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## Duty of all nationals

It is the bounden duty of all Myanmar nationals to totally eliminate, with Union Spirit, discord, hatred and disunity among themselves which are the evil legacy of colonialists .

**Senior General Than Shwe**  
**Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council**  
**Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services**

(From address delivered at the conclusion of Primary Teachership Course No 35)



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## Sooner completion of projects urged Special Projects Implementation Committee meets

YANGON, 27 Dec — The work coordination meeting 2/2004 of the Special Projects Implementation Committee was held this afternoon at the office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army) and Chairman of the Special Projects Implementation Committee Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council

Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe delivered an address.

It was also attended by Vice-Chairman of the SPIC 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, members of the SPIC Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann and Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win, Secretary of SPIC Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development (See page 4)



Dignitaries of State seen at the coordination meeting of the Special Projects Implementation Committee. — MNA

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

## PERSPECTIVES

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## Strive for speedy completion of nation-building work

Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe, accompanied by responsible officials, visited Mandalay, Magway and Sagaing Divisions for 12 days from 15 to 26 December and inspected the development endeavours being carried out there.

During his visit to Magway, Magway Division, Head of State Senior General Than Shwe gave guidance to departmental personnel that it was necessary for the government, the people and the Tatmadaw to be always in oneness with one another and safeguard the State.

Despite various hardships and limitations, the government has been working very hard in the interests of the nation and the people and, thanks to closer cooperation of the people and the Tatmadaw, there have been favourable results. For example, there has been a network of roads and bridges linking states and divisions. Up to now, there has been a total of 190 bridges that are 180 feet and above long.

In Mandalay Division, the 5,614-foot-long Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadanabon) is under construction and nearly completed. During his visit to the construction site of the bridge, Head of State Senior General Than Shwe gave guidance that construction work should be finished as early as possible.

At the Steel Plant in Pyin Oo Lwin, Mandalay Division, the Head of State exhorted responsible personnel to boost production of manufacturing industries, especially iron-ware that are essential to nation-building endeavours.

Head of State Senior General Than Shwe also visited the Yeywa Hydel Power Project in Mandalay Division, the Manipura Dam Project in Chin State, the Myittha Dam Project in Gangaw Township, the Buywa and Monechaung Dam Projects in Setoktara Township and the Kyi Own-Kyi Wa Dam Projects in Pwintphyu Township and, in his meeting with responsible personnel, said that the electric power and energy sectors were of utmost importance for the development of the nation and therefore multipurpose dam projects for supplying water for agricultural purpose and generating electricity should be implemented simultaneously. We would like to call on all those responsible and the people to bear in mind the guidance of the Head of State and unitedly work together for timely completion of all the nation-building work in time.

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

## 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

## F &amp; R Minister meets officials of IRD

YANGON, 27 Dec — Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun this afternoon met the director-general, deputy director-general, directors, state and division heads of the Revenue Departments under the Internal Revenue Department of the Ministry of Finance and Revenue.

At the meeting held at IRD here, the directors and officials of IRD reported to the minister on tasks that had been undertaken. Next, the minister gave instructions.



F & R Minister Maj-Gen Hla Tun gives instructions to officials of the Internal Revenue Department. — (F&R)

Later, Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue Col Hla Thein Swe

held a work coordination meeting with the director-general, deputy director-general, directors and responsible officials. MNA

## NGV vehicles inspected

YANGON, 27 Dec — Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi this morning inspected the NGV vehicles in the compound of in Thaketa offshore base of Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise.

Deputy Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Than Htay and officials of MOGE reported to the minister on converting passenger vehicles using fuel in Yangon into NGV ones and tasks being undertaken. The minister urged officials concerned to make efforts for opening of more gas stations in time.

The number of natural gas used vehicles (NGV) reaches 1,484 so far and five more gas stations will be opened soon. MNA



## Customs Clearance Agents Association meets

YANGON, 27 Dec — Myanmar Customs Clearance Agents Association held its eighth meeting at La Pyat Wun Plaza on Signal Pagoda Road, here, yesterday.

Chairman of the association U Myo Thant, Director-General of Customs Department Col Khin Maung Lin and President of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Win Myint made speeches on the occasion.

Next, report of the association was presented and the approval sought.

Afterwards, Vice-Chairman of the association U Maung Maung Kywe donated K 200,000 each to sports funds of the Customs Department and for retired service personnel. The meeting ended with concluding remarks by the chairman. MNA

## Meeting of Beans and Pulses and Sesame Merchants Association on 30 Dec

YANGON, 27 Dec — The 12th annual meeting of Beans and Pulses and Sesame Merchants Association will be held at Traders Hotel on Sule Pagoda Road, here, at 5.30 pm on 30 December. Members are invited to attend the meeting without fail. MNA

## Swimming competitions held

YANGON, 27 Dec — Organized by Myanmar Swimming Federation,

trials for XXIII SEA Games was held in conjunction with a prize presentation at National Swimming Pool here this afternoon.

After the trials, Director of Physical Education Department U Maung Win, Dr Khin Shwe of MSF and officials presented prizes and cash awards to the winners. NLM

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Myanmar Swimming Federation President Dr Khin Shwe presents a prize to a winner. — NLM

Chairman of the Customs Clearance Agents Association U Myo Thant delivers an address at the meeting of the association. — MNA





## Over 15,000 people killed by Tsunami waves

JAKARTA, Dec 27— More than 15,500 people were killed by Tsunami waves triggered by a 9.0 magnitude earthquake in southern Asia on Sunday.

These figures are preliminary and in some cases rough estimates by local officials:

Country	Deaths	Injured
India	5,697	
Indonesia	4,491	
Malaysia	44	200
Myanmar	10	
Sri Lanka	4,891	
Thailand	431	5,000
Bangladesh	2	
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,566</b>	<b>5,200</b>

The figure includes an estimated 3,000 feared killed in India's Andaman and Nicobar islands.

In addition about 1,300 people were missing in India's Andhra Pradesh, 35 in Malaysia and 10 people were feared dead in the Maldives.

The numbers are based on comments by official sources and local media.

MNA/Reuters

## Beijing-Doha air routes have promising future

BEIJING, 27 Dec— The Qatar Airways, the first Arabic airliner to open routes between Beijing and the Middle East, said here it was confident about the route's future. December 25 was the one-month anniversary of operation of the new route.

The Asian games in Doha in 2006 and the Beijing Olympics in 2008 will further promote exchanges between China and the Middle East, thus creating more demand for Beijing-Doha route, said Huang Shenglu, general manager of the Qatar Airways China.

The Qatar Airways started preparation for launching a China route a few years ago. Now there are two Chinese cabin crew on each flight.

Chinese passengers can easily find people who speak Chinese in the Doha Airport.

Experts said the Beijing route is strategic for the Qatar Airways.

MNA/Xinhua



An Air China Airbus A 319, on 27 Dec 2004.—INTERNET

## Death toll from Tsunami rises to 4,500 in Sri Lanka

PAYAGALA, 27 Dec — Hundreds of thousands of Sri Lankans sheltered in temples and schools on Monday as the death toll from the worst tsunami in living memory to hit the Indian Ocean island rose to 4,500 and was likely to increase.

In the southern coastal town of Galle, a major industrial hub submerged by a 9-metre (30-foot) wave, some residents spent the night on the roofs of office buildings and the local bus station. Many could only watch in horror from balconies on Sunday as men, women and children were swept away by waves of water that poured through the historic city. Floods triggered by the tsunami have stranded an estimated 750,000 people along the southern, eastern and northern shores.

"A wave up to 10 feet (3 metres) in height hit this area and everything was swept away, including my three-wheeler taxi," said 40-year-old Piyasoma, a resident of Payagala, a town 60 kilometres (38 miles) south of Colombo.

Government officials estimate more than 500,000 people have been left homeless, and said the final death toll could rise much higher because hundreds of people washed out to sea have not yet been accounted for.

MNA/Reuters

## Quake hits Chittagong

CHITTAGONG, 27 Dec — An earthquake, measuring 7.36 on the Richter Scale, shook Bangladesh's southeastern Chittagong port city and neighbouring areas early on Sunday, the city's geophysical observatory said. It said the quake lasted one minute 42 seconds, rattling buildings and sending panicked people onto the streets, but no injuries were reported.

It came minutes after a quake measuring 6.4 on the Richter Scale shook Indonesia's Sumatra Island. — MNA/Reuters

## At least 74 killed as Tsunami hit S India coast

HYDERABAD, 27 Dec — At least 74 people have been killed and many injured when a tsunami hit the southern Indian coast early on Sunday, hospital and government officials said.

"Thirty-four are dead and 14 are admitted in hospital," said an official at the Government Royapettah Hospital in Chennai, capital of Tamil Nadu State.

Ten more bodies were found in Prakasam District in Andhra Pradesh and another 10 died in Machalipatnam District, taking the total death toll in the state to 40, Usha Rani, municipal commissioner of the city of Vijaywada, said.

MNA/Reuters

## At least 4,448 killed in Tsunami triggered by quake in Sumatra

MEDAN, 27 Dec — Indonesian soldiers searched for bodies in treetops and in smashed homes on Monday, a day after a tsunami triggered by a huge earthquake tore through northern Sumatra island killing at least 4,448 people.

Many of the dead were children and elderly who drowned in waters churning with huge rocks, logs and the remains of homes and shops uprooted by waves.

Thousands of people huddled in mosques, makeshift tents and larger buildings as the sun rose a day after the 9.0 magnitude earthquake, the world's biggest in 40 years, struck off the coast of Aceh Province on the northern tip of Sumatra.

The wall of water up to 10 metres (30 feet) high that followed the earthquake killed more than 12,600 people as it swept across the Indian Ocean.

