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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

Daw Kyaing Kyaing, wife of Senior General Than Shwe, attends physic nut planting ceremony of Yangon Division



Daw Kyaing Kyaing, wife of Chairman of State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe grows a physic nut plant.—MNA

Nwe, wife of Prime Minister General Soe Win, Daw Khin Khin Win, wife of Secretary-1 of State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, wives of the members of State Peace and Development Council, the Commander-in-Chief(Navy) and the Commander-in Chief (Air); the Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander of Yangon Command and wife; the Minister for Forestry and wife; the Mayor and wife; the vice-Mayor and wife; Deputy Commander of Yangon Command; heads of de-

partment and their wives and officials concerned. Daw Kyaing Kyaing, wife of Chairman of State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe, Daw Mya Mya San, wife of Vice-Chairman of State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief(Army)

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, and party viewed physic nut seeds and saplings, samples and grafts of physic nut and production process of physic nut oil. They sowed seeds of physic nut and planted grafts of physic nut plant at the designated places.

Daw Kyaing Kyaing, wife of Chairman of State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief (See page 6)

Daw Kyaing Kyaing and party observe the demonstration of running of trawler-G and other vehicles, stoves and generators using physic nut oil.

YANGON, 21 Jan — Daw Kyaing Kyaing, wife of Chairman of State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe, this morning attended physic nut planting ceremony of Yangon Division held near the lawn of Forest Education Booth of Forest Zone in Kandawgyi Natural Gardens and planted the physic nut plants.

Daw Kyaing Kyaing, wife of Chairman of State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe, to-

gether with Daw Mya Mya San, wife of Vice-Chairman of State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief(Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, arrived at the physic nut planting ceremony of Yangon Division held near the lawns of Forest Education Booth of Forest Zone in Kandawgyi Natural Gardens where they were welcomed by Daw Khin Than Nwe, wife of Lt-Gen Tin Oo, Daw Khin Lay Thet, wife of Member of State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann, Daw Than Than



Daw Kyaing Kyaing and party view physic nut saplings.—MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Nurture national race youths to become educated ones

The Union of Myanmar is home to over 100 national races who have been living in various parts of the Union sharing woe or weal for years countable by the thousand. Therefore, the national races live together in unity and amity.

Only when the national races are equipped with Union Spirit, will the territory of the Union be perpetual, and it will be possible to ensure the perpetuation of the Union of Myanmar. The Union Spirit is not the one based on an organization, a race and an ideology, but the nationalistic spirit that concerns the entire national people.

Chairman of State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe received the trainees of No 37 Course (BED) of the University for Development of National Races at the Pyithu Hluttaw Hall on Pyay Road in Yangon on 20 January.

Senior General Than Shwe in meeting the trainees stressed the need for the trainees who are education staff produced by UNDR to nurture the national race youths of remote areas to have better education, wider knowledge and strong Union Spirit, while doing their bit in laying basic foundations for the emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed nation.

The University for Development of National Races was previously the Academy for Development of National Groups that produced primary assistant teachers. Now, it has been upgraded into a university with the aim of providing higher education for youths of national races to become graduated ones.

At present, efforts are being made for the emergence of a peaceful, modern developed and discipline flourishing democratic nation. In the process, priority is being given to development of economy and human resources.

As development of human resources plays an important role in building a modern and developed nation, steps are being taken for every citizen to pursue higher education. The establishment of a string of higher learning institutions across the nation contributes much to the region-wise emergence of intellectuals and intelligentsia.

Therefore, trainee teachers of the UNDR are to do their bit in building a peaceful, modern developed and discipline flourishing democratic nation while nurturing the national race youths of remote areas to have better education, wider knowledge and strong Union Spirit.



Under the patronage of the Parents— U Thein Kyaw-Daw Than Shin of No 20 Tintsan Street in Saya San North-West Ward, Bahan Township, Daw Swe Swe Pwint, Professor of English Department of Dagon University donates K 100,000 to Hninzigon Home for the Aged through Professor Dr Daw May Win Aung Khin, member of Administrative Board of the Home recently. — H

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

Commander, Minister meet departmental officials in Leshi Township

YANGON, 21 Jan — Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye and Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint met with departmental officials at Leshi Township PDC office in Hkhamti District, Sagaing Division on 15 January.

The commander and the minister made speeches and attended to the needs. Later, the wellwishers donated K 1 million to Leshi Township hospital through Head of township Health Department Dr Mya Naing.

The commander also donated computers to a library of the township and publications to the village libraries in the township.

At the ceremony of growing physic nut, Division Manager U Khin Maung Latt explained growing methods of physic nut, products of bio-diesel from its seed and benefits of growing it. Next, the



Commander Maj-Gen Tha Aye donates a set of computer to a library in Leshi Township.—MNA

commander, the minister and Naga national people planted physic nut and they also observed test-running of bio-diesel-used power tillers.—MNA

Tar roads opened in Ayeyawady Division

YANGON, 21 Jan — To honour the National Convention, a new Kangyidaunt-Begayat tar road built by Kangyidaunt Township Development Affairs Committee was opened yesterday. It was attended by Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung, Minister for Progress of Border Area and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt, members of Union Solidarity and Development Association, social organizations and others.

Director U Soe Tint of Division Development Affairs Committee, Secretary of Patheingyi District PDC Lt-Col Hla Thwin and Joint-Secretary U Aung Tin Myint



Commander Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung and Minister Col Thein Nyunt attend opening ceremony of Mahabandoola road in Patheingyi Township. — MNA

of USDA formally opened the new tar road. Later the commander and party inspected it that built at a cost of K 18 million. Likewise, new Mahabandoola tar road constructed by Patheingyi Township Development Affairs Committee was also opened. It cost K 24.3 million from the fund of Township DAC.—MNA

DAD constructs roads and bridges in Bago Division (West)

YANGON, 21 Jan— Director-General U Myo Myint of the Development Affairs Department under the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs, on 18 January, inspected construction of district-to-district road No-1 by DADs in Bago Division (West). The director-general inspected the site chosen for construction of a creek-crossing bridge in Nhamwayzin village in Paukkaung Township, progress in construction of 75 feet long Saytaingchaung bridge near Agga village in Paungde Township, construction of 165 feet long Wegyi bridge near Wegyi village, 140 feet long Yayyinyoe bridge near Htandawzu village in Nattalin Township, laying of gravel near Kanyibinsan village in Minhla Township and Kanpyogyi village in Latpadan Township and site chosen for construction of Thonze Letwemyaung bridge in Thayawady Township.

DADs in Bago Division (West) have built seven miles and six furlong long urban roads and 66 miles and 2 furlongs long rural roads and have also constructed 22 rural and urban bridges in 2005-2006 fiscal year. —MNA

Supply of water to some Wards of Yangon City to be temporarily interrupted

YANGON, 21 Jan — Water and Sanitation Department of Yangon City Development Committee announced that measures for repairing a 66-inch pipe that supplies water to Yangon City are going to be carried out. So, as of today, supply of water will be temporarily interrupted to some wards of Mingaladon, Insein, Mayangon, Hline, Kamayut, Hlinethaya Industrial Zone, Bahan, Yankin, Tamway, Mingala Taungnyunt, Botahtaung, Pazundaung and Thakayta townships until 23 January. — MNA

Chinese FM meets Libyan officials

TRIPOLI, 20 Jan— Chinese Foreign Minister Li Zhaoxing met with Libyan Prime Minister Shokri Mohammed Ghanem and Foreign Minister Abdul-Rahman Mohammad Shalgam in the Libyan capital on Thursday.

Both sides highly appraised the development of bilateral relations in the past 28 years and exchanged views over important international and regional issues at the meeting.

They agreed to make joint efforts to promote friendly cooperation in politics, the economy and trade, culture, investment, infrastructure, and other fields, and strengthen consultation within world organizations, such as the United Nations.

The Libyan officials reaffirmed the government's adherence to the one-China policy, its opposition to "Taiwan independence" and support for China's reunification cause.

There is only one China in the world,

Taiwan is an inseparable part of China, and the Libyan Government will not have any official contacts with Taiwan, they added.

The Libyan Foreign Minister said Libya treasures its friendship with China, adding the reports that Libya and Taiwan will exchange high-level visits and conduct cooperation in some areas as "baseless".

Li said China attaches great importance to developing relations with Libya on the basis of the five principles of peaceful coexistence.

The Chinese top diplomat, on a tour of Africa, also met with Libyan leader Moammar Kadaffi on Wednesday.

MNA/Xinhua

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Vietnamese workers pull a telephone wire to set up new telephone lines in Hanoi on 20 Jan, 2006. —INTERNET



Iraqi policemen inspect the wreckage of a burnt car used as a car bomb in Baghdad on 20 Jan, 2006. —INTERNET

France to enhance cooperative bonds with Vietnam

HANOI, 20 Jan — France will broaden and deepen cooperative ties with Vietnam in such fields as agriculture, infrastructure, finance and education, French Ambassador to Vietnam Jean-Francois Blarel said here Thursday.

France has defined three priority areas for cooperation with Vietnam between 2006 and 2010 as agriculture and food security, infrastructure development, and production promotion, the ambassador said at a Press

briefing. "France will help Vietnam to develop transport systems, including aviation, railway and urban transport, support its energy development strategy, and strengthen its capacity in

protecting water sources, treating rubbish and minimizing air pollution," Blarel said. France has pledged to promote Vietnam's financial services and its small and medium enterprises. Other

areas for cooperation with Vietnam in the period include AIDS prevention, manpower training, culture, education and training, and state management, he added.

"France will establish two tertiary education centres in Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City in October 2006," he said, noting that they are cooperation projects between two Vietnamese national universities in the two cities and many French universities.

The ambassador said 75-80 per cent of the financial assistance France pledges for Vietnam in the five-year period will go to the three priority areas. France has pledged to offer Vietnam financial aid of 340 million euros (some 411 million US dollars) in 2006, he emphasized.

MNA/Xinhua

MNA/Xinhua

Overtaken tricycle kills three, injures 11 in China's northwest

LANZHOU, 20 Jan— A motor-driven tricycle lost control and overturned in Gansu Province, leaving three persons dead and 11 others injured, local police

said Thursday. The accident took place at around 11 am Wednesday at Quliu Village, Zhongtan Township of Tianshui City, when the overloaded tricycle swerved to avoid being inspected by police, witnesses said.

