian oil decided to produce Servo lubricants locally here for cost effectiveness and logistical advantage to service the markets in Middle East and African countries, an Indian Oil official here said.

The first batch of 20 kilo litres of Servo was blended in the first week of January 2004. IOC plans to blend approximately 500 kilo litres of the product for UAE and another 500 kilo litres for other markets during the first year. The production is expected to double in the next year and IOC plans to raise the production to around 5000 kilo litre per annum in five years time.

The marketing of Servo Lubricants in Middle East and African markets will be undertaken by Luventis which is in the process of finalizing dealers for various markets to establish Servo as premium brand of Lubricants in Middle East and African region.

IOC is the only Indian company in the Fortune 500 list of top global business majors. The largest player in the Indian refining and marketing sector the Indian Oil last year launched a clutch of initiatives expand its overseas operations to bring in about 2.5 billion US dollars as revenues and 100 million US dollars as profits from overseas marketing of petro-products.

This would be through exports of about five million tons of products and sales of three million tons through IOC’s own marketing network and one of its first forays was in Sri Lanka where it enjoys a 20-per-cent market share. Lanka IOC is a fully-owned subsidiary that runs about 100 petrol pumps in Sri Lanka. The other overseas move has been in Mauritius.— MNA/PTI

## CPPCC Chairman meets French guest

BEIJING, 6 Feb— Jia Qinglin, chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People’s Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC), met here Wednesday with Jacques Dermagne, President of the French Economic and Social Council.

Jia said that China and France have enjoyed a splendid history and culture and the two peoples have maintained long-standing friendship. The Sino-French relationship is time-tested, and the cooperation between the two countries has been fruitful, he added.

Chinese President Hu Jintao and his French counterpart Jacques Chirac signed

a joint statement during Hu’s recent France visit, which put forward the guidelines for the comprehensive and strategic partnership.

Jia said Hu’s visit has upgraded Sino-French comprehensive cooperation to a new stage.

Jia praised the cooperation between the CPPCC and the French Economic and Social Council.

Dermagne said that he feels happy to visit China one week after Hu’s French tour, which greatly encourages French people’s enthusiasm on cooperation with China.

He voiced his hope to further the friendly relations between the CPPCC and the French Economic and Social Council.

MNA/Xinhua



Nearly 10,000 Japanese protesters, holding candles and anti-war banner, shout their opposition against the dispatch of Japanese Self Defence Force to Iraq, during their rally near Defence Agency in Tokyo on 5 Feb, 2004.—INTERNET

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## Rover “Opportunity” takes first real drive on Mars

PASADENA (the United States), 6 Feb— NASA engineers on Thursday sent the rover *Opportunity* on an 11-foot (3.3 metres) trip on Mars for a closer look at a mineral that could indicate if there once was water on the Martian surface.

This was *Opportunity*’s first real drive on Mars since it landed on the Red Planet on January 24.

The trip across pebbly soil on the Martian surface brought the rover closer to an outcrop of rocks that scientists want to spend days examining, in hope of finding more concrete evidence on water’s existence on Mars.

This week *Opportunity* examined its first patch of soil in the small crater where it landed, finding among the mix of particles what NASA scientists at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) in Pasadena call strikingly spherical pebbles.—MNA/Xinhua

## “Hubble” shows new images of ‘Black Eye’ galaxy

WASHINGTON, 6 Feb— The *Hubble* space telescope has snapped a new image of the “Black Eye” galaxy, so named because an ancient cosmic smashup produced a dark ring and a roiling, conflicted interior.

What looks like a black eye in the *Hubble* picture is actually a dark band of dust that stands out vividly in front of the galaxy’s bright nucleus, *Hubble* scientists said in a statement on Thursday.

The galaxy is officially known as M64, but astronomers have nicknamed it the “Black Eye” or “Evil Eye” galaxy. The new image shows an area where hot blue stars have just formed, along with pink clouds of hydrogen gas that glow when exposed to ultraviolet light from the infant stars.

Astronomers believe M64’s internal conflict arose when the “Black Eye” absorbed a satellite galaxy that collided with it, perhaps more than a billion years ago.

MNA/Reuters

## Sri Lankan leaders call for efforts to achieve peace

COLOMBO, 6 Feb— Sri Lankan President Chandrika Kumaratunga and Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe on Wednesday called on the people of the country to make joint efforts to achieve lasting peace.

In her message to celebrate the 56th anniversary of independence from the British colonial rule, Kumaratunga said that she believes that “lasting peace, peace with dignity could only be achieved through the united efforts of all credible political forces and social groups.”

“The current absence of war is a reflection of the commitment of people of all political hues to resolve the crises that have plagued us for so long,” she said.

Meanwhile, in his Independence Day message, Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe appealed to the people of the country to work towards peace and help create a future filled with peace and prosperity.

Wickremesinghe said that National Day of this year is an important milestone in their quest for peace and prosperity.— MNA/Xinhua



## Bush admits arms "we thought" were in Iraq not found

CHARLESTON (South Carolina), 6 Feb— US President George W Bush acknowledged on Thursday that the United States had not found banned weapons "we thought" were in Iraq, but defended the war as "the right thing" to do.

"We have not yet found the stockpiles of weapons that we thought were there," Bush said in a speech at the port of Charleston, South Carolina, in his clearest acknowledgment of problems with prewar intelligence on Iraqi weapons.

In a speech that laid out a political defence of his Iraq policy in an election year,

Bush also blasted critics of the war, saying, "If some politicians in Washington had their way, Saddam Hussein would still be in power."

Bush spoke shortly after CIA Director George Tenet defended his agency's work despite intelligence that had inaccurately accused ousted Iraqi president Saddam

Hussein of maintaining stockpiles of chemical and biological weapons and seeking to develop nuclear weapons.

Bush and other administration officials did say before the war that Iraq presented an "immediate" or "gathering" threat, and long after the war they maintained confidence in

finding banned weapons.

The former chief US arms inspector in Iraq, David Kay, said last week US prewar intelligence on Iraqi weapons was almost all wrong.

White House Spokesman Scott McClellan said Bush still had "great confidence" in Tenet.

MNA/Reuters

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A foreign soldier looks through binoculars from an armoured vehicle as he stands guard at the construction site in Samawa, southern Iraq on 5 Feb, 2004.

INTERNET

## Spanish police commander shot in Iraq dies

MADRID, 6 Feb— A Spanish Civil Guard police commander, Gonzalo Perez Garcia, who was shot in the head on January 22 while serving in Iraq, died on Wednesday in a Spanish military hospital.

Spain's Defence Ministry said Perez Garcia died at 9:00 pm local time (0800GMT) on Wednesday after suffering a "sudden deterioration", recorded in a medical report issued Wednesday morning by the Spain's Central Defence Hospital.

Doctors were unable to remove a bullet from Perez Garcia's brain and said his coma was irreversible.

Perez Garcia, 42, head of security for a Spanish military brigade "Plus Ultra" II in Iraq, was shot from a car during an operation near Diwaniya, 180 kilometres south of Baghdad, along with two Iraqi policemen.

The Spanish king sent a telegram of condolences to the widow of the commander on Wednesday. His death increases the number of Spaniards killed in Iraq to 13. Two military officers died during the war while eight agents of the National Intelligence Centre, two military officers and one civil guard died postwar.