"It smells so bad... The human bodies are mixed in with dead animals like dogs, fish, cats and goats," Marine Colonel Buyung Lelana, head of an evacuation team in Lhokseumawe City on the northern coast of Aceh told Reuters by telephone.

"There are still a lot of bodies under the wreckage of collapsed houses and in rivers and swamps that we have not yet evacuated. Most of them are children and their mothers."

A fresh tremor early on Monday rattled strongly Aceh, which bore the brunt of the devastation in Indonesia, but no new damage was reported, local radio reported. —MNA/Reuters

## At least 41 killed by Tsunami in Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR, 27 Dec — At least 41 people have been killed in Malaysia by a tsunami triggered by a huge earthquake that struck off the northern coast on Sunday, the national Bernama news agency said in an overnight report.

The deaths occurred in the two worst-hit northern states of Penang and Kedah that face the Malacca Straits dividing Malaysia from Indonesia.

A search was under way for a four-year-old boy and his 13-year-old sister who were reported missing at the popular Batu Ferringhi beach on Penang Island, Bernama

said. Some of those killed at the beach were picnickers and jet skiers, including a family of five, earlier reports said.

"Our country has never experienced such a disaster before," Deputy Prime Minister Najib Razak told reporters on Sunday.

MNA/Reuters

## Lost in translation: Iraq interpreters live in fear

NEAR ISKANDARIYA, 26 Dec — "Adam" is supposed to be the Iraqi face at a key US military checkpoint south of Baghdad, but he is so fearful for his life that he wears a black ski mask to hide his identity.

Dressed in camouflage fatigues, he is part of an army of translators that serves as a vital link for US occupiers short on Arab speakers needed for manning roadblocks, mounting patrols and interrogating suspects.

But because of their highly visible jobs, they also face an especially high risk from Iraqi gue-

rillas who have branded them traitors and collaborators and marked them for death. The pressure is so intense that some translators have quit.

"We use American nicknames and wear masks because if the Ali Babas find out who we are, they will kill us," said Adam, referring to guerillas and bandits who have

executed hundreds of interpreters hired since last year's US-led invasion.

Now translators and thousands of other Iraqis working with US forces must also contend with suspicions of possible infiltrators after a suicide bomber dressed in an Iraqi uniform killed 22 people at a US base in northern Iraq last week. — Internet



A graphic with map of Asia summarising destruction wrought by the earthquake and tidal wave updates death toll; revises map incorporate Maldives and other islands.

INTERNET



Senior General Than Shwe hears report on installation of auto telephones and construction of communication networks presented by CPT Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw. — MNA

## Sooner completion of projects...

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Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, members of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe, Lt-Gen Maung Bo, Lt-Gen Thiha 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 Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, ministers, deputy ministers and departmental officials.

In his address at the meeting, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council and Commander-in-Chief of De-

fence Services Senior General Than Shwe, also Chairman of Special Projects Implementation Committee, said: it is important to start implementation of special projects for national development as soon as they have been approved to be able to finish them in time because delays can entail more expenditure. Therefore, it is required to complete them ahead of schedule. Moreover, it is necessary to systematically supervise the projects so that unnecessary costs can be avoided and workmanship should be of high quality. This being the case, responsible personnel should often visit and inspect the worksites and conduct constant supervi-

sion.

As the special projects are very important for national development, the more speedily they are finished, the more beneficial they will be for the nation. We should put our energies into all the nation-building tasks as they will surely go down into history.

Next, Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Brig-Gen Htay Oo gave a report on five dam projects and a sluice gate construction project to be implemented by the Irrigation Department and projects for three river water pumping stations to be constructed by Water Resources Utilization Department.

Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung gave an explanation regarding the projects for construction of more fac-

ilities being undertaken by the ministry. Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw explained installation of auto telephones and construction of communication networks and GSM

Maritime University.

After hearing the various reports by respective ministers, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe gave

Township. It will supply water to 8,000 acres of farmlands. Wakadok dam is on Wakadok Creek near Taunghsatin Village, Bago Township. It will supply water to Moyungyi-in. The dam also contributes towards



Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi. — MNA



Minister for Electric Power Maj-Gen Tin Htut. — MNA

mobile phone system.

Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi reported matters relating to contracts for exploration of oil and natural gas in the offshore and inland blocks and extension of inland natural gas pipelines.

Minister for Electric Power Maj-Gen Tin Htut gave a progress report on Ahtet Paunglaung, Dayinechaung (Paingkyon) and Thahtaychaung and Thakytay hydel power projects and construction of the national grid and main sub-power stations.

Deputy Minister for Transport Col Nyan Tun Aung explained matters relating to completed airports, those under construction and extension and renovation of the existing ones. Deputy Minister for Transport U Pe Than reported the teaching and administrative affairs of Myanmar

guidance on speedy completion of special projects, low costs, high quality and constant supervision, especially on implementation of projects that can boost the productivity of manufacturing industry.

The meeting came to an end in the evening.

Of the dams being built by Irrigation Department, Yazagyo earth dam is located on Nayinzara Creek, two miles north of Yazagyo Village, Kalay Township, Sagaing Division. On completion of the project, it will supply water to 96,500 acres of farmlands and generate five megawatts.

Marlenattaung dam is on Marlenattaung Creek, 8 miles north east of Singu Township, Mandalay Division. It will supply water to 10,000 acres of farmlands.

Madan dam is on Madan Creek near Nanwain Village, Lewe

greening of 30-mile radius in Yangon City (East) and cultivation of summer crops.

Ngamoyeik sluice gate is situated on Ngamoyeik Creek near Sitpintaung Village, Dagon Myothit (East) Township and it is of reinforced concrete type.

In the summer it can supply water to 5,000 acres of farmlands and prevent cultivable lands from flowing of salt water. Myittha dam is on Myittha Creek near Pyntha Village, Gangaw, Magway Division.

It can supply water to 12,000 acres of farmlands and generate 40 megawatts.

Regarding the river water pumping projects, Meiktila Plain Yaypyin project in Wundwin Township will supply water to 29,800 acres of farmlands in Wundwin and Thazi Townships.

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## Sooner completion of projects . . .

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Ngamoyeik river water pumping project will supply water to 8,000 acres of farmlands in Hlegu Township.

Donthami river water pumping project in Thaton Township will supply water to 33,000 acres of farmlands in the township for cultivation of summer crops.

Sewing machine factory (Kyaukse) extension project of Myanmar General Maintenance Industries is located on 26.89 acres of plot in Kyaukse. On completion of the project the factory will produce 30 parts of the sewing machine. Bicycle factory and electric bicycle in Kyaukse industrial zone will produce bicycles and spare parts, electric bicycles and tri-shaws.

Bicycle factory (Yangon) produces seven parts and three kinds of bicycles. It imports 15 spare parts. Arrangements are being made for production of such imported parts in the factory.

Ahtet Paunglaung hydel power project being

constructed by the Hydro-electric Power Department of the Ministry of Electric Power is located 15 miles East of Paunglaung hydel power station in Pyinmana, Yamethin District, Mandalay Division.

The generator to be installed will be 84 MW and it will be able to generate at least 49 MW.

Dayaing Creek (Paingkyon) hydel power project was situated on Dayine Creek 12 miles east of Hlaingbwe, Kayin State. The generator to be installed at the project will be 25 MW and it will generate at least 10 MW. Thakyet hydel power project is located on Thakyet Creek 14 miles east of Taninthayi, Myeik District. The generator to be installed will be 20 MW and it will generate at least 11 MW.

Thate (a) Thahtaychaung hydel power project is located on Thate (a) Thahtay Creek 15 miles north of Thandwe, Rakhine State. The generator to be installed will be 100 MW and it will generate 350 million kph per year. Ministry of Transport has carried out the tasks

of extending the runways and airport buildings and constructed the new ones. Homalin Airport construction project, Heho Airport extension project, Monywa Airport construction project, Myeik Airport extension project, Magway Airport construction project, Pakokku Airport construction project and NyaungU Airport extension project have been implemented.

Hkamti Airport construction project, Bhamo Airport construction project, Lashio Airport construction project, Kengtung Airport extension project, Patheingyi Airport extension project, Yangon International Airport extension project, Anisakhan Airport construction project and Dawei Airport construction project are under way.

The first and second phase of construction work of the Myanmar Maritime University (Thanlyin) have been implemented. Now, students can study ship building, maritime engineering, maritime electrical and electronic engineering, port engineering, river and maritime engineering and maritime science at the university. — MNA

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## Vietnamese delegation on study visit to Bagan, Inlay

YANGON, 27 Dec — The visiting goodwill delegation led by Lt-Gen Phung Khac Dung, Vice-Chief of General Political Department of Vietnamese People's Army of Socialist Republic of Vietnam, accompanied by Lt-Col Hsan Nyunt Oo of the Ministry of Defence, Vietnamese Military Attache' Senior Colonel Le Van Thanh and officials, went to NayungU Airport by Tatmadaw aircraft on 25 December morning. On



Commander Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint welcomes Vietnamese delegation led by Lt-Gen Phung Khac Dung. — MNA



Vietnamese delegation led by Lt-Gen Phung Khac Dung studies lacquerwares in ancient agricultural zone in Bagan. — MNA

their arrival there, they were welcomed by Magway Division PDC Chairman Col Phone Maw Shwe and officials.

Next, the delegation visited the Lacquer ware College in Bagan Archaeological Zone and studied lacquerwares. When the guests visited the Bagan Archaeological, officials explained facts about the zone and conducted them round the museum. Afterwards, the goodwill delegation paid homage to the famous pagodas such as the

Shwesigon and the Amanda and made cash donations. Next, they visited and studied U Ba Nyien Lacquerware.

