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### Four political objectives

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

### Four economic objectives

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

### Four social objectives

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

## Counter neo-colonialists' threats

Under the united stance of our national races, the imperialists who had dominated and exploited our nation and people for more than one hundred years eventually had to grant independence to the nation grudgingly.

Thereafter, the imperialists, with designs to keep our nation ever reliant on them and to make their influence felt, made attempts to cause divisions among our national brethren for they had given up Myanmar grudgingly. For the present also, neo-colonialists and their adjuncts employing various tactics and ploys, are still attempting to interfere with our internal affairs hoping to cause disintegration of national unity. It is our national brethren who are to counter the neo-colonialists' threats with the awareness of this objective situation.

**Senior General Than Shwe**  
**Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council**  
**Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services**  
 (From the message sent to the 47th Anniversary Union Day)



## Priority given to construction of roads and bridges, contributing factor for ensuring smooth transport

### Thazintan Pauk Bridge inaugurated in Yanbye Township

YANGON, 13 Feb — The 592-foot Thazintan Pauk Bridge, the eighth one on Yangon-Kyaukpyu Road, was inaugurated in Yanbye Township yesterday.

It is the 33rd bridge in Rakhine State. Out of the ten bridges on Yangon-Taungup-Maei-Kyaukpyu Road (Maei-Kyaukpyu section), seven bridges have been opened. The remaining two—2,704 feet Minkyaung Bridge, the longest one in Rakhine State, and Wanphaik Bridge will be opened soon.

Chairman of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Commander of Western Command Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint delivered an address at the opening ceremony.

In his address, the commander said Rakhine State is between the Bay of Bengal and Rakhine Yoma. Therefore, it is difficult for local people to travel in the townships in the state. Transport in Rakhine State has now improved under the guidance of Head of State. The 535-mile Sittway-Anyang Road was first opened. Over 800 bridges

including 37 big bridges which are longer than 180 feet were built along the road. Later, the 407 miles Kyaukpyu-Taungup-Yangon Road was built crossing marshes with the use of modern technology.

Passenger bus line was launched from Kyaukpyu and Yanbye to Yangon. Yanbye-Kyaukpyu region will develop soon with the emergence of Kyaukpyu deep seaport, oil exploration of CNOOC Co and Shwe and Shwebyu natural gas fields in offshore block A-1.

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Commander Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint delivers an address at the opening ceremony of Thazintan Pauk Bridge. — CONSTRUCTION

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

**PERSPECTIVES**

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**Take an active part in public health care services**

The Government of the Union of Myanmar is working for the higher health standard of the people in accordance with one of the four social objectives and taking systematic measures to provide wider health care service to the people. The Ministry of Health is carrying out work on disease prevention, diagnosis and treatment followed by rehabilitation.

More and more specialist hospitals, general hospitals and clinics are now being opened all over the nation including border areas. At the same time, people are being educated on disease prevention and treatment.

The Health Department of the Ministry of Health and the World Health Organization observed the World Cancer Day at the Institute of Nursing on 4 February and, on the occasion, cancer specialists and professors gave lectures on cancer.

The First World Summit Against Cancer held in Paris, France, in 2000 designated 4 February as the World Cancer Day and on this day lectures on cancer are given. Cancer is the health hazard threatening the whole world.

The people, irrespective of age and sex, are likely to suffer from cancer. In the world today, the number of people living with various types of cancer is more than 10 million and it can reach about 15 million in the year 2020, experts have estimated.

Cases of cancer and other chronic diseases have been on the increase and it is due to changes in the people's way of life. Lack of physical exercises, obesity, drinking, smoking and chewing betel are the main factors for diseases. Cancer can be prevented and treated. Prevention and early diagnosis are very effective weapons in the fight against cancer. Therefore, people are being educated to raise their awareness of cancer.

We would like to call on the entire people to be aware of public health care services while the government is fulfilling all the requirements for raising the health standard of the entire nation.



An old student presents cash assistance to aged teachers at the 7th respect paying ceremony of No 2 Basic Education High School in Mayangon Township held on 12 February. —H

**Union Day Pledge**

**Disintegration of national solidarity will lead to loss of independence. We shall march towards a new peaceful, modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation through the strength of the national solidarity in accord with seven-step Road Map.**

**Home Affairs Minister to participate in anti-drug conference in Vientiane**

YANGON, 13 Feb — Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo today left here for Lao People's Democratic Republic to participate in the national level conference on elimination of narcotic drugs to be held in Vientiane tomorrow.

Police Col Kham Aung, Head of the Anti-Drug Department Myanmar Police Force, will also attend the conference as a member of the Myanmar delegation.

Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min and officials saw off the Home Affairs Minister Maj-Gen Maung Oo at Yangon International Airport. — MNA

Maj-Gen Maung Oo being seen at the airport on his departure for Vientiane. — MNA



**Myanmar delegation to participate in ASEAN Charter meeting**



Dr Than Nyunn being seen at the airport on his departure for Thailand. — MNA

YANGON, 13 Feb — Myanmar delegation led by Chairman of the Civil Service Selection and Training Board Dr Than Nyunn today left here for Thailand to attend the 2th Meeting of the Eminent Person's Group (EPG) on the ASEAN Charter.

The meeting will be held in Bangkok from 13 to 15 February.

Myanmar delegation comprises Dr Than Nyunn, U Winn Thein Director of ASEAN Affairs Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and U Aung Kyaw Moe of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. — MNA

**Union Day exhibition kept open**

YANGON, 13 Feb — The Union Day exhibition was kept open as the sixth day at Tatmadaw hall on U Wisara Road from 9 am to 5 pm today.

People teachers and students visited the exhibition covering a variety of booths.

The students took part in the computer quiz contest sponsored by Soft Guide Computer Co Ltd and No 3 Basic Education Department.

The show will be kept open till 16 February and admission is free.

MNA

**Future plans of MWAFF clarified**

YANGON, 13 Feb — The future plans from Annual Meeting of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation 2006 were clarified at Mon State Women's Affairs Organization in Mawlamyine, Mon State on 8 February.

Patron of Mon State WAO Daw Tin Tin Latt explained the future plans from the annual meeting of MWAFF 2006.

Later, officials of District and township WAOs discussed the future plans and then the plans were approved. Next, Daw Tin Tin Latt made a concluding remark.—MNA



An official of Hninzigon Home for the Aged accepts food donated by Indonesian Ladies Group.—H

**Indonesian Ladies Group visits Hninzigon Home for the Aged**

YANGON, 13 Feb — Eighteen-member Indonesian Ladies Group led by wife of the Indonesian Ambassador Madame Wyoso Prodjowarsito this morning paid a visit to Hninzigon Home for the Aged and donated food.

Madame Wyoso Prodjowarsito explained the purpose of the donation and presented food through Chairman U Maung Tin of the Administrative Board of the home.

Next, members of the group entertained the older persons with Indonesian traditional dance and music. The chairman of the board presented fruit basket for the group through the wife of the ambassador. The ladies also visited aged patients at the newly built three-storey hospital and left the home later in the morning.—H



# G-8 countries grapple with world energy supply woes

Moscow, 12 Feb—Expensive oil and gas took centre stage as finance ministers from the world's wealthiest nations met on Saturday for talks in Russia, whose vast resources are regarded as part of the problem as well as the solution.

Finance ministers of the Group of Eight countries kicked off their talks over breakfast, with a briefing from officials from the dynamic emerging economies of China, India, Brazil and South Africa. Then the meeting will switch its focus to rising demand for energy as well as the difficulty of securing reliable supplies of oil and gas from regions often prone to instability.

Oil prices, twice as high as two years ago, are not expected to decline soon and the standoff with oil-rich Iran serves as a reminder of how vulnerable supply can be,

as did a recent row between Russia and Ukraine that disrupted gas exports to Europe.

Russia has declared energy security a priority of its first annual term as G-8 President, but is being asked to prove it is serious after a payment row with Ukraine that shut the taps on gas exports to Ukraine and Western Europe at the start of 2006.

German Finance Minister Peer Steinbrueck said on arrival in Moscow that he saw "significant progress" in one of the areas that most interest Russia's G-8 partners -- Russia's willingness to

liberalize a tightly controlled energy sector.

Germany already has a small stake in Russia's Gazprom, a monopoly which is also the world's largest gas producer and supplies a quarter of Europe's gas, mostly via Ukraine.—MNA/Reuters

## Iran warns of reconsidering membership of atomic NPT

TEHERAN, 12 Feb—Teheran may reconsider its membership of the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) if it feels its enemies are using the accord to put unfair pressure on Iran, President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said on Saturday.

"The Islamic Republic's policy has been to follow its nuclear efforts in the framework of the (International Atomic Energy) Agency and the NPT," he told a huge crowd on the anniversary of the 1979 Islamic Revolution.

"However, if we find out they are going to take advantage of these regulations to destroy the rights of the Iranian people, you should know that the Iranian nation will reconsider its policy," he added. The crowd voiced its approval of Ahmadinejad's remarks with chants of "nuclear technology is our inalienable right".

However, the President said Iran was not going to make a sudden withdrawal from the NPT. "We would still like to be patient, so do not try to wear down our patience," he said.

MNA/Reuters

## US plane skids off Kuwait runway, no injuries

KUWAIT, 12 Feb—A US military-chartered airplane carrying American troops skidded off the runway at Kuwait airport on Saturday but there were no casualties, a US Army spokeswoman said. Airport sources said the plane may have skidded due to rain on the runway. Zuhayr al-Zamil, deputy head of Kuwait's civil aviation, was quoted by state news agency KUNA as saying there were 210 passengers on board but did not specify if they were military or not.—MNA/Reuters



A protester holds a sign during a rally at the Statehouse in Montpelier, Vt, on 11 Feb, 2006. Peace activists converged on Montpelier for a march from City Hall to the Statehouse, where they called on Vermont officials to demand an immediate troop withdrawal from Iraq.—INTERNET

## Fuel giant mulls soya power

QATAR, 12 Feb—South African petrochemicals group Sasol is considering building a biodiesel plant to produce 100 kilotonnes (about 125 million litres) of biodiesel from soya beans with various partners.

Sasol said in a statement that the state's Central Energy Fund (CEF) signed a memorandum of understanding to conduct a feasibility study to test the venture's viability before an investment is made.

The study, which will also look at possible locations for the production plant, will be complete by the end of the year.

The proposed plant will require more than 500 kilotonnes of soya beans to

produce 100 kilotonnes of biodiesel a year.