MNA/Xinhua

## China decides to forgive Iraq debts

BEIJING, 6 Feb— Chinese Foreign Ministry Spokeswoman Zhang Qiyue reiterated that China has decided to forgive debts from Iraq here Thursday at the regular Press conference.

The size of the debts to be forgiven is now being calculated and studied, Zhang added.

As a developing country, China fully

understands difficulties of the reconstruction and the humanitarian situation in Iraq, she explained, expressing her hope that the Iraqi people can quickly step on the road of stable and peaceful development.

She stressed China attaches importance to the reconstruction in Iraq and expected the international community to strengthen co-operation in this regard.—MNA/Xinhua

## Democratic contenders take aim at next round

WASHINGTON, 6 Feb— A reshaped Democratic presidential field took aim on Wednesday at the next coast-to-coast round of five nominating contests, with front-runner John Kerry's rivals hunting for a way to slow his march toward the nomination.

Kerry, a four-term Massachusetts senator and Vietnam veteran, took a day off the campaign trail after rolling up five more wins on Tuesday in the race to find a Democratic challenger to President George W. Bush in November.

But with a win each to keep their hopes alive, North Carolina Senator John Edwards and retired general Wesley Clark threw themselves back into the hunt, focusing their efforts on showdowns next Tuesday in Tennessee and Virginia that could decide which one emerges as a clear alternative to Kerry.

"I know very well what the priorities are here in Tennessee, they are very similar to ones I learned growing up in North Carolina," Edwards, who scored his

first victory in South Carolina on Tuesday, told reporters after a morning rally at a downtown theatre in Memphis.

Clark, who got on the scoreboard with a narrow win over Edwards in Oklahoma, also flew to Memphis to kick off a bus tour of Tennessee.

Fallen front-runner Howard Dean, meanwhile, pegged his hopes for resurrection on the contest on Saturday in Washington. He also is aiming for a February 17 battle in Wisconsin that could loom as a final stand against Kerry for all of the contenders. Dean fared poorly in the seven states that voted on Tuesday, finishing no better than third in any of them

MNA/Reuters

## Majority of Canadians hope bush loses election

TORONTO, 6 Feb — A majority of Canadians hope US President George W. Bush loses the upcoming election and do not really care who beats him, according to a magazine poll that hit newstands on Wednesday.

In an article entitled "Canadians to Bush: Hope you lose, eh," Maclean's magazine said a national survey found only 15 per cent of Canadians would definitely vote for Bush if given the opportunity.

Forty per cent said they would definitely vote for someone else, while 28 per cent said they would consider choosing someone other than Bush. Seventeen per cent said they did not know.

"Despite a spate of polls showing a broad desire for improved relations with the United States after the often rocky (former Prime

Minister Jean) Chretien years, there is a sense that this Administration isn't one we want to do business with," the newsmagazine said.

Forty-three per cent said Canada is worse off with Bush as President than during the terms of previous US presidents, while 12 per cent said the country is better off and 33 per cent said there is no difference.

Relations between the two neighbours have been strained recently by a slew of factors including, most prominently, Canada's refusal to join the US-led war on Iraq.

MNA/Reuters

## 13-year-old admitted by prestigious university without examination

BEIJING, 6 Feb — A 13-year-old high school graduate from central China's Hubei Province has been admitted by the prestigious Beijing University for his exceptional grades in mathematics.

Bao Yuyang, of the No. 1 Middle School affiliated to Central China Normal University, based in Wuhan City of Hubei, will enter the Beijing University known for academic excellence, without having to take any examinations.

The teenager is the youngest student enrolled by the university without examination in recent years.

It only took Bao eight

years to finish his education in primary and middle schools, the normal length amounting to 12 years.

Bao's excellent performance in mathematics qualified him to enter Beijing University, according to University sources.

Bao preferred to studying chemistry for a university degree but later switched to mathematics because he is too short for

chemical experiment tables and has to stand on a chair to handle experiment facilities.

The university has informed Bao of the admission decision over phone and will mail him an official notice soon.

According to the university, Bao will take normal curriculum and enjoy no special preferential treatment on campus.

MNA/Xinhua

## Man lived at home with dead brother for 18 months

LONDON, 6 Feb — A British pensioner did not notice his brother had been dead for 18 months despite sharing a mobile home with him.

When Herbert Silver, 72, finally called police and told them his brother George, 75, had died, they went to the bachelors' home expecting to find a body. Instead they found a skeleton, British newspapers reported on Thursday.

"I admit that I didn't go into his room for a few hours, a few days well quite a while actually," Herbert Silver told the Daily Telegraph.

Silver said he had thought it a "bit odd" when his brother failed to emerge from his bedroom in the tiny

home they shared in Blissford, southern England, but told the Daily Mirror: "George liked to keep himself to himself, and to be honest so do I." A postmortem indicated George Silver had been dead for up to 18 months.—MNA/Reuters



File photo of tourists along the riverside Bund in Shanghai. Rising sea levels due to global warming mean the gleaming skyscrapers of China's financial hub Shanghai could be entirely submerged in 600 years, a state newspaper said on 6 Feb, 2004.—INTERNET

# Iraq under US and allies' occupation

## US Helicopters crashed or shot down in Iraq

Since the end of major combat in Iraq was declared on 1 May, at least 12 military helicopters have crashed or been shot down, killing a total of 56 soldiers. The deadliest such incident occurred in November, in the northern city of Mosul, when two Black Hawks collided, killing 17.



US Army troops search a crash site where a Chinook helicopter crashed into a field near Falluja on 2 November, 2003. Guerillas shot down an American helicopter in Iraq, killing at least 15 US personnel and wounding 21 in the bloodiest single strike on US-led forces since they invaded Iraq.



Iraqi tribesmen celebrate in front of a downed US Apache helicopter in the southern Iraqi city of Karbala.



US helicopters have been searching the area of the helicopter crash near Tikrit on 7 November, 2003.



Iraqi men run towards the wreckage of US helicopter which crashed near Fallujah on 9 Dec, 2003.

### Helicopters crashed or shot down

Date	Location	Type of helicopters	Casualties	
			US	UK
20-3-2003	Kuwait border, nine miles from Iraq	Sea Knight	4	8
23-3-2003	—	Apache	two held as prisoners	—
9-5-2003	Near Samara between Baghdad and Tikrit	Black Hawk	3	—
19-5-2003	In Shat al-Hillah Canal, in Hillah, 60 miles south of Baghdad	Sea Knight	4	—
12-6-2003	Western Iraq	Apache	—	—
25-10-2003	North of Iraq	Black Hawk	—	—
2-11-2003	Near Fallujah	Chinook	16	—
7-11-2003	Near Tikrit	Black Hawk	4	—
15-11-2003	Northern city of Mosul	Two Black Hawks	17	—
9-12-2003	Near Fallujah	OH-58 Kiowa	—	—
10-12-2003	Near Mosul	Apache	—	—
2-1-2004	Near Fallujah	OH-58 Kiowa	1	—
8-1-2004	Near Fallujah	Black Hawk	9	—
23-1-2004	Qaiyara, near Mosul	OH-58 Kiowa	2	—
Total			60	8



A US Army Apache sits in a field without its rotors and surrounded by US vehicles near the restive central Iraq town of Fallujah on 13 January, 2004. The helicopter that crashed west of Baghdad was shot down by Iraqi guerillas.



