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Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

Arrangements made for enabling Taninthayi Division to become oil pot similar to Magway Division by growing oil palm for ensuring local edible oil sufficiency Kawthoung and other border towns become developing district-level towns

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye tours Khamaukkyi, Kawthoung



Vice-Senior General Maung Aye delivers address in meeting with departmental personnel, members of social organizations and townsenders in Kawthoung. — MNA

YANGON, 14 Jan — Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, accompanied by Prime Minister General Soe Win, members of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Maung Bo, Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and Lt-Gen Tin Aye, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, the ministers, the deputy ministers, senior military officers,

and officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, left here by Tatmadaw Aircraft on 12 January morning, and arrived Kawthoung at 9.45 am. Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party were welcomed at Kawthoung Airport by Chairman of Taninthayi

Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Coastal Region Command Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe and senior military officers, and departmental officials. They proceeded to Khamaukkyi of Kawthoung Township by car and oversaw thriving oil palm plantations on

both sides along Kawthoung-Bokpyin Road. At the station hall in Khamaukkyi, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye met with officers, other ranks and family members of the station. Next, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye (See page 16)

Government is giving encouragement to national entrepreneurs including oil palm entrepreneurs to turn out rich and successful businessmen. Realizing goodwill and aims of the State, the entrepreneurs are to strive for becoming Taninthayi Division as oil pot and for ensuring local edible oil sufficiency.



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

PERSPECTIVES

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Strive for meeting summer paddy cultivation target

Myanmar is an agro-based country and the agricultural sector plays an important role not only in fulfilling food, clothing and shelter needs of the people but also in strengthening national economy.

Agriculture is indispensable for ensuring self-sufficiency in food, economic development in a region and improvement of the living standard of farmers.

Therefore, the government is giving priority to development of agricultural sector through the construction of dams and reservoirs and providing farmers with agricultural techniques for boosting the paddy yield.

Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by officials concerned, on 12 January inspected agriculture and regional development tasks in Ayeyawady Division and gave necessary instructions.

During his tour of Ayeyawady Division, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than met with the division, district and township level departmental officials at the meeting hall of Ayeyawady Division PDC Office and called for meeting the target acreage of summer paddy cultivation for 2005-2006 and growing of 500,000 acres of physic nut plants within three years.

Ayeyawady Division is the granary of the nation while playing a leading role in meat and fish sector. The division has been able to cultivate 3.6 million acres of monsoon paddy in 2005-2006, and work is well under way for cultivation of 1.6 million acres of summer paddy in 2006. With favourable weather conditions, ten major crops, perennial crops and new item crops are being grown in the division while extensive cultivation of physic nut plants is being carried out.

Bio-fuel from physic nut can be used in tractors, water pumps and generators and the paste or cakes can be used as natural fertilizer, thereby contributing to development of agricultural sector.

As physic nut from which bio-fuel can be extracted, could be grown every region, it is incumbent upon all the entire national people to extensively engage in cultivation of physic nut plants in villages, farmlands and virgin and fallow lands.

Such being so, farmers and local authorities are to engage in extensive cultivation of physic nut plants while striving for meeting the target acres of monsoon paddy and summer paddy, making better use of favourable conditions created by the government.



Captain Tin Maung Tun & his crew of 796, 6th Shwehnninzi Road, Mayangon Township, present K 100,000 to Treasurer U Aung Than of Hninzigon Home for the Aged Administrative Board recently.

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

Indonesian President sends message of felicitations to Prime Minister

YANGON, 14 Jan—*The following is a message sent by Dr H Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, President of the Republic of Indonesia to General Soe Win, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, on the occasion of the 58th Anniversary of the Independence Day of the Union of Myanmar.*

Your Excellency,

On the solemn occasion of the 58th Anniversary of the Independence Day of the Union of Myanmar, I would like to extend to Your Excellency my heartfelt greetings and warmest congratulations and the best wishes for the well-being and prosperity of the People of Myanmar.

I firmly believe that the close fraternal relations and mutually beneficial cooperation between our two countries have developed strongly for the common interests of our two peoples as well as the ASEAN family as a whole.

I also would like to take this opportunity to convey to Your Excellency all the best wishes for your personal good health, happiness and greater success in the fulfillment of your noble mission.

Please, accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest esteem.

MNA

International Fair 2006 opened

YANGON, 14 Jan—An International Fair 2006 organized by the Myanmar ASEAN Women's Friendship Association (MAWFA) was held at Ministry of Foreign Affairs on Zizawa Yeiktha Lawns this morning.

Present on the occasion were members of the Panel of Patrons of the association, the wife of the Minister for Foreign Affairs, wives of ministers and wives of Deputy Ministers for Foreign Affairs, wives of officials of MOFA, the Lady Ambassador of the Philippines and wives of Ambassadors for the ASEAN Embassies in Yangon, wives of the Ambassadors of non-ASEAN Embassies, families of the diplomatic corps and United Nations Agencies in Yangon and members of the Association.

Handicrafts and



Guests visit International Fair 2006, organized by Myanmar ASEAN Women's Friendship Association (MAWFA), at Ministry of Foreign Affairs. — MNA

other products from various countries were sold to donate cash to social organizations and it attracted many people.

MNA

Lolane Showroom and Hair & Beauty Centre opened



The opening ceremony of Lolane Showroom and Hair & Beauty Centre in progress.

MNA

YANGON, 14 Jan— The opening of Lolane Showroom and Hair & Beauty Centre was held this morning at Waizayanda Shopping Centre. Managing Director U Hla Win of Lolane and Mr Seni of SC Artistry Co. Ld of Thailand cut the ribbon to open the centre. Demonstration on hair style was also held and hair dressing made free of charge.—MNA

Culture Minister visits Bagan Archaeological Region

YANGON, 14 Jan —Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Kyi Aung visited Bagan Archaeological Region yesterday. After paying homage to Arnanda Pagoda, the minister went to the project site for construction of Arimaddana Pura Palace of King Anawrahta and gave necessary instructions to officials.

Later, the minister visited and paid homage at Thabbyinnnyu Pagoda (1554) and Lawka Ushaung Pagoda (1467) and left necessary instructions there.

MNA

Bremer says 'I made some mistakes' in Iraq

WASHINGTON, 13 Jan—In a newspaper column Friday, L Paul Bremer, the former US administrator of Iraq, admitted, "I made some mistakes" in Iraq and argued the United States needs to be better prepared for post-conflict operations in the future.

Bremer made the remarks in a *New York Times* op-ed piece published Friday called "In Iraq, Wrongs Made a Right." The column follows a book Bremer has written entitled "My Year in Iraq: The Struggle to Build a Future of Hope," which Simon & Schuster published this month.

Among the mistakes Bremer cited in the column were the implementation of de-Baathification and reconstruction policy.

While he defended the US decision to ban former members of Saddam Hussein's Baath Party from public office, Bremer wrote that his "error was that I left the implementation of the policy to a political body within the nascent Iraqi government."

De-Baathification, he wrote, "became a tool of politicians who applied it much more broadly than we had intended."

The policy "should

have been administered by an independent judicial body," he added.

Another mistake involved the US-led Coalition Provisional Authority placing "too much emphasis on large-scale reconstruction projects. While the urgent need for modern highways, elec-

trical generating plants and the like was clear, we should have anticipated that building them would take a long time," he wrote.

"Our earlier efforts should have been directed more tightly at meeting Iraqis' day-to-day needs," he added.—*Internet*



Anti-US protesters, one wearing a US President George Bush mask, display a handcuff to symbolize their demand for the arrest of four US Marines charged in the alleged rape of a 22-year-old Filipino woman during a rally outside the Department of Foreign Affairs building in Manila, on 13 Jan, 2006. —INTERNET

Charged US Marines confirmed under custody in embassy

MANILA, 13 Jan — The four US Marines, who have been accused of raping a Filipino woman in Subic Bay on 1 November, 2005, are getting "thinner, paler, sadder, and less robust", a Foreign Affairs official said Thursday.

Foreign Affairs Undersecretary and Executive Director of the Presidential Commission on the Visiting Forces Agreement (VFACOM), Zosimo Paredes, confirmed after he visited the soldiers on Thursday at the US Em-

bassy that they are being detained by the embassy as required under a bilateral agreement.

"They look sadder unlike in the first meeting when they were very robust and looked more hopeful because they have not

been charged," said Paredes. The meeting lasted for 15 minutes and according to VFACOM officials, the Marines were in "good condition".

"However, Lance Corporal Daniel Smith, the principal suspect, lost some weight. But the others are doing good. They are staying in a small villa-type unit located at the back of the embassy," one official said.

A 24-hour security is also provided to the servicemen, the official added.

In a brief statement issued on Thursday, the US Embassy said that they welcomed the visit of Paredes and for having the opportunity again to meet with the suspects.

They maintained that they will continue to exercise custody until the end of the judicial proceedings under the terms of the VFA. "As called for in the Vis-



Indonesia, Malaysia ink economic cooperation agreements

JAKARTA, 13 Jan— The Indonesian and Malaysian governments have agreed to cooperate in business and investment covering infrastructure, plantations, crude palm oil plants, oil and gas and energy.

The agreement was reached at the Annual Summit between Indonesia and Malaysia in Bukit Tinggi, West Sumatra Province, on Thursday, *Antara* news agency reported on Friday.

In the presence of Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono and

Malaysian Prime Minister Datok Sri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, the agreement was signed by Chairman of the Malaysia-Indonesia Business Council (MIBC) Tan Sri Dato' Seri Ahmad Sarji bin Abdul Hamid and Chairman of Indonesia-Malaysia Business Council (IMBC) Tanri Abeng. According to Tanri Abeng, the main purpose of the deal was to continue cooperation in business investment including trade between the two sides.

Meanwhile, in his speech, Seri Ahmad Sarji said five Malaysian com-

panies had participated in a bidding for six toll road projects in Indonesia worth 1.345 billion US dollars.