Biodiesel is a renewable diesel-blending component made from vegetable oil by catalytic reaction with methanol.

Annual global production is about three million tonnes, mainly in Western Europe.

Sasol supplies about 40% of South Africa's fuels.

The CEF is involved in the search for appropriate energy solutions to meet the future energy needs of South Africa, and also manages the operation and development of the oil and gas assets and operations of the country's government.—Internet

## Report says billions of dollars unaccounted for in Iraq

WASHINGTON, 12 Feb—About 8.8 billion US dollars distributed to Iraq's reconstruction is unaccounted for, according to a CBS News report on Friday.

The report, citing a US official in charge of tracing the funds channelled to Iraq, attributed the missing money to Iraq's provisional government.

Stuart Bowen, special inspector-general for Iraq's reconstruction, said some 8.8 billion is unaccounted for because the Coalition Provisional Authority, the entity governing Iraq after the war, "was relatively non-existent".

Frank Willis, the ex-

number two official at the Coalition's Transportation Ministry, echoed Bowen, saying the accounting system was

actually "non-existent" in Iraq.

Without financial infrastructure, checks and money transfers were

impossible, he said, adding that thus the Coalition kept billions of dollars in cash to pay for its projects.—MNA/Xinhua

## One dies in northern Japan avalanche

TOKYO, 12 Feb—An avalanche of 50-metres wide and 30-metre high hit a hot spring inn in northern Japan on Friday, leaving one man dead and several others injured, reports said.

The one killed, 20, who was hired by the inn to remove snow, went missing with another worker in the avalanche and died soon after he was dugged out, *Kyodo News* quoted firefighters as saying.

The other worker was rescued alive and conscious, police sources said.

The avalanche, which happened around 11:20 am and hit an indoor spa for women at the Nyuto spa area in Semboku, Akita Prefecture, also caused light injuries to eight women and one man who were visiting the inn.

Witnesses said the hot spring facility's glass windows were broken by the snow from the avalanche.

The Nyuto spa area is one of the most popular spa locations in northeastern Japan, local media said.—MNA/Xinhua



Residents gather outside their damaged house following an explosion in Baghdad, on 12 Feb, 2006.—INTERNET

## Singapore hosts international symposium on bird flu management

SINGAPORE, 12 Feb— Singapore hosted an international symposium on Saturday focusing on the management of bird flu infection and the intensive care practice in bird flu treatment.

Said to be the world's first of its kind, the International Bird Flu Symposium gathered more than 30 experts from Hong Kong, Indonesia, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam, Turkey and Germany, as well as dozens of local doctors and nurses.

Admitting the lack of knowledge about the disease, which has spread

from East Asia to West Asia, Eastern Europe and Africa, clinicians attending the conference shared their first-hand experience in treating bird flu patients and the lessons drawn from the fight against the severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) three years ago in establishing best practice treatments.

Charles Gomersall,

Director of Intensive Care at Hong Kong's Princess Margaret Hospital, told *Xinhua* that high mortality from the disease and the medical staff's morale are among top concerns in bird flu treatments.

He stressed that to maintain staff's morale is vital since it is quite depressing for them to see that nearly 90 per cent of the critically ill patients with bird flu die and half of them are children.

MNA/Xinhua

## Trafficking of Filipino women remains unchecked

MANILA, 12 Feb— An influential Filipino lawmaker said Friday trafficking of Filipino women remains largely unchecked despite the government's enactment of laws and international agreements to fight the crime more than two years ago.

Saying that trafficking of women has taken upon a global proportion, Senator Minority Leader Aquilino "Nene" Pimentel Jr said trafficking of women exists in countries in Asia, Africa and Europe with poverty being its basic cause.

"The problem is aggravated by the fact that there appears to be a growing demand for women who could be abused as ...slaves in the more affluent parts of the world," he said at an international conference on migration and trafficking of persons in Manila.

As examples of victimization of women from poor countries, Pimentel said many women from poor Asian countries, including the

Philippines, have been forced into prostitution in Japan and South Korea, while many other Filipino maids are treated like slaves by their employers in Middle East countries.

MNA/Xinhua

## Iraq suspends Australian wheat deals over bribery probe

SYDNEY, 12 Feb— Iraq has suspended dealings with Australia's monopoly wheat exporter AWB over allegations that it paid bribes to the former regime of Saddam Hussein, the company said.

The suspension would remain in force until an official inquiry into the charges, under former judge Terence Cole, is complete, AWB Ltd executive chairman Brendan Stewart said in a

statement. "AWB has been notified by the Iraq Grain Board (IGB) that it has decided to suspend its business relationship with AWB until the Cole Inquiry is completed.

AWB is disappointed by the decision.

"AWB is determined to take whatever steps are necessary to rebuild its reputation with all customers, growers and shareholders," Stewart

said.

The Cole inquiry was set up last month after a UN report charged that AWB paid some 220 million US dollars in bribes to secure 2.3 billion dollars in wheat contracts with Saddam's Iraq under the UN's now discredited 1996-2003 oil-for-food programme.

AWB holds a monopoly on Australian wheat exports and was a government owned company until listing on the stock exchange in mid-1999.—Internet

## Australian troops in Iraq use faulty armour

SYDNEY, 12 Feb — Australian defence documents show that the country's troops in Iraq and Afghanistan are operating with defective protection gear, *The Australian* newspaper said on Saturday in a report the government dismissed as misleading.

The newspaper said documents obtained under Freedom of Information laws showed that new combat jackets glowed in the dark when viewed through night vision equipment, body armour was cracked and no combat jackets fit women soldiers.

Australian Defence Minister Brendan Nelson rejected the report, saying

Australian troops operated with world class equipment.

"We would not deploy troops on operations without the best available clothing and equipment," Nelson said in a statement.

"I have been assured by Chief of the Defence Force that any clothing issues raised will be addressed in an appropriate and timely

manner. Any issues that arise are taken very seriously as the safety and wellbeing of our troops is paramount." Nelson said that 60,000 boots had been issued to troops in the past 18 months, but only 60 complaints were reported.

Australia, a strong ally of the United States, has about 1,300 forces in and around Iraq, as well as 200 special forces in Afghanistan helping US

forces hunt down Taleban an al-Qaeda fighters. Australia also has a military aid team in Pakistan.

MNA/Reuters

## 21 hurt in US Border Patrol chase

LOS ANGELES, 12 Feb— A US Border Patrol pursuit near San Diego ended on Friday when a van believed to be transporting illegal

immigrants crashed, injuring at least 21 people, including eight critically, police said. The other injuries were apparently minor, said Maurice Luque, a spokesman for the San Diego Fire-Rescue Department. He said the van involved in the crash carried 28 people.

The pursuit began early in the afternoon when the drivers of three vans and a sedan—possibly transporting illegal immigrants—fled from federal agents near the US-Mexico border in southern San Diego County, authorities said. The pursuit ended when the driver of one of the vehicles veered, spun out of control, careened off the freeway and overturned in a gully, police said.

MNA/Reuters



Visitors view a model of the Guanghe Tea House, a famous architecture of the Qing Dynasty, during a show about the intangible cultural heritage of China in Beijing on 12 Feb, 2006. The show will last till 16 March.—INTERNET



A woman and the child walk outside a house following an explosion in Baghdad, on 12 Feb, 2006. A bomb rigged to a motorcycle exploded outside a local restaurant near central Baghdad's Tahrir Square and wounded nine people.—INTERNET

## 190-kg contraband river food seized in Macao

MACAO, 12 Feb— Macao's Customs Service has seized 190 kilos of live contraband river food including freshwater fish and shrimps, local media reported on Friday.

*Macao Post Daily* quoted Customs sources as saying that the contraband was recovered in a routine patrol at the Inner Harbour Thursday.

The contraband was smuggled from the neighbouring mainland city of Zhuhai and was believed to be destined for Macao's restaurants, the sources were cited. Three Macao residents were taken in for questioning and may face a fine ranging from 5,000 patacas (625 US dollars) to 10,000 patacas (1,250 US dollars), according to the newspaper.

Thursday's seizure was one the largest over the past a few months, the Customs sources were quoted as saying.—MNA/Xinhua

## Fossett sets air record despite emergency landing

LONDON, 12 Feb—Millionaire adventurer Steve Fossett broke the record for long-distance flight without refuelling on Saturday, making a hazardous emergency landing in southern England after flying 26,389 miles (42,450 kilometres).

After nearly four days existing on nothing but milkshakes, the 61-year-old American toasted his achievement with champagne. Asked what he would do next, he said simply: "Catch up on some sleep."

Fossett burst two tyres when he landed his specially designed *GlobalFlyer* plane at Bournemouth Airport on battery power. The on-board generator had failed

over Ireland just after he broke the record.

"We told him he had to land alive," said his billionaire friend and sponsor Richard Branson, who flew behind him in a chase plane on the final leg. "He actually had to land alive, because if he didn't land alive he wouldn't get the record."

The plane, with a

wingspan as wide as an 11-storey building is tall, landed with just 200 pounds (90 kilos) of fuel left — having used up nearly all the 18,000 pounds loaded at take-off.

Its windscreen was so heavily iced Fossett that he could barely see a few metres when he landed, his team said.

He was quickly flown

in another plane to an airport in the county of Kent, where he had been expected to land and where the media were gathered for his arrival.

Fossett took off on Wednesday from Florida and flew solo eastward around the world before making a second crossing over the Atlantic to land in Britain.—MNA/Reuters

## California police catch suspected mushroom thieves

LOS ANGELES, 12 Feb—A gang accused of stealing prized mushrooms from Southern California ranches has been apprehended, police in Santa Barbara said on Friday.

Deputies arrested

three men last week after finding a suspicious car in an area where ranchers had complained of systematic theft over a number of years of Chanterelle mushrooms, a wild delicacy prized by chefs.

"There's still going to be mushroom theft in this area, but I expect to see a significant decline now," said Erik Raney, spokesman for the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department.

Josef Vychodil, 52 and Lucas Vrana, 29, of Seattle, and Maxim Mikhailytchev, 24, of Vancouver, British Columbia, were arrested on 3 February after Sheriff's deputies in Lompoc, California, about 135 miles northwest of Los Angeles, discovered a parked car registered to Vychodil on the side of a road. All were charged with grand theft.

MNA/Reuters

## French expert says China's normal development poses no threat

PARIS, 12 Feb—China's increased scientific strength in recent years has helped its military development, but it is wrong to see this normal development as a threat, a French expert said in a recent interview with *Xinhua*.

