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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

Entire nation has seen a large number of modern industries

Vest Factory (Taungtha) of Myanma Textile Industries inaugurated

YANGON, 28 Jan—The Vest Factory (Taungtha) of the Myanma Textile Industries of the Ministry of Industry-1 near Taungtha, Taungtha Township, Myingyan District, Mandalay Division, was inaugurated this morning, attended by Chairman of the Industrial Development Committee Prime Minister General Soe Win.

The Prime Minister left Nyaung-U by helicopter for the factory.

Along the route, the Prime Minister from the helicopter inspected the supply of water from the cluster of dams — Kyetmauktaung Dam, Pinchaung Dam, Taungyay Dam and Kyaukdaga Dam constructed by the State for the agricultural development and greening of arid zone, irrigated areas, the canal linking Kyaukdaga, Taungyay and Kyetmauktaung dams, and the benefits of the facilities.

Also present at the opening ceremony were Member of SPDC Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Mandalay Division PDC Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw, the ministers, the deputy ministers, senior military officers, Chair-

man of Magway Division PDC Col Phone Maw Shwe, officials, departmental officials, the secretary and executives of Mandalay Division Union Solidarity and Development Association, the CEO and officials of Shanghai World Best Group Co Ltd, social organizations, townsenders, staff of the factory, and local people numbering about 26,500.

Managing Director of the MTI U Oo Thein Maung, Chairman of Myingyan District PDC Lt-Col Tun Win, and

CEO Mr Cheng Zheng Hao formally opened the factory.

The Prime Minister unveiled the facility.

In his speech, the Prime Minister said that the opening of the factory creates job opportunities for local people, and enhances the knowledge of operating machinery in the region through the employees. The Pakokku Textile Factory on the west bank of Ayeyawady River near Myingyan was opened three months ago. So, Myingyan and Pakokku have become the

regions where Myanma Textile Industries has based its factories.

The Ministry of Industry-1 is establishing personal goods factories and household goods factories across the nation to help industrialize the nation. It has recently opened Thabaung Pulp Mill in Ayeyawady Division, textile factories in Pwintbyu, Pakokku and Salingyi regions, and bicycle factory, cement factory, shoes factory in Kyaukse region one after another.

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Prime Minister General Soe Win speaking at opening ceremony of Vest Factory (Taungtha) of the Myanma Textile Industries.—MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Maintain roads and bridges for durability

Better transport plays a pivotal role in ensuring development of a nation or a region. With better transport trade and production is making progress, thereby contributing to economic development of the nation or the region.

In the same way, thanks to better transport progress will be made in education, health and social sectors. Moreover, with better transport frequent contacts among national brethren are available, resulting in forging Union Spirit through unity and amity.

Therefore, the government is making all-out efforts to bring about harmonious development the length and breadth of the nation.

In accordance with the guidance of Head of State Senior General Than Shwe, more motor roads and railroads are being built to link different regions of the Union—from east to west and from south to north. In the meantime, bridges large and small are being built in those regions.

Hailing the National Convention, Rakhinegyaung Bridge, over 180 feet long, in Rakhinegyaung Village, Twantay Township, Yangon South District, the 211th of its kind, was inaugurated on 22 January.

Rakhinegyaung Bridge has 24 feet wide motorway with three feet wide pedestrian lane on either side. Its clearance is 10 feet high and 50 feet wide. The reinforced concrete bridge can withstand 60-ton loads.

The construction of the bridge started on 1 March 2004, and the project undertaken by Bridge Construction Group-13 of Public Works was completed on 30 November 2005.

Before 1988, there were seven bridges with a length of over 180 feet, in Yangon Division. In the time of the Tatmadaw government, there emerged 25 more similar bridges in the division. Rakhinegyaung Bridge is the one built in the time of the Tatmadaw government.

At present, wooden bridges on two roads linking Yangon and Kungyangon and Lekkhokkon are being upgraded into the concrete ones. Due to opening of Rakhinegyaung Bridge, local people in Twantay Township can go to Kawhmu and Kungyangon Townships through Thakhut and Wabalaukthauk, Bodin and Tawku villages via Dalla Township.

As Dalla-Thakhut-Lekkhokkon Road can link with Dalla-Kanbe-Kawhmu-Kungyangon-Dedaye Road, smooth flow of commodities will develop in the region.

Therefore, the entire national people including local authorities are to help maintain roads and bridges, prerequisites for smooth transport and regional development for durability.

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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

**Central Forest Zone opened at
Kandawgyi Natural Gardens**



Lt-Gen Myint Swe of Ministry of Defence unveils the signboard of Central Forest Zone. — YCDC

YANGON, 28 Jan — Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence unveiled the signboard of Central Forest Zone of Kandawgyi Natural Gardens, here, this morning.

Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, Director-General U Soe Win Hlaing of Forest Department and Chairman of Yangon West District Peace and

Development Council Lt-Col Kyaw Tint opened the Central Forest Zone.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe, Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin and Director-General U Soe Win Hlaing sprinkled scented water on the signboard.

Myaing Malar Island, Orchid Island and Bogyoke Park are included in the zone. — MNA

Physic nut cultivation of Indaing Station held

YANGON, 28 Jan — Physic nut cultivation of Indaing Station of Yangon Command was held at the station this morning.

Present were Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win and officials.

The commander said the government is making endeavours for use of bio-fuel instead of costly fuel. Physic nut oil can be used as bio diesel. That is why plantation of physic nut is being undertaken nationwide. The Yangon Command has planned to grow 500,000 acres of physic nut, he said.

Commander of Indaing Station Col Bo Lwin

reported on cultivation of physic nut and Manager of Yangon Division Myanmar Agriculture Service U Aung Hsan on cultivation methods and its use.

The commander and wife Daw Mar Mar Wai gave saplings of physic nut to those present. The commander, Tatmadaw members and families planted 12,000 saplings.

The commander and party inspected construction of the 6.82-mile canal of Lagunpyin Dam near Minlwingon, Hlegu Township. Director of Yangon Division Irrigation Department U Kyaw Thein reported on progress of work. — MNA

**Construction of approach railroads at Thanlwin Bridge
(Mawlamyine), Mawlamyine Railway Station inspected**

YANGON, 28 Jan — Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min and Deputy Minister U Pe Than inspected progress in construction of the approach railroad at Thanlwin Bridge (Mawlamyine) on Mottama bank, laying of sleepers and rail tracks, and the station building in Mottama yesterday.

Myanmar Railway is making land preparations of the approach railroad on Mottama bank mile posts from 169 to 171 on Yangon-Bago railroad.

On arrival at the construction site of Mawlamyine Railway Station and its yard, the

minister heard the reports on completion of approach railroads at Thanlwin Bridge (Mawlamyine), the station building and stockpile of construction ma-

terials and requirements for construction tasks by Project Engineer U Lwan Thu. The minister and party also inspected the retaining walls of the tube under Mawlamyine-

Ye-Dawei road. This morning, the minister and party inspected earth works of Sittoung-Myitkyo-DaikU railroad and construction of Sutwachon station.—MNA



Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min inspects laying of sleepers on the bank of Mottama. — RAILWAYS

Chinese FM meets Iran's chief nuclear negotiator

BELING, 27 Jan — Chinese Foreign Minister Li Zhaoxing met here on Thursday with visiting Iranian chief nuclear negotiator Ali Larijani.

Larijani, also secretary of Iran's Supreme National Security Council, arrived here on Thursday morning from Teheran on a day-long visit.

Larijani is expected to hold a Press conference at the Iranian Embassy in Beijing after having another meeting with Chinese State Councillor Tang Jiaxuan on Thursday

afternoon. He is scheduled to leave Beijing in the evening, according to sources in the embassy.

Iran is facing referral to the United Nations Security Council for possible sanctions over Western fears that it may seek to build an atomic bomb.

The International Atomic Energy Agency

(IAEA) will convene an emergency session of its board of governors on February 2-3 to vote on a referral at the request of the European Union, after Iran resumed its research on uranium enrichment — the most sensitive part of the nuclear fuel cycle — earlier this month.

MNA/Xinhua

Four missing after ship capsizes in Vietnam

HANOI, 27 Jan — A new ship capsized in rough seas in Vietnam's central region, leaving four local men missing, a local official told Xinhua on Thursday.

"On the morning of January 25, a newly-built ship with six people on board sank some two kilometres off our coast. Border guard forces have rescued two men," Ngo Thai Lam, chairman of the People's Committee of Hoa Hiep Bac Commune, Dong Hoa District, Phu Yen Province.

The 145-horse power ship built by a private business in central Nghe An Province was on the way to southern Ho Chi Minh City for delivery to its owner when it capsized due to strong waves, he said, noting that the six people, including two drivers, two representatives of the shipbuilder, and two representatives of the ship's owner.

"Now, the sea is still rough. Phu Yen's border guard forces are actively searching for the missing

people," Lam said.

Vietnam encountered frequent occurrence of national disasters, including floods and landslides, nationwide last year, which claimed many lives and caused

estimated property loss of 6.5 trillion Vietnamese dong (408.8 million US dollars), according to the country's General Statistics Office.

MNA/Xinhua

Iraq war leaves mental scars for civilians, US troops alike

WASHINGTON, 27 Jan — The Iraq war is reaping a fierce psychological toll, exposing a mental health crisis inside Iraq, and searing hundreds of thousands of US troops with combat trauma, experts warned.

Iraq's doctors and specialists, subjected to persecution under Saddam Hussein, now the target of guerillas bullets and bombs, are struggling to assess the scale of the problem, they said.

Dr Sabah Sadik, a Britain-based doctor who advises Iraq's Health Ministry, said he was shocked at the dilapidation

of the hospital system when he returned after the ouster of Saddam for the first time since the 1970s.

Scores of doctors fled the country under Saddam, and now more are leaving despite recruitment efforts, he said.

"It is very difficult when doctors and intellectuals have been targeted by the terrorists,"

Sadik said at a news conference in Washington.

"It is a big dilemma because a lot of colleagues would like to leave the country."

US soldiers returning home from tours in Iraq, meanwhile are initially showing a higher incidence of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) than in other American conflicts.

Around 317,000 veterans who received a primary or secondary diagnosis of PTSD were treated at medical centers run by the US Department of Veterans Affairs in 2005.

Around a third have had a subsequent diagnosis of a mental health disorder, said Dr Antonette Zeiss, the department's Deputy Chief Consultant for Mental Health.

"It is higher than initial rates in previous wars," said Zeiss, adding that part of the rise may be due to a vigorous effort by the department to find out what help veterans' need.