## Hailing the 57<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Union Day: Development images of Sagaing Division in the time of the State Peace and Development Council



Development Sector	1988	2004
<b>Communication</b>		
Post office	54	74
Telegraph office	32	45
Telephone	1736	14016
Microwave station	4	21
<b>Information</b>		
Myanma Alin/Kyemon sub-printing house	-	1
TV retransmission station	3	18
Information & Public Relations Department	-	22
Library	-	22
e-Library	-	53
<b>Hydel-power plant</b>	-	2
<b>Industrial Zone</b>	-	4
<b>Education (basic)</b>		
BEHS	63	85
BEMS	149	190
BEPS	3255	3860



*Thaphanseik Dam in Kyunhla Township, Sagaing Division can irrigate 500,000 acres of farmland and generate 117.2 million kilowatt hours of electricity a year. It is the largest in Myanmar and included in the longest dams in Southeast Asia.*



*The Micro-Organism Blue Green Algae (Spirulina) Pharmaceutical Factory (Yekha) located in the place, one mile west of Sagaing-Mingun Road in Sagaing Division. The factory produces various types of medicine that are derived from blue green algae that can be seen only with the aid of a microscope.*



*Tractors produced by Monywa Industrial Zone, Sagaing Division.*



*Newly opened Monywa airport in Monywa, Sagaing Division.*



*Chindwin River-crossing Hsinbyushin Bridge that links Sagaing and Magway Divisions.*

Development Sector	1988	2004
<b>Education (higher)</b>		
University	1	5
college	2	9
<b>Agriculture</b>		
Paddy (million basket)	59	117
Sown acreage	2909621	3930518
<b>Irrigation facility</b>	19	222
<b>Road and bridge</b>		
Tarred road (mile)	162	199
Gravel road (mile)	34	65
Earth road (mile)	12	75
Railroad (mile)	350	460
Bridge (above 180 feet)	14	25
Bridge (under 180 feet)	1348	1644

## Marching toward Golden Land in unity and amity



The Union of Myanmar has stood through the might of concrete unity of its national races who have lived together for thousands of years on the same land partaking water from the same source and keeping eggs and nest intact. Indeed, the Union has been built sacrificing a great deal of lives, blood and sweat of the national brethren. We should therefore hand down this

their thumb.

As a matter of fact, peace and stability is essential for development of union nations in political, economic and social sectors. In building up a developed nation, it must be free from racial dissension and ideological influence.

After Myanmar

US\$ 5 million and the people's property worth US\$ 95 million were also lost.

Similarly, a total of between 200,000 and 500,000 citizens were killed in Rwanda situated in the middle of Africa Continent due to the armed conflicts and civil war between its two na-

the US and its allies invaded Afghanistan, overthrowing the Taleban Government. Then, a new ruling council was formed, but up to now peace and stability cannot be restored in the nation yet. Besides, Afghanistan has not yet received full amount of necessary assistance for reconstruction of the na-

stability and national solidarity.

Likewise, about 122,000 people were killed in Angolan civil war, 27,000 in Sri Lankan civil war and 33,000 to 40,000 in Sudanese civil war, which are worth-taking lessons. Such incidents are a great hindrance to the development of a nation or a

The people, on their part, are to take lessons from the disintegration of national unity of some union nations.

Here, I would like to present facts about the Soviet Union and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia. In June and July 1991, there took place an abortive coup attempt of the Commu-

## Lessons to be taken from international affairs to ensure non-disintegration of national solidarity

Ketu Nilar



*In Afghanistan, a large number of houses were devastated completely due to the attacks of the US and its allies.*



*People with grief over the loss of their family members killed in the civil war after the collapse of the USSR.*

fine tradition to our posterity. In the process, we can take lessons from the international affairs and problems of some union nations by observing disintegration of these nations and their national solidarity. It is quite obvious that the collapse of these nations was due to the instigations and racial dissension imposed by big powers trying to get the world nations under

had regained her independence, it was subjected to internal armed insurgencies due to the instigations of the colonialists, leaving 35 per cent of the nation's cultivable land infertile, some three million people homeless, and around 22,000 people and 5,700 military or civilian service personnel killed. And it is learnt that State-owned property worth

tional races, Tutsi and Hutu. Thousands of dead bodies floated down the Kamgiwa river of the country and so the office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees announced that they might be slaughtered in the civil war.

Over 14,000 people were also killed in the Afghanistan civil war. Under the pretext of finding out Osama bin Laden,

tion that the US promised to provide. Consequently, the nation is still far away from peace and stability and many people have fallen victim to the intrusion. A lot of property was lost and there has been a steep increase in production of narcotic drugs. These evil consequences followed due to the instigations and interventions of some big powers taking full advantage of lack of peace and

region. Being fully aware of the fact that peace and stability and national solidarity play the most fundamental role in building up a developed nation or region, the State Peace and Development Council has given the top priority to national reconsolidation so as to restore peace and stability, and to ward off and fight against all the external instigations and interventions.

nists in the USSR, resulting in complete collapse of the union in December 1991, followed by conflicts. After the cold war, the USSR was gradually degraded from the world's socialist power. However, the Government of President Putin managed to grapple these undesirable situations and tried to improve the economy of the nation. So, now the

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*Innocent children become orphans owing to the civil war following the disintegration of the Soviet Union in 1991.*



## Lessons to be taken from international affairs to ensure non-disintegration of national solidarity

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nation has gained good prospects and it is now about to regain the position of the world's super power. Over 30,000 people were killed in Chechenya affairs which began in April 1994. As

can be assumed that the lack of Union Spirit in a particular country can lead to disintegration of the Union. Those who suffered on account of the breakup of the Union were only the national people living in that

the 1990s, the racial conflict sparked civil war. The flame of war then spread to Slovenia and Bosnia-Herzegovina to such a degree that US troops and NATO troops had to step in to bring the situation under control.

Later on, Yugoslavia was faced with the secession of Kosovo, one of its states. As a result, there broke out racial conflicts between Serbians and Albanians. Americans and the NATO group wished Kosovo to break away from Yugoslav and stand as a sovereign state with the aim of weakening the strength of Yugoslavia, which was once a member of Warsaw Pact, and manipulating Kosovo

into dancing to the tune of NATO. On the pretext of the Kosovo issue which was in fact just the internal affairs of Yugoslavia, Americans and the NATO group, without seeking the mandate of the UN Security Council, launched air raids on Yugoslavia no less than 6,000 times on 24 March 1999 with the use of war planes totalling 1,000. They fought using a lot of cruise missiles and bombs.

Among the bombs they used were internationally-banned cluster

bombs. The cluster bombs claimed a large number of civilian lives of Serbia, wounding many others. The attacks US armies and the NATO group launched destroyed schools, hospitals, bridges, factories and civilian quarters in addition to military bases of Yugoslavia, causing a loss of property worth over 100 billion dollars. The external and internal elements making the good use of the disintegration of national solidarity in Union States which had stood in stability and peace for many years and interfering the internal affairs only brought ill consequences to the country and the



*The people of Kosovo become war refugees as a result of Union disintegration owing to the colonialist interferences.*

an effect, it was followed by frequent bomb explosions at crowded sites in Russia such as hotels, theatres and restaurants. When Chechenya guerillas held patients from some hospitals hostage, the Russian armed forces launched a raid on the camps of the guerillas, and so many people of Chechenya and some victims lost their lives.

