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Senior General Than Shwe sends felicitations to President of Iran

YANGON, 11 Feb — Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Mahmood Ahmadenejad, President of the Islamic Republic of Iran, on the occasion of the National Day of the Islamic Republic of Iran which falls on 11 February 2006. —MNA

Senior General Than Shwe receives credentials of Malaysian Ambassador

YANGON, 10 Feb — Mr Shahrudin bin Md Som, newly accredited Ambassador of Malaysia to the Union of Myanmar, presented his credentials to Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, at Zeyathiri Beikman, Konmyinthta, at 10 am today.

Also present on the occasion were State Peace and Development Council Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint, Director-General Thura U Aung Htet of the Protocol Department.

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Senior General Than Shwe receives Ambassador of Malaysia to Myanmar Mr Shahrudin bin Md Som at Zeyathiri Beikman, Konmyinthta. — MNA

All national people to strive unitedly for emergence of peaceful, modern and developed nation



There is a Myanmar saying which goes the nation will be peaceful only if there is unity among its people. It is up to all the national people of the Union to strive for the emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed nation. In the same way, unity is indispensable for accomplishing everything, as the saying "Unity is strength" goes.

**Senior General Than Shwe
Chairman of the State Peace and Development
Council**

Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services
(From guidance given to trainees of the Primary
Teachership Course No 35 of University for Development of National Races)



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

PERSPECTIVES

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Safeguard the Union for perpetual existence

Under the arrangements of conveying the Union Flag in four districts in Yangon Division, the Union Flag that rested for one year at Yangon City Hall is being conveyed from the City Hall to Thanlyin Township representing Yangon South District, Dagon Myothit (South) Township representing Yangon East District and Taikkyi Township representing Yangon North District by the Union Boat for holding the 59th Anniversary Union Day flag hoisting ceremony which falls on 12 February 2006, starting from 8 February.

Along the route, the Union Flag is being accorded a rousing welcome by thousands of people.

The Union Day delegates and cultural troupe members have arrived in Yangon to attend the ceremony to mark the 59th Anniversary Union Day that will be held in accordance with the 59th Anniversary Union Day objectives.

Chairman of the Central Committee for Organizing the 59th Anniversary Union Day Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein on 9 February met the Union Day delegates and cultural troupes at the National Indoor Stadium-1 in Thuwunna and extended greetings.

At the meeting, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein stressed the need for national people to do their bit in undertaking the national tasks from the convening of the National Convention to the realization of the seven-point Road Map with the firm conviction that perpetuation of the Union is as important as their life.

In the history, as a result of building consolidated unity of national races, Myanmar achieved a dominant position in Asian region and won respect and admiration of neighbours.

However, in the Konbaung Dynasty, there was deterioration of unity owing to discord sowed by the colonialists and it harmed the Union Spirit subsequently, culminating in falling under alien subjugation.

The colonialists were bent on employing a wide variety of wicked means to sow suspicion among the national races and to undermine national solidarity and Union Spirit. In this regard, the aliens practised the divide-and-rule policy in governing the mainland and hilly regions.

Thanks to concerted efforts of visionary leaders of national races, Panglong Agreement that depicts the unity of national races was signed in Panglong, Shan State on 12 February 1947. Therefore, the entire nation regained sovereignty on 4 January 1948.

Hence, all the national brethren are to safeguard the Union of Myanmar for perpetual existence in accord with the tradition of living in unity and amity.

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

Bank staff to disseminate knowledge of banking services

YANGON, 10 Feb — Best services are to be offered to the customers for achieving success in tasks of the organization and tasks, Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun said at the concluding ceremony of Banking Services Course No 1/2005 for Assistant Managers of Myanmar Economic Bank at the bank branch No 1 on Pansodan Street, here, this morning.

The minister continued to say that trainees are to enhance their performance of service with efficiency so as to spread good news of the work. He stressed the need to maintain trust of the people and disseminate knowledge on banking services.

Next, Maj-Gen Hla Tun presented certificates to the trainees and gifts to the instructors. A total of

Foreign Minister sends felicitations to Iranian counterpart

YANGON, 11 Feb — On the occasion of the National Day of the Islamic Republic of Iran, which falls on 11 February 2006, U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Manouchehr Mottaki, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran. — MNA

73 trainees attended the seven-week course.

After the ceremony, the minister inspected banking services of MEB Branch-1, and heard reports on functions of the bank and services by the Managing Director and officials.

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Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun speaking at the closing ceremony of Banking Services Course No 1/2005 for Assistant Managers. — MNA

Union Day Exhibition packed with visitors

YANGON, 10 Feb — The exhibition to mark the 59th Anniversary of the Union Day continued at the Tatmadaw Convention Hall here for the third day today.

The exhibition organized by the sub-committee for holding the 59th Anniversary Union Day was packed with enthusiasts including students.

Moreover, enthusiasts also took part in computer quiz at the exhibition which will last till 16 February from 9 am to 5 pm daily. — MNA



Schoolchildren visit 59th Anniversary Union Day Exhibition. — MNA

On-job Training Course for Judicial Officers Grade-4 concludes

YANGON, 10 Feb — On-job Training Course No 1/2005 for Judicial Officers Grade-4 concluded at the hall of the Attorney-General's Office this morning.

Attorney-General U Aye Maung gave a speech, and presented first, second and third prizes to Daw Revatar, Daw Kathi Htwe and Daw Aye Aye Khaing respectively. The leader of the trainees donated K 52,500 to the funds of the Attorney-General's Office Dhammayon to the Attorney-General.

Director-General U Mya Nyein presented appointments and brochures to the trainees.

Also present on the occasion were Deputy Attorneys-General Dr Tun Shin, U Han Shein and U Myint Naing, Deputy Director-General U Kyaw Sein, officials and instructors. — MNA

Insein Township USDA's Organizing Course concludes

YANGON, 10 Feb — The organizing course No 24/25 of Insein Township Union Solidarity and Development Association concluded this morning in Insein Township.

Member of the Central Executive Committee USDA Deputy Minister for Information U Thein Sein addressed the concluding ceremony.

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Chinese FM meets with French counterpart, Parliament Speaker

PARIS, 9 Feb— Chinese Foreign Minister Li Zhaoxing here on Wednesday met with French National Assembly Speaker Jean-Louis Debre and Foreign Minister Philippe Douste-Blazy.

During talks with Debre, Li spoke highly of the frequent exchanges of visits between Chinese and French Parliaments, saying they contributed to deepening political trust, rapid development of economic cooperation and cultural activities between the two countries. The visits also played an active role in boosting friendship between the two peoples and nations.

He hoped that increasing numbers of French Parliament members could visit China. Debre said France and China have good relationships at both government and Parliament level.

The Chinese Year in France and the French Year in China helped the French people to know better both China's history and its modern culture, he said.

The French Speaker also said he and French National Assembly would continue to do their best for the development of French-Chinese ties.

During the talks between Li and Douste-Blazy, held later Wednesday, both sides

agreed to put into effect the consensus reached between Chinese President Hu Jintao and French President Jacques Chirac, and continue to promote cooperation in the fields of railways, energy and aeronautics.

MNA/Xinhua

ထုတ်ကုန်နှစ်စာ တိုးမြှင့်ခြင်း

Exxon America will always rely on foreign oil

HOUSTON, 9 Feb— The United States will always rely on foreign imports of oil to feed its energy needs and should stop trying to become energy independent, a top Exxon Mobil Corp. executive said on Tuesday.

"Realistically, it is simply not feasible in any time period relevant to our discussion today," Exxon Mobil Senior Vice President Stuart McGill

said, referring to what he called the "misperception" that the United States can achieve energy independence. The comments, in a speech at an energy conference in Houston, come a few days after US President George W Bush declared America was addicted to Middle Eastern oil and promised to help the country kick the habit. Many in the United States believe America should wean itself off oil imports from the Middle East, fearing it makes the country dangerously dependent on

an unstable region. The world's largest publicly traded oil company, however, says hoping to end foreign oil imports is not only a bad idea, but also impossible. "Americans depend upon imports to fill the gap," McGill said. "No combination of conservation measures, alternative energy sources and technological advances could realistically and economically provide a way to completely replace those imports in the short or medium term."