There are more women veterans from the Iraq war

restive eastern province of Afghanistan, the US military said on Thursday.

The US patrol came under rocket-propelled

grenade and mortar fire after the blast on a road in Kunar Province on Wednesday, and they called in Apache helicopters and A-10 aircraft for support, the military said in a statement.

The wounded men were evacuated to a nearby base. "Afghan and coalition forces will continue aggressive combat patrols in the area, denying the enemy sanctuary and extending the reach of Afghanistan's elected government," the US military said.

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Internet

MNA/Reuters



Activists wear masks depicting US Defence Secretary Donald Rumsfeld (R) and US Vice President Dick Cheney during a protest against the Iraq war at the venue of the annual World Social Forum in Caracas, Venezuela on 26 Jan, 2006. —INTERNET

Two US troops wounded in Afghan blast

KABUL, 27 Jan — Two US servicemen were wounded when their vehicle was hit by a bomb blast while on patrol in a

restive eastern province of Afghanistan, the US military said on Thursday.

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A fuel tanker burns after being hit with gunfire from unknown attackers, on 26 Jan, 2006, in Baghdad, Iraq. —INTERNET

Water and power projects in Iraq fall short

WASHINGTON, 27 Jan — US-funded programmes to rebuild electric power and water systems in Iraq have fallen far short of original plans.

The report by Stuart Bowen, the special inspector general for Iraq reconstruction, said the failure to complete the projects was due in part to dramatic shift in spending on security.

The report said only 49 of 136 water and sanitation projects will be completed.

"About 60 percent of the originally planned water resource and sanitation projects were not completed," it said.

Potable water projects, water pumping stations and generators were given priority over sanitation and irrigation projects.

As a result, Iraq's water treatment capacity will be increased by 2.25 million cubic meters a day, the report said. —Internet

Want to enjoy longevity? Take honey

Dr Lwin Ko

"Hello, Uncle Chaw and Uncle San Maung. You two haven't visited our home for a long time. How are you and your family members?"

"Fine, thank you, doctor. We paid a visit to your home when you were in Yangon. Now, we've come here to listen to your experiences you gained during your trip".

"Well, uncles, I listened to the counsel of one of my old teachers. After his retirement, he wrote many articles based on his experiences. Reading his articles enhances our thinking power. I'm very fortunate to have such a good teacher".

"Yes, you are. By the way, sometimes I suffer a palpitation especially when I lie on my left side of body, and I also have a dry cough".

I took the blood pressure and heartbeat of U San Maung. But, I found no sign of hypertension. Therefore, I suggested him to take more sweets.

He asked me what sort of sweet is best.

It was a good question. I said, "Myanmar traditional medical science is very wide and delicate. In my opinion, it must be honey. I've learnt from statistics that the aged in Russia were said to have some seasoned honey regularly. As you know, in Myanmar, honey is an important ingredient of many kinds of traditional medicines".

"According to the records of many nations such as China, India, Roman Empire, Egypt and Greece, Prophet Mohammed recommended honey for the diseases of gastro-enteritis. Aristotle (350

BC) also recommended honey for various kinds of wounds and injuries, eye sore, cough and throat pain".

"From the modern point of view, honey contains 1.31 per cent of sucrose, 38.19 per cent of

Mixture of boiled water and honey effectively cures palpitation, tiredness, and insomnia. When you suffer from flatulence, take two spoons of honey and it thoroughly cures your suffering in no time. One who is feeble and infirm should take a spoon of honey two times a day, once in the morning and another in the evening. One should drink water as much as possible whenever one is thirsty, and then in one or two months one's health will improve".

levulose, 31.38 per cent of dextrose, and 7.31 per cent of maltose. It was found that although people with diabetes had honey, their blood sugar level did not rise much. The blood sugar level rises very slowly, so there would be no undesirable effects to the consumers".

"Honey stimulates the body to further produce two kinds of white-blood corpuscles along with cytokines and alpha-interleukin No 1 and No 6. So,

taking honey really strengthens anti-body system".

"It also contributes towards antioxidant activity. So, honey is to be used as an ingredient for as many traditional medicines as we can".

"Doctor, I've learnt since I was young that if honey is applied to a wound, the wound is in the process of healing very rapidly. But, I don't know why".

"Researchers from University of Wales, Institution Cardiff, and Waikato University of New Zealand have proved that honey can kill some types of virus that can be resistant to antibiotics. And it helps cure wounds rapidly. Furthermore, it prevents process of reproduction of sixty kinds of bacteria".

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"It seems to me as if I knew it. But, in reality I don't know well. And I haven't taken the advantage of the effectiveness of honey. I have decided to take honey in future. Thank you for your information, Doctor".

Translation: MS

Social Welfare sector witnesses sustained progress

Development of social welfare in the time of the Tatmadaw Government

Associations and organizations serving national interest

No one can deny the fact that tangible results have been achieved in striving for emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed nation

and thanks to the active participation of non-governmental organizations in these endeavours, nation-building tasks have gained momentum.

The power of social organizations plays an important role in serving the interests of the nation. Such associations and organizations as Union Solidarity and Development Association, Myanmar Red Cross Society, Myanmar War Veterans

Organization, Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation, Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association and Auxiliary Fire Brigade, are actively taking part in nation-building tasks.

Together with these associations and organizations, the entire national people, based on patriotism and Union Spirit, are committed themselves with heart and soul to these tasks and thus great

achievements have been realized in all sectors.

The table shows emerging associations and organizations taking part in nation-building tasks in the time of the Tatmadaw government.

Emerging organizations and associations

Sr	Subject	1988	2005	Progress
1	Federation	-	2	2
2	Organization	5	17	12
3	Association	1	3	2
4	Asiayon	-	4	4



MMCWA CEC members holding cordial discussions with villagers in Phayagi village in Bago Township.

Right of religious freedom should cover not only citizens but also foreign registration citizens

YANGON, 28 Jan — *The following is a translation on the suggestions made by U Kyaw Tint of delegate group of peasants of Sagaing Division concerning the chapters "Citizenship, Fundamental Rights and Duties of Citizens" and "the Role of the Tatmadaw" at the plenary session of the National convention held yesterday.*

The citizens will have to exercise their rights lawfully. As regards citizenship, naturalization and revocation of citizenship, the following basic principles should be adopted.

- "(1) All persons who have either one of following requirement are citizens of the Union of Myanmar —
- (a) All persons born of parents both of whom are nationals of the Union of Myanmar
 - (b) Persons who are vested with citizenship according to existing laws on the date this Constitution comes into force"
- (2) Citizenship, naturalization and revocation of citizenship shall be prescribed by the law"

The Chairman of the National Convention Convening Work Committee explained the true democracy rights including equality, liberty and justice, non-discrimination, election, race, religion and gender sectors. Concerning the equal rights of the citizens, paras 3 to 8 should be adopted as detailed basic principles.

We have found that the Work Committee made the explanations on the rights of the citizens after studying the constitutions of world nations and making due consideration of the historical events, political, economic and social sectors, State security, the rule of law, and prevalence of peace and stability of those nations. We on our part would like to suggest that the paras 9 to 13 should be adopted as detailed basic principles for the constitution.

Regarding enslavement and forced labour, the following points should be adopted as detailed basic principles.

- "1. The State prohibits enslaving of man and trafficking in persons
2. The State prohibits any forms of forced labour except hard labour as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted and duties assigned by the State in accord with the law in the interests of the State and the people"

The right of religious freedom should cover not only the citizens but also foreigners registration certificates. In connection with the right of religious freedom, with reference to the basic principles the National Convention has laid down, the points contained in the paras from 16 to 22 should be adopted as detailed basic principles.

As regards the education, every citizen should be given education in accord with the education policies. High literacy rate plays an important role in building a modern developed nation. It is an unforgettable lesson taken from the nation's history that in the colonial days, some national farmers who did not enjoy the right to pursue education lost their farmland unjustly due to deception of unscrupulous persons. So, it is required to enact a law that every citizen shall be given basic

education as compulsory. And every citizen should have the right to pursue science and to carry out innovation in literature and arts. However, a national race, in enjoying this right, will have to avoid any particular action in this respect which might adversely affect the literature, culture and arts of other national races. The State shall, in the education aspect, encourage and provide assistance for citizens outstanding in education irrespective of race, religion, and sex.

Hence, we are in favour of adopting the points contained in the paras from 23 to 25 in connection with educational rights.

The State will exercise the multi-party democracy system after the approval of the State Constitution. In a democratic nation, the State's sovereignty resides in the people. Hluttaws at different levels have to be formed in accord with the provisions of the Constitution to carry out administrative affairs. After the terms of Hluttaws have been fixed, the people will have to elect Hluttaw members representing the people to carry out functions. The people also have the right to be elected in accord with the law. The people shall be given the right to revoke, in accord with the law, the duties of a representative they have elected if he is not dutiful.

As regards the rights to elect and to be elected, the points contained in the paras 26 and 27 should be adopted as detailed basic principles.

An adopted basic principle states that the State shall practise market economy. For the progress of the national economy, the following points should be adopted as detailed basic principles.

- "1. Every citizen shall have the right to freely do business in accord with the law for the national economic development
2. The State shall help national businessmen have access to technologies, investments, machinery, and raw materials
3. In doing businesses subject to the law, every citizen should be guaranteed the rights of property ownership, using assets, innovation, and copyright by the State"

In connection with the rights in relation to criminal law, the following points should be adopted as detailed basic principles.

- "1. An accused should be convicted of crime in accord with the law at the time of the commission of the offence, nor shall he be subjected to a penalty greater than that applicable
2. Except the matter for which a next higher court revokes a judgement and orders to rehear the case regarding the judgement in which the court concerned convicted or acquitted an accused of the crime, any cases shall not be reheard
3. An accused shall have the right to make an argument against the charge
4. No citizen shall, except matters on precautionary

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measures taken for security of the State, prevalence of law and order, and community peace and tranquillity in accord with the law in the interests of the people, or the matters permitted according to an existing law, be placed in custody for more than 24 hours without the sanction of a competent judicial organ"

Vesting the Supreme Court of the Union with the power to issue writs should not affect the power of other courts to issue orders that is likely to be the power vested according to an existing law to issue writs. The power to issue writs shall not be suspended unless, in times of war, invasion, rebellion, insurrection or grave emergency, the public safety may so require. In carrying out tasks, some citizens may have to deal with foreign countries. Such citizens, at home or abroad, should have the right to seek protection of the State.