A study of such circumstances will reveal the ill consequences springing from disintegration of the Union. It

country. Taking lessons from the disintegration of the Soviet Union, the national brethren of Myanmar should always cultivate the spirit of national solidarity and Union Spirit.

Likewise, the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia also encountered ill consequences far worse than the Soviet Union did. The death of Yugoslav leader Marshall Tito entailed the disintegration of national solidarity in Yugoslav. Later, there surfaced racial issues. In



*Innocent civilians drown in the sea of troubles as a result of racial conflicts in Rwanda in the middle Africa.*

### Poem

#### The Sky of the Union

- \* Chin, Kachin, Kayin, Kayah and All nationals assembled.  
Bamar, Mon, Rakhine, Shan  
All of one mind.  
Many years have passed  
We never depart from this land.  
Eggs not broken, nest not destroyed  
Hands held fast.
- \* One helps and others join in  
Together we pool our help  
Which is Myanmar's strength.  
Roads, bridges built one by one  
Like flowers blooming one after another  
'Tis truly magnificent.
- \* Myanmar nation's lush and cool  
There's the song of peace in pollination  
Pluck it and enjoy the beauty.  
Worldwide famous are  
Ruby and Sapphire  
Into jade added  
With resources in our land  
We are abundantly rich.
- \* Citizens, brethren all  
Ours is the sky of the Union.  
The sun, moon and stars brilliant  
Sparkling and clear.  
The fruits are a hundred  
Yet they have but one stem.  
Elder brother and younger  
Are all but the same  
For the prosperity of the Union  
Let's all strive hard.

Soe Moe (Pathein)

(Hailing the 57th Anniversary Union Day)



*Innocent civilians run for their lives as wars follow the dismemberment of Yugoslavia in 1990.*

people and caused the dismemberment of the Union.

The internal affairs of some Union States in the world showed that the lack of unity among national brethren and the deterioration of Union Spirit created the armed conflicts and civil wars. The colonialist interferences and intrusions into the internal affairs will only result in unnecessary consequences for the country concerned, and

that country will also be under the influence of great powers. Moreover, the lives and property of the people of that country were also lost. Such were lessons taught by international conflicts.

The secret of the Union of Myanmar's being able to stand tall in the comity of the world nations is due to the fine tradition of handing the good heritage to the later generation of national brethren with the dy-

namic nationalistic fervour.

Taking historical lessons from what had happened to above-mentioned countries, all the national brethren must safeguard the noble heritage of Union Spirit with further consolidated national unity for the emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed democracy, in other words, a new Union State.

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Translation: MS+KTY

## Vice-Senior General Maung Aye inspects Kale...

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Afterwards, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party flew to Kalewa by helicopter. They were welcomed there by Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun, Col Nyi Tun of Kyikon Station and departmental officials.

On arrival at Myittha River Bridge (Kalewa) construction project, Min-

reinforced concrete bored piles and the upper structure is of steel frame suspension bridge and reinforced concrete beams and tiles. Nowadays, the construction tasks completed 60 per cent.

Next, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party proceeded to Myoma Bridge in Mingin Township and viewed prepara-

region while inspecting development of Sagaing Division. The Government laid down and is implementing plans for emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed nation.

In addition, the project for development of border regions, the project of 24 development regions and five rural development project including the rural

Government in carrying out the tasks.

Next, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye gave a speech. He said that population of the State is over 53 million now and the population will increase more. With a view to ensuring food sufficiency of the offspring of the people, efforts are being made for enabling our country to be-

### 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



Vice-Senior General Maung Aye speaking at the ceremony to meet with Kale District and Mingin Township authorities and local people in Mingin Township.— MNA



ister Maj-Gen Saw Tun reported on completion of the project.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye gave instructions on the bridge to be built as a pleasant and strong one and inspected the project tasks.

The foundation of Myittha River Bridge (Kalewa) is being built of

tions for holding the opening ceremony of the bridge.

Afterwards, they met with Kale District and Mingin Township authorities and local people. At the meeting, Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein gave a speech. He said that Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party arrived in Mingin

area of Mingin Township are being implemented. The development tasks of the State cannot be carried out by the Government alone. Only when all the people participate in the project tasks, will the projects be completed. Therefore, all the people are required to harmoniously cooperate with the

come an industrial one which can keep abreast with developed nations.

As the transport facility is one of the development tasks, assistance are provided for better transport of the whole nation. The region, Mingin, is a less developed one. So, Head of State Senior General Than Shwe gave

guidance to build Monywa-Ahlon-Yagyi-Myoma-Kalewa Road for development of the region. The road will be the highway of the State and living standard of the people from environs of the road including Myoma region will be upgraded. Then, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye cordially conversed with

the local people.

Monywa-Ahlon-Yagyi-Myoma-Kalewa Road is 115 mile long road. Now, the 30 feet wide and 18 feet wide tarred road has been built. The opening ceremony will soon be held because of completion of Myoma Bridge on the road.

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## Government in cooperation with ASEAN...

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On arrival at the university where the opening ceremony is going to be held at 7.45 am, Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt was welcomed by departmental officials, officials of social organizations, the rector of the institute and faculty members and students.

Afterwards, the opening ceremony was held in front of the archway of the university. Outstanding students Maung Thet Oo Han and Ma Thet Myat Noe Lwin formally opened the new main building.

Next, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and party planted Gangaw sap-

lings (*Mesua ferrea*) at the designated places to mark the success of the opening ceremony.

Next, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt unveiled the bronze inscription of the university.

After that, Vice-Chairman of MEC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win sprinkled the bronze inscription with scented water.

Next, the ceremony to opened the institute followed at the main building.

First, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt made a speech. He said that the new main building for Yangon University of Computer Studies was opened to hail the 57th

Anniversary Union Day, adding the university institute complete with the splendid new main building, advanced lecture halls, beautiful and magnificent scenarios and modern teaching and learning aids and with the characteristics of a university of international level has emerged. The students who are pursuing the higher learning at the university are to try their utmost to become intellectuals and intelligentsia capable of serving the interests of the State and the people with the use of the advanced teaching and learning aids, he noted.

The government is now making all-out efforts to

ensure the emergence of a new modern and developed nation and enable the nation to keep abreast with those of the world. Enlisting the strength of intellectuals and intelligentsia, the government is building the nation to be able to stand among the world nations as a sovereign one while striving for enhancing the living standard of the entire national people.

Therefore, efforts are being made for building political, economic and social infrastructures capable of creating health and fitness of the people, higher standard of education, all-round development of social sector, sound economic life and higher standard of nationalistic spirit.

At a time when education becomes the basic driving force for development of all sectors, the government has laid down the national education promotion programmes and is implementing them to enable the national education standard to keep abreast with those of the world, to enable the science and technology in the nation to keep pace with changes and developments and to produce highly qualified human resources in all spheres, placing emphasis on development of education sector.