Apart from that, a Malaysian company has bought 10,000 hectares of land in Sei Mawang, and 20,000 hectares in Sekadau, West Kalimantan Province, to be developed into plantations. The other cooperation programme covers the building of crude palm oil factories in Ketapang and Sanggau, West Kalimantan, worth approximately eight million US dollars.

MNA/Xinhua

Two killed when US chopper shot in Iraq

MOSUL, 14 Jan— Guerillas apparently shot down a US Army reconnaissance helicopter in this northern city Friday, killing its two pilots, in the second fatal helicopter crash in Iraq in less than a week.

One witness said he heard machine-gun fire before the helicopter crashed, and children told soldiers that the sound of gunfire came from three or four directions and that the helicopter was flying erratically, possibly trying to evade it. The helicopter looked like it crashed on a muddy plateau and then cartwheeled down a 25-foot embankment that was sloped at about a 45-degree angle. It came to rest near strewn garbage. The helicopter's two pilots — the only people aboard — were killed.

The pilot may have tried to land it in the dirt clearing, about 20 feet from some mud huts with clothes hanging along lines. The crash came as Lt Gen John Vines, chief of the Multi-National Corps Iraq, predicted increased attacks around Iraq when final election results are released next week. At least 500 people and more than 50 US troops have been killed since the 15 Dec elections.

Internet

Singapore remains world's busiest port by shipping tonnage

SINGAPORE, 13 Jan — Singapore remained the world's busiest port with total vessel arrivals hit 1.15 billion gross tons (GT) in 2005, up from 1.04 billion GT recorded in 2004, Minister of State for Finance and Transport Lim Hwee Hua announced Thursday.

"For the second time in Singapore's maritime history, vessel arrivals to our port, in terms of shipping tonnage, exceeded one billion gross tons," Lim said at a maritime industry event. Container throughput grew 8.7 per cent to 23.2 million Twenty-Foot Equivalent Units (TEUs) in 2005 in comparison with the previous year, and the total cargo traffic increased 7.6 per cent to 423 million tons. Both are new records for the Singapore port.

As for bunker sales, according to the minister, Singapore upheld its global leadership position last year with sales of ship fuel exceeding 25 million tons for the first time in its port history. — MNA/Xinhua



A crane removes the wreckage of US OH-58D Kiowa Warrior helicopter after it crashed in Mosul, about 390 km (240 miles) northwest of Baghdad on 13 Jan, 2006. —INTERNET

China hails positive role of forum on China-Africa cooperation

BEIJING, 13 Jan — The Chinese Government Thursday hailed the positive role of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation, saying that the forum has become an effective mechanism for collective dialogue and multilateral cooperation between China and Africa.

In its first African Policy Paper issued on Thursday, the Chinese Government said: "Launched in 2000, the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation has become an effective mechanism for the collective dialogue and multilateral cooperation between China and Africa and put in place an important framework and platform for a new type of China-Africa partnership featuring long-term stability, equality and mutual benefit."

The paper said China attaches importance to the positive role of the forum in strengthening political consultation and pragmatic cooperation between China and Africa, and stands ready to work with African countries to conscientiously implement the Beijing Declaration of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation, the Programme for China-Africa Cooperation in Economic

and Social Development and the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation-Addis Ababa Action Plan (2004-2006) and its follow-up action plans.

"China will work with African countries within the framework of the Forum to explore new ways

to enhance mutual political trust, promote the comprehensive development of pragmatic cooperation, further improve the mechanism of the forum, and try to find the best way for furthering cooperation between the forum and the The New Partnership for

Africa's Development," the paper said. This is the first time that the Chinese Government has issued a paper elaborating its policy toward Africa. Among the 53 countries in Africa, 47 have established diplomatic relations with China.

MNA/Xinhua

Iraqi police detonate car bomb at Interior Ministry park

BAGHDAD, 13 Jan — Iraqi police conducted a controlled detonation of a car bomb at the park of the Interior Ministry in Baghdad on Thursday, a ministry source told *Xinhua*.

The police experts blew up the booby-trapped car without causing any casualties, the source said on condition of anonymity. — MNA/Xinhua

Brazil says US wants to block aircraft deal with Venezuela

BRASILIA, 13 Jan — Brazilian Foreign Minister Celso Amorim said on Wednesday there appear to be signs of US attempts to block a sale of Brazilian-made military planes to Venezuela.

"There are signs of this, I hope they are not definitive, it would in my opinion be counterproductive and even false," Amorim told a news con-

ference. He said the Brazilian Government had consulted the United States on the sale, but was not satisfied with the response from Washington.

Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez accused the United States on Tuesday of blocking Venezuela's purchases of *Super Tucano* military planes from Bra-

zil that are built with US technologies.

Amorim said his government would try to persuade the United States to change its stance, adding that the military planes are for defensive purposes and would not threaten the balance of power in the region.

MNA/Xinhua

Romania denies existence of secret CIA prisons on its territory

BUCHAREST, 13 Jan — Romanian Prime Minister Calin Popescu Tariceanu on Wednesday denied the existence of secret prisons allegedly run by the US Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) on Romanian territory.

In a TV broadcast, Tariceanu invited reporters from the Swiss newspaper *SonntagsBlick*, which on Sunday had alleged the existence of CIA prisons in Romania, to make a truth-finding visit to the supposed prison sites.

The Romanian authorities have encouraged

European Commission experts to visit these sites, he added. Tariceanu stated that he had also asked Foreign Minister Mihai Razvan Ungureanu to request that Egyptian and Swiss authorities provide evidence to support their claims about Romania hosting the secret prisons. — MNA/Xinhua

US investigates 230 "Katrina" relief aid cases

WASHINGTON, 13 Jan — Three dozen people have been arrested on fraud and other charges related to billions of dollars spent to help Hurricane Katrina victims with many more cases being looked at, according to a report released on Thursday.

A total of 230 cases were under investigation, resulting in 36 arrests, 44 indictments and three convictions as of 2 December, said a report by the President's Council on In-

tegrity and Efficiency, released by the House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on oversight and investigations.

The Department of Homeland Security said in its section of the report that "the majority of the investigations have involved individuals filing false claims to obtain monies for homes damaged by Katrina, homes in which the claimant did not reside or for homes at addresses that did not exist". The reviews looked at everything from money to repair damaged homes to contracts to buy bottled water and deliver ice to the 249 million US dollars used to rent four luxury cruise ships to serve as temporary housing initially to victims and later to workers.

Lawmakers in the US



A barefooted Chinese man climbs a trunk inserted with knives during the opening ceremony of a tourism festival in Libo county, southwest China's Guizhou Province, on 12 Jan, 2006. —INTERNET

Polish police detain three drug traffickers

WARSAW, 13 Jan — Poland's Central Investigation Office detained three drug traffickers in the southern region of Silesia, a police officer said on Wednesday.

The men, suspected of trafficking drugs in large scales, were arrested in Katowice and nearby Myslowice, Andrzej Gaska from the police headquarters in Katowice said. One of the detainees was captured preparing narcotics for wholesales.

The police found 7,000 ecstasy pills and a considerable amount of hashish,

marijuana and amphetamine, as well as some arms.

If convicted, they will face prison terms of up to ten years.

Last year, police seized a total of 100,000 ecstasy pills, 10 kilos of hashish, 8 kilos of marijuana as well as some amphetamine and cocaine in Silesia. — MNA/Xinhua

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MNA/Reuters



A US soldier holds a machinegun during a patrol at Forward Operating Base Q-West in Iraq on 10 Jan, 2006. — INTERNET

US Navy jet crashes in Georgia, killing four

ATLANTA, 13 Jan — A US Navy jet headed from Tennessee to Florida two days ago crashed in northern Georgia, killing all four people on board, authorities said on Thursday.

An investigation was under way after the wreckage of the Navy *Sabreliner T-39* jet was found in Walker County in northwest Georgia late on Wednesday following a daylong search, an aide with the Georgia State Patrol said.

Harry White, a spokesman at Naval Air Station in Pensacola, Florida, said the jet was making a round-trip flight from Pensacola to Chattanooga, Tennessee, as part of a routine training mission.

White said radar contact was lost with the craft on Tuesday shortly after it took off from Tennessee to return to Florida. A civilian contract pilot, Navy instructor, Navy student and US Air Force student were killed in the crash, he added. — MNA/Reuters

It is necessary for literary workers to widen the scope of knowledge

First Thutaswezon literary award for 2004 presented



Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan delivers a speech at the first Thutaswezon literary award presentation ceremony for 2004. — MNA

YANGON, 14 Jan — The first Thutaswezon literary award for 2004 organized by Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association was held at Traders Hotel on Sule Pagoda Road this afternoon.

and EC members, members of literary award scrutiny board, President of Foreign Correspondents Club U Sao Kai Hpa and members, publishers and guests.

Minister Brig-Gen

up with the international communities, it will lag behind in development. Therefore the Head of State gave guidance on establishment of life long learning society and development of human resources. Arrangements are being made for development of technology for new generation youths.

He said presentation of such literary award serves the national duty of the State and development of literary world. The minister praised Thutaswezon publishing house for its performance.

He said the informative writing is useful for both the country and its people and it contributes towards the development of human resources. Human resource development is a major factor for national development. The Head of State fulfilled the requirements of students for development of technology, he said.

Myanmar's educational objective is to create Myanmar education system that can face the challenge of science and technology in the future. Now students can receive basic and higher education in the respective regions easily and they can also learn subjects of international standard.

Destructive elements said that Myanmar education standard is low. The minister said Myanmar education system is framed conformity with Myanmar society in accord with curriculum of world standard. As time passes, standard of universities and colleges will improve, he added.

The government is making efforts for development of education of the students. It is necessary for literary workers to widen the scope of knowledge. Development of urban people only cannot bring about national development and it is important for rural people to achieve technological development.