Philippe Coue, the author of *Cosmonautes de Chine* (Astronauts of China), has been following developments of China's astronautics technology for more than 20 years. He cited China's recent manned mission to refute the rumours on a Chinese military expansion.

"Someone thought China's successful manned mission with *Shenzhou VI* capsule

promoted its astronautic military technology and that China would use all its development in a military expansion. It is a biased opinion," said Coue, who also holds a position in France's Dassault-Aviation company.

"The success of the manned mission with *Shenzhou VI* is not only a technological success, but also a symbol of a big country's technological strength and confidence. It can give active impetus to the spirit of the whole nation and bring development in civil industry," he added.

He said China's development in technologies is very fast and compatible with its rapid

economic growth.

China has experienced a high-speed growth and its development mode has been recognized by the international community, said Coue, adding that the country has been seeing its status heightened and its military affairs reformed.

MNA/Xinhua

## Two Britons killed in German motorway crash

DUESSELDORF (Germany), 12 Feb—Two Britons were killed in a multiple pile up involving a German truck and two British coaches on a German motorway early on Saturday, local officials and Britain's Foreign

Office said.

The dead appeared to be an adult and a teenager, said a local government spokesman.

A further 27 people were taken to hospital after the accident near the town of Kerpen, close to the western German city of Cologne, which happened at around 3.20 am (0220 GMT). The truck driver was seriously injured.

One bus was apparently struck by the truck after breaking down on the side of the highway.

The second bus hit the truck as it swung round, he added. In London, a British Foreign Office official said a consular team from Duesseldorf was heading for the scene.

German television pictures showed medical staff helping teenagers at the site of the accident. Both lanes of the highway



An Indonesian man performs the lion dance in a parade marking the end of Chinese New Year festivities on 12 Feb, 2006 in Jakarta. —INTERNET

## US charges California man in computer "botnet" case

SAN FRANCISCO, 12 Feb—A California man was indicted on Friday on federal charges of creating a robot-like network of hijacked computers that helped him and two others bring in 100,000 US dollars for installing unwanted ad software.

The indictment from a federal grand jury in Seattle also accuses Christopher Maxwell, 20, and two unidentified conspirators of crippling

Seattle's Northwest Hospital with a "botnet" attack in January 2005.

Authorities say the hospital attack caused 150,000 US dollars in damages, shut down the intensive care unit and disabled doctors' pagers.

"Some people consider botnets a mere annoyance or inconvenience for consumers but they are highly destructive," US Attorney John McKay said in a statement. "In this case, the impact of the botnet could have been deadly." The two-count indictment charges Maxwell with conspiracy to intentionally cause damage to a protected computer and commit computer fraud.

MNA/Reuters

## Zanzibar police detain swimming coach for pupil deaths

DAR-ES-SALAAM, 12 Feb—Police in Zanzibar have detained the swimming instructor under whose tutorship 11 primary school pupils had got drowned during a swimming course in the Indian Ocean.

George Kizuguto, police commander of the Urban West region of Zanzibar, identified the detainee as Idrissa Othman, a teacher of the Zanzibar International Snetet Primary School, according to reports reaching here on Saturday. The police chief said that the police move was necessary for interrogation and for security reasons.

Eleven of the Zanzibar International Snetet Primary School, a joint venture between Zanzibar and Ugandan business people, were drowned in the Indian Ocean on Wednesday when they were taking their weekly swimming course. Fourteen other pupils were rescued by fishermen who happened to be nearby at the Bububu beach, where the tragedy happened.—MNA/Xinhua



Police investigators examine the scene of a grenade explosion that killed four people and injuring at least nine others in Manila, Philippines on 12 Feb, 2006. —INTERNET

# US federal govt disregarded "Katrina" threat

WASHINGTON, 13 Feb—A congressional report will show the US Government from President Bush down disregarded the threat of Hurricane Katrina and failed to take live-saving countermeasures, *The Washington Post* reported on Sunday.

The report includes 90 findings of failures at all levels of government but proposes few specific changes, the *Post* said, citing a summary of the report and an interview with a senior investigator.

It lays primary fault with the passive reaction and misjudgments of top Bush aides, especially Homeland Security Secretary Michael

Chertoff, the *Post* said.

It portrays Chertoff as detached from events and says he switched on the government's emergency response systems "late, ineffectively or not at all" and delayed the flow of federal troops and supplies by as much as three days.

The US military, Federal Emergency Management Agency director and FEMA field commanders set up rival chains of command, the *Post* said.

Bush could have but did not speed the response because he alone had the power to cut through bureaucratic resistance, the

*Post* said. The response to the disaster showed the government failed to learn from the 11 September, 2001 hijacking attacks, the report concludes.

"Blinding lack of situational awareness and disjointed decision making needlessly compounded and prolonged Katrina's horror," the *Post* quoted the report as saying. Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf coast on 29 August, causing the deaths of more than 1,200 people and flooding much of the city of New Orleans.

MNA/Reuters



Officials of Omotesando Hills, a 34,000-square-metre shopping and residential complex, bow to visitors lined up for its opening as a new landmark in Tokyo on 11 Feb, 2006. —INTERNET

## India has acted judiciously on Iran issue

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, 13 Feb—India has taken a judicious decision on the Iran nuclear issue and it will not hamper the friendship between the two countries, junior minister for External Affairs E Ahamed said here recently.

"India had taken a judicious decision on the issue and its vote in favour of the International Atomic Energy Agency resolution did not mean that the country had detracted from traditionally close ties with Iran," he said in reply to queries at a Press meet here on Friday.

"India always values the friendship with Iran greatly and it would continue to do so."

As a signatory to the NPT, Iran had some international obligations to fulfil. India voted at the IAEA, taking this aspect into consideration, he said.

The stand taken by India as well as that of Russia and China on the issue left room for diplomacy and further discussions on the matter. The resolution had put off the UN action against Iran at least for one month, giving

that country time for diplomacy until the next meeting, he said.

Even Russia, China and Japan had expressed their readiness to talk to Iran after voting in favour of the resolution at the IAEA, he said.

Asked whether the Indian Union Muslim League, to which he

belonged, had endorsed this position, Ahamed said IUML was part of the UPA coalition and the party had discussed the matter.

On the Left outcry over the issue, the minister said different political parties could have divergent views on issues.

MNA/PTI

## Mexican former policeman shot 12 times, survives

MEXICO CITY, 13 Feb—A former Mexican police officer is in a stable condition after he survived 12 bullet wounds, received when armed men sprayed his car

with over 100 gun shots, officials said on Saturday.

Retired officer Julio Cesar Acosta was driving through the colonial-era town of Uruapan in Central Mexico on Friday when the assailants pulled out in front of him in another car and opened fire.

Police say Acosta was hit 12 times in different parts of his body, but suffered no injuries to vital organs.

"I have never seen anything like this before," said municipal policeman

Ricardo Sanchez. "It's some kind of miracle. They were clearly trying to kill him."

A passer-by was also injured in the shoot-out, which bore the hallmarks of a drug feud. The attackers escaped.

More than 1,000 people died in drug killings in Mexico last year, mostly in a fight between the Gulf cartel in northeastern Mexico and an alliance of traffickers from the western state of Sinaloa.

MNA/Reuters



An Iraqi soldier inspects confiscated munitions at the Iraqi army headquarters in Baquba, 65 km (40 miles) northeast of Baghdad on 12 Feb, 2006. —INTERNET

## Sudanese military plane crashes, 20 killed

KHARTOUM, 13 Feb—A Sudanese military plane crashed at the airport in the southern town of Awil on Saturday killing all seven crew and 13 others on board, officials said.

"Twenty people were killed -- seven crew and 13 others, soldiers," said an Army spokesman. He said it was an Antonov 29 plane that caught fire and exploded.

A senior southern Army official said the plane crashed on landing at the airport when the front tyre of the plane burst.

MNA/Reuters

## Cheney accidentally shoots hunting companion

WASHINGTON, 13 Feb— Vice-President Dick Cheney accidentally wounded a companion with shotgun pellets on a weekend quail hunt in Texas, his office said on Sunday.

Cheney's companion, Austin lawyer Harry Whittington, 78, was listed in stable condition after being brought in on Saturday night, said Yvonne Wheeler, a spokeswoman for the Christus Spohn Hospital in Corpus Christi, Texas.

Cheney's office said Whittington had been sprayed by birdshot while hunting at the Armstrong Ranch in south Texas, about 200 miles south of San Antonio.

The shooting was first reported by the *Corpus Christi Caller-Times*. The Vice-President's office did not disclose the accident until the day after it happened.

Katharine Armstrong, whose family owns the ranch, was a member of the hunting party and witnessed the accident.

She said Cheney, an experienced hunter, did not

realize Whittington had rejoined the group without announcing himself, which is proper protocol among hunters.

"They had no idea he was there," Armstrong said. "A bird flew up, the Vice-President followed it through around to his right and shot, and unfortunately, unbeknownst to anybody, Harry was there and he got peppered pretty good with a spray of 28-gauge pellets," Armstrong said in a telephone interview.

"He was turning, facing the Vice-President, but turning to the right, and it sprayed him across the right side of his face, his shoulder, his chest and along the rib cage area," she said.

Armstrong said Cheney's medical team attended to Whittington before he was taken to the hospital.

MNA/Reuters

## US pilot suspected of drinking, arrested in Britain

WASHINGTON, 13 Feb— An American Airlines pilot was arrested in Britain on Saturday on suspicion of being drunk before a scheduled flight to Chicago,

the airline said.

A statement by the world's No. 1 airline said the crew member was a relief pilot on the Boeing 767-300 with 198 passengers, meaning he was a backup to the captain and first officer. The crew member was not identified.

He was arrested on suspicion of being under the influence of alcohol after reporting for duty at Manchester Airport, the carrier said. A court appearance was scheduled for Monday. American said in a statement it was investigating and would not provide additional details. "Our primary concern is for the safety and comfort of our passengers and crews," the airline said. "American Airlines has strict policies on alcohol and substance abuse and holds its employees to the highest standards."

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## Priority given to construction of roads...

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After opening of the Kyaukpyu-Yangon Road, people can go to other states and divisions through three major highways — 535-mile Sittway-An-Yangon Road, 417-mile Kyaukpyu-Taungup-Yangon and 233-mile Thandwe-Gwa-Yangon Road. The three highways lead to An-Maei-Taungup-Thanwe Road.