Yesterday morning, the delegation went to Heho Airport by Tatmadaw aircraft. They were welcome at the airport by Shan State PDC Chairman Eastern Command Commander Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint, the deputy commander and officials. Accompanied by the deputy commander, the guests visited Inlay PhaungdawU Pagoda and made cash donations. After studying local products in the pagoda precinct, they proceeded to ancient Alodawpauk Pagoda in Nanpu Village,

paid homage to the pagoda and made cash donations.

The delegation viewed the floating plantations of various crops in Inlay Lake. In the evening, Commander Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint hosted a dinner in honour of the visiting delegation. After the dinner, Lt-Gen Phung Khac Dung and the commander exchanged the gifts, and they posed for documentary photo together with local nationals. This morning, the guests together with the commander Shwe-phone Pwint Pagoda and Sulamani Pagoda in Taunggyi and made cash donations.

The Vietnamese delegation arrived back here by air this evening. — MNA

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Secretary-1 Li-Gen Thein Sein inspects agricultural machinery in Ingon, Kyaukse. — MNA

## Secretary-1 inspects dam projects...

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On completion of the project, the supporting dam can generate 60 megawatts and contributes to generation of electric power from Sedawgyi Dam. The Secretary-1 and party inspected the site for construction of Nanpet Dam.

They proceeded to Sedawgyi Dam. Officials reported on condition of Sedawgyi Dam and generating of electric power. The Secretary-1 then gave instructions and inspected hydel electric power station.

Sedawgyi Dam is built across Chaungmagyi

Creek and it supplies water to over 100,000 acres of cultivable lands in Madaya, Patheingyi, Mandalay and Amarapura Townships and two turbines generate 12.5 megawatts.

The Secretary-1 and party went to Myanma farm equipment factory in Kyaukse Township. Deputy Director-General

of Agricultural Mechanization Department U Tun Tin reported on data on the factory and production of power tillers and harvestors.

The Secretary-1 visited the factory giving instructions on production of quality farm equipment useful in mechanized farm.

MNA

## Strong earthquake hits some regions in Myanmar

YANGON, 27 Dec— After an earthquake of severe intensity with its epicentre about 1,000 miles Northwest of Jakarta, Indonesia, was recorded at 7:32:4 am on 26 December, nine earthquakes of intensity about 6.0 on the Richter Scale were felt in the Andaman Sea.

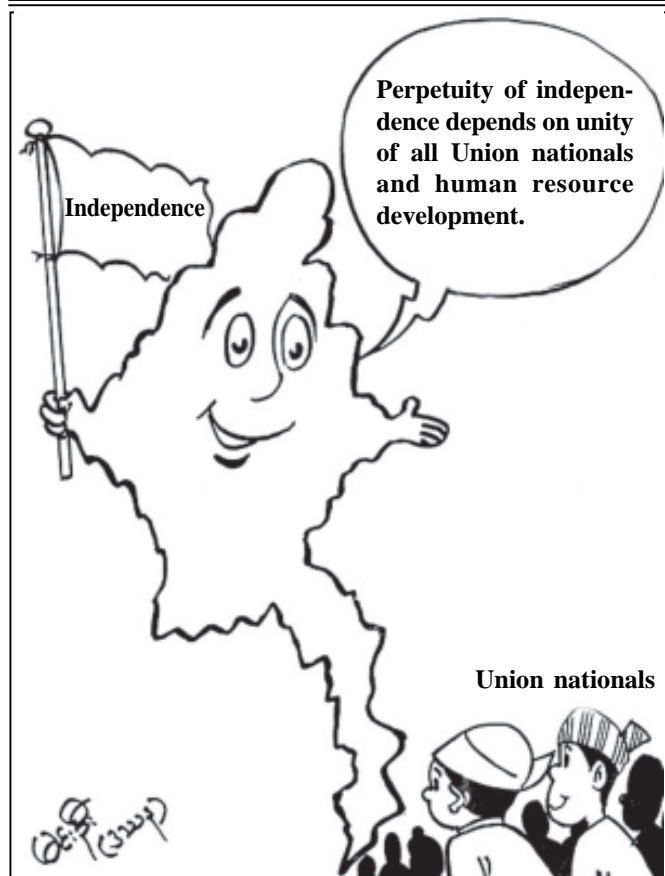
The eighth earthquake of strong intensity with 6.1 on the Richter Scale

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. Some buildings collapsed in Taninthayi, Yangon, Bago and Ayeyawady Divisions and some regions in Rakhine and Shan State (South) due to the earthquake and

coastal regions were hit by tidal waves. Seventeen villages along the coast were destroyed and 200 people were homeless. Thirty-four people were killed, 45 injured and 25 missing. Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander Maj-Gen Soe Naing, Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Sein Htwa and acting

Director-General Dr U Tin Win Maung of the Ministry of Health visited the earthquake-hit regions in Ayeyawady Division this morning and provided necessary supplies.

Chairmen of State/ Division Peace and Development Councils also visited the affected areas and provided necessary supplies to the victims.—MNA



## Massive earthquake claims lives and property

YANGON, 27 Dec — Human lives and property have been lost in massive tidal waves triggered by the strong earthquake with 9.0 on the Richter Scale under the Indian ocean. Reuters reported that there have been deaths of 22,587 people so far.

According to estimated sources, 6,600 died in India, 4,912 in Indonesia, 52 in Malaysia, 52 in Maldives, 38 in Somali, 10,029 in Sri Lanka, 866 in Thailand and two in Bangladesh.

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**Donate  
blood**

## The land which belongs to us

POEM

- \* Nursery that is lush  
Nurtured by grandparents  
With creepers, buds and blooms  
So fragrant they beckon picking  
Golden, sparkling, developed  
On land which belongs to us  
What we see is newly pleasant.  
'Tis our ancestors' sacred heritage  
Flower of Independence.
- \* Father and mother  
With all their diligence.  
Grandpa's heritage for father  
Grandma's heritage for mother  
'Twas handed down.  
Spent ever pleasant  
The peacock in-pride.  
Our Golden Land a sight ever to enjoy.  
All the world knows  
Myanmar's Flag takes crimson tint  
The pride of it brims over  
Fragrant blooms overwhelm.
- \* Mother's daughter and son  
In the time of grandchildren  
Let beauty grow twofold  
For benefit of Myanmar land and people  
Be on alert.  
For one tree of Independence  
Thinking forever for its freshness.  
It's beauty not marred by me  
And if my beauty he should mar  
Myanmar will swell tenfold  
To be rid quickly of destructionist  
Let's clean it up.

Myinmu Maung Naing Moe (Trs)

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YANGON, 27 Dec — U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of sympathy to His Excellency Dr N Hassan Wirajuda, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia for the loss of life and property caused by earthquake of 26 December 2004 in Aceh and northern Sumatra in Indonesia. — MNA

## Foreign Minister sends message of sympathy to Thailand

YANGON, 27 Dec — U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of sympathy to His Excellency Dr Surakiart Sathirathai, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Thailand for the loss of life and property caused by earthquake of 26 December 2004 in southern coastal areas in Thailand. — MNA

## Foreign Minister sends message of sympathy to Sri Lanka

YANGON, 27 Dec — U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of sympathy to His Excellency Mr Lakshman Kadirgamar, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka on the loss of life and property caused by earthquake in Sri Lanka on 26 December 2004. — MNA

# Development in the health sector in the time of the State Peace and Development Council



The government is striving for development of the standard of traditional medicine. Photo shows University of Traditional Medicine in Mandalay.

## Achievements in the health sector from 1988 to 2004

Sr	Subject	1988	2004	Sr	Subject	1988	2004
1	Hospital	631	796	9	Dental nurse	96	123
2	Dispensary	247	429	10	Health staff	1,557	2,679
3	Rural health centre	1,337	1,424	11	Nurse	8,349	16,079
4	Regional health care centre	64	84	12	Midwife	8,121	15,130
5	Traditional medicine clinic	99	237	13	Traditional Medicine Practitioner	290	760
6	Doctor	12,268	17,476	14	Current expenditure ( Kyat in million)	347.10	10,382.0
7	Dentist	857	1,273	15	Capital expenditure (Kyat in million)	117.00	10,014.6
8	Health Assistant	1,238	1,739				



Hepatitis B vaccine factory in Hlegu Township, Yangon Division provides better health care service to the public.





### BEWARE OF THE TRICKS OF COLONIALISTS

Myanmar fell under subjugation of British colonialists in 1885 following their aggressive wars on the nation.

However, Myanmar national people and

the Myanmar national people to swallow. The wicked lured the national heroes into their trap by means of offering high positions. The national anti-colonialists peasants including patriotic heroes such as Bo Min Yaung and Saya San who flatly dismissed the offers met their evil deaths owing to the unfair sentences handed down by the colonialists.

The colonialists practised divide-and-rule policy in addition to the bureaucratic administrative system to drive a wedge among the national brethren to undermine national solidarity. They discriminated the hill regions and the plain regions in their rule. At the same time, they separately governed the northern hilly regions and the eastern Yoma hilly regions of the nation with different rules.

Regarding the political sector, they suppressed the national people's anti-imperialist spirit through severe and unfair actions and death sentences. In connection with the economic sphere, the British colonialists showed their highest-degree covetousness, exploiting all the terrestrial and aquatic resources in the nation.

The BOC company monopolized the oil industry; British-run Mawchee Mine Co and Burma Corporation, the mining industry; the Steel Brothers Co, paddy export; the BBTC Steel Co and McGregor, timber extraction; British-owned companies, rubber industry; the Ayeyawady Flotilla Co, water transport; RET Company, electric power

to forget.