He spoke of the need for rural people to keep reading habits with the assistance of the government, the people and the wellwishers. Out of over 60,000 villages, altogether 48,352 rural libraries have been opened. The rest will be opened in 2005-2006. During the eight cash donation ceremonies, 600 wellwishers donated 1,748,634 books of various kinds and K 52.9 million—totalling K 160 million.

He called for cooperation in efforts to cope with the technological challenge of the 21st century.

Dr Tin Tun Oo of Thutaswezon Publishing House and Chairman of

Thutaswezon Literary Award Scrutiny Board U Myo Thant (Maung Hsu Shin) spoke.

Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan presented life long literary award to Major Tin Maung (Retd) (Theikpan Hmu Tin) and knowledge science award to writer Hlaing Thin.

Dr Tin Tun Oo and Dr Khin Moe Moe presented K 100,000 for U Htin Gyi Digital Library to U Hla Myaung.

They also presented gifts for members of Thutaswezon Literary Award Scrutiny Board to Minister for Education (Retd) Dr Kyaw Sein.



Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan presents Thutaswezon life-long literary award to Major Tin Maung (Retd) (Theikpan Hmu Tin). — MNA

Present were Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, Deputy Ministers for Information U Thein Sein and Brig-Gen Aung Thein, officials of departments and enterprises under the ministry, Chairman of MWJA U Hla Myaung (Ko Hsaung)

Kyaw Hsan delivered a speech. He said as is known to literati today is knowledge age and science and technology are developing in every sector. Technologies are being utilized in all the functions of the society. Unless the country can catch



MWJA Chairman U Hla Myaung (Ko Hsaung) awards writer U Aung Moun. — MNA

Next, Deputy Ministers U Thein Sein and Brig-Gen Aung Thein and Chairman U Hla Myaung (Ko Hsaung) presented awards to Dr Molar, Chit San Win and Aung Moun.

Theikpan Hmu Tin and Chit San Win spoke words of thanks.

The minister and guests had photos taken together with the literary award winners.

MNA

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Physic nut oil, source of farmers' income

Natmauk Tun Shein

In building a peaceful, modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic new nation, the government has been doing all it can to narrow the development gap between the states and plain central areas as well as urban and rural areas.

December 2005 and gave them guidance on growing physic nut plants. He said the States and Divisions concerned are to put 500,000 acres under the physic nut plants each within three years totalling seven million acres during the period.

Accordingly, Man-

tion, there are over 2.1 million (2,177,955) acres of farmland. On every six acres, a total of 1200 physic nut plants can be grown on the fences. This amounts to growing the plants on one acre. In PyinOoLwin District, Mandalay Division, national entrepreneurs are

three years.

Moreover, the plants will be grown around reservoirs, lakes and on either side of the canals at six feet intervals targeting 2,162 acres. Similarly in the river water pumping areas, the plants will be grown at six feet intervals covering 471 acres. Seven methods will be applied in growing the plants in the townships.

In Mandalay Division, there are 120 major reservoirs and lakes, 201 village reservoirs and lakes, 270 village development reservoirs and lakes and 1,666 self-reliant reservoirs and lakes totalling 2257. At present in Mandalay Division, 464,405 physic nut saplings and over five million grafts are available. Up to 12-1-2006, the department concerned has got ready a total of 619 baskets of the seeds and the nurseries have made available 5,508,104 saplings for the project. The plants have already been

Adhering to the motto "Grow physic nut plants for better income", a farmer can harvest 130 baskets of physic nut from an acre that can be turned into 100 gallons of physic nut oil. Such a farmer can gain 300,000 kyats as extra income in a year. He can also get 650 viss of physic nut paste or cakes that can be used as natural fertilizer.

of seeds, milling of the nuts and operating of vehicles with the use of bio-diesel in Kyaukse District on 30-12-2005. The same day, the planting of physic nut saplings was demonstrated at Kyauktada Village in Madaya Township. Powered by physic nut oil, tractors and power tillers were driven.

Similarly in TadaU Township on 1-1-2006 and at Shawbin Village in Wundwin Township, nurseries were established, grafts were sorted out and 102 acres were put under the plant. Commander of the Central Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw spoke words of advice and provided necessary help. A special demonstration of people's attraction was the two jeeps and one trawler-G vehicle assembled at Meiktila Industrial Zone driven with the use of physic nut oil. At Hsinywagyi Village in Patheingyi Township on 7-1-2006, responsible personnel met the farmers and demonstrated extraction of oil from the physic nut and running of the generator for village power supply with the use of physic nut oil. Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw,

Chairperson of the Mandalay Division Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee wife of the Commander Daw Khin Pyone Win and members, Chairman of Mandalay City Development Committee Mandalay Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han and personnel of various organizations met the villagers at reading circles and those viewing TV programmes enjoying the power supply resulting from physic nut oil. They also took part in planting of the physic nut saplings.

Likewise, a demonstration took place at the Forest Nursery near the Tooth Relic Pagoda in Amarapura Township of Mandalay on 8-1-2006. Demonstration of three physic nut milling machines manufactured by the Mandalay Industrial Zone took place with the milling of the physic nuts. Previously, milling of the nuts was done by hand but at present machinery is used effectively. As a result, high quality paste or cakes can be produced now.

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Officials make preparations to test a diesel stove with the use of physic nut oil.

As part of the drive, the government has taken extensive measures to grow physic nut (*Jatropha curcas*) from which bio-diesel can be obtained for diesel-substitute fuel.

Since experiments have proved that physic nut oil can readily be used as bio-diesel in place of diesel and that the plant thrives well in almost all regions in the country, special projects have been laid down for growing physic nut plants in the states and divisions.

During his up-country tour, Head of State Senior General Than Shwe met responsible personnel of Kachin State, Sagaing, Bago, Magway and Mandalay Divisions, Shan State (North) and Shan State (South) in PyinOoLwin on 15 De-

calay Division has planned to grow 500,000 acres within three years.

As the plant can be grown on the fences and all vacant land, it will serve

claiming the virgin land to grow tea, coffee and rubber. They are doing so in the areas out of the total area of 128,206 acres in the entire division. They



The test shows success in running power-tillers with the use of physic nut oil.

as an extra income for farmers. Furthermore, it will certainly contribute towards greening of the regions and its paste also proves to be useful natural fertilizer for the soil.

In Mandalay Divi-

can provide enough land for the physic nut plants. The entrepreneurs have planned to grow the plant on 20,012 acres out of the virgin land stretching 106,593 acres during the period from 2007-2008 to 2008-2009.

The total rural population of Mandalay Division is 5,029,793 and there are 1,015,961 households of 750,981 houses. Each house is to grow at least five physic nut plants. The plants will also be grown on either side of the rural roads at six feet intervals. In this way, the plants will be grown around 2,075 acres in

grown on 2942 acres. Work continues for collection of seeds and grafts.

Mandalay Division organized a demonstration on preparations, collection



A jeep running with the use of physic nut oil.

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Energy sector witnesses sustained progress

Increased production of oil and gas in the time of the Tatmadaw Government

Extended work in inland oil fields, increased oil and gas output

Oil and gas is essential for humans. At present, with the development in science and technology, oil and gas consumption has increased. At such a time, exploring and drilling of oil and gas in inland areas only is not enough to fulfil the fuel con-

sumption and thus the business has to be operated in offshore areas. Myanmar is rich in natural resources. Oil is drilled mostly in the central part of the country and Yenangyoung region has been famous for oil since ancient times.

In the colonial period, colonialists drilled Myanmar's oil at will. It is learnt that the amount of oil the colonialists drilled in the country reached about 250 million barrels.

When defeated in the war, they also destroyed the oil fields of



Well No 2 in Oil and Natural Gas Field in Nyaungdon Township.

Increased drilling of oil and gas in inland areas

Sr	states and divisions	1988	2005	Progress
1	Inland oil field	19	19	Upgraded under special projects
2	Length of inland natural gas pipeline (mile)	250.91	1259.79	1008.88
3	Gas production (cubic feet in million)	41913.97	52026.97	10113
4	Oil and gas factories	8	13	5
5	Refining of crude oil (gallon in million)	156.461	230.796	74.335

Myanmar.

As successive governments have striven for revitalizing Myanmar's oil fields, the situation has become normal.

In the time of the Tatmadaw government, all-out efforts are being made to explore oil and gas.

To be able to double these efforts by spending a large sum of money coupled with the manpower, modern technology and ma-

chines, the government has invited foreign oil companies to explore oil and gas in the country. In the oil fields, the depth of the old wells are extended and new wells sunk and thus many achievements have been made.

The table shows increase in drilling crude oil and production of oil and gas in the time of the Tatmadaw government.

Physic nut oil, source of farmers' income

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Next, physic nut oil was used to operate the 87 horse power engine for village power supply. The Isuzu engine consumes one gallon of diesel to supply power for one hour while it consumes the same amount of physic nut oil to supply power for 50 minutes.

The testing of physic nut oil in running buses, light trucks and generators produced by Mandalay Industrial Zone showed a considerable success, drawing the attention of rural folks. The test also showed that using a gallon of the oil, a jeep or a light truck installed with 2C engine could run 23 miles. It is learnt that with cent per cent use of diesel, such a vehicle can run 25 miles.

And, a 42-passenger bus can run 10 miles with the cent per cent use of a gallon of physic nut oil and 12 miles with the use of a gallon of diesel. Moreover, the oil is interchangeable with

paraffin in lighting lanterns and cooking meals.

Innovative measures have been taken for turning normal millers into physic nut oil-used ones. A hydraulic miller can mill one and a half small basket seeds of physic nut one time, and it lasts about 10 minutes. It takes one hour and 40 minutes for such a mill to mill one basket of the nut, producing about five bottles of the oil. A person can easily manage the procedure. Many other types of millers have been innovated to produce about six bottles of physic nut oil from a basket of such crop, gaining one to one and a half bottles more product than the proceeding of manual type.

