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## It is important for all of us to nurture Union Spirit regardless of the place we are residing Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism that will ever protect and safeguard all the national races

YANGON, 12 Feb —*The following is a translation of the message sent by Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council, on the occasion of the 59th Anniversary Union Day, 2006, of the Union of Myanmar.*

### Esteemed national brethren born in the Union,

On the auspicious occasion of the 59th Anniversary of Union Day, I would like to extend my warmest greetings to all the national brethren living in the Union and may you enjoy physical and mental well-being.

"Union Day" is an auspicious and historic day,

on which the Union of Myanmar, through the might of unity of national people, managed to throw off the yoke of servitude under the colonialists who enslaved the nation for more than one hundred years, and the nation became an independent and sovereign nation again.

Moreover, it is also the day which reflects the national essence that the nation, exerting the strength of the absolute unity of national races born in the Union, and the Union Spirit, could achieve a triumph over stark deception and the driving of a wedge by the colonialists, with national conviction and awareness.

From time immemorial, national brethren have

been living together in the Union of Myanmar through thick and thin with friendship to one another, mutual help and reliance, forbearance, mutual collaboration based on family spirit and Union Spirit.

All the national races should notice and preserve the fine tradition of Myanmar Community that a tribe that has come into being since early history while in search of better place and condition settled down in groups in the area that would become the Union of Myanmar and they thrived into more than one hundred races.

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## Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing attend fifth Buddha Pujaniya of Lawka Chantha Abhaya Labha Muni Buddha Image

YANGON, 11 Feb — Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing attended the fifth Buddha Pujaniya of Lawka Chantha Abhaya Labha Muni Buddha Image on Mindhamma Hill in Insein Township this morning.

Also present on the occasion were State Ovadaçariya Sayadaws, members of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee, Tipitakadhara, Tipitakakovida

Sayadaws, members of the State Central Working Committee of the Sangha, members of the Sangha of International Theravada Buddhist Missionary University, State Pariyatti Sasana University (Yangon), State Vinayadhara Sayadaws, the Chairman of Yangon Division Sangha Nayaka Committee, totalling 45, Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife

Daw Mya Mya San, Daw Khin Than Nwe, wife of Lt-Gen Tin Oo, Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence and wife Daw Khin Lay Thet, Prime Minister General Soe Win and wife Daw Than Nwe, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win, members of the State Peace and Development Council and theirwives, the Commander-in-Chief (Navy) and the

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Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing take the Nine Precepts from Magway Sayadaw. — MNA



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

**PERSPECTIVES**

Sunday, 12 February, 2006

**Strive for national development through unity**

The 12th February 2006 (today) is the 59th Anniversary of the Union Day of the Union of Myanmar. The Union of Myanmar is a land where national races are living together in unity and amity.

A significant characteristic of the Union of Myanmar is that the national brethren have been living in unity and amity since yore. The national races such as Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Bamar, Mon, Rakhine and Shan are kindred living in the same land and partaking water from the same source although they are different in ethnic groups and dialects.

The national brethren who have been living in the Union for years countable by the thousand are endowed with Union Spirit. With this fine tradition, they have consolidated themselves as a people in the simple and single term 'Myanmar'.

The Panglong Agreement was signed on 12 February 1947, in the time of independence struggle, and as a result, the entire nation had been able to show unity and Union Spirit. Throughout the course of history, Union-born ethnic groups have stood in solidarity and crushed all the external dangers posed to the nation. The nation thus came into being as an independent and sovereign nation.

The Union Day (the 12th February) is a day of historical significance for the entire national people. The ceremonies to mark the Union Day are held on a grand scale yearly all over the country.

Nowadays, taking lessons from the past, the government is giving priority to national consolidation for shaping the future of the nation. The country is now on the right path of development.

Thanks to concerted and integrated efforts of the entire national people under the right leadership of the government, remarkable progress has been made in all aspects of the nation.

Extended building of dams and reservoirs, roads and bridges, health and education infrastructures highlight the goodwill of the government towards the people.

Such being so, the entire national people are to uphold the fine tradition of living in unity and amity, sharing weal or woe, while striving for the emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed nation.

**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

**Work Co-ord meeting on smooth and secure transport held**

YANGON, 11 Feb — The work coordination meeting of Yangon Division Supervisory Committee for Ensuring Smooth and Secure Transport took place at the meeting hall of Yangon Command yesterday afternoon with an address by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win.

Commander Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win made an opening speech.

Later, rectors, pro-rectors and principals of

universities and colleges, and officials of All Bus Lines Control Committee (Yangon) reported on matters related to ferry for universities and colleges, reduction of traffic accidents.

The meeting ended with the concluding remarks by the commander.

Also present at the meeting were Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Wai Lwin, military region commanders, station commanders, and secretary and members of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council. — MNA

**Gravel roads put into service in Nyaungdon, Maubin**

YANGON, 11 Feb — A ceremony to put Theinla gravel road into service was held in Nyaungdon this morning.

After the ceremony, Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt and party inspected the road measuring 3,500 feet by 12 feet.

Officials formally opened the road.

The minister and party also attended the ceremony to open the repaved Myothit 3rd Road in Maubin. Next, the minister explained rural and urban development tasks to the local people.

In Tarpat West Village of Maubin Township, the minister and party joined the ceremony to inaugurate the gravel road linking Maubin-Kyaiklat road.

After the opening ceremony, the minister and party inspected the road. — MNA



Minister Col Thein Nyunt inspects opening of Myothit 3rd Road in Maubin Township. — PBANRDA

**7th Leg of Air Bagan Myanmar Golf Tour 14-17 Feb**



YANGON, 11 Feb — The Seventh Leg of Air Bagan Myanmar Golf Tour, to be jointly organized by Myanmar PGA and Myanmar Golf Federation, and to be sponsored by Air Bagan Ltd, will take place at Yangon Golf Club (Danyingon) from 14 to 17

February.

The tour will be categorized as professional golfer division and amateur division (handicap 0-12). Those wishing to take part in the tour may enlist at Han Golf Master Pro-Shop and Yangon Golf Club (Danyingon) Office, Tel: 635563, and 099972554, not later than 4 pm on 12 February.

The tour will be co-sponsored by KBZ Bank Ltd, Myanmar Brewery Ltd, Myanmar Treasure Resort Hotel, Aureum Palace Hotel Resort, Srixon, Yangon Golf Club, Kachin Golfers Group, Jade Myanmar Co Ltd, Max Myanmar Co Ltd, and London. Han Event Management will organize the functions of the golf tour. — MNA



U Kyaw Naing-Daw Ei Ei Cho and family of Punhlaing Housing Estate in Kyimyindine Township present K 100,000 to Joint Treasurer U Maung Maung Gyi of Hninzigon Home for the Aged Administrative Board recently. — H

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# Russia, unlike US supports Asia for top UN post

UNITED NATIONS, 10 Feb — Russia said a successor to UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan should be an Asian and threw cold water on US suggestions that the next top UN diplomat could come from any region in the world.

"We prefer to follow the traditional way of tackling the issue, of handling the matter of election of new Secretary-General," Russia's UN Ambassador Andrei Denisov said on Thursday. He added that it was Asia's turn for job.

Denisov also disagreed with US Ambassador John Bolton's proposal that the selection process be completed by midyear, saying it might sideline Annan, who completes 10 years in office on 31 December.

"We do not consider Mr. Annan as somebody considering retirement," Denisov told a news conference. "He is active and working effectively and must work until the end of his term."

"Some items of the (UN) reform agenda have been delayed, like enlargement of the Security Council," Denisov said.

"We are fed up with aggravations by starting discussions on a Secretary-General right now. It will only bring a mess to the reform process," he added.

Some envoys have suggested a job description but Denisov said that too was unnecessary. Past office holders have been drawn from the diplomatic corps

or, in Annan's case, from the UN bureaucracy.

The UN Charter states that a Secretary-General is to be appointed by the General Assembly at the recommendation of the 15-nation Security Council, which means Russia as well as the United States, Britain, France and China have veto power.

In the past, the five permanent Council members have waited until the last moment to make a choice, blackballing each other's candidate to see who is left standing.

This year Bolton has made clear that "we are looking for candidates to declare themselves from all over the world so we can have the broadest possible field to follow up on".

Bolton has also said that Eastern Europeans should be eligible for the post since they had not held the job before.

But Denisov said only that he had not heard "practical proposals" from the Eastern Europeans.

But he said that "those who support the Asian option would like to have one candidate supported by all (of) Asia". — MNA/Reuters



An Egyptian girl attends the African Nations Cup final soccer match between Egypt and Ivory Coast at the Cairo International Stadium, Egypt, on 10 Feb, 2006.—INTERNET

## Three killed as German school bus collide with truck

BERLIN, 10 Feb— A German school bus collided with a truck on Thursday, killing at least three people, German police said.

The accident took place in the town of Copenbruegge in the state of Lower Saxony, a local police spokesman said. "A truck travelling in the opposite direction slid into oncoming traffic and sliced the bus open from the driver's seat to the back," he said.

MNA/Reuters

## Afghan avalanches kill 19 villagers

MAZAR-I-SHARIF (Afghanistan), 10 Feb — Avalanches swept away 10 homes in Afghanistan's Hindu Kush mountains, killing 19 people, most of them children, a provincial official said on Wednesday.

The avalanches struck in remote parts of Sar-i-Pul Province on Monday and Tuesday after heavy snow over the weekend, said the province's governor, Sayed Iqbal Munib. "Nineteen people have died and nine were injured," he told Reuters.