MNA/Reuters



A worker cleans up near a anti-avian flu poster at a local bird market in Hong Kong on 9 Feb, 2006. —INTERNET

IT to be used for betterment of W Indian language

PANAJI, 9 Feb— A special session on the use of IT to aid spread of Konkani, a tongue spoken in parts of the coastal Konkani belt of West India, will be the highlight of the All Indian Konkani Parishad to be held from 10 February here in West Indian state of Goa, the event's organizers said.

"There will be a special session on Information Technology in which presentation on using the medium of IT for better and wider use of Konkani language will be done," Member of Parliament Shantaram Naik, who is also the reception committee chairman of the parishad, told reporters

here on Wednesday. Konkani writers, poets and others engaged in creative literary work could also create their own websites in Konkani language which will help in better exchange of views and literary work amongst the artists, Naik said. Renowned Konkani writer Uday Bhemre said two parallel projects regarding technological development of languages in India were on. "One is an international project sponsored by United Nations to develop universal networking of languages so as to enable people to access information from any languages," he said.

MNA/PTI

Greene County Marine killed in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 9 Feb— A Pennsylvania Marine from Greene County was killed in Iraq. Lance Cpl Steven Phillips, of Spraggs, was killed in a vehicle accident.

His family said he was in Iraq for about a year, and was due to come home soon.

Phillips graduated from Waynesburg Central High School and joined the Marines in 2003. —INTERNET

Chavez tells Blair to "go to hell"

CARACAS (Venezuela), 9 Feb— Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez told British Prime Minister Tony Blair to "go right to hell" on Wednesday after Blair said Venezuela should abide by the principles of democracy.

Chavez, a fiery leftist who recently compared US President George W Bush to Adolf Hitler, accused Blair of bowing to Washington's interests and being "shameless" and "immoral."

"Stay in your place, Mr Blair, you are not one that has the morality to criticize anyone," Chavez said during a speech. "Venezuela is a free nation. Do you believe we're still in times of imperialism and co-

lonialism?" "Go right to hell, Mr Blair," Chavez said, using local slang that is more vulgar.

Shifting his aim after a recent flare-up in tensions with the United States, Chavez called the British Premier the principal ally of "Hitler Danger Bush Hitler", referring to his favorite nickname for Bush, "Mr Danger."

During a parliamentary session on Wednesday, Blair called on Venezuela to respect the rules of the international community and said he would like to see Cuba, a close ally of Venezuela, function as a true democracy.

"I think the most important thing is that those countries in South America and North America realize they have much in common, much to gain from each other and... in particular through the principles of

democracy," Blair said. Chavez characterized Blair's remarks as an effort by London to for all in line with Washington's increasingly harsh criticism of Venezuela, whose latest spat with the United States flared up last week when Chavez accused its main oil buyer of spying.

MNA/Reuters

Iraqi police officers inspect the site following two explosions in central Baghdad, on 7 Feb, 2006. INTERNET



Vietnam eyes annual industrial growth of 15% by 2010

HANOI, 9 Feb— Vietnam has targeted annual industrial growth of 15.2-15.5 per cent between 2006 and 2010 with focus on highly competitive and labour-incentive industries, local media reported on Wednesday.

Vice Industry Minister Bui Xuan Khu said focus would be on agriculture, forestry and seafood processing, textile, garment, footwear, electronics and shipbuilding, newspaper Vietnam News said.

The industries should apply more advanced technologies and offer more professional training to their staff, he said.

MNA/Xinhua



A Chinese boy plays in the Shanghai Science and Technology Museum in Shanghai on 9 Feb, 2006. —INTERNET

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India proposes creating Pan Asian free trade area

SEOUL, 9 Feb— Visiting Indian President Abdul Kalam on Tuesday briefed local business leaders the idea of his government of creating a “Pan Asian free trade area” that includes the major economies in the region.

“We are looking forward to the launch of such a Pan Asian free trade area that would include India, South Korea, China, Japan, ASEAN (Association of South-East Asian Nations), Australia and New Zealand,” Kalam said to South Korean business and economic leaders in a luncheon meeting held here earlier on Tuesday.

The Indian President also said his country is willing to cooperate with other major economies in the region to create the Pan Asian free trade area, with which nations

and areas in the region could realize common development.

Kalam also called on close cooperation between India and South Korea on various sectors.

“It is high time for both our two countries to pursue bilateral cooperation in such areas as trade, investment and other economic fields,” he said.

Kalam, who arrived in Seoul on Monday to pay a four-day visit, held a summit with South Korean President Roh Moo-hyun on Tuesday. The two leaders agreed

to start negotiations aiming at sign Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) by the end of 2007.

It is the first time for Indian President to visit South Korea since the two countries established diplomatic relations in 1973.

Kalam is to visit the (South) Korea Research Institute of Bioscience and Biotechnology and the (South) Korea Aerospace Research Institute on Wednesday before leaving for home on Thursday.

MNA/Xinhua

India-US nuclear deal runs into troubled waters

NEW DELHI, 9 Feb— A landmark nuclear cooperation deal between India and the United States has run into serious trouble, with Washington playing hard ball and India's atomic energy establishment raising objections to the terms of the deal.

Now Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh has a tough choice to make — override his own scientific establishment or suffer a serious loss of face when President George W Bush visits his country in early March.

“The government is debating this very seriously,” said foreign policy expert C Raja Mohan. “Some big decisions have to be taken.”

The deal, agreed in principle when Singh visited Washington last July, would offer India access to nuclear technology and reactors — at a stroke removing much of the stigma India attracted when it conducted nuclear tests in 1974 and 1998.

In return, New Delhi offered to separate its civilian and military nuclear programmes — and place the civilian part under international supervision.

But that is where the

deal could come unstuck. The US Administration, under pressure from a hesitant Congress, wants to see more of India's programme under international supervision than New Delhi is offering.

At the heart of the debate is a prototype Fast Breeder Programme, which would process plutonium from spent fuel from India's existing Heavy Water reactors.

The chief of India's Department of Atomic Energy Anil Kakodkar went public with his objections in a newspaper interview published in full on Wednesday. Placing the Fast Breeder under international supervision would “shackle” his scientists and leave the country dependent on imported uranium, he said.

“Both from the point of view of maintaining long-term energy security and for maintaining the ‘minimum credible deterrent’, the Fast

Breeder Programme just cannot be put on the civilian list,” he said. “This is not in our strategic interest.” —MNA/Reuters

US Democrats urge action on soaring trade gap

WASHINGTON, 9 Feb— Democratic lawmakers blamed the Bush Administration on Wednesday for the skyrocketing US trade deficit and called for the creation of a “Congressional Trade Enforcer” to make sure the United States prosecutes other countries that cheat on their trade obligations.

A government report due out on Friday is expected to show the US trade deficit set a record in 2005 at about 725 billion US dollars. That would be about double the level it was in 2001, the year that resident George W Bush took office.

Wall Street analysts also expect the deficit for just the month of December to total about 65 billion US dollars — or more than twice the entire annual deficit in 1991.

“Enough's enough,” Representative Ben Cardin, a Maryland Democrat, told reporters. “It's not sustainable. We

can't continue to have these kind of trade imbalances and continue to have the standard of living that Americans expect and enjoy and the jobs that we need here in America.”

Cardin and other Democrats on the House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee said the Bush Administration has contributed to the record trade gap by filing few cases against other countries at the World Trade Organization for alleged violations of trade rules.

Congress needs to reclaim its constitutional

authority over trade and create the office of Congressional Trade Enforcer to investigate trade violations and recommend specific trade cases for the US Trade Representative's office to bring at the WTO, Cardin said.

If USTR refuses, Congress would have the right under the proposed bill to force it to act, he said.

US Trade Representative Rob Portman

said in a statement he welcomed the Democrats' interest in opening new markets, but stopped short of endorsing the bill.

“This administration, and USTR in particular, will continue our vigorous enforcement of US trade laws and our international rights. When our trading partners don't live up to their obligations, we're prepared to take legal action,” Portman said.

MNA/Reuters

Red Cross launches appeal for flood-hit Iraq

GENEVA, 9 Feb— The international Red Cross launched an appeal for 1.8 million Swiss francs (1.1 million euros, 1.3 million dollars) to help victims of flooding in northern Iraq.

The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies said the money was needed urgently to buy supplies including food, tents and stoves for around 25,000 people.