The commander spoke of the need to increase cultivation of rice, pepper, rubber and Thitseint in Rakhine State. The Head of State gave

guidance on cultivation of 1.2 million acres of rice. In 2005-2006 cultivation season, 1,100,632 acres of monsoon paddy, 12,148 acres of summer paddy and 20,351 acres of pepper were grown in Rakhine State. Arrangements are being made for cultivation of 600 million physic nut saplings, which

produces bio diesel, on 500,000 acres in three years. He called for durability of roads and bridges in the state.

Next, Minister for Construction Bri-Gen Saw Tun made a speech. He said the government is making strenuous efforts for equitable development of all regions in

**In the time of the Tatmadaw government, the Ministry of Construction built 5,005 miles of roads and 192 major bridges, the Ministry of Defence 11 bridges, the Ministry of Rail Transportation 7 and the Ministry of Electric Power two totalling 212.**

## Myanmar Archery team to take part in Asia Archery Contest

YANGON, 13 Feb— To take part in First Asia Archery Contest, 20-member Myanmar Archery team led by Sec-

retary of Myanmar Archery Federation U Kyaw Oo left here for Bangkok, Thailand, this morning. They were

seen off at the airport by President of MAF Dr Khin Shwe, executives and relatives.

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Myanmar Archery Team seen at Yangon International Airport before departure for Thailand.—NLM

## Myanma Radio's 60th anniversary commemorative magazine to be published

YANGON, 13 Feb— Myanma Radio, formerly known as Bama Athan, which was established in February 1946, will turn its 60th year on 15 February this year.

To hail the occasion, a 400-page magazine with articles, poems, short stories, cartoons and other interesting memoirs

written by well-known writers will come out in the not too distant future. The magazine also features historical milestones of Myanma Radio, Myanma TV, and MRTV-3 & 4 with a variety of colour photos.

Magazines will be available at a cost of K 2,000 per copy at

Hanthawady Book Shop of Myanma Radio and TV (Ph: 538050/538053 (Extension: 144/401), Sarpay Beikman Book Shop on Merchant Street, News and Periodicals Enterprise Book Shop on Theinbyu Road, Thalun Book Shop, No 525 at the corner of Merchant Street and 38th Street, Amei Ein Book Shop on Pansodan Street (Lower Block), Gondoo Book Shop, No 192, 33rd Street, Myawady Sarpaytaik (Branch), No 181, 32nd Street (Upper Block) and Parami Sarpaytaik, No 230, 29th Street (Upper Block) and Tun Oo Book Shop in Mandalay (Ph: 02-39801).

The 60th Anniversary commemorative postcards will also be available at the book shops at a cost of K 100 per copy.

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Cover of Myanma Athan (Voice of Myanma) magazine. MNA



Minister Maj-Gen Saw Tun speaking at the opening of Thazintan Pauk Bridge.—MNA

the Union and raising of socio-economic life of the people. Priority is being given to construction of roads and bridges, the major factor for ensuring smooth transport. In the time of the Tatmadaw government, the Ministry of Construction built 5,005 miles of roads and 192 major bridges, the Ministry of Defence 11 bridges, the Ministry of Rail Transportation 7 and the Ministry of Electric Power two totalling 212.

In the past, people in Rakhine State had to rely on waterway and air transport. There are now

four gateways to Rakhine State— Yangon-Sittway Road, Yangon-Kyaukphyu Road, Ngathaingchaung-Gwa Road and Padaung-Taungup Road. Construction of the bridge started on 15 July 2003. The bridge was built at a cost of over K 1,360 million and US \$ 0.17 million. The total cost for construction of 192 bridges is over K 135,000 million and US \$ 170 million, he said. On behalf of local people, U Aung Tin Thein of Union Solidarity and Development Association expressed thanks for construction of

the bridge.

The commander and the minister formally opened the bridge. Next, the commander unveiled the stone inscription of the bridge. The commander and party then strolled a long the bridge.

The bridge is 24 feet wide with three feet wide walkways on either side and it can withstand 60 tons of load.

Present were Commodore Maw Thein, military officers, local authorities, officials of Public Works, members of social organizations, students, teachers and local people.—MNA

## MWAF joins battle against smoking

YANGON, 13 Feb— Social and Cultural Group of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation is committed to raising public awareness of the danger of tobacco.

At the workshop on women and tobacco held this morning at Yangon Division MWAF, partici-

pants of the workshop discussed tobacco-related diseases in women, the youths' habits of smoking and danger of passive smoking which causes health hazards not only to pregnant women but also to foetus.

Work programme for prevention of hazards

of smoking was laid down at the workshop.

A total of 21 members of Women's Affairs Organizations from 4 districts in Yangon Division participated in the workshop, and multiplier courses will be held in the four districts in Yangon.

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## Grand Royal Special Reserve Golf Tournament to be held in Myitkyina Golf Club



YANGON, 13 Feb— Grand Royal Special Reserve Golf Tournament

for 2006 organized by Myanmar Golf Federation and mainly-sponsored by International Beverages Trading Co, Ltd will be held at Myitkyina Golf Club, Myitkyina Township in Kachin State on 18 and 19 February.

The amateur golfers who are going to

participate in the tournament may enlist at the club not later than 17 February.

The main sponsor is IBTC and the co-sponsors are Air Mandalay, Crusher CUUB Soda, Srixon and Grand Plaza Park Royal Hotel. An event management is to organize the tournament.—MNA

Students present gifts to their former teachers at the 4th ceremony of paying respect to teachers of No 4 Pazundaung Township Basic Education High School on 12 February (Union Day).—H

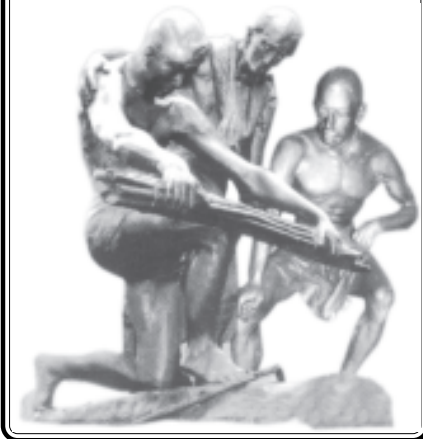


**Honouring the 59th Anniversary Union Day:**

# Entire national races to realize national policy

*Maung Chit Kyi*

## Hundred fruits from a common stem—Our Union



From time immemorial, Myanmar has stood tall in the world as an independent and sovereign nation with own monarchs. Conforming with the fine tradition of living in the motherland in amity and harmony, national brethren have been safeguarding and protecting the nation based on Union Spirit and patriotic spirit.

Today, the government, the people and the Tatmadaw are joining hands harmoniously in discharging national development tasks exploiting terrestrial and aquatic resources of the Union of Myanmar.

As a result of concerted efforts, the nation has now seen considerable development. As the government has implemented projects unremittingly in all aspects for national development, fruits of stability and peace have been enjoyed by the people especially the national brethren of the border areas.

Since its assumption of State duties, the government has initiated many projects for the progress of border areas and national races, thereby further cementing trust and cohesion among the ethnic groups.

Nowadays, destructive elements at home and abroad are misusing media as a tool to drive a wedge between the government and national people as well as among national races. Each and every citizen is therefore duty-bound to brave and surmount such evil acts with the Union Spirit and the spirit of national unity.

Taking a glance at the Myanmar history, one can see that during the period of over one hundred years the nation fell under alien subjugation, the colonialists constantly ruled over the hilly regions and the plains separately with the intention of undermining national solidarity, sowing doubts and suspicions among the national races.

The Panglong Agreement was thus signed on 12 February 1947 to show the cohesion of all the national brethren of the Union of Myanmar for regaining independence. Therefore, the nation became an independent one on 4 January 1948.

Today, the government is fostering the spirit of national solidarity and Union Spirit all the more, so the cohesion of the national races is unprecedented.

After laying down

Our Three Main National Causes namely non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty, the government has been building the nation. Hence, every citizen is duty-bound to always uphold Our Three Main National Causes.

In addition, the entire national people are to make a firm resolution as the historic duty to harmoniously protect and safeguard the Union through national unity for its perpetual existence and flourishing of Union Spirit among national races forever.

The government has been putting into action the projects in all spheres for ensuring equitable development of all parts of the Union. In the process, the government has been

variety of projects with the policy of ensuring the development of border areas and bridging the development gap between rural and urban areas with a view to strengthening the national solidarity. As a result, greater peace, tranquillity and progress of rural areas plus border areas have been achieved than those in any previous periods.

This being the case, now is the most opportune time for national brethren to be cohesive and harmonious in carrying out tasks with Union Spirit for the progress of respective wards and villages, regions and the nation as a whole and for perpetual existence of the Union.

The government is implementing the State's seven-step Road Map

**In line with the seven-step Road Map, the government is taking measures in a systematic way for the emergence of an enduring State Constitution that can guarantee unity, equality, equitable development and perpetual cohesion of all national races.**

constructing various infrastructures such as roads, bridges, irrigation facilities, airports and electric power plants to improve the transport and agriculture and livestock breeding sectors in the interests of the entire national people.

Besides, it has been fulfilling education and health requirements as far as it can including basic education schools, hospitals, dispensaries and rural health care centres in border areas and rural areas. It has also opened specialist hospitals, universities, colleges, technological colleges and computer colleges in the special development regions designated across the 14 states and divisions, showing its benevolent attitude to national brethren.

Now, the government has been implementing a

with the participation of the entire national people for perpetual existence of the consolidated Union.

In line with the seven-step Road Map, the government is taking measures in a systematic way for the emergence of an enduring State Constitution that can guarantee unity, equality, equitable development and perpetual cohesion of all national races.

In the process, the target can be achieved only if all the national races shoulder the responsibilities in concert. Therefore, the entire national people will have to safeguard the independence regained through unity of national races and to ensure non-disintegration of the Union.

All the national people are to be armed with Union Spirit for perpetuation and progress of the Union. Union Spirit is pa-

## Our Union of Myanmar

\* Forty million years ago, was the duration  
The land of Myanmar, emerged  
With evidence, in the Stone age  
As significantly, shown by  
The fossils of Pondaung  
Undeniably, firm

The land of Myanmar is outstanding.  
\* Anawrahta, Bayintnaung, U Aung Zeya  
Patriots, born of Myanmar land  
With pride distinct, they built together,  
This land Myanmar, the colonialists  
Grabbed in an era, enslaving us.  
That notwithstanding nationalists  
Each with his strength, each with  
sword and spear  
For the sake of brethren, with Union blood  
Crimson, we drove them out  
Myanmar became independent  
Nation's blood with pride, fragrant  
Based on, the Panglong Spirit.