It was learnt that although the national people got into severe financial crisis, the BOC Co alone could make profit of more than £ 2



*Although Myanmar was under the servitude of aliens, Bo Min Yaung, never yielded to the colonialists and with full patriotic spirit, fought bravely against them.*

million annually. Before World War II, the colonialists made investments of K 630 million to exploit all the natural resources of the nation and the chattiers, 3.5 million acres of farmland worth K 450 million to exploit the nation's agricultural

## Evil consequences of servitude in colonial days

heroes who absolutely hated to live under servitude of colonialists resisted the invaders for more than a decade at risk to their lives. Undaunted, the national people being fully equipped with nationalistic fervour launched a brave fight against the colonialists whose strength of weapons and manpower outnumbered much more than that of the former. Many Myanmar national heroes sacrificed their lives to embody an image in the nation's anti-colonialist resistance history.

Throughout the colonial period, the intruders' political pressure, economic manipulations and social insults were indeed a bitter pill for all

supply; Burma railways company, road transport; and Lloyd Bank and Imperial Bank, banking services. Consequently, the socio-economic life of the then national people sharply declined and their whole life was a constant battle against poverty. That miserable situation reflected in many events faced by the entire people.

The majority of national farmers had to hand over their farmlands to the creditor chettiers as the former could not repay their debts. The mass of the oil-field workers got no kerosene even to light lamps and lanterns in their homes. Such events were too bitter for the national people

industry. In this way, the British colonialists and its foreign partners took full advantage of all the natural resources regarding Myanmar as a colonial market, in which they could get raw materials and sell finished goods to their heart's content. Eighty per cent out of the profits gained from foreign trade went to the British Empire.

The balance between the nation's export turnover and import turnover from 1868 to 1941 showed more than K 8,000 million in surplus. Yet, at the beginning of the 2nd World War, Myanmar was deeply in debt to England and India, indicating that the British colonialists showed no mercy to the nation in seeking their self-interest in their colony.

In April 1897, the British colonialists designated Myanmar as a state of India. Under the Indian Council Act (49) prescribed in 1861 by the Indian Legislative Body, a legislative body for Myanmar was formed on 1 May the same year with nine members who were completely under the control of the deputy governor-general who ruled Myanmar.

The legislative body was formed with the deputy governor-general as chairman and two Myanmar lackeys and seven English merchants.

In fact, the British imperialists' bureaucratic administrative machinery invested the sycophant officers with the rights and powers to hear the cases and hand down sentences to those whom the former themselves had charged, and to oppress and insult Myanmar national people as they wished.

The colonialists turned the national education sector into the colonial education, which (See page 9)



*With superior in weapons, colonialists defeated troops of King Thibaw in the third Anglo-Myanmar war.*





Photo shows ships of British docked at Bagan jetty during third Anglo-Myanmar war while the Royal Ship of King Thibaw was sinking into the river.

children of the rich and the lackeys' children, and the purpose of the Law was not to produce large number of youth graduates.

the schools.

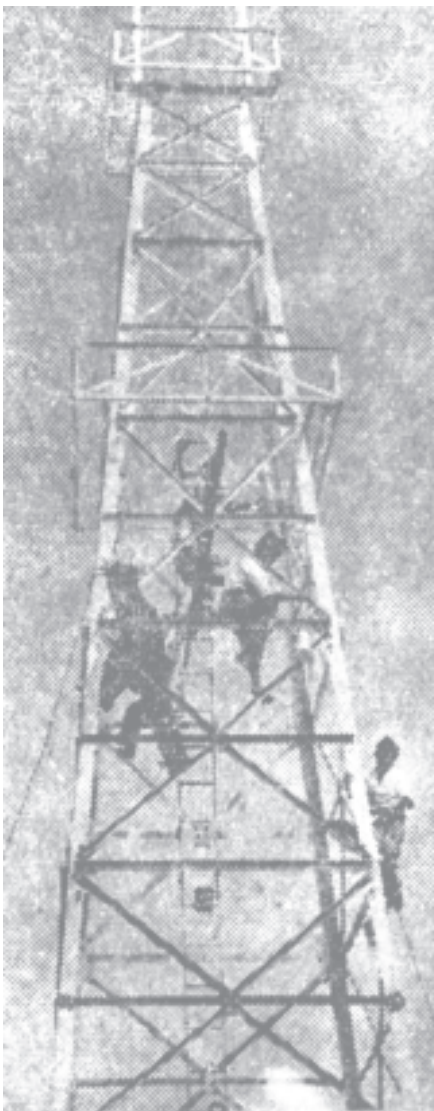
Indeed, the intentionally plotted scheme was a social attack on the nation to damage national culture,

**Through the colonial education, national students did not gain correct knowledge, concepts, principles and education. It was indeed a systematic intentionally prescribed scheme to hurt the national character and prestige and to undermine the nationalist spirit of the people.**

Later, there emerged national colleges and national

traditions and customs, to make national youths intoxicated with the life

## Evil consequences of servitude in colonial days



Colonialists annexed Myanmar with the aim of exploiting her natural resources. Photo shows without worksite-safety, workers in the oilfields working at the risks of their lives.

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just helped strengthen their bureaucratic administrative machinery and to prolong servitude of Myanmar.

In reality, the colonial education did not include any subjects nor studies that contributed towards reconstruction of the nation and boosting productive and defence forces, and made the people to love and cherish national traditions and culture. But it made the students to fear and be loyal to the British empire and helped run their colonial administrative machinery smoothly.

Therefore, through the colonial education, national students did not gain correct knowledge, concepts, principles and education.

It was indeed a systematic intentionally prescribed scheme to hurt the national character and prestige and to undermine the nationalist spirit of the people.

The colonialists established Yangon College under Calcutta University in 1884-1885 and then launched F.A (First Arts) course in the college with the intention of firmly installing Myanmar educated youths, who had completed colonial educa-

tion, in the bureaucracy administrative machinery, offering them ranks and positions, and blowing their own trumpet that they provided modern education for Myanmar national youths.

Then, they also set up another univer-

sity in 1920 according to Yangon University Law.

However, the colonial education was beyond the reach of national youths because Yangon University established in 1920 and Yangon University Law severely restricted the admission of the students.

schools following the first students' boycott in which the national youth students strongly protested Yangon University Law.

It was the start of Myanmar national people and students in rising against the British government.

of servitude and then to make their nationalistic fervour diminish in the end.

Such above-mentioned points were evil and bitter consequences of the servitude, which Myanmar national people suffered in the colonial days.



Living standard of Myanmar peasants was very low in the time of colonialists.

city in 1920 according to Yangon University Law.

However, the colonial education was beyond the reach of national youths because Yangon University established in 1920 and Yangon University Law severely restricted the admission of the students.

Actually, the 1920 Yangon University Law benefited only the

In addition to practising the colonial education system, the British colonialists tried to tarnish the national prestige and integrity and character by opening mission schools to inculcate Myanmar students with western culture and customs. For instance, Myanmar students were not allowed to be called with Myanmar names but with English names in

The entire national people are therefore urged to realize the tricks of the colonialists and protect and safeguard the independence and sovereignty and to take lessons from after-shocks of the servitude in order not to lose the independence and sovereignty again.

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(Translation: MS)

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## Vice-Senior General Maung Aye sends message of sympathy to India

YANGON, 27 Dec — Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of sympathy to His Excellency Mr Bhairon Singh Shekhawat, Vice-President of the Republic of India on the loss of life and property caused by earthquake in India on 26 December 2004. — MNA

## Vice-Senior General Maung Aye sends message of sympathy to Indonesia

YANGON, 27 Dec — Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of sympathy to His Excellency Mr Jusuf Kalla, Vice-President of the Republic of Indonesia for the loss of life and property caused by earthquake of 26 December 2004 in Aceh and northern Sumatra in Indonesia. — MNA

## Myanma traditional medicines an effective...

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Development Council Office, heads of department, directors-general, rectors and officials of traditional medicine departments and universities under the Ministry of Health, members of the Mandalay Division PDC, departmental heads at division level, local authorities, traditional medicine practitioners, faculty members of the University of Traditional Medicine, Union Solidarity and Development Association and Social Organizations, and students and local people.

First, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Commander Maj-Gen Ye Myint and Minister Dr Kyaw Myint formally opened the new building and General Thura Shwe Mann unveiled the stone plaque.

Next, the inauguration ceremony of the new building followed and General Thura Shwe Mann delivered an address.

He said Myanmar traditional medical science is a medical subject that emerged through own cultures, traditions and national practices with a long history. With the care of potent Myanmar traditional medicines, Myanmar ancestors had been able to enjoy longevity. Hence, Myanmar traditional medicines have been an effective tool in the public health care services. Thanks to efforts and preservation of Myanmar traditional medicine practitioners in successive eras Myanmar traditional medicine has become a subtle and delicate one.

The government is making earnest efforts for the emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed nation. In doing so, it is laid down and is implementing the four social objectives which call for uplift of morale and morality of the entire nation, uplift of the national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character, uplift of



General Thura Shwe Mann views herbal plants in University of Traditional Medicine in Mandalay. — MNA

dynamism of patriotic spirit and uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation.

Making efforts for preservation and propagation of Myanmar traditional medicine amounts to striving for ensuing better health care services of the people, which is in line with the social objectives.

The government has laid down and is implementing policies on health to be able to produce traditional medicines of international level through scientific techniques. It is doing so with the aim of promoting and propagating Myanmar traditional medicine of higher standard.

Thanks to concerted efforts of the government, traditional medicine practitioners and medical producers, the Myanmar traditional medicine has achieved the high standard.

Significant progress has been made in the traditional medicine sector through the holding of the Myanmar traditional medicines' conference, conducting of more diploma courses on traditional medicines and opening of more and more traditional medicine hospitals and traditional medicine health care centres.

Nowadays, the University of Traditional Medicines complete with modern teaching and learning aids has emerged.

The emergence of

the higher learning institution amounts to laying down a good foundation for Myanmar traditional medical sector.

In accord with the guidance of the Head of State, the University of Traditional Medicines was opened with the aim of producing highly-qualified traditional medicine practitioners.