Many of the victims were already in dire straits because of the conflict in Iraq and were living in camps for displaced people, the federation said.

Heavy rains in northern Iraq have caused rivers to burst their banks, damaging not only homes but also roads, thereby hampering relief efforts. —Internet

India sends police to guard workers in Afghanistan

NEW DELHI, 9 Feb— India is sending paramilitary police to Afghanistan to protect civilian workers after an engineer was killed by the Taliban militia last year and another national died in a blast, an official said on Wednesday.

The government official said about 40 armed police from the Indo-Tibetan Border Police were already in Afghanistan, mainly to guard the Indian mission in Kabul and its consulates around the country.

The extra police were being sent to guard Indian engineers and support staff working on various development projects, especially a key highway project, around the war-torn country. —MNA/Reuters



An Iraqi policeman holds a weapon at a checkpoint on a road in Baghdad, on 9 Feb, 2006. —INTERNET

Cyprus Government lashes out at Britain

Nicosia, 9 Feb—Cyprus accused Britain on Wednesday of losing credibility as a mediator trying to reunify the divided island in response to Foreign Secretary Jack Straw's comments to British lawmakers on his trip to Cyprus last month.

Straw's trip, to gauge support for the possible resumption of UN peace talks, angered the Greek Cypriots because he saw the Turkish Cypriot leader Mehmet Ali Talat in the breakaway north of the island as well as Greek Cypriot officials.

In response to questions from members of Parliament on Tuesday, he said it was "a matter of great regret and entirely counter-productive that" Cypriot President Tassos Papadopoulos objected to him seeing Talat.

Straw added the Greek Cypriot administration was seeking to "marginalize the Turkish Cypriot community and not in any way to assist in

their economic development" in the way it handled aid proposals from the European Union.

Cypriot Government spokesman George Lillikas said Straw's comments were unacceptable, adding to already frosty relations between Britain and Cyprus.

"These statements show that Mr Straw identifies fully with the Turkish Cypriot position and that clearly Britain cannot be an objective mediator on the Cyprus issue. Britain no longer has the necessary credibility. They are neither neutral nor objective," he said.

Lillikas said official representations would be

made to Britain, the former colonial power of the island.

"The Cyprus Government has shown in practice its support for the Turkish Cypriots," he said, adding there was medical and employment support as well as other measures.

MNA/Reuters



An Italian mounted Carabinieri police officer guards the area surrounding the medals plaza ahead of the Torino 2006 Winter Olympic Games in Turin, Italy, on 9 Feb, 2006. —INTERNET

Mexico expects to close hotel over Cuba dispute

MEXICO CITY, 9 Feb—Mexico City authorities are likely to close a Sheraton hotel in the capital that threw out Cuban officials on orders of Washington, a move that angered Mexicans who say the country's sovereignty was abused.

Municipal inspectors who carried out a check of the hotel after the Cubans' expulsion found it had infringed local safety and licensing laws, district council head Virginia Jaramillo said on Wednesday. "I expect imminent closure of the hotel," said Jaramillo, of the left-wing Party of the Democratic Revolution.

While the hotel can challenge the closure, Jaramillo said many violations would be impossible to remedy before a five-day deadline.

The towering hotel overlooking the Angel of

Independence, one of Mexico City's most important monuments, threw the Cubans out on Friday during an energy conference organized by the US-Cuba Trade Association.

Starwood Hotels and Resorts Worldwide Inc., which is based in White Plains, New York, and owns Sheraton hotels, said it had been asked by the US Treasury Department to tell the Cubans to go, under the US embargo on the communist-run island.

Mexican officials are angry at what they see as US interference in an

event on Mexican soil.

Foreign Minister Luis Ernesto Derbez warned on Tuesday the hotel could face a fine of 475,000 US dollars if it had broken Mexican law by applying another country's laws here.

Jaramillo, who heads one of Mexico City's 16 administrative districts, said the hotel had carried out construction without permission and has two bars that were not licensed.

Starwood Hotels and Resorts Worldwide were not available for comment on the allegations.

Protesters waving Cuban flags and burning the American flag blocked the hotel's entrance on Tuesday, slapped unofficial closure stickers on doors and scuffled with security guards.

MNA/Reuters

Chinese Red Cross boosts collaboration with Thailand

BANGKOK, 9 Feb—Representatives of the Chinese Red Cross left for Thai southern province of Phang Nga early Wednesday for rehabilitation projects in tsunami-affected areas.

The Chinese representatives on Tuesday also presented a 120-million-baht (about 3 million US dollars) donation to Thai Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn in her capacity as Thai Red Cross Society vice chairwoman.

The donation will be spent on rehabilitation projects for tsunami victims in Phang Nga Province, including the construction of 40 houses, a child development centre, and the renovation of schools and hospitals.

The Chinese Red Cross plans further collaboration with its Thai counterpart, including research and supplies of blood and stem cells.

MNA/Xinhua

More Vietnamese rubber enters China

HANOI, 9 Feb—Vietnam has exported over 1,000 tons of rubber via its northern Mong Cai border gate to China since early January, registering month-on-month surge in both volume and value, according to a local trade information centre on Wednesday.

The export prices of Vietnamese rubber in January ranged from 1,600 to 1,800 US dollars per ton, the Trade Information Centre under the Trade Ministry said, predicting that they will stay at high level due to increasing demand of Chinese enterprises and traders.

Besides China, the United States, France, Japan and South Korea currently have high demand for Vietnamese rubber. Vietnam's rubber export value in January surged 36.4 per cent over in January of last year, mainly due to higher export prices, the center said—MNA/Xinhua

Texas man executed for killing mentally impaired woman

HUNTSVILLE (Texas), 9 Feb—A man who abducted a young woman while she rode her bicycle to work, then shot and killed her in a field near Dallas, was executed by lethal injection on Wednesday.

Robert Neville, 31, was the third person this year

and the 358th person since 1982 to be executed in Texas, the nation's leading death penalty state.

Neville and accomplice Michael Hall knew Amy Robinson, 19, from work at a local supermarket and on 15 February, 1998 offered her a ride when they saw her on her bicycle going to her job.

Instead of taking her to work, they went to a remote area and shot her to death.

They told police they were White supremacists who wanted to kill Blacks, but Robinson was not Black. She was small for her age and mentally impaired because of a genetic disorder.

Hall, 26, has also been sentenced to die and is awaiting execution.

In a final statement, Neville apologized for the crime while strapped to a gurney in the death chamber at the state prison in downtown Huntsville.

"I hope you can find it in yourselves to forgive me and I hope all this here will kind of settle your pain," Neville said to execution witnesses who included members of Robinson's family.

"And I just want you to know I am very sorry for what I have done."

For his last meal, Neville requested chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, fried okra, mixed fresh vegetables, bread and butter, sweetened tea, chocolate cake and doughnuts.—MNA/Reuters



A Pakistani soldier mans a machine gun at the Pakistan-Afghan border near Chaman after security was tightened, on 9 Feb, 2006.—INTERNET

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein...

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and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win, members of the Central Committee and Management Committee and departmental officials.

The Secretary-1 oversaw prepara-

tions for hosting the 59th Anniversary Union Day Dinner and full-dressed rehearsal dance of cultural troupes of national races, and gave necessary instructions. After greeting the cultural troupe members, the Secretary-1 left.

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Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein inspects preparations for 59th Anniversary Union Day Dinner. — MNA



Senior General Than Shwe accepts credentials of newly-accredited Ambassador of Malaysia Mr Shaharuddin bin Md Som at Zeyathiri Beikman.

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Delegates to Union Day visit Drug Elimination Museum



Union Day delegates observe documentary photos at 59th Anniversary Union Day Exhibition. — MNA

YANGON, 10 Feb — The delegates and cultural troupes to the 59th Anniversary Union Day celebrations, accompanied by Secretary of Reception and Accommodation Sub Committee Lt-Col Tin Kyaing and officials, visited Drug

Elimination Museum at the corner of Hanthawady Road and Kyundaw Road this morning.