As the Work Committee Chairman's clarifications regarding the matter is comprehensive and clear, we are in support of adopting the points contained in the paras from 35 to 40.

Every citizen should enjoy the fundamental rights bestowed by the Constitution and dutifully carry out tasks that associate with the fundamental rights. Moreover, citizens are to pay taxes to be levied according to the law. As the points of paras from 41 to 47 explained by the Work Committee Chairman are appropriate, they should be adopted as detailed basic principles.

In addition, the point "The word the State stipulated in this Chapter means a body that exercises legislative and executive powers according to this Constitution" is suitable to be adopted as a detailed basic principle.

As all the 48 points explained by the Work Committee Chairman concerning the Citizenship, Rights and Duties of Citizens are found to be appropriate, they should be adopted as provisions for the constitution. — MNA

Mostly, State security and defence task involves secrets that need urgent action and swift accomplishment

YANGON, 28 Jan — *The following is a translation on the suggestions made by U Aye Kyu of delegate group of peasants of Magway Division concerning the chapters "Citizenship, Fundamental Rights and Duties of Citizens" and "the Role of the Tatmadaw" at the plenary session of the National convention held yesterday.*

If there is a state, there must be an institution to defend it. And the institution is no other than the armed forces "the Tatmadaw". As the Tatmadaw's duty is the national defence, the security and perpetuation of the state can be guaranteed only if the Tatmadaw is strong.

The First Myanmar Empire of King Anawrahta of Bagan dynasty, the Second Myanmar Empire of King Bayintnaung Kyaw Htin Nawrahta of Toungoo dynasty and the Third Myanmar Empire of King Alaungphaya U Aung Zeya of Konboun dynasty bear witness to the progress and unity a powerful Tatmadaw can bring during times when the defence might was strong. On the other hand, Myanmar suffered from the loss of her independence and sovereignty after disintegration during the years 1824, 1852 and 1885 when Tatmadaw was weak.

A study shows that a country's scope of international relations is measured by her economic and military power. Myanmar's history of multiparty system saw the formation of Pyusaw Htee troops in October 1955, the groups which instead of protecting the people were torturing them like utter gunmen misusing the firearms for themselves. As they became more terrible when the AFPFL split into two factions, they were dissolved on 1 September 1956. Thus, historical experiences stand witness to the fact that there

must be only a single armed forces in the nation.

In reference to the basic principle "the Tatmadaw is strong, modern and must be the sole existing Tatmadaw" already laid down by the National Convention, the detailed basic principle "The Tatmadaw is strong, modern and must be the sole existing brilliant and patriotic Tatmadaw" should be adopted.

A nation's life rests on its own constitution. The only institution that can effectively and swiftly ward off the threat endangering Our Three Main National Causes is no other than the Tatmadaw.

Hence, the basic principle "The Tatmadaw is mainly responsible for safeguarding the State Constitution" should be transferred as a detailed basic principle to the sector of the role of the Tatmadaw and adopted.

Myanmar faced three aggressive wars of the colonialists in the 19th Century and fell under unjust subjugation. There are examples that some nations lost or are facing encroachment on sovereignty resulting from the disintegration of the national unity.

Concerning the duty to defend and safeguard Our Three Main National Causes, the basic principle "The Tatmadaw is mainly responsible for safeguarding non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty" should be transferred to the chapter of the role of the Tatmadaw as a detailed basic principle.

The Tatmadaw had to take the national political leading role and safeguard the nation in 1948 and 1949 during which the Union faced the danger of disintegration and

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losing sovereignty again due to multi-coloured insurgency that broke out resulting from the loss of national unity soon after regaining of independence. The Tatmadaw drove out over 12,000 Kuomintang troops who invaded the nation in 1953, and liberated the Kuomintang-occupied territories. And when the nation was going to fall apart after the AFPFL split into two factions in 1958, it was also the Tatmadaw that restored the nation as the Caretaker Government. In 1962, the Tatmadaw had to take over the State duties because of
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High literacy rate plays important role in building modern developed nation

YANGON, 28 JAN — *The following is a translation on the suggestions presented by Daw Aye Aye Thaing of delegate group of workers of Ayeyawady Division at the plenary session of the National Convention held yesterday.*

I am going to give suggestions on two points concerning the citizenship, six points regarding equality, five points on freedom, two points in connection with enslavement and forced labour, seven points on religious rights, three points on cultural and educational rights, two points in relation with election, three points regarding the economic rights, four points relating to criminal procedures, six points on protection of rights guaranteed by the constitution, seven points concerning the duties of citizens, and one point on the term the State.

The people need to understand and correctly exercise fundamental rights guaranteed by the constitution. Citizenship that is included in the fundamental rights should be adopted for the constitution. In this regard, the following detailed basic principles are suitable to be adopted.

(1) All persons who have either one of the following requirements are citizens of the Union of Myanmar —

- (a) All persons born of parents both of whom are nationals of the Union of Myanmar
- (b) Persons who are vested with citizenship according to existing laws on the date this Constitution comes into force

(2) Citizenship, naturalization and revocation of citizenship shall be prescribed by the law

Regarding the right of equality and the right of freedom, the National Convention has laid down a basic principle "Every citizen shall enjoy the rights of equality, rights of liberty, and rights of justice etc. as prescribed in the State Constitution."

Equality before the law, non-discrimination of gender, race, religion, status, culture are included in the rights of citizens. Women shall be entitled to the same rights and salaries as that received by men in respect of similar work. However, nothing in the law shall prevent appointment of men to the positions that are naturally suitable for men only.

So, in connection with ensuring equality among citizens, seven points explained by the Chairman of National Convention Convening Work Committee should be adopted as detailed basic principles.

Our nation is going to exercise genuine multi-party democracy system through a new enduring Constitution. In the process, it is found that among the democratic practices are freedom of speech, press, assembly, procession, association, settlement in the State, property ownership and security of premises, etc. As the five points concerning the given matter are based on historical events, political, economic and social sectors, State security, the rule of law and community peace, they should be adopted as detailed basic principles.

In practising democracy, man is of most fundamental factor. It opposes enslaving of human and trafficking in persons that were common in ancient times of the world.

The constitutions of many nations oppose forced labour, except hard labour for those who are sentenced to prison terms according to law, and the State's assigning duties in accord with the law in the interests of the State and the people. In the 1947 Constitution of our nation were some provisions that prohibited such unjust matters. Thus the two points concerning enslavement and forced labour should be adopted as detailed basic principles.

Buddhism is the faith professed by the great majority of the citizens of the nation. There are also citizens in the nation who profess Islam, Christianity, Hinduism and Animism. But there should be a principle that ensures the exercise of this right shall not, in the interests of the State and the people, associate with politics, social affairs and other secular affairs, abuse of religion for political purpose, and any act which is intended or likely to incite feelings of enmity, conflicts and disagreements between racial or religious communities or sects. According to the seven points explained by the Work Committee Chairman, religious freedom should not include any economic, financial, political or other secular activities that may be associated with religious practice; the freedom so guaranteed should not debar the State from enacting laws for the purpose of social welfare and reform; the State recognizes the special position of Buddhism as the faith professed by the great majority of the citizens of the State; the State also recognizes Islam, Christianity, Hinduism and Animism as some religions existing in the Union. Thus, they should be adopted as detailed basic principles for the constitution.

More than one hundred national races live in our nation. Some customs, culture and arts of the national races are similar and some are not. The majority of the national races use Myanmar language and literature, and some national races have their own languages and literature. So, national races should have the right to freely develop their own literature, culture and traditions.

High literacy rate plays an important role in building a modern developed nation. The State shall, in the education aspect, encourage and provide assistance for citizens outstanding in education.

As regards the educational rights, the three points explained by the Work Committee Chairman should be adopted.

As the two points relating to election says, "Subject to this Constitution and relevant laws, every citizen shall have the right to elect and to be elected to the Pyithu Hluttaw, the Amyotha Hluttaw, the Region or State Hluttaw" and "Respective electorate shall have the right to revoke the duties of a Hluttaw member in accord with the law", they are appropriate to be adopted as detailed basic principles.

National economic development plays a major role in the drive for proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system. To ensure national economic development, citizens should have the right to freely do businesses in accord with the law. Moreover, the State should give guarantee to the citizens in doing businesses subject to the law, the citizens should be guaranteed property ownership, rights to use assets and to innovate. Thus, the two points in connection with economy should

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be adopted as detailed basic principles.

The four points which say, "An accused should be convicted of crime in accord with the law at the time of the commission of the offence, nor shall he be subjected to a penalty greater than that applicable"; "Except the matter for which a next higher court revokes a judgement and orders to rehear the case regarding the judgement in which the court concerned convicted or acquitted an accused of the crime, any cases shall not be reheard"; "An accused shall have the right to make an argument against the charge"; and "No citizen shall, except matters on precautionary measures taken for security of the State, prevalence of law and order, and community peace and tranquillity in accord with the law in the interests of the people, or the matters permitted according to an existing law, be placed in custody for more than 24 hours without the sanction of a competent judicial organ" should be adopted as detailed basic principles for the constitution.

The six points concerning the Supreme Court, the issuance of writs, protection of citizens at home and abroad, restriction and revocation of the rights and powers vested in the members who are discharging national defence duties, or duties for prevalence of law and order and State security, and so on are appropriate to be adopted as detailed basic principles.

We also agree that the seven points that deal with the responsibilities of the citizens to uphold Our Three Main National Causes, abide by the provisions of the Constitution, safeguard independence, sovereignty, territory of the Union of Myanmar, enhance unity among national races, build a modern developed nation, undergo military training in accord with the provisions of the law and to serve in the armed forces to defend the State, and pay taxes should be laid down as detailed basic principles.

The point "The word the State stipulated in this Chapter means a body that exercises legislative and executive powers according to this Constitution" should be adopted as a detailed basic principle.

The delegate group of workers supports that all the 48 points of the chapter should be adopted as detailed basic principles. — MNA

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a grave situation arising from some loopholes of the 1947 Constitution that were driving the Union to disintegration. In 1988, the Tatmadaw had to discharge the historic duty of assuming the State responsibilities because of the unavoidable circumstances caused by anarchy that reigned the country and made public lives and property at risk without any security and the vulnerability of the nation's sovereignty to alien encroachment.

Hence, detailed basic principle "The Tatmadaw shall lead in safeguarding the Union of Myanmar against all internal and external dangers. The Tatmadaw is the core armed forces for national defence" should be adopted.

