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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

## Tatmadaw government joining hands with people in fulfilling fundamental requirements for new era and new system

### Government implementing seven-step Road Map charted as future trend for the State

**It is genuine goodwill of Tatmadaw that has motivated it to take on heavy tasks, which would be difficult to handle by future elected governments**



*Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe delivers a speech at graduation of 49th Intake of Defence Services Academy. — MNA*

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Dec— *The following is the speech delivered by Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe at the graduation of the 49th Intake of the Defence Services Academy today.*

**Comrades,**

Today is the graduation day of the 49th Intake of the Defence Services Academy.

Since you are taking responsibilities as junior leaders who will be relaying the twelve objectives of the Tatmadaw, I would like to solemnly address you on some important matters.

**Comrades,**

In the history of our independence struggle, our Tatmadaw was formed with the patriotic citizens.

Our Tatmadaw was the one who fought against the colonialists with weapons they could get hold of when the people could not stand anymore of their cruelties and abuses.

The patriotic spirit of our Tatmadaw men was significantly highlighted by the saying “share your merit to us only when the purpose of independence is achieved.”

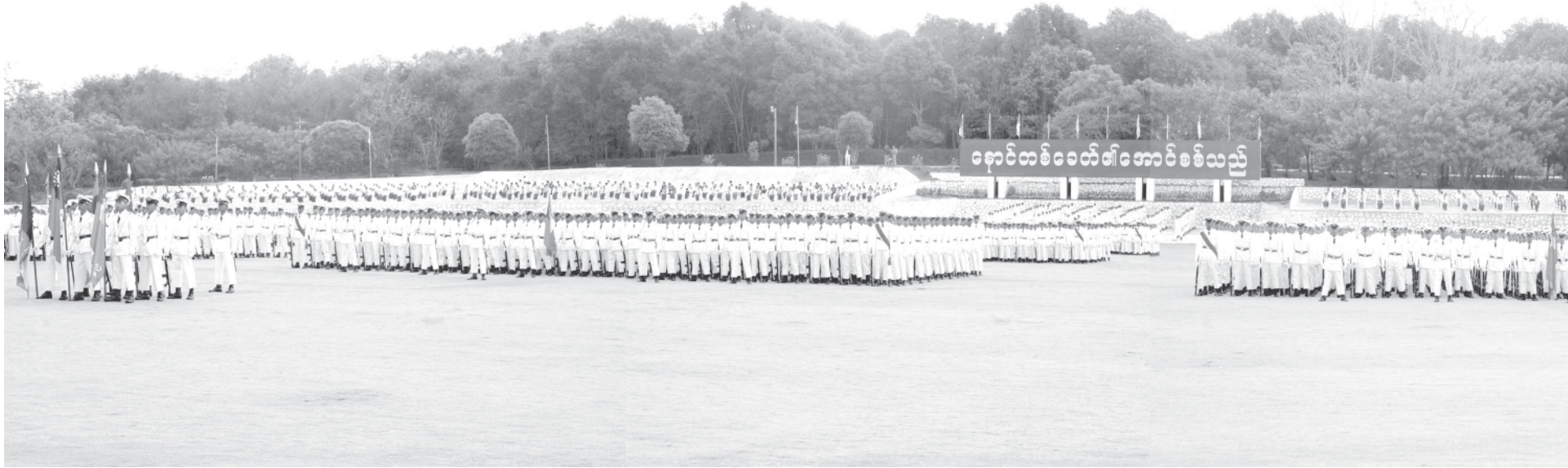
Our Tatmadaw men are the ones who didn't expect any privileges, salary, ration, or a uniform.

They endured great hardship and lived with many shortages.

They regarded stumbling hurdles as mattresses and thistles and thorns as cushions.

They faced and overcame difficulties and obstacles with bravery. Though military disciplines and regulations were not in place at that time, the noble Tatmadaw men through their own conscience and high spirit observed strict discipline.

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



## PERSPECTIVES

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### Boost marine products to earn more foreign exchange

The Myanmar Fishery Federation was formed on 1 December 1998. It became a member of the ASEAN Fishery Federation on 18 September 2002 and cooperated with other member countries in the regional fisheries. So, Myanmar has been able to boost export of its marine products yearly.

Unlike others', Myanmar's marine products are wholesome with excellent tastes. Therefore, Myanmar's marine export items of various species of fish and prawn and crabs are in demand and fetch healthy prices in the international fishery market.

Myanmar will earn much more foreign exchange by means of taking measures to the best of its ability for the development of its fisheries and boosting export of marine products.