Curator of the museum Police Lt-Col Htay Aung and officials conducted them around the museum.—MNA

Dumex instant full cream donated to Yangon Children's Hospital

YANGON, 10 Feb — Mo Asia Co Ltd Dumex donated Dumex instant full cream to Yangon Children's Hospital this after-

noon. National Nutrition Manager Dr Daw Beauty Kyi of Mo Asia Co Ltd Dumex explained the purpose of the donations

and presented Dumex Dumilk instant cream 700 gm (10) cartoons and Dumex Dulac instant full cream 300 gm (3) cartoons to Medical Superintendent Dr U Chit Ko Tin.

Next, the medical superintendent presented a certificate of honour to the donor and expressed thanks.

NLM

Full-dressed rehearsal of Flag Hoisting Ceremony held



Commander Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win oversees full-dressed rehearsal of 59th Anniversary Union Day Flag Hoisting Ceremony. — MNA

YANGON, 10 Feb — The full-dressed rehearsal of the 59th Anniversary Union Day Flag Hoisting Ceremony took place at the People's Square on Pyay Road, here, at 6.45 am today.

It was attended by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Com-

mander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win and members of the panel of patrons of the ceremony, members of the 59th Anniversary Union Day Flag Hoisting Subcommittee, military region commanders, district and township authorities, senior military officers of Yangon Command and

departmental officials.

They practised taking place of the State Military Band, arrival of the Union Flag, salute to the Union Flag, taking place of the Union Flag Conveying Team, conveyance of the Union Flag, and departure of the State Military Band.

MNA



Dr Daw Beauty Kyi of Mo Asia Co Ltd Dumex donates Dumex instant full cream to officials of Yangon Children's Hospital. —NLM

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Union Flag arrives Yangon North District

YANGON, 10 Feb — The Union Flag was conveyed today from Dagon Myothit (South) Township to Taikkyi Township in Yangon North District.

The Union Flag rested a night in Dagon Myothit (South) Township yesterday and was carried this morning to Taikkyi Township by the Union Boat and relay teams.

At 7 am, Chairman of Yangon East District Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Maung Maung Shein took out the Union Flag from the silver bowl and carried it flanked by Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air), Police Officers and national races.

Next, he handed over the flag to Daw Le Le Shwe of Yangon East District Women Affairs Organization and the flag was carried by relay teams to the Union Boat.

Next, Yangon North District Peace and Development Council Chairman Lt-Col Myat Min planted



Lt-Col Maung Mang Shein hands over the Union Flag to Lt-Col Myat Min. — MNA



Lt-Col Myat Min plants the Union Flag in the silver bowl on a dias at the sports ground in Taikkyi. — MNA

the flag in a silver bowl on the dias on board the Union Boat and it was conveyed to Yangon North District.

Along the route, local people, authorities, members of social organizations, members of Myanmar Police Force and students welcomed the Union Flag.

The flag arrived at Gyobu Sports Ground in Taikkyi Township at 10.45 am and Lt-Col Myat Min planted the Union Flag in the silver bowl on the dias at the sports ground.

Afterwards, the Military Band of Yangon Command played the National Anthem and the people and Guard of Honour of Yangon Command saluted the Union Flag. Booths of the ministries and industrial zones are exhibited at Gyobu Sports Ground. — MNA

59th Anniversary Union Day objectives

- For all national races to safeguard the national policy — non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty.
- To keep the Union spirit ever alive and dynamic among the national people.
- For all national people to defend and safeguard the Union for its perpetual existence.
- To prevent, through national solidarity, the danger of internal and external destructive elements undermining peace and stability of the State and national development.
- For all national races to make concerted efforts for successful implementation of the seven-point future policy programme of the State.

Mann Shwesettaw Buddha Pujaniya opened

YANGON, 10 Feb — Mann Shwesettaw Buddha Pujaniya in Minbu (Sagu) Township, Magway Division was held at the pagoda on 2 February, attended by State Sangha Maha Nayaka committee Chairman Magway Maha Withutayama Monastery Presiding Sayadaw Magway Sayadaw Abhidhaja Maha Ratthaa Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddamma Jotika Bhaddanta Kumara and Sayadaws, Magway Division Peace and Development Council Chairman Col Phone Maw Shwe and members.

State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Chairman Magway Sayadaw and Magway PDC Chairman Col Phone Maw Shwe formally opened the lower footprint and the congregation received Five Precepts from Magway Sayadaw. Afterwards, Sayadaws recited the parittas and Division PDC Chairman and officials donated the provisions.

Later, the opening ceremony of upper footprint continued and Sayadaws recited parittas. Magway Sayadaw and Division PDC Chairman opened the upper footprint and offered gold plates to Footprint Zedi.

Mann Shwesettaw Buddha Puzaniya Festival will be held up to 17 April. — MNA

Myanmar produces bio-diesel from physic nut

Today's energy condition of the world

Today, fuel consumption exceeds production in the world. If compared with that in 2001, now crude oil production has increased by 8.3 per cent but consumption has increased by 8.6 per cent. So, the entire world is facing fuel shortage. To make matters

worse, members of the organization of petroleum exporting countries often use oil as a weapon. The energy problem therefore is posing a barrier to industrial development.

Solutions sought internationally

According to the experts, the world will run out of oil one day. The prices of fuel are going up

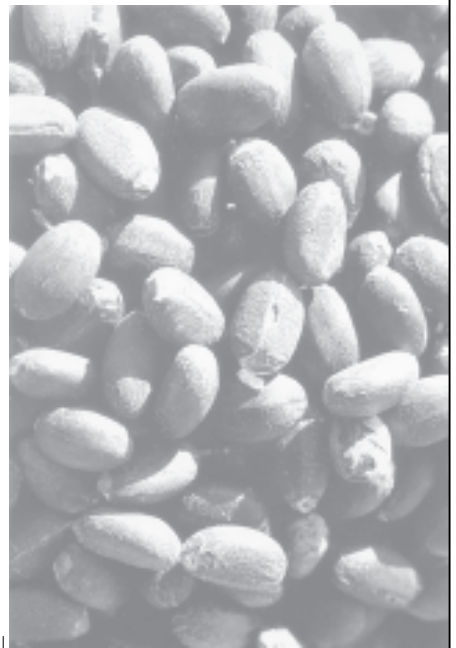
day after day in the world. Now, the price of a barrel of crude oil has reached 63.92 US dollars and a barrel of diesel, 66.59 US dollars. So, ways and means have been sought for many years to be able to produce oil-substitute fuel.

Experiments are being conducted to widely use solar power and nu-

clear power, but that calls for a huge investment and there has been a technological barrier to success. Many nations are therefore seeking ways to produce bio-diesel extensively. Some of them have achieved success in the process. In Myanmar, tests have shown that physic nut (*Jatropha curcas*) is a crop from which bio-diesel can be obtained and it can be used in place of fuel.

Physic nut

There are two species of *Jatropha curcas* — castor and *Jatropha*. Physic nut or *Jatropha curcas*, a perennial crop, is in the same family with rubber. It thrives in tropical zones especially in arid zones and temperate regions. It can be grown with less expenses. The fast-growing crop can withstand rough conditions and grows in places even at an altitude of more than 5,000 feet.



Seeds of physic nut.

Myanmar has tested that oil obtained by milling physic nut seeds can be filtered through a cloth. And without being mixed with any other liquid, physic nut oil can be used directly in place of diesel to operate various types of machinery.



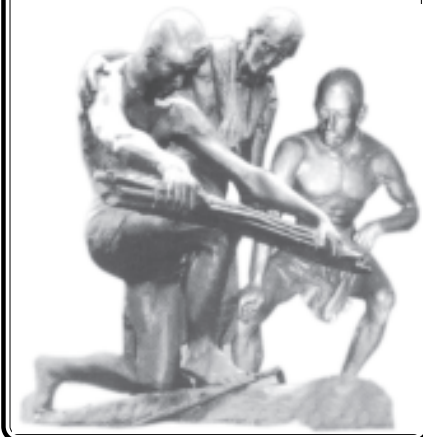
Physic nut plants in Lashio.

Hailing the 59th Anniversary Union Day:

Union Spirit that gives birth to fine traditions

Maung Maung Myint Swe

Hundred fruits from a common stem—Our Union



It was the 12th of February 1947 on which the spirit of national solidarity went down in the annals of the Myanmar history despite various means resorted to by British colonialists to sow discord and suspicions among the national races.