Arrangements are being made to use Myanmar traditional medicines in the treatment in combination with traditional medicines from other countries and it is also imperative for traditional medicine practitioners to be well-versed in Myanmar traditional medicines to be able to exchange views with their counterparts from foreign nations. With the emergence of highly-qualified

traditional medicine practitioners all the more, the university will develop not only in form but also in essence.

Meanwhile, traditional medicine practitioners are to conduct researches on potency of traditional medicines to develop traditional medicines of higher standard and new therapies. Continued efforts are to be made to provide the people with full health care services with the might of Myanmar traditional medicines.

Following the guidance of the Head of State as a work guideline, systematic steps are to be taken for development of Myanmar traditional medicines and for the university to possess the characteristics of a university of international level.

Next, Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint presented a report, saying that the government is giving priority to development of traditional medicines.

Nowadays, there are two 50-bed traditional medicine hospitals, 12 16-bed traditional medicine health care centres in districts and townships in the nation and those health care facilities have been providing health care to the people.

In the traditional medical science sector, the institute of traditional medicines was opened in 1976 and it has now produced 1,628 traditional medicine practitioners who held diplomas in traditional medicines.

Moreover, altogether 1,177 traditional medicine practitioners emerged through the one-year courses for traditional medicine practitioners that have been opened since 1998 in accord with the guidance of the Head of State.

At the same time, the University of Traditional Medicines with magnificent buildings was opened on 19 December 2001 and subjects on Western medicines, Myanmar traditional medicines, subject on acupuncture and others are being taught at the higher institution.

Emphasis is being placed on producing highly-qualified traditional

medicine practitioners as more and more students are taking interest in the study of traditional medicines.

The health staff, on their part, will have to make efforts for producing highly-qualified traditional medicine practitioners to provide health care services to the people.

Minister Dr Kyaw Myint presented gifts in commemoration of the university to General Thura Shwe Mann, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Lt-Gen Ye Myint, the commander and the ministers.

General Thura Shwe Mann and party inspected the new building of the university. They also inspected herbal plant garden, medicinal plants and practical hall.

General Thura Shwe Mann and party posed for souvenir photos together with the rector and faculty members in front of the main building. They cordially greeted those present at the opening ceremony.

Altogether 454 second, third and fourth year students are studying at the university. A total of 256 first year students are admitted to join the university. The university constructed by ACE Construction is 11.42 acres wide and construction of the new building started on 24 August 2002. The new building complete with four lecture halls includes the main hall, assembly hall and lecture theatres. — MNA



The newly-built University of Traditional Medicine. — MNA



## Bago Division (West) holds meeting on successful implementation of seven objectives, nine future tasks of USDA AGM (2004) and plans

YANGON, 26 Dec—Bago Division (West) Union Solidarity and Development Association held a meeting at Kittara Yadana Hall in Pyay 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 Bago Division (West).

It was attended by USDA members, townsenders, members of Myanmar War Veterans Organization, women's affairs organizations, Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association, Red Cross Society, Auxiliary Fire Brigade, nurses, students and outstanding youths. First, those present saluted the State Flag while the stu-



*The meeting on implementation of seven objectives and nine future tasks of USDA and future tasks to be carried out in Bago Division (West) in progress at city hall in Pyay. — MNA*

dents sang a song.

Speaking to the meeting, Presiding Chairman

in the country and with the result that the border regions have now seen

successful implementation of the programme, the members of USDA,

U Khin Aung Win, Executive Daw Hta Hta Nu and Executive U Kyaw

seconded the motions.

Later, officials presented cash awards to the



*Delegates and outstanding youths saluting the State Flag at the meeting of Bago Division (West) USDA in Pyay. — MNA*



*Those present at the meeting chanting slogans.*

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*Secretary of Bago Division (West) USDA U Min Han. — MNA*

Bago Division (West) USDA Secretary U Min Han said the Head of State gave guidance to the USDA Annual General Meeting (2004) that the entire national people had a fine tradition of defending the country through national unity.

The chairman said as all the people believed that national consolidation is of utmost importance, they strove for seeking peace

significant progress in economy, transport, agriculture, education and health. Our goal is to transform the nation into a peaceful, modern and developed one with active participation of the people. The government, on its part, has adopted the seven-point future policy programme of the State to realize the goal, he added.

Therefore, for the

the great national force of the nation, are to work hard side by side with the people by playing their part in respective roles. The meeting was held to make plans for implementation of the seven objectives and nine future tasks laid down by the AGM (2004) of the USDA, the chairman concluded.

Next, Bago Division (West) USDA Executive

Myint 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 carrying out the plans in the division.

Pyay District USDA Secretary U Kyaw Kyaw Lin, Thayawady District USDA Secretary U Nyan Khin, Pyay Township USDA Secretary U Myo

outstanding youths and wellwishers donated K 2.5 million for regional development to Division USDA Joint Secretary U Aung Cho Oo.

The meeting chairman announced the resolutions of implementation of the seven objectives, nine future tasks and the plans. The meeting ended at 11 am with chanting of slogans.

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*Secretary of Pyay Township USDA U Myo. — MNA*



*Secretary of Pyay District USDA U Kyaw Kyaw. — MNA*



*Executive of Bago Division (West) USDA U Khin Maung Win. — MNA*



*Executive of Bago Division (West) USDA U Kyaw Myint. — MNA*



*Secretary of Thayawady District USDA U Nyan Khin. — MNA*



*Executive of Bago Division (West) USDA Daw Htar Htar Nu. — MNA*

**CLAIMS DAY NOTICE****M.V. KOTA MUTIARA VOY: NO. (167)**

Consignees of cargo carried on M.V. KOTA MUTIARA Voy No (167) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 28.12.04 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11.20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm upto Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

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

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT****MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY****AGENT FOR: M/S ADVANCE CONTAINER**

Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

**CLAIMS DAY NOTICE****M.V. BOUGAIN VILLA VOY: NO. (073)**

Consignees of cargo carried on M.V. BOUGAIN VILLA Voy No (073) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 28.12.04 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11.20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm upto Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

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

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT****MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY****AGENT FOR: M/S PREMIER SPECTRUM**

Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

**CLAIMS DAY NOTICE****M.V. SEA MERCHANT VOY: NO. (539)**

Consignees of cargo carried on M.V. SEA MERCHANT Voy No (539) are hereby notified that the vessel arrived on 27.12.04 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11.20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm upto Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

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

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT****MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY****AGENT FOR: M/S ADVANCE CONTAINER**

Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

**CLAIMS DAY NOTICE****"M.V. KENG TUNG VOY: NO. (29)"**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV KENG TUNG Voy No (29) arrives on 28.12.04 are hereby notified that their cargo will be discharged into the premises of Myanma Port Authority where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed from 8 am to 11.20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm upto Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

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

**AGENCY DEPARTMENT****MYANMA FIVE STAR LINE**

Phone No: 295279, 295280, 295281, 295658, 295659

**French court furthers probe into bin Laden family's financial network**

PARIS, 26 Dec — A French judge has widened a probe into the financial network surrounding the family of Osama bin Laden after questioning his half-brother and learning of a 241-million-euro transfer to Pakistan, *Le Monde* daily said.

Investigating magistrate Renaud Van Ruymbeke received court authorization to extend his investigation after Yeslam

bin Laden was questioned on 27 September over allegations of links with the organizers of attacks in 2001 in the United States, the paper said in its Saturday edition.

As a result, Van Ruymbeke was adding "other instances of money laundering" to the probe already under way, *Le Monde* said.

On 5 December, 2001, French authorities opened an investigation into financial transfers carried out through Paris between firms grouped within the Saudi Investment Company (SICO) run

by Yeslam bin Laden, who also manages some assets of the family's Saudi Binladin Group (SBG).

Yeslam bin Laden was questioned by the French judge in 2002, and has handed over a copy of documents detailing the distribution of the bin Laden family wealth to 54 brothers and sisters after the death of their father in 1967, the paper said.

Although he denied having had any contact with his half-brother for the past 20 years, the paper said, documents held by Swiss banking authori-

ties suggest that Yeslam and Osama bin Laden held a joint account in Switzerland between 1990 and 1997, according to Jean-Charles Brisard — a private investigator hired by families of the victims of the September 11 attacks.

But contacted by *Le Monde*, Yeslam bin Laden's Swiss-based lawyer, Pierre de Preux said his client simply acted as a relay for the rest of the family wishing to deposit their inheritance in Switzerland, since Yeslam was resident in Geneva.

MNA/Reuters

**Customs union to cost Tanzania \$19m annually**

DAR-ES-SALAAM, 26 Dec — The Customs union, set to be effective among the three East African Community countries next Saturday, is to cost Tanzania 19 billion shillings (19 million US dollars) in annual import tax revenues. The loss is to result from the introduction of a common tariff rate for all goods imported from elsewhere into Tanzania, Kenya and Uganda starting January 1, 2005, according to Tanzanian Finance Minister Basil Mramba.

The common tariff rate will reduce the volume of

revenues hitherto collected by the Tanzania Revenue Authority from goods imported into the country, local Press quoted the minister as saying on the Christmas Eve.

The Minister said that the World Bank officials had recommended the three East African Community countries jointly apply for a World Bank compensation for their respective losses resulted from the introduction of the Customs union mechanism.

The World Bank funds will then be included in the Tanzanian Government's

budget for 2005-2006.

The East African Community Customs union protocol was signed on March 2 this year and the protocol was endorsed into a binding multiparty treaty by the East African Legislative Assembly last week.

Under the treaty, Kenya will not levy duties on goods imported from Uganda and Tanzania while certain goods from Kenya will be subjected to a duty that will decrease from 10 per cent to zero per cent over the course of five years.