All the citizens have the duty to safeguard and defend the nation. Hence, I would like to give a suggestion that "The Tatmadaw has the right to administer for participation of the entire people in the State security and defence. The people's militia strategy shall be formed with Tatmadaw's leadership" should be adopted.

All the armed personnel should be responsible to the Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services (the Tatmadaw). Only then, will they all be able to work under

single command.

Concerning the command of the armed forces, I would like to suggest that the detailed basic principle "All the armed forces in the Union shall be under the command of the Tatmadaw" should be adopted. Moreover, the detailed basic principles "The Defence Services Commander-in-Chief is the Supreme Commander of all armed forces" and "As a reference in designating the official position of the Commander-in-Chief, the Commander-in-Chief is designated as Vice-President level" should be adopted.

As regards the appointment of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, the detailed basic principle "The President shall appoint the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services with the proposal and recommendation of the National Defence and Security Council" should be adopted.

Mostly, State security and defence task involves secrets that need urgent action and swift accomplishment. Hence, the detailed basic principle "The Tatmadaw has the right to independently administer all affairs concerning the forces" should be adopted.

In the world nations military laws and rules and regulations are enacted. In our country military courts have

been formed according to the Defence Services Act promulgated in 1959. Hence, the detailed basic principle "Military justice for members of the Tatmadaw may be administered according to law by a collective organ or by a judge" should be adopted. Moreover, the detailed basic principle "The decision of the Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services is final and conclusive in military justice" should also be adopted.

As to provide care for families of fallen or disabled soldiers, the detailed basic principle "A Law shall be enacted to provide assistance and care for families of the disabled or fallen Tatmadaw members" should be adopted.

Concerning the disasters affecting the nation and the people, the detailed basic principle "The Tatmadaw shall render assistance to the people upon occurrence of a calamity in the Union that affects the nation and the people" should be adopted.

As the delegates of Peasant Group find the 48 detailed basic principles for the chapter "Citizenship, Fundamental Rights and Duties of Citizens" and 14 detailed basic principles of the chapter "The Role of the Tatmadaw" appropriate, they all are to be adopted. The group has no separate suggestions.

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Educative talks given



Deputy Minister for Information U Thein Sein gives lecture on seven-point Road Map of the State. —MNA

YANGON, 28 Jan — Organized by Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation, an educative talk was given at MAAF on Thanlwin Road in Bahan Township this morning.

Present on the occasion were President of MAAF

Daw Than Than Nwe, Vice-President Daw Khin Lay Myint, patrons of State and Division WAOs, Deputy Minister for Information U Thein Sein, intellectuals and intelligentsia and guests.

Deputy Minister U Thein Sein gave talks on

seven-point Road Map and Prof Dr Ma Tin Win educative talks.

Later, President Daw Than Than Nwe presented gifts to the deputy minister and the professor.

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Yangon Zoological Gardens Centenary goes on

YANGON, 28 Jan — The celebration of the centenary of the Yangon Zoological Gardens continued for the fourth day today. As today is Sunday public holiday, Yangon Zoological Gardens drew the attraction of more than 150,000 visitors.

At the booth of the Ministry of Forestry, the brief history and facts about of Zoological Gardens (Yangon) and rare animals were shown. Besides, personal goods, cosmetics and foodstuff shops were open.

Seeking relaxation and recreation, the visitors watched stage show and animal performance shows.

Tomorrow, a stage show will be performed with music stars including Myo Kyawt Myaing,



People enjoy show of elephant at celebration of centenary of Zoological Gardens (Yangon).

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Hsaung Oo Hlaing, Sithu Lwin, Big Bag, Bo Phyu, Thiri J Maung Maung, and Shin Phone.

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Aerial view of Vest Factory (Taungtha) in Taungtha, Myingyan District.

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Ngamoeyeik, Gyophyu pipelines opened in Thingangyun Township in support of National Convention

YANGON, 28 Jan — In support of the National Convention, organized by Thingangyun Township Union Solidarity and Development Association, Ngamoeyeik and Gyophyu pipe lines were opened to provide drinking water for D/8 Ward in Thingangyun Township at the junction of Thanthuma Road and Lutlatyay Road in the township this morning, attended by USDA CEC Member Yangon Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin.

Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, Yangon Division USDA Acting Secretary U Aung Myint, Township USDA Secretary U Khin Wai and Chairman of water supply committee for the ward U Aye Than formally opened the pipe lines.

Next, the mayor and officials inspected the water supply for the houses through the pipe lines.

Afterwards, the ceremony to present the USDA

membership applications took place at No 19 BEPS in Thingangyun Township with an address by Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin.

Later, Township USDA Secretary U Khin Wai reported on the completion of water supply through Ngamoeyeik and Gyophyu pipe lines and the future plans. The pipe lines to supply water for the ward cost K 1.98 million.

Next, the mayor and party inspected the collective cleaning tasks of social organizations and departmental personnel round the lake for drinking water in 4 South Ward in Thakayta Township in support of the National Convention and the site to construct the water purifying plant near the lake. — MNA



Ko Maung Maung Than-Ma Thida Ko Ko (The Sun Music) of Kyauktada Township recently donated K 100,000 to Hninzigon Home for the Aged through Joint-Secretary U Thein Aung of the Home. — H

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The length and breadth of the nation, the government is building the factories that are beyond the reach of national entrepreneurs to make investments and that call for advanced technologies.

In the process, priority has been given to the building of factories for which raw materials are available in the nation and the factories that make considerable contribution towards the development of the nation. As a result, the entire nation has seen a large number of mod-



Prime Minister General Soe Win unveils the signboard of Vest Factory (Taungtha) of Myanma Textile Industries. — MNA

ern industries. Overall, the industrial sector is making progress in parallel with the agricultural sector. Occupying an economically strategic position, Myingyan region is catching up with the process of the development of the nation.

used to face the sufferings of water shortage, hot weather, and poverty, as well as armed insurgency of Yebawbyu (PVO) and communists and political unrest at the instigation of aboveground political parties such as AFPFL, Pa-

So, it can be said the region plays an important role in the political, economic and social affairs spheres of the nation. Myingyan region is located in the centre of the arid zone. So, it cannot cultivate rice on a large

deavours into the Nine-District Greening Project including Myingyan District.

Now, the district has been facilitated with 15 dams constructed and nine river water pumping stations under construction.

Head of State and the government for agricultural development, rice sufficiency, and boosting agricultural production, calling for conservation and protection of forests and vegetation essential for fine climate.

and personnel at all levels to maintain the irrigation facilities.

State service personnel will become duty-conscientious ones only when they are well convinced that they are discharging State duties and serving



Prime Minister General Soe Win presents fruits basket to Mr Cheng Zheng Hao of Shanghai World Best Group Co Ltd. — MNA

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Myingyan region

Hta-Sa, Pa-Ma-Nya-Ta.

Myingyan District's population is larger than any other regions in Mandalay Division. It produces cotton, beans and pulses, edible oil crops, jaggery, and onion on a commercial scale. Besides, many celebrities and great merchants are from Myingyan.

scale and relies on Myittha, Kyaukse, Shwebo and Lower Myanmar to get required amount of rice.

So, since the assumption of State duties, the government under the guidance of Head of State Senior General Than Shwe has put all-out en-



Prime Minister General Soe Win observes production processes of Vest Factory (Taungtha). — MNA

The mountain ranges in the district such as Taungtha, Nanmyint, Kokke, Myinsai, Kyauktalon and Minsone are now lush and green due to the drive for afforestation. He stressed the importance of effective use of the water supply projects initiated by the

Although the government has constructed dams wherever possible in the regions, the rice sufficiency of Myingyan District stands at 19 per cent and Taungtha Township at 17 per cent. So, local people are to make sustained efforts to meet the target of rice sufficiency,

the interests of the people, getting the salaries paid by the State. The government on its part has constructed factories, mills, dams, river water pumping stations, roads, and railroads, and established Myingyan Industrial Zone in the region.

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Prime Minister General Soe Win observes physice nut oil-used stove.—MNA

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Moreover, the government has opened a degree college and technical institute as the region is densely populated and economically strategic. He called for maintenance of all good foundations and heritages for their durability.

He expressed his belief that local people would realize the genuine goodwill of the government. The facilities justify the goodwill and endeavours the government has made for well-being of the State and the people. It is sure that if the government showed normal goodwill to the people, it would take much longer time to complete such many factories, dams and roads.

So, in response to correct leadership of the government, the local people on their part are to lend themselves to the drive. It

Gen Khin Zaw said that Industrial Development Committee headed by the Prime Minister has been formed for the development of industrial sectors. Furthermore, 18 industrial zones have also been established.

The new factory could be constructed in Mandalay Division and as a result, the job opportunities can be also created for local people.

Besides, it can be seen that allround agriculture tasks are being carried out on a grand scale at a lower cost in Taungtha Township at the time of Tatmadaw government.

Under the guidance of the Head of State, the fuel-substitute physic nut plants can be cultivated and these plants can be found a lot in Myingyan and Taungtha townships in Mandalay Division.

The local people are to



Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung. — MNA

is important for the people to take part in the transition to a discipline-flourishing democratic nation based on community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order, harmony and understanding between superiors and subordinates. In conclusion, the Prime Minister called for combined efforts and harmonious cooperation of the State, the people and the Tatmadaw to accelerate the tasks for regional and national development.

Commander Maj-

observe in detail how useful the physic nut oil is at the demonstration of Ministry of Industry-1.

The vest factory (Taungtha) project is the biggest and modern among all vest factories and it can produce 2 million of garment including vests, T-shirts and sport shirts per year.

In conclusion, the commander said that the factory opened gives lots of supports for the production of quality products and he urged factory staff, officials concerned and local people



Managing Director U Oo Thein Maung, Myingyan District PDC Chairman Lt-Col Tun Win and CEO Mr Cheng Zheng Hao of Shanghai World Best Group Co Ltd formally open Vest Factory (Taungtha). — MNA

to fulfil the requirements for the long term maintenance.

Afterwards, Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung made a speech.



Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw. — MNA

Industrial development is imperative in building a modern, developed nation. So, systematic measures are being taken to develop not only State-owned industries but also private-owned industries. Under the Industrial Development Committee under the leadership of the Prime Minister, Myanmar Industrial Development Commit-



Taungtha Township USDA Executive Daw Thida. — MNA

tee is taking steps to develop the industrial sector with added momentum. There are 1654 heavy industries, 2416 medium industries and 5509 light industries in the 18 industrial zones. At the same time, various ministries including the Ministry of Industry-1 are implementing projects for industrial development. The Ministry of Industry-1 has built a total of 56 factories — 11 from 1988-89 to 1995-96 and 45 from 1996-97 to 2004-2005. Taungtha vest factory is the 57th opened by the ministry after 1988-89. With the advent of the factory, over 1600 locals have enjoyed job opportunities, and as a result, their livelihood will improve soon, said the minister. With the improvement of their economy, they will be able to pursue their education and there will emerge educated persons.