Last month, about 20 people were killed in avalanches in Badakshan Province, in the northeast. NATO-led peacekeepers have airlifted emergency supplies into the mountainous area. — MNA/Reuters

## Police seize 425 kilos of cocaine in SW Colombia

BOGOTA, 10 Feb— Colombian highway police seized 425 kilos of cocaine hidden in an all terrain vehicle bound for

the Pacific coast port of Tumaco, southwestern Colombia, local media reported on Thursday.

Commander of the Colombian Pacific Ocean Navy Jairo Pena suspected the cocaine was being transported to Tumaco to be shipped abroad.

Highway police arrested three people, including a minor, he added. Colombian Army data indicates that some 3.5 tons of cocaine have been seized in the first six weeks of this year, while around 62 tons were recovered last year.

MNA/Xinhua

## Ex-official says White House misused Iraq intelligence

WASHINGTON, 11 Feb — A former CIA official who coordinated US intelligence on the Middle East during the Iraq invasion accused the White House of misusing prewar intelligence to justify its case for war.

Paul Pillar, who was national intelligence officer for the Near East and South

Asia from 2000 to 2005, also said the Senate intelligence committee and

a presidential commission overlooked evidence that the Bush administration politicized the intelligence process to support White House policymakers.

"Official intelligence on Iraqi weapons programmes was flawed but even with its flaws, it was not what led to the war," Pillar said

in an article written for the March/April issue of Foreign Affairs and posted on the magazine's Web site on Friday.

"If the entire body of official intelligence analysis on Iraq had a policy implication, it was to avoid war—or, if war was going to be launched, to prepare for a messy aftermath," he said. Pillar was not immediately available for comment.

A CIA spokesman said Pillar was expressing his own personal point of view and not the official views of the spy agency.

The CIA and other agencies that make up the US intelligence community have been widely criticized for prewar Iraq intelligence including the claim that Saddam Hussein had weapons of mass destruction, which was a main justification for the war. No such weapons have been found.—Internet

## Up to 15 killed in northern Pakistan blast

ISLAMABAD, 10 Feb — At least 15 people were killed and several others injured in northern Pakistan Thursday in an apparent suicide bomb blast in a procession by Shiite Muslims observing their holiest day, a Shiite leader said.

The Shiite leader Khurshid Anwar Jawadi, who was supposed to speak to the procession in Hangu, some 200 kilometres northwest of Islamabad, said after the incident that around 15 people had been killed in what he called a suicide attack.

The attack occurred as Shiite Muslims were holding the traditional Muharram procession to mark the slaying of Hazrat Imam Hussain, grandson of the Prophet Mohammad.

"It is the work of the enemy and miscreants," Jawadi said. Jawadi expressed dissatisfaction over the security arrangements by the local

authorities, saying that miscreants succeeded to join the procession due to poor security arrangements.

MNA/Xinhua



Iraqi residents stand near the wreckage of vehicles destroyed after a car bomb attack in the Doura district in Baghdad on 10 Feb, 2006.—INTERNET

## Mexican police seize 7.7 tons of Marijuana

MEXICO CITY, 10 Feb— Mexican police have confiscated about 7.7 tons of marijuana in an articulated truck in the west state of Durango, local media reported on Thursday.

Police officers seized the drugs when they searched the truck that violated registration regulations. The marijuana was hidden in a secret compartment of the truck and packed into 1,310 bags, the Federal Preventative Police said.

MNA/Xinhua

## China, ASEAN agree on joint safeguard of S China Sea's peace

SANYA, 10 Feb— China and the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) agreed on joint safeguarding the peace and stability of South China Sea, a two-day meeting which concluded here Thursday was told.

The China-ASEAN joint working group held its second meeting on implementation of the Declaration on the Conduct of Parties in South China Sea (DOC) at Sanya, a city of China's southernmost province of Hainan.

Officials from China, ASEAN member states and the ASEAN Secretariat attended the

meeting. They reiterated that they all attached importance to implementing the DOC, which was signed in 2002 as a guideline for conducts of all parties involved in the South China Sea issue.

Participants to the meeting all agreed that promoting the pragmatic cooperation in South China Sea is of great significance to pushing

forward the development of the China-ASEAN strategic partnership.

They all agreed on safeguarding the peace and stability of the South China Sea Region, and would work together to make the South China Sea a sea of peace, friendship and cooperation.

Participants to the meeting also reached agreement on relevant cooperation projects, and made a working plan for the China-ASEAN joint working group in 2006.

MNA/Xinhua

## ဝက်ပူပွမ်းအား ခေတ်ကျော်သွား



A police officer stands guard on a road leading to a spa of a Japanese inn which was hit by an avalanche descending from the mountain in the background, in Semboku, northern Japan, on 10 Feb, 2006. —INTERNET

## Nine killed in bus crash in central Mexico

MEXICO CITY, 10 Feb— At least nine passengers were killed when a tanker truck overturned and hit their bus before exploding in the central Mexican State of Guanajuato on Thursday, local radio reported.

The truck, which was carrying flammable fuel, was leaving Guanajuato for Mexico City when the collision occurred.

Lieutenant Salvador Lopez of the Federal Preventative Police said his forces had closed Federal Highway 90 at the scene of the incident, about five kilometres from La Piedad, a city in Guanajuato, 290 kilometres west of the

capital. Lopez said police were continuing their rescue attempts and hoped to reopen the highway soon. One of the drivers was rescued from the wreckage, he added.

More than 100 policemen have been taking part in the rescue mission and the Mexican Army has been called in to make safe the truck's remaining fuel.

MNA/Xinhua

## Blair's Labour Party suffers surprise poll defeat

LONDON, 10 Feb— Britain's ruling Labour Party suffered a shock defeat to the leaderless Liberal Democrats in a Scottish by-election on Friday.

Prime Minister Tony Blair's Labour had a strong 11,500 majority in the eastern seat of Dunfermline and West Fife overturned by Britain's third party.

The result was a blow for Blair, struggling to face down rebels in his party over key reforms, and his

Finance Minister Gordon Brown, who took part in the election campaign.

Labour had been expected to retain the seat comfortably, while the Liberal Democrats are still reeling after a string of scandals involving senior party members.

"This is truly a historic

victory," winning candidate Willie Rennie said in a speech. "The people... have sent a powerful message to the Labour government that will rock the foundations of Downing Street."

The Liberal Democrats were shaken last month by the departure of their

leader Charles Kennedy after he admitted having a drink problem.

Two weeks later, Mark Oaten, one of Kennedy's possible successors, quit the leadership race after he admitted seeing a male prostitute. Another potential leader, Simon Hughes, admitted he had misled the media over his homosexuality.

Despite the party's troubles, Rennie emerged as a comfortable winner in the Scottish election.

He polled 12,391 votes to secure a 1,800 majority over Labour's candidate Catherine Stihler, who finished second.

The seat became vacant after the area's Labour MP Rachel Squire died from cancer last month.

MNA/Reuters

## Chavez says Britain should give Falklands to Argentina

CARACAS (Venezuela), 10 Feb— Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez took another swipe at British Prime Minister Tony Blair on Thursday, saying Britain should give back the Falkland Islands to Argentina.

Venezuela also formally complained about comments by Blair saying the South American country should respect the rules of the international community, writing in a letter to the British Ambassador in Caracas that the remarks violated the "fundamental principles of international law".

There was no immediate reaction from the British Embassy.

Chavez, a blunt-speaking leftist known for his anti-American rhetoric, had already told Blair to "go to hell" for his remarks, made during a parliamentary session in London on Wednesday.

His attack on the British Premier shifted his aim following a new flare-up with Washington, sparked when Chavez last week expelled a US Navy attaché for alleged espionage and compared Bush to Adolf Hitler.

Chavez used Thursday's speech to prod US President George W Bush again, calling him a "nut case".

The fiery Venezuelan leader said US ally Britain had violated the sovereignty of various nations.

He cited the case of the tiny Falkland Islands off the coast of Argentina, which Britain and Argentina went to war over in 1982.

"We have to remember the Falklands, how they were taken away from the Argentines," Chavez said in the western Venezuelan city of Maracaibo. "Those islands are Argentina's. Return them, Mr Blair, those islands are Argentina's."

Britain still controls the Falklands, which Argentine troops invaded in 1982, setting off a three-month war against colonial ruler Britain in which hundreds were

killed on both sides and more than 1,000 wounded.

Blair said on Wednesday that countries like Venezuela and Cuba should realize they had much to gain from the principles of democracy.

MNA/Reuters

## 14 wounded in explosion in Istanbul

ANKARA, 10 Feb— At least 14 people were wounded in a bomb explosion in Istanbul on Thursday, the largest city of Turkey, police said.

Istanbul Police Chief Celalettin Cerrah confirmed that six police officers and eight civilians were wounded in the explosion, which occurred in an Internet cafe in Istanbul on Thursday.

The blast scene was at the cafe at the Orta Mahalle Zambak Street in Bayrampasa District of Istanbul at 2.00 pm (1200 GMT), Cerrah was quoted as saying by the semi-

official Anatolia news agency.

The Internet cafe is frequented by police officers from the nearby local headquarters, said Cerrah, adding that the wounded have been taken to Sagmalcilar State Hospital.

There was no immediate report on the motive of the blast and no immediate claim of responsibility, either.

MNA/Xinhua

## Three US soldiers killed in western Iraq

BAGHDAD, 10 Feb— Three US soldiers were killed in separate incidents in western Iraq, US military said on Thursday. A US Marine died of a non-hostile traffic accident while conducting combat operations near the Qaim area on 7 February, the military said in a statement.

A second Marine was killed when his vehicle hit a makeshift bomb near the Baghdadi area on February 6, the military said in a separate statement.

A third US soldier was killed when a roadside bomb struck his vehicle during combat operations in the Anbar Province on 5 February, the military said in another statement.