The delegates representing entire national people from hilly regions and the mainland showed unanimous unity of all the national brethren in Panglong to throw off the yoke of servitude, and as a result, the nation became an independent sovereign nation standing tall.

Historic evidences have borne a tangible proof that Union Spirit is fundamental to the drive for regaining independence. In the history, the First Myanmar Empire was founded in the Bagan Period, the Second Myanmar Empire in the Toungoo Period and the Third Myanmar Empire in the Kongbaung Period based on the sheer unity of national people.

In these three periods, Myanmar was rebuilt based on patriotic fervour, and the nation therefore enjoyed national unity, better economy and strong military forces. Moreover, national people were fully armed with code of social ethics and nationalistic spirit with the unity of various national races.

It was Union Spirit that was inculcated into national brethren who were harmoniously united in safeguarding and rebuilding the motherland and restoring national solidarity in times of emergency.

Each and every citizen is duty-bound to be convinced of fine traditions of the mother country, to cherish own lineage and the nation, and to protect and safeguard the nation with the spirit of national solidarity.

Today, the government has been building a Union where national races cement amicable relations and national unity among themselves. Besides, it devotes its energies day in, day out into the process for the emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed nation.

In doing so, national people on their part are to participate collectively in the tasks because only when national people are cohesive, will the Union be strong. And they also have to fully equip themselves with patriotic fervour and Union Spirit and to exert

endeavours to their utmost to enhance the interest of the nation and the people.

If every citizen is firmly imbued with patriotic spirit and Union Spirit, there will be fruitful results of the progress of the Union and national solidarity. If so, the sovereignty of the State will exist in perpetuity.

The Union of Myanmar is a land where more than 100 national races have been living in conformity with the essence of a society based on a family type.

According to the historic necessity, every national race is to shoulder the national duty that they will have to remain forever as a united and indivisible family, so it is required to ensure flourishing of Union Spirit among national people at all times.

The people are to cultivate national solidarity in the Union, harmonious efforts of national brethren in the national interest, and the family spirit with which national people will be living together in the Union. They also have to promote mutual understanding, sympathy, forbearance, mutual help and reliance on one another.

Although national races' culture, traditions, customs, language and costumes appear to be different, they join hands firmly in national development tasks and border areas development tasks, reflecting the spirit of national unity based on Union Spirit.

As the promotion and perpetuation of the noble Union Spirit is the historic duty of all the national races living in the Union, individual performance and conviction is required to discharge the duty well.

Moreover all the national people also have the collective duty for long-lasting of the Union whose history bears witness to the people's consolidated struggles to drive out intruders.

The anti-colonialism drive launched with unity, Union Spirit and camaraderie spirit was the selfless struggle forming part of the national strength to lift the Union to stand again with dignity among the international community.

Neo-colonialists on the other hand are conspiring to destroy the unity that is like the Union's foundation with the sinister aim of dominating and manipulating Myanmar. The entire country must ward off those conspiracies with nationalism and Union Spirit.

We already have in history the lessons of the loss of sovereignty resulting from the disintegration of national solidarity. And also at present, we are still facing attempts of some countries to cause public doubts and mistrusts that may ruin national unity, similar to the tricks of the colonialists of the past who throughout the history hatched plots to divide our national people and widen the development gap between regions. The worst is the bitter experiences we faced for over 40 years after regaining independence during which armed conflicts broke out and crises that pushed the Union to near disintegration erupted because of some who fell into the colonialists' trap of dissension.

Taking past events as lessons, all the sons and daughters of the motherland have been safeguarding the Union for its perpetuity, while constantly watching the steps of neo-colonialists. Increase in the number of infrastructures in every field has cemented the nation's strength to ward off all perpetrations to break up the Union.

Moreover, efforts are under way for perpetual flourishing of Union Spirit that binds us together through weal or woe. At the same time, we all are to be aware of the plots to enslave us employing new methods.

True Patriotic Spirit

- * Our land, water, our beauty
Our life, we cherish.
Blood relations, brethren all
The forests and mountains, their beauty surrounds.
With the deep blue
Enhanced by the emerald
The colours blend to a cool hue.
- * On the hills, as they are
The beauty surprisingly
Created by a host of flowers.
The orchid and cherry
Blooming throughout hill and dale.
Rhododendron and silvery thazin
Blend to add to the beauty all over the nation
And spread their fragrance.
- * The flower that blooms in the plains
Strangely, the yellow padauk.
The gangaw and the khayay
Are prominent.
The flowers which will bring
More fragrance to the forest
Are the yinmar and the tharaphi.
Along the paths on the hills
The fragrance is truly significant.
- * Throughout the land Myanmar
The dainty of flowers is undiminishing
Kachin, Kayah, Kayin
And Chin, Bamar variegated
Mon, Rakhine and Shan
Fragrant in their fresh blooms
Also break into song.
In the park Pyidaungsu
Carry their pride in variety.
Our future, our business
We think and discuss
Happy as our brethren should be
With new concepts and awake for our nation's wellbeing
The National Convention was held
It abounds in
True patriotic spirit.
(Hailing the 59th Anniversary Union Day)
Tekkatho Nyo Min Maung (Trs)



As we can build national consolidation, arms conflicts have practically ended, and the border areas are enjoying fruits of peace and unity. Because of the unity major towns and sound economic foundations have emerged in the border areas. The government has laid down and is implementing projects to enable Myanmar to catch up with other nations. As the government is in the process of implementing the seven-point Road Map, the national brethren will have to play their part in the task.

Now is an opportune time for all the national brethren to strive for progress of their traditions and culture and strengthening of unity and to help implement the Road Map.

(Translation: MS+TMT)

The anti-colonialism drive launched with unity, Union Spirit and camaraderie spirit was the selfless struggle forming part of the national strength to lift the Union to stand again with dignity among the international community.

Chin State witnesses sustained progress in the time of the Tatmadaw government

Located in the western part of the Union of Myanmar Chin State occupies 13917 square miles of land and residing in this mini-union are Chin tribes, Mro (or) Khami, Naga and Bamar national races.

The population of Chin State is about 514,000 and population density of the state stands at 37 persons per square mile.

It can be said that mountains are symbols of Chin State and a few plains can be seen in the state. The mountain ranges are running from north to south forming valleys and gorges. The highest mountain is Mount Victoria (a) Mount Khawnusoum with 10200 feet. Many rivers and creeks are flowing through the state including Manipur river.

Although our



Var Bridge across Manipur River built on Kale-Haka Road in Falam Township.

Chin brethren are highlanders, they are at oneness with other national brethren living in the plains. Thanks to the government's efforts for equitable development of all regions in the country, the hill regions are

also enjoying fruitful results of these endeavours. The Tatmadaw government is forging friendship and unity among national brethren through implementing development projects throughout the country.

As a result of relentless efforts made by the government, our brethren living in Chin

State are now witnessing development in all sectors. The table indicating situation in 1988

and progress made at present is the tangible proof of these efforts.

Development of Chin State

Subject	1988	2006	Progress
Agriculture/Livestock breeding			
Sown acreage	209625	376031	166406
Dam	-	2	2
Sown acreage of monsoon paddy	86781	120002	33221
Sown acreage of summer paddy	-	205	205
Sown acreage of edible oil crops	5704	22983	17279
Acres of fish breeding ponds	16	86	70



Tea plantations in Haka Township.

Subject	1988	2006	Progress
Forest conservation			
Reserved Forest (square mile)	605	696	91
Forest plantation (acre)	1000	25670	24670
Transport			
Motor road (mile)	695	1062	367
Tarred road (mile)	40	194	154
Gravelled road	5	278	273
180 feet and above bridge	2	5	3
Under 180 feet bridge	37	47	10
Electric power			
Hydel power plant	4	10	6
Electricity consumption (unit in million)	1.552	8.601	7.049
Education			
Basic Education			
Primary school	998	1057	59
Middle school	76	86	10
High school	17	39	22
Number of teacher	2982	4540	1558
Number of student	62660	101687	39027
Higher Education			
University	-	1	1
Government Computer College	-	1	1
Government Technological College	-	1	1
Health			
Hospital	18	24	6
Health centre	66	67	1
Communication			
Post office	29	45	16
Telegraph office	11	22	11
Telephone exchange	8	25	17
Information and Public Relations			
TV Retransmission station	3	11	8
Self-reliant village library	-	662	662

Prime Minister General Soe Win attends...