\* Today, Myanmar nation  
Has hands firmly held, won't be divided  
Whoever seeks to divide, we will crush  
Beloved, by all  
"This Union"  
"This sovereignty"  
"This national unity"  
For perpetuity, the people think  
And act  
We yearn for equality of all  
We shall implement the seven-step  
Road Map.  
This land, the Union of Myanmar  
Shall march, eggs not broken,  
nest undisturbed.

(Honouring the 59th Anniversary Union Day)  
Myinmu Maung Naing Moe (Trs)

triotic spirit with which  
the national races have  
lived together since yore

people to defend and  
safeguard the Union for  
its perpetual existence,

in amity through thick and thin.

With national unity, the entire people also have to grapple with the acts of internal and external elements who are bent on hindering the stability, peace and development of the State. The 12th of February 1947 on which national solidarity was established for regaining independence has been designated as the Union Day.

The five national objectives of the 59th Anniversary Day Union are as follows:—

(1) For all national races to safeguard the national policy — non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty,

(2) To keep the Union Spirit ever alive and dynamic among the national people,

(3) For all national

(4) To prevent, through national solidarity, the danger of internal and external destructive elements undermining peace and stability of the State and national development, and

(5) For all national people to make concerted efforts for successful implementation of the seven-step future policy programme of the State.

All the national races residing in the Union with fine traditions are therefore exhorted to make sustained endeavours in accordance with these objectives laid down to reflect the unity of national brethren for ensuring perpetual existence of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty.

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

Together with Shan national race, Kachin, Kokang, Taungyo, Danu, Palaung, Pa-O, Bamar, Lisu, Wa, Akhar, Inntha, and so on are residing in Shan State, a mini-union, occupying 60,155 square miles of land in the eastern part of the Union of Myanmar.

With the population of about 5,263,000, the state has the population density of 88 persons per square mile.

Shan State is a hilly region and its mountain ranges with an average altitude of 3000 feet are mostly



Langkho Bridge in Lankho township with a view to developing road transport sector in Shan State (South).

running from north to south. There also exist mountains with altitude of over 7,000 feet. Heho, Hsipaw and Kengtung valleys and plains are amidst the mountain ranges. Thanlwin river with many tributaries is flowing through the state

from north to south.

The Tatmadaw government, based on national unity, has been building development infrastructures throughout the country for emer-

gence of a peaceful, modern and developed nation.

Thanks to the united efforts made by the State, the people and the Tatmadaw, fruits of

development can be witnessed across the country. The table shows the development of Shan State from the period of 1988 to the present.

## Development of Shan State

Subject	1988	2006	Progress
<b>Agriculture/Livestock breeding</b>			
Sown acreage	2314243	3073041	758798
Dam	36	82	46
River water pumping project	-	3	3
Sown acreage of monsoon paddy	834176	1610778	776602
Sown acreage of summer paddy	-	39247	39247
Sown acreage of edible oil crops	100754	311820	211066
Acres of fish breeding ponds	-	3537	3537

Subject	1988	2006	Progress
<b>Forest conservation</b>			
Reserved Forest (square mile)	3404	10174	6670
Area of natural forest (square mile)	300	634	334
Forest plantation (acre)	300	158129	157829
<b>Transport</b>			
Motor road (mile)	4077	4529	452
Railroad (mile)	168	469	301
Rail track (mile)	186	501	315
Railway Station	25	95	70
180 feet and above bridge	24	40	16
Under 180 feet bridge	655	981	326
<b>Industrial development</b>			
Industrial zone	-	1	1
Cottage industry	-	28	28
<b>Electric power</b>			
Hydel power plant	3	15	12
Electricity consumption (unit in million)	24	329	305
<b>Education</b>			
<b>Basic Education</b>			
Primary school	3292	4242	950
Middle school	161	234	73
High school	59	200	141
Number of teacher	11399	22337	10998
Number of student	347878	685534	337656
<b>Higher Education</b>			
University	-	2	2
Degree College	1	2	1
Government Computer College	-	4	4
Government Technological College	-	4	4
<b>Health</b>			
Hospital	87	135	48
Rural Health Centre	114	211	97
<b>Communication</b>			
Post office	101	157	56
Telegraph office	31	87	56
Telephone exchange	27	124	97
<b>Information and Public Relations</b>			
TV Retransmission station	1	78	77
Self-reliant village library	-	4089	4089
Sub-printing house	-	3	3



Government Computer College (Kengtung) opened in Shan State (South) for enabling local youth to pursue higher education.

# Members of boards and committees under Ministry of Information honoured

YANGON, 13 Feb — A meeting to discuss with members of boards and committees under the Ministry of Information was held at Myanmar Radio and Television Studio-A this afternoon in conjunction with a ceremony to present gifts to the members.

Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan addressed the occasion and presented gifts. Also present were Deputy Ministers U Thein Sein and Brig-Gen Aung Thein, heads of departments, advisers of the ministry and departmental staff of the ministry.

The minister gave instructions on implementation of the tasks for scrutinizing and selecting National Literary Awards, Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Awards and Pakokku U Ohn Pe Awards, raising the standard of Myanmar film, and functions of Film Censor Board and Video Censor Board.

U Bo Kyi; for the National Literary Award Scrutinizing and Selecting Committee to Chairman of the committee News and Periodicals Enterprise Managing Director U Soe Win; for Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Awards Scrutinizing and Selecting Committee to Vice-Chairman of the committee Printing and Publishing Enterprise Managing Director U Aung Nyein; and for Pakokku U Ohn Pe Literary Award Scrutinizing and Selecting Committee to Chairman of the committee Printing and Publishing Enterprise Adviser U Myo Thant. The minister also presented gifts to other committees to Gita Lu Lin U Ko Ko, U Sein Hla Myaing, A1 U Soe Myint, U Myint Thein Pe and U Thein Tun Aung. After the ceremony, the minister cordially greeted those present.

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Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan speaking at the meeting to discuss with members of boards and committees under the Ministry of Information.—MNA

Next, the minister said the boards and committees formed by the ministry, responsible for scrutinizing, selecting and assessing of literary awards, films and videos, are formed with service personnel, advisers and technicians. He said the purpose of honouring the members of these boards and committees was to appreciate them for their efforts in scrutinizing, selecting and assessing the works with goodwill.

Afterwards, the minister presented gifts for the assessment board-1 for raising the standard of Myanmar film to Adviser to Printing and Publishing Enterprise U Myint Thein; for the assessment board-2 for raising the standard of Myanmar film to Chairman of the board Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aung Thein; for the assessment board-3 for raising the standard of Myanmar film to Chairman of the board Myanmar Motion Pictures Enterprise



Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan presents gift of honour to Secretary U Myint Thein Pe of Myanmar Film Censor Board.—MNA

## Cultural troupes, celebrities stage entertainment

YANGON, 13 Feb — As a gesture of hailing the 59th Anniversary of Union Day, national race cultural troupes, movie stars and singers staged entertainment this evening at National Theatre in Dagon Township.

At the performance, national races entertained the audience with traditional dances. Drama, comedy and a concert of music by movie stars and singers were also presented.

The performance will continue at 7 pm tomorrow at the same venue.

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National cultural troupes performing dances at national races' dancing show to mark 59th Anniversary Union Day.—MNA

Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan greets technicians of boards and committees under the Ministry of Information.—MNA



## National races cultural dance show staged

YANGON, 13 Feb — A national races cultural dance show was staged to mark the 59th Anniversary Union Day at the city hall of Kengtung on



To mark the 10th Anniversary of AMN International Ltd, Managing Director Thiri Thudhamma Theingi Daw Aye Aye donates K 10 million for disabled persons through Official on Special Duty Brig-Gen Thura Sein Thuang of the Ministry of Social Welfare Relief and Resettlement.—H

10 February, organized by Shan State (East) Women's Affairs Organization.

It was attended by Chairman of Shan State (East) Peace and Development Council Commander of Triangle Region Command Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing, patron of Shan State (East) WAO Daw Kyu Kyu Hla, senior military officers and others. The various national races cultural troupes entertained those present with a variety of dances.

Patron Daw Kyu Kyu Hla presented gifts to the cultural troupes and posed for a documentary photo with national races. **MNA**

## Diary of Myanmar economy donated to USDA



Secretary-General U Htay Oo of USDA accepts D Program LCD books donated by President of Myanmar CD-ROM WWW Co Ltd. —MNA

YANGON, 13 Feb — Myanmar CD-ROM WWW Co Ltd today donated D Program LCD books on Chronicle of National Development in the time of the Tatmadaw Government and Diary of Myanmar economy to

Union Solidarity and Development Association.

Secretary-General of USDA U Htay Oo accepted the books and presented a certificate of honour to Chairman of Myanmar CD-ROM WWW Co Ltd U Maung

Maung Aye.

Also present on the occasion were Joint Secretary-General of USDA U Zaw Min and Central Executive Committee members of USDA U Thein Sein and Thura U Myint Maung. **MNA**

## Myanmar-Japan Goodwill Volleyball match continues

YANGON, 13 Feb — The Japanese Women team defeated Myanmar Women team 25-10, 25-14, 25-15 in the second match of Myanmar-Japan Goodwill Volleyball Tournament at Aung San gymnasium this evening.

Among the spectator were officials of the Ministry of Sports and Myanmar Women

Sports Federation and others.

The third match of

the tournament continues tomorrow at the same venue.—NLM

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## Basic Legal English course No 2 concludes

YANGON, 13 Feb — A closing ceremony of Basic Legal English course No 2 for Junior Law Officers took place at Attorney-General's office this morning.

Attorney-General U Aye Maung made a speech on the occasion and

presented prizes to the outstanding trainees.

Director-General U Mya Nyein presented the completion certificates to the trainees.

Director (Admin) U Aung Than Soe also gave away gifts to Emeritus Professor Daw

Sein Sein Myint of Department of English of Dagon University and Associated Professor Daw May Than Win of Department of English of Institute of Education and the ceremony came to an end. **MNA**

# Myanmar produces bio-diesel from physic nut

### To raise socio-economic life of rural people

Physic nut oil becomes an important part of the energy sector in fulfilling fuel requirements and raising the socio-economic life of rural people.

Now, the benefit of physic nut, a multi-purpose crop, has been widely known. So, the crop is now being grown extensively throughout the nation. The business of growing physic nut plants costs less and does not call for much particular work for nurturing the plants.

