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Safeguard sovereignty with Union Spirit

For years countable by the thousand, the Union of Myanmar stood as an independent and sovereign nation, with her own civilization. The national brethren have defended and safeguarded the State sovereignty with Union Spirit, while preserving and relaying their high standard of civilization and national pride and national character to the new generation.

Senior General Than Shwe
Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council
Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services
 (From message sent to the 56th Anniversary Independence Day)



Senior General Than Shwe inspects construction projects of Ayeyawady bridge (Yadanabon), Myitnge bridge



Senior General Than Shwe views progress of Myitnge Bridge construction on Yangon-Mandalay Road. — MNA

Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and Lt-Gen Tin Aye, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Rear Admiral Soe Thein, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Chairman of Mandalay Division PDC Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Ye Myint, Chairman of Sagaing Division PDC and Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye, the ministers, senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, responsible personnel of the SPDC Office, and departmental heads.

At the briefing hall of the construction project on Mandalay

bank, Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun reported on the location of the bridge, data concerning the bridge, initial engineering works, construction tasks being carried out simultaneously on both Mandalay and Sagaing banks, and installation of steel frames to the bridge.

Next, Lt-Gen Ye Myint presented supplementary reports on supply of cement, iron rods and fuel oil to the project. After viewing the small-scale model of the bridge, Senior General Than Shwe gave guidance on speedy implementation of the project.

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YANGON, 26 Dec — Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council and Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe, inspected Ayeyawady bridge (Yadanabon) construction project yesterday.

In his inspection tour of the construction project, Senior General Than Shwe was accompanied by member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, members of SPDC Lt-Gen Ye Myint, Lt-Gen Thiha



Construction site of Myitnge Bridge on Yangon-Mandalay Road. — MNA

Emergence of the State Constitution is the duty of all citizens of Myanmar Naing-Ngan.

PERSPECTIVES

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Produce potent traditional medicines for providing better health care services

Myanmars have been living under their own monarch with high culture and national prestige and integrity for years countable by the thousand. Myanmars with high intellect had been able to develop Myanmar traditional medicines in line with own race, cultures and traditions.

Myanmar traditional medical science is a subject complete with a wide array of potent medicines, therapies and subtle medical treatises. Thanks to concerted efforts of Myanmar traditional medicine practitioners and the Government, traditional medicines of high standard are being developed.

Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe and party arrived at the Myanmar Pharmaceutical Factory project (PyinOoLwin) of the Ministry of Industry-1 in PyinOoLwin, Mandalay Division, on 23 December and gave guidance to officials.

In his guidance, Senior General Than Shwe said that various kinds of herbal plants which grow in all parts of the nation are to be collected and grown, that research work is to be conducted on potency of the herbal plants; and that efforts are to be made for producing and using traditional medicines on a wider scale after completion of the research work.

In accordance with the guidance of the Head of State, the Government is making all-out efforts to be able to produce Myanmar traditional medicines of high standard to meet the medicine needs of the nation. The Medical Research Department (Upper Myanmar) is now conducting research on Myanmar herbal plants to produce medicines for malaria, tuberculosis, hypertension, diabetes, diarrhoea and dysentery.

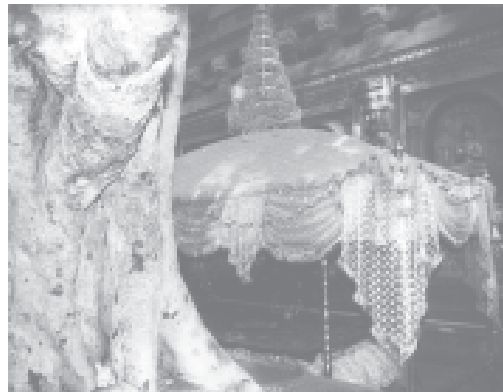
Altogether 273 kinds of herbal plants have been grown to produce medicines. The first-phase production of medicines of the factory will start in March 2005 and the second-phase production in the mid-2006. On completion of the project, the factory will produce one hundred kinds of medicines in tablet, 17 kinds in capsule, 67 kinds in injection, nine kinds of intravenous fluids, 10 kinds of liquid medicine, 7 kinds of embrocation and 3 kinds of medicine powder.

Systematic steps are being taken to produce potent traditional medicines to be used at the traditional medicine hospitals to cure six major diseases. Therefore, officials concerned are urged to carry on research to produce potent traditional medicines for providing better health care services in accord with the guidance of the Head of State.

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

Sayadaws of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee on pilgrimage to Bodh Gaya



Sayadaws pay homage at Aparajita Golden Throne and Bo Tree in Bodh Gaya. — MNA

YANGON, 26 Dec — Members of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee led by Joint Secretary Sayadaw of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Agga Maha Panditta Bhaddanta Osadha Bhivamsa on 18 December left here for

India to visit Bodh Gaya in India and Nepal.

At Gaya Airport in Bihar State, India, Myanmar Ambassador to India U Kyi Thein and officials welcomed them.

Next, accompanied by Sayadaw of Bodh Gaya Myanmar Monastery, they went to Maha Bodi Pagoda.

At the pagoda, they recited the parittas and paid homage to Buddha Image and Bo Tree.

Next, they also paid homage at the Aparajita Golden Throne and the Bo Tree, under which the Lord Buddha attained the enlightenment. On 19 December, the Sayadaws went to Banares and

visited Migadawon. At Migadawon, they recited the parittas at the area where Gottama Buddha, after the enlightenment, delivered the first Dhammacakka Discourse to Five Disciples.

They proceeded to Nepal by car the next day.

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Home Affairs Minister inspects Twantay Women Care Centre

YANGON, 26 Dec — Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo, accompanied by Director-General of the Prisons Department U Zaw Win, Director-General of the Social Welfare Department U Sit Myaing and officials, inspected Women Care Centre in Twantay Township this afternoon. After hearing the clarifications of Director-General of the SWD and In-charge of Women Care Centre Daw Aye Thein, the minister left necessary instructions.

Afterwards, the



Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo inspects Women Care Centre in Twantay. — HOME AFFAIRS

minister inspected Setsan Police Station and the plot for the new station.

Next, the minister met with townsenders, members of Myanmar Maternal and Child

Welfare Association and members of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation. — MNA

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SCHOOL FAMILY DAY
(28/ 12/ 2004 to 3/ 1/ 2005)

School Family Day 2004-2005 rehearsed in Kamayut

YANGON, 26 Dec — A rehearsal for School Family Day 2004-2005 took place at Diamond Jubilee Hall on Pyay Road in Kamayut Township this morning.

Present on the occasion were Minister for Education U Than Aung, Deputy Ministers U Myo Nyunt and Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min and directors-general.

Next, the minister and party inspected booths of education development and observed booths of reference books and booths to mark 50 years of Myanmar Historical Commission.

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ICT Exhibition to be staged in Mandalay

YANGON, 26 Dec — With the aim of achieving equitable development of Myanmar Information and Communication Technology, ICT Exhibition organized by Computer Entrepreneurs Association (Mandalay) and Myanmar Computer Scientists Association (Mandalay) will be held at Mandalay City Hall from 7 to 9 January starting from 9 am to 5 pm. —MNA

All this needs to be known

- * Do not be frightened whenever intimidated
- * Do not be boasted whenever flattered
- * Do not be softened whenever appeased

Singapore, Thailand, Brunei to sign open-skies deal Monday

SINGAPORE, 25 Dec— Transport ministers from Singapore, Thailand and Brunei will sign on Monday an open-skies pact for airline passenger traffic between the three countries, a newspaper reported Friday.

The deal, to be inked at a ceremony in Bangkok, formalizes rights that airlines from the three already have — allowing them to operate an unlimited number of passenger services on any route between all three countries — the report said.

But officials hope the agreement will spur other Southeast Asian states toward similar deals, the *Straits Times* newspaper said. “It establishes a useful framework for ASEAN to liberalize its passenger services eventually,” a spokesman for Singapore’s Transport Ministry was quoted as saying.

The 10-country Association of South-East Asian Nations has said it wants a regionwide open-skies deal for access to capital cities in place by 2008.

Air traffic in the region has been growing strongly, driven in part by the rapid spread of low-cost carriers such

as Malaysia’s AirAsia and Thailand’s Nok Air.

Singapore in particular has witnessed a surge in the no-frills sector this year with the launch of three new low-cost players: privately owned Valuair; Singapore Airlines’ unit Tiger Airways; and Jetstar Asia, an offshoot of Australia’s Qantas Airways.

“A large pie for ASEAN would naturally mean more benefits to each individual member, including Singapore,” the spokesman was quoted as saying.

Thailand, Singapore and Brunei sealed a similar open-skies deal for cargo services last February. Cambodia later joined the agreement.

ASEAN’s members are Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam. — MNA/AP

Venezuelan President blasts US imperialism

BEIJING, 25 Dec— Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez on Friday blasted US imperialism, called capitalism, the road to hell and said Mao Zedong and Venezuela’s 19th Century independence hero Simon Bolivar would have been mates had they met.