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of All Ganas of State and Division Sangha Nayaka Committees, Chairmen Sayadaws of Township Sangha Nayaka Committees in Shan State (South), and members of the Sangha in Loilem District, totalling 108, Members of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and Lt-Gen Aung Htwe, Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council Commander of Eastern Command Maj-Gen Ye Myint, ministers, deputy ministers, senior military officers, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, departmental heads, members of State, District and Township Union Solidarity and Development Associations, social organizations, religious associations, wellwishers and local people. The Chairman Sayadaw administered the Nine Precepts. Members of the Sangha recited Parittas.

Prime Minister General Soe Win offered Seinbudaw (diamond bud), religious objects and alms to the Chairman Sayadaw. (See page 11)



Maha Rathabhi Samaggi Pagoda. — MNA



Prime Minister General Soe Win conveys Seinbudaw (diamond bud). — MNA



Prime Minister General Soe Win puts Buddha relics into the reliquary. — MNA



Prime Minister General Soe Win fixes the Seinbudaw (diamond bud) atop Maha Rathabhi Samaggi Pagoda. — MNA



Prime Minister General Soe Win offers 'soon' (meal) to a member of the Sangha. — MNA



Lt-Gen Aung Htwe presents a Shwekya robe to Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kumara. — MNA



Lt-Gen Kyaw Win presents the Hngetmyatnadaw to Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kumara. — MNA



Prime Minister General Soe Win and party and congregation sharing merits gained at the hoisting of Shwehtidaw atop Maha Ratthabhi Samaggi Pagoda.—MNA

Prime Minister General Soe Win attends...

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Lt-Gen Kyaw Win presented Hngetmyatnadaw and provisions, and Lt-Gen Aung Htwe, Hngetpyawbudaw, Shwekyar Thingan and offertories to the Sayadaw.

The Commander, the ministers, the deputy ministers, senior military officers, departmental heads and wellwishers also donated alms to the Sayadaws.

Secretary Sayadaw Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Bhaddanta Osadhabhivamsa delivered a sermon, and the Prime Minister and party shared merits gained.

The commander presented gifts for architects to architect U Tint Lwin. On behalf of the architects, U Tint Lwin supplicated on presenting the pagoda to the wellwishers.

Prime Minister General Soe Win conveyed the Seinbudaw, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win Hngetmyatnadaw, Lt-Col Aung Htwe Sasana Flag and Shwekyar Thingan. The ministers, the deputy ministers, departmental heads and wellwishers also conveyed Seinbudaws and Htidaws for eight encircling Zedis.

Prime Minister General Soe Win together with Lt-Gen Kyaw Win, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe and officials placed the Hngetmyatnadaw on the decorated carriage and sprinkled scented water on it.

At 8.30 am, the Prime Minister and party hoisted the Hngetmyatnadaw atop the pagoda by decorated carriage of Tatmadaw (Air). Commander Maj-Gen Ye Myint, Minister Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo and officials hoisted tiers of the Shwehtidaw atop the pagoda. At the same time, Htidaws were hoisted atop the encircling Zedis.

Next, Prime Minister General Soe Win and party sprinkled scented water on Seinbudaw in the deco-

rated carriage, and conveyed atop the pagoda. Officials fixed Hngetmyatnadaw atop the pagoda.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe and officials hoisted Sasana Flag and Shwekyar Thingan atop the pagoda. The Prime Minister, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win, Commander Maj-Gen Ye Myint, the ministers, and the deputy ministers fixed the Seinbudaw atop the pagoda. At the same time, Htidaws were hoisted atop the encircling Zedis.

The Prime Minister and party sprinkled scented water on the Seinbudaw. Next, they planted Sasana Flag atop the pagoda and offered Shwekyar Thingan at the Hngetmyatnadaw.

Afterwards, members of the Sangha recited religious verses, and the ceremony ended with three-time recitation of Buddha Sasanam Ćiram Titthatu.

Next, the ceremony to offer Shwekyar Thingan to Buddha images in the Gandakuti Building followed. Prime Minister General Soe Win offered Shwekyar Thingan and emerald bowls to two Buddha images at south-east corner of the pagoda.

Similarly, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe, the commander, the ministers, and the deputy ministers presented Shwekyar Thingan and emerald bowls to the Buddha images. After that, 108 members of the Sangha led by Chairman Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kumara consecrated the Maha Ratthabhi Samaggi Pagoda.

After the ceremony, the Prime Minister and party and local people offered rice and alms to the Sayadaws on the precinct of the pagoda. Next, the Prime Minister and party paid homage to Buddha Images in the Gandakuti Building. Afterwards, they offered 'soon' to the Sayadaws.

Yesterday afternoon, the ceremony to put Buddha relics into the reliquary, open the flagmast and plant Bo tree was held. The Prime Minister and party received the Five Precepts from member of the State Central Working Committee of the Sangha Principal of Shan State Abbot Training School Agga Maha Ganthavaçaka Pandita Bhaddanta Kosiya. Prime Minister General Soe Win put the relics into the reliquary.

Next, on behalf of the wellwishers, President of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Win Myint handed over K 20 million including K 9 million donated by U Soe Tun Shein of Asia Development Export and Import Co Ltd; K 5 million by U Zaw Lay of Fisheries & Marine Products 2000 Ltd; K 1 million each by U Than Nyunt of Min Ayeya Co Ltd, U Myo Aung of San Myanmar Co Ltd, Dr Daw Aye Aye of Chein Kaung Co Ltd, U Soe Naing-Daw Tin Tin Yi and family, U Kyaw Naing-Daw Myint Myint Than and family, and U Tun Win (a) U Ar Wah and family to Commander Maj-Gen Ye Myint.

Prime Minister General Soe Win unveiled the flagmast and sprinkled scented water on it. At the south-east corner, the Prime Minister planted a Bo tree. Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and Lt-Gen Aung Htwe also grew Bo trees at the north-east corner.

Afterwards, they paid homage to the Sayadaws who take residence at Mingala Mwedaw Monastery and Pitakat Building in Panglong.

Maha Ratthabhi Samaggi Pagoda, 135 feet high, is a replica of Shwedagon Pagoda. The pagoda was built with 50 feet high reinforced concrete cave by Asia World Co Ltd. — MNA



Prime Minister General Soe Win unveils the Dagundaing (flagmast) of the Maha Ratthabhi Samaggi Pagoda.— MNA

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

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Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm up to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the vessel.

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

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Closing Date - 17-2-2006@ 12:00 noon
Opening Date - 17-2-2006@ 13:00 hrs.
Venue - Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise(MPE),
No. 23, Minye Kyawzwa Road,
Lanmadaw Township, Yangon
**Managing Director
Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise**

**AMENDMENT TO TENDER NO. 1-SF/MPE/2005-2006
(Sand Filling)**

Tender Closing Date - 17-2-2006@ 12:00 noon
Tender Opening Date - 17-2-2006@ 13:00 Hrs.
Venue - Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise(MPE),
No. 23, Minye Kyawzwa Road,
Lanmadaw Township, Yangon
Sand Filling shall be made at the Plant Site, Myaungtanga,
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**Managing Director
Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise**

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US senators to probe General's Abu Ghraib testimony

WASHINGTON, 9 Feb— A Senate committee will look into discrepancies in accounts of how dogs came to be used to abuse detainees at a US prison in Iraq, after a General who testified to the committee then declined to testify in military court, senators said on Tuesday.

US Army Major-General Geoffrey Miller, a key player in the treatment of detainees in Iraq and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, last month invoked his right not to

incriminate himself in the cases of two soldiers charged with using dogs to abuse detainees at Abu Ghraib prison near Baghdad.

Senator Lindsey Graham said Miller told the Senate Armed Services Committee he discussed the use of dogs for perimeter security. But by another account, Graham said Miller told Army Colonel Thomas Pappas, former top military intelligence officer at Abu Ghraib, how

dogs could be used to get information from detainees.

"Shame on us if we allow a story to go forward that is not true and the two dog handlers are paying the price," said Graham, a South Carolina Republican.

At at committee hearing with Defence Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, Graham said there were "two stories out there that cannot be reconciled in my opinion."
Committee chairman

John Warner, a Virginia Republican, said his panel will look into whether there were conflicts in Miller's testimony "because this individual did testify under oath" to the committee.