Adhering to the motto "Grow physic nut plants for more income", a farmer can harvest 130 baskets of physic nut from an acre that can be turned into 100 gallons of physic nut oil. Such a farmer can gain 300,000 kyats as extra income in a year. He can also get 650 viss of physic nut paste or cakes that can be used as natural fertilizer.

Farmers will no longer need to buy diesel for their tractors and vehicles if they

grow such a profitable crop. So, physic nut plants should be grown along the fences of homes, on both sides of the roads, creeks and drains, and around dams and lakes to **green the arid zone with such a useful crop.**

It also should be grown on vacant lands, and on the areas where no other crops thrive for environmental conservation, raising the income of local people, and contributing towards fulfilling future fuel requirement.

Farmers can use physic nut oil they produce with the use of manual millers to operate power-tillers, reapers, combine harvesters, water pumps, generators, outboard motors less than 20 hps, small agricultural trucks. So, they can grab the golden opportunity to raise their standard of living by growing such a cash crop. If so, they will have a brighter future.

Now, thanks to the visionary of the Head of State, farmers can enjoy fruitful results directly. I would therefore like to exhort farmers to grow physic nut on a commercial scale for their brighter future.

Translation: AK + MS

Indonesian President felicitates Senior General Than Shwe

YANGON, 14 Jan — *The following is a message sent by Dr H Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, President of the Republic of Indonesia to Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, on the occasion of the 58th Anniversary of the Independence Day of the Union of Myanmar.*

Your Excellency,

On the auspicious celebration of the 58th Anniversary of the Independence Day of the Union of Myanmar, I have honour to present to Your Excellency, on behalf of the Government and people of the Republic of Indonesia, and my own behalf, my warmest congratulations and most fervent wishes for your good health, happiness and complete success of your task at the helm of the State and Nation of Myanmar, as well as for the happiness, progress and prosperity of the Great People of Myanmar.

I am confident that the fraternal links uniting our two peoples and the fruitful cooperation existing between our two countries have developed quite strongly and we need to further enhance them in the years to come for the mutual benefits of our two nations and the entire ASEAN family.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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Vice-Senior General Maung Aye inspects Statue of King Bayintnaung in Kawthoung.

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Arrangements made for enabling Taninthayi Division...

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has had a few million of population. As the number of population is increasing in the nation, palm oil is being imported from abroad due to edible oil requirement.

Hence, arrangements have been made for enabling Taninthayi Division to become the oil pot similar to Magway Division by growing oil palm for ensuring local edible oil sufficiency. Permits were given to national entrepreneurs to reclaim vacant and virgin land to grow oil palm plantations. Thanks to assistance given by the State, oil palm plantations of the entrepreneurs can be witnessed in the region.

Government is giving encouragement to national entrepreneurs including oil palm entrepreneurs to turn out rich and successful businessmen.

Realizing goodwill and aims of the State, the entrepreneurs are to strive for becoming Taninthayi

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye urged all to grow physic nut in the area where oil palm can-

not be cultivated, for producing bio-diesel.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and Prime

Yuzana Co Ltd reclaimed vacant and virgin land in Kawthoung and Bokpyin Townships in 1999, and so far the company had put 66,272 acres of land under oil palm plantations. The company plans to grow oil palm plantations to meet the target of 100,000 acres in 2007.

Division as oil pot and for ensuring local edible oil sufficiency. Efforts are to be made for growing 500,000 acres of oil palm plantations as soon as possible.

At present, the Government is implementing the plan to produce 1,500 million baskets of paddy not only for local food sufficiency but also for its surplus. It is the future plan to supply food to the number of people to be increased. In conclusion,

Minister General Soe Win signed in the visitors' book of Yuzana Co Ltd, and greeted the oil palm entrepreneurs.

They viewed sample oil palm fruits of the company, machinery and agricultural equipment. They also inspected Palm Oil Mill of the company that can produce 30 tons of oil per hour. Officials conducted them round the mill. Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party planted oil palms in front of the hall of the company.

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Yuzana Co Ltd built a 30-ton Palm Oil Mill with assistance from abroad in Khamaukkyi region of Kawthoung Township, and the mill commenced its test-run-

ning on 6 April 2005. Furthermore, the company is building a purified palm oil mill that can produce 400 tons of oil daily near the bank of Bago River in Thakayta Township. The construction tasks have been completed by 95 per cent.

Other national entrepreneurs also are implementing the oil palm cultivation plans in the regions of Taninthayi Division. Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party went back to Kawthoung.

Prime Minister General Soe Win, who accompanied Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, accompanied by Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Maung Bo, Commander Maj-Gen Maung Swe, the ministers and the deputy ministers, met with departmental personnel of Kawthoung District and Township, members of social organizations and local people at Myintzuthaka Hall in Kawthoung.

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USDA Secretary-General Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo meets with secretaries, executives, organizers and members of Kawthoung District and Township USDAs.—MNA



Vice-Senior General Maung Aye cordially greets departmental personel and townselders in Khamaukkyi. — MNA

Indonesian Vice-President sends message of felicitations to Vice-Senior General Maung Aye

YANGON, 14 Jan—*The following is a message sent by Mr Muhammad Jusuf Kalla, Vice-President of the Republic of Indonesia to Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, on the occasion of the 58th Anniversary of the Independence Day of the Union of Myanmar.*

Your Excellency,

On behalf of the Government and People of the Republic of Indonesia, I wish to extend to Your Excellency our warmest congratulations and the best wishes as the Union of Myanmar commemorates the 58th Anniversary of its Independence Day.

I also wish to take this opportunity to reassure you that Indonesia will closely cooperate with Myanmar to promote the cordial ties and mutual interests of our two countries and peoples in the years to come.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration. — MNA

Arrangements made for enabling Taninthayi Division...

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Acting Chairman of Township PDC U Hla Htay and Chairman of Kawthoung District PDC Lt-Col Tin Soe reported on matters related to the township and the district.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo and Commander Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe gave supplementary reports.

Ministers Maj-Gen Htay Oo, Maj-Gen Sein Htwa, Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein, U Soe Tha, Brig-Gen Thein Zaw, and Brig-Gen Ohn Myint ex-

plained implementation of development plans by respective ministries, and participation of local people for carrying out tasks of the ministries and departments.

In response, the Prime Minister heard reports on progress of education and health sectors in Kawthoung region, and delivered a speech, saying that Taninthayi Division is rich in water and land resources. Due to interrelationship between natural resources and economic and transport in-

frastructures facilitated by the Government, Taninthayi Division is making remarkable progress more than the past. At present, opportunities can be created firmly in economic, education and health sectors.

He continued to say that Kawthoung is a town conducting border trade with other country. It is necessary to transform from the border trade system into normal trade for benefiting the Government and the merchants in the long run. Therefore, efforts are to be made for setting up functions of normal trade. The Government is implementing development plans systematically for enabling the people to enjoy fruitful results of new era and system, and for ensuring equitable development of States and Divisions including Taninthayi Division. Social organizations representing the people are also actively taking part in the tasks. With the cooperation of the people, the Government plans to march to the State goal as

a peaceful, modern and developed nation.

At Myintzuthaka Hall, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye met with departmental officials, social organization members and local people, and gave instructions. He said that Kawthoung region was a township with lack of development in the past. In the time of Tatmadaw Government, Muse, Tamu, Maungtau, Tachilek and Myawady including Kawthoung sharing borders with neighbouring countries were upgraded from townships to districts. It was aimed at dealing with the other country on equal terms, and performing regional development tasks.

At present, Kawthoung and other border towns become developing district-level towns. Local people are to actively participate in construction tasks of the Government and development tasks of the regions. In addition, the people are to reside in the border town with nationalist spirit. Later, he cordially

greeted those present.

Afterwards, they went to Bayintnaung Hill in Kawthoung and oversaw keeping the hill pleasant and clean. They viewed the statue of King Bayintnaung and Bayintnaung Cape.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party viewed round the strand road and Kawthoung by car. From the view point, they observed progress of Kawthoung.

At Kawthoung District Hospital, Vice-Sen-

ior General Maung Aye and party greeted specialists, doctors and nurses.

In the evening, Secretary-General of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo, Secretariat Member Brig-Gen Thein Zaw and CEC member Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein met with secretaries, executives, organizers and members of Kawthoung District and Township USDAs at the District USDA Office.

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Prime Minister General Soe Win addresses the meeting with departmental personel, social organizations and townselders in Kawthoung. — MNA

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Convening of National Convention represents...

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 Pyay District USDA Executive Daw Pwint Oo Han acted as MC and Pyay Township USDA Executive Daw May Sandar Tun as co-MC.

The meeting chairman in his speech said that preservation of own lineage known as nationalistic fervour is crucial for every nation and people. It is a bounden duty of each and every citizen to defend and protect their motherland and people.

Now, the Tatmadaw Government is playing a leading role in convening

gence of a peaceful, modern and developed democratic nation.

As is known to all that due to the destructive acts of internal and external elements who cannot bear to see the successful completion of the National Convention and the emergence of a strong democratic administrative machinery that conforms to an enduring constitution, the National Convention was adjourned temporarily. Then, certain destructive elements were resorting to a variety of means to hinder the procedures of the National Con-



Members of the Panel of Chairmen at mass meeting held in Pyay in Bago Division (West). — MNA

ances affairs, economic, social and education affairs. So, that caused serious disruptions to the State's drive for democratic transition. However, the Tatmadaw Government hand in hand with the people has managed to make a magnificent headway in the national development tasks.

In truth, the Tatmadaw being convinced of the essence of democracy has laid down the objectives to pave the way to democracy. A democratically elected government will have to come into existence in accord with an enduring Constitution.