Addressing students and teachers at Peking University, one of China’s top schools, the charismatic Chavez won warm applause and chuckles when he declared himself to have been a Maoist from the time he was a child.

“I think if Mao Zedong and Bolivar had known each other they would have been good friends because their thinking was similar,” said Chavez, who quoted the late Chairman Mao several times. “Their inspiration came from the same place. It came from humanitarianism...I think if Bolivar had come to China he would have become a socialist,” Chavez said speaking in Spanish through a Chinese translator.

Chavez is visiting China hoping to boost China’s investment in his country’s oil and gas sector. Venezuela, an OPEC member, is the world’s fifth-largest oil exporter. The US Government is a favourite target and in Beijing he blamed his troubles in 2002-2003 on the United States.

“The thunder and lightening was created by Washington, this I must say,” he said to cheers from a group of student supporters in the audience from Latin America. “This is US imperialism. It wants to become the master of the American continent, but Venezuela’s people are the real masters of Venezuela.”

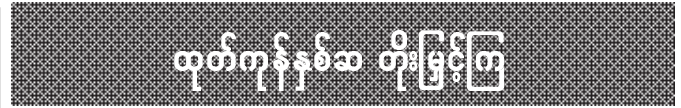
MNA/Reuters



An Iraqi man stands in front of a cistern blown off the back of a fuel tanker, that landed on the entrance of the Libyan Embassy following an explosion in western Baghdad recently.—INTERNET

Elephants dressed up as Santas, two-years-old Noppaklao, left, and three-year-old Plaikaew, revolve hula hoops with their trunks during a Christmas celebration for Thai school children at a school ground in Ayuthaya Province, Thailand, on 24 Dec, 2004.

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Chinese foreign trade surges 750 times in 55 years

BEIJING, 25 Dec— Chinese foreign trade has increased 750 times since the People’s Republic of China was founded 55 years ago, serving as a major engine for the growth of world trade, a Chinese trade official said here Friday.

Bo Xilai, Minister of Commerce, told an annual national working conference on commerce that China was expected to be the third largest trade country in the world this year.

Chinese foreign trade in the first 11 months of 2004 exceeded 1 trillion US dollars, including 167 billion US dollars’ worth trade with North America, 190 billion US dollars with Europe and over 600 billion US dollars with Asian

countries and regions.

According to the World Trade Organization, the United States spent 20 years to increase its foreign trade volume from 100 billion US dollars to 1 trillion US dollars and Germany, 26 years. But China did it in 16 years. China’s soaring economy spurred trade, which benefits its neighbours as well, Bo said.

In the January-November period, Chinese imports from Asia surged

by 37 per cent to hit 334.6 billion US dollars, more than 20 per cent of Asia’s total imports volume.

Meanwhile, Chinese exports were optimizing their structure, the minister said.

China’s exports of machinery and electronic products and hi-tech products both recorded growths of over 40 per cent and accounted for 54 per cent and 27.7 per cent of China’s total exports, Bo said. — MNA/Xinhua



Largest quake hits Australia’s Tasmania state

CANBERRA, 26 Dec— Australia’s southern state of Tasmania was rocked by the world’s largest earthquake in three-and-a-half years when it struck under the sea half way between Australia and Antarctica on Friday, seismologists said.

No injuries or damage were reported. The earthquake measuring 8.1 on the Richter Scale hit near Macquarie Island in the Southern Ocean, more

than 500 miles southeast of Tasmania, at about 2 am (1500 GMT), said Geoscience Australia seismologist Cvetan Sinadinovski.

“Usually this kind of earthquake happens every three to four years in the world, it is just a part of the dynamic cycle of the earth,” Sinadinovski told *Reuters*.

The earthquake could have caused a tsunami, but no noticeable changes in water levels had been reported in Tasmania or New Zealand, Sinadinovski said. An aftershock measuring 6.1 hit at 6.50 am, he said.

“The last earthquake of similar magnitude in the Macquarie Rise region was in 1924.

MNA/Reuters

US troops stricken by rare pneumonia

WASHINGTON, 23 Dec.— US troops in Iraq have been hit at a higher than normal rate by a rare type of pneumonia that has left two soldiers dead, a study has found.

Acute eosinophilic pneumonia, a rare disease characterized by fever, respiratory failure and an infiltration of the lungs, has been diagnosed in 18 US soldiers in Iraq between March 2003 and March 2004, according to the study in the 22-29 December issue of the *Journal of the American Medical Association*.

Severe pneumonia was found among 19 US military personnel in March-April 2003, and 10 of them were diagnosed with the disease. Of the 10 patients, two died, according to the study.

Internet

US soldiers wounded in Baiji, Iraq

BAIJI (Iraq), 25 Dec.— A suicide bomber targeted a US military convoy and wounded several US soldiers in Baiji, Iraq, Saturday, the al-Jazeera satellite network said.

Also Saturday, gunmen killed Dr Hasan al-Rubay’i, dean of the faculty of dentistry at Baghdad University, as he and his wife were driving in the Iraqi capital. His wife was wounded.

Gov Abdallah al-Juburi of Diyala escaped an assassination attempt, but four of his bodyguards were injured, when his convoy was targeted with an explosive charge in Baghdad.

In Mosul, several Iraqi National Guardsmen were wounded after they were targeted by an explosive charge.

Internet

Senior General Than Shwe inspects construction ...

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From the briefing hall, Senior General Than Shwe inspected the progress of construction works and tasks for erecting mid-stream piles.

Next, Senior General Than Shwe and party inspected progress of construction of the approach bridge on Mandalay bank.

The main frame of the bridge is of iron type, and the approach bridges are of concrete-reinforced beams. The bridge is 5,614 feet long in total and can withstand 60 tons of load. It will have four 49-foot-wide motor roads and two five-foot-wide

pedestrian lanes.

After inspecting the bridge construction project, Senior General Than Shwe and party inspected the construction of the eight-lane Strand Road, the beautifying tasks being carried out at Mandalay Kandawgyi and Thingaza Creek.

Senior General Than Shwe and party visited Myitnge bridge construction project No 1/422 on Yangon-Mandalay Highway this morning. At the briefing hall, Senior General Than Shwe heard reports on the location of the bridge, ongoing construction works and tasks to be carried out.



Senior General Than Shwe views Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadanabon) construction project from the Mandalay Bank. — MNA



logical Academy on 24 December.

Senior General Than Shwe and party inspected No 1 Steel Mill in PyinOoLwin and gave guidance on making efforts to increase productivity for national development and production of steel essential for nation-building tasks.

They inspected PyinOoLwin District People's Hospital, Pharmaceutical Factory Project (PyinOoLwin) and Medical Research Department (Upper Myanmar). Senior General Than Shwe gave guidance on upgrading the existing hospital to 200-bed one and extension of buildings for health resort, conducting research on potent traditional medicines and production of medicines at low price.

Senior General Than

Guidance of the Head of State during the tour

- * Need to make efforts to increase productivity for national development and production of steel essential for nation-building tasks.
- * Upgrade the existing hospital to 200-bed one and extension of buildings for health resort, conducting research on potent traditional medicines and production of medicines at low price.
- * Strive for early completion of Yeywa Hydel Power Project in Mandalay that can generate 790 Megawatts.
- * The interests of the industrialists and those of the State and the people should be taken into consideration equally.

After hearing the reports, Senior General Than Shwe gave guidance on making the bridge be grand and attractive. Myitnge bridge is of reinforced concrete type. With two 120-foot-long approach bridges each on Yangon and Mandalay banks, the bridge is 600 feet long. It will have six 72-foot-wide lanes and two 4-foot-wide pedestrian lanes on both sides. The bridge can withstand 75 tons of load. Now, the construction of the bridge has been completed 70 percent.

After inspecting the Myitnge bridge construction project, Senior General Than Shwe and party inspected the condition of Myitnge-Htonbo-PyinOoLwin Road. They also inspected the progress of construction work at the

circular road being constructed by Mandalay City Development Committee.

At noon, Senior General Than Shwe and party arrived at Madaya. They were welcomed there by departmental officials, members of social organizations, and residents.

Senior General Than Shwe and party inspected the ring road and arrived back in Mandalay. Mandalay City Development Committee is building 52 miles four furlongs long Mandalay Ring Road.

Senior General Than Shwe and party visited the building of Traditional Medicine University opened this morning in Mandalay.

Senior General Than Shwe and party arrived back here in the evening.

Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-

Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe toured the regions in Mandalay, Magway and Sagaing Divisions from 15 to 26 December.

Electrical and energy sectors are important ones for national development. Dam projects that can supply water and generate electric power are key projects for the nation.

It is necessary to complete the projects as soon as possible. Implementation of the projects is to be carried out at the same time, not one after another.

Senior General Than Shwe delivered speeches at the graduation parade of the 47th Intake of Defence Services Academy in PyinOoLwin on 17 December and the 7th Intake graduation of Defence Services Techno-

Shwe inspected Yeywa Hydel Power Project in Mandalay that can generate 790 Megawatts. He gave guidance on early completion of the project and meeting set standard.

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Senior General Than Shwe inspects construction projects...