As the factory was built in cooperation with CWGC Co of the People's Repub-

lic of China, it will further cement the relationship between the two countries, he said.

Next, on behalf of local people Taungtha Township USDA executive Daw Thidar expressed thanks. After the ceremony, the Prime Minister and party cordially greeted those present. Next, they inspected vests at the vest shop of the factory and producing of physic nut oil and use of physic nut oil as bio-diesel demonstrated by the Ministry of Industry-1.

The Prime Minister and party also viewed production process of physic nut oil and running of machines and power tillers with physic nut oil at the booths displayed at the factory. Afterwards, they

location of the factory, the objectives of building the factory and public demand for clothing and fulfilling of public requirements. Myanmar Textile Industries Managing Director U Oo Thein Maung reported on building of the factory at a cost of K 2727.971 million plus 22.552 million of foreign currency including US \$ 3.282 million, K 2750.523 million of investments, installation of 247 machines at the factory, production of over 160,000 vests, T-shirts and sports shirts and requirements of raw materials. Later, the Prime Minister inquired about education, health and economic conditions in the region. Officials reported on requirements of respective sectors. The Prime

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viewed documentary photos on growing of physic nut plants in Natogyi, Ngazun, Taungtha, Kyaukpadaung and Myingyan townships. The Prime Minister and party then inspected production of vests and operation of machines at the factory. Next, the Prime Minister gave necessary instructions to officials.

At the briefing hall of the vest factory (Taungtha), Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung reported to the Prime Minister on

Minister fulfilled the needs.

Later, CEO Mr Cheng Zheng Hao of Shanghai World Best Group Co Ltd of the PRC presented gift to the Prime Minister who gave the fruits basket to the CEO. To mark opening of the factory, Managing Director of Myanmar Textile Industry donated cash to Taungtha Township USDA, Township WAO and MCWA.

Afterwards, the Prime Minister and party cordially greeted those present.

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The newly-opened Vest Factory (Taungtha) in Taungtha. — MNA

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein attends opening of refectory, concrete road of Thiri Gonwai Dhamma Beikman Monastery in Laydauntkan



Daw Khin Than Nwe, wife of Lt-Gen Tin Oo, presents offertories to a Sayadaw. —MNA



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presents offertories to a Sayadaw. —MNA

YANGON, 28 Jan — Chairman of Myanmar War Veterans Organization Central Organizing Committee Secretariat-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thein Sein attended the

ceremony to share merits for construction of the refectory and the concrete road of Thiri Gonwai Dhamma Beikman Monastery in No 1 War Veterans Model Village (Laydauntkan) in Dagon Myothit (South) Town-

ship, this morning.

It was attended by Member of the State Central Working Committee of the Sangha Presiding Sayadaw of Five Nikaya Sasana Beikman Monastery Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Tejobhasa and

members of the Sangha, Daw Khin Than Nwe, wife of Lt-Gen Tin Oo, Vice-Chairman of MWVOC Vice-Admiral Kyi Min (Retd) and COC members ministers, deputy minister and the vice-mayor, officials of the SPDC Office, departmental heads, members of the Township WVO and social organizations, religious association and wellwishers. Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Tejobhasa administered the Nine Precepts. The Secretary-1 and party offered alms to the Sayadaws. Next, members of the Sangha recited Parittas.

Afterwards, the Secretary-1 and the ministers accepted K 500,000 donated by staff families of

the Customs Department; K 300,000 each by U Tin Win-Daw San San Win (KN Co) and people of Nyaungsayay Village in Shwedaung Township; 200,070 by U Thein Maung-Daw Pa Pa (Sandi Traditional Medicine); K 100,000 each by Yangon East District PDC Chairman Lt-Col Maung Maung Shein, U Myo Aung-Daw Khin Yi Mon (Hsan Myanmar Co), U Kyaw Win Swe (5 Stone Co Ltd), U Win Aung (Briquette Industry), U Than Naing Win (Thanmyanthu Briquette Industry), and U Khin Maung Gyi-Daw Sanda; K 108,000 by U Than Maung-Daw Ngwe Kyi (Parami Store), K 30,000 by Captain Aung Myint (Retd)-Daw Thauang Sein; and K

20,000 by Sgt Nyunt Shwe-Daw Kyi.

Thiri Gonwai Dhamma Beikman Monastery Sayadaw Agga Maha Ganthavaçaka Pandita Bhaddanta Paññasihabhivamsa delivered a sermon, and the congregation shared merits gained. Maj-Gen Aung Thein and wellwisher U Min Min Aung (Silver Ware Trading Co) formally opened the corridor.

Daw Khin Than Nwe cut the ribbon to open the refectory. Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein unveiled the signboard of the refectory, and sprinkled scented water on the stone plaque of the refectory. A total amount of K 3.51 million was spent on construction of the refectory and the concrete road. — MNA



Daw Khin Than Nwe, wife of Lt-Gen Tin Oo, formally opens refectory of Thiri Gonwai Dhamma Beikman Monastery in No 1 War Veterans Model village (Laydauntkan) in Dagon Myothit (South). — MNA

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The ceremony to mark the opening ceremony followed at the school hall. Speaking on the occasion, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein said that the Government is striving for ensuring peace and stability and development of the nation. Intellectuals and intelligentsia play a vital role in carrying out development tasks of the country. Hence, the national education promotion programmes are being implemented systematically. For producing quality and qualified human resources, the plan is being materialized for standardizing curricula, ensuring uplift of teachers' efficiency, and providing modern teaching aids to the schools. Nowadays, there are over 40,000 basic education high

schools, middle schools, post-primary schools and primary schools in over 60,000 villages throughout the nation. The ratio of villages to schools stands at 3:2. Over 250,000 teachers have been appointed at the schools at different levels. At present, concerted efforts are being made for transition to democracy that the people long for. It is very important for the people to have knowledge of democracy at a time when the discipline-flourishing democratic nation takes shape. The Government disseminates general knowledge to the people to be able to realize dos and don'ts and right and wrong. Therefore, the nation must be built as the educated nation through fruits of the education sector.

While constantly learning education for uplift of self-efficiency, teachers are to nurture the students to become outstanding youths. Furthermore, the teachers should train their pupils to become those who have practice to observe not only laws, rules and regulations of the nation but also school disciplines. In conclusion, the Secretary-1 stressed the need for the teachers to nurture the students to realize Union Spirit that is lifeblood for perpetual existence of the Union of Myanmar.

Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein reported on national education promotion tasks.

Chairman of the School Board of Trustees Captain Kyi Tun (Retd) handed over documents related to the new school

building to Director-General U Aye Kyu of No 3 Department of Basic Education. The Secretary-1 and the commander accepted K 2 million for the school donated by MWVO; K 2.5 million by Thanmyanthu Syndicate; K 300,000 by U Tin Win-Daw San San Win (KN Co); K 200,070 by U

Thein Maung-Daw Pa Pa (Sandi Traditional Medicine); K 200,000 each by U Kyaw Win Swe (5 Stone Co Ltd) and U Win Aung (Briquette Industry); K 100,000 each by U Aung Mon-Daw Hla Hla Maw (Myint Aung Myat Paddy Production) and U Than Naing Win (Thanmyanthu Briquette Industry); and

K 30,000 by SBT. Headmaster U Than Sein spoke words of thanks. The new school building has eight classrooms. The building measuring 140 feet by 30 feet was built at a cost of K 18.8 million by the Ministry of Education, K 2 million by MWVO and K 15.7 million by wellwishers. — MNA



New building of Basic Education High School in No 1 War Veterans Model Village (Laydauntkan) in Dagon Myothit (South). — MNA

About 8 million rural people enjoy fruitful result of potable water supply...

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or insufficient. Implementation of the project has completed by 93 per cent by supplying potable water to 7,467 villages out of 8,042 in three arid divisions during the period from 2000-2001 to the end of December in 2005-2006 fiscal years. Likewise, 7,868 villages out of 15,183 villages are being supplied with drinking water. Hence, water supply tasks have been undertaken in 15,335 villages out of 23,225.

The rural region water supply plan is being implemented by spending K 7,235.47 million, US\$ 5.67 million, euro 770, FEC 10,012 and ¥ 734.08 million. At the first cash donation ceremony, 1,515 wellwishers donated K 1,173.924 million, US\$ 74,252, euro 770 and FEC 10,012. Likewise, 133 wellwishers donated in advance K 131.682 million

and US\$ 2,500 for the 11th cash donation ceremony. Furthermore, Union Solidarity and Development Association, Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation, Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association, Myanmar War Veterans Organization and other social organizations actively participate in potable water supply tasks for rural region.

Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), Bridge Asia Japan (BAJ) and UNICEF also contribute to implementation of the water supply plans for the rural regions. Up to the end of 2004-05 financial year, 30 townships in Sagaing, Magway and Mandalay Divisions are now able to enjoy drinking water.

As part of producing fuel, physic nut plants are being grown in all villages. In addition, the test-running is being conducted

for supply of water with the use of bio-diesel. The minister said that employees of Development Committees are making efforts for supply of potable water in rural areas.

Next, the cash donation ceremony followed. Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence, the ministers, the deputy ministers and the vice-mayor accepted K 1321.82 and US\$ 2,500 donated by 134 wellwishers including K 1 million by MWVO; K 4.3 million by MWAF; K 500,000 by USDA; and K 500,000 by MMCWA.

One of the wellwishers explained the purpose of the donations.

Afterwards, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein delivered an address, saying that the Head of State laid down Our Three Main National Causes and objectives for the emergence of a peaceful, modern, de-



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein accepts cash donated by a wellwisher. — MNA

veloped and discipline-flourishing democratic nation. The border area and national races development project, the 24-special region development project and five rural development tasks are being implemented for equitable development of all regions of the nation.

As part of enhancing living standard of the rural people, Development Affairs Committees have been assigned duties to ensure better transport and supply of potable water in rural areas where 70 per cent population of the nation are living in.

The people of the regions had taken about 4 or 5 hours a day to fetch clean water, and dysentery, diarrhoea and other common infectious diseases broke out in the regions due to contaminated water in the past. The DAD launched the 10-year rural clean water project in

2000-2001 fiscal year. The Government, the DACs, wellwishers, USDA, social organizations and international organizations are providing assistance for the project.