But the tricycle that carried 15 villagers lost control due to fast speed and turned down into a roadside aqueduct, witnessed said. The

villagers were going back home after a local fair.

Two persons were killed at the scene, and the other died in hospital due to excessive loss of blood. The 11 injured are hospitalized.

Police found the tricycle, which is not permitted to carry passengers, is unlicensed. Further investigation is underway.

MNA/Xinhua

MNA/Xinhua

Two missing in W Virginia mine fire

WASHINGTON, 20 Jan — Two miners have been reported missing after a fire broke out at a coal mine in southern West Virginia, a state mine safety official said on Thursday.

The incident came several weeks after 12 miners died in a January 2 accident at the Sago mine in central West Virginia. The only survivor, 26-year-old

Randal McCloy, has been hospitalized since then having survived nearly 42 hours underground following a blast.

MNA/Reuters

Terry Farley of the West Virginia Office of Miners' Health Safety said his office had been told the two were missing at the mine in Mellville, but was unable to provide more information. An emergency services worker in Logan County, West Virginia, told CNN that fire and police officials and two ambulances were sent to the scene. She said the initial emergency calls indicated a conveyor belt fire but that had not been confirmed.

Foreign Office says British civilian dies in Iraq

LONDON, 20 Jan — A British security agent working for a private company in Iraq has been killed, the Foreign Office said without giving his name.

"A British national, working for a private security company as a contractor, has been killed yesterday (Thursday) in Iraq," a spokesman said.

He did not give the circumstances of his death. The Press Association identified the man as 29-year-old Stephen Enright from Devon in southwest England.

His death was confirmed by his parents Gloria and Daniel Enright, who live in the city of Exeter and were informed of his death Thursday morning.

Gloria Enright told PA he was a paratrooper "for nine years and served out there for a while."

She said her son left the paratroopers at the end of last year and continued to work in Iraq as a civilian.

"He did speak of the dangers, especially when he was in the Paras in danger zones," she said.—Internet

Snow-related death reaches 104 in Japan

TOKYO, 20 Jan— The death toll from snow-related accidents in Japan since December reached 104 Thursday, a Kyodo News tally shows, making this winter the deadliest in more than two decades. The latest victim of the bad weather is a 73-year-old fisherman in Hokkaido, who died after falling into the sea Thursday, probably during snow removal around the port, according to local Coast Guard.

Last winter, 88 people were killed in snow-related accidents in Japan. In the 1983-1984 season, the toll is 131.

Heavy snow kept falling in many parts of western and northern Japan since December. Statistics from Japan's Meteorological Agency show that in the badly-hit Niigata Prefecture, at least seven observation stations record more than two metres of snow by 7 pm (GMT 1000) Thursday. Tsunan, Niigata still has 3.28 metres of snow. Meanwhile, Sukayu, Aomori Prefecture, recorded 3.58 metres of snow.

MNA/Xinhua

Retired military officers push Bush on torture ban

WASHINGTON, 20 Jan — A group of retired military officers urged President George W Bush on Thursday to spell out how he will enforce a ban on the torture of US-held prisoners, complaining he muddied the issue in a statement last month.

Bush reluctantly accepted the ban, pushed by Arizona Republican Senator John McCain, after scandals over abuse of detainees at Abu Ghraib Prison in Iraq, harsh interrogations at the US prison at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and reports the CIA ran secret prisons abroad to hold terrorism suspects.

Retired military leaders including Marine General Joseph Hoar, who was US Central Command commander-in-chief, said Bush should clarify his stance after making a statement last month that some experts said signalled he would bypass rules for treatment of detainees when he saw fit, even after he signed them into law.

The 22 former military officers in their letter said

Bush should ensure that "your administration speak with a consistent voice to make clear that the United States now has a single standard of conduct specified in law that governs all interrogations".

In a telephone news conference, Hoar said Bush's statement last month "diluted the impact of the McCain amendment" by indicating "that there were going to be exceptions and the President has the ability to do that".

McCain, who endured torture as a war prisoner in Vietnam, spearheaded the bill to set standards for detainees' treatment that won big majorities in the Senate and House of Representatives.

Bush's statement, issued on a Friday evening after he signed the bill putting the amendment into law, said the "executive branch shall construe (the law) in a manner consistent with the authority of the President... as commander in chief."

MNA/Reuters



An Iraqi Coastguard boat patrols the Shatt al-Arab river near the southern city of Basra, about 550 kilometres (341 miles) south of Baghdad on 17 Jan, 2006.—INTERNET

China-ASEAN Association holds reception in Beijing

BEIJING, 19 Jan — China expects to enhance friendship and cooperation with the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN), Gu Xiulian, chairwoman of the China-ASEAN Association, said here Wednesday evening.

Since its establishment, the association has held a series of activities to promote friendship and cooperation between China and ASEAN, said Gu, also vice-chairwoman of the

Standing Committee of the National People's Congress of China, at a reception held by the China-ASEAN Association in Beijing.

The China-ASEAN Association, founded on 3 August 2004, aims to promote people-to-people and non-governmental cooperation between China and ASEAN. It helps enhance mutual understanding and friendship between the people of China and ASEAN countries by holding various activities, including personnel exchanges, seminars and cultural events.

MNA/Xinhua

Small fire at Pentagon forces evacuation

WASHINGTON, 20 Jan — A fire broke out in a kitchen at the Pentagon Thursday morning and forced the evacuation of part of the huge building that houses the US Defence Department.

The fire, which broke out in a third-floor kitchen, has been put out, officials at the Pentagon said. No one was injured in the fire.

Pentagon spokesman Bryan Whitman said the fire did not disrupt anything. He said Defence Secretary Donald H Rumsfeld was having a breakfast meeting with some members of Congress at the Pentagon, in an area unaffected by the fire, and the fire did not disrupt the secretary's schedule.—MNA/Xinhua

At least 14 die as record cold wave grips Russia

MOSCOW, 19 Jan — At least 14 people have frozen to death in Russia this week in a record cold wave which has seen the mercury dip to below minus 30 degrees Celsius.

Frostbite has killed 10 mostly homeless people in Volgograd since Tuesday morning, and four more have died of exposure in Moscow, health officials and ambulance service spokesmen were quoted by the ITAR-TASS news agency as saying on Wednesday.

It has been unusually cold in the Russian capital during the past few days, following the arrival of the cold front which blew in from Siberia at the beginning of the week. Temperatures dropped sharply from around the freezing mark on Monday morning to below minus 20 degrees Celsius overnight, but plunged by a further -10 C on Wednesday morning.

The city has introduced a strict energy conservation programme, with power cuts to some factories, and the gas monopoly Gazprom has halved supplies to a number of power plants. Altogether 107 people have died of exposure in Moscow since October, the Interfax news agency reported.—MNA/Xinhua

Six drown after Russian van falls through ice

MOSCOW, 19 Jan — Six people drowned on Tuesday after the minibus they were travelling in smashed through the ice of a river in central Russia, Interfax news agency reported.

The agency quoted a spokesman for the Emergencies Ministry as saying the bus had been carrying 15 people, but the others managed to scramble out onto the ice near the town of Nizhny Novgorod, 400 kilometres (250 miles) east of Moscow.

The last few days have been unusually cold even for a Russian winter, with temperatures at their coldest since 1979.—MNA/Xinhua

Costa Rica finds US couple killed in plane crash

SAN JOSE (Costa Rica), 19 Jan — Search crews in Costa Rica found the bodies of a US couple on Tuesday after their single-engine airplane crashed against a volcano, Red Cross officials said.

The single engine Beechcraft piloted by a man and his wife, both from Des Moines, Iowa, disappeared on Sunday from San Jose radar screens while flying in the vicinity of Irazu Volcano, some 17 kilometres (11 miles) east of San Jose.

Bad weather prevented authorities from finding the wreckage in rugged mountainous terrain above the tree line until Tuesday, said Red Cross spokesman Manuel Retana.

"The airplane was very broken up," he said.

The couple was arriving from Panama when their airplane, one of a group of 19 small aircraft flown by flying enthusiasts through Central America, disappeared.—MNA/Reuters

About 230 British troops injured in Iraq

LONDON, 20 Jan — About 230 British troops have been injured in enemy action in Iraq since the US-led invasion in March 2003, Defence Secretary John Reid announced.

Of those, 40 suffered life-threatening injuries, Reid said as he toured a military rehabilitation centre for the British armed forces in Epsom, south-east England.

Until now, London has only confirmed that 98 of its servicemen and women have died in Iraq, two-thirds of whom are thought to have died in enemy action.

The government has been accused in some quarters of a cover-up because of the lack of any definitive, publicly-

available casualty figure.

But Reid rebutted the claims, saying that categorising the injured, wounded and sick was not a priority for forces in Iraq.

"The important thing, actually, is not the 40 or the 230, the important thing is that every single one of them gets to be given the care they need," he said. "Facilities like this give them that."

A Ministry of Defence spokesman explained later that about 4,000 British personnel had been "medevac-ed" from Iraq

to Britain for treatment; the majority were due to illness or "non-battle injuries".

The 230 were classified as "wounded in action". Not all were brought back to Britain. Some received treatment at the British base in Shaibah, south of the southern Iraqi city of Basra.

The 40 were listed as being "VSI" — or "very seriously injured" — and required emergency treatment for life-threatening wounds, the spokesman told AFP.—Internet



Pakistani army soldiers take part in a fire extinguish drill in Mustafai relief camp located in the outskirts of the earthquake-devastated city of Muzaffarabad in Pakistan-administered Kashmir on 20 Jan, 2006.—INTERNET

Lt-Gen Tin Aye attends religious objects enshrining ceremony in Hlinethaya Township

YANGON, 21 Jan—A ceremony to enshrine religious and sacred objects into Maha Teja Muni Pagoda built on Bawgawadi Hill in Ngwepinle Fisheries Industrial Zone, Hlinethaya Township, Yangon North District was held at the pagoda this morning, attended by member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Tin Aye of the Ministry of Defence.