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Senior General Than Shwe also inspected Manipur Dam project, Myittha Dam project in Gangaw Township, Buywa Dam project and Mone Creek Dam project in Sedoktara Township and Kyeon-Kyeewa Dam project in Pywintbyu Township. In his inspection tour, he said electrical and energy sectors are important ones for national development. Dam projects that can supply water and generate electric power are key projects for the nation. He spoke of the need to complete the projects as soon as possible. He gave guidance on implementation of the projects at the same time, not one after another.

River water pumping

projects are being implemented with the aims of turning dry regions into green ones, cultivating monsoon paddy for regional sufficiency and increasing income of local people through cultivation of other crops.

Senior General Than Shwe inspected Lawkananda and Kyaukku River Water Pumping Projects in NyaungU Township, construction of Bagan Golden Palace, Nanmyint Tower and Nanmyint Tower Hotel in Bagan archaeological site. Senior General Than Shwe urged local people to grow monsoon paddy and seasonal crops in irrigated areas without fail.

Senior General Than Shwe visited Yenangyoung Industrial



Senior General Than Shwe gives guidance to officials of the Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadanabon) construction project. — MNA

Zone. In meeting with officials the Senior General gave guidance that the government would provide necessary assistance for the development of the

zones. He said the interests of the industrialists and those of the State and the people should be taken into consideration equally.

Despite limits,

barriers and obstacles, the government in cooperation with the people made efforts for development of the nation and its people with unity. That is why better achievements have been made in the country.

In meeting with departmental officials in Magway, the Senior General gave guidance on continued efforts for nation-building tasks in

cooperation with the government, the Tatmadaw and the people.

Senior General Than Shwe inspected Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadanabon) construction project for ensuring better transport between Sagaing and Mandalay and gave guidance on early completion of the project.

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Iron beams installed between PR1 and PR2 of Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadanabon). — MNA

Duty and functions of dry day inspection teams supervised

YANGON, 26 Dec — Dry Day Inspection Teams performed their duties by checking Tatmadaw and departmental automobiles at the main points of Yangon city today.

Functions and duties

of the teams were supervised by members of Dry Day Supervisory Committee Deputy Minister for Construction U Tint Swe, Deputy Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Than Htay, Deputy Minister for Home Affairs

Brig-Gen Phone Swe, Provost Marshal Maj-Gen Saw Hla, Deputy Quartermaster General Col Tin Shwe, Director-General of Myanmar Police Force Brig-Gen Khin Yi and officials.

The inspection teams

checked dry day pass of departmental and Tatmadaw vehicles, driver's licence, wheel tax bill, wearing of respective uniforms. They also inspected breaking of traffic rules.

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Members of the Dry Day Supervisory Committee led by Deputy Minister U Tint Swe supervise the inspection group. — MNA

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Those present saluted the State Flag at a meeting organized by Rakhine State USDA. — MNA

Rakhine State USDA holds ...

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townselders, departmental staff, member of social organizations, students and outstanding youths. First, those present saluted the State Flag while the students sang a song.

Presiding Chairman Rakhine State USDA Secretary U Oo Kyaw Yin addressed the meeting saying that now is the time when the State is striving to build up a peaceful, modern and developed democratic nation. To shape the future of the country, the seven-point



future policy programme has been laid down and is being implemented. USDA Patron State Peace and Development Council Chairman Senior General Than

Shwe gave guidance that thanks to national unity which plays the most important role in building a developed nation, there has reigned peace and stability

in the country. The government, on its part, is responsible for safeguarding national unity in the interests of the people. Besides, the Patron also gave guidance that the State and the people are to cooperate with Union Spirit in successful implementation of the policy programme. The meeting chairman went on to say that the delegates would discuss today the seven objectives and nine future tasks laid down by the USDA Annual General Meeting (2004). And new genera-

tion youths are to successfully implement the seven objectives and nine future tasks to help develop the State, he urged.

Next, Rakhine State



Those present chanting slogans at the conclusion of the meeting organized by Rakhine State USDA. — MNA



POEM

Keep hands held forever tight

- * Won't be subservient, will retaliate if hit
The patriotic blood, of our ancestors.
Let impediment hit, if it be a tiger let it bite
With head unbowed, staying balanced
Go straight ahead, that's our morale.
- * Hey, Hey, Hey, Hey
With many heys, awaken your heart
Our patriotic blood, scarlet as it is
Our morale serious and firm
We brought Independence within our hold
With unanimity of thought, we plucked the flower
- * 'Tis, the victory of the people and the Tatmadaw
- * The Tatmadaw and the people
Hands ever-held, we stood up and fought
Without fail, we regained it
This Independence, our life-blood
And though danger far and near lurked
Tried to cut us down, scheming
With our strength and integrity ever strong
We protected, with hands held in unison
Today again, using was variegated
Neo-colonialist, employing as ever
New means we must be on guard
Scheme to throw sand on meat it cannot eat
Citizens must be ever alert
So as pride of our people may not wane
With patriotism, love the land
undiminished
With strong morale, and integrity
Don't let hands held for the nation
Ever break, we vow
'Tis cause for Myanmar nation to prosper.
Soe Moe (Pathein) (Trs)

USDA Executive U Win Hlaing, Executive U Kyaw Maung and Executive Daw Swe Swe Than tabled their motions calling for successful implementation of the seven objectives and nine future work programmes laid down by the USDA Annual General Meeting (2004) and plans in Rakhine State.

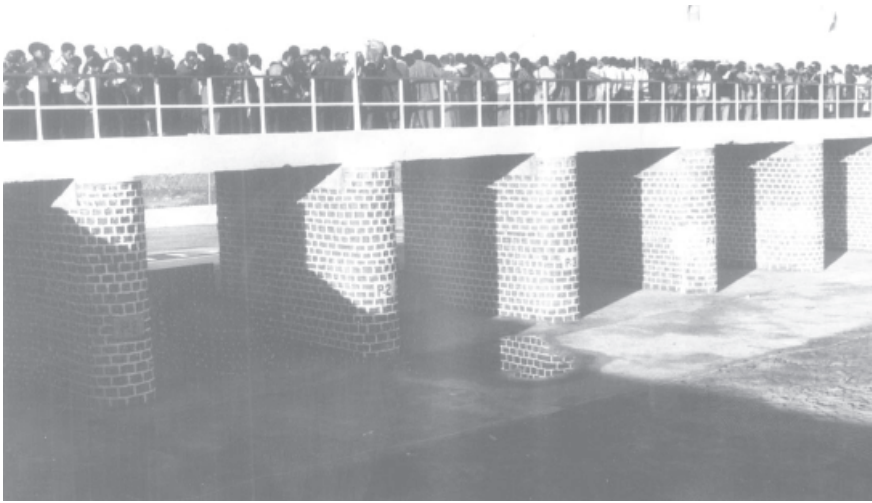
Sittway District USDA Secretary U Tun Win, An Township USDA Joint Secretary Daw Tin Tin Khaing, Thandwe District USDA Executive U Tin Tun and Buthitaung Township USDA Secretary U Ba Khin Thauang seconded the motions. Later, Rakhine State Organization for women's affairs Patron Daw Kyu Kyu Hla, State Maternal and Child Welfare Su-

pervisory Committee member Daw Moh Moh Nwe, Rakhine State War Veterans Supervisory Committee member Major Ye Naing Aung (Retd) and officials presented cash awards to the outstanding youths.

Rakhine State USDA Executive U Kyaw Maung handed over documents related to 500 desks worth K 2.5 million for village primary schools in the state to State Education Officer U Thauang Sein. The meeting chairman announced the approval that Rakhine State USDA will make continued efforts to implement the seven objectives, nine future tasks and the plans.

The meeting ended at 10 am with chanting of slogans. — MNA

Dams built for development of agriculture sector



Kyauktaga Dam was built by Construction-7 of Irrigation Department under the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation across Kyauktaga Creek near Kyauktaga Village in Natmauk Township, Magway Division and the facility supplies water to 2,000 acres of farmland. — MYANMA ALIN