The names of the soldiers are being withheld pending notification of next of kin, according to the statements.—MNA/Xinhua



An Iraqi child lies in a hospital after getting wounded from a car bomb attack in Doura district in Baghdad on 10 Feb, 2006. —INTERNET



## Lt-Gen Myint Swe hosts dinner in honour of Union Day delegates



Lt-Gen Myint Swe and wife Daw Khin Thet Htay host a dinner to delegates to the Union Day celebrations. — MNA

YANGON, 11 Feb — Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence and wife Daw Khin Thet Htay hosted a dinner at his home of Yangon Command in honour of the delegates who will attend the 59th

Anniversary Union Day ceremony.

At the dinner Lt-Gen Myint Swe presented gifts to the delegates. After dinner, the delegates also presented him with gifts. — MNA

## Myanma Music Asiayon responsible for preserving and promoting national cultural heritage

YANGON, 11 Feb — Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan held a meeting with newly-elected executives and members of the Myanmar Music Asiayon at the Myanma Radio and Television on Pyay Road here yesterday.

The minister in his speech said that the Myanmar Music Asiayon had been reconstituted with new members to accelerate its functions.

The ministry recognized the conscientious performance of the old members in the tasks of the association and in the national tasks during the tenure, he said.

In serving the interests of members of the music world and the nation and the people, the new executives are to make collaborative efforts to achieve the targets.

Myanmar has fine traditions in the music field with high quality. He urged them to preserve the fine traditions — (1) possessing national characters with own styles, (2) being endowed with essence in all aspects with high standard, and (3) conscientiousness in national duty throughout the history.

As today is the knowledge age, every sector is improving rapidly, Myanmar music, culture and arts are facing challenges. So, it is required to preserve and

safeguard the national cultural heritage. In that regard, the government organizes traditional cultural performing arts competitions yearly.

The Myanmar Music Asiayon is responsible for preserving and promoting cultural heritage of Myanmar music and taking innovative measures in accord with the changes in order that traditional culture should not be influenced by aliens.

He proposed to lay down five objectives: (1) to place emphasis on improvement and solidity of Myanmar music world, (2) to take a leading role and to provide assistance for development of production of Myanmar music works, (3) to help raise social life of members of music world, (4) to supervise innovation of own style, own tune, and (5) to join hands with the government and the people in national duties in line with the motto "Develop the nation through the might of music".

In conclusion, the minister pledged the ministry will render necessary assistance in various spheres in accord with the frame of the policy for the development of the music.

Chairman of the Myanma Music Asiayon U Maung Maung Latt, Secretary Playboy Than Naing, Executive

## Irrigation facilities, physic nut nurseries inspected

YANGON, 11 Feb — Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo made an inspection tour of Magway and Mandalay Divisions on 5 February.

He inspected irrigation facilities at Mezali Diversion Dam in Pwintbyu Township, Tanyaung river water pumping project in Salin Township, and Kyaukku river water pumping project in NyaungU Township.

While in NyaungU, the minister oversaw thriving physic nut saplings at the nursery with the use of irrigation facilities from the river water pumping project.

At the dry region central crops research farm in NyaungU, the minister looked into nurturing of 120,000 physic nut saplings on 100 acres of land. — MNA

## Minister inspects saw mills in industrial zone

YANGON, 11 Feb — Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung inspected saw mills in Wataya Timber-based Industrial Zone in Yangon Division yesterday.

On arrival at furniture factory of Htoo Trading Co Ltd, the minister heard reports on furniture produced for Europe market and the minister inspected the production of the factory.

Later, the minister arrived at No-6 furniture factory and inspected the procedure of the factory and the products of the factory for export. — MNA



U Ko Ko Lwin and Patrons Accordion U Ohn Kyaw and Hinthada U Myint Ngwe presented the reports on the association. The minister assessed the reports and delivered concluding remarks.

MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan discusses future tasks on music for raising the standard of the Myanmar music. — MNA



Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing donate alms to Chairman Magway Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kumara. — MNA



Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing offer 'soon' to Lawka Chantha Abhaya Labha Muni Buddha Image. — MNA

## Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing...

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Next, Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing offered robes and provisions to the Chairman Sayadaw.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San also donated robes and alms to Secretary Nyaungdon Sayadaw Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Bhaddanta Osadhabhivamsa.

Daw Khin Than Nwe, wife of Lt-Gen Tin Oo, presented robes and offertories to Vice-Chairman Sayadaw Bahan Aungmyebonsan Monastery Sayadaw Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Bhaddanta Paññindabhivamsa.

Afterwards, General Thura Shwe Mann and wife Daw Khin Lay Thet donated robes and

provisions to Vice-Chairman Sayadaw Dawei Gawthitayama Monastery Sayadaw Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Bhaddanta Arçinnabhivamsa.

So also, Prime Minister General Soe Win and wife Daw Than Than Nwe offered robes and donations to Vice-Chairman Mandalay Chanmyathazi Maha Nandithenayama Monastery Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Ariyabhivamsa.

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Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San offer 'soon' to Lawka Chantha Abhaya Labha Muni Buddha Image. — MNA

## It is important for all of us to nurture Union Spirit regardless of the place...

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Living together across the Union of Myanmar as well as in each and every part of the nation, various national races have possessed a common socio-economic life and shared joys and sorrows throughout the history.

Therefore, a national race or a part of the Union cannot be separated from national races or from the Union. And fruitful results will come out only when the entire Union and all the national races are taken into account together. This indicates a significant characteristic of the Union.

So, all the national races are to accept that stability, peace, development and existence of the Union of Myanmar encompassing all the national races completely rely on the strength of national solidarity and flourishing of Union Spirit.

Throughout the history of the Union of Myanmar, the spirit of national unity, Union Spirit and anti-colonialist spirit or the spirit of collectively repulsing alien intrusion have always reflected the national vigour that enables the Union to stand tall among the world nations.

National people are to be aware of the fact that colonialists and neo-colonialists who are anxious to intrude into and dominate our Union have been intentionally breaking up national solidarity, the foundation of the Union, to weaken the national vigour.

In this regard, national people are to ever keep in mind a historic lesson that disintegration of national solidarity pushed the Union that have stood magnificently for thousands of years with own monarchs to fall under alien subjugation for more than one hundred years.

During the time when Myanmar was under subjugation, the colonialists separated the Union into many parts and exercised the divide-and-rule policy. And with a sinister scheme the colonialists conspired to widen the development gap between regions, cause doubts and differences among the national races and create hardships and problems to

deprive Myanmar of peace and stability for successive eras so that it would have to rely on foreign countries. Due to the conspiracies, Myanmar faced armed conflicts for over 40 years after regaining independence and near disintegration of the Union for three times. We have to solve the problems till today of evil legacy inherited to us by the colonialists.

At present also, some powers wishing to dominate and manipulate the Union of Myanmar are perpetrating to cause racial dissension for the ruining of national solidarity and the recurrence of armed conflicts and obstruction of national development. They are also imposing economic sanctions on Myanmar and attempting to incite political instigations to hinder the momentum of national development. We must be vigilant against the steps and schemes of the neo-colonialists with national awareness.

### Esteemed national races,

Taking the lessons of history, the State Peace and Development Council has laid down the national policy — non-disintegration of the Union; non-disintegration of national solidarity; and perpetuation of sovereignty — and has re-consolidated the national unity. Thanks to the national policy, the entire nation including border areas are witnessing peace and stability and sound foundations of cooperation and unity and political, economic and social developments as the State Peace and Development Council was able to end armed conflicts in the whole Union.

With the sound foundations as the base, the government laid down the seven-point Road Map for emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation in accord with the wish of the entire people. In addition, it has been in the process of convening the National Convention, the first and most important step of the Road Map, with the participation of the delegates of all walks of life in which the representatives of the national races are the majority.

Now, we are witnessing the bright prospects of the emergence of a constitution, drawn with the participation of the national races themselves, that

will ensure continued flourishing of liberty, justice, equality and the rule of law in the country, with worthiest and noblest of worldly values as the base; propagation of fine traditions — peace and tranquillity, oneness and unity — among the national races; and equitable sharing of all fruits of progress.

At this opportune time, we all should strive with true-patriotism-based efforts for further promotion and propagation of the spirit of national unity and Union Spirit, the foundation of the Union as well as the national strength.

What is vital for all the national races is that they must always keep in their hearts the conviction "It is important for all of us to nurture Union Spirit regardless of the place we are residing. Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism that will ever protect and safeguard all the national races".

In conclusion, I would like to urge the entire people of the nation in all seriousness to implement the following objectives of the 59th Anniversary Union Day in harmony and unison and with firm resolve, while always cultivating Union Spirit, which is the true patriotism, and always striving to further consolidate national solidarity for emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation:

- 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 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. — MNA



## Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing...

(from page 6)

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win presented robes and alms to State Ovadaçariya Bahan Thirimanta Sankyaung Monastery Sayadaw Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Bhaddanta Rajindabhivamsa.

Members of the State Peace and Development Council, senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence and party also donated robes and offertories to members of the Sangha.

Secretary Sayadaw B h a d d a n t a Osadhabhivamsa delivered a sermon, and

Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing and party shared merits gained.

The ceremony ended with three-time recitation of Buddha Sasanam Çiram Tithatu.

After the ceremony, the 'soon' offering ceremony followed.

While Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing and party donated 'soon' and other alms to 108 members of the Sangha, Mingala Drum Troupe of Thirikhema Wut Association sang the religious songs.

Likewise, the Ministry of Defence, State

Peace and Development Council Office, the Prime Minister's Office, Adjutant-General's Office, Quartermaster-General's Office, Commander-in-Chief (Navy)'s Office, Commander-in-Chief (Air)'s Office, ministries, Supreme Court, Attorney-General's Office, Auditor-General's Office, Civil Service Selection and Training Board Office, Yangon Command Headquarters, Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Office, Yangon City Development Committee, District and Township PDCs and wellwishers donated provisions and alms worth K 16.5 million to members of the Sangha.