Thanks to the cooperative efforts, of the 8,042 villages in three dry divisions — Sagaing, Magway and Mandalay — 7,467 villages or about 8 million rural people now enjoy fruitful result of the potable water supply plan at the end of December in 2005-06 fiscal year. In the other areas that were facing shortage of water, the DAD ensure clean water supply to 7,868 villages out of 15,183. The department has been sinking tube-wells in all areas including the delta and coastal regions, and sound foundations are emerging.

Seven townships in Sagaing Division, 12 townships in Magway Division, 11 in Mandalay Division, totalling 30 are now enjoy-

ing potable water. Furthermore, drinking water could be supplied to the whole Pakokku District. Hence, efforts are to be made for supply of potable water with momentum to the whole areas at township, district and division levels. At the cash donation ceremonies from the first to 10th time, 1,515 wellwishers donated K 1173.92491 million, US\$ 74,252, euro 770, and FEC 10,012. At today's ceremony, wellwishers donated over K 132 million and US\$ 2,500. Hence, the department is to maintain the tube-wells in cooperation with the local people because the generosity of the donors is beyond expression.

After the ceremony, the Secretary-1 greeted the wellwishers, and viewed documentary photos on functions of the ministry to supply potable water to rural areas. — MNA

There are 23,225 villages — 8,042 in Mandalay, Sagaing and Magway Divisions and 15,183 in other 14 states and divisions, where potable water is scarce or insufficient. Implementation of the project has completed by 93 per cent by supplying potable water to 7,467 villages out of 8,042 in three arid divisions during the period from 2000-2001 to the end of December in 2005-2006 fiscal years. Likewise, 7,868 villages out of 15,183 villages are being supplied with drinking water. Hence, water supply tasks have been undertaken in 15,335 villages out of 23,225.

48,500 rural libraries have been opened so far Fourth Dr Tin Shwe Literary Award presentation held

YANGON, 28 Jan — The fourth Dr Tin Shwe Literary Award presentation was held at International Business Centre this morning, with an address by Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan. Also present were officials of the Ministry of Information, Chairman of Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association U Hla Myaing (Ko Hsaung) and EC members, literatis, officials of the journals and magazines and families of Dr Tin Shwe.

In his address, the minister said the government is making efforts to build a peaceful, modern developed democracy-flourishing nation based on not only the desire of the government but that of the entire people

including literary workers. In doing so, three factors are essential— stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity and prevalence of law and order, infrastructures for development of the nation and human resource development.

He said human resource development plays an important role in national development. In education sector, the government is carrying out plans for promotion of intellect of student youths who will shape the future of the State. The students can now receive their education in basic education schools and higher institutions in the respective regions. He spoke of the need for



Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan presents prize to Writer Kyaw Win. MNA



Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan speaking at Dr Tin Shwe Literary Award presentation ceremony. —MNA

literatis to enhance the thoughts, intellect and knowledge of the people in service, he said.

The majority of the population are rural people and it is important to improve their knowledge. The Ministry of Information is giving priority to the opening of self-reliance rural libraries throughout the country based on the strengths of the State, local people and wellwishers. Out of over 60,000 villages, 48,500 libraries have been opened. Arrangements are being made for opening of the rest of the villages in 2006, he said.

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Al-Jazeera airs video of two Germans seized in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 28 Jan— A video of two German hostages seized in northern Iraq Tuesday was aired by the pan-Arab al-Jazeera television on Friday.

The video showed that the two German engineers were seated on the ground with armed men behind them.

The Qatar-based channel said that the two Germans appealed to the German Government to work for their release.

The video tape was dated on January 24, the day when they were abducted in the northern Iraqi city of Baiji, some 240 kilometres north of Baghdad.

According to German Foreign Ministry, the two engineers, Thomas Nitzschke and Rene Braeunlich were working for a German company that has a commercial relationship with an Iraqi detergent company in Baiji.

Bangladesh export earning reaches \$4b in 5 months

DHAKA, 27 Jan — Bangladesh exported goods worth 4.01billion US dollars during the first five months of the current fiscal year, up 12.73 per cent from the corresponding period of the previous fiscal.

The growth in export earnings was mainly due to rise in volume of export by 18 per cent both in primary products and manufactured goods.

Woven garments and knitwear contributed most in the export performance of the country during the period, an official of the Export Promotion Bureau (EPB) said on Thursday.

MNA/Xinhua

Bangladeshi PM calls for collective efforts to combat HIV/AIDS

DHAKA, 27 Jan — Bangladeshi Prime Minister Khaleda Zia here on Thursday urged all to come up with collective efforts to combat HIV/AIDS. Inaugurating the Second Sub-regional Parliamentary Seminar on HIV/AIDS, Khaleda said some important steps at regional level have been taken to fight HIV/AIDS.

At the 13th South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) Summit in Dhaka, South Asian leaders have welcomed the preparation of a collective SAARC strategy to prevent the spread of the disease in the region, she said. The leaders also ratified the SAARC convention on trafficking of women and children which, while protecting women and children, will help prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS.

Khaleda said a number of countries in Asia have seen either nation-wide epidemic or serious and localized epidemic.

The Prime Minister said it is feared that AIDS epicentre is gradually shifting from Africa to Asia

and experiences also indicate that HIV/AIDS has no racial, class or religious bias. "No country can claim immunity from HIV epidemic," she said.

Bangladesh has so far been a low-prevalent country with regard to HIV/AIDS, Khaleda said.

"We, however, must be constantly vigilant. Our religious and cultural values are no doubt a great deterrent against the spread of this disease. But our very geographical location makes us vulnerable. Also certain groups in our country show a high-risk behaviour," she said.

The two-day seminar was sponsored by some international organization like United Nations Development Programme,

World Health Organization and the government of Norway.

MNA/Xinhua

Iraqi cameraman killed in clash between US, rebels

RAMADI, 27 Jan — An Iraqi television cameraman was killed in clashes between Sunni rebels and US forces in the guerilla stronghold of Ramadi on Tuesday, witnesses said on Wednesday.

Mahmoud Za'al, who worked for Baghdad Satellite Channel, was filming an attack on two buildings occupied by US forces in Ramadi when he was wounded in the legs and then killed moments later in a US airstrike, witnesses told Reuters.

The US military denied it had launched an airstrike in Ramadi on Tuesday and declined comment on the clashes or Za'al's death. It said it had launched a strike in the vicinity of Ramadi on Monday but this had caused no injuries or damage.

Baghdad Satellite Channel, which is owned by the biggest Sunni political grouping, the Iraqi Islamic Party, confirmed Za'al's death and said it was investigating the circumstances.

Witnesses said at noon on Tuesday that gunmen began firing mortar rounds at the governorate directorate building and the Iraqi Nationality Department, both bases for US forces.

The gunmen also blasted the buildings with heavy machineguns and rocket propelled grenades, they said, adding the assault had lasted several hours.

"When they got very close to these buildings, helicopters and other military planes started shooting at them," one witness said.

"The cameraman was in the streets to film the clashes when he was wounded, first in his legs, and then when US planes started shooting he was killed."

Doctor Hamdi al-Alusi at Ramadi Hospital said two civilians were killed and three wounded, including a woman and a 10-year-old child, in the violence. He did not know whether any gunmen or US soldiers had been killed or wounded.

US forces in Ramadi called in airstrikes last Friday to repulse a guerilla attack. The rebel assault coincided with the release of the results of the December 15 parliamentary poll, which confirmed the dominance of Shiite Islamists.

MNA/Reuters

Mexico denies troops in US border drug chase

MEXICO CITY, 27 Jan — Mexico denied on Wednesday that its troops were involved in a border incident in Texas where police chased drug smugglers, apparently dressed in Mexican Army uniforms, who became stranded in the waters of the Rio Grande.

It was the latest point of friction between the two estranged neighbours who have fought over illegal immigration, border security and drug violence for the last year.

The US envoy to Mexico accused the government of failing to control crime.

Rampant crime near the border "highlights the inability of the Mexican Government to police its own communities", US Ambassador Tony Garza said in a statement.

The FBI photographed about 10 men wearing camouflage and unloading drugs from a vehicle stuck in the river after US police chased it there on Monday.

A Humvee military-style vehicle stood by on the Mexican bank of the river that divides the two countries.

Mexican Foreign Minister Luis Ernesto Derbez said checks proved that all Mexican Army units were either in barracks or otherwise accounted for at the time.

"And secondly, the type of equipment detected, a Humvee with a .50-caliber machine gun, is not armament we have

in the border area," he told Mexican radio.

Mexico was explaining the incident to Washington after the US Government asked for an investigation.

The Army is key in what President Vicente Fox has dubbed Mexico's "mother of all battles" against drug gangs but troops, including an elite anti-drug commando unit called the Zetas, have defected to narco gangs.

Derbez said the men involved in the chase near Sierra Blanca in western Texas could have been US citizens of Mexican descent or unknown criminals trying to sully the Army's name.

Texas police followed three vehicles they spotted near the border when one of them, carrying 1,400 pounds (635 kilos) of marijuana, blew a tyre.

MNA/Reuters

Clipper yachts prepare to sail off to resume the Clipper Round the World Yacht Race in Singapore on 27 Jan, 2006. — INTERNET



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Rare cases of liver failure linked to antibiotic

NEW YORK, 26 Jan—Physicians in Charlotte, North Carolina describe three cases of severe liver toxicity that appear to have been caused by the antibacterial agent telithromycin, according to an online report of the *Annals of Internal Medicine*.

Although there have been other reports of liver toxicity associated with telithromycin, "the biggest difference here was the outcome, with one patient dying and one requiring liver transplantation, which have not been reported before", co-author Dr John S Hanson, from Carolinas Medical Centre, told *Reuters Health*.

He emphasized that "since being approved by the FDA in late 2004 there have been 2.7 million prescriptions written, so this type of reaction is quite rare". Telithromycin is used to treat respiratory

tract bacterial infections. Bacteria that are resistant to other antibiotics are often still sensitive to telithromycin, according to the article.

The three patients were first seen with symptoms of jaundice and markedly abnormal results on liver function tests within a few days of receiving telithromycin.

One patient improved upon withdrawal of telithromycin. Jaundice resolved within two weeks, and the patient's liver enzyme levels normalized by week eight.

The second patient de-

veloped jaundice while on telithromycin. Liver enzyme levels were elevated, and abdominal ultrasound tests revealed liver abnormalities. One month later, CT scans showed a small liver and an enlarged spleen. This patient subsequently underwent liver transplantation.