Nowadays, science and technology is advancing with dramatic momentum and has been overwhelming all developing spheres. Information and communi-

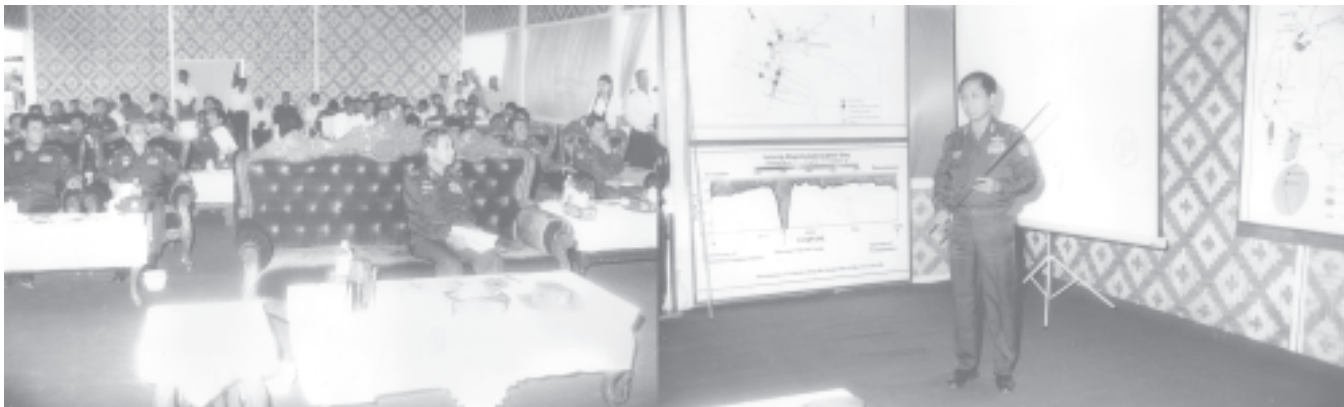
cation technology which is based on computer science and communication technology is not only networking with the global nations but also is overwhelming such fields as education, health, social, economy, trade and defence. As a result, the global nations are vying with each other for the effective use of advanced science and technology in enhancing the national interests.

At such a time, the government is striving for development of information and communication technology. In the process, systematic steps are being taken for the emergence of ICT infrastructures in the nation, development of ICT (See page 15)



Outstanding second year students Maung Thet Oo Han and Ma Thet Myat Noe Lwin formally open main building of Yangon University of Computer Studies.— MNA





Vice-Senior General Maung Aye hears reports on Shwesayay hydro-electric power project by Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Nyunt Tin.—MNA

## Vice-Senior General Maung Aye inspects Shwesayay...

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Shwesayay defile where the hydro-electric power project is being implemented.

At the briefing hall of the project, Minister for Electric Power Maj-Gen Tin Htut reported that Myanmar has many water resources from which hydro-electric power projects can be implemented. According to the survey over 39,000 megawatts of electricity can be generated in the country. In Sagaing Division, there are 21 sites where hydro-electric power projects can be implemented, and about 2,400 megawatts of electricity can be generated.

Of the 21 projects, Zee Creek hydro-electric power project in Kalay Township that can generate 1.26 megawatts of electricity, Lahe hydro-electric power project in Lahe Township that can generate 0.05 megawatt and Thaphanseik hydro-electric power project in Kyunhla Township that can generate 30 megawatts have been implemented.

Among Htamanthi, Homalin, Mawlaik and Shwesayay projects, Htamanthi hydro-electric power project is the one which can produce over 1,200 megawatts of electricity according to the survey. The magnitude of work and vast amount of investment are needed to implement the project.

In order to implement the Htamanthi project, preliminary surveys are being conducted in cooperation with India.

Shwesayay hydro-electric power project can generate 600 megawatts of electricity.

He also reported that with the aim of preventing floods of Chindwin River in the rainy season, ensuring the smoothness of water way and fulfilling the electricity needs of the State, systematic measures are being taken to implement hydro-electric power projects along the river.

Next, Hydro-electric Power Department Director-General U Win Kyaw reported on four ways and means for construction of an embankment on Chindwin River.

Next, Maj-Gen Nyunt Tin, Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation, reported on the current speed of Chindwin river, matters related to Htamanthi hydel power project, and feasibility study for construction of Shwesayay dam

and its benefits.

In response to the reports, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye gave instructions, saying that hydel power is essential for building a modern and developed nation; that efforts are under way to generate electricity more than 2,000 megawatts during the present third five-year short-term plan designed to fulfil the electricity need of the State; and that the Ministry of Electric Power is also implementing hydel power projects in respective regions and it is also conducting feasibility study in order to carry out hydel power projects at Chindwin basin.

He added the implementation of Htamanthi, Homalin, Mawlaik and Shwesayay hydel power projects which utilize the waters of Chindwin river to produce electricity will begin soon, and that the sooner Shwesayay hydel power project is completed, the quicker it will serve the interest of the country and the people.

He also urged the officials concerned to carry out preliminary engineering tasks while conducting detailed surveys needed for Shwesayay hydel power project.

Later, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye inspected stone samples dug out of the site chosen for construction of Shwesayay hydel power project.

On 4 February afternoon, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party arrived back again at Shwesayay village in Budalin Township, where Shwesayay hydel power project will be implemented.

At the briefing hall of the project, Minister for Electric Power Maj-Gen Tin Htut and Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Nyunt Tin reported on conditions of preliminary engineering works being carried out at the project.

Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Hla Myint Swe and Commander Maj-Gen Tha Aye also reported on the movement of watercraft in Chindwin river and the drifting of timber and bamboo rafts in the river.

After hearing the reports, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye gave necessary instructions and looked into the site chosen for implementation of Shwesayay hydel power project.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party also in-

spected progress of constructing buildings at the project.

Shwesayay hydel power project will be implemented in Shwesayay riverlet of Chindwin river near Shwesayay village in Budalin Township, nearly 20 miles north of Monywa in Monywa District, Sagaing Division.

According to the initial feasibility study, the project, when completed, will be able to generate over 600 megawatts of electricity.

Moreover, it will also provide irrigation water for 25 per cent of two million acres of cultivable land all the year round.

The Irrigation Department under the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation and the Hydro-electric Power Department under the Ministry of Electric Power will take charge of implementing Shwesayay hydel power project.

Initial engineering tasks are under way along with the conducting of detailed feasibility study.

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## New stamps to be issued



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Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs will issue three kinds of stamps, two is definitive issue and one commemorative issue. The two kinds of definitive issue will be 30-kyat stamps — one depicting world-famous black orchid (*Paphiopedilum Wardii*) found in glacial areas in Northern Kachin State, Myanmar, and the other depicting Seintalon mango, a

kind of Myanmar mangoes. Samples of the stamps have been sent to Asean Philatelic Joint Issue of Stamp Album, it is learnt.

The stamp of commemorative issue depicts the championship shield and the best fair play award won by Myanmar youth team in the year 2002 U-17 Soccer Tournament. It is to hail the founding anniversary day of FIFA which will fall on 21 May 2004.

The definitive issues will be available on 11 February and the commemorative issue on 5 May 2004 at state, division, district, and township post offices.

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## Commerce Minister leaves for Thailand

YANGON, 6 Feb — The Myanmar delegation led by Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Pyi Sone left here by air this evening to attend the Fifth BIMST-EC Trade and Economic Ministers Meeting to be held in Phuket, Thailand.

The minister and party were seen off at Yangon International Airport by Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun, Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Thein, Deputy Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Aung Tun, departmental heads and staff families.