Also present on the occasion were members of the Sangha led by Vice-Chairman of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Dawei Sayadaw Abhidhaja Maharatha Guru Bhaddanta Acinnabhivamsa, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander Lt-Gen Myint Swe, Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung

Maung Thein, Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi, Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Linn, deputy ministers, well-wishers and others.

The ceremony was opened with the recitation of Namo Tassa three times. Next, the congregation received the Five Precepts from Bhaddanta Acinnabhivamsa.

Next, members of the Sangha recited parittas.

Later, Lt-Gen Tin Aye presented sacred objects and pivot to the Sayadaws.

After that, Lt-Gen Tin Aye of the Ministry of Defence, Commander Lt-Gen Myint Swe and officials presented offertories to members of the Sangha.

Afterwards, Joint Secretary of State Sangha

Maha Nayaka Committee Kalaywa Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Jagarabhivamsa delivered a sermon, and those present on the occasion shared merits gained.

Next, religious and sacred objects and pivot were conveyed clock-wise of the pagoda.

At the auspicious time, Lt-Gen Tin Aye, ministers and senior military officers placed religious and sacred objects into the pagoda.

Next, Lt-Gen Tin Aye and party placed pivot atop the pagoda.

After that, 'soon' was offered to members of the Sangha.

This was followed by cash presentation ceremony in which Lt-Gen Tin Aye and party accepted over K 269.7 million for the pagoda.

The ceremony ended with the three time recita-



Lt-Gen Tin Aye presents pivot to the Sayadaws to be fixed at the Maha Teja Muni Pagoda on Bawgawadi Hill in Ngwepinle Fisheries Industrial Zone, Hlinethaya Township.—MNA

tion of Buddha Sasanam Ciram Titthatu.

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For all the national people to strive for promoting Myanmar education which produces human resources, the main forces for national development, to keep abreast of international standard

(In honour of trainees of the 37th batch of University for Development of National Races)

Electric power sector witnesses sustained progress

Increased generating of power in the time of the Tatmadaw Government

Emerging power plants

Using abundant water resources in the country, Myanmar is generating electricity through hydel power stations and at the same time natural gas exploited both inland and offshore areas has been used to generate power.

Hydel power stations supply 40 per cent and gas-fired power plants 60 per cent of the daily needs in consumption of electricity in the country. Electricity generated at hydel power stations is used as fundamental energy and at the gas-fired power plants as supporting energy in supplying electricity across the country.

In order to save natural gas, waste heat recovery power plants

are generating electricity to supply power. Moreover, using coal, a coal-fired power plant in Tikyit region is supplying power.

Small, medium and heavy diesel-used power plants are being built in the regions which are far from the national grid and border areas. In addition to these facilities wind-powered power plants, waste heat recovery power plants, bio-fuel used power plants and bio-diesel used power plants are being built to fulfil the electricity needs.

Readers may vividly see the increase in the number of power plants built across the country in the time of the Tatmadaw government through the table.



Waste heat recovery power plant in Ahlon Township, Yangon Division.

Increase in the number of power plants

Sr	Power plant	1988	2005	Progress
1	Natural gas-used power plant	8	11	3
2	Waste heat recovery power plant	-	4	4
3	Steam-powered plant	3	3	upgraded
4	Coal-fired power plant	-	1	1
5	Diesel-fired generator	621	944	323

Daw Kyaing Kyaing, wife of Senior General Than Shwe, attends ...

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Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe, Daw Mya Mya San, wife of Vice-Chairman of State Peace and Development Council



Daw Kyaing Kyaing, wife of Senior General Than Shwe, and party observe scenic view of Kandawgyi Natural Gardens.—MNA



Daw Mya Mya San, wife of Vice-Senior General Maung Aye grows a physic nut plant. — MNA

Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief(Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, Daw Khin Than Nwe, wife of Lt-Gen Tin Oo, Daw Khin Lay Thet, wife of Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann, Daw Than Than Nwe, wife of Prime Minister General Soe Win and Daw Khin Khin Win, wife of Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, planted physic nut plants at designated places.

Daw Khin Than Nwe, wife of Lt-Gen Tin Oo grows a physic nut plant.

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Daw Than Than Nwe, wife of Prime Minister General Soe Win pours water on a physic nut plant.— MNA



Daw Khin Lay Thet, wife of General Thura Shwe Mann pours water on a physic nut plant. — MNA



Daw Khin Khin Win, wife of Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein pouring water on a physic nut plant.

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Similarly, wives of members of the State Peace and Development

Council, wife of the Commander-in-Chief (Navy), wife of the Commander-in-Chief (Air)

and party planted physic nut plants at designated places.

Next, Daw Kyaing Kyaing and party observed the demonstration of running of trawler-G and other vehicles, stoves and generators using physic nut oil.

Next, Daw Kyaing Kyaing and party viewed the physic nut plants plantation of social organizations in the nursery. Later, Daw Kyaing Kyaing and party visited Water Plaza of Kandawgyi Natural Gardens. Next, they viewed the scenery of Yangon City and Kandawgyi Natural Gardens from the tower of skill model of Mount Popa. — MNA

Medical seminar of MMA, Ranbaxy held

YANGON, 21 Jan — The 52nd Myanmar Medical Conference took place here this morning at the hall of Myanmar Medical Association on Theinphyu Road for the second day. At the second day programme, a seminar on treatments to children infected with HIV/AIDS was held with an address by Head of department of Haematology of Yangon General Hospital Professor Mr Rai Mra.

Managing Director Dr Prakong Vithayasai of Faculty of Medicine Department of Medicine and Allergy Section Head of Clinical Immunology of Chiang Mai University and Associated Professor Dr Khin Nyein Hlaing of Padiatric Department of Yangon Institute of Medicine-2 gave lectures and answered the queries raised by those present.

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A medical seminar of Myanmar Medical Association and Ranbaxy in progress.—MNA



Pro-rector Dr Than Swe chairs the mass rally.—MNA

People in Taninthayi Division express...

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company staff, town-selders, local people, and USDA members numbering more than 13,500.

Pro-rector of Myeik University Dr Than Swe chaired the mass rally together with Chairman of Kyaw Kyaw Phyo Co Ltd Siri Sudhamma Manijotadhara U Kyaw Maung (winner of Medal for Excellent Performance in Social Field Third Class), ice factory proprietor U Hla Win, U Tin Shein of Thida Fishery Co, and townselders U Gwan and U Bon Kyi.

Executive Daw Aye Aye Min and Executive Daw Khaing Zin Oo of Myeik District USDA acted as MCs.

After the master of ceremonies announced the agenda of the meeting, those present saluted the State flag.

Next, presiding chairman Pro-rector of Myeik University Dr Than Swe delivered an opening speech. He said out of the 192 nations in the world, 190 have their own constitutions. Myanmar itself also did have a State constitution in 1947 but it was defunct later. Although a new one was drawn in 1974, it was also again defunct in

1988. As is known to all that the present government has been taking measures to ensure disintegration of the Union, prevalence of peace and stability of the State and national development. In doing so, the country



Myeik WJA Member U Myint Thein (Takkatho Ko Latt). — MNA

needs an enduring State constitution.

At the same time, the government is taking steps to march towards the goal of building a peaceful, modern and developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation and to entrust the people who are rightful owner of State sovereignty with State power. In order to shape a modern and developed disciplined nation, the seven-point political Road Map of the State was laid down on 30 August 2003. The first step was to reconvene the National Convention that had been adjourned since 1996, he said. That was why it was convened from 17 May to 9 July 2004. Only when the National Convention meets its successful completion, can the State achieve its goal in accord with the Road Map. To build a modern and developed nation is to develop a discipline-flourishing genuine democracy. It is also important to have a State constitution that must be compatible with Myanmar way of life, culture and tradi-

tions and geographical conditions. Drawing a constitution should not be completed overnight. Otherwise, it will be like the previous ones causing various kinds of disagreement, and as a result, there may occur political repercussions such as disintegration of national unity. All in all, the chairman said, all national people are to earnestly support the National Convention.

Myeik WJA member national literary award winner U Myint Thein (Takkatho Ko Latt)



Managing Director U Thet Soe of Kyaw Kyaw Phyo Co Ltd. — MNA

tabled a motion calling on the people to support the National Convention. He said the aim of holding the ceremony is to safeguard Our Three Main National Causes — non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty. They depend on and are interrelated each other. National solidarity is imperative to ensure non-disintegration of the Union, and perpetuation of sovereignty. In this context, he said, all na-



Myeik Township WVO Secretary Captain Myo Thant (Retd.). — MNA

tional people are required to work together through thick and thin and sharing weal and woe. After the 1988 unrest, the government has been striving for progress of the nation enlisting the strength of the people. So, the country is now on its way to development. While endeavouring for the improvement of all the sectors, the government hand in hand with the people is convening the National Convention for the emergence of a constitution. Now is the time when the government side by side with the people is essaying to shape a bright future of the State with peace and stability. Ensuring peace and stability and prosperity of the nation relies on development of discipline-flourishing democ-



Taninthayi Division WAO Member Daw Thidar Ohn. — MNA

Therefore, all the people are urged to participate in their respective roles for the success of the National Convention that is working hard to draft a constitution for perpetuation of the Union and emergence of a democracy. Meanwhile, they are also needed to ward off any dangers caused by destructive elements in accord with the four-point people's desire.

Managing Director of Kyaw Kyaw Phyo Co Ltd U Thet Soe seconded the motion in support of the National Convention.

He said political stability of a country depends on the constitution. Therefore, the constitution is the soul or the lifeblood of the country. The nations of the world usually draft their constitutions in conformity with geographical conditions, culture, customs, political and economic conditions.

He said Myanmar practised two constitutions before 1988. Those became null and void after 18 September 1988.

The government built the nation with a constitution. It is necessary for the government to draft new constitution for future State. All national races are discussing the basic principles at the National Convention. New constitution is essential for the future State, he said.

Member of Taninthayi Division Women's Affairs Organization Daw Thida Ohn supported the National Convention.

She said the Union of Myanmar is drafting a constitution necessary for democratic system. The constitution cannot be written at once and the National Convention is discussing basic principles for emergence of an enduring constitution. Therefore she supported the motion tabled by U Myint Thein.