### Effective agricultural methods

A small basket of physic nut seeds contains about 1,200 pieces. With the rate of two seeds a hole,

2,400 seeds can be sowed on an acre of land. If it is to sow seeds in small plastic bags, the rate should be a seed per plastic bag. With a good moisture, a seed can grow in 10 days. Three weeks later, the stunted sapling is to be removed.

Physic nut grafts can be planted directly. If it rains heavily, planted grafts can turn bad. So, grafts should be planted in late monsoon. In nurturing grafts, they can be planted first in plastic bags filled with mixed soils. Two months later, the grafts are ready to be transferred to the ground.

Tissue culture of physic nut can be conducted at a laboratory for propagation. Saplings can be obtained by propagating seeds and tissues from buds. In 172 days, 1,200

seeds can be propagated into 3.6 million saplings. **Term to bear buds and fruits and yield**

Physic nut, a perennial crop, can be as high as six to 18 feet. At the age of one year, a physic nut plant starts to bear greenish flower bunches and yellowish bell-shape buds. It bears flowers in January and harvest of fruits in May for the first time, and flowers in August and harvest of fruits in November or December for the second time.

The fruits are round-shape with green colour, and when ripe, they turn yellow and then black. A bunch comprises from five to 10 fruits. The life span of a physic nut is about 50 years. It yields high from 6 to 30 years and its yield gets gradu-



Seeds of physic nut.

ally less.

### Physic nut bears all-year round

There is no need to water physic nut plants a lot, but to water once or twice a month in hot weather. It bears flowers and fruits all-year round

if irrigated. It needs to add natural and artificial fertilizers systematically to the soils of plantations. Then, it helps boost the rate of growth of the plants and yield of fruits. The soil is to be free from wild plants when it starts

to grow. By cutting off the top parts of the plants at the age of three or four months, the side branches will further grow and that helps boost the yield and makes the growers harvest easier.

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## Iraqi Army spokesman shot dead in Basra

BAGHDAD, 12 Feb— A spokesman for the Iraqi Army was shot dead by unknown gunmen on Saturday morning in Basra, a city in southern Iraq, an Army official said.

Captain Makram al-Abbasi, spokesman for the Iraqi Army in Basra, was gunned down at around 8 a.m. local time (0500 GMT) while on his way to the base located in the centre of Basra, according to Captain Firas al-Tamimi of the Iraqi Army.

Deteriorating relations between British troops and local militias in southern Iraq resulted in a surge of attacks across the country over the last few weeks.

MNA/Xinhua

## CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

### MV SEA MERCHANT VOY NO (643)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV SEA MERCHANT VOY NO (643) are hereby notified that the vessel arrives on 14.2.2006 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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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## President says Argentina reducing poverty

BUENOS AIRES, 12 Feb— Argentine President Nestor Kirchner said on Friday the country's poverty levels have been reduced in the last quarter of 2005, local media reported.

Kirchner told reporters that there had been a four percentage point fall in poverty levels, which now affects some 34 per cent of Argentina's population.

Argentina's Indec statistics agency said 15.2 per cent of Argentina's population were living on a mere 65 pesos per month

(21 US dollars), which is below the absolute poverty standard identified by the United Nations. Indec also said there is a huge income gap in the country with the richest of the population having an income 31 times that of the poorest.

MNA/Xinhua

## Abducted Egyptian diplomat freed in Gaza City

CAIRO, 12 Feb— An abducted Egyptian diplomat was released by his captors early Saturday, two days after he was abducted in Gaza City, media reports quoted unidentified Egyptian officials as saying.

The officials said Hussam Almously, Egypt's Military Attache to the Palestinian Authority, has already returned to his home in Gaza City.

A Palestinian group called itself the "Al Ahrar Brigades" on Friday had

claimed responsibility for the kidnapping.

The group demanded the release of Palestinians held in Egyptian prisons, warning of "unfortunate consequences" if the prisoners were not released within 48 hours.

MNA/Xinhua

## Swedish lawmaker urges EU common policy on Russia

BUDAPEST, 12 Feb— A ranking Swedish lawmaker on Friday called for a common European Union policy on Russia, especially in areas like gas supply, visa and regional judicial affairs.

Urban Ahlin, chairman of the Swedish Parliament's Foreign Affairs Committee, made the remarks during a meeting here with his Hungarian counterpart, Zsolt Nemeth.

"The EU has no common policy regarding Russia at present, which it really

does need in areas such as the gas dispute, visa issues, and matters of justice," local media quoted Ahlin as saying.

The two agreed that Sweden and Hungary share common interests in many areas, including relations with Russia.

Ahlin and Nemeth agreed that natural gas

should not be used as a diplomatic tool, a reference to the recent spat over gas supply between Russia and Ukraine.

Some said Russia's move to dramatically raise gas prices was politically motivated, but Moscow said that it was merely a commercial matter.

MNA/Xinhua

## Musharraf urges more sporting contests between India, Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 12 Feb— President Pervez Musharraf called for more "sporting contests" between India and Pakistan as they will help improve the ties between the countries and the state of affairs in the region.

Musharraf, who interacted with both the cricket teams in the President's House here Friday morning, said besides cricket both the countries should also play more sports like hockey to retain their prime position of the past.

Increasing sports contacts will have positive impact on South Asia's political environment, state run

PTV quoted him as saying.

Talking to Pakistan team, he lauded fighting spirit they showed in the test series, specially in the Karachi test where they pulled off a "marvellous victory" despite losing early wickets.

He stressed the importance of unity of command and patted captain Inzamamul Haq saying the team gelled

well under Inzamam leadership.

He told Indian Captain Rahul Dravid that Pakistan and India ranked among the top team of the world in hockey and more matches will help to horn their skills and regain their lost glory.

The Indian team presented a souvenir to him while he presented gift to Dravid.

MNA/PTI

## 30,000 rural villagers in Bangladesh to enjoy pipe water

DHAKA, 12 Feb— A total of 30,000 villagers in Bangladesh are expected to enjoy the facility of pipe water connection near their cottage areas by the end of the year, official news agency BSS reported Saturday.

The Social Development Foundation (SDF), an organization under the Finance Ministry, is implementing the project with the assistance from the World Bank while it will be supporting the villagers technically and financially to imple-

ment the pipe water scheme.

Hafizuddin Khan, Managing Director of the SDF, was quoted as saying they are accelerating the construction works of water distribution network at a faster pace.

The main objective of the project is to increase

health and hygiene as various rural people die every year by drinking unhygienic and contaminated water.

Khan said rural water pipe line connection at the households level will be extended to some other districts too in phases.

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## Ethiopia licenses first private radio operators

ADDIS ABABA, 12 Feb— The Ethiopian Broadcasting Authority (EBA) has granted the first ever licences to two private commercial FM radio operators, according to an official statement on Saturday.

"Financial and technical capacity, programme standards, experience in broadcasting fields, time schedule and staff standard were the main criteria for the selection of the winners and the two were better qualified," said Desta Tesfaw, EBA deputy director-general.

EBA is the country's electronic media watchdog and is part of the Ministry

of Information. He said in the statement that Zami Public Connections and Tinsae Fine Arts & Adei Promotions are the two companies that the authority issued licence to while the bids submitted by BT Digital and MPL PLC were rejected.

Zami Public Connections is jointly owned by Mimi Sebahatu, veteran journalist of the

Amharic service of the Voice of America (VOA) and Zerhiun Teshome, general manager of the allegedly government-affiliated newspaper *Iftin*. Tinsae Fine Arts & Adei Promotions, owned by Abebe Balcha and colleagues, is currently running a weekly radio programme called Che-wata on FM 97.1.

MNA/Xinhua



A Georgian veterinary department worker disinfects cars arriving from neighbouring Azerbaijan at a border checkpoint some 50 km (31 miles) from Tbilisi, on 12 Feb, 2006. —INTERNET

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# British author continues second tour on long March route in China

**GUIYANG, 12 Feb**—Ed Jocelyn has arrived in this capital of southwest China's Guizhou Province on his second Long March following the route of the Chinese Red Army which originated the famous Long March 70 years ago.

The 39-year-old British author published the book titled *New Long March* after finishing his first 6,300 kilometres Long March which was first covered by the main forces of the Central Red Army, from October 2002 to November 2003 with partner Andrew McEwen who is also British.

The two travelled on foot as Chinese soldiers did during the Red Army's epic Long March in the mid 1930's.

This time, Jocelyn planned to trek another Long March route as did by the Second Front Army of the Chinese Workers' and Peasants' Red Army with a new

partner, his Chinese friend Yang Xiao.

The two adventurers left central China's Hunan Province on 29 November, 2005, the same date when the Second Front Army departed on the 12,500-kilometre march in 1934 in order to transfer its major forces from areas along the Yangtze River to

a revolutionary base in northwest China's Shaanxi Province while evading the pursuing Kuomintang Army during the civil war.

Jocelyn said that they would faithfully follow the route of the original march by starting in Sangzhi County in central China's Hunan Province, passing through Guizhou, Yunnan, Sichuan and Gansu provinces, and finally reaching Jiangtaibao in northwest China's Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region on 22 October, 2006, the same date for the Army's destination 70 years ago.

MNA/Xinhua



Chinese children perform traditional dance to celebrate the Lantern Festival in Linfen, North China's Shanxi Province on 12 Feb, 2006. —INTERNET

## India to host British-Indian literary, media festival

**LONDON, 12 Feb**—The first-ever British-Indian literary and media festival, Kitab, showcasing writers, journalists, civil servants and entrepreneurs will be held in New Delhi for four days from 7 April.

Participants at the festival will include Tarun Tejpal, CEO and editor in chief of *Tehelka*, Deborah Moggach, author, Amit Chaudhury, novelist, Lionel Shriver, winner of the 2005 Orange Fiction Prize, Nadeem Aslam, novelist, Clare Short, MP, William Dalrymple, historian and writer, Shashi Tharoor, UN Under Secretary-General (Communications) and author among others.

President of India APJ Abdul Kalam is scheduled to inaugurate the festival.

MNA/PTI

## Bolivia FM wants coca fed to school children

**LAPAZ, 12 Feb**—Bolivia's Foreign Minister says coca leaves, the raw material for cocaine, are so nutritious they should be included on school breakfast menus.

"Coca has more calcium than milk. It should be part of the school breakfast," Foreign Minister David Choquehuanca was quoted as saying in Friday's edition of *La Razon*.