MNA/Reuters



A man chooses a dog-shaped decoration for the Lunar New Year on a street in Hanoi, Vietnam on 26 Jan, 2006. —INTERNET

Fermented milk drink reduces high blood pressure

NEW YORK, 25 Jan — A traditional Scandinavian beverage, fermented milk, can help reduce blood pressure in people with hypertension, a new study from Finland shows.

The drink has long been popular in Scandinavian countries, Dr Riita Korpela

of Valio Ltd. Research and Development in Helsinki, the study's lead author, told *Reuters Health* in an e-mail interview. Valio makes a modern version, with juice added, and sells it in several European countries.

It is made by adding *Lactobacillus* to milk, which breaks down the milk protein casein into two types of protein fragments called tripeptides.

The tripeptides, isoleucine-proline-proline and valine-proline-proline,

have been shown in animal studies to reduce blood pressure and also lower blood pressure in people with mild hypertension. According to Korpela and her colleagues, they work by blocking the blood-pressure-raising chemical angiotensin-converting enzyme (ACE), the same mechanism employed by ACE inhibitor drugs.

In the current study, the researchers randomized 94 people with hypertension who were not taking any medications to 150 mL of the fermented milk or a control drink twice daily for 10 weeks. Study participants underwent 24-hour blood pressure monitoring at the beginning of the study and at the end.

After 10 weeks, aver-

age systolic blood pressures — the top number in a blood pressure reading — were about four points lower in the group consuming the fermented milk, while diastolic pressure (the bottom number) was nearly two points lower.

Past researchers have estimated that a three-point reduction in systolic blood pressure reduces the risk of stroke by 10 per cent to 13 per cent, and the likelihood of heart attack by 7 per cent, Korpela told *Reuters Health*.

"It is also important to notice, that this is a very natural way of treating enhanced blood pressure, without any adverse side effects," the researcher added. — MNA/Reuters

Research shows basic gene may lead to short sight

BEIJING, 27 Jan—A gene key to the eye development may also be a factor in short sight, a wide-spread disease in China mainly caused by improper reading or watching behaviours, according to a research by some Chinese scientists.

A team of scientists in Guangzhou, capital of south China's Guangdong Province, discovered in a decade-long study that the gene "pax-6" plays an important role in the process of eye development, according to Thursday's *China Daily* report.

The study was to determine the mechanism leading to human short-

sightedness based on the role of pax-6 in the causes of the same eye condition in infant rhesus monkeys, said Ge Jian, director of Zhongshan Ophthalmic Centre under Guangzhou's Sun Yat-sen University.

"The study means we can reinforce the much-de-

bated idea that most young people become short-sighted from reading too close to books or working too closely to objects such as computer screens," Ge, who leads the research programme, was cited by the Beijing-based newspaper as saying. — MNA/Xinhua

UNESCO names Sweden world No 1 in science, innovation

STOCKHOLM, 27 Jan — Sweden leads the world in science and innovation, Radio Sweden reported on Thursday quoting a new international survey by the

United Nations education, science and culture body UNESCO.

The UNESCO Science Report 2005 ranked Sweden in first place for

innovation in science and technology research, ahead of Japan and the United States. Finland, Switzerland, the Britain and Denmark were also among the top seven nations.

The report, written by an international team of independent experts, said a small number of emerging Asian economies, led by China, were challenging the leadership of North America, Europe and Japan in this field.

It noted that while countries like Germany, the Netherlands and France are losing momentum, Sweden is not only the world leader in the field but is moving ahead in innovation faster than any other nation.

MNA/Xinhua

China develops first robot for nuke projects

CHENGDU, 27 Jan — Chinese scientists have developed a robot which can collect foreign matters inside a 22-metre-deep water tank of a nuclear reactor, in addition to other functions.

The robot, a "small guy" about 42 cm long, 19.8 cm wide, 13.8-cm tall and 13.8 kilogrammes in weight, was specially designed for underwater foreign-matter collection in the nuclear reactor, the first of its kind to be used in China's nuke projects.

It was independently developed by the Chengdu Research Institute of Photoelectricity Technology under the Chinese Academy of Sciences, based in the capital of southwest China's Sichuan Province.

Sources with the institute said that a trial operation of the robot proved successful recently at the Daya Bay Nuclear Power Plant in south China's Guangdong Province. — MNA/Xinhua



Aboriginal dancers perform during the Woggan-ma-gule morning ceremony at Farm Cove on Australia Day in Sydney on 26 Jan, 2006.

INTERNET

SPORTS

Makaay double seals victory for champions Bayern

FRANKFURT, 28 Jan — Roy Makaay struck an eye-catching double and Michael Ballack added a free kick to give Bayern Munich a 3-1 win at Borussia Moenchengladbach as they returned to Bundesliga duties on Friday.

Makaay controlled a deflected through ball on his thigh and tucked home past Kasey Keller in the 13th minute while Ballack's perfect strike made it 2-0 to the champions 10 minutes into the second half.

Belgian striker Wesley Sonck pulled one back within 60 seconds but Makaay restored Bayern's two-goal lead with a fine volley in the

69th minute.

A 15th win from 18 Bundesliga games stretched Bayern's lead to nine points, although Hamburg SV can cut that to six if they win at Nuremberg on Saturday.

Bayern have 47 points from 18 matches, with Hamburg on 38 from 17. Werder Bremen, who visit Arminia Bielefeld on Sunday, are two points further back in third.

Bayern's superiority in the first league match after the six-week winter break will be a depressingly familiar sight for their rivals.

The only surprise was that they did not add to the early lead given to them by Makaay in the first half of a game played in freezing conditions.

Lucio and Ze Roberto each forced desperate clearances after breaking forward, with Gladbach struggling to hold on.

MNA/Reuters

Arveladze hat-trick helps Alkmaar beat Roda 4-1

AMSTERDAM, 28 Jan — A Shota Arveladze hat-trick helped AZ Alkmaar to a 4-1 win at Roda JC Kerkrade as they moved level with PSV Eindhoven at the top of the Dutch First Division. The Georgian striker scored in the second minute of Friday's match with a superb angled lob and restored Alkmaar's lead six minutes before halftime after Alexander Voigt had equalized.

Three minutes after the break Stijn Huysegems sealed the win and Arveladze grabbed his third four minutes later after he set up a defence splitting combination with Martijn Meerdink.

MNA/Reuters

Ghana win revives Nations Cup hopes

PORT SAID (Egypt), 28 Jan — An early goal from Bundesliga-bound striker Matthew Amoah revived Ghana's hopes at the African Nations Cup finals on Friday when they overcame Senegal 1-0 in their Group D match.

Amoah, who joined Borussia Dortmund after the tournament in Egypt, scored from a tight angle in the 13th minute to hand the World Cup finalists their first points of the tournament.

Ghana now share three points with Senegal, setting up a tight finish to the group next week. Nigeria, also on three, were playing Zimbabwe later on Friday.

MNA/Reuters



Ghana's Stephen Appiah (R) takes the ball in front of Senegal's Issa Ba during their African Nations Cup Group D soccer match in Port Said, Egypt on 27 Jan, 2006. —INTERNET

River Plate crush Oriente to close on Libertadores place

RIO DE JANEIRO, 28 Jan — River Plate crushed Bolivia's Oriente Petrolero 6-0 on Thursday to virtually book their place in South America's Libertadores Cup.

The Argentine side failed to qualify outright for the tournament due to an indifferent domestic campaign last year, forcing them to face Oriente in a two-legged preliminary round match. With former Argentine captain and coach Daniel Passarella in charge for his first competitive game, the twice Libertadores champions responded with a ruthless performance.

Two spot kicks by Marcelo Gallardo and goals from Jonathan Santana, Daniel Montenegro, Ernesto Farias and Andres San all but confirmed River's

presence in the 2006 tournament.

Oriente's misery was compounded when midfielder Eduardo Melgar was shown the red card after lashing out at River Plate defender Paulo Ferrari.

The sides meet again in Santa Cruz de la Sierra next Thursday. River Plate should now join Paraguay's Libertad, El Nacional of Ecuador and Brazil's Paulista in Group Eight.

River's great local rivals, five-times Libertadores champions Boca Juniors, did not qualify for the 2006 competition. Brazilian club

Goias held Ecuador's Deportivo Cuenca to a 1-1 draw in the other preliminary round game on Thursday. Sweeper Rogerio Correa headed Goias into a first-half lead but Holger Matamoros scored a fine equalizing goal by controlling a high ball before shooting home. Goias were one of the surprises of the 2005 Brazilian championship and the game against Deportivo was their first appearance in the Libertadores Cup.

MNA/Reuters

Nigeria sink Zimbabwe with quickfire goals

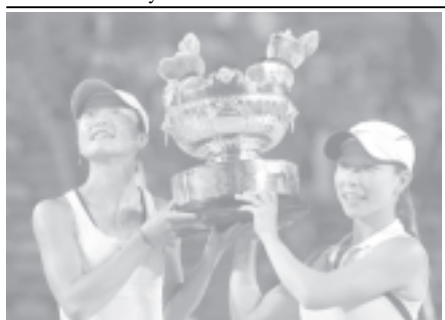
PORT SAID, 28 Jan — Nigeria scored twice in four minutes to beat a stubborn Zimbabwe 2-0 in the African Nations Cup on Friday and stay on course for the quarterfinals.

Midfielder Christian Obodo headed the Super Eagles in front in the 57th minute and substitute John Obi Mikel added the second with a scorching drive four minutes later for his first international goal. Nigeria top Group D with six points from two games but still need a point against Senegal on Tuesday to ensure qualification. Zimbabwe, who have lost both games, still have a mathematical chance of going through if they beat Ghana the same day.

MNA/Reuters



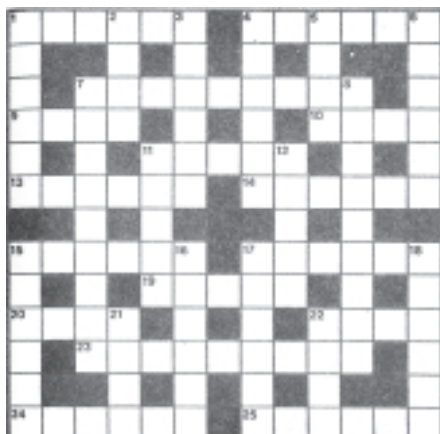
Daniel Montenegro, right, of Argentina's River Plate, battles for the ball with Doyle Vaca, of Bolivia's Oriente Petrolero, during their Libertadores of America soccer cup game at Stadium Monumental in Buenos Aires, on 26 Jan, 2006. —INTERNET



Zi Yan of China, left, and compatriot Jie Zheng pose with their winning trophy after winning womens doubles match fina against Lisa Raymond of the United States and Samantha Stosur of Australia at the Australian Open Tennis Tournament in Melbourne, Australia, on 27 Jan, 2006. Chinese pair won the final match 2-6, 7-6, 6-3.