MNA/Xinhua

**ပြည်တွင်းပြန်ကုန်အားပေးပါ**

**ပြည်ထောင်စုမြန်မာနိုင်ငံစီးပွားရေးဦးပိုင်လီမိတက်၏ (၁၈)ကြိမ်မြောက်**

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၁။ ပြည်ထောင်စုမြန်မာနိုင်ငံ စီးပွားရေးဦးပိုင်လီမိတက်၏ (၁၈) ကြိမ်မြောက် ကျောက်မျက်နှင့် ကျောက်စိမ်းရောင်းချပွဲ(၂၀၀၅)ကို (၂၄-၁-၂၀၀၅)မှ (၂၇-၁-၂၀၀၅)ရက်နေ့ထိ အမှတ်(၆၆) ကမ္ဘာ့အသီးသီးလမ်းရှိ မြန်မာ့ကျောက်မျက်ရတနာစခန်းမှ အောက်ပါ အတိုင်း ကျင်းပပြုလုပ်မည်ဖြစ်ပါသည်။

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## British police foils "F4J's" Christmas day stunt

LONDON, 26 Dec — British police arrested eight fathers' rights activists on Saturday after an abortive attempt to scale a church on Queen Elizabeth's country estate.

Fathers 4 Justice — famous for pelting Prime Minister Tony Blair with a flour-filled condom in Parliament and breaking into the Queen's Buckingham Palace this year — was hoping for a similarly high-profile Christmas Day stunt.

Some 14 campaigners descended before dawn on the Queen's Sandringham Estate, in eastern England, to try and get one of them onto the church roof dressed as Santa before the royal family were due there for morning service.

But police, who track the group closely given their remarkable security breaches earlier in the year, swooped with dogs before they could reach the church.

"It was worth a stab. It was too good an opportu-

nity not to have a go," F4J founder Matthew O'Connor told Reuters.

"It was a bit like 'Colditz' in the end, lots of coppers and Alsations tucking into some legs for an early Christmas lunch."

Police said eight men were being held for breach of the peace offences, and insisted none had entered the estate. But F4J, whose past stunts brought mockery and recriminations on security chiefs at a time of heightened alert over terrorism, said members had briefly entered the grounds.

"We have a big pot of ideas we dip into, mainly daredevil stuff. Some comes off, some doesn't. Remember that 2004 isn't finished yet!" O'Connor added. The protester designated to climb up the church roof on Saturday was to have displayed a picture of just-resigned Home Secretary David Blunkett and a banner saying "Put the Father back into Christmas."

MNA/Reuters

**Beijing says no to inferior sculptures**

BEIJING, 26 Dec — Beijing will soon dismantle 15 sculptures which are deemed "inferior" in quality in the urban areas, said a local official.

Yu Huayun, director of the Beijing City Office for Administration of Urban Sculpture Construction, said on the black list were the sculpture entitled "Mermaid" at Jingsong Zhongjie in southeastern Beijing, which is considered obese in shape, and another sculpture depicting a juvenile girl on the southern ring road in Changping County seat, which is also singled out for not having an appropriate body proportions.

MNA/Xinhua



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## Turkey needs to spend \$80b on environment cleaning

ANKARA, 26 Dec — Turkey may need to spend up to 60 billion euros (80 billion US dollars) cleaning up its environment to meet European Union standards, officials said on Friday.

EU leaders have agreed to open entry talks with Turkey on October 3, 2005, but the large, relatively poor, country is not expected to join for about a decade, partly because of the scale of its economic problems.

"The most optimistic but not very realistic projections speak of a need for investment of 20 billion euros. But this figure could rise to 60 billion

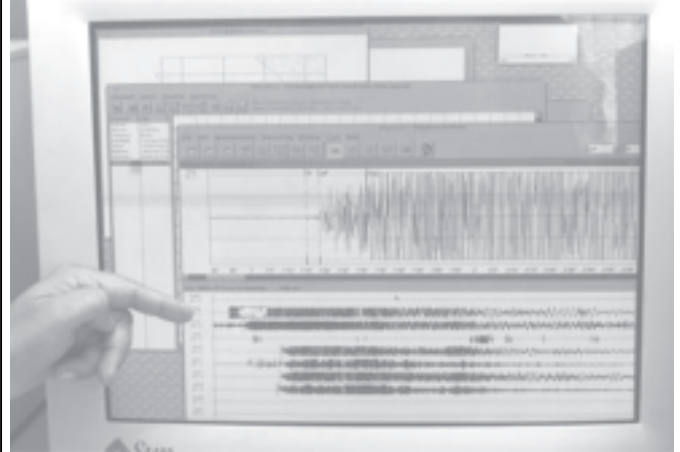
euros," a Turkish official told a news briefing, on condition of anonymity.

The environment is one of 31 policy areas where Turkey would have to align its laws and standards with those of the EU. It has also proved one of the most problematic areas for the eight ex-Communist countries which joined the wealthy bloc in May.

In its annual report on

Turkey, the European Commission said recently Turkey still had much work to do to improve air and water quality, the treatment of waste and nature conservation.

Turkish officials said Ankara would qualify for increased EU funds to help overhaul its economy and public administration, but said the increases were likely to be phased in gradually.—MNA/Reuters



A scientist points to a seismograph reading from this morning's 8.5 earthquake in Aceh, Indonesia, on 26 Dec, 2004, at the Meteorology and Geophysical Agency in Jakarta, Indonesia.—INTERNET

## Russia supply ship docks with "Int'l Space Station"

WASHINGTON, 26 Dec — An unmanned Russian supply ship docked with the International Space Station on Saturday, delivering food, water and Christmas presents to astronauts running low on supplies.

Progress M-51 linked up with the station at 6:58 p.m. (2358 GMT), bringing 2.5 tons of supplies for American astronaut Leroy Chiao and Russian Salizhan Sharipov, including letters, videos and photographs from their families.

The supply ship completed "a flawless two-day Christmas pilgrimage to the International Space Station," said a commentator on NASA TV, which relayed live Russian images of the rendezvous.

"Docking occurred 225 statute miles above Central Asia—a flawless approach and docking."

Chiao and Sharipov were scheduled to enter Progress for the first time just after 1 p.m. (1800 GMT) on Sunday.

The two, on the station since October, were asked

two weeks ago to cut their daily calorie intake by around 10 per cent because they only had enough food for a balanced diet for another month.

Russian officials accused the previous crew of overeating during their 6-month mission, leaving a deficit of meat and milk and a surplus of juice and confectionary.

The cargo includes "propellant, oxygen and air to help maintain the station's atmosphere, water and spare parts and experiment hardware," according to NASA's web site.

NASA said it was carrying about a 112-day supply of food and holiday presents for the crew. The presents include printers, compact discs, exercise equipment and clothing, according to NASA TV.

MNA/Reuters

## Archbishop lambasts rich world for neglecting global poverty

LONDON, 27 Dec—The leader of the world's 70 million Anglican Christians, Archbishop Rowan Williams, took Western nations to task on Saturday for neglecting global poverty and "massaging" the threat of terrorism.

Never shy of controversy, Williams used his Christmas Day sermon to lambast the rich world for failing to make good progress on the UN Millennium development goals.

"The likelihood of a reduction by half of people living in abject poverty by the year 2015 is not noticeably greater

than it was four years ago," he said in reference to one of the key goals during his address at Canterbury Cathedral. "Some developed nations appear deeply indifferent to the goals agreed," he added.

The terrorism threat was a legitimate concern, but was being manipulated by some and had

helped sideline poverty issues, Williams argued.

"It is all too easy to be more interested in other matters—not least the profound anxieties about security that are at the moment so pervasive, massaged by various forces in our public life in the West," he said, without elaborating.

Williams urged Britain

to use its leadership of the G-8 group of industrialized nations in 2005 to start a new war on poverty. He noted the plethora of ideas floated by British Government figures and others to reduce debt, bring down medicine prices, promote grassroots credit schemes, and make trade rules fairer.

MNA/Reuters

## China's top science academy awards best doctoral theses

BEIJING, 26 Dec—The Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) granted awards here Friday to 50 researchers who wrote outstanding doctoral theses.

The country's top academy also issued CAS president's awards to excellent postgraduate students.

CAS president Lu Yongxiang encouraged all the postgraduate students to make more contributions to the country's research advancement.

Twenty of the 119 students were awarded the top prize. The rest received a second prize.

MNA/Xinhua

## Shandong Airlines to resume "Bombardier CRJ" airplane flights

JINAN, 26 Dec—East China's Shandong Airlines will resume ten Bombardier CRJ-200 airplane flights Sunday, one month after an urgent circular stopping Bombardier CRJ airplane flight was issued by the General Administration of Civil Aviation of China (CAAC), said an official from the Shandong Airlines.

On 21 November, a China Eastern Airlines plane went down in Baotou, a city in the north Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, a few seconds after takeoff. The plane, a Canadian-made Bombardier CRJ-200, was headed for Shanghai with 53 people aboard. The rash killed 54 people. — MNA/Xinhua

## Non-stop train makes urgent halt for pregnant woman

ZHENGZHOU, 26 Dec —A doctor from a Xuchang hospital in central China's Henan Province said the baby born in a cold winter predawn on a railway station platform under poor hygienic circumstances is safe.

The mother, surnamed Bao, who is also safe, gave birth to the baby just two minutes after she was transferred to an ambulance from a Z-category non-stop train, which made an emergency call at Xuchang railway station. On Sunday night, the train carried passengers, including Bao and her husband, from

Beijing to Wuhan, the capital city of Hubei Province, to the south of Henan. Bao had planned to return to the couple's hometown to have the baby.