The new leftist government of Evo Morales, Bolivia's first indigenous President, has vowed to promote the legal uses of coca, the plant used to make cocaine, which is revered in Andean culture and is commonly chewed or made into tea.

Morales, himself a former coca farmer, has pledged to fight the drugs

trade but at the same time protect the cultivation of coca in Bolivia — the world's third-biggest cocaine producer after Colombia and Peru.

MNA/Reuters



Two Thai men riding on the bullock wagons use of bamboo sticks to force their bulls to sprint faster during a race in Petchaburi Province, central Thailand on 12 Feb, 2006. —INTERNET

## Study shows whole grains good for diabetic heart

**NEW YORK, 12 Feb**—Women with type 2 diabetes who incorporate more whole grains, bran, and cereal fibre into their diets may reduce their risk of heart disease, according to a new study.

What is more, low-glycemic index foods, that is, readily digested carbohydrates that cause a rapid rise in blood sugar levels, may also help to curb early signs of heart trouble.

"To adapt a diet high in whole grains and low in glycemic load will help diabetic patients to reduce the risk of cardiovascular disease," study author Dr Lu Qi, of the Harvard School of Public Health in Boston, Massachusetts, told *Reuters Health*. The findings are based on an analysis of data from 902 women with diabetes who were involved in the Nurses' Health Study.

Qi and colleagues found that women who reported eating more whole grains, bran, and cereal fibre tended to have lower levels of two markers of blood vessel inflammation that have been linked to heart disease -- CRP and TNF-R2.

In fact, cereal fibre, which is largely composed of whole grains like bran, "may confer stronger effects than fibres from other food sources such as fruit and vegetable", they note in the journal *Diabetes Care*.

MNA/Reuters

## Wolverhampton University to open office in Delhi

**LONDON, 12 Feb**—Wolverhampton University, one of the leading universities in London, will open an office in New Delhi shortly to attract Indian students for higher studies.

Lord Swraj Paul, Non-Resident Indian (NRI) industrialist and Chancellor of the University, will formally launch the office on 22 February.

Lord Paul left here on Thursday night for east Indian city of Kolkata en route to Bangkok where he will attend a 4-day conference of parliamentarians as part of the Inter-Parliamentary Union from 12 February.

During his visit to

India starting 16 February, the Caparo Group Chairman along with his son Angad Paul will visit the company's plants, including three newly-established ones in Greater Noida in Uttar Pradesh, Bawal in Haryana and Chopanki in Rajasthan.

The Governor of the Bank of England, Professor Mervyn King will formally inaugurate the Caparo plant in Bawal

on 21 February.

Lord Paul is scheduled to visit Ranchi on February 18 to attend the inaugural function of the South Asia Energy Conservation Conclave organized by the Institute of Indian Foundrymen to discuss issues relating to world energy and climate. He is the chief patron of the conclave.

He will address a dinner meeting at the PHD (Punjab, Haryana and Delhi) Chambers and Industries in Delhi on February 20 on the global competitiveness of Indian manufacturing industry.

Lord Paul will also visit the Caparo College of Manufacturing Excellence in Engineering in Jalandhar and address a convocation at Dr B R Ambedkar National Institute of Technology there on 24 February.

MNA/PTI



# SPORTS

## Makaay, Ballack send Bayern 10 points clear

FRANKFURT, 13 Feb — Roy Makaay and Michael Ballack gave Bayern Munich a 2-1 win at home to Nuremberg on Sunday, sending the champions 10 points clear in the Bundesliga.

Makaay converted a clever pass from Claudio Pizarro 27 minutes into the Bavarian derby.

Nuremberg equalized eight minutes

later with Robert Vittek's long range strike but a precise Ballack finish after the break gave Bayern their 10th win from 10 home league games.

After 21 matches, Bayern lead with 54 points and appear near certainties to win a 20th league title.

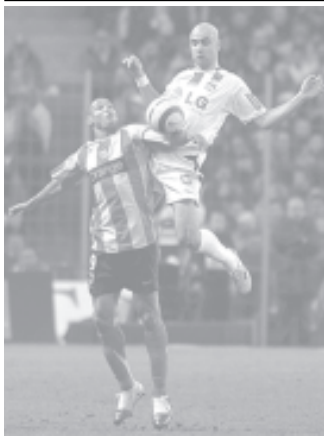
Hamburg SV are second with 44 after winning 1-0 at home to Mainz on Saturday, with Werder Bremen a point further back in third following a shock 2-0 defeat at home to Kaiserslautern.

Bayern's failure to kill off games has been a feature of their season. They lived dangerously once again against Nuremberg and were grateful in the end for the brilliance of goalkeeper Oliver Kahn.

"We started poorly again," coach Felix Magath said. "We seem to have become a bit careless."

"Nuremberg kept pressing for an equalizer and they very nearly got it."

Ballack was fractionally over with a header from Ze Roberto's corner in the first minute and Germany's captain went close again from Bastian Schweinsteiger's cross from the right.—MNA/Reuters



Lens' forward Daniel Cousin(L) challenges Lyon's defender Cris during their French L1 football match at the Felix Bollaert Stadium in Lens on 11 Feb, 2006. The match ended in a 1-1 draw.—INTERNET

## Inzaghi hat-trick sends Milan second in Serie A

ROME, 13 Feb — AC Milan moved up to second in Serie A when a Filippo Inzaghi hat-trick gave them a 4-1 win over Reggina on Sunday.

Milan moved on to 54 points from 25 matches, nine behind leaders Juventus who play third-placed Inter Milan, also on 54 points, later on Sunday.

Elsewhere, fourth-placed Fiorentina slipped up 2-0 at Livorno allowing AS Roma to close within two points after a 2-0 victory at Siena, their ninth successive Serie A win.

Milan made a shaky start at Reggina's Granillo Stadium when their defence was caught out of position by midfielder Carlos Paredes who headed past Dida in the 10th minute.

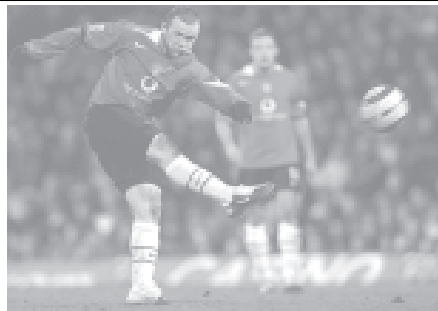
Four minutes later, however, Milan were level through Inzaghi, who was making only his third Serie A start of the season in place of the injured Andriy Shevchenko.

Playmaker Kaka ended a great solo run by slipping the ball to Inzaghi on the edge of the box and although the striker's initial effort was blocked by Ivan Pelizzoli, he made no mistake from the rebound.

His strike partner Alberto Gilardino put Milan ahead with a diving

header shortly before halftime and Inzaghi grabbed his second goal after 52 minutes, firing in from Kaka's cutback.

Inzaghi completed his hat-trick in stoppage time, sliding in at the far post to poke Serginho's cross past Pelizzoli.—MNA/Reuters



Manchester United's Wayne Rooney has a shot at goal during their Premiership match against Portsmouth on 11 Feb, 2006. Manchester United won the match 3-1.—INTERNET

## Late Murphy goal for Sunderland foils Spurs

LONDON, 13 Feb — Tottenham Hotspur's European ambitions suffered a setback on Sunday when a late goal from substitute Daryl Murphy earned bottom side Sunderland a 1-1 draw.

Fourth-placed Spurs led through Robbie Keane's goal seven minutes before halftime, the Ireland striker converting Jermain Defoe's cross from close range.

Egypt striker Mido, who watched his country win the African Nations Cup on Friday from the stands after being banned for six months for throwing a tantrum in the semi-final, came off the bench but Spurs failed to build on their lead.

Murphy earned Sunderland a point a minute

from time when he got the better of Paul Stalteri and shot under Paul Robinson.

There was still time for Jermaine Jenas to blaze over the bar when well-placed, a miss that Sunderland manager Mick McCarthy said may have saved his job.

"It's happened too often this season, it would have put the final nail in my coffin — but it didn't go in," McCarthy told Sky Sports.

"The players have kept going for me all the time and they got their reward and I think justice was done with the result, we played well enough for a point."

Tottenham manager Martin Jol said: "If you don't kill them off they are

always capable of scoring against you."

MNA/Reuters

## Valencia up the pressure with 1-0 win over Barca

MADRID, 13 Feb — Valencia breathed new life into the Spanish title race on Sunday, snatching a 1-0 win at home to Barcelona that left them just six points behind the champions at the top of the table.

The match was decided by a dreadful error from Barcelona goalkeeper Victor Valdes who scuffed the ball into the path of David Villa shortly before halftime, allowing the Valencia striker to lob the ball into an empty net.

Barca, who were missing influential trio Ronaldinho, Lionel Messi and Deco but welcomed back leading striker Samuel Eto'o from the African Nations Cup, were unable to prise open Valencia's rugged defence as they slipped to a second successive league defeat.

Frank Rijkaard's side lead the standings on 52 points with Valencia on 46 and arch-rivals Real Madrid on 45 after their 2-0 win at Athletic Bilbao on Saturday.

Osasuna are fourth on 43 points, four clear of

Celta Vigo who reclaimed fifth place after a penalty from leading striker Fernando Baiano gave them a 1-0 win at home to an out-of-form Villarreal on Saturday.

Atletico Madrid, who ended Barca's 14-match winning run in the league with a 3-1 victory at the Nou Camp last week, continued their revival with their fourth victory in a row after Mateja Kezman's late header in a 1-0 win over Real Sociedad.

Although they enjoyed far less of the possession, Valencia never let Barca

settle at a packed Mestalla and were a constant threat with their electrifying counter-attacks.

Midfielder Miguel Angel Angulo had a fierce shot beaten away by Valdes after he had broken down the right and Mario Regueiro drove his follow-up into a defender after a quarter of an hour.

Regueiro looked certain to score five minutes later when he was put in the clear after the referee had waved play on in midfield, but his shot drifted wide of the post.

MNA/Reuters

## Toulouse hold Marseille to goalless draw

PARIS, 13 Feb — Olympique Marseille missed a chance to go fourth in Ligue 1 when they were held to a 0-0 draw at home to Toulouse on Sunday.

They still moved up a place to sixth level on 40 points with arch-rivals Paris St. Germain, who also earned a point in a goalless draw at fourth-placed Lille.

On Saturday Olympique Lyon's lead was cut to seven points when they could only manage a 1-1 draw at Racing Lens.