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Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing offer an alms bowl to a Sayadaw. — MNA



Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San offer an alms bowl to a Sayadaw. — MNA



Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San offer alms to a Sayadaw. — MNA



Daw Khin Than Nwe, wife of Lt-Gen Tin Oo, offering an alms bowl to a Sayadaw. — MNA



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



General Thura Shwe Mann and wife Daw Khin Lay Thet offer an alms bowl to a Sayadaw. — MNA



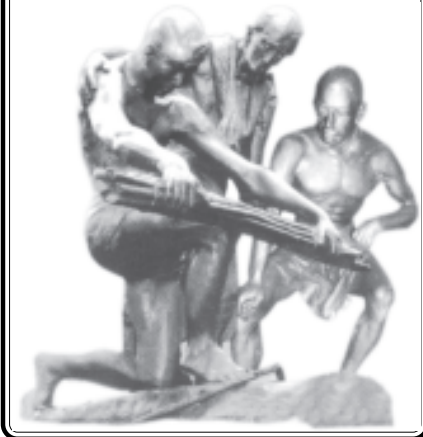
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**Honouring the 59th Anniversary Union Day:**

# Towards everlasting Union Spirit

*Tekkatho Tin Kha*

## Hundred fruits from a common stem—Our Union



'Union' is a term that should always be kept on record for Myanmar literature, Myanmar culture and Myanmar people. History has also seen 'Myanmar' and 'Union' as indivisible as water.

From historical point of view and literature 'union' was born in Bagan era, forming districts and regions into a nation. The term 'Union' has been chronicled through the unity of national races such as Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Mon, Bamar and Shan under the leadership of King Anawrahta.

Anawrahta can be defined as a king who was never against his subjects, and the city "Arimaddanapura" he founded was meant to protect the people from any kind of enemy and danger. The king, and the people strove to ensure the perpetuity of Arimaddanapura. Moreover, King Anawrahta held a ceremony at which the

king, the servicemen and the people made a solemn vow to work together for the country. One of the important points in their pledges stated that one should never harm the interest of the people and the State through instigation of the aliens. It was King Anawrahta who gave birth to Union Spirit, not going against the people at all.

In Taungoo period also, like Tabin Shwe Hti, King Bayintnaung underscored the importance of national solidarity. In the regions where he won victories, the king secured the allegiance of leaders and restored their positions. He consulted with Mon, Bamar, and Shan ministers in deciding State and defence affairs.

Bayintnaung as well as his son King Nanda called their great country Hanthawady Kingdom of Yamanga region. Therefore, the minds of the people in of King Bayintnaung were equipped with Union Spirit.

King Alaungmintaya attached great importance to national unity in crushing internal and external destructive elements and founded the Konboug Dynasty or the Third Myanmar Empire.

Based on Union Spirit imparted by King Anawrahta, Myanmar stood tall with its own monarchs. In Taungoo period, Bayintnaung built the Second Myanmar Empire through national solidarity and Union Spirit.

Likewise, Alaungmintaya U Aung Zeya succeeded in founding the Third Myanmar Em-

Spirit, sharing weal or woe.

To put it in a nutshell, the national brethren, regardless of the plains or hilly regions they resided, were united in times of emergency and fought back the colonialists. As a result, Myanmar regained independence on 4 January 1948.

In his address at the graduation parade of the 40th Intake of Defence Services Academy held on 7-4-1999, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Sen-

That is Union Spirit which is very important for the nation. All of you, Comrades, know that our nation is one made up of various national races. When all nationals were united, our nation was prosperous and strong. You will realize if you study Bagan, Taungoo and Konbaung periods. During that time, we were able to win the respect of our neighbours. So, the value of Union Spirit is enormous.

Union Spirit is such that bonds all citizens in unity no matter in which section, which region they may reside.

pillar of unity was signed on 12 February 1947. Thanks to the agreement, independence that belongs to the entire national people was regained on 4 January 1948. On that day, Myanmar was able to declare its independence to the world.

In the time of the Tatmadaw Government, significant progress has been made in fostering national solidarity on the basis of Union Spirit. National race armed groups who had returned to the legal fold are now engaged in the national development

**With Union Spirit, the Panglong Agreement that was the pillar of unity was signed on 12 February 1947. Thanks to the agreement, independence that belongs to the entire national people was regained on 4 January 1948.**

pire with 68 national heroes based on Union Spirit.

The national brethren such as Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Bamar, Mon, Rakhine and Shan have been living in the Union of Myanmar through thick and thin for years countable by the thousand.

The representatives of national races signed the Panglong Agreement at 10 am on 12 February 1947 with the conviction that they were determined to live together in unity and amity.

The colonialists were undermining national solidarity by whatever means available to them. However, the national brethren had been able to forge nationalistic spirit and Union

ior General Than Shwe said: If we study the international situations, we will find that some big nations are making an attempt to interfere in the internal affairs of other nations. Therefore, I want to remind you, Comrades, of a point which you must keep in mind.

Union Spirit is built on the spirit of nationalism that engenders nationals to love, cherish and value the motherland, and work for its prosperity.

Union Spirit has flourished in Myanmar in successive eras. With Union Spirit, the Panglong Agreement that was the

tasks, joining hands with the government. This highlights the flourishing of Union Spirit, which is to be constantly upheld.

**(Translation: ST+TS)**

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# Mon State witnesses sustained progress in the time of the Tatmadaw government

Mon State is located in the south-eastern part of the Union of Myanmar. As Mon and Bamar national races are residing in the state on 4749 square miles of land together with Kachin, Kayin, Chin, Pa-O, Rakhine and Shan, it is like a mini-union. The population of Mon State is about 2,822,000 and population density of the state is 596 persons per square mile.

Mountain ranges with the height of 1500 feet and plains are adjacent to each other in the state and coastal plains are situated between Sittoung and Thanlwin rivers. Zinkyaik and Taungnyo mountain ranges are running from north to south while Sittoung, Bilin, Attaran, Gyaing, Thanlwin and Ye rivers flow through the state.

With goodwill, the government is not sparing its efforts for fulfilling the needs in the

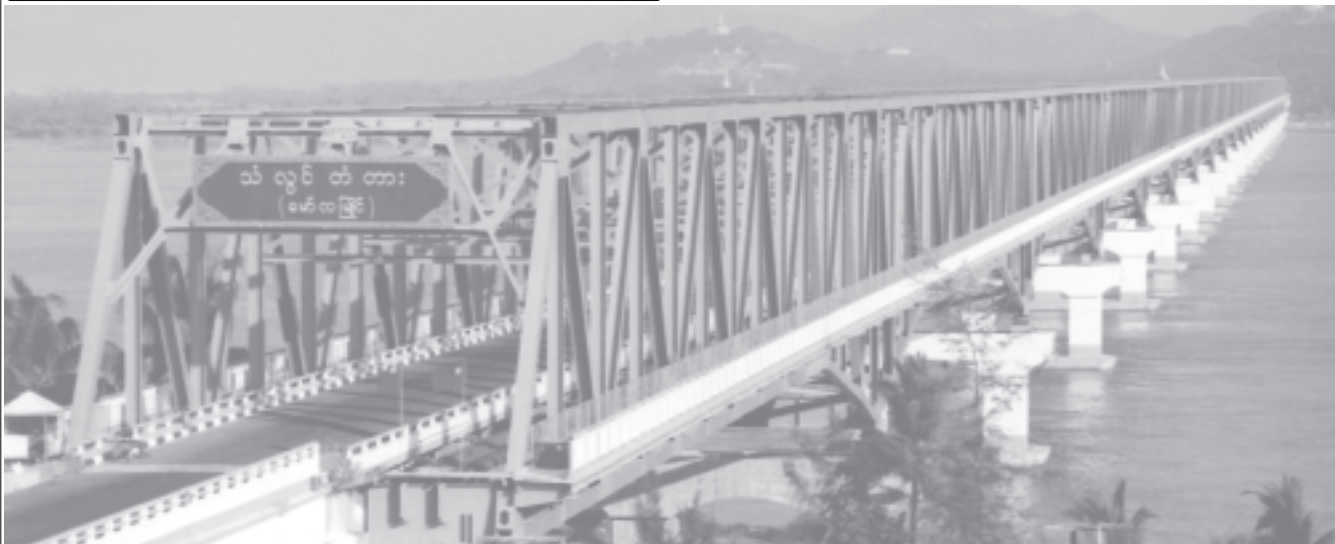
sectors of agriculture, livestock breeding, transportation, education, health, etc. of the state and thus people living there are now witnessing fruits of these endeavours.

Now is the time when efforts are being made on self-reliant basis for equitable development of all states and divisions. The table indicates progress made in Mon State during the period from 1988 to the present.