Now, the State's

national Convention. He said that in reviewing the past situation to convene the National Convention, the Tatmadaw unavoidably took responsibility of the State in 1988. At that time, almost all of the social and economic works including factories in the nation were destroyed or damaged due to disturbances of the destructive elements. Likewise, administrative, judicial and economic machinery of the State was defunct owing to the slowdown of the State economy and poor transport facilities.

Since its assumption, the Government had laid down and is imple-

system. Thus, priority was given to emergence of the Constitution.

Some persons hold a concept that a constitution can be drawn within a few days or months. In reviewing the concept, it is visible that they are unwilling to perform construction of understanding among national races, and perpetual existence and strengthening of the nation, and that they focused on handover of power in reality. Therefore, the Tatmadaw Government systematically made arrangements for the emergence of the Constitution that can guarantee the Union, with military, economic, political and

the Union overcame the danger of collapse narrowly.

All can understand that the basic need for the emergence of a peaceful, modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation is successful realization of the National Convention. In conclusion, the entire people are urged to actively participate in the respective sectors for drafting the Constitution that is essential for lifeblood of the new democratic nation in the future.

Dr Daw Zin Zin Seint, lecturer of Pyay Technological University, seconded the motion supporting the National Con-



Meeting Chairman Division Additional Law Officer U Chit Ko Ko speaking at the mass meeting. — MNA

the National Convention on a grand scale. The convening of the National Convention represents that the people and the Tatmadaw are discharging a national duty in concert for the mother country to be able to stand tall among the world nations, as well as the preservation of own lineage.

It is common knowledge that since its assumption of State duties, the Tatmadaw has upheld as a national duty Our Three Main National Causes namely non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty. Now, it is focusing its all-out efforts on the drive for the emer-



Those attending the mass meeting of Bago Division (West) in Pyay. — MNA

tion. Besides that, some broadcasting stations constantly aired slanderous stories under the pretext of human rights, national

seven-point Road Map is being implemented. The National Convention, the first stage of the Road Map is being convened to build a peaceful, modern and developed nation with flourishing discipline.

The National Convention plays a fundamental role in the process. In conclusion, he urged the entire people to participate in the drive for successful completion of the National Convention.

Pyay District USDA Secretary U Kyaw Kyaw Lin tabled a motion in support of the Na-

tioning 12 objectives as correct national policies. So, success has been regained with momentum in political, economic and social sectors. With the prevalence of peace and stability in the nation to some degree, Tatmadaw Government successfully held the free and fair election focusing on transition into democracy. Although representatives had been elected, there was no constitution concerning basic principles for the Government and the people, sharing of powers and the democratic administrative

international relations outlooks. To formulate the Constitution, the Government fixed the date on 23 June 1992 to hold the coordination meeting for convening the National Convention, and set up and assigned the duties to the National Convention Convening Commission under the Order No 13/92 on 2 October 1992.

All should not forget that the Tatmadaw loyally guarded against secession from the Union by taking advantage of the weak point of the 1947 Constitution. Therefore,

vention. She said in shaping a genuine democracy in a nation, it is important to ensure peace and stability of the State, rule of law, strong economy and development of human resources in that nation and the Tatmadaw, since its assumption of State duties, has been striving to do so. Measures are being taken for nurturing and producing educated persons such as doctors, engineers and law experts who can help develop the nation. Now 156 universities and colleges have been (See page 11)



Pyay District USDA Secretary U Kyaw Kyaw Lin. — MNA



Lecturer Dr Daw Zin Zin Seint of Pyay Technological University. — MNA

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opened to enable students to pursue higher education. As a result, there were 705784 universities students in 2005, up from 134,325 in 1988. Master's degree and doctorate courses are being conducted in the nation. In Bago Division (West) alone, there are a university, an education college, a technological college, a computer college and a technological university. The upcoming constitution includes nine points of fundamental rights and duties of citizens and it is found that all national people have equal rights regardless of sex. In education sector also, adopted basic principles prescribe

enduring constitution. Daw Yin Kyway of Shwedaung township MCWA seconded the motion in support of the NC saying that the Tatmadaw government reformed the rice trading system after introducing open market economy. It built dams and reservoirs for the improvement of economic infrastructures. As a result, livelihoods of local farmers, the majority of the region, have significantly improved. Some basic principles to be included in the State constitution show that the economic system of the State is market-oriented economy; that the State shall take steps to improve the living standards of the

economy. There is also a principle which says the State shall not demonetize the legal tender currency in circulation.

She said the government is safeguarding the interests of the nation and the National Convention is in session with useful objectives for the national races and future democratic State. Basic principles and detailed basic principles achieved are for the prosperity of the future State and efforts should be made for successful holding of the National Convention and drafting of the constitution as soon as possible.

U Tin Shein, a peasant delegate from Thayawady Township, seconded the motion. He said there was no peace and stability and economic, social and health standards were low under the parliamentary period. The Tatmadaw government reformed rice purchasing system and it also removed obstacles in the interest of the people and built social and economic infrastructures. In order to enjoy the essence of democracy, the government is making concerted efforts to become the most modern, democratic and suitable constitution. He called for participation in the tasks for successful implementation of the National Convention.

Next, Advocate U Soe Than of Paungde Township seconded the motion in support of the National Convention. He said without losing sight of democracy, the Tatmadaw government resumed the National Convention with 1,081 delegates from armed groups, political

parties and other organizations. The National Convention must be convened like this with these persons to frame the constitution. There is no such kind of law or provisions in the world. The National Convention now in session are the one where delegates from political parties, elected delegates and delegates from all strata of life shape the future of the State in the best way. He said he wished

ing against the nation. In 1949, 1958, 1962 and 1988 when the people had to suffer much and faced a series of crisis, the Tatmadaw stepped in and safeguarded independence and sovereignty in time.

This being the case, a basic principle enabling the Tatmadaw to be able to take part in national political leadership role was laid down. The idea that only those who have been elected by the people are to participate in the Hluttaw is now different from the practices of democratic nations in the world. Every nation has to adopt and practise democracy in their own ways. Nowadays, altogether 1,800 representatives out of Hluttaw representatives from 38 sovereign nations need not to stand for election. The nation could be in trouble without the Tatmadaw's participation in the national politics. That is why a basic principle has been laid down that a quarter or 25 per cent of the Tatmadaw members and three-fourths or 75 per cent of politicians are to participate in national political leadership role.



Farmer U Tin Shein of Thayawady township. MNA

to jeopardize the National Convention and disintegrate the Union. As the number of the Tatmadaw members is far less than that of politicians, it is sure that the Tatmadaw could not wield influence on others. Those who want to set aside the Tatmadawmen who sacrificed their lives and limbs for independence and sovereignty are the ones who are in no position to accept the truth and they will be regarded as the culprits of the history. The participation of the Tatmadaw in national political leadership role is fair and appropriate and this being so, he strongly supported the National Convention.

Next, the meeting chairman sought the approval of those present on the occasion and they



Advocate U Soe Than of Paungde township. MNA



Capt Naing Win Tun (Retd) of Bago Division (West) WVO — MNA

that there will be a free compulsory primary education system and a modern education system. In addition, a principle says that necessary laws can be enacted for the people to play their part in the tasks for improvement of public health. So, all the people are in support of the National Convention that is in session to draw an

people and to accumulate general capitals; that the State shall provide such assistance as technology, capital, machinery and raw materials for development of national economy; and that the State shall not nationalize business undertakings. Therefore, she said there will guarantee for the improvement of national



Shwedaung township MCWA member Daw Yin Kyway. — MNA

the National Convention success. Captain Naing Win Tun (Retd) of Bago Division (West) War Veterans Organisation seconded the motion in support of the National Convention. He said that all the Tatmadaw members joined the Tatmadaw with the spirit to discharge national defence duty and engage in nation-building endeavours and patriotism. The Tatmadaw members have been serving the national interests at the risk of lives. Since its birth, there is no law on compulsory military service. The Tatmadaw members shouldered State defence and security duties out of own volition and they did so at risk to own lives and limbs.

In the course of Myanmar history, the Tatmadawmen without taking any privilege were in military service, sacrificing a lot of sweat and blood. They had come forwards in time of emergency and joined hands with the people in guard-



Pyay District USDA executives Daw Pwint Oo Han and Daw May Sanda Tun. — MNA

At this juncture, there emerged instigation and conspiracies of internal and external destructive elements who are willing

unanimously supported the National Convention. The mass meeting ended with the chanting of slogans at 9 am.—MNA

CASH DONATED: Organized by Buddha Pujaniya Hsimi 9,900 of Insein Townshp, a stake was driven to build a prayer hall of Sinamuni Pagoda in Singu, NyaungU Township and a kitchen, and sink an artesian well. A ceremony to donate cash for the pagoda was also held on 12 January. Daw Win Kyi and family donate K 1.8 million towards the funds of the pagoda. —H



RESPECT PAID: The annual meeting of Rakhine Association was held in conjunction with a ceremony to pay respect to elders on 14-1-2006 at Rakhine State Dhammayon on Arzarni Beikman Road in Bahan Township, Yangon. —H

All the members of the delegate group unanimously approve to adopt the 28 paras and their sub paras as detailed basic principles

YANGON, 14 Jan—*The following is a translation of suggestions of Delegate Group of Intellectuals and Intelligentsia submitted to the plenary session of the National Convention by U Aung Thein of the Ministry of Construction regarding the detailed basic principles for legislation of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, the Pyithu Hluttaw, the Amyotha Hluttaw, and Region or State Hluttaw in formulating the State Constitution on 6 January at Nyaungnnapin Camp in Hmawby Township, Yangon Division.*

According to the new constitution there will be seven regions and seven states, one self-administered division and five self-administered zones in the country. There will be Region Hluttaws and State Hluttaws, and the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw comprises of the Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw. The self-administered areas will also have the legislative power in accordance with the provisions of the constitution. Thus, the national people will be able to exercise the sovereign power to a greater degree under the new constitution. The National Convention Convening Work Committee Chairman explained the detailed basic principles for legislation of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw on 13 December 2005. The Chairman presented the clarification after studying the 1947 Constitution, 1974 Constitution, constitutions of the world nations and other related and important sectors. Thus, all the 28 detailed basic principles for the legislation of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw are in conformity with the nation's objective conditions, and we would like to suggest that they all should be adopted.