The Army last May reprimanded and fined Pappas in the Abu Ghraib detainee abuse scandal, finding he committed dereliction of duty in part by authorizing interrogators to have military working dogs present during the questioning of detainees and without approval of superior commanders.

Rumsfeld said there "have been 87 court-martial and 91 non-judicial punishments" out of the prison abuse scandal, "so there's been extensive functioning of the Uniform Code of Military Justice".

But Senator Carl Levin of Michigan, top Democrat on the committee, said the "lack of accountability for those above the enlisted levels here has been stunning, unacceptable".

MNA/Reuters

India committed to Iran-Pakistan-India gas pipeline

NEW DELHI, 9 Feb— Petroleum Minister Murli Deora on Wednesday said New Delhi is commitment to the over seven billion US dollars Iran-Pakistan-India gas pipeline and will undertake an in depth dialogue on the project when Pakistan's Oil Minister visits India next week.

"We are committed to making the project happen. We need the gas from Iran (to meet energy

needs of the growing economy) and will continue to pursue the pipeline project," Deora, who took over from Mani Shankar Aiyar in a recent Cabinet reshuffle, told reporters here.

He said he would carry the dialogue towards realizing the project which proposes to transport 90 million standard cubic metres per day of gas from Iran's South Pars field to India from 2009-10. This

quantity is almost equal to the amount of natural gas available in the country at present. "Pakistan's Oil Minister is visiting us on 17 February. I will welcome him," he said, adding that discussions during the visit would focus on the IPI pipeline project. "We are sincere and keen that the project comes through. There are hurdles but we are committed," Deora said.—MNA/PTI

Technology opens doors of BPO industry for the blind

BANGALORE, 9 Feb— A new technology now allows visually challenged to work shoulder to shoulder with people who have normal eyesight in the BPO industry in India.

The technology NEIL (Navigation and Expert Interaction Logic) offers visually challenged a "talking companion", Shyam Kedare, who heads

Softnet Interactive Private Limited that has conceptualised the new technique, told PTI.

The technology was utilized by the employment department of the National Association for the Blind (NAB) to impart call centre training to the visually impaired who were trained in marketing skills and later absorbed

as telemarketing executives by Tata Teleservices, M Srinivas, Chief Employment Officer, NAB said.

"Out of the 18 who were given training, eight were chosen for product training and use of software and six are finally working under Tata Teleservices' Drishti project," he said.

MNA/PTI



A young orangutan plays at Jakarta's Ragunan zoo on 9 Feb, 2006. There are an estimated 30,000 orangutans left in the wild but the deforestation of their main habitat on Indonesia's part of Borneo (Kalimantan) and Sumatra island is threatening their existence.—INTERNET

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Hormones affect bladder cancer risk in women

NEW YORK (Reuters Health), 9 Feb— Menopausal status as well as age at menopause may modify the risk of women developing bladder cancer, researchers suggest in the *American Journal of Epidemiology*.

The risk in men is greater than that in women. Hormonal factors may be involved, say the Boston-based investigators, because "gender differences in cigarette smoking patterns, occupational exposures and other differences in known risk factor distributions cannot explain the excess bladder cancer observed for males."

Monica McGrath and colleagues from Brigham and Women's Hospital and Harvard Medical School used the Nurses' Health Study to examine hormonal and reproductive factors in relation to bladder cancer risk in women.

During 26 years of follow up, 336 women developed bladder cancer. Compared with premenopausal women, those past menopause were nearly twice as likely to develop the cancer.

The team also observed

a significant increase in bladder cancer risk with earlier menopause (age 45 years or less) compared with later menopause (age 50 years or more). However, this association was influenced by cigarette smoking status.

The investigators point out that the drop in estrogen levels with menopause has been associated with bladder dysfunction and frequent urinary tract infections.

It may be "that women

who experience early menopause are at an increased risk of bladder cancer because they have recurrent urinary tract infections and concurrent inflammation starting at an earlier age."

Because inflammation and cigarette smoking are likely to act together to increase risk, this hypothesis would also explain the strong interaction with smoking, according to the team.

MNA/Reuters



A Japanese ice sculptor Shinji Kitanaga shows off his technique as he uses a knife to put final touches on a teddy bear shaped chocolate piece at the Takashimaya department store in Tokyo on 8 Feb, 2006.—INTERNET

Diabetic kids prone to periodontal disease

NEW YORK, 9 Feb— Gum inflammation and loosening of teeth can start very early in life in children with diabetes, according to a new study, and these periodontal conditions can become more prominent in adolescence.

Dr Evanthia Lalla and colleagues from Columbia University Medical Center, New York, assessed the dental health of 182 diabetic children between 6 and 18 years of age, comparing them with 160 non-diabetic "controls".

The children with diabetes had significantly more dental plaque and higher gingival inflammation levels than the comparison group, the team reports in the medical journal *Diabetes Care*. The diabetic kids also had significantly more teeth that showed evidence of attachment loss, a characteristic sign of periodontal disease — 5.8 teeth on average in the diabetes group, versus 1.5 in controls.

Statistically, diabetes was strongly related to periodontitis after factoring in a number of other variables. This was especially true in the 12-to 18-year-olds. "As periodontal diseases are largely preventable and progression of destruction can be best arrested when identified in early stages, screening for periodontal changes and implementing prevention and treatment programmes should be considered as a standard of care for young patients with diabetes," Lalla's team advises. — MNA/Reuters

US launches two studies of genes and disease

WASHINGTON, 9 Feb— Why can one person smoke with no apparent ill-effects while another gets lung cancer? Why does one identical twin get Alzheimer's when his brother does not?

Two US research projects announced on Wednesday will develop new ways to analyze data try to find answers to those and other such health questions in the links among genes, environment and disease. One programme at the National Institutes of Health will examine some potential environmental causes of common ailments, with an emphasis on how environment can affect genes that make some people susceptible to disease.

A second initiative will link the NIH and pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies,

including Pfizer Inc of New York and California's Affymetrix Inc, to look for tiny DNA code changes that underlie many diseases.

Virtually all diseases have a hereditary component, transmitted from parent to child through the three billion DNA letters that make up the human genome," said Dr Francis Collins, Director of the National Human Genome Research Institute at NIH.

"Both initiatives promise to rapidly identify

the myriad genes in an individual that, taken together, contribute to an increased risk of illness — or that increase the chances of a healthy life." The projects will sequence genes and also mine data provided by ongoing studies such as the Human Genome Project.

Researchers will work to design new tools to measure environmental factors, such as wearable sensors that could measure substances in the air or how much a person exercises.

MNA/Reuters

S Africa to attract much-needed skills from overseas

CAPE TOWN, 9 Feb— The South African Government will this week publish detailed plans to woo foreigners with much-needed skills to the country, officials said on Tuesday.

Categories of special work permits, for which foreigners with skills needed in South Africa may apply, are to be unveiled on Friday, Public Service and Administration Minister Geraldine Fraser-Moleketi said at the Parliament.

Foreign nationals who meet the requirements for these permits may apply at a foreign mission abroad or at an office of the department of home affairs in South Africa, she said.

It makes it easier for the holders of certain skills or qualifications to come to South Africa, and may be issued to an applicant even before he or she has secured employment in the country, she said. The announcement was made a few days after President Thabo Mbeki pledged to deal with critical shortage of skills, a key factor that could hamper South Africa's endeavour to accelerate its economic growth and reduce poverty.—MNA/Xinhua

Samsung seeks atonement with huge charity pledge

SEOUL, 9 Feb— Samsung and its leader pledged a record donation of 830.7 million US dollars to charity as a way to atone for a spate of bad public relations and legal troubles over corporate governance, it said on Tuesday.

A leading civic group said the gift may buy goodwill but had not resolved fundamental problems of corporate governance at the conglomerate, which is South Korea's largest and controls swathes of the country's business including major world brand Samsung Electronics.

The donation was the largest single charitable contribution in South

Korean history, broadcaster YTN reported. Samsung Group said in a statement the company's leaders regretted arousing public concerns with problems such as the transfer of wealth within the family of chairman Lee Kun-hee and another scandal in which it was suspected, but later cleared, of being involved in illegal political payoffs.