## Development of Mon State

Subject	1988	2006	Progress
<b>Agriculture/Livestock breeding</b>			
Sown acreage	969516	1403524	434008
Dam	76	83	7
River water pumping project	-	5	5
Sown acreage of monsoon paddy	606442	831010	224568
Sown acreage of summer paddy	-	34850	34850
Sown acreage of edible oil crops	25799	28005	2206
Acres of fish breeding ponds	239	819	580
Acres of prawn breeding ponds	-	873.31	873.31

Subject	1988	2006	Progress
<b>Forest conservation</b>			
Reserved Forest (square mile)	732	779	47
Area of natural forest (square mile)	9	69	60
Forest plantation (acre)	4100	29295	25195
<b>Transport</b>			
Motor road (mile)	424	440	16
Tarred road (mile)	352	386.6	34.6
Gravelled road (mile)	3	21.7	18.7
Railroad (mile)	195	210	15
Railtrack (mile)	252	268	16
Station	47	55	8
180 feet and above bridge	3	9	6
Under 180 feet bridge	127	198	71
<b>Industrial development</b>			
Industrial zone	-	1	1
<b>Development in energy sector</b>			
Oilfield/natural gas (offshore)	-	1	1
Gas production (cubic feet in million)	-	211	211
<b>Electric power</b>			
Electricity consumption (unit in million)	36	238	201
<b>Education</b>			
<b>Basic Education</b>			
Primary school	1097	1218	121
Middle school	66	86	20
High school	42	88	46
Number of teacher	8619	11423	2804
Number of student	258892	345246	86354
<b>Higher Education</b>			
Government Computer College	-	1	1
Government Technological College	-	1	1
Government Technical Institute	-	1	1
<b>Health</b>			
Hospital	20	29	9
Health centre	73	82	9
Traditional medicine hospital	-	1	1
<b>Communication</b>			
Post office	58	64	6
Telegraph office	16	18	2
Telephone exchange	1	29	28
<b>Information and Public Relations</b>			
TV Retransmission station	1	5	4
Self-reliant village library	-	1158	1158



Thanlwin Bridge (Mawlamyine) across Thanlwin River in Mawlamyine Township, Mon State. The 11,575-foot-long (over two miles) bridge is a rail-cum-road facility.



Prime Minister General Soe Win and wife Daw Than Than Nwe offer provisions to a Sayadaw. (News on page 1) — MNA



Prime Minister General Soe Win and wife Daw Than Than Nwe donate alms to a Sayadaw. (News on page 1) — MNA



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win donate offertories to a Sayadaw. (News on page 1) — MNA



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win donate alms to a Sayadaw. (News on page 1) — MNA

## Union Day Exhibition packed with visitors

YANGON, 11 Feb — The exhibition to mark the 59th Anniversary of the Union Day continued at the Tatmadaw Convention Hall here for the fourth

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

## Commander hosts dinner in honour of Union Day delegates

YANGON, 11 Feb — Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council and Commander of Yangon Com-

mand, and family hosted a dinner at his home in honour of the delegates who will attend the 59th Anniversary Union Day ceremony. Before dinner, the

commander cordially greeted the delegates and presented gifts to them. Then the dinner was hosted to the guests.

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# Myanmar produces bio-diesel from physic nut

### Guidance of the Head of State

During his inspection tour of Pyin Oo Lwin on 15 December 2005, Head of State Senior General Than Shwe held a meeting with officials from Kachin State, Bago, Magway and Mandalay Divisions, Shan State (North) and Shan State (South) and gave guidance on putting 500,000 acres under physic nut

in each state and division in three years, totaling seven million across the length and breadth of the nation.

Physic nut grows naturally in various regions in Myanmar. Local people failed to make a careful study of the benefit of the crop and regarded it as a wild plant. **Physic nut thrives in Myanmar**

Physic nut grows

well in Myanmar and it can enhance the interests of the region, the State and the people. In particular, it thrives in arid zones and temperate regions.

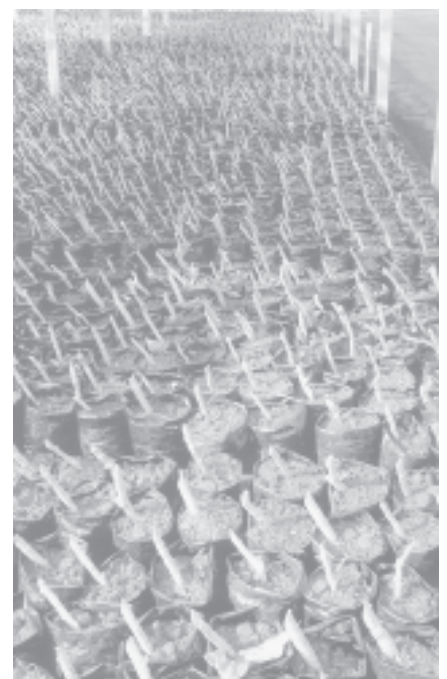
In the past, the crop was grown along the lines of fences of farms, houses and villages in the arid zones of Myanmar — Mandalay, Sagaing and Magway Divisions. Now, it is planted on a large scale across the

states and divisions in compliance with the guidance of the Head of State on producing physic nut oil (bio-diesel) from physic nut.

### To exceed targeted sown acreage

It is easy to grow physic nut that thrives in every region of the nation. So, respective states and divisions are taking measures for exceeding the targets of sown acreage by growing the crop on a small scale and reclaiming the vacant lands.

For instance, previously, there were about 500,000 physic nut plants in Nyaung U District, Mandalay Division, and 29.5 million grafts can be thus obtained from those plants. So, additional 30,000 acres can be put under physic nut in the region.



Physic nut grafts.



Physic nut plantation of North-East Command.





Prime Minister General Soe Win and party receiving Nine Precepts from Chairman Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kumara. — MNA

### Prime Minister attends...

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 trawler-G and generator, demonstration of use of physic nut oil in Langkho district and townships, documentary photos on growing of 200,000 saplings in the compound of Township General Administration Department.

The Prime Minister then gave instructions and sowed physic nut seeds and viewed physic nut plantations.

The Prime Minister and party went to Kengtawng Basic Education High School and inspected equipment at the laboratory and practical experiment by students. The Prime Minister also inspected multimedia classrooms and observed skill demonstration of students.

The Prime Minister and party attended the ceremony to share merits for construction of two-stoeryed building of Sasana Rekkhita Pariyatti Sarhintaik in Kengtawng.

Also present were Sayadaws led by Chairman of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Magway Sayadaw Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Bhaddanta Kumara and members of the Sangha and local people.

The Prime Minister presented alms to the Sayadaws. The Magway Sayadaw delivered a sermon and the Prime Minister and party shared merits gained for the donation.

The building was constructed in 1305 Myanmar Era. Vice-Chairman of the SPDC Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye during his inspection tour of Kengtawng gave instructions on renovation of the building without compromising its original style.

In the afternoon, the Prime Minister attended the ceremony to sow physic nut seeds and grafts at the Panglong General Administration Department in Loilem Township and viewed documentary photos on growing physic nut plants.



Prime Minister General Soe Win inspects classroom of Kengtawng Basic Education High School. — MNA

A total of 110,000 seeds and grafts were grown at the ceremony. Yesterday morning, the Prime Minister attended the hoisting of Htidaw (tiered and ornamented finial) atop the Maha Rathabhi Samaggi Pagoda in Panglong. Then, he flew back here.

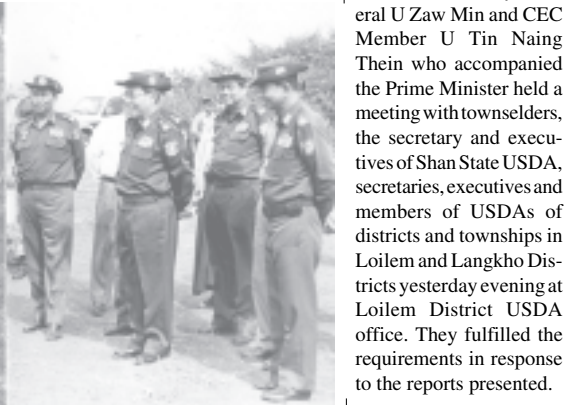
Union Solidarity and Development Association Secretary-General U Htay Oo, Joint Secretary-General U Zaw Min and CEC Member U Tin Naing Their who accompanied the Prime Minister held a meeting with townselders, the secretary and executives of Shan State USDA, secretaries, executives and members of USDA of districts and townships in Loilem and Langkho Districts yesterday evening at Loilem District USDA office. They fulfilled the requirements in response to the reports presented.

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Prime Minister General Soe Win views physic nut grafts growing by Tatmadawmen and family members at the farm of Tatmadaw (Air). — MNA



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### Union Day delegates and cultural troupes visit National Museum and Defence Services Museum

YANGON, 11 Feb — The delegates and cultural troupes to the 59th Anniversary Union Day celebrations, accompanied by Joint-Secretary of Reception and Accommodation Sub Committee Maj Saw Hlaing and officials, visited National Museum and Defence Services Museum this morning.

At the National Museum, the delegates and cultural troupes were welcomed by Director-General of Department of Cultural Institute U Myint Thein Swe and officials

and they viewed round the museum.

Next, they proceeded to Defence Services Museum on Shwedagon Pagoda Road and viewed the booths at the museum. — MNA

Union Day delegates and cultural troupes visit National Museum. — MNA



# Union Flag conveyed from Taikkyi to Kyimyindine

YANGON, 11 Feb — The Union Flag that rested for a night at Gyobyu Sports Ground in Taikkyi Township arrived at Salin Sports Ground in Kyimyindine Township today.

This morning, local people together with the Guard of Honour of Yangon Command saluted the Union Flag.

Afterwards, flag relay teams carried the Union Flag. Chairman of Yangon North District Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Myat Min handed over the Union Flag to Chairman of Yangon West District PDC Lt-Col Kyaw Tint. Flanked by Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) and Police Officers and national races, Lt-Col Kyaw Tint carried the flag and planted in the silver bowl on the dais on board the Union Boat.

Next, the flag was conveyed by the Union Boat to Kyimyindine Township. Along the route, local

people in Taikkyi, Hmawby, Mingaladon, Insein, Mayangon, Hline, Kamayut and Sangyoung Townships welcomed the Union Flag.

On arrival at Salin Sports Ground in Kyimyindine Township, Lt-Col Kyaw Tint planted the Union Flag in the silver bowl on the dais.