Afterwards, rubber grower Dr U Zaw Zaw Moe of Pho La Min Trading Co Ltd seconded the motion in support of the National Convention. The National Convention is the one to serve the in-



Pho La Min Trading Co Ltd Director U Zaw Zaw Moe. — MNA

terest of the people and those opposing the National Convention look like the ones disturbing the interest of the entire national people and so they will be regarded as the common enemies of the people.

In building the future nation, it is very important to successfully convene the National Convention so that the people can enjoy fully the rights of citizens. He urged all the people to take part in the drive for emergence of the enduring Constitution which is the most suitable for the nation.

Next, Maternal and Child Welfare Association Supervisory Committee Member Daw Nilar Aye seconded the motion in support of the National Convention.

It cannot be said that the National Convention being convened now is not illegal. The reason is that the 1086 delegates from the eight delegate groups whom are agreed by all, attend the National Convention and hold discussions. The delegates from the states and divisions attending the National Convention are well educated and experienced in the political, economic and social affairs.

The National Convention is being held in the interest of the people after reviewing the history and true present condition of the nation.

Thus, she praised and honoured the government and all the NC delegates and seconded the motion in support of the National Convention tabled by U Myint Thein.

Secretary of Myeik Township WVO Captain Myo Thant (Retd) seconded the motion, saying that one of the six objectives of the Nation Convention says "The Tatmadaw to be able to participate in the national political leadership role in the future State". The Tatmadaw possesses the three capabilities and has been fulfilling five strengths constantly. It has stood by the nation and people in times of emergency. In addition, it has been discharging the national duty throughout the Myanmar history.

He said that on be-



Taninthayi Division MCWA Supervisory Committee Member Daw Nilar Aye. — MNA

half of the participants, he deeply supported the motion tabled by U Myint Thein.

With the unanimous approval of all the participants, the mass rally announced the support for the National Convention. Those present chanted slogans in chorus. The meeting ended at 8.20 am.

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UDNR trainees tour downtown Yangon

YANGON, 21 Jan— Trainees of the No 37 Course (BEd) of the University for Development of National Races this morning visited the Memorial to Fallen Heroes on Arzani Road in Bahan Township and laid a wreath there.

Afterwards, they paid homage to Shwedagon Pagoda and made cash donation. They proceeded to

Dagon University in Dagon Myothit (East) Township and viewed booths displayed there. Rector of the university U Kyaw Myint Oo explained facts about the university and presented calendar of the university and chemistry journals to the trainees. At the University of Culture in Dagon Myothit (South) Township, the trainees enjoyed the en-

tertainment presented by students of Music and Thabin Departments and viewed works of the students of Arts and Handicraft Department.

They also visited National Stadium-1 (Thuwana) in Thingan-gyun Township and viewed the demonstration of athletes. Next, they left for Dagon Centre and made shopping there.—MNA

Legislative structure and essence of the future State (10)

Soe Mya Kyaw

The National Convention convened from 28 November 1995 to 30 March 1996 successfully laid down the detailed basic principles for the legislative, executive and judicial formation in framing the State Constitution.

At the plenary session of the National Convention held from 17 May to 9 July 2004, discussions were held to lay down detailed basic principles for the sharing of legislative power to be included in the State Constitution. The plenary session held on 3 March 2005 of the National Convention that resumed on 17 February 2005 adopted the detailed basic principles for the sharing of legislative power to be included in the State Constitution.

In the process, the 11 sectors — defence and security sector, foreign affairs sector, finance and planning sector, economic sector, agricultural and livestock breeding sector, energy, electric power, mining and forestry sector, industrial sector, transport, communication and construction sector, social sector, management sector, and judicial sector — were prescribed. Now, matters on legislative lists regarding these sectors are under discussion. I would like to present what I have discussed matters on the transport and communication sector and management sector with Bagyi Soe and Kye Kye Mya.

Soe Mya Kyaw: Our nation has made fundamental changes to the political and economic sectors. So, it's very important for the emergence of an enduring State Constitution that is capable of controlling well the changed political and economic sectors.

Bagyi Soe: That's why the National Convention is going on based on the 104 basic principles already-laid down to adopt the necessary detailed basic principles.

Soe Mya Kyaw: We've held discussions about several sectors regarding the adoption of the detailed basic principles for the sharing of legislative power. Today, would you explain matters on the transport, communication and construction sector?

Bagyi Soe: The transport sector plays a major role in the drive for raising the economy for national development. And the building of roads and bridges and communication infrastructure is fundamental to the smooth transportation and communication. So, transport, communication and construction are stated together under a sector.

Soe Mya Kyaw: I've witnessed that the government has constructed a transport network of roads and bridges across the nation that benefits commerce of the State. And it has been building Union Highways and friendship bridges that help enhance relations and friendship among the na-

tional races.

Kye Kye Mya: In the colonial days, the colonialists built roads and bridges just to make their administrative machinery and economy smooth. Along the Ayeyawady River that is more than one thousand miles long, they constructed only one bridge. That's convincing evidence of their intention.

Soe Mya Kyaw: You're right, Kye Kye. I've learnt that in the colonial days, the colonialists did not construct sufficient number of roads and bridges, and issued many restrictions by promulgating laws so that national people could not travel from one place to another and from the plain regions to hilly regions.

Bagyi Soe: During the period of more than 40 years after the nation had regained independence, roads and bridges could not be built effectively due to the internal armed insurgency. To make matters worse, insurgents blasted existing transport facilities resorting to various ways. So, that culminated in the development gap between one region and another.

Kye Kye Mya: After 1988, the Tatmadaw Government has built bridges on self-reliant basis at the rate of a bridge a month, so 12 bridges a year. To achieve this target, the government has to make all-out efforts. The emergence of hundreds of roads, bridges and dams in over a decade has given a witness to the performance of the Tatmadaw Government. The number is greater than those constructed in the colonial period, the parliamentary democracy period, and the Socialist Programme period.

Bagyi Soe: The communication sector has made progress several times better than that in the past. The government is taking measures for the development and modernization of the communication industry of the nation such as extended installation of telephone systems, and establishment of transmitting and receiving stations that can communicate with foreign nations, and ground satellite stations. It's heartening to see that the government is promoting the standards of post, telegraph office, auto exchange, fax, e-Mail, Internet, Intranet and similar communication matters to be on a par with international level.

Soe Mya Kyaw: Such fruitful results are due to the fact that peace and stability has been restored nearly cent per cent and nation-building tasks have been carried out effectively after 1988. But, it's terribly disappointing the internal and external leftist and

Now, the delegates are holding discussions at the ongoing National Convention for the adoption of the basic principles and detailed basic principles in formulating the State Constitution. By studying these basic principles and detailed basic principles, one can envisage the future of the nation in form and essence. Articles on the National Convention will be inserted in the newspapers daily for enabling the people to visualize the future of the nation in form and essence.

rightist destructive elements that have never built even a small bamboo bridge are speaking ill of the nation-building efforts.

Bagyi Soe: It's bounden duty of every citizen with positive attitude to take lessons from the past historic events, to be aware of the dangers of neo-colonialists and their reactionary lackeys, and to do their best for the brighter future of the nation.

Soe Mya Kyaw: Yes, Bagyi. May I know the legislative list on the transport, communication and construction sector?

Bagyi Soe: The points that are stipulated in the Union Legislative List regarding the transport, communication and construction sector are:

- (1) Inland Water Transport
- (2) Maintenance of waterways
- (3) Water resources and river systems improvement
- (4) Carriage by Sea
- (5) Major Ports
- (6) Lighthouse, lightship and other provisions for the safety of shipping
- (7) Ship building, repair and maintenance
- (8) Air transport
- (9) Aviation, flight control and construction of airfields
- (10) Road transport
- (11) Railways
- (12) Highways and bridges under the management of the Union
- (13) Posts, telecommunications, telephones, fax, e-mail, Internet, Intranet and similar communication services
- (14) TV, satellite communication, transmission and reception and similar communication services, and
- (15) Housing and buildings.

Soe Mya Kyaw: And what are the matters in the Region or State Legislative List, Bagyi?

Bagyi Soe: The points included in the Region or State Legislative List are:

- (1) Ports, jetties and pontoons under the management of the Region or State
- (2) Roads and bridges under the management of the Region or State, and

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In the colonial days, the colonialists built roads and bridges just to make their administrative machinery and economy smooth. Along the Ayeyawady River that is more than one thousand miles long, they constructed only one bridge. That's convincing evidence of their intention.

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(3) Systematic movement of the private-owned vehicles within a Region or State.

Soe Mya Kyaw: I see, Bagyi. According to the two legislative lists you've explained, I notice that the Union will have to enact laws regarding the tasks for the development of the entire nation, and the Regions or States concerned will have to implement such tasks. The two legislative lists also comprise the power vested in the Region or State to enact laws and to carry out procedures region-wise or state-wise.

Bagyi Soe: In this regard, the government will have to put into motion major projects that call for huge investments and advanced technology. So, there will be Union highway projects and Pyidaungsu bridges that are to be implemented under the management of the Union, and roads and bridges projects to be implemented under the supervision of the Region or State concerned.

Kyee Kyee Mya: In nearly 100 years from the colonial period to 1988, there were only 198 bridges that were 180 feet long or above. After 1988, the government has been able to construct over 200 bridges that are 180 feet long or above. It constructed these facilities in 17 years. More and more such construction projects are to be implemented for the development of the Union, and the Region or State based on the present roads and bridges, and infrastructures.

Soe Mya Kyaw: Yes. I'd also like to know the matters on the sharing of legislative power regarding the management sector in implementing these projects.

Bagyi Soe: With regard to the management sector, the National Convention has adopted a detailed basic principle that comprises:

- (1) general administration
- (2) village land and town land administration
- (3) tenant
- (4) narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances
- (5) matters on keeping State's secrets
- (6) associations
- (7) prison
- (8) border areas development
- (9) census
- (10) citizenship, naturalization, and revocation of citizenship, citizenship identification, and national registration
- (11) titles.

Soe Mya Kyaw: Very well. Go on, please.

Bagyi Soe: In the Region or State Legislative List, a detailed basic principle states:

- (1) development affairs
- (2) human settlement and housing development
- (3) honorary certificates and prizes.

Soe Mya Kyaw: Then, I think the number of general administration matters included in the management sector is large and they are broad.