Myanmar's marine products comprise freshwater produce and saltwater produce. Now, she is taking all possible necessary steps to boost production of both freshwater and saltwater fish and prawn.

Therefore, earnest efforts are to be exerted to boost production of marine products that can promote national economy and help the nation earn more foreign exchange.

### Solo painting exhibition on 16-22 December

YANGON, 15 Dec—Artist Maung Kyaw Nyunt will stage his solo painting exhibition at TMT Arts Gallery on Pale Condominium on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road in Bahan Township here from 16 to 22 December.

The officials of the committee for scrutinizing exhibitions and shows under the Information and Public Relations Department of the Ministry of Information this morning previewed the arrangements for the exhibition, and presented permit for the show to the exhibitor.

A total of 37 oil paintings will be displayed at the exhibition from 9 am to 5 pm.—MNA

### All this needs to be known

- \* Do not be frightened whenever intimidated
- \* Do not be bolstered whenever flattered
- \* Do not be softened whenever appeased

## Peoples' 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

### Mayor attends opening ceremonies of tube wells

YANGON, 14 Dec — CEC Member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Yangon Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin and responsible personnel inspected upgrading of a tarred road that is 750 feet long and 24 feet wide in Lanmadaw Township, Yangon West District, this morning.

Next, the mayor attended a ceremony to open a new tube well at the junction of 24th Street of Latha Township and Maha Bandoola Street. Afterwards, the mayor together with acting secretary of Yangon Division USDA U Aung Myint and Head of Engineering Department (Water and



Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin and officials formally open a tube-well in Lanmadaw Township. — YCDC

Sanitation) of YCDC Dr Tun Than Tun formally opened the tube well and looked into water quality from the tube well.

Similarly, the mayor attended a ceremony to open a new tube well in Lanmadaw Township. Next, the mayor together with member U Kyaw Soe of YCDC and a townselder U Hla Myint Win formally opened the

tube well. After the mayor had accepted a total of 60 membership applications, U Hla Myint Win spoke words of thanks.

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### Course on wood-based technology opens

YANGON, 15 Dec—Jointly organized by Ministry of Forestry and Myanmar Timber Entrepreneurs' Association, Course No (1/2006) on Classification of Log and Quality Control of Wood-based Technology Unit was opened on 11 December in Dagon Myothit (North). Deputy General Manager (Planning) U Khin Zaw of Myanma Timber Enterprise and Vice-President of MTEA U Htein Win spoke on the occasion and Joint Secretary of MTEA U Myo The explained purpose of the course. The two-week course is being attended by 25 trainees. — MNA



Deputy General Manager U Khin Zaw of Myanma Timber Enterprise delivers opening address. — MNA

Respect paying ceremony of Basic Education High School No 2, Pazundaung Township, in progress at the school on 26 November 2006. At the 2nd ceremony, old students paid respects to elder teachers who served for BEHS-2, Pazundaung, from 1966 to 1982. — H





# Malaysia's 13th Supreme Head of State takes oath of office

KUALA LUMPUR, 14 Dec—Sultan Mizan Zainal Abidin ibni Almarhum on Wednesday took the oath of office as the 13th Malaysian Supreme Head of State.

The ceremony steeped in Malay tradition was held in the National Palace here, with the presence of all nine Malay rulers or their representatives.

It begun around noon with a special meeting, the 209th, of the Conference of Rulers in conjunction with the oath-taking ceremony and the signing of the instruments of appointment.

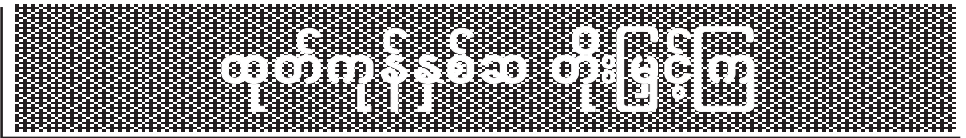
Sultan Mizan, 44, who is Sultan of Terengganu State, were elected the 13th Supreme Head of State at a special meeting, the 208th, of the Conference of Rulers on 3 November for five years beginning Wednesday.

Also at the ceremony Wednesday, Sultan Abdul Halim Mu'adzam Shah of Kedah took the oath of office as the Deputy Supreme Head of State.

Malaysian Prime Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi and Deputy Prime Minister Najib Tun Razak attended the ceremony broadcast live by Radio

Television Malaysia. Also present were Cabinet ministers, members of the Parliament and other senior government officials. Prior to this, Sultan Mizan was given a ceremonial welcome at Parliament Square after arriving at the Kuala Lumpur International Airport Wednesday morning.