While people from 13 townships of Yangon West District together with the Guard of Honour of Yangon Command saluted the Union Flag, the Military Band of No 11 LID played the national anthem.

At the sports ground, booths and shops of ministries were opened. Lt-Col Kyaw Tint and officials viewed the booths and shops. At night, Documentary Film and Myawady Anyeint Troupe of Yangon Command entertained the local people at the sports ground.

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A flag relay team carrying the Union Flag to Salin Ground in Kyimyindine Township. — MNA



Chairman of Yangon West District Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Kyaw Tint plants the Union Flag in the silver bowl in Salin Ground.

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## Three murderers arrested in Ottwin

YANGON, 11 Feb — Three persons were killed in a robbery case in Bago Road (South Ward) at 9 pm in Ottwin on 22 January. The three were Township Department Head Daw Hla Hla Wai, 47, daughter of U Ohn Kyaing, Daw Kyi Aye, 42, daughter of U Paw Kyaing and Ma Ei Ei Nyein, 9, daughter of U Tu, all women. They lived in the office of Township Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department.

According to the investigation, Maung Zaw (a) Than Zaw, 26, son of U San Hlaing of Bo Okkar Road in Ward 40 of Dagon Myothit (North) Township was arrested on 3 February and Pho Htaung (a) Kyaw Min Tun (a) Aye Zaw Min, 29, son of U Khin Thauung, and Myint Thein, 46, son of U Lay Maung on 5 February.

Maung Zaw (a) Than Zaw had been in jail due to a murder case in Pyapon Township.

Those who committed the above-mentioned murder case said that they plotted to rob something of Daw Hla Hla Wai, who was wealthy, residing in southern edge of the town. On that night, the three accused entered her house. Daw Hla Hla Wai and Daw Kyi Aye shouted, "thief, thief" while they were watching TV in the sitting-room. Hence, Pho Htaung stabbed Daw Hla Hla Wai with a sword, and Maung Zaw (a) Than Zaw did the same to Daw Kyi Aye. Furthermore, Pho Htaung killed Ma Ei Ei Nyein who tried to run away from the house.

Due to information given by duty-conscious people, the murderers were arrested. — MNA

## Germany says Iran-Russia nuclear talks offer big chance

BERLIN, 11 Feb— Next week's talks between Iran and Russia offer a great opportunity to resolve an international dispute over Teheran's nuclear programme, Germany's Foreign Minister said on Thursday.

"It represents a big chance," Frank-Walter Steinmeier told a meeting of the foreign Press association.

He declined to say whether the talks might be Iran's last opportunity

to end the dispute. Russia has invited Iranian officials to Moscow on February 16 to discuss a Kremlin proposal to process fuel for Iran's nuclear stations on Russian soil, offering Teheran a way to pursue atomic power but not divert fuel to weapons.

Iran insists its nuclear programme is aimed at generating electricity, but the United States and European countries have said it is seeking to build an

atomic arsenal.

The United Nations' atomic watchdog, the International Atomic Energy Agency, voted on Saturday to report Iran to the UN Security Council over its nuclear programme.

The Security Council acknowledged the IAEA action and will wait for the IAEA's board meeting on 6 March.

Steinmeier said on Friday that would then be the appropriate time to take any necessary action. The European Union, China and Russia have urged Iran to use the month before then to address the atomic agency's concerns and

return to talks.

Iran's first response after Saturday's IAEA vote was to announce it would stop implementing a protocol giving the UN nuclear watchdog agency increased inspection powers in the country.

According to the White House, US President George W Bush and German Chancellor Angela Merkel discussed the Iranian nuclear issue on Thursday.

"Both leaders emphasized the importance of working together to prevent Iran from having a nuclear weapons capability," White House spokesman Scott McClellan said.

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### Russia invites Iran to join proposed centre of uranium enrichment

Moscow, 10 Feb—Iran may take part in creating the first international centre for uranium enrichment for nuclear power plants, Russia's top nuclear energy official said on Wednesday.

President Vladimir Putin has proposed setting up a global network of nuclear fuel cycle services including enrichment to meet the growing demand for nuclear energy.

"Iran may become the first state to take part in the work of such a centre on Russian territory" and Teheran is considering Russia's proposal, the head of the Federal Atomic Energy Agency, Sergei Kiriyenko, was quoted by the *ITAR-TASS* news agency as saying.

Kiriyenko will travel to Teheran on February 23 to meet Iranian officials. He will also visit Iran's Bushehr nuclear power plant, being built with Russian help, *ITAR-TASS* said.

MNA/Xinhua

### Britain sees more overseas visitors in 2005

LONDON, 10 Feb — Britain saw more visitors from overseas in 2005 despite the 7th July bombings aimed at the London public transport lines and growing fears over the security in the country, the national statistics revealed on Wednesday.

Visits by overseas residents to Britain rose by 8 per cent, from 27.8 million to 30.0 million, although visits from residents of North America showed a decrease of 3 per cent (to 4.2 million), according to Office of National Statistics.

There were, however, increases in the number of visits from residents of Western Europe of 8 per cent (to 19.3 million), and from other parts of the world of 18 per cent (to 6.4 million). Excluding North America, this represents record numbers of visits from Western Europe and other areas of the world to Britain.

Visits abroad by Britain residents rose by 3 per cent during the 12 months ending December 2005, from 64.2 million to a record 66.3 million.

Over this period, visits to Western Europe rose 1 per cent (to 50.0 million), to North America by 3 per cent (to 4.9 million) and to other parts of the world by 16 per cent (to 11.3 million).

Visits to North America are still below their 2000 level, while visits to Western Europe and other parts of the world are record numbers.

During October to December 2005, the number of visits overseas by British residents remained broadly the same at 16.5 million, while the associated spending increased by 1 per cent to 8.0 billion pounds.

Over the same period, there were 7.5 million visits to Britain by overseas residents an increase of 3 per cent when compared with the previous three months. Spending increased by 10 per cent to 3.7 billion pounds (6.44 billion US dollars).

MNA/Xinhua

### Paper reports Cheney authorized aid to leak in CIA case

WASHINGTON, 10 Feb — Vice-President Dick Cheney directed his aide Lewis "Scooter" Libby to use classified material to discredit a critic of the Bush Administration's Iraq war effort, the *National Journal* reported on Thursday.

Court papers released last week show that Libby was authorized to disclose classified information to news reporters by "his superiors", in an effort to counteract diplomat Joe Wilson's charge that the Bush Administration twisted intelligence on Iraq's nuclear weapons to justify the 2003 invasion.

The *National Journal*, a US weekly magazine, citing attorneys familiar with the matter, reported that Cheney was among those superiors referred to in a letter from prosecutor Patrick Fitzgerald to Libby's lawyers.

A lawyer for Cheney had no immediate comment.

Libby, Cheney's former chief of staff, faces perjury and other charges in the leak of the identity of Wilson's wife Valerie Plame, a move that effectively ended her career at the CIA.

Libby has pleaded not guilty to five counts of perjury, making false statements and obstruction of justice.

Cheney's name has surfaced in other court documents as well. According to an appeals-court decision made public last Friday, "the Vice-President informed Libby 'in an off sort of curiosity sort of fashion'" that Wilson's wife worked at the CIA one month before her identity was made public.

Both documents cite testimony Libby made to

a grand jury.

Lawyers for Libby could not be reached for comment.

Senator Edward Kennedy, a Massachusetts Democrat, said Cheney's efforts to discredit Wilson could have risked national security.

"The Vice-President's vindictiveness in defending the misguided war in Iraq is obvious. If

he used classified information to defend it, he should be prepared to take full responsibility," Kennedy said in a statement.

White House spokesman Scott McClellan declined to comment.

"Our policy is we're not going to discuss this while there's an ongoing legal proceeding," McClellan told reporters.

MNA/Reuters

### France ready to take back waste of "toxic" ship

ALANG SHIPYARD (India), 10 Feb — France would be ready to take back toxic waste removed from a decommissioned carrier if India's top court allowed the ship to be scrapped in an Indian shipyard, the French envoy said on Wednesday.

Environmental groups like Greenpeace have opposed the entry of the French carrier, *Clemenceau*, to the Alang scrapping yard in the western state of Gujarat, saying it contains hundreds of tons of toxic materials which pose a risk to workers.

The French Government says the ship contains only a fraction of that amount.

"If needed, we are ready to take back all the toxic waste from *Clemenceau* to France," said French Ambassador Dominique Girard, who visited Alang on Wednesday.

"The ship should be allowed to be dismantled in Alang as it would boost the economy," he told a news conference in Bhavnagar, 30 miles east of Alang.

India's Supreme Court is expected to decide on February 13 whether to allow the carrier to be scrapped in India. An Indian environment panel, which was to report to the Supreme Court this week on the *Clemenceau*, was unable to make a firm recommendation and would be submitting two reports to the court, reflecting sharp divisions in the body.

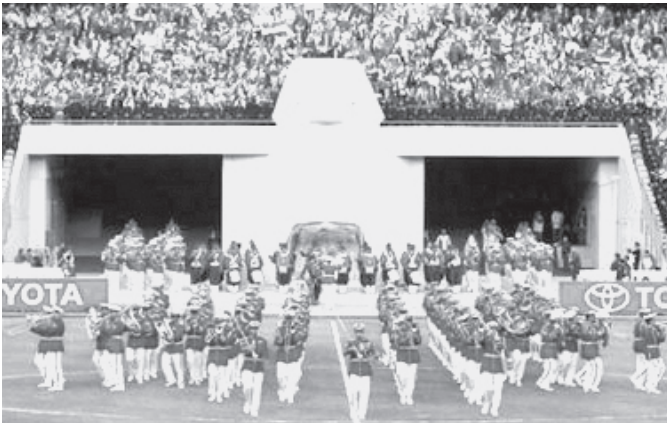
Some of shipyard workers told *Reuters* they wanted the *Clemenceau* to be dismantled in Alang, a congested and smoky town of 150,000 people and dozens of private ship-scrapping yards.