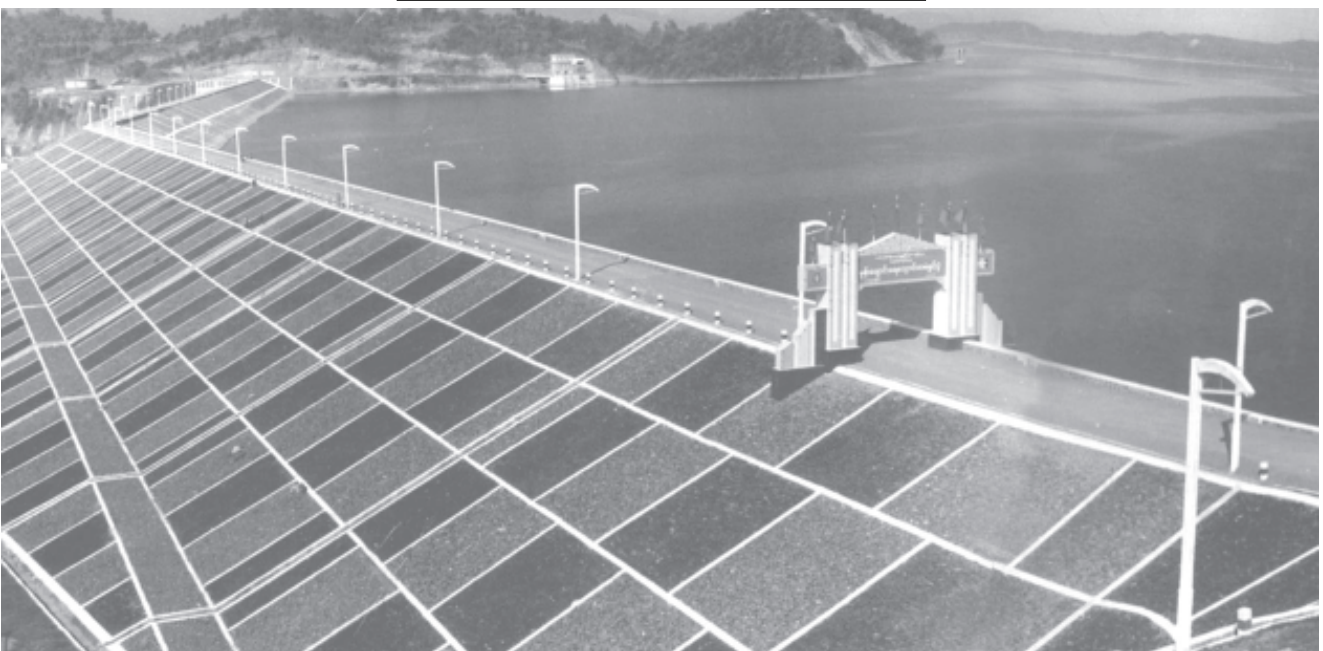
The canal of Bwetgyi Dam is supplying water to 12,000 acres of farmland in Aunglan Township, Magway Division.

MYANMA ALIN

HAILING THE 57TH ANNIVERSARY INDEPENDENCE DAY

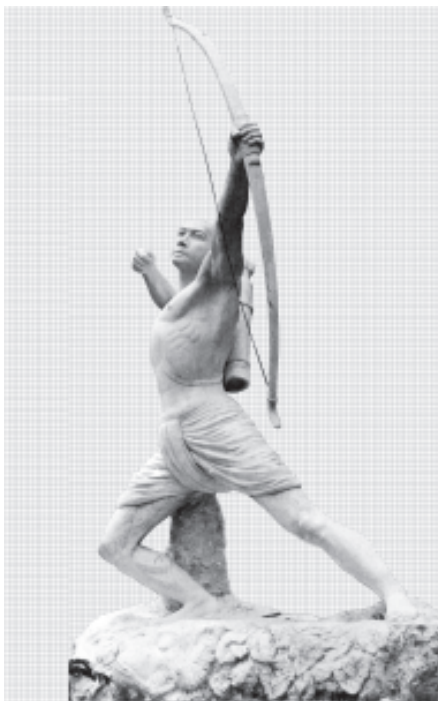
**Efforts made to supply water for
agricultural purpose in the time of the
State Peace and Development Council**

Sr	Subject	From 1988 to 2004
1	DAMS COMPLETED	168
2	PROJECTS UNDER IMPLEMENTATION	35
3	BENEFITED ACRES	2,150,000



Mone Creek Multipurpose Dam built by Construction-8 of Irrigation Department under the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation is 6,490 feet long and 200 feet high and is situated to the north of Sedoktara, Minbu District, Magway Division. — MYANMA ALIN

National patriots who fought against the colonialists



and attempted to occupy her.

Nickolo di Conti, an Italian merchant, was the first who studied and assessed Myanmar's rich resources, higher living standard, and righteous moral attitude of ethnic groups.

In order to exploit economic opportunity, Ngazinga (a) Phillip Debrito, a Portuguese, illegally entered Myanmar and settled in the country.

Living in Thanlyin, he took the helm in trade in areas like Dagon (Yangon) and Patheingyi. It was in 1627 that the Dutch, the English and the French entered the country.

In April of 1753, Mr David Hunter of East India Company seized Hainggyi Island and opened a colonialist base there.

King Alaungmyintaya had to draw plans to clear the island of the colonialists. Myanmar forces attacked

Soe Thein (Myanma Alin)

ued in the colonialist-controlled areas. Later, the second Anglo-Myanmar war broke out in the time of King Bagan.

During the second war, British troops marching to lower Myanmar to capture the whole area came under attacks launched by Kayin, Gekho and Gebar nationals at the east Yoma mountain ranges.

With the spirit of not allowing to lose even an inch of their land, they unitedly fought the intruders.

Thus, there emerged anti-colonialist patriots like Natshinywe Bo, Bo Thapon, Bo Tha Oo, Bo Moe Oo, Bo Kyaw Zan Hla, and Bo Myat Htun in Yangon, Danubyu, Bago, Patheingyi, Mawlamyine, and Mottama.

Bo Gaunggyi, a patriotic fighter and former village-head of Tapun district in Thayawady, was contemporary with Bo Myat Htun. Hand in hand with his brother Bo Gaunggalay and Kayin nationals, he raided the British-stationed towns and villages. The entire national races shouldered their historical duties unreservedly by trying to drive the British intruders out of the country throughout the course of the second Anglo-Myanmar war.

National races such as Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Bamar, Mon, Rakhine and Shan are the compatriots living on the soil of Myanmar since yore.

Nature favours Myanmar with a wealth of land and water resources. With an inexhaustible supply, forest covers more than half of the area of the country. In other words, Myanmar is an economic hub.

Major seaports can be built in the country for navigational purpose. Myanmar being a land of favourable conditions, the colonialists became covetous

the island in 1759.

Around mid-1823, a British force invaded Myanmar-owned Shinmaphyu Island. Soon after that, British forces conducted an invasion into the island for the second time and occupied it.

On 5 March, 1824, the British declared war on Myanmar, whereupon the first Anglo-Myanmar war sparked.

Even at the death of the war, anti-colonialist guerrilla fights waged by Myanmar nationals contin-

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The Lower Myanmar fell into the hands of the British at the end of the second war. For the British colonialists bent on finding fault with Myanmar, the rise of the Bombay-Burma Timber Company issue in April 1885 became a soft option to attack and occupy her.

With that excuse, the British waged war on Myanmar for the third time. The British's ulterior motive for the third Anglo-Myanmar war was but to annex the Upper Myanmar.

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Myanmar patriots bravely fought against the mercenary Ngazinga at Thanlyin Fortress.

National patriots who...

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Sacrificing their lives, blood and sweat, the entire national races fought three wars with the British colonialists for many years not to lose the independence and sovereignty of the country they cherished.

Despite it, Mandalay Royal Palace fell into the hands of the British colonialists on account of the difference in the balance of power on 28 November 1885.

An analytical approach to the point of Myanmar's falling into servitude will reveal the incapability to defend the country and the insufficiency to maintain the aboveground and underground resources. Though imbued with strong nationalistic spirit and patriotic spirit, the na-

With cold-blooded atrocity, the British killed the national patriots. Even then, Myanma patriotic fighters showed no fear of the British. Myanmar nationals rose in armed resistance against the British on a scale larger than ever before to extricate themselves from servitude.

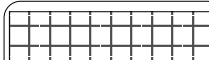
tional brethren encountered the encroachment of the colonialists as there lacked consolidation among themselves.

The administrative machinery broke up in disarray in Yadanabon Period, the last dynasty in Myanmar. Taking advantage of lack of unity in the court and among the national races, the colonialists seized the court with ease.

Therefore, a study of the history of Myanmar indicates that there were times in which the country was under the threat of encroachment by the colonialists as a consequence of deteriorating national unity, almost leading to the loss of independence. With independence robbed, the national brethren fought the colonialists, picking up whatever arms they could lay their hands on.

National races under the command of Htut Lu raided the British bases in Shan and Kayah States.

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General Maha

Bandoola was seen

inspecting colonialist

prisoners caught in the

fight at Manipura.



Kachin, Shan and Bamar nationals led by the Wuntho Sawbwa engaged in a fight with the British troops stationed at Hmankintaung Camp. Unbearable with the strong and fierce offensive, the British troops had to withdraw in disarray.

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Wuntho Sawbwa U Aung Myat, a patriotic hero who received the 'Maha Vamsa Sirijaya Sohambva' title, drove the colonialists out of Wuntho.

before to extricate themselves from servitude. The British colonialists occupied Myanmar with the aim of keeping the whole country at the helm and bringing a total end to the existence of dynasty and race.

The sight of the plight of women crying in streets of villages and the bullish assault on peasants and workers ignited the anti-colonialist sentiment.

The fangs of the colonialists are as fearful as those of the ogres. For their vested interest, the colonialists used various means of discrimination to destroy the unity in their colonies. Moreover, they set the national races against



each other, looted the property of the people, and then took the country. The atrocities committed by the colonialists are unerasable from the pages of Myanma history. The memory of the valour and bravery of Myanmar national patriots who risked their lives in the independence struggle still lives on.