The paras 1 and 2 of the 28 detailed basic principles concern the convening of the first session of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw by the Speaker and the maximum time limit for intervals, the para 3, the task of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw including recording of the address of the President, reading recording of the President's messages, bill submission, making of decisions, submission of proposals, questions and answer sessions and work implementation, and the

paras 4,5,6,7, and 8, the convening of a special or emergency session by the Speaker, the convening of the sessions under the information sent to the Speaker by the President, the number of members to call a session, validity of the meetings, adjournment of the meetings. The para 8 says, "Save as otherwise provided by this Constitution, a matter that should be decided through voting, shall be determined by a majority of votes of the members present and voting. The Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw or the Deputy Speaker acting as such, shall not vote in the first instance, but shall have and exercise a casting vote in the case of an equality of votes." Regarding the para, we would like to give a suggestion. We wish a greater number of hluttaw members to be present at the sessions. Only then the sessions can obtain a clear majority vote in deciding a matter which is in accord with the essence of democracy.

The group finds the para 9 and 10 appropriate to be adopted as provisions for the Constitution. As there can be more than one person who are not entitled, the para according to our view should be changed to "Although there are vacant seats, the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw shall have the right to carry out its tasks. Moreover, the session shall not be annulled, if the acts of a person or some persons who were not entitled to do so sat or vote or took part in the proceedings are discovered later."

The group has no further discussions in connection with the para 11 concerning the publications of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw for public information; the paras 12 and 13, the making of laws for the whole or any part of the nation and approving of bills; the para 14, international, regional and bilateral treaties; and the para 15, the matters that require the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw's decisions, agreement and approval should be implemented.

The group finds the detailed basic principles of the paras 16, 17, 18, and 19 regarding the bills on national plans, the annual budgets and the taxation;

U Aung Thein of the Ministry of Construction.
MNA



and the paras 20, 21 and 22, the sending back of bills, the approval of bills and promulgation of bills appropriate.

The Work Committee Chairman's clarification of para 23, 24 and 25 relating to the Speakers duties, invitation of the President to the meetings, presentation of bills and other matters by the Union level organizations; the para 26, the freedom of speech and voting at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Joint Committee and physical assaults are appropriate. Moreover, the para 27 "If there arises a need to arrest a Pyidaungsu Hluttaw member attending a Pyidaungsu Hluttaw session or a person attending the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw session at the invitation of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker, the reliable evidence shall be submitted to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker. He shall not be arrested without the prior permission of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker" and the para (28) "The reports, papers and hluttaw records published by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw or under its authority shall be privileged" should be laid down.

All the members of the delegate group unanimously approve to adopt the 28 paras and their sub paras as detailed basic principles.—MNA

Detailed basic principles contained in the paras 1 to 19 should be adopted for the Constitution

YANGON, 14 Jan—*The following is a translation of suggestions of Delegate Group of Intellectuals and Intelligentsia submitted to the plenary session of the National Convention by Professor Daw Mya Mya Win of the Ministry of Education regarding the detailed basic principles for legislation of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, the Pyithu Hluttaw, the Amyotha Hluttaw, and Region or State Hluttaw in formulating the State Constitution on 6 January at Nyaungnnapin Camp in Hmawby Township, Yangon Division.*

The group sees the para 1 and sub para 2 concerning the first session of the hluttaws, comprehensively, and is in support of the paras and the para 3, the taking of the oath by the members, and the para 4, the interval between the two sessions. Members of the group support the paras 5, 6 and 7 concerning the duties of the Speaker, the validity of the hluttaw meetings, and the making of decisions on majority vote. In our view, para

9 if stated "Although there are vacant seats, the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw shall have the right to carry out its tasks. Moreover, the session shall not be annulled, if the acts of a person or some persons who were not entitled to do so sat or vote or took part in the proceedings are discovered later." would be more appropriate.

We have no further suggestions for the para 10 concerning the publication of the records for public, the para 11, the submission of bills, the para 12, the releasing a bylaw, rule or regulation in line with the act prescribed by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, the para 13, the powers of the hluttaws that receive the bills, the para 14, the matters concerning the amendment of bills, and the para 15, the joint committees.

The para 16 explains powers and rights of the Speaker, the para 17 the rights of representatives of the Union level organizations and invited guests. We support the para 18 concerning the privileges of the

Prof Daw Mya Mya Win of the Ministry of Education.
MNA



hluttaw members.

The delegate group agrees that the detailed basic principles contained in the paras 1 to 19 should be adopted for the Constitution.—MNA

Members of the delegate group of Intellectuals and Intelligentsia unanimously support all the 28 detailed basic principles for the legislation of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, the 19 detailed basic principles for the legislation of the Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw, and the 23 detailed basic principles for the legislation of the Region and State Hluttaws



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YANGON, 14 Jan— *The following is a translation of suggestions of Delegate Group of Intellectuals and Intelligentsia submitted to the plenary session of the National Convention by Dr Maung Maung Wint of the Ministry of Health regarding the detailed basic principles for legislation of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, the Pyithu Hluttaw, the Amyotha Hluttaw, and Region or State Hluttaw in formulating the State Constitution on 6 January at Nyaungnapin Camp in Hmawby Township, Yangon Division.*

The delegate group agrees that the paras 1, 2, 3,

and 4 concerning the convening of the first session of the hluttaws, the person who is responsible to call the hluttaw, taking of the oath, the interval between the sessions, and the minimum number of sessions for a year. The paras 5, 6, 7 and 9 are appropriate as they concern the recording of the speeches delivered by the State President, the reading and recording of messages sent by the State President and other messages sent under the permission of the Speaker, the recording of the speeches delivered by region or state chief minister, the submission, discussing and approval of draft of law, the dealing with or judgment on matters region or state Hluttaws shall carry out in line with provisions of the constitution and an existing law, the discussion, judgment and recording the reports to be submitted to region or state Hluttaws, the submission, discussion and judgment of proposals, the question answer sessions, and the carrying out matters permitted by Speaker of region or state Hluttaws and the duties of the Speaker, validity of the meetings and the number of days permitted for absence without leave.

In our view, para 10 if stated "A region or state Hluttaw shall have the power to act despite some vacancies in the membership. Any functions in the Hluttaw shall be valid notwithstanding that it is exposed subsequently that an unentitled person or persons

attended a session, voted, or took part in the functions "would be more appropriate. The paras 11, 12 and 13 state the publication of records, the making of laws and the region and or state level bodies should be adopted.

The paras 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19 in connection with the matters that calls for decisions and approval of region or state Hluttaw, the rights of region and state level bodies formed under the Constitution, submission and approving of bills, the duties of the region or state chief minister, and the rights of the members representing a region or state level body formed under the Constitution should be adopted.

We also agree that the paras 21, 22 and 23 regarding the functions of the Speakers, and privileges of the hluttaw members should be adopted as provisions of the Constitution.

We of the intellectuals and intelligentsia group support the 23 detailed basic principles.

All in all, the members of the delegate group unanimously support all the 28 detailed basic principles for the legislation of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, the 19 detailed basic principles for the legislation of the Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw, and the 23 detailed basic principles for the legislation of the Region and State Hluttaws.

MNA

Tomato extract may help lower blood pressure

NEW YORK, 12 Jan — A dietary supplement derived from tomatoes may help treat moderately elevated blood pressure, the results of a small study suggest.

Researchers in Israel found that a daily dose of tomato extract helped lower blood pressure among 31 men and women with mild hypertension. On average, their systolic pressure—the top number in a blood-pressure reading — dropped 10 points, while their diastolic pressure, or bottom number, dipped

four points, both statistically significant differences.

The supplement, sold as Lyc-O-Mato, contains several plant compounds found in tomatoes. Among them is lycopene, an antioxidant that some studies suggest may lower the risk of cardiovascular disease.

Antioxidants, such as

lycopene and vitamins C and E, help neutralize oxygen free radicals — molecules that are a natural byproduct of metabolism — can damage body cells over time. This "oxidative stress" is thought to contribute to a range of chronic diseases, including heart disease. The antioxidant effects of the tomato extract may explain its apparent benefit on blood pressure, according to the report in the *American Heart Journal*.

People who have mild high blood pressure

or who have high-normal blood pressure would be the "ideal candidates" for treatment with the extract, said study co-author Dr. Esther Paran of the University of the Negev in Beer Sheva. It is these individuals, she noted, who are often advised to use lifestyle changes to rein in their blood pressure levels. However, people who are already being treated for high blood pressure should talk with their doctors before trying tomato extract, Paran told *Reuters Health*.

MNA/Reuters

Asia-Pacific high officials start to discuss climate change

SYDNEY (Australia), 12 Jan — High officials from six Asia-Pacific nations on Wednesday started to discuss how to tackle climate change while maintaining economic development.

It is expected that developing cleaner energy technologies will be the focus of the two-day Asia Pacific Partnership on Clean Development and Climate meeting, which is underway in Sydney, Australia's largest city. The partnership will also be counting on private support to develop

and deliver technologies such as clean coal and renewable energy, with officials meeting some of the world's top energy companies Wednesday afternoon.

Australian Foreign Minister Alexander Downer, Industry Minister Ian MacFarlane and Environment Minister Ian Campbell are among high officials of other partners, China, India, Japan, the South Korea and the United States. The six nations represent almost half of world GDP, energy consumption, greenhouse gas emissions and population.