Kyee Kyee Mya: Matters on the administration are various such as civil administration, village administration, forestry administration, land administration, agricultural administration, mining administration, and naval and air transport administration.

Bagyi Soe: In the exercise of matters on administration by respective authorities, administrative matters are to be practised only within the frame of the provisions prescribed by respective legislative bodies.

Kyee Kyee Mya: In the past, the civil servants responsible for administrative duties were called township officer, deputy commissioner, and secretary. Today, such personnel are called head of township General Administration Department, deputy commissioner of District General

Administration Department, and commissioner of State or Division General Administration Department.

Soe Mya Kyaw: The administrative machinery must be strong, swift, continuous, and systematic in building a modern and developed nation, mustn't it?

Bagyi Soe: To ensure systematic and continuous operation of the administrative machinery, personnel responsible to operate the administrative machinery must be the ones who are qualified with good moral conduct. **Implementation of administrative matters should thoroughly cover the whole nation to ensure smooth and systematic operation of the administrative machinery of a modern and developed nation aspired by the people. Therefore, such matters are embodied in Union Legislative List.**

Soe Mya Kyaw: The legislative power regarding the village land administration and town land administration is prescribed in the Union Legislative List.

Bagyi Soe: Yes. The aim is to enact law that is in force across the Union. After such a law is enacted, the administrative power to handle matters on the village and town land administration will be vested in the Region or State concerned in line with the laws enacted by the Pyidaungsu.

Soe Mya Kyaw: I found matters on narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances in the Union Legislative List. Please, elaborate.

Kyee Kyee Mya: The basic principle "Opium, except as to excise duties thereon" was prescribed in the General Provisions of the Union Legislative List of the 1947 Constitution. In the present era, there have emerged different types of narcotic drugs derived from poppy. So, I think such a provision is included in the Union Legislative List.

Bagyi Soe: Right. It's common knowledge that Myanmar has been combating narcotic drugs as the national duty that pose grave danger to the entire mankind.

Implementation of administrative matters should thoroughly cover the whole nation to ensure smooth and systematic operation of the administrative machinery of a modern and developed nation aspired by the people. Therefore, such matters are embodied in Union Legislative List.

In truth, poppy cultivation and opium trafficking that is the origin of narcotic drugs is the evil legacy the colonialists left in our nation.

Kyee Kyee Mya: So, it was found that the provisions stated in opium act, liquor act and hazard medicines laws the colonialists promulgated were not effective in controlling poppy cultivation and opium trade.

Bagyi Soe: Kuomintang nationalist Chinese troops that intruded into Myanmar around 1950 survived the evil legacy of poppy cultivation and opium trafficking left by the colonialists. To make matters worse, insurgents like SSA (South) Ywet Sit group are seeking own interest through narcotic drugs trade.

Kyee Kyee Mya: Some provisions of the 1947 Constitution indicated that dangers of poppy and narcotic drugs the colonialists initiated could not be wiped out effectively. The prescribing of the basic principle "Opium, except as to excise duties thereon" in the General Provisions of the Union Legislative List of the 1947 Constitution meant that the Union had the power to enact laws on poppy. But, the Union was not vested with the power to enact law in connection with excise covering opium.

Soe Mya Kyaw: Then, how was the legislative power shared to enact laws on excise and poppy, Bagyi?

Bagyi Soe: If you study the State Legislative List of the 1947 Constitution, you will notice some major causes of getting poppy cultivation and opium trafficking rooted in some states. In the list, it was stated that—

"Duties of excise on the following goods manufactured or produced in the State and countervailing duties at the same or lower rates on similar goods manufactured or produced elsewhere in the Union:

- (a) Alcoholic liquors for human consumption.
- (b) Opium
- (c) Indian hemp and other narcotics ; non-narcotic drugs.
- (d) Medicinal and toilet preparations containing alcohol or any substance included in item (b) and (c).

Kyee Kyee Mya: Due to such loopholes of the 1947 Constitution, Myanmar has to fight the dangers of narcotic drugs the colonialists and their lackeys left, for generations.

Soe Mya Kyaw: You're right. Myanmar accepted the 1961 Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs. And it enacted 1974 Narcotic Drugs Law with the aim of tackling the challenges of narcotic drugs. In accordance with the law, Myanmar has been wiping out the dangers of narcotic drugs on its own and in collaboration with UN agencies, and other organizations, hasn't it?

Bagyi Soe: While Myanmar was putting earnest efforts steadfastly into the anti-narcotics drive, the dangers of psychotropic substances were growing day after day in many of the world nations and they became to endanger the mankind. Therefore, in 1988, the United Nations prescribed a convention to fight illicit transport and trafficking of narcotic drugs and

psychotropic substances. And under that convention, Myanmar promulgated the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law in 1993 and since then it has been making efforts with might and main in the fight against narcotic drugs. Myanmar has an impressive record of achievement in this regard.

Kyee Kyee Mya: As a result, Mongla Region of Shan State (East) could be announced to be Opium Free Zone. Now, plans are under way to be able to designate many other regions as opium free zones in the nation. The government has been implementing the 15-year plan (1999-2000 to 2013-2014) drug elimination across the nation.

Soe Mya Kyaw: Narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances are posing grave dangers to the entire national people, so the government has been making unremitting endeavours to eradicate them as the national duty. And I would say it's wise that matters on narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances are enumerated in the Union Legislative List for wiping out the dangers of narcotic drugs in the nation.

Translation: MS

It is common knowledge that some western countries in collusion with fugitives and underground agents are blatantly interfering in the internal affairs of Myanmar to become their minion nation. So, to surmount such challenges, onus is put on men of letters of new generation to exert effectively the might of literature to convince the people of the national policy — non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity, and perpetuation of sovereignty.

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wellwisher U Ohn Pe, members of the scrutinizing committee for Pakokku U Ohn Pe literary awards and the trust fund supervisory committee for Pakokku U Ohn Pe scholastic awards, literati, members of social organizations, journalists, prize winners and guests.

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with the donation of K 7.6 million by U Ohn Pe, and five categories of novel, short story, poem, treatise, and research awards have been presented since 1993. In addition, since 2002, Pakokku U Ohn Pe library award, award on Myanmar language subject in matriculation exam, award on arts in the University of Culture, and

Education.

The awards include library award apart from literary, cultural and scholastic awards. It is heartening that the prize winners help increase the number of new generation youth in literary sphere and literary works serve the interests of the nation and people.

The government is

effectively applied as a powerful weapon to enhance the bravery and unity of national people and to equip the people with the spirit of sacrificing lives, blood and sweat for regaining independence. After the independence had been regained, men of letters contributed towards the campaign of arming the people with the



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presents Pakokku U Ohn Pe life-long literary award to Daw Thein Saing (Ma Myat Lay).— MNA

Literati urged to produce nice literature that serves the interest of the people



Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min awards Ma Su Zar Ni of Moenyin Degree College who got distinction in Myanmar language.— MNA



Minister Maj-Gen Kyi Aung awards Htay Hlaing who got research literature award.— MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan awards Than Aung (Anyamyay) who won first prize in collected poems. — MNA

his speech said that a trust fund was set up in 1991



Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min awards Mg Zaw Htu Lwin of Bago No 2 BEHS who won the first prize in Economics. — MNA

implementing the State's seven-point Road Map for transforming the nation into a discipline-flourishing democratic one, while putting energies into the drive for the emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed nation.

As the drive calls for a great number of intellectuals and intelligentsia, the government is making efforts with might and main to create opportunity in various sectors for emergence of human resources.

The State has recognized that the good deeds of wellwisher U Ohn Pe contribute towards the drive.

Myanmar literature has showed its mighty power in the nation's history. Throughout the period of independence struggle, literature was

spirit of safeguarding the independence and sovereignty. It is common knowledge that some western countries in collusion with fugitives and underground agents are blatantly interfering in the internal affairs of Myanmar to become their minion nation. So, to sur-

mount such challenges, onus is put on men of letters of new generation to exert effectively the might of literature to convince the people of the national policy — non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity, and perpetuation of sover-

eighty. Men of letters are also to organize the people through literature to strengthen the nation's political, economic and defence powers and to have the people to do their bit wholeheartedly for ensuring perpetual existence of motherland.

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U Tint Swe of Pakokku U Ohn Pe Library Supervisory Committee. — MNA



Daw Thein Saing (Ma Myat Lay). — MNA

Throughout period of independence...

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He said the government is holding the National Convention for emergence of an enduring constitution in building a discipline-flourishing democratic nation which the people desire.

The delegates representing the national races are discussing basic principles and detailed basic principles for the constitution. National races in states and divisions support the National Convention. He urged literati to participate in the tasks through their literature. Literature touches people daily. He spoke of the need for the literati to produce quality literature that serves the interest of the people and creative writing and to make efforts for having correct thought, knowl-



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein poses for documentary photo together with ministers, deputy ministers, life long award winners and Pakokku U Ohn Pe after prize-presenting ceremony. — MNA



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein poses for documentary photo together with ministers, deputy ministers, Pakokku U Ohn Pe and prize winners after prize-presenting ceremony. — MNA

edge, belief and concept.

In conclusion, he urged literati to inculcate the people with the spirit to safeguard the nation, to cherish the country, to make the nation develop and to write beneficial literature that serves the interest of the people, to make endeavours for turning out human resources such as patriotic intellectuals and intelligentsia and to take part in the tasks for successful implementation of the seven point Road Map.

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein, ministers, deputy ministers, Pakokku U Ohn Pe and prize winners pose for documentary photo. — MNA



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein poses for documentary photo together with ministers, deputy ministers and prize winners after prize-presenting ceremony. — NLM



Minister for Information Brig-Gen Aung Thein presented awards to outstanding students of universities and basic education high schools.

Deputy Minister for Education Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min and Chairman of Pakokku U Ohn Pe Library Supervisory Committee U Tint Swe presented awards to winners of library awards.

U Tint Swe spoke words of thanks. On behalf of the winners Daw Thein Saing (Ma Myat Lay) also spoke words of thanks. After the ceremony, the Secretary-1, the ministers, the deputy ministers and Pakokku U Ohn Pe had photos taken with the winners. — MNA

Air Bagan to spread its wings

YANGON, 21 Jan —A new aircraft, ATR-72 of the Air Bagan Limited, one of the private airlines of the Union of Myanmar, arrived

at the airport this morning. It arrived at Yangon International Airport from France.