About an hour after they left Beijing, she began having contractions, which became acute in the early hours of the next day. Her husband, surnamed Li, decided to turn

to the crew on the train for help. The conductor showed up and summoned several experienced women crew members to deal with this unexpected problem. He also tried to find out any doctor on the train through the train broadcast system. Within minutes, a woman medical student came around to help.—MNA/Xinhua



Moving through the snow : A cow walks over the snow-covered field near Viana do Bolo, in Galicia, northwestern Spain on 26, 2004.—INTERNET

## SPORTS

## English Premier League matches report

LONDON, 27 Dec— Brief reports on English Premier League matches played on Sunday:

**Birmingham City 2 — Middlesbrough 0**

Striker Clinton Morrison scored his fourth goal in five games and Emile Heskey netted with an unmarked header on half time as Birmingham ran out easy winners at St. Andrews. Middlesbrough, who had a goal ruled out for offside, had their attack blunted when striker Mark Viduka was stretchered off on 23 minutes after falling heavily on the hard pitch.

**Blackburn Rovers 2 — Newcastle United 2**

Defender Andy Todd earned Blackburn a point and spoilt Newcastle manager Graeme Souness' return to Ewood Park after leaving Blackburn in September. Kieron Dyer's cool early finish and Laurent Robert's thunderous long range free kick either side of Paul Dickov's 26th minute strike had Newcastle twice ahead.

**Crystal Palace 0 — Portsmouth 1**

Central defender Linvoy Primus headed in Patrik Berger's corner to give Velimir Zajec a winning start as Portsmouth's permanent manager. Ricardo Fuller also hit a post but Portsmouth were indebted to goalkeeper Shaka Hislop, who made a number of good saves including one superb stop from Danny Granville's free kick. The kickoff at Selhurst Park was delayed for 40 minutes because of ice on the tarpaulin covering the pitch.

**Southampton 0 — Charlton Athletic 0**

Struggling Southampton will be happy to have taken a point but contributed little to a forgettable game. Charlton dominated in terms of possession and chances but South African Shaun Bartlett missed the best opportunities.

MNA/Reuters

## Chelsea hold on to remain five points clear at top

LONDON, 27 Dec— Leaders Chelsea got off to a victorious start in the Premier League's busy holiday programme with a 1-0 home win over Aston Villa on Sunday.



Arsenal's Thierry Henry (R) and Robert Pires celebrate. English champions Arsenal stayed second in the table, five points behind leaders Chelsea, after a goal in either half from France internationals Henry and Pires ensured a 2-0 win over a lacklustre Fulham at Highbury.—INTERNET

Champions Arsenal, Everton and Manchester United also claimed home wins and Liverpool won 5-0 at West Bromwich Albion.

Chelsea were below their sparkling best but maintained their five-point lead. Damien Duff's goal after 30 minutes was enough to beat injury-weakened Villa and secure their first Boxing Day win for five seasons. Across London at Highbury, Thierry Henry hit his 20th of the season and equalled Ian Wright's tally of 128 league goals for Arsenal as the champions beat Fulham 2-0. Robert Pires completed the easy victory on 71 minutes.

Manchester United kept up the chase when they beat Bolton Wanderers 2-0 for their sixth win in seven games. Everton maintained their remarkable season with a 2-1 home win over Manchester City.

Chelsea top the standings on 46 points with Arsenal on 41. Everton are third on 40 with Manchester United fourth on 37.

Norwegian John Arne Riise scored twice to help Liverpool rout bottom side West Brom, who have yet to win in seven attempts under new boss Bryan Robson.

Florent Sinama-Pongolle, Steven Gerrard and Luis Garcia were also on the scoresheet. Milan Baros missed a penalty after Cosmin Contra was sent off for handball.

Tottenham Hotspur chalked up their fifth league win a row, Robbie Keane and Michael Brown scoring to win 2-0 at Norwich.

Portsmouth won 1-0 at Crystal Palace, while Graeme Souness' return to Ewood Park ended with his Newcastle United side drawing 2-2 with Blackburn Rovers.

After a subdued start, Chelsea struck when Arjen Robben attacked a retreating Villa defence and fed Duff, who cut in from the right to fire in a low left-footed shot from 12 metres.

It was the sixth time in Chelsea's last nine games that the Irish winger had opened the scoring but, unlike in recent weeks, they failed to build on the lead.

The slick passing that has led to so many emphatic victories was absent and the second half was something of a battle. However, Jose Mourinho's team did enough to make it eight wins and two draws from their 10 home games, in which they have scored 20 goals and conceded just three.

"Villa always create problems for Chelsea but with the number of good chances we had we should have killed the match early on," Mourinho told Sky Sports News. "But we fought, maybe some people don't understand that. They think Chelsea should always play fantastically and score a lot of goals but I don't remember a really difficult situation for us."

At Highbury, Henry showed neat control to make space on the edge of the box before stepping inside to score a typical opportunist goal and get Arsenal going.

MNA/Reuters

## English Premier League leading scorers

LONDON, 27 Dec— English Premier League leading scorers after Sunday's matches:

- 16 - Thierry Henry (Arsenal)
- 10 - Robert Pires (Arsenal)
- 9 - Andy Johnson (Crystal Palace), Jermain Defoe (Tottenham Hotspur)
- 8 - Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink (Middlesbrough), Milan Baros (Liverpool)
- 7 - Craig Bellamy (Newcastle United), Eidur Gudjohnsen (Chelsea), Paul Scholes (Manchester United)
- 6 - Jose Antonio Reyes (Arsenal), Nicolas Anelka (Manchester City), Yakubu Aiyegbeni (Portsmouth), Henrik Pedersen (Bolton Wanderers), Kevin Davies (Bolton Wanderers), Andy Cole (Fulham), Paul Dickov (Blackburn Rovers), Damien Duff (Chelsea)
- 5 - Marcus Bent (Everton), Luis Boa Morte (Fulham), Alan Shearer (Newcastle United), Shaun Wright-Phillips (Manchester City), Robert Earnshaw (West Bromwich Albion), Mark Viduka (Middlesbrough), Darren Huckerby (Norwich City), Robbie Keane (Tottenham Hotspur), Frank Lampard (Chelsea), Alan Smith (Manchester United).

MNA/Reuters

## Reserve keeper helps the Strongest to win Clausura C'ship

LA PAZ, 27 Dec— Reserve goalkeeper Mauricio Sahonero helped The Strongest win Bolivia's Clausura Championship by saving a penalty from Oriente Petrolero veteran Erwin Sanchez on Saturday.

The Strongest defeated Oriente 4-3 on penalties following a 1-1 draw in the replayed final. Lider Paz put The Strongest ahead after four minutes before Juan Carlos Arce headed Oriente level in the 34th minute. Sahonero was called into the team after first-choice goalkeeper Juan Marcelo Robledo was suspended by the league because of problems with his documents.

The teams met twice last week with Oriente winning the first match 3-1 in Santa Cruz and The Strongest winning the return 2-1 in La Paz to send the final to a third game in the neutral venue of Cochabamba.

MNA/Reuters

## Negouai sent off three minutes after coming on as substitute

LONDON, 27 Dec— Manchester City's French midfielder Christian Negouai had a Premier League debut to forget on Sunday when he was sent off three minutes after coming on as a substitute, without touching the ball.

Negouai came on in the 80th minute for Jonathan Macken during City's 2-1 defeat at Everton and three minutes later crashed his studs into the shin of Everton striker Marcus Bent to earn a straight red card.

The Martinique-born 29-year-old joined City from Belgian club Charleroi three years ago.

MNA/Reuters

## Celtic move four points clear at top

GLASGOW, 27 Dec— Celtic moved four points clear of Rangers at the top of the Scottish Premier League with a 2-0 win at Hearts on Sunday in their final match of 2004.

A goal in each half took them to 50 points from 20 matches. Rangers play their game in hand at home to Motherwell on Monday.

Bulgarian Stilian Petrov set up Celtic's opener after nine minutes for Aiden McGeady to fire in at the back post and scored the second himself after 69 minutes.

The fixture was marred by fighting between rival fans before the kick-off, causing the stadium to be half empty at the start. Celtic manager Martin O'Neill said: "We needed that second goal just ward off any danger that might appear late on in the game."

"It will be a hectic January, but we are delighted to go into the New Year on top of the table."

MNA/Reuters



Celtic's Stilian Petrov. Celtic ensured their place at the top of the Scottish Premier League at the end of 2004 with a 2-0 win away to Hearts.—INTERNET



## Death toll from Tsunami close to 400 in Thailand

PHUKET (Thailand), 27 Dec — The death toll from a deadly tsunami that devastated Thailand's southern tourist playground surged close to 400 as rescue workers worked overnight, retrieving bodies and searching for injured.

Government officials said early on Monday at least 392 bodies were found in stricken areas in six western Thai provinces bordering the Andaman Sea but some expected the final toll to approach 1,000.

Witnesses spoke of a wave three stories high which tossed cars around and burst into luxury hotels on the holiday island of Phuket, popular with Western and Asian tourists and currently at the height of the Christmas holiday season. Disaster officials said at least 130 people died in Phuket, including several dozen foreigners. Nearly 700 people were injured and 214 missing. The hardest hit area was Phang Nga, north of Phuket, where rescue workers found 181 drowned. Officials expected the final death toll in Phang Nga, which has 19 miles of shorelines, to rise to more than 500.

This is most tragic, something which we could not have forecast and anticipated," said senior in-

terior ministry official Somsak Pongpanich.

Another 45 people died in Krabi Province, also a premier holiday destination.

Helicopters and ships were sent to assess the damage in a region of exotically shaped limestone islands scattered in the turquoise waters of the Andaman Sea and popular with snorkellers and divers among Thailand's annual 12 million tourists.

Government officials said more than 4,000 foreign and Thai tourists were stranded on Ko Phi Phi, the tiny island off Krabi made famous by the 2000 film "The Beach" starring Leonardo DiCaprio.