The member of the delegation was Director U Tint Thwin of Directorate of Trade.—MNA



Aerial view of Shwesayay hydro-electric power project site on Chindwin River near Shwesayay Village, Budalin Township.—MNA





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## China to curb excessive investment in steel, aluminum, cement

BEIJING, 6 Feb—Chinese Vice-Premier Zeng Peiyan on Wednesday called for concerted efforts to curb excessive investment in iron and steel, electrolytic aluminum and cement.

China has become the biggest producer of those products in the world, with improved technology and equipment, but production facilities planned or under construction in those sectors have outstripped market demand due to excessive investment, said he.

Addressing a telecast national conference, the Vice-Premier said China's production capacity in those sectors have outpaced forecast market demands, while the sectors themselves are characterized by irrational production mix, high input of raw materials, low yields and severe industrial pollution.

Chinese leaders issued a similar warning last year.

The Vice-Premier urged local governments to investigate investment projects in those sectors, and report the

results to the central government, which is scheduled to dispatch task forces in the near future to selected areas to make sure its policies are implemented.

Central government departments and agencies, including the Ministry of Land and Resources, the People's Bank of China (the country's central bank) and the State Environmental Protection Administration, have taken measures to dampen excessive investment in those sectors, Zeng said.

China will resort to eco-

nomie, legal and administrative measures to regulate investment in those sectors, meanwhile cautioning government departments against interference in investors' business, the Vice-Premier added.

He ordered the government departments concerned to improve the country's industrial policies regarding those sectors, and establish a mechanism to publish market information on such products and an early warning system to reduce excessive investment.—MNA/Xinhua



Eight-month-old Nicaraguan boy Osman Alaniz is operated on to correct his harelip in the Velez Paiz hospital in Managua by a volunteer doctor of the organization 'Operation Smile,' on 3 Feb, 2004.—INTERNET

## US needs years to repair images abroad

WASHINGTON, 6 Feb—America's images abroad has deteriorated to such an extent that it will take the United States many years of hard and focused work to restore it, a senior US official has warned.

The warning was voiced by Margaret Tutwiler, recently tapped to take charge of public diplomacy in the State Department, in a testimony before a US House Appropriations Subcommittee on Wednesday, *The New York Times* reported Thursday.

Tutwiler said she agreed with the main findings of an independent panel that American outreach to the rest of the world has suffered from budget cuts and neglect since the end of the Cold War. "Unfortunately,

our country has a problem in far too many parts of the world," she said, "a problem we have regrettably gotten into over many years through both Democrat and Republican administrations, and a problem that does not lend itself to a quick fix or a single solution or a simple plan."

The findings Tutwiler referred to were the result of an extensive bipartisan study led by Edward Djerejian, a former US ambassador to Israel and Syria.—MNA/Xinhua

## Brazil's police arrest suspected Italian Mafia boss

SAO PAULO (Brazil), 6 Feb—Brazilian police said on Wednesday they had arrested a suspected Italian Mafia boss who had tried to grind away his fingerprints after running out of time to have plastic surgery to disguise his appearance.

Fabio Franco, 39, was arrested pending extradition to Italy and held in federal police headquarters in Sao Paulo following his arrest alone at a house in Sao Vicente, 45 miles from the city, on Tuesday, police said.

Franco, was in the South American country to have plastic surgery, but ran out of time, they said.

"The information that the Italian police passed us was that he planned to have plastic surgery on his face ... to disguise himself from police," a police Press spokesman said.

"But as there wasn't enough time. He got an emery wheel... a machine to sharpen scissors and knives, and he put his fingers in the machine to get rid of his fingerprints."

MNA/Reuters

## Hu Jintao leaves Algeria for home

ALGIERS, 6 Feb—Chinese President Hu Jintao left here for China on Wednesday after paying a successful state visit to the African country.

Algerian President Abdelaziz Bouteflika, when saying good-bye with his Chinese counterpart, considered Hu's visit a crucial milestone in deepening and developing the China-Algeria friendly cooperation.

He said Hu's successful visit to Algeria would further push forward the development of the bilateral relationship.

Hu said the bilateral friendly cooperation has a broad prospect, hoping that the two countries could continue to make joint efforts to promote the relationship in the new century with greater achievements.

The Chinese President, during his stay in Algeria, held talks with President Bouteflika, Prime Minister Ahmed Ouyahia and Parliament leaders, exchanging views on bilateral relations and other issues of common concern. The two governments also signed five agreements on bilateral cooperation.

Hu kicked off his foundation tour on January 26 which also took him to France, Egypt and Gabon.

MNA/Xinhua



Japanese teenagers kiss Hello Kitty wearing a China dress at Sanrio Puroland on the outskirts of Tokyo on 24 Jan, 2004.—INTERNET

## US Army closes chemical weapons furnace

WASHINGTON, 6 Feb—The US Army has shut down a chemical weapons incinerator following an alarm on Wednesday afternoon indicating a possible leak of sarin, a deadly nerve agent.

The Army said on Thursday that no one was injured and there was no threat to residents in the surrounding community in Anniston, in the southeastern US state of Alabama. There are some 35,000

people living within 15 kilometres of the incinerator.

Authorities were trying to find out the source of the chemical agent that triggered the alarm, in an observation corridor outside a room that houses equipment for the incineration process.

The alarm indicated a minute amount of chemical agent in the area, the Army said.

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## SPORTS

**Lewis poised to announce retirement**

LONDON, 6 Feb— World heavyweight champion Lennox Lewis is likely to announce his retirement at a news conference scheduled for a London hotel on Friday morning.

The 38-year-old Briton has not fought since successfully defending his World Boxing Council (WBC) title against Vitali Klitschko last June.

He has been given a deadline of March 1 by the WBC to confirm a rematch with the Ukrainian.

Lewis lost only two of 44 fights in a 14-year professional career after he won the 1988 Seoul Olympic super-heavyweight gold medal for his native Canada.

He became the WBC champion by default in 1992 when American Riddick Bowe threw the belt into a dustbin but lost the title two years later to Olivier McCall in the second round of their fight at Wembley.

In 1999 he became the undisputed champion with a unanimous points win over Evander Holyfield then confirmed he was the best heavyweight of his era by stopping Mike Tyson in the eighth round of a one-sided fight in Memphis in June 2002.

MNA/Reuters



Lazio's Stefano Fiore, right, jumps for the ball with AC Milan's Fernando Redondo, of Argentina, during the Italy Cup, first leg, semifinal soccer match at San Siro Stadium in Milan, Italy, on 5 Feb, 2004.—INTERNET

**Adriano enjoying instant impact at Inter**

MILAN, 6 Feb— Inter Milan have a history of expensive errors in the transfer market but with four goals in two games Brazilian striker Adriano already looks like a signing who could make a huge difference to the troubled club.

Adriano was brought back to Inter from Parma during the January transfer window.

After a tentative debut in a disappointing draw against Modena he bagged two goals in the 4-0 win over Siena on Sunday and then two more in the 2-2 draw with Juventus in the first leg of their Italian Cup semifinal on Wednesday. As well as the big Brazilian, Inter have also brought in Serbian midfielder Dejan Stankovic from Lazio and rediscovered Uruguayan Alvaro Recoba, who looks back to his best.

"I'm happy about the goals," Adriano told the club's TV station Inter Channel. "I've made an excellent return to Inter, but I'm especially happy about the team's last two performances."