The partnership was put together by Australia and the United States, the only developed countries to refuse to join 35 others to sign the Kyoto Protocol on climate change that would commit them to legally binding targets for reducing emissions. The partners have said the partnership rests on the notion of a "non-binding compact" that would "complement, but not replace, the Kyoto Protocol". — MNA/Xinhua

Beijing to protect unrepaid Ming Tombs

BEIJING, 13 Jan — Beijing will focus its cultural relics protection efforts on the last four unrepaid Ming Tombs, the general name given to the mausoleums of 13 emperors of the Ming Dynasty (1368-1644), during 2006 to 2010.

The four tombs are Tailing Tomb, Maoling Tomb, Yuling Tomb and Yongling Tomb, according to Du Gaochao, director of the Ming Tombs Area Administration. The municipality will also invest 35 million yuan (about 4.37 million US dollars) to build an underground storage for keeping the 4,000 pieces of

cultural relics unearthed from the tombs.

"The current storage will be replaced by the new one that is equipped with high-tech facilities for better protection of the cultural relics," Du said. The Ming Tombs lie in a broad valley to the south of Tianshou Mountain (Longevity of Heaven) in Changping District. They are known as the 13 Ming tombs in Chinese (Shisanling) as 13 out of the 16 Ming emperors as well as 23 empresses, one high-ranking concubine and a dozen immolated imperial concubines, were buried in this peaceful valley.

MNA/Xinhua

Singapore scientists find plant virus in human gut

SINGAPORE, 12 Jan — A group of scientists at the Genome Institute of Singapore (GIS) have found Pepper Mild Mottle Virus (PMMV), a common plant virus, residing in the human gut, according to a GIS Press release on Wednesday.

"This is the first time that plant viruses like PMMV were found in high concentrations in human fecal matter," Ruan Yijun, senior group leader of the Cloning and Sequencing Group at GIS, was quoted as saying. The findings suggest that "certain plant viruses

can survive passage through the harsh environment of the human gastrointestinal tract and that a new viral transmission cycle may exist between plant and humans," the Press release said.

Ruan added that there are possibilities of using plant viruses to develop oral

vaccines to prevent gastrointestinal disorders such as diarrhoea. The group will expand their research work to include more human subjects with a focus on understanding the potential impact of plant viruses on human health, said the Press release. — MNA/Xinhua

SPORTS

Arsenal sign teenage midfielder Diaby from Auxerre

LONDON, 14 Jan — Arsenal have completed the signing of French midfielder Abou Diaby from AJ Auxerre for an undisclosed fee, the Premier League club said on Friday.

The 19-year-old has signed a long-term contract, Arsenal said, without giving further details. Auxerre said on Thursday that the central midfielder would sign a four-year deal.

Arsenal's French manager Arsene Wenger told their website: "We're delighted to welcome Abou to the club.

"He is a strong midfielder and has shown huge potential during his time at Auxerre. He will be a tremendous addition to our squad."

Diaby, who broke into Auxerre's first team last season, was a member of the France side that won the 2005 Under-19 European championship, beating England 3-1 in the final.

Diaby said: "I am so happy to have signed for Arsenal. The club has great history and a squad which is full of high quality players... I'm looking forward to a successful career here."

MNA/Reuters

HOLDERS Betis drawn against Real in Cup quarters

MADRID, 14 Jan — Holders Real Betis were handed an attractive draw against Real Madrid in the quarterfinals of the King's Cup on Friday.

The Andalucians, who are battling for survival in the Primera Liga this season, play the first leg at home next week and the return at the Bernabeu seven days later.

"Betis are going to be tough opponents, but if we show the same determination and attitude as we did against Athletic (Bilbao) then we have a good chance of making it through," Real midfielder David Beckham told the club's website.

"Playing the second leg at home will make us more aggressive and give us an advantage." The Cup has become one of Real's priorities this year after their chances of winning the league have

faded in the face of Barcelona's irresistible form.

Real eased their way into the last eight after a 4-0 win over a sorry looking Athletic Bilbao on Thursday allowed them to complete a 5-0 aggregate victory over the Basque side.

Barca will meet the winners of the tie between Atletico Madrid and Real Zaragoza which was postponed after 14 members of the Atletico squad were laid low by a stomach complaint.

The Catalans stormed their way into the quarters when they completed a crushing 9-1 aggregate victory over Third Division Zamora, with a 6-0 win at the Nou Camp on Wednesday. —MNA/Reuters



Kati Wilhelm of Germany, Sandrine Bailly of France and Svetlana Ishmouratova of Russia (L-R) celebrate their places during the flower ceremony after the women's 7.5 km sprint race at the Biathlon World Cup in the southern Bavarian skiing resort of Ruhpolding on 13 Jan, 2006. Bailly won ahead of Wilhelm and Ishmouratova. —INTERNET

Striker Adebayor set to move from Monaco to Arsenal

MONACO/LONDON, 14 Jan — Emmanuel Adebayor will never play for Monaco again, the club's president said, and the Togo striker is likely to sign for Arsenal later on Friday.

"One thing is for sure, he (Adebayor) will never play for us again," Michel Pastor told Reuters after media reports that several clubs were interested in the player. Adebayor was excluded from the Monaco team on Wednesday

for repeatedly missing training and Pastor said there would also be financial sanctions.

"It would be good news for us and for him," Pastor said when asked about a possible deal. "The sooner he leaves, the better." Arsenal said on their website that manager Arsene Wenger hoped to sign Adebayor before he flew off to the African Nations Cup in Egypt, starting on January 20. —MNA/Reuters

Carlton Cole aims to take chance among Chelsea elite

COBHAM, (England), 14 Jan — Carlton Cole has a month to haul himself up the strikers' pecking order at Chelsea and Sunday's game against bottom Premier League side Sunderland offers a good chance to impress Jose Mourinho.

With Didier Drogba likely to be at the African Nations Cup with Ivory Coast until mid-February, Mourinho has said Cole, who returned to Chelsea last July after two seasons on loan, will get games.

The England Under-21 international scored a goal in his first start under Mourinho against lowly Second Division Huddersfield in the FA Cup last week but it is against bigger sides he wants to excel.

"It's important I get some games under my belt and progress from the Huddersfield game. It can only get better from here," the lofty London striker told reporters at Chelsea's training ground on Friday.

Cole, 22, will still have to compete for the cham-

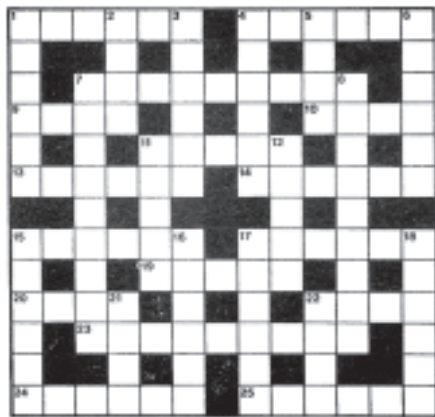
pions' striking role with Argentina's Hernan Crespo and Icelandic stalwart Eidur Gudjohnsen.

Cole's loan spells at Charlton and Aston Villa proved disappointing and he scored only eight goals in 52 appearances.

"But the manager's seen potential in me," he said. "It's very important for my career because he's given me a chance... I'm going to take the chance and get as many goals as I can."

Mourinho is likely to recall England heavyweights, captain John Terry and midfielder Frank Lampard, as well as France's Claude Makelele on Sunday after he gave them a few days off during FA Cup week. —MNA/Reuters

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



ACROSS

- 1 Makes dough
- 4 Stop
- 7 Inveighed against
- 9 Entrance
- 10 Discover
- 11 Carnival vehicle
- 13 Is outstandingly good
- 14 Endured
- 15 East European republic
- 17 Implores
- 19 Jinn
- 20 Cut grain
- 22 Photo
- 23 Assign to office again
- 24 Slender sword
- 25 Late meal

DOWN

- 1 Set on fire
- 2 Assert
- 3 Mars
- 4 Yearly
- 5 Shoal
- 6 Looked after
- 7 Clerical neckwear (3-6)(sl)
- 8 Seizure of goods
- 11 Highland dance
- 12 Bleat (anag)
- 15 Railway employee
- 16 Less shallow
- 17 Guides
- 18 Engineer
- 21 Fairy
- 22 Bargain

Benitez says Liverpool's next games key to Europe places

LIVERPOOL (England), 14 Jan — Liverpool manager Rafael Benitez believes his side's next two games will play a major role in securing a Champions League place next season.

The European champions, who are third in the Premier League, play fourth-placed Tottenham Hotspur on Saturday and then face second-placed Manchester United next week.

"It is now becoming very important when you face clubs who are round about you in the league," Benitez told reporters on Friday. "We know how important it is to beat Spurs and then we know we have Manchester United next. So everyone should understand how important this moment is for us in the season."

United, who face rivals Manchester City on Saturday, trail runaway leaders Chelsea by 13 points. With 45 points, they are only four ahead of Liverpool, who have two games in hand. Spurs are a point behind Liverpool on 40 points. Liverpool finished outside the Champions League berths



Iran's Perspolis goalkeeper Farshid Karimi (L) tries to control the ball during a friendly soccer match against Germany's Bayern Munich in Tehran on 13 Jan, 2006. Bayern Munich won the match Iran 2-1. —INTERNET

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India approves Venezuela pact on hydrocarbons

NEW DELHI, 13 Jan— The Indian Government gave its ex-post facto approval for the agreement on hydrocarbons, signed between Venezuela and India, according to a Press release issued by government here Thursday.

The umbrella agreement is aimed at establishing a general framework for implementing actions of cooperation and mutual interest in the hydrocarbon sector.

The government also gave its approval for authorizing any non-substantive changes suggested by Venezuela.

The Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela is among the top 10 crude oil producers in the world

and holds among the largest proven reserves in the Western Hemisphere.