"We are safe and well equipped to handle any kind of toxic waste. The environmentalists are trying to snatch away our daily bread," said a gaunt and frail Tulsi Lal, a 52-year-old worker. — *MNA/Reuters*



Security officials with sniffer dogs patrol a subway train station in Bangkok on 10 Feb, 2006. —INTERNET

# SPORTS



A marching band parades on the pitch before the African Nations Cup final soccer match between Egypt and Ivory Coast at the Cairo International Stadium in Egypt on 10 Feb, 2006. —INTERNET

## United look to strengthen grip on second place

MANCHESTER, 11 Feb — Manchester United manager Alex Ferguson believes his side have taken a grip on second place in the Premier League, although an away trip to Portsmouth on Saturday brings back bad memories.

United are 15 points behind leaders Chelsea, but have forged six clear of third-placed Liverpool.

The top two qualify automatically for next season's Champions League.

"Liverpool had the two games in hand. They've now got one, which is when they play Arsenal next Tuesday. At that point we'll have a better idea of where we are," Ferguson said.

"When we beat Liverpool at home I think the balance swung our way.

We were in a position of other teams playing catch-up." United will be wary of their trip to south coast strugglers Portsmouth, however, after losing on their last two league visits to Fratton Park.

On both occasions their attack misfired badly as they failed to find the net.

"If we create the chances we did in the last two years and miss them, then we will lose the game as simple as that," said

Ferguson. "That was the key to the last two years. The chances we missed were ridiculous.

"Portsmouth on their own ground are difficult to beat. What I want to do is come away with a victory, hopefully without any goals against us. "With that behind us we can go into the Liverpool game (in the FA Cup next weekend) without any nagging doubts in our mind."

United have scored 18 times in their last six games with the goals being shared around the team rather than a reliance on Ruud van Nistelrooy and Wayne Rooney.

MNA/Reuters

## Juve prepare to call time on Inter's Serie A bid

ROME 11 Feb — Originally billed as Inter Milan's make-or-break bid for the title, the game against leaders Juventus at the San Siro on Sunday has lost some of its sparkle after the midweek round of matches.

Inter's 2-1 defeat by Fiorentina on Wednesday allowed Juve to extend their lead to nine points with a 1-1 draw against Parma.

Now, Inter coach Roberto Mancini concedes that victory at the weekend is more about consolidating second place ahead of AC Milan than reeling in Fabio Capello's side.

"Our objective is second place," he told *La Gazzetta dello Sport*.

"On Sunday we must try to win all three points to consolidate second place in the division."

Inter are boosted by the return of 21-year-old Nigerian striker Obafemi Martins after his country's African Nations Cup exit and he is expected to return to the

starting line-up alongside Adriano.

Juventus, though no longer in the same devastating form they showed earlier this season, will have taken heart from their draw with Parma.

Coach Fabio Capello preferred to see the result as a point gained on Inter, rather than two points lost.

Capello would also have been pleased by continuing evidence of his team's mental toughness. Daniele Dessena gave Parma the lead in the 39th minute, only for Zlatan Ibrahimovic to hit back five minutes later with his first goal in 12 league games.

Capello is likely to leave Alessandro del Piero on the bench and return to his first-choice strike partnership of David Trezeguet and Ibrahimovic, both of whom played for only 45 minutes against Parma.

Milan, fresh from their 5-0 trouncing of Treviso, have a chance to move ground on the top two with an away trip to Reggina. — MNA/Reuters



Nigerian Joseph Yobo, left, goes for the ball with Senegal's Pape Bouba Diop during the African Nations Cup 3rd place soccer match between Senegal and Nigeria at Cairo's Military Academy stadium, Egypt on 9 Feb, 2006. Nigeria won 1-0. — INTERNET

## Owen on course for Germany World Cup

LONDON, 11 Feb — England star Michael Owen is on course to play for England in the World Cup finals in Germany this summer.

The Newcastle striker is recovering after breaking a bone in his foot against Tottenham on New Year's Eve.

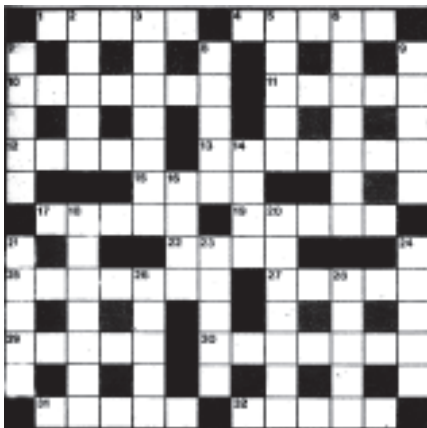
He told the *Daily Mail*: "I'm not far off jogging, maybe another four or five days, maybe a week and I might start light running. I'm still on course.

"With bones you do get quick healers but once it's got a crack it takes a set time.

"If I can be back playing by the end of March then I would be delighted."

He added: "When I lay on the bed at Tottenham and knew I had broken it that was the worst 20 minutes of the whole process because you wonder how bad it is. "I have done plenty of worrying but I can see the finishing line and I am heading for that now." — MNA/Xinhua

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE



### ACROSS

- 1 Apostle
- 4 Uncertainty
- 10 Sweepstake
- 11 Ointment
- 12 Pursue
- 13 temporary relief
- 15 Astronomical body
- 17 Hackneyed
- 19 Express opinion
- 22 Get up
- 25 Satisfied
- 27 Extend
- 29 Body of cavalry
- 30 Wash clothes
- 31 Quaintly amusing
- 32 Gay

### DOWN

- 2 Additional
- 3 High mountain
- 5 Desert haven
- 6 Gold stock
- 7 Courage
- 8 Many-headed monster
- 9 Give way to
- 14 God of love
- 16 Sea bird
- 18 Bitterness
- 20 Scent
- 21 Sharp
- 23 European country
- 24 River boat
- 26 Drive out
- 28 Lowest point

## Belarus win first point in Davis Cup tie with Spain

MINSK, 11 Feb — Max Mirnyi put Belarus 1-0 up in their Davis Cup World Group first round tie with Spain on Friday when he beat Tommy Robredo 6-3, 6-7, 6-3, 6-3. Mirnyi broke the 14th-ranked Robredo midway through the first set to take it easily 6-3 on the fast indoor carpet.

The second set proved more of a battle as Mirnyi — nicknamed

the Beast — failed to capitalize on an early break and lost the tiebreak 7-5.

By the fourth set Robredo was nervous, twice losing his serve and bowing out with a double fault — his seventh of the match. Belarus, who are facing Spain for the first time, have never lost a home Davis Cup tie when playing in the elite World Group. — MNA/Reuters

## Everton's Ferguson handed extra four-game ban

LONDON, 11 Feb — Everton striker Duncan Ferguson has been suspended for an additional four games following an incident in a Premier League match against Wigan Athletic last month, the FA said on its website on Friday.

Ferguson, who received a three-match ban for a red card shown by referee Mike Dean after he threw a punch at Wigan defender Paul Scharner, was later

charged with violent conduct for striking fullback Pascal Chimbonda in the ensuing melee.

The match at the JJB Stadium finished in a 1-1 draw.

The 34-year-old former Scotland international initially denied the charge and requested a personal hearing in front of the FA's Disciplinary Commission, although Ferguson subsequently changed his response. — MNA/Reuters



Tatiana Golovin of France reacts after winning her match against Nadia Petrova of Russia in the quarter final of the indoor Paris tennis open at Pierre de Coubertin stadium, on 10 Feb, 2006. Golovin defeated Petrova 3-6, 7-6, 6-3. — INTERNET



# Minister says Singapore to ride on emergence of "new Asia"

SINGAPORE, 11 Feb—Singapore will leverage on its "core strengths" and its traditional linkages with China, India and the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) to ride on the emergence of the "new Asia", Minister for Trade and Industry Lim Hng Kiang said on Friday.

Speaking at the lunch briefing organized by the American Chamber of Commerce in Singapore, Lim said that these core strengths include political stability, efficient systems and infrastructure, good protection of intellectual property, tripartite cooperation as well as reputation for quality. "Notably, the rise of China and India are affecting global trade and investment flows fundamentally," Lim said, adding that

bilateral trade between Singapore and China has seen an annual growth of some 30 per cent since 1999. "In 1999, it (China) was our 8th largest trading partner with a share of 4.3 per cent. By 2005, it has since climbed steadily in terms of importance to the 4th position with a share of 9.4 per cent," Lim noted. As for India, Lim said that companies from the two countries have been increasing business in each other's market, and Singapore would like to serve as a springboard for international investors who wish to invest in India.

Lim also noted that ASEAN member countries, which include Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam, are deepening economic integration, hoping to realize the ASEAN Economic Community in 2015, five years ahead of schedule.

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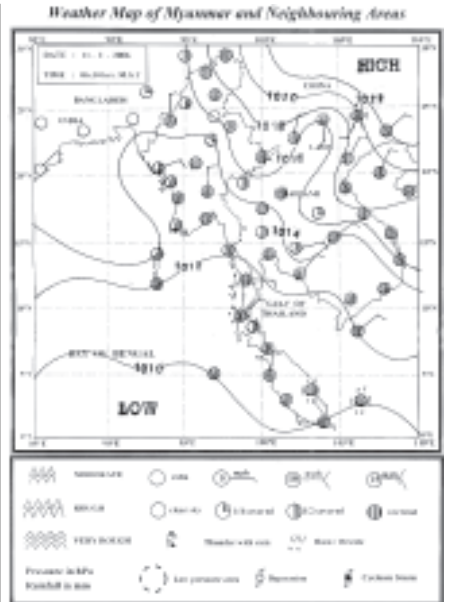
# China to build homes for tsunami survivors in Aceh

JAKARTA, 11 Feb—The Chinese Government has provided 60 million yuan (about 7.5 million US dollars) to build 700 houses for tsunami survivors in Indonesia's Aceh Province under a friendship village programme, Chinese diplomats here said on Thursday.