It is learnt that the Air Bagan will op-

erate its domestic flights with the use of the aircraft — one Fokker-100, two ATR-42 aircraft and two ATR-72 aircraft.— MNA



Air Bagan operating its domestic flights with Fokker-100, ATR-42 and ATR-72. — MNA

China creates 9.7m new jobs for urbanites in 2005

BEIJING, 20 Jan — China provided jobs for 9.7 million urban residents in 2005, compared with 9.8 million in 2004, and helped 5.1 million laid-offs, among which 1.3 million aged 40 to 50, get re-employed, a spokesman with the Ministry of Labour and Social Security said here Thursday.

During the 2001-2005 period, more than 180 million workers laid off from state-owned enterprises found new jobs, said spokesman Hu Xiaoyi at a Press conference.

In 2005, he said, the number of unemployed people stood at 8.39 million, with a registered unemployment rate of 4.2 per cent, the same with the previous year.

"This is the third consecutive year China has fully accomplished its goal for employment and re-employment," said Hu, adding that at the end of 2005, China's employed population reached 760 million, 40 million more than at the end of 2000.

In 2005, nearly 700 billion yuan (87.5 billion

US dollars) was pooled as funds for pension, unemployment, medical treatment, work injury and maternity insurance, with 540 billion yuan paid to beneficiaries, the spokesman said.

As for the goal for 2006, he said, China will work to find new jobs for nine million urban residents and help 5 million of workers laid off from state-owned enterprises get re-

employed.

"The registered unemployment rate for urban residents will be controlled below 4.6 per cent in 2006," he said.

MNA/Xinhua

Survey shows Chinese consumers optimistic about future

SHANGHAI, 20 Jan — China's consumers are highly optimistic about their future, with confidence in their life quality and income, according to the latest survey conducted by the MasterCard International.

The survey found consumers' confidence index reached 82.3 on the Chinese Mainland. Though their confidence about employment dipped slightly to 78.9, their confidence about stocks rose from 50.1 for the first half of last year to 53.9.

Consumers in Beijing and Shanghai became more confident than six months earlier, with those in Guangzhou the most optimistic among people from Chinese metropolises, according to the survey.

Senior economists with the MasterCard International said strong confidence would buoy continuous consumption on the Mainland, which was very important to a sustained, strong growth in the national economy, particularly in a period when investment tended to slow down. — *MNA/Xinhua*

Iran threatens to cease N-cooperation with IAEA upon UN referral

LONDON, 20 Jan — Iran has threatened to halt its cooperation with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) once its nuclear activities are referred to the UN Security Council.

"All the activities which we are voluntarily doing in accordance with additional protocols, including the complementary accesses (and) short notice access that we have granted... even to the military sites, will not be continued any more," said Dr Ali Asghar Soltanieh, Iran's Ambassador to the IAEA, in an interview on BBC late Wednesday. Iran would halt cooperation if IAEA's 35-member Board of Governors votes for a referral in a scheduled meeting on 2 February.

But Soltanieh said that Iran's resumption of nuclear research does not mean it expects a stand-off. He insisted that the research is entirely for peaceful means. He added as the IAEA is monitoring its nuclear facilities, it is out of the question for Iran to secretly develop nuclear weapons.

Soltanieh criticized those nations seeking to haul his country before the Security Council for possible sanctions, saying the gate to negotiation is still wide open, although the United States and the European Union have rejected the idea of further talks.

Foreign ministers of the European trio of France, Germany and Britain decided to refer Iran's nuclear activities to the UN Security Council when they met in Berlin on 12 January. Iran resumed its research on nuclear fuel earlier this month. — *MNA/Xinhua*

Al-Jazeera to open bureau in Zimbabwe

HARARE, 20 Jan — International news channel, Al-Jazeera International, part of Qatar-based Al-Jazeera TV station and satellite network, is planning to open a bureau in Zimbabwe in May as part of efforts to improve coverage of African issues, an official said on Wednesday.

This comes in the wake of negative publicity that Africa in general have been receiving from Western media organizations.

Reports on Africa often focus on negative issues such as poverty, AIDS, famine, bad governance and corruption.

Al-Jazeera International director of news, Steve Clark, told journalists after meeting Information and Publicity Minister, Tichaona Jokonya, on Wednesday that there were a lot of success stories in Africa yet many nations were often deprived of such information. He said Zimbabwe was an important country in Africa hence the need to establish a bureau in the country.

"Africa is not covered properly by the rest of the world media. People report only on AIDS, famine and war yet there are good news stories here as well as tragedies," he said. So far the media organization has bureaus in over 30 countries

including Algeria, Eritrea, Egypt, Ivory Coast, Kenya, South Africa and Somalia. Clark said there were prospects to be present in at least 10 to 12 more African countries. — *MNA/Xinhua*

Zimbabwe to host Miss SADC Beauty Pageant

HARARE, 20 Jan — Zimbabwe will host Miss Southern African Development Community (SADC) Beauty Pageant in April, local newspaper *The Herald* reported on Thursday.

About 28 contestants, two from each of the 14 SADC countries, are set to lock horns for the crown in a pageant that would help Zimbabwe's tourism prospects.

Boniface Chimedza, the chief executive of Taletell Entertainment, was quoted as saying that Zimbabwe would be

greatly honoured to host such an international event. He said the pageant would be an important platform for interaction and cultural exchange among SADC states.

"The event should prove wrong those who pointlessly demonize the nation. Important

dignitaries from around the region will come together and such interaction is healthy for the growth of relations within the community and the region at various levels," said Chimedza.

He added that most of the countries in the

region had shown confidence in Zimbabwe's capability to host shows of such magnitude.

The idea was hailed as an important move that would consolidate artistic achievements the region has acquired in the past.

MNA/Xinhua



An operator presses a button in the control centre of a central heating station in southwest Moscow on 20 Jan, 2006. This station produces hot water for heating and electricity for southwest Moscow.

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Malawi investigating kidnapping of Malawian in Iraq

LILONGWE, 20 Jan — Malawi has instituted an investigation into the kidnapping of a Malawian telecommunication engineer believed to have been abducted by armed gunmen in the Iraqi capital, Baghdad, Wednesday morning.

"We are investigating the issue and will do everything we can as government to secure his release," Malawi's Information Minister and government spokesperson Patricia Kaliati told the Press here.

Kaliati said the government did not have details of what happened to the unidentified telecoms engineer reportedly to have been seized alongside his colleague from Madagascar.

She said Malawi did not have official diplomatic ties with Iraq and had no official exchange programme of experts with it.

The Malawian engineer and his colleague were abducted by gunmen

as they attacked their convoy of three vehicles in the western Baghdad suburb of Abu Gharib.

The Iraq Interior Ministry told international media that the gunmen killed six Iraqi guards during the attack on the convoy before abducting the two engineers who were working for the country's telecoms company, Iraqna, a subsidiary of the Egyptian-owned Orascom Telecom.

Although the Malawi Government does not send professionals to work in Iraq, a number of Malawian telecommunication and construction engineers have privately secured high-paying jobs in the war-torn country.

MNA/Xinhua

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Researchers say yoghurt could help stop spread of AIDS

NEW YORK, 20 Jan— "Friendly bacteria" found in yoghurt has been genetically modified by researchers in the US to produce a drug that blocks HIV infection.

Although the bacteria has only been tested in a lab dish, scientists are optimistic the technique could provide a cheaper and more effective way of delivering drugs to fight the spread of AIDS, by getting the bugs to live right where the drugs are needed most, *Nature* magazine reported.

The bacterium (*Lactococcus lactis*) the researchers have modified naturally produces lactic acid, and so is used to produce cheese and yoghurt. It is also found in some parts

of the human anatomy, including the gut and the vagina, where the acid it produces damps down the growth of other, harmful bacteria, *Nature* said.

Some "probiotic" yoghurts are loaded with such beasts with the aim of keeping consumers' guts healthy.

Bharat Ramratnam, an HIV specialist at Brown Medical School, Providence, Rhode Island, and his colleagues, *Nature* says, have now altered the genetic make-up of *L. lactis* so that it generates

cyanovirin, a drug that has prevented HIV infection in monkeys and human cells, and is on track for human trials in 2007.

Cyanovirin binds to sugar molecules attached to the HIV virus, blocking a receptor that HIV uses to infect cells.

"It's basically passive immunization," Sean Hanniffy, a molecular biologist at the Institute of Food Research, Norwich, Britain, and part of the team, is quoted by *Nature* as saying.

MNA/PTI



A northern bottlenose whale, foreground, is watched by river police and animal welfare officials, as it swims by the peace pagoda on the River Thames near Battersea Bridge in London on 20 Jan, 2006. INTERNET

Japan to stop US beef imports again

TOKYO, 21 Jan— Japan will stop importing US beef again, just one month since such a ban was lifted, after discovering on Friday a US beef shipment containing a body part with possible mad cow disease risks.

Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi said he has endorsed a proposal from Agricultural Minister Shoichi Nakagawa to totally halt US beef imports due to the discovery, according to *Kyodo News*.

MNA Xinhua

Russian investor wants to turn Cambodian island into special eco zone

PHNOM PENH, 20 Jan— A Russian investor wants to invest in a Cambodian island off the coast of Sihanoukville to make it special economic zones, local media reported on Thursday.

Konstantin Kagalovsky met with Prime Minister Hun Sen at the premier's home on Tuesday and talked about plans to invest in an island off the coast of Sihanoukville.

He has travelled to Cambodia five times over the past year to study the investment possibilities on Koh Rong Island, including tourism sites and manufacturing electronic equipment and pharmaceuticals, premier's advisor Ieng Sophelet was quoted by *The Cambodian*

Press Review as saying. Kagalovsky has been to many Asian countries and the United States to study investment opportunities in special economic zones.

Hun Sen expressed support for the plan and referred the Russian investor to Sok Chenda, secretary-general of the Council for the Development of Cambodia, for support in drafting a plan. Hun Sen has supported the creation of special economic zones along Cambodia's borders, including last year's opening of a zone on 100 hectares of land on the Cambodian-Vietnamese border in Svay Rieng Province, Kampuchea Thmey reported.