"The huge wave rolled in, at least 10 metres high. It was at first eerily quiet with winds moving ahead of it. Coconut trees in its path did not collapse, they just flew away. I told my wife and mother to turn and run for our lives," said a 35-year-old construction worker living on the island. — MNA/Reuters

## Deputy FM signs book of condolences for demise of former Indian Prime Minister



Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Thu signed in the book of condolences. — MNA

YANGON, 27 Dec — Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Thu signed in the book of condolences at the Embassy of the Republic of India at 2 pm today in memory of the late Shri PV Narasimha Rao, former Prime Minister of the Republic of India. — MNA

## High waves triggered by Asian earthquake hit east Africa

NAIROBI, 27 Dec — The east coast of Africa was hit Sunday by high waves believed to be triggered by a massive earthquake off the Indonesian island of Sumatra, leaving dozens of people drowned or missing.

Nine people were reportedly killed by high waves in Somalia's Kabaal region, 800 kilometres northeast of Mogadishu, while seven others were missing in the port of Elmaan near Mogadishu. The Kenyan Government asked people to evacuate from the beaches along the coastal region and put its Navy on top alert. However, a swimmer drowned off the coastal town of Malindi after being hit by strong waves.

Several African islands including Mauritius and Seychelles were also affected with an uncertain number of people missing or dead. An earthquake, measuring 8.7 on the Richter Scale, was registered Sunday west of the island of Sumatra, triggering tsunamis, or tidal waves, in south and southeast Asia.

MNA/Xinhua

## Nine killed after tidal wave hits northeastern Somalia

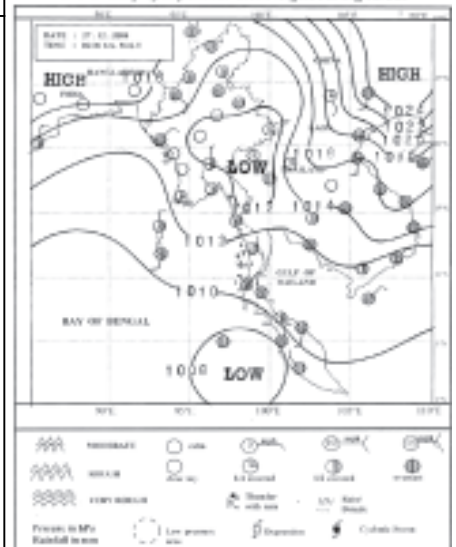
NAIROBI, 27 Dec — Somalia in East Africa was affected by tsunamis off the Indonesian island of Sumatra on Sunday with at least nine people killed when a tidal wave hit the country's northeastern part, according to a report reaching here from Mogadishu.

Many more fishermen were feared drowned after the wave hit Kabaal, 800 kilometres northeast of Mogadishu. Somalia, thousands of kilometres away from Sumatra, has a long coastline on the Indian Ocean and the Gulf of Aden, forming the "Horn of Africa".

An earthquake, measuring 8.7 on the Richter Scale, was registered Sunday west of the island of Sumatra, triggering tsunamis, or tidal waves, in south and Southeast Asia.

Over 6,000 people in Sri Lanka, India, Indonesia, Bangladesh, Maldives, Thailand and Malaysia have been killed by the waves. — MNA/Xinhua

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



## WEATHER

Monday, 27 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 (4°C) above normal in upper Sagaing Division, (5°C) above normal in Kachin State, (3°C) to (4°C) below normal in Eastern Shan State, Magway, Bago and Taninthayi Divisions, (5°C) below normal in Chin State and about normal in the remaining areas. The significant night temperature were Namsam, Pinlaung (2°C) each, Hakha (4°C) and Mindat (5°C).

Maximum temperature on 26-12-2004 was 92°F. Minimum temperature on 27-12-2004 was 56°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 27-12-2004 was 91%. Total sunshine hours on 26-12-2004 was (8.2) hours approx. Rainfalls on 27-12-2004 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 Northwest at (19:30) hours MST on 25-12-2004.

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

**Forecast valid until evening of 28-12-2004:** Weather will be partly cloudy in Kachin State, Ayeyawady, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and generally fair in the remaining areas.

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

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

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 28-12-2004:** Partly cloudy.

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 28-12-2004:** Fair weather.



Tuesday, 28 December  
View on today:

7:00 am

1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Ottamathara

7:15 am

2. တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘူတဂါရိတ၊ အဋ္ဌမဟာသုတ္တံ၊ အဋ္ဌနန္ဒီသီရိဓမ္မာသီရိသံ (ယောဆရာတော်) ယောက္ခိယာဘိဝံသ၊ ဥပါသသန္တပိဋတော်

7:25 am

3. To be healthy exercise

7:30 am

4. Morning News

7:40 am

5. Nice and sweet song

7:50 am

6. ကဗျာနိဗ္ဗာန်သုတ္တံ

8:00 am

7. အထိပ္ပင်

8:10 am

8. Songs of Yesteryear

8:20 am

9. နိက္ခရဇာတိနိဂါး

8:30 am

10. International news

8:45 am

11. Let's go

4:00 pm

1. Martial song

4:15 pm

2. Songs to uphold National Spirit

4:30 pm

3. အဝေးသင်တန်းသို့ လီပညာရေး ဂုဏ်ပြုသံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ - ဒုတိယနှစ် (သတ္တဗေဒ၊ ဓာတုဗေဒ၊ သတ္တဗေဒ)

4:45 pm

4. Dance of national races

5:00 pm

5. (ဤ) နှစ်မြောက်လွတ်လပ်ရေးနေ့ ဂုဏ်ပြုအခမ်းအနား

5:15 pm

6. ခံစားနားထောင်စာတိုစဉ်

5:30 pm

7. Sing and Enjoy

6:10 pm

8. နိုင်ငံ့ကာကွယ်ရေးတပ်မတော်

"ဓမ္မာပိဋကဓရ" (အပိုင်း-၇၄)

6:30 pm

9. Evening News

7:00 pm

10. Weather report

7:05 pm

11. သား၊ ခွေး၊ ငှက်၊ မြွေ၊ အကျိုး

7:15 pm

12. The mirror images of musical oldies

7:30 pm

13. အရပ်အခြားအသံ ဂန္ထဝင် နိုင်ငံရေး နိဂုံးချုပ် "မျိုးချစ်မိတ်မြင့် တွတ်ယူကြိုက်၊ လွတ်လပ်ရေးအောင်ပန်း" (အပိုင်း-၂)

8:00 pm

14. News

15. International News

16. Weather report

17. နိုင်ငံ့ဓားတံလင်းတုံ့

"သံဓဉ်ချစ်သူ" (အပိုင်း-၂၅)

18. Tiger Cup

ဘောလုံးပြိုင်ပွဲတွင် ထွက်ခဲ့သော အစဉ် (အစိုးရ၊ နိုင်ငံရေး၊ ပညာရေး) (အစိုးရ၊ နိုင်ငံရေး၊ ပညာရေး)

19. The next day's

programme



Tuesday, 28 December  
Tune in today:

8:30 am Brief news

8:35 am Music:

-Hit by love Perspectives Music: Celebrate our love

8:40 am National news/Slogan

8:45 am Music: Don't hate me

9:00 am International news

9:05 am Music: Good sign

9:15 am News/Slogan

1:30 pm Lunch time music

1:40 pm -It's the way you make me feel

-Who do you love

-For your love

-There you'll be

9:00 pm Independence Day Talk:

-Uplift of National Education standard

9:15 pm Article/music

9:25 pm Weekly sports reel

9:30 am Music for your listening pleasure

-Nothing's gonna change my love for you

-Woman in love

9:45 pm News/Slogan

10:00 pm PEL

**Four political objectives**

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

**Four economic objectives**

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

**Four social objectives**

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

**Senior General Than Shwe sends message of sympathy to Thailand**

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MNA

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## Myanma traditional medicines an effective tool in public health care services

### University of Traditional Medicine inaugurated

YANGON, 27 Dec — The University of Traditional Medicine located in Owebo Shwekyin Ward, Aungmyaythazan Township, Mandalay Division, was inaugurated yesterday morning and Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann unveiled the stone plaque of it.

Also present on the occasion were Chairman of National Health Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen



General Thura Shwe Mann unveils the stone plaque of the University of Traditional Medicine in Mandalay. — MNA

Myint, Chairman of Mandalay Division PDC Commander of Central Com-

mand Maj-Gen Ye Myint, Chairman of Sagaing Division PDC Commander

of North-West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye, the ministers, senior military

officers, the Mandalay mayor, the deputy chief justice, the deputy

attorney-general, officials of the State Peace and (See page 10)

## Secretary-1 inspects dam projects, Myanma farm equipment factory

YANGON, 27 Dec — Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein together with member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen

Ye Myint, Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo, Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung and officials inspected the project site of Sedawgyi supporting

dam (Nanpet Dam) in Madaya Township yesterday.

Director of Construction-4 of Irrigation Department U Maung Maung Tin and Director of Mandalay

Division Irrigation Department U Aye Thein reported on the project.

The water storage capacity of Sedawgyi multipurpose dam built in 1987 is only 363,000 acre feet.

Overflowing water of 800,000 acre feet from the dam is diverted to spillways each year.

For full utilization of water from Chaungmagyi Creek on which Sedawgyi

Dam was built a support dam project (Nanpet Dam) is being implemented on Nanpet Creek, 12 miles upstream of Sedawgyi Dam.

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Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein inspects Sedawgyi Dam in Madaya Township, Mandalay Division. — MNA

**INSIDE**

At the Steel Plant in Pyin Oo Lwin, Mandalay Division, the Head of State exhorted responsible personnel to boost production of manufacturing industries, especially iron wares that are essential to nation-building endeavours.

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