Second-placed Girondins Bordeaux beat Stade Rennes 2-0 to open up a six-point lead over AJ Auxerre, who stayed third after being held to a 1-1 draw by bottom side Metz.

Lille have 41 points and stay two behind Auxerre. Marseille tried everything to break down Toulouse's defence but Nicolas Douchez made several fine saves to keep them at bay and help his side extend their unbeaten run to six games.

"It's a rather bad outcome because we let two points go tonight," Marseille defender Habib Beye told French television. "We need to win at home if we want to play in the Champions League next season."

"We created some chances to score but we were again too clumsy," he added.

PSG, chasing their first win in four league matches, never looked capable of snatching victory. Lille, preparing for Wednesday's UEFA Cup match against Ukrainian side Shakhtar Donetsk, were very solid in defence.

MNA/Reuters



Arsenal's Fredrik Ljungberg, right, is challenged by Bolton Wanderers' Stelios Giannakopoulos during the English Premier League soccer match at Highbury Stadium, London, on 11 Feb, 2006. The match ended in a 1-1 draw.—INTERNET

# 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

## France oust Germany in Davis Cup first round

HALLE, 13 Feb — France seized an unbeatable 3-0 lead over Germany in their Davis Cup first round tie on Saturday, winning the doubles to dash the home nation's hopes of a winning return to the elite World Group.

French pair Arnaud Clement and Michael

Llodra booked their team's place in April's quarterfinals, coming back from a set down to defeat Tommy Haas and Alexander Waske 6-7, 6-3, 6-4, 6-1.

France, going for their first Davis Cup title since 2001, set up a last eight meeting with Rus-

sia, who beat the Netherlands on Saturday in their first round clash.

"You have to acknowledge how well France played, even if that's difficult," Haas said. "You have to expect them to go far in this year's competition." The visitors were 2-0 ahead after Fri-

day's opening singles, Sebastien Grosjean overcoming Australian Open semifinalist Nicolas Kiefer and teenager Richard Gasquet beating Haas.

It is the seventh meeting between the two nations, with France holding a 5-2 advantage. The last time they met in 1996, France won 5-0 and went on to collect the trophy.

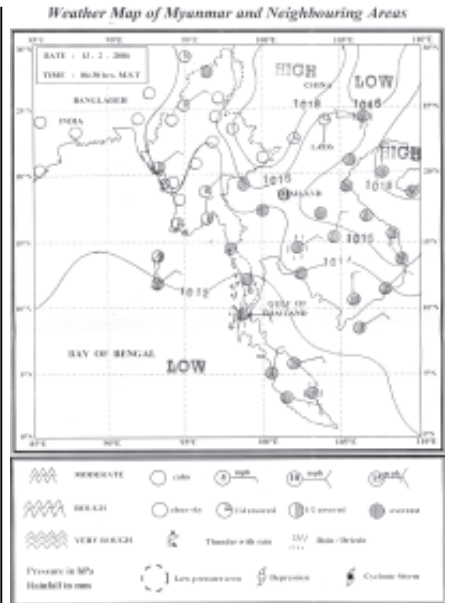
Haas and an error-prone Waske, undefeated in three previous Davis Cup doubles matches together, started Saturday's contest strongly but were outfought by the wily Clement and the tall, powerful Llodra.

"One or two points here and there going the other way and maybe the outcome would have been different," said Haas.

MNA/Reuters



Tottenham Hotspur's Aaron Lennon, left, is challenged by Sunderland's Nyrton Nosworthy during their English Premier League soccer match at Sunderland's Stadium of Light, on 12 Feb, 2006.—INTERNET



### WEATHER

Monday, 13 February, 2006

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, rain have been scattered in Taninthayi Division and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below normal in Shan and Chin States, upper Sagaing, Mandalay, Bago and Yangon Divisions, (4°C) above normal in Taninthayi Division and about normal in the remaining areas. The significant night temperatures were Haka (2°C), Heho (3°C) and Namhsam (4°C). The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Myeik (0.24) inch and Kawthoung (0.27) inch.

Maximum temperature on 12-2-2006 was 96°F. Minimum temperature on 13-2-2006 was 59°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hrs MST on 13-2-2006 was (76%). Total sunshine hours on 12-2-2006 was (8.9) hours approx.

Rainfalls on 13-2-2006 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 (6) mph from Northeast at (14:00) hours MST on 12-2-2006.

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

**Forecast valid until evening of 14-2-2006:** Isolated light rain is possible in Taninthayi Division and weather will be partly cloudy in Mon and Kayin States, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions and generally fair in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (40%).

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

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

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 14-2-2006:** Partly cloudy.

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 14-2-2006:** Fair weather.



Tuesday, 14 February

Tune in today

- 8.30 am Brief news
- 8.35 am Music: -World of our own
- 8.40 am Perspectives
- 8.45 am Music: -Perfect world
- 8.50 am National news & Slogan
- 9.00 am Music: -You are the one
- 9.05 am International news
- 9.10 am Music: -Let me count the ways
- 1.30 pm News & Slogan
- 1.40 pm Lunch time music -Feel -The long and winding road -Beautiful -Goodbye's the hardest word
- 9.00 pm English Speaking Course Level - I Unit (27)
- 9.15 pm Article/Music
- 9.25 pm Weekly sports reel
- 9.35 pm Music for you listening pleasure
- 9.45 pm News & Slogan
- 10.00 pm PEL



Tuesday, 14 February  
View on today

- 7:00 am 1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Ottamathara
- 7:15 am 2. တီပိတေရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိတ၊ အဂ္ဂမဟာဝဇ္ဇိတ၊ ဘဒ္ဒန္တ သိရိန္ဒာဘိဝံသ(ယောဆရာတော်) ဟောကြားတော်မူအပ်သော ဥပ္ပါတသန္တိပါဠိတော်
- 7:25 am 3. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am 4. Morning news
- 7:40 am 5. Nice and sweet song
- 7:50 am 6. ကဏ္ဍဝန်းဥယျာဉ်
- 8:00 am 7. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

- 8:10 am 8. Song of yesteryears
- 8:20 am 9. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:30 am 10. International news
- 8:45 am 11. Let's Go
- 4:00 pm 1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm 2. Songs to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm 3. အဆေးသင်တန်းသို့လှည့်လာရေး ရုပ်ပြိုင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ -တတိယနှစ် (သတ္တဗေဒအထူးပြု) (သတ္တဗေဒ)
- 4:45 pm 4. Dance of national races
- 4:50 pm 5. "တန်ဖိုး" (ညီညီနောင်၊ လှိုင်မြူကြွေးနိုး) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-သက်တင်)
- 5:00 pm 6. သားငါးဖွဲ့ဖြိုး ပြည်အမျိုး
- 5:10 pm 7. Musical programme
- 5:20 pm 8. Sing and Enjoy
- 6:00 pm 9. Evening news
- 6:30 pm 10. Weather report
- 6:35 pm 11. နိုင်ငံခြားတက္ကသိုလ်တစ်ခု "ရယ်ရှင်ဆော့ဇွဲ၊ ပုဂ္ဂိုလ်တို့လေး" (အပိုင်း-၆၄)
- 6:50 pm 12. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "အချစ်လှေကားထပ်လေးများ" (အပိုင်း-၃၉)
- 7:40 pm 13. ပြည်ထောင်စုစိတ်ဓာတ် မပြတ် ရင်သန်ခိုင်စာရန်မှာ ဒိုင်ခံတာ (အသီးတစ်ရာ အညှာတစ်ခု) ဒိုင်ပြည်ထောင်စု
- 7:50 pm 14. ကြက်ဆူရိုင်းမှ တိုင်ဆိုဒီစေ့
- 8:00 pm 15. News
- 16. International news
- 17. Weather report
- 18. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ပျော်ရွှင်စွယ်နေ့ကလေးများ" (အပိုင်း-၁၀)
- 19. The next day's programme

# All, holding Union Spirit, are to actively participate in endeavours for successful implementation of the seven-step Road Map No 4 Basic Journalism Course opened

YANGON, 13 Feb — Organized by the Union Solidarity and Development Association, No 4 Basic Journalism Course was opened at USDA Headquarters on new University Avenue this morning.

USDA Secretary-General U Htay Oo made a speech saying that the youths of today must be equipped with nationalistic fervour and efficiency. Members of USDA are striving for national development in every aspect. Only capable citizens can build the nation.

Modern technology and knowledge could be applied for uplift of nationalistic fervour, flourishing of Union Spirit and preservation of national characters. Moreover, development of human resources, peace and tranquillity and strong national economy are indispensable for



Secretary-General U Htay Oo speaking at the opening ceremony of No 4 Basic Journalism Course.—MNA

shaping a peaceful modern developed nation. Thanks to national reconsolidation, the national people have enjoyed the fruits of peace and tranquillity. Upholding Our Three Main National Causes, better developments could be witnessed due to the collaborative efforts of the government, the people and the Tatmadaw in accord with the 12 objectives.

The seven-step Road Map is being implemented. The National Convention, the first phase of the seven-step

Road Map, is well under way. The national races and people from all walks of life are attending the National Convention. All,

holding Union Spirit, are to actively participate in endeavours for successful implementation of the seven-step Road Map.

A total of 54 trainees are attending the 8-week course.

Also present on the occasion were Joint-Secretary U Zaw Min, Secretariat member U Thein Zaw, CEC members U Thein Sein, U Aung Min, U Ohn Myint, Thura U Myint Maung, U Aung Thein Lin, U Nyan Tun Aung and U Maung Pa, officials and trainees. — MNA

**Development of human resources, peace and tranquillity and strong national economy are indispensable for shaping a peaceful modern developed nation.**

## Industry-1 Minister inspects factories in Insein Township

YANGON, 13 Feb — Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thuang today arrived at the blanket factory under the Myanmar Textile Industries in Insein Township and inspected products of the factory and urged the officials concerned to step up the production.

At the factory, the minister also met with officials and discussed future tasks of the factory.

The minister also went to the paper factory of the Myanmar Paper and Chemical Industries in the township and gave instructions.

Afterwards, Minister U Aung Thuang inspected the Winthuza Shop and the vest factory of the ministry in Insein Township.

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Minister U Aung Thuang inspects the vest factory in Insein Township.—MNA

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*All the national people are to be armed with Union Spirit for perpetuation and progress of the Union. Union Spirit is patriotic spirit with which the national races who have lived together since yore in amity through thick and thin.*

### Significant night temperatures

Haka	(2°C)
Heho	(3°C)
Namhsan	(4°C)