MNA/Xinhua

China's first fire control robot passes technical appraisal

SHANGHAI, 20 Jan— A China-made reconnaissance robot used in fire control, the first of its kind in China, passed technical appraisal by a group of Chinese scientists in charge of key state science and technology programmes recently.

The robot was jointly developed by the Robot Institute of Shanghai Jiaotong University and Shanghai Fire Control Institute of the Ministry of Public Security.

Weighing about 300 kilos, the robot walks back and forth on its four continuous chain treads. It can turn left and right, climb over a barrier 250 millimetres high and go up stairs with a gradient of 30 degrees.

Carrying three cameras, the robot can monitor conditions on the ground and in nearby areas and send relevant information back to its controllers.

The robot is equipped with two flameproof ultrasonic sensors which can help the robot turn away from barriers and move to safe places.

Able to test and identify poisonous substances, oxygen deficiency, explosives and heavy smoke in dangerous places such as the site of an explosion, the robot can make a very effective contribution to the safety of firemen. This kind of robot is expected to go into batch production and will soon be widely available for fire control in China.—MNA/Xinhua

China issues dog stamps

SHENYANG, 20 Jan— China on Wednesday issued a set of dog stamps to mark the approach of the "Year of the Dog" which is one of the 12 symbolic animals representing a circle of 12 years.

The coming Lunar New Year, the most important traditional festival for Chinese people, falls on 29 January.

The stamp issuing ceremony was held in Shenyang, capital of northeast China's Liaoning Province. The stamps show

16 real living dogs, of which 12 reside in Liaoning Province and four others live in Beijing, said Xu He, director of the Shenyang pet business association, adding that all 16 dogs figure in the world-famous category. The dogs' images, names and a brief

introduction appear on the stamps. "It is the first time China has issued stamps with dogs' names; previously, only mammals had that honour," Xu said. The dog stamp set includes "Year of the Dog" postcards and stamps issued by China Post. A total of 1,000 such

stamp sets are available at price of 110 yuan (13.75 US dollars).—MNA/Xinhua

Inhaled saline improves cystic fibrosis lungs

NEW YORK, 20 Jan— People with cystic fibrosis suffer from mucus build-up in the lungs that makes breathing difficult, but investigators now report that salt water can ease the condition.

Long-term inhaled saline with a "hypertonic" salt concentration of 7 per cent improves lung function and reduces pulmonary flare-ups in patients with cystic fibrosis, according to a report in this week's *New England Journal of Medicine*.

Short-term studies have suggested that hypertonic saline stimulates mucus clearance from the lungs and increases hydration of the airway surface in

cystic fibrosis patients, the authors note. On that basis, Dr Peter T P Bye from the University of Sydney and colleagues in Australia conducted a 48-week study in which 162 patients were randomized to treatment with 7-per cent saline or 0.9-per cent (normal) saline.

The patients in the hypertonic saline group exhibited improved lung function during the first 4 weeks of treatment compared with patients given normal saline.

Thereafter, lung function plateaued but remained better than the control group at all time points.

There were also fewer flare-ups requiring intravenous antibiotics in the hypertonic saline group and significantly fewer days on which they were absent from school or work. Inhaled hypertonic saline "is an inexpensive, safe, additional therapy in patients with cystic fibrosis", Bye's team concludes.

MNA/Reuters



A Chinese man watches his dog playing on an ice slide on the People's Square in Urumqi, northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, on 20 Jan, 2006.—Internet

SPORTS



General view of the Cairo international stadium during the opening of African Nations Cup 2006 soccer tournament in Cairo on 20 Jan, 2006. —INTERNET

Arsenal sign Southampton teenager Walcott

LONDON COLNEY (England), 21 Jan— Arsenal signed 16-year-old striker Theo Walcott from Southampton on Friday for five million pounds (8.8 million US dollars), possibly rising to 12 million, the London club said in a statement.

Walcott, rated the finest English prospect since Wayne Rooney, has joined on a junior "scholar" contract and will enter into a professional contract on his 17th birthday on 16 March.

The full 12-million-pound fee is dependent on the number of appearances he makes for Arsenal and, if he makes it, England. He will join Arsenal immediately and wear the number 32 shirt.

"Theo Walcott is a very young player but has al-

ready shown in his performances for Southampton that he is a talented player with huge potential," Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger told reporters at the club's training ground.

"I also like the fact that he is a versatile player who is incredibly dedicated, shows great determination to succeed and is blessed with electric pace."

Walcott is an England youth international and became the youngest

player to represent Southampton's first team when he came on as a substitute aged 16 years and 143 days.

He has scored five times in 13 appearances this season. Walcott said in a statement: "I'm so pleased to be joining Arsenal, a club I have admired for a long time."

"Coming to Arsenal will give me the opportunity to work with world class players every day and play football at the highest possible level." Southampton chairman Rupert Lowe said the club were bitterly disappointed to lose him. —MNA/Reuters

Cagni appointed coach of Empoli

ROME, 21 Jan— Empoli have appointed Luigi Cagni to replace sacked coach Mario Somma, the struggling Serie A club announced on its website on Friday.

Cagni, 55, has previous Serie A experience with Piacenza and Verona but faces a baptism of fire at Empoli, whose first fixture is an away trip to leaders Juventus on Sunday.

"The club is expecting a lot from my experience, but I have not come here to play defensively," he said.

"Our defence can improve, but with my style of play the team is always looking to score. We'll try and get something against Juventus — we've got nothing to lose." Somma, who had never before coached a top-flight side, led Empoli to promotion last season when they finished second in Serie B.

They began this season strongly, but have taken just two points in their last seven matches to slip back to 15th, four points above the relegation zone. —MNA/Reuters

Benitez wants to copy Ferguson's United success

MANCHESTER (England), 21 Jan— Liverpool manager Rafael Benitez wants to match Alex Ferguson's exploits with Manchester United by building a new empire at Anfield.

The Spanish coach comes up against the Scot in the Premier League game at Old Trafford on Sunday already boasting a Champions League win in his first season with Liverpool.

He now wants to build on that success and emulate Ferguson, who has also won the European Cup as well as eight league titles, five FA Cups and the European Cup Winners Cup.

"I would like to be here for 20 years winning a lot of trophies like he has won at Manchester United," Benitez told reporters on Friday.

While he has to overcome the challenge of Premier League champions Chelsea, Benitez has already closed the gap on United.

Last season Liverpool finished 19 points behind Ferguson's side, but a win on Sunday will lift them ahead of United

with two games in hand.

"I'm happy with the situation this year because, it is true, last season we finished too far away from them," Benitez said.

"Now we are progressing. Our team is stronger. We are really close with two games in hand and we will try and finish higher than them."

"Being second with two games in hand would be a positive thing but we still have a lot of games to play and there are a lot of points to play for."

"It will be difficult to win (on Sunday). The players know each other and I would like to see a good open game, but I am not sure."

"It is hard to keep the ball in games like these and if Manchester United do that, we must play on the counter attack." —MNA/Reuters

Defending champion Serena Williams out of Australian Open

CANBERRA, 21 Jan— Defending champion Serena Williams of the United States was axed out of the Australian Open in Melbourne on Friday.

The 13th seed lost her third round match in straight sets to the 17th seed Slovakian Daniela Hantuchova 6-1 and 7-6(7-5) in one and a half hours.

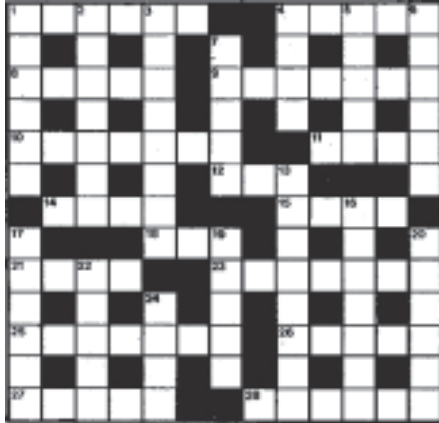
Hantuchova has never won over Williams in their three previous meetings.

Hantuchova broke Williams' serve in the second game of the opening set and twice more after a rain interruption of more than 30 minutes when she was leading 3-1.

She fought back from a break down in the second set and won the match after squandering four match points.

MNA/Xinhua

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



ACROSS

- 1 Assassin
- 4 Mournful cries
- 8 Negative quantity
- 9 Answer
- 10 Closest
- 11 Sacred song
- 12 Shack
- 14 Labour
- 15 They flavour beer
- 18 Evergreen tree
- 21 Soon
- 23 Previously
- 26 Soil
- 27 Exhibition of cowboy skill
- 28 Confine

DOWN

- 1 Japanese robe
- 2 The distant past (4,3)
- 3 Yes, later (anag.)
- 4 Cleanse
- 5 Sarcasm
- 6 Shunting track
- 7 Veracity
- 13 Unlucky number?
- 16 Treeless plain
- 17 Sausage (sl.)
- 19 Dance
- 20 Large snake
- 22 Lubricated
- 24 Gambling card game

Defender Riise extends Liverpool contract to 2009

OSLO, 21 Jan— Norway defender John Arne Riise signed a new contract with Liverpool on Friday binding him to the English Premier League club to the end of the 2009 season.

Riise, who played in the Liverpool side who won the Champions League final last year after a penalty shootout against AC Milan, had six months left of his existing contract.

"This is a fantastic club that I know through and through," Riise told Norwegian news agency NTB after signing the extension.

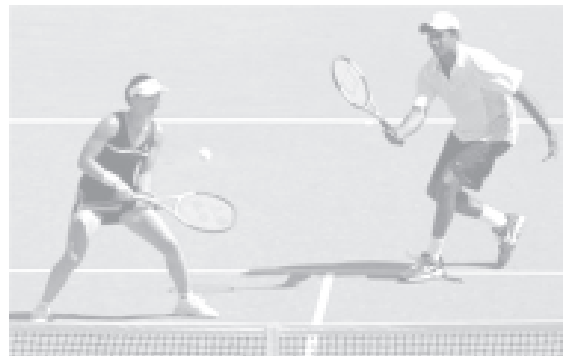
"I am very happy in English football and look forward to continuing my career in Liverpool."