With undaunted spirit, they braved the British, whose strength was grater than them, regarding their lives as a leaf or a flower. The fall of Myanmar national patriots in the fights with the British that had superiority in weaponry was like flowers falling to the ground as a result of strong wind. It is due to unyielding spirit and nationalist fervour that they fought to death. The vicious act of the British colonialists was the division of the hill region and the plains. They never let it enter their head the development and prosperity of the hill regions.

They left that regions unattended. They never took the initiative for economic growth, higher education, and social advancement of the residents. That was the 'divide-and-rule' policy exercised in Myanmar by the colonialists.

Thus, there was imbalance in the economic and social phenomena, whereupon the national brethren doubted each other. The colonialists manipulated and enslaved Myanmar in their own interests. Drawing lessons from the ill fates of Myanmar in the international community, the entire national races are to be aware of the danger posed by the neo-colonialists.

How can the threat of the neo-colonialists be deterred? How can independence be safeguarded? The strength of the nation lies within.

It is necessary for the national brethren to realize the tricks of colonialists to ensure the non-disintegration of the Union and the perpetuation of sovereignty. In fact, unity is strength. All in all, independence can be safeguarded with unity.

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Chin national patriots led by Kyuan Bik who bravely fought the colonialists.



Senior General Than Shwe and party visits Razamanisula Kaunghmudaw Pagoda. — MNA

Senior General Than Shwe and wife pay homage to Razamanisula Kaunghmudaw Pagoda

YANGON, 26 Dec — Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe

homage to Maha Myatmuni Buddha Image in Mandalay today. Next, Senior General Than Shwe signed in the Visitors' Book and made cash donation.

Next, they watched the documentary photos and viewed around the Kyaungdawgyi.

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and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing yesterday paid homage to Razamanisula Kaunghmudaw Pagoda in Sagaing.

Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing, accompanied by Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, the Commander-in-Chief (Navy), the Commander-in-Chief (Air), the Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of the Central Command and ministers, arrived at Sagaing yesterday from PyinOoLwin.

When they arrived at Kaunghmudaw Pagoda, Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye and officials welcomed them.

Next, they offered flowers, lights and fruits and paid homage to Buddha Image at the southern prayer hall of the pagoda and presented cash to the Pagoda Board of Trustees for the pagoda.

They also set birds free at the pagoda and circled the pagoda.

Senior General Than Shwe and party paid



Senior General Than Shwe and family make cash donation at Razamanisula Kaunghmudaw Pagoda. — MNA

Motion Picture Academy ...

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and responsible personnel of the Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayon, the Myanmar Thabin Asiayon and the Myanmar Music Asiayon and other NGOs, artistes and technicians, distinguished guests, and film enthusiasts, and then my best wishes to all of you to be in peace of mind and body.

I also would like to express my heartfelt delight at your presence here. Prizes will be presented to outstanding artistes and technicians who have shown their great performance and talent in films screened in 2003. Counting from 1952, a golden jubilee has passed since the State honoured such persons with gold academy awards without missing a single year with an eye to the improvement



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein attends the Myanmar Motion Picture Award Presentation Ceremony and Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw San delivers an address. — MNA

awards. Moreover, if there are two persons who are qualified for a particular award, an award is presented to each of them. A total of 268 academy awards have so far been presented to outstanding film stars. As is known to

conducted by the Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayon; and to the drive for improving the film quality, for participating in international film festivals, and for screening Myanmar films in foreign countries. These reflect the genuine

done their best in the interest of the movie world, the country and the people throughout consecutive years, while the government is doing everything it can to help improve the movie world. A glance at the endeavours of the film artistes

dusty and developed it from the silent movie to today's condition.

Furthermore, they with their artistic talent could instil the nationalist sentiment and independence spirit in the people of Myanmar although they were under pressure applied by the colonialists and the fascists throughout the period of independence struggle. The pains they took deserved to be documented.

There is historical evidence that not only did they oppose to the colonialists and the fascists but they themselves also took part in the independence struggle.

It is common sense that the people of the movie world have done their bit in the tasks for safeguarding independence as well as in today's ongoing nation-building tasks.

It is delightful to learn that the history of Myanmar movie has been in its prime, and the film artistes have held in high esteem the national duties throughout successive eras. It is my belief that they will continue their efforts and participate in the implementation of the seven-point Road Map that will bring about a discipline-flourishing democratic nation, while carrying out their national duties and preserving the fine tradition of the history of Myanmar movie.

However, there still remain some tasks the film artistes have to better the movie world, to improve the movie standard, and to enable Myanmar movies to be on a par with those of the world nations.

Therefore, the onus is on them to preserve the fine traditions of the Myanmar movie world.

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Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein cordially greets academy award winners for 2003. — MNA

of Myanmar movie world.

As regards the value of the academy awards, the two-tical silver awards were replaced with two-tical gold

all, the government is doing its utmost to offer assistance to film shooting, film developing and sound effect; to the acting courses

goodwill the government shows towards the movie world and all the artistes.

It is found that the people of the movie world have

will show that they encountered the shortage of technology and machinery in the pre-war period. Even then, they undertook the film in-

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Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan presents Best Actor Award to Kyaw Hein. — NLM



Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan presents Best Actress Award to Tun Eindra Bo. — NLM



Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan presents Best Supporting Actress Award to Cho Pyone. — NLM



Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan presents Best Director Award to Kyaw Thu. — NLM



Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan presents Best Supporting Award to Zaw Oo. — NLM



Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan presents Best Film Music Award to Zaw Myo Htut. — NLM

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China hopes to have effective energy cooperation with Russia

BEIJING, 25 Dec—China appreciates Russia's attitude towards energy cooperation with China, and hopes to carry out effective energy co-operation with Russia, said Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Liu Jianchao here Thursday.

Liu made the remarks at a regular Press conference when asked about a comment made by Russian President Vladimir Putin.

A foreign journalist said that Putin said oil companies in Russia and China may strengthen cooperation during his recent German tour.

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Police seizes 350 kilos of cocaine in Venezuela

CARACAS, 25 Dec—Police seized 350 kilos of pure cocaine in an operation in Venezuela's northern coastal city of La Guaira and arrested six people, the National Guard authorities said Friday.

The drug was seized Thursday by agents during an inspection in a container carrying refrigerated fruit pulp bound for London.

Venezuela has become an important stop-over point for drugs such as cocaine, heroin and marijuana being sent to the United States and Europe from Colombia, the world's top producer of illegal drugs.

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Chinese residents more satisfied with overall quality of life

BEIJING, 25 Dec—Chinese residents are becoming more satisfied with the country's overall quality of life in 2004, says a recent survey by the Horizon Group.

According to the survey, 80.1 per cent of the people interviewed feel positively about China's overall quality of life, while only 2.6 per cent feel negatively.

Rural residents gave the country the highest marks, residents in small cities and towns lower, and urban citizens the lowest. Just 1.5 per cent of rural population made negative comments, and the percentage is, respectively, 5.6 per cent and 2.6 per cent for urban citizens and small town residents.

Confidence in government management and expectation for harvest from scientific and technological development

got the highest marks. People also have more confidence in the country's international status, national economy and further reform. These items all got higher comment than last year.

Compared with 2002 and 2003, Chinese people feel less safe. Among the national economy, international status and public security, Chinese residents are most satisfied with international status and most confident with the future economic development. Despite of the lower satisfaction with public security, Chinese residents show confidence in its future improvement.—MNA/Xinhua

At least 9 killed in flower looting in Brazil

RIO DE JANEIRO, 25 Dec — At least nine people were killed and 13 injured when a truck plowed into a crowd looting flowers from another truck on a road near Brazil's southeastern city of Resende, police said Friday.

The accident occurred Thursday night when local people and people from passing cars were looting a cargo of flowers from the truck that had tipped over, police said.

Some people were run

over by vehicles moving on the road when they were trying to get flowers and five of them were killed. Several vehicles also got smashed and left four others dead.

MNA/Xinhua



In this photo provided by Steamboat Ski & Resort Corp, Santa Claus hits the slopes of Steamboat Springs, Colo, on 24 Dec, 2004. —INTERNET

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UN official insists critical report on reforms in Arab world

UNITED NATIONS, 25 Dec — A senior UN official insisted on Thursday that a critical report on reforms in the Arab world would be issued next year and denied the Bush Administration had censored it.

Mark Malloch Brown, the head of the UN Development Programme which is financing the survey, was responding to reports that under pressure from Washington this year's study would not carry the UN logo as in the past.

"Let me be absolutely clear. The report will be published in the first part of next year," Malloch Brown told Reuters in a telephone interview. "It will be a tough, hard-hit-

ting report."

"No US official has asked us to suppress the report nor has any US official suggested that their contribution would be eliminated or cut because of this year's report," he said.

Malloch Brown said delays in issuing the study were due to revisions of the draft in his office to make sure "it meets UN standards of impartiality and objectivity".

"I have been looking at

drafts and telling them where there need to be changes," he said. "But the report will be very consistent with earlier reports and call a spade a spade."