The houses are scheduled for completion this year, according to Tan Weiwei, a Chinese attache in charge of trade and economic affairs of the Chinese Embassy in Jakarta.

Tan, who handed over 863,000 school packages to local schools in Aceh Wednesday, said the houses will be built in Neuheun Village, Aceh Besar District and the project is currently in the mapping stage. He hoped the project would be completed before the commemoration of the second anniversary of the tsunami, adding other facilities will include a house for worship, schools and children's playgrounds.

MNA/Xinhua



Juventus soccer star Alessandro Del Piero carries the Olympic flame during the last day of the torch relay in Turin Italy, on 10 Feb, 2006.—INTERNET

## WEATHER

Saturday, 11 February, 2006

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30

hours MST: During the past 24 hours, except for the light rain has been isolated in eastern Shan State and weather has been generally fair in the whole country. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below normal in Chin State, upper Sagaing, Mandalay and Yangon Divisions, (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Shan, Rakhine and Kayah States, lower Sagaing and Bago Divisions, (5°C) above normal in Taninthayi Division and about normal in the remaining areas. The significant night temperatures were Haka (2°C).

Maximum temperature on 10-2-2006 was 96°F. Minimum temperature on 11-2-2006 was 60°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hrs MST on 11-2-2006 was (72%). Total sunshine hours on 10-2-2006 was (7.3) hours approx.

Rainfalls on 11-2-2006 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 (8) mph from Southeast at (11:30) hours MST on 10-2-2006.

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

**Forecast valid until evening of 12-2-2006:** Possibility of isolated light rain in Kachin, Shan and Rakhine States, Upper Sagaing, Mandalay and Taninthay Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty (40%).

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

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

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 12-2-2006:** Partly cloudy.

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 12-2-2006:** Partly cloudy.



Sunday, 12 February  
View on today

- 7:00 am
- 1. (၅၅)နှစ်မြောက်ပြည့်ထောင်စုနေ့ အခမ်းအနား ကျင်းပပွဲ တိုက်ရိုက် ထုတ်လွှင့်အစီအစဉ်
- 8:00 am
- 2. (၅၅)နှစ်မြောက်ပြည့်ထောင်စုနေ့ ရုပ်မြင်အစီအစဉ်
- 8:30 am
- 3. International news
- 8:45 am
- 4. Say it in English
- 11:00 am
- 1. Martial song
- 11:10 am
- 2. (၅၅)နှစ်မြောက်ပြည့်ထောင်စုနေ့ ရုပ်မြင်အစီအစဉ်
- 11:25 am
- 3. Round up of the week's International News
- 11:35 am
- 4. နိုင်ငံခြားကာတွန်းဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "Doraemon"
- 12:00 am
- 5. Teleplay: "ပိုင်နိုင်နိုင်မြဲအောင်" (စဉ်းစည်သူ၊ ထွန်းထွန်းဝင်း၊ ထင်ထင်၊ မျိုးစန့်ကျော်)

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- 12:40 pm
- 6. (၅၅)နှစ်မြောက်ပြည့်ထောင်စုနေ့ ရုပ်မြင်အစီအစဉ်
- 12:55 pm
- 7. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 1:10 pm
- 8. ပေါင်းစည်းအင်အား စရာဝတီ ခြစ်ကူးတံတားများ
- 1:20 pm
- 9. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 1:35 pm
- 10. တံတပ်တီးလင်း ရေလှောင်တစ်
- 1:50 pm
- 11. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 2:15 pm
- 12. "သတိနဲ့ယုံ အသိနဲ့ပြင်" (ဝါးဇယ်မရဲအောင်၊ သူန်းထွန်း၊ မြတ်ကောသီအောင်၊ ရတနာစင်၊ ဟန်နီထွန်း၊ ပြည့်ဖူးခိုင်၊ နီနီရွှေရည်၊ ဆောင်းရှင်းစေ၊ ပိုင်စုနိုင်သိန်း၊ ဆိုင်းရစ်လေပြေဦး) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မင်းအောင်စိုး)
- 2:45 pm
- 14. International news
- 4:00 pm
- 1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm
- 2. Songs to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm
- 3. (၅၅)နှစ်မြောက်ပြည့်ထောင်စုနေ့ ရုပ်မြင်အစီအစဉ်
- 4:45 pm
- 4. အဆေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ

- ပထမနှစ် (ရုက္ခဗေဒ၊ သတ္တဗေဒ အထူးပြုများ) (ရုက္ခဗေဒ)
- 5:00 pm
- 5. Agricultural source of Myanmar Development
- 5:10 pm
- 6. (၅၅)နှစ်မြောက်ပြည့်ထောင်စုနေ့ ရုပ်မြင်အစီအစဉ်
- 5:20 pm
- 7. Sing and enjoy
- 6:00 pm
- 8. Evening news
- 6:30 pm
- 9. Weather report
- 6:35 pm
- 10. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "အသည်းနှလုံးနဲ့လူသား" (အပိုင်း-၁၀)
- 7:35 pm
- 11. ထောင်စာစွမ်းအင် အသုံးဝင် ခြံစည်းရိုးကြွက်ဆွဲ (ကြက်ဆူရိုင်းမှ သိုင်းဆီဒီစယ်)
- 7:45 pm
- 12. ပြည်ထောင်စုစိတ်ဓာတ် မပြတ် ရင်သန်ခိုင်စာရန်မှာ ဒီဝန်တာ (စစ်မှန်သော မျိုးရစ်စိတ်ဓာတ်၊ ပြည်ထောင်စုစိတ်ဓာတ်)
- 8:00 pm
- 13. News
- 14. International news
- 15. Weather report
- 16. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်မိပြီဆိုရင်" (အပိုင်း-၂၂)
- 17. The next day's programme



Sunday, 12 February  
Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music: -Shy guy
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music: -Baby it's you
- 8:50 am National news & Slogan
- 9:00 am Music: -Love power
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Cultural images of Myanmar
- 9:20 am Music: -Never forget
- 1:30 pm News & slogan
- 1:40 pm Children's delight -Story for children "Easence of unity" -Songs for children
- 9:00 pm Radio Play: -Family of the same soil
- 9:20 pm Article
- 9:30 pm Weekly news review
- 9:45 pm News & Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL

**Four political objectives**

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

**Four economic objectives**

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

**Four social objectives**

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

**Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing...**

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Commander-in-Chief (Air) and their wives, Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence and wife, the Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command and wife, ministers, the Chief Justice, the Attorney-General, the Chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board, the Yangon Mayor, and senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence and their wives, the Director-General of the State Peace and Development Council Office and departmental heads, the Chairman of the Pagoda Board of Trustees and members, religious and social association members, wellwishers and guests.

First, Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San offered lights, flowers, water, 'soon', and alms to Lawka Chantha Abhaya Labha Muni Buddha Image and paid homage.

At 7.30 am, the ceremony to share merits gained was held at Gandhakuti Kyaungdawgyi in which the Buddha Image is kept. Adviser U Arnt Maung supplicated on the agenda of the ceremony.

The ceremony was opened with the recitation



Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing and Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San offer 'soon' to Lawka Chantha Abhaya Labha Muni Buddha Image. — MNA

of Namo Tassa three times. Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing and the congregation received the Nine Precepts from Chairman of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Magway Sayadaw

Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Bhaddanta Kumara. Members of the Sangha recited Metta Sutta.

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**Prime Minister attends merit-sharing ceremony for building of Sasana Rakkhita Monastery in Kengtawng, Mongnai Township, Shan State (South)**

YANGON, 11 Feb— Physic nut saplings were grown at a ceremony held in Namhsan, Shan State (South), on 9 February. It was attended by Prime Minister General Soe

Win, members of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and Lt-Gen Aung Htwe, the ministers, the deputy ministers and officials of the SPDC Office.

They inspected the test run of machinery with the use of physic nut oil, collection of physic nut seeds, documentary photos, saplings, grafts and samples of green and dry physic

nut fruits.

Commander of Eastern Command Maj-Gen Ye Myint reported on cultivation of physic nut in townships in Shan State (South) and public interest in cultivation of the crop and officials on use of physic nut oil in stoves and lamps.

The Prime Minister and party inspected use of physic nut oil in power tillers and generators and cultivation of 154,000 physic nut saplings in the compound of Township PDC office.

Next, they planted physic nut grafts. The Prime Minister told departmental officials, members of social organizations and local people to grow physic nut for biodiesel.

They went to physic nut farm of Tatmadaw (Air) families where Lt-Col Kyi Win briefed them on putting 188.5 acres under

266,000 saplings.

The Prime Minister planted physic nut plant and inspected the growing of 240,000 of physic nut saplings in the environs of Namhsan Airport.

Brig-Gen Thura Myint Thein and officials of Namhsan Station reported on cultivation of physic

nut, honey orange and pineapple. The Prime Minister and party planted physic nut saplings.

The Prime Minister and party went to Kengtawng in Mongnai Township by helicopter. They inspected the use of physic nut oil in lamps, stove, (See page 11)



Prime Minister General Soe Win grows a physic nut plant in the farm of Tatmadaw (Air) families. MNA

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Bayintnaung as well as son King Nanda called their great country Hanthawady Kingdom of Ramanya region. Therefore, the people in the time of King Bayintnaung were equipped with Union Spirit.