Riise, 25, joined the English club from Monaco in 2001. He has also played 51 times for Norway.

Liverpool manager Rafael Benitez told the Liverpool website: "I'm delighted that John has signed a new deal with us. He is a dedicated player, very professional and he has a great mentality. His attitude is first class. He trains well and works hard every day."

"He has always done a good job for Liverpool, whether at left back or in left

midfield, and it's great news that we can include him in our plans for the coming years." —MNA/Reuters



Mixed Doubles partners Martina Hingis of Switzerland and Mahesh Bhupathi of India return a shot on 20 Jan, 2006, during their match against Wang Yeu-tzuoo of Taiwan and Li Na of China in the first round of mixed doubles at the Australian Open Tennis in Melbourne, Australia. Hingis and Bhupathi defeated Wang and Li 6-2, 6-2. —INTERNET

India approves signing of MoU on combating crime with Saudi Arabia

NEW DELHI, 21 Jan — The Indian Government approved the signing of a memorandum of understanding (MoU) between India and Saudi Arabia in combating crime and ratified it, a Press release issued by the government said here on Thursday.

The MoU aims at cooperation in combating crimes in all their forms, in particular international terrorism, illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and illegal trafficking in items of historical value and artifacts.

The MoU says that the two nations would combat international terrorism in accordance with laws and regulations prevailing in both countries. They would combat illicit production, manufacturing, trading and distribution of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and precursor chemicals and their illicit use.

The MoU also says that the two nations would combat counterfeiting of

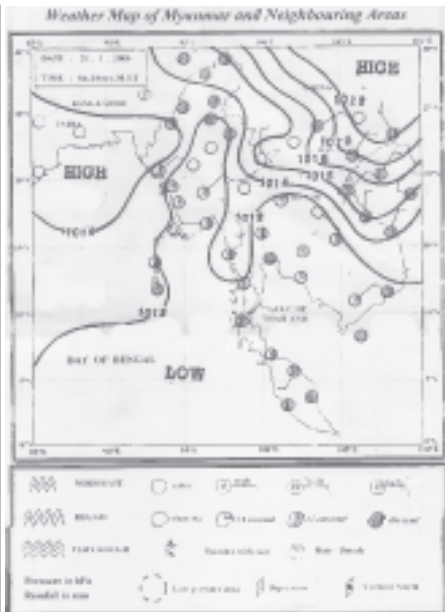
currency and securities and the falsification of travel documents and visas. They would combat smuggling of weapons, ammunition and explosives and their illicit trafficking, the MoU says.

India also approved the signing of a convention between India and Saudi Arabia for the avoidance of double taxation and the prevention of tax evasion with respect to taxes on income.

The convention, after it enters into force, will stimulate the flow of investment, technology and services from India to Saudi Arabia and vice versa. It will also provide tax stability to the residents of India and Saudi Arabia and facilitate mu-

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WEATHER

Saturday, 21 January, 2006
Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been fair in the whole country. Night temperatures were (6°C) above normal in Kachin State, (3°C) above normal in Rakhine State, Mandalay, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions and about normal in the remaining areas. The significant night temperatures were Namsam (0°C), Lashio (3°C) and Pinlaung (4°C).
Maximum temperature on 20-1-2006 was 90°F. Minimum temperature on 21-1-2006 was 58°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hrs MST on 21-1-2006 was (87%). Total sunshine hours on 20-1-2006 was (8.0) hours approx.

Rainfalls on 21-1-2006 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 Northwest at (18:00) hours MST on 20-1-2006.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 21-1-2006: Weather will be partly cloudy in Kachin State 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 22-1-2006: Fair weather.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 22-1-2006: Fair weather.

Earthquake report
(Issued at 12:00 hours MST, Today)
An Earthquake of Moderate intensity (5.8) Richter Scale with its epicenter (outside Myanmar) about (325) miles Southwest of Kaba-Aye seismological observatory, was recorded at (10) hrs (38) min (14) sec MST on 21st January 2006.

tual economic cooperation. Saudi King Abdullah Bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud will be in India with a business delegation between 24 and 27 January. He will be the chief

guest during India's Republic Day function to be held here on January 26. During the time, the two sides will sign some bilateral agreements.
MNA/Xinhua



Sunday, 22 January
View on today

7:00 am
1. ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းထွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃာ့မဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ရွက်၊ အဘိဓမ္မာဟာရဋ္ဌပုဂ္ဂိုလ်၊ အဘိဓမ္မာပဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မဓာတ်တ၊ တိပိဋကဓမ္မ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော်ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am
2. To be healthy exercise

7:30 am
3. Morning news

7:40 am
4. Nice and sweet song

7:55 am
5. ယဉ်ကျေးလိမ္မော်(၃၀)ပြာမင်္ဂလာ

8:05 am
6. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:10 am
7. ဖုလင်းရေးလှောင်တစ်

8:20 am
8. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:30 am
9. International news

8:45 am
10. Say it in English

11:00 am
1. Martial song

11:10 am
2. Musical programme

11:25 am
3. Round up the Week's International News

11:40 am
4. နိုင်ငံခြားဓာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "နေပြည်နေ့နေ" (အပိုင်း-၂၅)

12:20 pm
5. ကရင်ပြည်နယ် မိုးကောင်းတံတား

12:30 pm
6. နိုင်ငံခြားကာတွန်းဓာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "Doraemon"

12:55 pm
7. Myanmar Video Feature: "ထွယ်ရာခဲကွက်လပ်များ" (လှမင်း၊ ပိုင်း၊ အိန္ဒြာကျော်ဇင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-အာလှ)

2:10 pm
8. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

2:20 pm
9. "သူငယ်ချင်းမရှိတဲ့ပခင်း" မင်းဝေ၊ ခင်မာပြည်ကျော်၊ ကေရီကျော်ကျော်၊ ဒါရိုက်တာ - မောင်ယဉ်ကျော်

2:30 am
10. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

2:45 pm
11. International news

4:00 pm
1. Martial song

4:15 pm
2. Songs for uphold National Spirit

4:30 pm
3. အဆေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ - ပထမဓမ္မစီ (ဓာတုဗေဒ၊ ရူပဗေဒ၊ သတ္တဗေဒအထူးပြုများ) (ဓာတုဗေဒ)

4:45 pm
4. Song of national races

5:00 pm
5. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

5:15 pm
6. Music programme

5:30 pm
7. လောင်စာစွမ်းအင် အသုံးဝင် ဖြစ်စေရန် ကြော်ဆူဝင် (ကြော်ဆူရိုင်းမှ အိုင်အိုဒီယမ်)

5:40 pm
8. Sing and enjoy

6:00 pm
9. Evening news

6:30 pm
10. Weather report

6:35 pm
11. တီရီဇွန် ၂ ညယာဉ် (ရန်ကင်း) နှစ်တစ်ရာပြည့် ပွဲတော် အပိုင်း-၁

6:45 pm
12. နိုင်ငံခြားဓာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "အသည့် နဂါး နဂါး" (အပိုင်း-၄)

8:00 pm
13. News

8:15 pm
14. International news

15. Weather report

16. "မိုး" ယဉ် လွင် ယဉ် မေမည် နာသရာဇာတီ၏ အားမာန်" (အပိုင်း-၂)
ညွှန်ဝင်၊ ဖုန်းအောင်၊ ကျော်ရဲအောင်၊ လွင်မိုးရိသယ်၊ ငါးသန်း၊ မောင်သန်း၊ မိုးမြတ်သူ၊ မိုးမြတ်နု၊ နိုင်သင်းကြည်၊ ရတနာခင် (ဒါရိုက်တာ-စင်စော်မောင်အောင်)

18. နိုင်ငံခြားဓာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်မိဗြိုဟ်ရင်" (အပိုင်း-၁၆)

20. The next day's programme

Radio Myanmar

Sunday, 22 January
Tune in today

8.30 am Brief news

8.35 am Music:
-I may be too young

8.40 am Perspectives

8.45 am Music:
-Travelin' band

8.50 am National news / Slogan

9:00 am Music:
-Experience pearls

9:05 am International news

9:10 am Cultural Images of Myanmar

9:20 am Music
-Take the key

1:30 pm News & Slogan

1:40 pm Children's Delight
-Story for children
-Songs for children

9:00 pm Weekly News Review

9:10 pm Article

9:20 pm Music
-Different corner
-Flying without wings

9:45 pm New & Slogan

10.00 pm PEL

Throughout period of independence struggle, literature enhanced bravery and unity of national people, equipped them with spirit of sacrificing lives, blood and sweat for regaining independence



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein speaking at the ceremony to present Pakokku U Ohn Pe literary awards, scholastic awards and Pakokku library awards for 2005.—MNA

YANGON, 21 Jan—The Ministry of Information held the ceremony to present Pakokku U Ohn Pe literary awards, scholastic awards and Pakokku library awards for 2005 at the National Theatre on Myoma

Kyaung Street in Dagon Township, here, this afternoon, attended by Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein. Also present on the occasion were ministers,

the chief justice, the attorney-general, deputy ministers, officials, the chairman of the Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association and CEC members (See page 10)

People in Taninthayi Division express support for National Convention

YANGON, 21 Jan—The Taninthayi Division Union Solidarity and Development Association organized a mass meeting in support of the National

Convention at Myoma sports ground on Kanphya Road, Kanphya Ward, Myeik, Myeik District, Taninthayi Division, on 19 January morning.

Present on the occasion were secretaries and executives of division, district and township USDAs, departmental personnel, members of Women's



People at the mass meeting to support the National Convention in Taninthayi Division chanting slogans.—MNA

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* In the colonial days, the colonialists built roads and bridges just to make their administrative machinery and economy smooth.

* After 1988, the Tatmadaw Government has built bridges on self-reliant basis at the rate of one bridge a month, so 12 bridges a year.

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Affairs Organization, Maternal and Child Welfare Association, War Veterans Organizations, Writers and Journalists Association, Red Cross Society, auxiliary fire brigade, teachers and students from Myeik University and basic education schools, family members of servicemen of local regiments and units, trainees and service personnel of the Nurses Training School, farmers, workers, rubber, oil palm, fishery entrepreneurs, businessmen, (See page 7)