The study, known as Arab Human Development Report, is the work of independent Arab specialists, mostly development experts, social scientists, liberals and reformers, UNDP has financed and sponsored their work.

MNA/Reuters

Russia successfully test-fires "Topol-M" ballistic missile

Moscow, 25 Dec—Russia successfully test-fired a mobile version of the intercontinental Topol-M ballistic missile on Friday in the last of four test-firings before its deployment next year, Interfax news agency reported.

Known as Russia's most sophisticated nuclear missile, it can be fitted with a single or multiple warheads and hit targets more than 6,200 mile away.

The firing was part of President Vladimir Putin's plan to turn Russia, whose Soviet-era missile arsenal needs serious renewal and

financing, into a major global military and nuclear power.

Defence Minister Sergei Ivanov, who supervised Friday's firing from a mobile launch pad in Plesetsk in Arctic Russia, said its financing would start early next year.

"At a government

meeting on 30 December we are going to approve a new defence plan for 2005, including purchases of Topol-M mobile missiles," he was quoted as saying by Interfax news agency. "All the tests have been successful and our country is beginning to deploy them." —MNA/Reuters

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Putin defends nationalization of YUKOS' main assets

Moscow, 25 Dec — Russian President Vladimir Putin said Thursday that the state had used an “absolutely legal market mechanism” to acquire the main assets of oil giant YUKOS.

Speaking at an annual Press conference in the Kremlin, Putin said state petroleum company Rosneft bought Baikalfinansgroup, which won the secretive auction Sunday for YUKOS' core production unit Yuganskneftegaz, to protect the interests of the state. “Today the state, using an absolutely legal market mechanism, is protecting its interests. I consider this perfectly normal,” Putin said.

In an auction clouded in secrecy on Sunday, a previously unknown Baikalfinansgroup bought about 77 per cent of the shares of YUKOS' Siberian crown jewel after offering 9.35 billion dollars.

YUKOS is Russia's largest oil producer and Yuganskneftegaz has reserves of 11.63 billion barrels of oil, 17 per cent of the country's total.

Rosneft, a 100-per-cent state-owned company, announced just before midnight it had acquired 100 per cent of the shares of Baikalfinansgroup.

Rosneft is merging with state-run gas monopoly Gazprom, the world's largest gas producer, to create a national oil and gas corporation. The new entity would account for a fifth of Russian oil output and nearly all its gas production, making it the biggest global energy group.

Putin said he believes Russian energy companies

are developing dynamically. “They are developing at a high speed and there are basically good dynamics there,” he said.

Russia's oil and gas production grew 5.2 per cent and 3 per cent respectively in 2004, and energy exports increased during the same period, Putin said.

Rosneft was Russia's seventh biggest group in the oil sector before buying Yuganskneftegaz. It produced 19.4 million tons of oil in 2003.

The Sunday auction raised concerns in Western countries, which see the sale as a Kremlin manoeuvre to control the national energy industry.

MNA/Xinhua

Georgian FM praises development of Georgian-Chinese relations in 2004

Tbilisi, 25 Dec — The year of 2004 marks a “milestone” in the relations between Georgia and China, Georgian Foreign Minister Salome Zurbishvili said on Friday.

At a note-exchanging ceremony, the Foreign Minister and Qi Dayu, Charge d'Affaires of the Chinese Embassy here, signed an agreement on five million yuan (605,000 US dollars) in free economic assistance from China.

Noting that this year is of great significance for the development of bilateral ties, Zurbishvili said Georgia appreciates Chi-

na's support and assistance in the past years.

She expressed the belief that relations between the two countries will be closer in 2005.

Qi said the decision to set up an embassy in Beijing shows that the Georgian leaders attach great importance to the development of relations with China, and bilateral ties has achieved positive progress this year.

The Georgian Parliament has named a Vice-Foreign Minister as the first Ambassador to China, who will head for Beijing early next year to prepare for the establishment of an embassy.

MNA/Xinhua

Yale University to announce scholarships for Indian students

NEW DELHI, 25 Dec — US-based Yale University is planning to announce “sizeable” scholarships and stipends for Indian students for the academic year 2004-05.

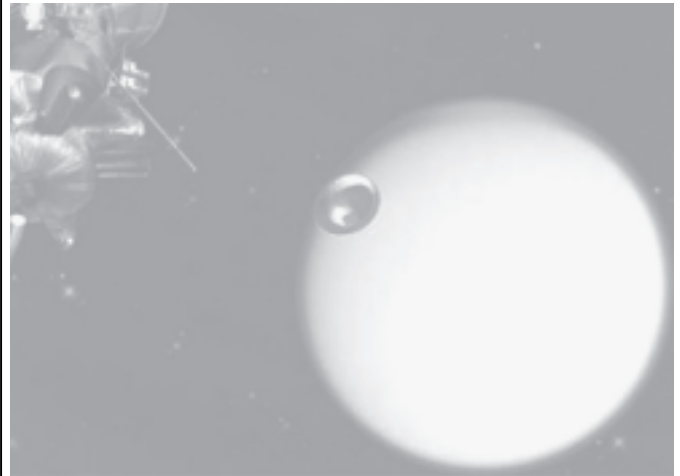
The announcement is likely to be made by Yale University President Richard C. Levin during his visit to India next week.

“Yale has committed to invest one billion dollars in science and technology fields in this decade and we strongly believe that students from India can help us achieve our goal,” said Levin, who will lead a high-level delegation to India next month, in a Press release here.

MNA/PTI



Meerkats Marvin and Mara (R) sniff at a sprig of mistletoe at London Zoo, central London, on 22 Dec, 2004. — INTERNET



An artist's concept is shown of the European Space Agency's Huygens probe en route to Titan after its release from the NASA Cassini orbiter on 24 Dec, 2004. — INTERNET

European space probe breaks away from “Cassini”

LA CANADA (California), 25 Dec — A European-designed space probe broke away from its NASA mothership on Friday on a plunge toward the mysterious Saturn moon Titan, starting a journey researchers hope will end with answers about one of the most puzzling bodies in the solar system.

Ground controllers received a signal at about 7:24 pm Pacific Time (10:24 pm EST/0324 GMT) indicating that Huygens had separated from NASA's Saturn probe Cassini, as small explosives sheared away locking bolts and a set of springs gently pushed the probe off on a collision course with Titan.

The European Space Agency-managed Huygens aims to shed light on the only moon in the solar system with an atmosphere, a place where the surface may not be solid and the truth, scientists say, is almost certainly stranger than fic-

tion. “There are several books on the subject ... and I'm sure that they're all wrong,” said Jean-Pierre Lebreton, the Huygens project manager with the ESA. Long a favourite home for science-fiction tales, Titan is larger than the planets Mercury and Pluto.

Its atmosphere is mostly nitrogen, like Earth, but its surface temperatures of about minus-180 degrees Celsius make it inhospitable.

“In some sense it's a trip to early Earth,” said David Southwood, director of the scientific programme for the ESA.

One of the biggest ques-

tions, Southwood and colleagues said, is whether there is any liquid on Titan's surface — lakes filled with methane rain.

Huygens will hopefully answer that question, after travelling 2.2 billion miles to Saturn over seven years on the hip of the NASA craft Cassini.

About 2.5 yards wide and shaped something like a flying saucer, it was due to make a leisurely descent of about two-and-a-half hours through Titan's atmosphere, using three parachutes to reduce its speed and give the on-board instruments time to take detailed readings.

MNA/Reuters

Sri Lanka asks overstaying foreigners to quit

COLOMBO, 25 Dec — Sri Lanka announced Friday that all foreign nationals living in the country without valid visas must quit by 10 January, 2005.

The Ministry of Public Security Law and Order said in a Press release that “all foreign nationals whose temporary visas have expired have been given time till January 10, 2005 to leave the country or face arrest and prosecution”.

It said the ministry had received information that around 10,000 foreign nationals mostly from Asian nations have overstayed their visas and have found employment in the hotel and jewellery industry among other sectors.

Tilak Ranaviraja, secretary to the ministry, has advised the police to carry out search operations to arrest those whose visas have expired. The secretary said that any renewals of visas would be done after a close scrutiny. — MNA/Xinhua

11 die as cold wave intensifies in north India

NEW DELHI, 25 Dec — Cold weather has claimed 11 lives since Thursday in northern Indian state of Uttar Pradesh, taking the toll in cold-related incidents to 27 this season.

Both Ballia and Mau saw three deaths while one person each died in Jaunpur, Basti, Bhadohi, Azamgarh and Kushinagar due to cold, the Press Trust of India quoted local offi-

cial sources as saying.

Bareilly recorded seven degrees Celsius, the coldest place in the state, while the state capital Lucknow shivered at eight degrees, according to the meteorologi-

cal office.

Dense fog continued to envelope large areas, throwing normal life out of gear, although fog lifted in the state capital later in the day.

MNA/Xinhua

SPORTS

Pusan I-cons beat Bucheon SK 4-3 in penalty shootout

SEOUL, 26 Dec— Pusan I-cons beat Bucheon SK 4-3 in a penalty shootout to win the South Korean FA Cup on Sunday after a 1-1 draw following extra time.