"With Recoba the understanding is improving all the time but we're all waiting for the return of the other top players who aren't available at the moment," he said.

One of those key men is Italy international striker Christian Vieri whose eventual return to fitness will cause a real headache for

coach Alberto Zaccheroni, given the way Adriano and Recoba clicked so effortlessly against Juve.

"We played well against Juve, we played with joy. We're a competitive side that can put anyone in difficulty. We showed this against a combative Juventus," said the Brazilian.

"We put them in difficulty even when we were down 10 men against eleven and even when they had their best men on the pitch," he added, referring to the second-half dismissal of Inter keeper Francesco Toldo.

Inter defender Fabio Cannavaro says the arrival of Adriano and Stankovic has given the team, 13 points behind leaders Milan in Serie A, a real boost but he was quick to point out the importance of Recoba's revival.

"The new signings that arrived in January are helping us do well."

"But let's not forget that we have a player like Recoba who is in form at last. He will help us make that further leap of quality we're looking for," said Cannavaro.

Inter face a difficult test

away to Sampdoria in Serie A on Sunday before the semifinal second leg against Juve on February 12 at the San Siro. Cup holders AC Milan host Lazio in the other semifinal first leg later on Thursday. — MNA/Reuters



Alaves' Jurica Vucko, front left, of Croatia, takes the ball past Zaragoza's Luis Alvaro, bottom center, and David Villa, right, during their first-leg, semifinal King's Cup soccer match in Vitoria, northern Spain, on 5 Feb, 2004. The match ended in a

**Zidane keen to extend Real Madrid stay until 2006**

MADRID, 6 Feb— Zinedine Zidane is keen to extend his contract with Real Madrid for an extra year and complete his playing career with the Spanish champions in 2006.

"I'd like to add on another year because I'm very happy here in Madrid," the 31-year-old World Player of the Year told a news conference on Thursday.

"In the three years I've been here and I can only say good things about Real Madrid and if the club wants to extend my stay then I'd be glad to look at that option."

"But I don't want to extend it any longer than that because it is better to leave the way open for new players."

"Nowadays we have to play nearly 60 games a season and it is like having two seasons in one so players will have to retire earlier. It is very difficult for a player of say 36 or 37 years of age to play that number of games."

The Frenchman, who won the European Cup and the Spanish championship in his first two seasons at the club, said despite the gruelling calendar he was optimistic about adding at least one title to his collection this year.

"We are in good form at the moment and we still have a chance of winning everything that we are involved in," he said. "But it is very difficult to retain this sort of form over the whole season and it remains to be

seen how we do."

"Our objective, though, is to win all three competitions (League, King's Cup and Champions League)."

Real took an important step towards reaching the Cup final with a 2-0 win at home in the first leg of their semifinal against Sevilla on Wednesday. They lead the Primera Liga by two points from Valencia and have reached the knock-out stages of the Champions League.

Having recently returned from a 10-day lay off due to injury, Zidane said he was still hoping for an improvement in his own form before the end of the season.

"At the moment I would say I was in average shape, but I prefer it that way so that I can look to finish the season strongly as that is when it really counts," he said.

The playmaker also commented on recent declarations by his French international colleague Thierry Henry in which the Arsenal striker ruled out a move to the Spanish club.

"If he said he didn't want to come to Real Madrid then you have to respect that," said Zidane.

MNA/Reuters

**Turkish striker Ilhan close to Japanese move**

ISTANBUL, 6 Feb— Turkish striker Ilhan Mansiz is close to signing for J-League club Vissel Kobe, his club Besiktas said on Thursday.

"Talks are continuing with Crimson Football Club on the transfer of Ilhan Mansiz, who is under contract with our firm," Besiktas said in a statement to the Istanbul Stock Exchange. Crimson Football Club is Vissel Kobe's management corporation.

Ilhan will not travel with Besiktas on Friday for the match against Ankaragucu as talks with Vissel Kobe are in the final stages, Besiktas manager Sinan Engin told the state-run Anatolian news agency.

Japanese newspapers said last week the Besiktas forward, who scored the golden goal that took Turkey into the semifinals of the 2002 World Cup, was being targeted by Kobe and a deal could be reached in the coming days.

Ilhan already has a huge fan base in Japan, where he was almost as popular as England captain David Beckham during the World Cup in South Korea and Japan.

The 28-year-old's signing would be a massive coup for Vissel Kobe, given a cash injection after being taken over by Crimson.

Turkish newspapers have said Vissel Kobe had offered Ilhan a three-year 10-million-US-dollar contract.

MNA/Reuters

**Williams reaches Pan Pacific Open quarterfinals**

TOKYO, 6 Feb— Former world number one Venus Williams eased past Japan's Saori Obata 6-3, 6-4 to reach the quarterfinals of the Pan Pacific Open tennis tournament on Thursday.

The American top seed, who was knocked out in the third round of the Australian Open last month after returning from a six-month injury layoff, proved too much for Obata with her powerful serves and took 66 minutes to win her first match in Tokyo.

Williams did not look 100 per cent fit and made five double faults, two of them in the eighth game of the second set, allowing Obata to score her only service break in the whole match.

Third seed Elena Dementieva's became the first seed to fall, losing to 250th-ranked fellow Russian Tatiana Panova 6-7 (5-7), 3-6.

Japan's Ai Sugiyama, the fourth seed, fifth-seeded American Chanda Rubin and Jelena Dokic of Serbia and Montenegro, the seventh seed, all made it safely through to the quarterfinals.

Sugiyama overcame a high fever to beat qualifier Els Callens of Belgium 6-3, 6-3, while Rubin edged out Japan's Akiko Morigami for a 7-5, 6-7 (3-7), 6-3 win for a place against Williams.

Dokic, who played three sets in her first match of the year Wednesday, was made to work hard again before beating Slovak qualifier Janette Husarova 7-6 (9-7), 6-7 (2-7), 6-1 in two hours 22 minutes.

MNA/Xinhua



## Government in cooperation with ASEAN...

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not only in governmental departments but also in private sectors, improvement of the skills of ICT scientists and development of ICT human resources.

In the field of education, the government has been able to set up the learning centres, the resource centres, the e-Libraries and computer networks that are based on ICT technology in both basic education sector and higher education sector.

MICT Parks have been established in Yangon and Mandalay for the emergence of ICT-infrastructures and ICT technology-based networks in the nation. At the same time, the Bagan Cyber Tech & Bagan Teleport to provide the international and ICT communication services have been set up.

Therefore, officials of government departments, technicians of private sectors and entrepreneurs have been making concerted efforts to set up e-ASEAN information infrastructure, e-Commerce and e-Government systems for development of ICT infrastructure and ICT-based services.

The government in cooperation with ASEAN member nations is taking systematic measures for harmonious development in science and technology among the nations.

In accord with the objective which calls for all ASEAN nations to become developed ones in 2020 according to ASEAN VISION 2020, the aims of nurturing human resources have been laid down in Hanoi Plan of Action that has been implemented since 1999. The aims are:

- To produce highly qualified human resources in science and engineering sectors
- To nurture technicians who will contribute to industrial and production sectors
- To conduct training courses for producing human resources in ASEAN region and
- To mutually recognize the qualification of and technicians and exchange work in ASEAN region

All ASEAN member nations are making strenuous efforts for successful realization of the aims.