Chinese people

look at model

rocket in the

Shanghai Science

and Technology

Museum in

Shanghai on 9 Feb,

2006.

INTERNET

SPORTS



South Korea's Nam-Il Kim, left, and Los Angeles Galaxy's Tyrone Marshall chase down the ball during the second half of an exhibition soccer game on 8 Feb, 2006, in Los Angeles. South Korea won 2-0. —INTERNET

Nigeria seize third place at African Cup

CAIRO, 10 Feb— Nigeria finished in third place at the African Nations Cup after Garba Lawal struck 11 minutes from time to earn a 1-0 win over Senegal in Thursday's playoff match.

Midfielder Lawal stole in at the far post to convert a cross from John Utaka to which Senegal goalkeeper Pape Mamadou Diouf could only get a slight touch.

A full-strength Nigeria missed a host of chances against Senegal, who fielded several players who had not featured earlier in the tournament.

Obafemi Martins squandered the best opportunity after another centre from Utaka in the 66th minute, and defender Joseph Yobo should have done better with a close-range opening.

Nigeria also hit the crossbar with a rasping early free kick from defender Taye Taiwo while Diouf made a good stop to deny teenage striker

Obinna Nsofor.

Senegal came closest to a goal in the 25th minute when Guiranne Ndaw's cross brushed the bar.

Souleymane Camara gave Nigeria a scare 10 minutes before the interval when his angled effort narrowly missed the target while Diomansy Kamara was a constant menace with his darting runs into the penalty area.

The game marked the final international appearance for Nigeria captain Jay-Jay Okocha.

Okocha, who missed much of the tournament through injury, was taken off to muted applause midway through the second half.

Nigeria have now finished third at three successive Nations Cups.

Senegal, who suffered four defeats in six matches, had to settle for fourth place.

MNA/Reuters



Elena Dementieva of Russia serves during her match against Nathalie Dechy of France in the second round of the indoor Paris tennis open at Pierre de Coubertin stadium, on 9 Feb, 2006. —INTERNET

Late Pandiani goal helps Espanyol defeat Depor

MADRID, 10 Feb— A last-gasp goal by new signing Walter Pandiani earned Espanyol a 2-1 home win over 10-man Deportivo Coruna in the first leg of their King's Cup semifinal on Thursday.

The Uruguay striker, who moved from Depor to English Premier League Birmingham City a year ago before joining Espanyol last month, scored from seven metres after a Luis Garcia shot rebounded into his path in the final minute at Montjuic.

In the other semifinal played on Wednesday, Argentine Diego Milito hit four goals as Real Zaragoza demolished Real Madrid 6-1 at La Romareda.

It was Real Madrid's heaviest defeat in seven years. The second leg against Zaragoza takes place at the Bernabeu next Tuesday.

Depor, who beat Valencia in the quarterfinals thanks to two disputed penalties, were awarded another controversial spot kick against Espanyol.

The referee pointed to the spot when Angel Arizmendi went down as he challenged Espanyol defender Albert Lopo, and striker Ruben Castro sent keeper Gorka Iraizoz the wrong way to put the visitors 1-0 up in the fifth minute.

MNA/Reuters

McLeish to leave Rangers at end of season

GLASGOW, 10 Feb— Rangers manager Alex McLeish is leaving the Scottish Premier League (SPL) champions at the end of the season after more than four years in charge.

"The manager's departure was agreed in early January as Alex believed that a 4-1/2 year term at the club was an appropriate period upon which to end his tenure," chairman David Murray said in a statement on the club's website on Thursday.

McLeish has been under

fire for most of the season with Rangers struggling in the SPL and their 2-0 defeat at Aberdeen on Wednesday left them a massive 18 points adrift of arch-rivals Celtic ahead of Sunday's Old Firm showdown at Ibrox.

Rangers were knocked out of the Scottish Cup by Hibernian last Saturday

leaving them with interest in only the Champions League in which they face Villarreal in the last 16. The first leg is at Ibrox on 22 February with the return on 7 March.

"It had always been the board's intention to make this announcement after the Villarreal... matches in conjunction with other major changes that will have a significant impact both in terms of new investment and personnel," added Murray.

"However, in light of recent results and helpful discussions with various supporters' groups, directors and senior players, it was agreed that the announcement of the manager's departure should be made now."

Murray told the BBC: "Significant amounts of money will be coming to the club and the announcement will be made after the Villarreal matches. Supporters wanted to know and I think it's right we let them know now."

MNA/Reuters

Artmedia says UEFA tie to be played in Slovakia

BRATISLAVA/SOFIA, 10 Feb— Slovakia's Artmedia Bratislava said they would not play the first leg of their UEFA Cup tie against Levski Sofia in Vienna as reported by the Bulgarian club earlier on Thursday.

Artmedia said moving the match to Austria had been an option but it would be played in Slovakia in Trnava.

"I can unambiguously confirm that the Trnava alternative still remains valid," SITA news agency quoted Artmedia sport director Peter Pavlovic as saying. "We will play Levski Sofia in Trnava on February 15."

Levski Sofia said UEFA had moved the venue to Vienna's Ernst Happel Stadium because of ice in Bratislava and the second-choice venue of Trnava.

"We received an official letter from UEFA," a Levski spokesman said.

UEFA could not be reached for comment late on Thursday.

Artmedia were earlier this week ordered by UEFA to play the match in Trnava, 45 kilometres from Bratislava, because their pitch was frozen.

The second leg is scheduled for 23 February.

MNA/Reuters



Anna Smashnova of Israel rushes to the net during her match against Nadia Petrova of Russia in the second round of the indoor Paris tennis open at Pierre de Coubertin stadium on 9 Feb, 2006. —INTERNET

Fresh woe for Campbell as defender ruled out by injury

LONDON, 10 Feb— Sol Campbell's troubled season took a turn for the worse on Thursday when an ankle injury ruled out the England and Arsenal defender for at least two weeks.

"Sol is out now because of a foot problem," Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger told the club's website. "He played two or three weeks with it but the injury became worse against West Ham United (on February 1)

"We had a scan and he will be out for two or three weeks. It is an ankle injury but not a ligament problem."

Campbell returned to training on Monday after walking out of Highbury when he was substituted at halftime in the 3-2 defeat by West Ham.

The 31-year-old missed last Saturday's 2-0 win at Birmingham City. Teammate Robert Pires said the defender had taken time off to deal with personal problems but Campbell's lawyer issued a statement saying that was not the case. —MNA/Reuters

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye sends felicitations to First Vice-President of Iran

YANGON, 11 Feb — Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Parviz Davoodi, First Vice-President of the Islamic Republic of Iran, on the occasion of the National Day of the Islamic Republic of Iran which falls on 11 February 2006. — MNA



Prime Minister General Soe Win presents Seinbudaw to Magway Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kumara. — MNA

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

Prime Minister General Soe Win attends ceremony to hoist Htidaw atop Maha Ratthabhi Samaggi Pagoda in Panglong

Emerald bowl and Shwekyar Thingan offered, and Buddha Images consecrated

YANGON, 10 Feb — A ceremony to hoist Htidaw atop Maha Ratthabhi Samaggi Pagoda, offer the emerald bowl and Shwekyar Thingan, and consecrate the Buddha Image was held at Wikasini Hill in Panglong of Loilem Township, Loilem District,

Shan State (South), this morning, attended by Prime Minister General Soe Win.

Also present on the occasion were Chairman of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha

Saddhammajotika Magway Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kumara and State Ovadaçariya Sayadaws, members of the SSMNC, members of the State Central Working Committee of the Sangha, chairmen Sayadaws (See page 10)

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein inspects preparations for 59th Anniversary Union Day Dinner

YANGON, 10 Feb — Chairman of the Central Committee for Organizing the 59th Anniversary Union Day Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein inspected preparations for hosting the 59th Anniversary Union Day Dinner and dress rehearsal of cultural troupes of national races to be presented at the dinner at the President's House on Ahlon Road, here, this evening.

Accompanied by officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein arrived at

the President's House where the 59th Anniver-

sary Union Day Dinner is to be held, at 5.30 pm. The

Secretary-1 and party were welcomed by Lt-Gen

Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman

of Yangon Division Peace (See page 6)



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein views dress rehearsal of cultural troupes of national races. — MNA