Steps towards mutual cooperation between India and Venezuela in the hydrocarbons sector were initiated in 1995 with the official visit of the then Indian Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas to Caracas. That was followed by the return visit of his Venezuelan counterpart to New Delhi in 1996.—MNA/Xinhua

Annan says Iran still interested in nuclear negotiations with EU

UNITED NATIONS, 13 Jan— UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan said on Thursday Iran's top nuclear negotiator told him that Iran is still interested in negotiations with the European Union (EU) on its controversial nuclear programme.

Annan said Ali Larjani affirmed to him in a 40-minute telephone conversation earlier in the day that Teheran was interested in "serious and constructive negotiations" with the EU troika — France, Germany and Britain.

"Basically, I called him to urge him to avoid any escalation (of the nuclear dispute), to exercise restraint, to go back and give the negotiations a chance, and that the only viable solution lies in a negotiated one," Annan told reporters after a luncheon with envoys of Security Council members.

"He in turn affirmed to me that they are interested in serious and constructive negotiations, but within a time frame, indicating that the last time they did it for two and a half years and no result, but (he) did indicate they were also interested in negotiations and they were serious about it."

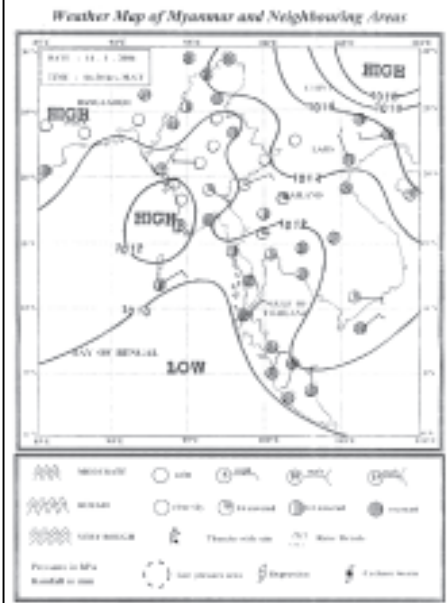
While stressing the crisis surrounding Iran's nuclear programme should be resolved in the context of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA),

Annan hinted that he is not opposed to the referral of Iran to the Security Council.

"I think we should try and resolve it, if possible, in the IAEA context," he said. "Once that process is exhausted, it may end up in the (Security) Council

and then I would leave it to the Council, to decide what to do, if it were to come here."

Annan later briefed the permanent representatives of Britain, Russia and the United States on his conversation with Larjani. MNA/Xinhua



WEATHER

Saturday, 14 January, 2006

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been generally fair in the whole country. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below normal in Magway Division, (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Chin State and Mandalay Division and about normal in the remaining areas. The significant night temperatures was Heho (5°C) each.

Maximum temperature on 13-1-2006 was 90°F. Minimum temperature on 14-1-2006 was 62°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hrs MST on 14-1-2006 was (91%). Total sunshine hours on 13-1-2006 was (7.9) hours approx.

Rainfalls on 14-1-2006 were nil at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2006 were nil at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from East at (11:30) hours MST on 13-1-2006.

Bay inference: According to the observations at (06:30)hrs MST today, the low pressure area over the Southwest Bay has intensified into the tropical depression and has moved westwards into the Arabian Sea. Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy in the South Bay and generally fair elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 15-1-2006: Weather will be partly cloudy in Mon States and Taninthayi Division 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: Generally fair weather in the whole country.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 15-1-2006: Fair weather.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 15-1-2006: Fair weather.

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- 7:15 am 2. တိပိဋကဓမ္မ ဓမ္မဘူတာဂါရိတာ အဂ္ဂမဟာပဏ္ဍိတ ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိစိတ္တဘိဝံသ (ယောဆရာတော်) ဟောကြားတော်မူ အပီသော ဥပုသ်တော်
- 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. ယဉ်ကျေးလေးမှာ (၃၈) ဖြာမင်္ဂလာ
- 8:00 am 7. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:10 am 8. ဆင်သွားတံတား
- 8:20 am 9. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:30 am 10. International news
- 8:45 am 11. Say it in English
- 11:00 am 1. Martial song
- 11:10 am 2. Round up the Week's International News
- 11:20 am 3. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတမ်းတွဲ "နေ့ခြည်နေ့နေ" (အပိုင်း-၂၃)

- 11:50 am 4. ဝတ်စွာမှ နန္ဒာကန် အပိုင်း-၂
- 12:05 pm 5. နိုင်ငံခြားကာတွန်းစာတမ်းတွဲ "Doraemon" (အပိုင်း-၂)
- 12:30 pm 6. Myanmar Vide feature: "ဝန်ပျိုးမုချိ" နေထိုင်လမ်း၊ မေသညာဦး ဒါရိုက်တာ-ဟိန်ထက်
- 2:40 pm 7. "တန်ခိုး" ညီညီဓနနီင်၊ လွင်ဖြူဖြူလှထံး ဒါရိုက်တာ - သက်တင်
- 2:45 pm 8. International news
- 4:00 pm 1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm 2. Songs to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm 3. English for Everyday Use
- 4:45 pm 4. အဝေးသံတက္ကသိုလ်ညွှားရ ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ တတိယနှစ် (သတ္တဗေဒ အထူးပြု) (သတ္တဗေဒ)
- 5:00 pm 5. Dance of National Races

- 5:10 pm 6. အတိတ်ပြန်ပွဲ
- 5:20 pm 7. Musical programme
- 5:30 pm 8. Sing and Enjoy
- 6:00 pm 9. Evening news
- 6:30 pm 10. Weather report
- 6:35 pm 11. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတမ်းတွဲ "အသည့်နေ့လုံးရဲ့လှသား" (အပိုင်း-၂)
- 7:15 pm 12. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 7:25 pm 13. Agricultural Source of Myanmar Development
- 7:35 pm 14. Musical programme
- 8:00 pm 15. News
- 16. International news
- 17. Weather report
- 18. "ဧရာရွှေဒီပေါတည်ရှိ" ရန်အောင်၊ ရဲအောင်၊ စိုးမြတ်သူဇာ၊ စိုးမြတ်နန္ဒာ ဒါရိုက်တာ-စင်မောင်မောင်
- 19. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတမ်းတွဲ "ရွှေမိုးပြိုင်ရင်" (အပိုင်း-၁၄)
- 20. The next day's programme



Sunday, 15 January
View on today

- 7:00 am 1. ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃာ့မဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ရွက်၊ အဘိဓမ္မဟာရဋ္ဌဂုဏ်၊ အဘိဓမ္မေပဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မဓာတီကာ၊ တိပိဋကဓမ္မ ဓမ္မဘူတာဂါရိတာ၊ ဆရာတော်

Arrangements made for enabling Taninthayi Division...

(from page 1) presented gifts for Tatmadawmen and families of Khamaukkyi Station to Col Kyaw Phyoo, and cordially greeted the Tatmadawmen and family members.

Meanwhile, the ministers arrived at the Khamaukkyi Town Administrative Office, and met with departmental personnel, members of social organizations and local people. Vice-Senior General Maung Aye arrived at the office and heard reports on progress of the town, agriculture, education, health and land reclamation for the town by Col Kyaw Phyoo and Town Administrator U Kan Htoo.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye gave instructions on efforts to be made for gaining more development in the town and growing physic nut, and cordially greeted them.

Next, they viewed round the town.

On arrival at the briefing hall of Yuzana Co Ltd, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party heard reports on oil palm plantation project being implemented by Yuzana Co Ltd in Kawthoung and Bokpyin Townships in 1999, progress of tasks, completion of the crude palm oil mill and test-running, construction of the oil mill, appointment of skilled employees and workers, welfare functions and cultivation of oil palm by Chairman of Yuzana Co Ltd U Htay Myint.

Commander Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe reported that so far, Taninthayi Division has put over 160,000 acres of land under oil palm plantations against the target of 500,000 acres.

A total of 35 compa-



Vice-Senior General Maung Aye views samples of fruits of oil palm from Yuzana Co's oil palm plantations. — MNA

nies of national entrepreneurs participate in the oil palm plantation project. At present, efforts are being made for growing oil palm to meet the target of 500,000 acres.

After hearing the reports, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye said that Magway Division was the oil pot of the State at a time when the nation

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INSIDE

Adhering to the motto "Grow physic nut plants for more income", a farmer can harvest 130 baskets of physic nut from an acre that can be turned into 100 gallons of physic nut oil. Such a farmer can gain 300,000 kyats as extra income in a year. He can also get 650 viss of physic nut paste or cakes that can be used as natural fertilizer.

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NATMAUK TUN SHEIN

Convening of National Convention reflects that the people and the Tatmadaw are discharging national duty in concert for motherland to be able to stand tall among world nations, and preservation of own lineage



Panel of chairmen and those present chanting slogans at the mass meeting in support of the National Convention in Bago Division (East). MNA

tions, departmental personnel, nurses, teachers, students, members of musical and pom pom troupe, and local people numbering over 15,000 this morning converged on Mingalar Shwepyi sports ground in Pyay to express their support for the National Convention.

The mass meeting was held under the aegis of Bago Division (West) USDA. Joint Division Law Officer of Bago Division (West) U Chit Ko

Ko chaired the mass meeting together with members of the panel of chairmen Medical Superintendent Dr U Thuang Tin Tun of Pyay General Hospital, Assistant Medical Superintendent Dr Daw Mi Mi Khin, townselders U Thein Tan and U Htein Lin, Professor Daw Aye Myint of Myanmarsar Department of Pyay University, and townselder U Myo Nyunt.

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YANGON, 14 Jan— Secretaries and executives of Union Solidarity and Development Association of Bago Division (West), Pyay and Thayawady districts, and 14 townships in Bago Division (West), members of women's affairs Organizations, Maternal and Child Welfare Association, War Veterans Organization, Auxiliary Fire Brigade, Red Cross Society, and social organiza-