The 9th ASEAN Summit held in Bali in October 2003 laid down the Bali Concord II to accomplish the long-term goals of the association based on the security pillar, economic pillar, and social and cultural pillar. Among these three, the social and cultural pillar covers tasks for technological development, he said.

The meeting also adopted a work plan on the Initiative for ASEAN Integration (IAI) with a view to bridging the development gap between the new members — Cambodia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Myanmar and the Socialist

Republic of Vietnam — and the old members. The work plan constitutes four sectors—Information and Communication Technology (ICT), Infrastructure, Human Resource Development (HRD), and Economic Integration, he added.

Respective members were designated as Country Coordinators to lead the sectors concerned for effective implementation of the work plan. Myanmar was assigned duties to take a leading role in the ICT sector. Therefore, Myanmar has laid down a Master Plan for development of ICT sector and is speeding up its efforts in cooperation with regional nations and ASEAN members. It is also striving for development of technology and human resources after laying down educational plans, he remarked.

For instance, the Government has established new computer universities and colleges, opened master degree courses and PhD courses on computer studies, and installed advanced computer science and modern teaching and learning aids for development of computer science.

The Government is making efforts in all spheres for development of ICT and computer technologies. As a result, there have emerged buildings, businesses and services based on ICT in the nation.

At such an opportune time, teachers and students of universities for computer studies and computer colleges are to actively take part in tasks for enabling the nation to keep abreast of advancing computer technologies and development of human resources in translating the State's lofty aim into reality, the Prime Minister urged.

Continuing efforts are to be made with added momentum in order to hit the nation's goal on ICT technologies and to keep abreast of the technological advancement of ASEAN nations as well as that of the world nations, he noted.

Nowadays, in shaping a bright future of the nation, the Government has been nurturing and training the youths to enable them to brave and surmount future technological challenges by laying down education promotion plans, national education promotion plans and good basic foundations on science and technology, he said.

The Prime Minister also called on the teachers who are nurturing the students to make concerted efforts in accomplishing the State's lofty aim for development of new generation youths. He also urged the students to endeavour to become highly-qualified and reliable ones fully equipped with nationalistic spirit by making the effective use of advanced teaching and learning aids and the new educational facilities.

In conclusion, the Prime Minister wish the students to become intellectuals and intelligentsia who could take a leading role in the sector for ICT development in the nation; and who could contribute towards Yangon University of Computer Studies in producing highly-qualified human resources.

Next, third year student Maung Thiha Hlaing Tun, on behalf of the students, spoke words of thanks.

After that, Chairman of Shwe Kya Byan Construction Co U Kyaw Nyunt and Managing Director Dr Zaw Tun presented teaching and learning aids, and its accessories worth K 20 million for the institute to the Prime Minister.

The Prime Minister handed over the teaching and learning aids to Rector of the institute Dr Paik Tin.

Next, the Prime Minister and party inspected the classrooms, the computer rooms and the learning of the students.

Next, the Prime Minister had a documentary photo taken together with the rector of the institute, faculty members and students in front of the archway.

The project for construction of the main building started on 1 September 2002. The main building was completed and opened today.

There are one three-storey main building, two Type-A buildings, two Type-B buildings, one computer room, two lecture halls, two canteens at the institute. Two recreation halls and one Type-C building are under construction as the second phase, accounting for 85 per cent completion of the project.

Arrangements have been made for construction of 58 classrooms each holding 60 students, two lecture halls each holding 300 students and four computer rooms with 100 computers each at the institute.—MNA

## Myanmar wins silver in Asia Championship Karatedo

YANGON, 6 Feb — A total of 22 participant nations including Myanmar took part in the Asia Championship Karatedo tournament hosted by China (Taipei) of the People's Republic of China. In the men's 'Khata' event held today, Myanmar won silver. The first prize went to Japan while the third went to Iran. The contestants of Myanmar team were Wan Ko Ko Oo, Myint Zaw Oo, and Min Aye. —MNA



Dressed rehearsal for conveyance of Union Flag in progress in Yangon.—MNA

## Commander inspects dressed rehearsal of conveying Union Flag

YANGON, 6 Feb—The Sub-committee for Organizing the Conveyance of Union Flag and Putting up of Poster and Emblems of States of 57th Anniversary Union Day practised the dressed rehearsal for conveyance of Union Flag this morning, inspected by Chairman of Management Committee for Organizing the 57th Anniversary Union Day Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe. Also present on the occasion were Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Linn, Chairman of the Sub-committee Secretary of YCDC Col Myint Aung and members, and officials. —MNA



Cultural troupes and delegates of Kayah State to the Union Day arrive Yangon.—MNA

## Myanmar thrashes Bhutan 5-0

YANGON, 6 Feb — The second leg of the youth football tournament for the first U-18 BIMSTEC Cup 2004 continued in Phukhet of Thailand this evening.

In the match, selected Myanmar youth team trounced selected Bhutan youth team 5-0. Myanmar team took the lead in the first half with two goals scored by Tun Min Oo in the 18th and 45th minutes.

In the second half,

the third goal was shot by Kyaw Kyaw Oo in the third minute, the fourth goal by Tun Min Oo in the 14th minute, and the fifth goal from Kyaw Kyaw Oo in the 35th minute.

On 7 February at 3.30 local standard time, Myanmar youth team and Bangladeshi team will play the first semifinal, and Indian youth team and host Thai youth team the second semifinal. —MNA

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**Four political objectives**

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

**Four economic objectives**

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

**Four social objectives**

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



Vice-Senior General Maung Aye inspects Shwesayay hydro-power project on Chindwin River near Shwesayay Village in Budalin Township, Sagaing Division. — MNA

## Vice-Senior General Maung Aye inspects Shwesayay hydro-power project

YANGON, 6 Feb — Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief

(Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye inspected Shwesayay hydro-power project being implemented on Chindwin River near Shwesayay Village in

Budalin Township, Sagaing Division on 3 and 4 February and gave necessary instructions to officials.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, accompanied by

Secretary-2 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, members of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint and Lt-

Gen Tin Aye, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Rear Admiral Soe Thein, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Maj-Gen Myat Hein, Sagaing Division Peace and Devel-

opment Council Chairman North-West Command Commander Maj-Gen Tha Aye, ministers, deputy ministers, senior military officers, officials of State Peace and Development Council Office arrived at Shwesayay defile of Chindwin River at the border of Budalin and Kani townships.

First, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye inspected (See page 11)

## Government in cooperation with ASEAN taking systematic measures for harmonious development in science and technology

### Prime Minister attends opening of new main building for Yangon University of Computer Studies

YANGON, 6 Feb — Hailing the 57th Anniversary Union Day, the new main building for Yangon University of Computer Studies under the Ministry of Science and Technology in Shwepyitha Township, Yangon North District, was opened at a ceremony in front of the archway of the institute this morning with an address by Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt.

Also present on the occasion were Vice-Chairman of MEC Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, ministers, the Chief Justice, the Attorney-General, the Chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board, the Yangon Mayor, deputy ministers, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, heads of department, social organizations, rector of the institute and faculty members, students and guests.

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Newly opened main building of University of Computer Studies in Shwepyitha Township, Yangon. — MNA



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt visits a classroom at University of Computer Studies. — MNA

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