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- 4 Deposit on teeth
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- 23 Symbolic offering
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48,500 rural libraries . . .

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On completion of the rural library project, he said, Myanmar will be the first country in the world where there is a library in every village. He urged local people to make efforts for durability of the libraries. Increase of libraries is a sign of progress for the country.

It is found that the number of publications are few compared with the number of readers. Some foreign media make accusations that there is no freedom of publication in Myanmar. The Press Scrutiny Board under the ministry issues permit to write books which do not harm the stability, security, national solidarity and religion.

The government presents national literary awards and Sarpay Beikman awards for development of literary world. Pakokku U Ohn Pe, Thuta Swezon and Dr Tin

Shwe literary awards also promote the works of the writers.

The minister called on the literatis to produce their works that serve the national interest and urged them to strive for progress of Myanmar literature.

The minister then presented K 100,000 each to U Thet Tun (Retd Ambassador), writer Kyaw Win and Daw Kyi Kyi Hla, winners of Dr Tin Shwe literary award.

Chairman of Dr Tin Shwe Literary Award Scrutinizing Board U Myo Thant (Maung Hsu Shin) reported on selection of the winners.

Next, Daw Aye Thant, wife of Dr Tin Shwe, presented gifts for members of Literary Award Scrutinizing Board to U Thaw Kaung. After the ceremony, the minister and guests had photos taken together with families of Dr Tin Shwe.—MNA

Three wounded in bombing near Thai Ministry of Justice

BANGKOK, 28 Jan — A blast apparently aimed at a commercial building housing Ministry of Justice offices in the Thai capital exploded Friday afternoon, injuring three

persons. Apparently set off by remote control, a small C-4 device estimated to have weighed about one pound exploded at around 12:30 pm in northern district of

Bangkok, local police said.

Initially police assumed the explosion was aimed to destroy the Software Park Building, which houses several of-

fices including that of the Justice Ministry.

Exploding near the Software Park Building, the blast caused damage within a five-metre radius, wounding three passers-by, including Kittisak Wangdee, 41, Saowalak Tangjitwattana — a Justice Ministry employee, and another man as yet unidentified, local media said late Friday.

Kittisak received multiple wounds at the back of his head, a hip and a leg and was taken to Krungthai Hospital for treatment.

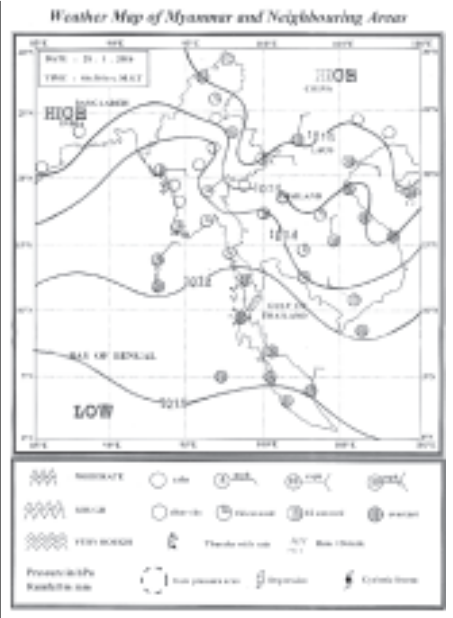
Saowalak reportedly developed a hearing problem by the bomb and was taken to Mongkut Wattana Hospital for observation.

MNA/Xinhua



A Thai police officer photographs at the site of bomb explosion in the park, next the Thailand's Justice Ministry in the suburban Bangkok on 27 Jan., 2006.

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WEATHER

Saturday, 28 January, 2006

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been generally fair in the whole country. Night temperatures were (3°C) below normal in Kachin, Chin and Mon States, upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions and about normal in the remaining areas. The significant night temperatures were Haka (2°C), Lashio and Moegok (3°C) each, Namsam and PyinOoLwin (3°C) each.

Maximum temperature on 27-1-2006 was 91°F. Minimum temperature on 28-1-2006 was 58°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hrs MST on 28-1-2006 was (78%). Total sunshine hours on 27-1-2006 was (7.5) hours approx.

Rainfalls on 28-1-2006 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 (6) mph from Northeast at (13:30) hours MST on 27-1-2006.

Bay inference: Weather is fair in the Bay of Bengal.


Forecast valid until evening of 29-1-2006: Weather will be generally fair in the whole country.

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Fair weather in the whole country.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 29-1-2006: Fair weather.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 29-1-2006: Fair weather.



Sunday, 29 January
View on today

7:00 am
1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Oaktamathara

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. ယဉ်ကျေးလိမ္မာ(၃၈)မြာမင်္ဂလာ

8:05 am
6. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:15 am
7. မြူးချောင်းတံတား

8:25 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. Round up of the International news

11:20 am
3. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတမ်းတွဲ "နေပြည်တော်နေ့" (အပိုင်း-၂၇)

11:55 am
4. တီရစ္ဆာန် ဥယျာဉ် (ရန်ကုန်) နှစ်(၁၀၀)ပြည့်တော်(အပိုင်း-၂)

12:05 pm
5. နိုင်ငံခြားကာတွန်းစာတမ်းတွဲ "Doraemon"

12:30 pm
6. Myanmar video feature: "ကမ္ဘာတစ်ဝှမ်းတန်ဖိုး" (ကျော်ဟိန်း၊ ကျော်ဇေယျ၊ နေမျိုးအောင်၊ မင်းတို့၊ မေသန်းနု၊ ယမင်းတို့ကို) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-စိုက်လှိုင်အုန်း)

2:25 pm
7. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

2:35 pm
10. "ဟွန်းသံ" (ဧရာနု ယာဉ်ထိန်းရဲတပ်ဖွဲ့ ဝင်များ) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-သက်တင်)

2:45 pm
9. International news

4:00 pm
1. Martial song

4:15 pm
2. Songs to uphold National Spirit

4:30 pm
3. English for everyday use

4:45 pm
4. အစေးသစ်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ - ဒုတိယနှစ် (ရှုထောင့်အထူးပြု) (ရှုထောင့်)

5:00 pm
5. Dance of National Races

5:15 pm
6. Musical programme

5:30 pm
7. Sing and Enjoy

6:00 pm
8. Evening news

6:30 pm
9. Weather report

6:35 pm
10. Agricultural Source of Myanmar Development

6:45 pm
11. ရှင်ခင်မြားစာတမ်းတွဲ "အသည့်နုလှန်းလှသား" (အပိုင်း-၆)

8:00 pm
12. News

13. International news

14. Weather report

15. "ကြွယ်စင်စန်း" ဝေဖန်းရိုးမ
လှစင်း၊ ခန့်၊ စည်သူ၊ ရှင်ခင်၊ ရှင်ခင်၊ အိန္ဒြာကျော်စင်၊ သက်စွန်မြင့်၊ စင်စင်စာကြည့်တိုက်၊ မျှော်မြင်မြိုင် (ဒါရိုက်တာ-စင်စောအောင်အောင်) (အပိုင်း-၂)

16. ရှင်ခင်မြားစာတမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်မိပြီဆိုရင်" (အပိုင်း-၁၈)

17. The next day's programme



Sunday, 29 January
Tune in today

8:30 am Brief news

8:35 am Music: -Hold on

8:40 am Perspectives

8:45 am Music: -My life

8:50 am National news & slogan

9:00 am Music: -Miss me blind

9:05 am International news

9:10 am Cultural images of Myanmar

9:20 am Music: -Sorry now

1:30 pm News & slogan

1:40 pm Story for children -Little sparrow & mighty elephant -Songs for children

9:00 pm Weekly news review

9:10 pm Article

9:20 pm Let's improve English through songs -The power of love -Reality

9:45 pm News & Slogan

10.00 pm PEL

BEHS in No 1 War Veterans Model Village (Laydauntkan) gets new school building



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein pressing the button to unveil the signboard of the new school building. — MNA

YANGON, 28 Jan — A ceremony to open a new building of Basic Education High School was held in No 1 War Veterans Model Village (Laydauntkan), Dagon Myothit (South) Township, this morning.

Chairman of Myanmar War Veterans Organization Central Organizing Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thein Sein unveiled the signboard of the

new school building.

Also present on the occasion were Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win, Vice-Chairman of MWVO COC Vice-Admiral Kyi Min (Retd), members of COC ministers, deputy ministers and the Vice-Mayor, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, departmental heads, local authorities, the chairman and members of the Township WVO, members of School Board of Trus-

tees, the headmaster, teachers, students, members of social organizations and wellwishers.

Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein, Headmaster U Than Sein, and Township WVO Chairman Major Tin Maung (Retd) formally opened the new school building.

The Secretary-1 and party inspected the new school building.

(See page 10)

About 8 million rural people enjoy fruitful result of potable water supply plan

K 1321.82m, US\$ 2,500 donated for supply of potable water in rural areas

YANGON, 28 Jan — The 11th cash donation ceremony for potable water supply in rural areas, organized by the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs, was held at the hall of Department of Development Affairs in Thanhlyetsoon in Botahtaung Township this afternoon, with an address by Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein.

Also present on the occasion were Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence, ministers, the Yangon Mayor, deputy ministers, the vice-mayor, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, departmental heads and wellwishers.

On the occasion, Minister for PBANRDA Col Thein Nyunt reported that a total of 286 Township Development Committees and 61 Town Development Committees under the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs are undertaking rural and urban development tasks. In April 1999, Head of State Senior General Than Shwe gave guidance on implementing the tasks of three arid divisions of arid zone and villages in other States and Divisions where potable water is scarce, through the ten-year project.

There are 23,225 villages — 8,042 in Mandalay, Sagaing and Magway Divisions and 15,183 in other 14 states and divisions, where potable water is scarce (See page 11)



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein addresses the 11th cash-donation ceremony for potable water supply in rural regions. — MNA

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“Researchers from University of Wales, Institution Cardiff, and Waikato University of New Zealand have proved that honey can kill some types of virus that can be resistant to antibiotics. And it helps cure wounds rapidly. Furthermore, it prevents process of reproduction of sixty kinds of bacteria”.

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