Coached by former Chelsea manager Ian Porterfield, Pusan took the lead in the sixth minute when Brazilian Adriano pounced from close range in Changwon.

Bucheon's Byun Jae-seop restored parity two minutes later in a Christmas Day clash between two of the K-League's perennial strugglers.

Neither team had previously reached the final of the tournament, which was launched in 1996.

Pusan, who finished ninth in the overall K-League standings this season, thrashed Ulsan Tigers 5-1 in the semifinals, while bottom club Bucheon overcame Taejeon Citizen on penalties.

Suwon Bluewings were crowned K-League champions earlier this month.

MNA/Reuters



Qatar's Hussain Yasser (13) controls the ball while Oman's Khalifa Bin Aayil, centre, blocks him as Oman's Hassan Bin Yousuf (17) watches the action during their 17th Arabian Gulf Cup Soccer Championship final match held at Al Sadd Stadium in Doha, Qatar on 24 Dec, 2004. Qatar edged Oman in 5-4 in penalties and clinched the championship.
INTERNET

Miami Heat past Los Angeles Lakers in X'mas Day showdown

LOS ANGELES, 26 Dec— Eddie Jones and Dwyane Wade each scored four points in overtime to lift the Miami Heat past the Los Angeles Lakers, 104-102, in the much-anticipated Christmas Day showdown at Staples Centre.

The game marked the return of Shaquille O'Neal to Los Angeles, where he played against Kobe Bryant for the first time. O'Neal spent eight seasons with the Lakers and captured three NBA championships alongside Bryant.

However, despite that success, the two players were unable to establish a long-lasting relationship and O'Neal was eventually traded to the Heat in exchange for Lamar Odom, Brian Grant, Caron

Butler and a first-round draft pick. Butler missed the game due to a one-game suspension for punching New Orleans guard Dan Dickau on Wednesday.

O'Neal fouled out with 2:15 left in the fourth quarter, finishing with 24 points and 11 rebounds. Wade collected 29 points and 10 assists for the Heat, who tied a franchise record with their 11th straight win.

"My team came out and played well," O'Neal said. "That's all we wanted to

do was come in here and win. It was a fun game. Merry Christmas."

Jones netted 18 points and pulled down seven boards. Damon Jones and Udonis Haslem each had 11 points for Miami. Haslem also snared 11 rebounds. Bryant poured in a season-high 42 points and also handed out six assists for the Lakers, who fell to 1-3 on their current six-game homestand. Odom contributed 24 points and 11 boards, while Chris Mihm chipped in 11 points and 14 rebounds for Los Angeles.

The Heat opened the extra session with a 6-2 spurt, highlighted by four points from Eddie Jones, to grab a 100-96 lead.

After Odom nailed a three-pointer to cut the deficit to one, Christian Laettner made a pair of free throws for Miami and Wade followed with a floater in the lane to stretch the Heat advantage to 104-99 with 2:08 left.

Odom again drilled a three-pointer to pull Los Angeles within two with 1:11 remaining.

MNA/Reuters

Beckham considers possible to reach Barcelona

MADRID, 26 Dec— In spite of a 13-point lead Barcelona has over Real Madrid, the local league is not yet lost to midfielder David Beckham, who assured Saturday that after Christmas things will change.

In remarks to the local television channel of Real Madrid, the player assured the team has the best players of the world, and that doing what it takes "it still is possible to reach Barcelona."

"We can approach them, but in order to do so we need to play the way we know," the English international said.

Real Madrid has not had a regularity this season in spite of having some of the best players of Europe.

The team coached by Mariano Garcia is one of the few European clubs with possibilities in winning the local tournament, the UEFA Champions League and Cup, and to Beckham, Real could win the three. Nonetheless he remembered that last year the possibilities were the same, but in the last two months of the competitions it all crumbled down.

MNA/Xinhua

Qatar win Gulf Cup after penalty shootout with Oman

ABU DHABI, 26 Dec— Hosts Qatar won the Gulf Cup soccer tournament title for a second time on Friday when they beat Oman 5-4 on penalties after the two sides battled to a 1-1 tie after extra time in the final in Doha, Qatar.

Mishal Mubarak scored the winning penalty to send the capacity crowd wild as Qatar, coached by Bosnian Dzamaluddin Musovic, shocked the more established sides in the 17th edition of the tournament.

Qatar took the lead after only four minutes when Wissam Rizq headed in from two metres after Oman goalkeeper Ali Al-Habsi parried a free kick from Waleed Jassim.

Oman were gifted an equalizer in the

26th minute when striker Imad Al-Hossani pounced on a weak goal kick from Mohammed Saqr to lob the ball into the net.

Hussain Yasser and Syed Basheer both had chances to win the match for Qatar during the later stages of extra time but neither side could break the deadlock.

Qatar won in 1992 when the tournament was also staged in Doha.

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Robinho negotiates entry into Real Madrid or Chelsea

RIO DE JANEIRO, 26 Dec— Brazilian soccer player Robinho, the new figure of the Brazilian soccer, negotiates his entry into Spanish club Real Madrid or Chelsea, for at least 20 million dollars, his representation said on Saturday.

The legal representative of Robinho, Wagner Ribeiro said, according to information from Web-site Pele.net, who makes the new contacts in the face of failure of negotiations with Benfica soccer club (Portugal), which only offered 13.5 million dollars.

The representative affirmed that the negotiations "are well advanced" with Real Madrid to hire Robinho, who this season won the national championship

with Santos.

According to Pele.net, Benfica had signed with Santos an agreement to give preference to it in the possible sale of Robinho's rights, but the agreement "turned into dust" due to the reduced Portuguese offer, said Ribeiro and added that the Spanish club expects to pay at least 20 million dollars for the transfer of the new Brazilian soccer star.

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Nick Saban becoming sixth head coach of Miami Dolphins

ORLANDO (Florida), 26 Dec— LSU head coach Nick Saban announced on Saturday night that he will become the new head coach of the Miami Dolphins beginning in the 2005 season.

Just after landing in central Florida with the Tigers, who will play Iowa in the Capital One Bowl here on New Year's Day, Saban said he is ready to take the next step and begin coaching in the NFL.

"I've always been driven by challenges," Saban said of becoming the sixth head coach in Dolphins' history. "This is a great opportunity and a tremendous challenge. I know there is a lot to be learned."

Terms of the agreement, which has not been officially signed, were not released but it is believed to be a five-year deal.

Saban led LSU to a share of the 2003 national championship and this season guided the Tigers to a record of 9-2. He leaves the school after the first season of a seven-year contract.

"Our time at LSU has been the most rewarding and self-gratifying time of

my life professionally," he added about his five-year stint as the head man at LSU.

The Dolphins, meanwhile, are on the way to their worst season in franchise history. Miami is just 3-11, already matching a team record for losses set during the club's 3-11 expansion campaign of 1966.

Dave Wannstedt resigned as Dolphins head coach on November 9 after a 1-8 start. Jim Bates has been serving as the interim head coach.

Saban has had flirtations with NFL teams in the past, including a meeting last season with the Chicago Bears. He took over an LSU programme that was 3-8 in 1999 and guided the Tigers to an 8-4 mark with a Peach Bowl victory in 2000 in his first season in Baton Rouge. He followed that with a victory in the Sugar Bowl the next year.

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Answers to yesterday's Crossword Puzzle

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Motion Picture Academy ...

(from page 11)

These days, foreign films and CDs are flooding into Myanmar. As shown by the statistics, there were 40,793 video tapes and laser discs and 771 films from 1988 to 2004. It is found that foreign films outnumber domestic films. They are a threat to Myanmar film and video industries as well as to national culture, nationalism, patriotism, and Union Spirit. Only when this threat is removed will there be improvement in Myanmar film and video industries. National culture, nationalism, patriotism and Union Spirit will flourish and can be preserved for keeps as well.

nesses and defects in such aspects as plots, presentation, acting, mode of dress, production, shooting, technology, screening and cinema services. Only when they are improved will the level of Myanmar movies be higher, overcome the foreign media challenges, and penetrate the film industry of the world. To counter these weaknesses, suggestions were given at a meeting with film artistes on 5 December this year.

To repeat them, it is necessary to deviate from the conventional trend and make up new thoughts and visions in conformity with Myanmar culture; film directors and artistes as well

fashion-consciousness is acceptable; it is necessary for producers to make the films of high quality and standard with ready markets taking into consideration their long-term commercial gains.

Film technicians are to make efforts for improvement of film industry through producing joint venture films and hiring sound and developing equipment from abroad if necessary.

Film artistes are to conduct seminars, workshops and other courses in order to raise the standard of their film industry, to attend international film festivals and seminars to gain new techniques, to get new contacts and to screen Myanmar

courses and other technical courses by Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayon, installation of modern film equipment and establishment of studios by earning foreign exchange after exporting quality movies and overcoming difficulties encountered through unity, coordination, cooperation and patience. The ministry would provide necessary assistance for development of Myanmar movie, he added.

Academy awards will be presented to outstanding artistes from 26 films screened in 2003.

Film artistes and technicians took part in independence struggle and safeguarding independence in the past.

They are now participating in unity in efforts for peace and tranquillity and development.

Film artistes to actively participate in the tasks of building a discipline-flourishing democratic nation in the future through the seven steps upholding Our Three Main National Causes.

In conclusion, he urged movie-loving people to give encouragement to the raising of Myanmar movie standard, film artistes to preserve Myanmar cultural heritage and national character through their skills and to take part in the tasks for building of a discipline-flourishing democratic nation hand in hand with the government, the Tatmadaw

and the people.

Next, the list of Academy Award winners was announced. Best Sound Award went to Khin Sabai Oo and group for their work in 'Thumwehta Thitsa'; Best Cinematography Award to Kyauk Phyu (Padetha) for his work in 'Amaynoebae'; Best Scriptwriter Award to Nyein Min for his script in 'Amaynoebae'; Best Film Editing Award to U Myint Khaing for his work in 'Thumwehta Thitsa'; Best Supporting Actress Award to Cho Pyone for her performance in 'Amaynoebae'; Best Music Award to Zaw Myo Htut for his work in 'Nay-gamwedela'; Best Supporting Actor Award to Zaw Oo for his performance in 'Amaynoebae'; Best Film Award for 'Amaynoebae'; Best Actor

Award to Kyaw Hein for his performance in 'Naygamwedela'; Best Film Director Award to Kyaw Thu for his work in 'Amaynoebae'; and Best Actress Award to Tun Eindra Bo for her performance in 'Amaynoebae'.

Next, some good scenes that helped them win the awards were shown. Later, Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan presented Academy Awards for 2003 and K 100,000 each contributed by Super Coffeemix to the winners. The award winners expressed thanks and the ceremony ended.

After the ceremony, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and wife and Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan cordially greeted the award winners.

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Best Actress Winner Tun Eindra Bo.
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Five-time academy awards winner
Kyaw Hein. — NLM

A look at the level of the post-golden jubilee Myanmar movie will show that there are still weak-

as technicians are to enhance their ability in film making; it is necessary to avoid decadent mode of dress although

movies in abroad.

New ways and means are to be sought towards improvement of quality of screening, upgrading of the cinemas, conducting acting

Movement of earthquake in Andaman Sea

YANGON, 27 Dec—An earthquake of severe intensity with 8.5 on the Richter Scale with its epicentre about 1,000 miles Northwest of Jakarta, Indonesia was recorded at 7:32:6 am today. Following that earthquake, nine earthquakes of intensity about 6.0 on the Richter Scale were recorded in the Andaman Sea.

The eighth earthquake of strong intensity with 6.1 on the Richter Scale with its epicentre about 60 miles Southwest of Kokogyun took place at 9:38:42 am. The ninth one of strong intensity with 7.3 on the Richter Scale centred about 400 miles south of Kokogyun was recorded.

These earthquakes were activated in the Andaman Sea. The event of severe earthquake, mild earthquakes usually follow at the weak subduction zone in the subsequent three days.

Under the influences of the earthquakes, tidal waves can occur off and along the coast of the Andaman Sea. People of inland regions can take notice of the movement of the earthquake. No country in the world can predict the earthquake.

The following precautions should be taken during the earthquake.

- keep away from the buildings
- be aware of falling debris
- extinguish fire and turn off electricity in the buildings
- Members of Red Cross Brigade and fire fighters should be on alert to help the people in wards and villages
- do not believe rumours

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Earthquake report

(Issued at 09:00 hours MST on today)

An earthquake of very strong intensity (8.5) Richter Scale with its epicenter outside of Myanmar about (1000) miles South of Kaba-Aye seismological observatory was recorded at (07) hrs (32) min (04) sec MST on 26th December 2004.

Tsunami kills hundreds across Asia

Bangkok, 26 Dec—A tsunami triggered by an earthquake in the Indian Ocean killed one tourist on the southern Thai resort island of Phuket on Sunday and may have swept four or five more out to sea, officials said.

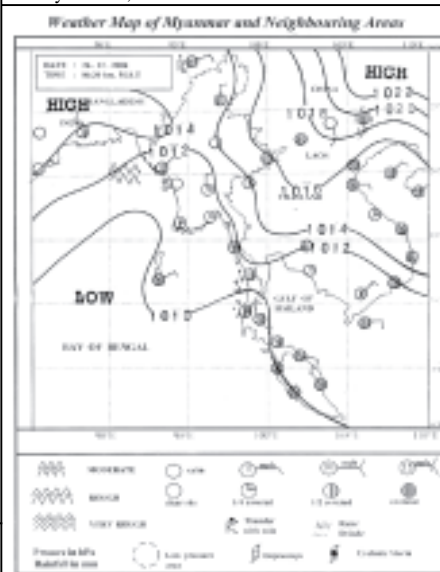
About 100 people were injured as the wave, 5 to 10 metres (16 to 32 feet) high, crashed onto beaches lined with luxury hotels at the peak of the tourist season, they said.

The southern provinces of Krabi and Pang-nga had also been hit, but not as badly as Phuket.

According to news report from Jakarta, Indonesia, as many as 17 people were killed on Sunday on Indonesia's Sumatra island when a strong earthquake triggered a tidal wave. Another news report from Colombo, Sri Lanka, reported that the eastern and southern coastal areas in Sri Lanka were devastated Sunday by rioting tidal waves which left some areas submerged and over hundred people dead.

Officials said many homes near the coastal lines had been destroyed displacing thousands of people. The tsunami also claimed the lives of 74 people when it hit the southern Indian coast early on Sunday, news from Hyderabad (India) said.

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WEATHER

Sunday, 26 December, 2004

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been generally fair in the whole country. Night temperature were (5°C) above normal in Eastern Shan State and Bago Division, (3°C) below normal in Rakhine State, (5°C) to (6°C) below normal in Kachin and Chin States and about normal in the remaining areas. The significant night temperature were Heho (2°C), Pinlaung (3°C), Pyin Oo Lwin (4°C) and Moekek (5°C).

Maximum temperature on 25-12-2004 was 91°F. Minimum temperature on 26-12-2004 was 59°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 26-12-2004 was 78%. Total sunshine hours on 25-12-2004 was (8.0) hours approx. Rainfalls on 26-12-2004 were nil at Yangon Airport, Kaba-Aye and central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2004 were 112.28 inches at Yangon Airport, 106.77 inches at Kaba-Aye and 109.68 inches at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 5 mph from North at (13:30) hours MST on 25-12-2004.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 27-12-2004: Weather will be partly cloudy in Kachin State, Ayeyawady, Yangon and Tanintharyi Divisions and generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions.

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of slight increase of night temperature in lower Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 27-12-2004: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 27-12-2004: Fair weather.

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

Rakhine State USDA holds meeting on successful implementation of seven objectives, nine future tasks of AGM (2004) and plans



YANGON, 26 Dec—Rakhine State Union Solidarity and Development Association held a meeting at U Oktama Hall on the morning of December 24 to discuss implementation of the seven objectives and nine future tasks laid down by the USDA Annual General Meeting (2004) and the plans to be carried out in Rakhine State.

It was attended by USDA members, (See page 6)



Rakhine State USDA holds a meeting in Sittway on implementation of the seven objectives and nine future tasks laid down by the USDA Annual General Meeting (2004). — MNA

Motion Picture Academy Awards for 2003 presented

It is necessary to deviate from conventional trend and make up new thoughts and visions in conformity with Myanmar culture

YANGON, 26 Dec—The Motion Picture Academy Award Presentation ceremony for 2003 of the Myanmar Motion Picture Enterprise under the Ministry of Information was held at the National Indoor Stadium-1 in Thuwunna, Thingangyun Township, here this

evening.

Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win attended the ceremony. Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan addressed the ceremony and presented Academy Awards to out-

standing artistes.

Also present on the occasion were Yangon Division PDC Chairman Yangon Command Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe and wife, ministers, deputy ministers and departmental heads and their wives, members of the panel of judges of

Myanmar Motion Picture Promotion and Scrutinizing Board, officials of the Motion Picture Censor Board and video censor board, directors-general and managing directors of the departments and enterprises under the Ministry of Information, officials of Myanmar Motion

Picture Asiayon, Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association, Myanmar Thabin Asiayon and Myanmar Music Asiayon, film artistes, technicians, film makers, and fans.

Before the ceremony, guests were entertained with songs by

artistes to the accompaniment of Myanmar Athan Modern Music Troupe. U Win Aung and Daw Khin San Myint acted as MCs.

The Academy Awards ceremony started at 6 pm. Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan delivered a speech on the occasion.

He said: First of all, I would like to extend my warm greetings attendance to Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and wife, for their attendance, and members of the State Peace and Development Council, ministers, deputy ministers, departmental heads, (See page 11)



Academy Award winners pose for a group photo. — NLM

INSIDE

The first-phase production of medicines of the factory will start in March 2005 and the second-phase production in the mid-2006.

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