Constitutionally, the position of the Supreme Head of State is rotated every five years among the traditional Malay rulers of nine states. The system has been in use since Malaysia gained independence in 1957. —MNA/Xinhua



Japan's Prime Minister Shinzo Abe (C) and his wife Akie (R) watch as India's Prime Minister Manmohan Singh lights an Indian traditional lamp to launch the India-Japan Friendship Year 2007 in Tokyo, on 14 Dec, 2006. To Singh's left is his wife Gursharan Kaur. —XINHUA

## Over half of Americans say US losing Iraq war

WASHINGTON, 14 Dec— Fifty-two per cent Americans think the United States is losing the war in Iraq, up from 34 per cent last year, according to a poll published on Wednesday.

Only three in 10 Americans polled in the Washington Post-ABC News survey said the United States was making significant progress in

restoring civil order in Iraq, while nearly half thought so in June. The survey found that 41 per cent of those canvassed said Iraq was now in a civil war, up from 34 per cent in August, and 45 per cent described the situation as close to a civil war.

The American public was more open to the Iraq Study Group plan, which was released last week and called for shifting US troops from combat to support, pulling out nearly all US combat forces by early 2008, engaging in direct talks with Iran and

Syria, and reducing US financial support if Iraq fails to make enough progress. Forty-six per cent favoured the plan, while 22 per cent were against it, the poll showed.

The poll, conducted last Thursday through Monday among 1,005 adults and had margin of sampling error at three percentage points, also found that 79 per cent 10 Americans favoured changing the US militia's mission in Iraq from direct combat to training Iraqi troops.

MNA/Xinhua

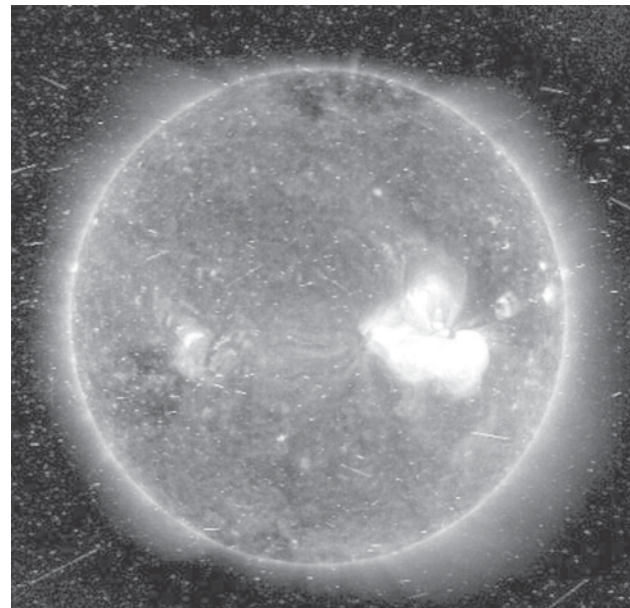


Photo taken on 13 Dec shows a massive X-3 solar flare that erupted from a large sunspot moving across the Sun. The event prevented some Sun-watching satellites from performing their duties and is rather rare, considering the Sun is currently at a low point in its 11-year cycle of solar activity. Radio communications, satellites and power grids could face potential interruptions or damage.

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## Five US soldiers killed in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 14 Dec— Five US soldiers were killed in Iraq in three incidents Monday, the US military said in a statement on Wednesday.

Three Marines, assigned to 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, were killed Monday after they sustained wounds due to "enemy action" while operating in the Anbar Province, said the statement. It said that another Marine, assigned to Regimental Combat Team 7, died Monday from

"non hostile causes" in the same day in the volatile Anbar Province.

A fifth soldier, from 13th Sustainment Command (Expeditionary), died Monday of "apparent natural causes" near Diwanayah, the military said in separate statement.

The latest death brings the total death toll of US military personnel in Iraq to about 2,940 since the US-led invasion in March 2003, according to the Pentagon figures. —MNA/Xinhua

## Singapore, Brunei ratify pact to avoid double taxation

SINGAPORE, 15 Dec— Singapore and Brunei ratified avoidance of double taxation agreement on Thursday, according to a news release by Ministry of Finance.

The ministry said the provisions of the agreement will apply to all types of income earned from 1 January next year.

The agreement will alleviate the double taxation that may arise

from the cross-border transactions between the two countries, said the Finance Ministry.

Singapore has in force avoidance of double taxation agreements with 54 countries to date.

MNA/Xinhua

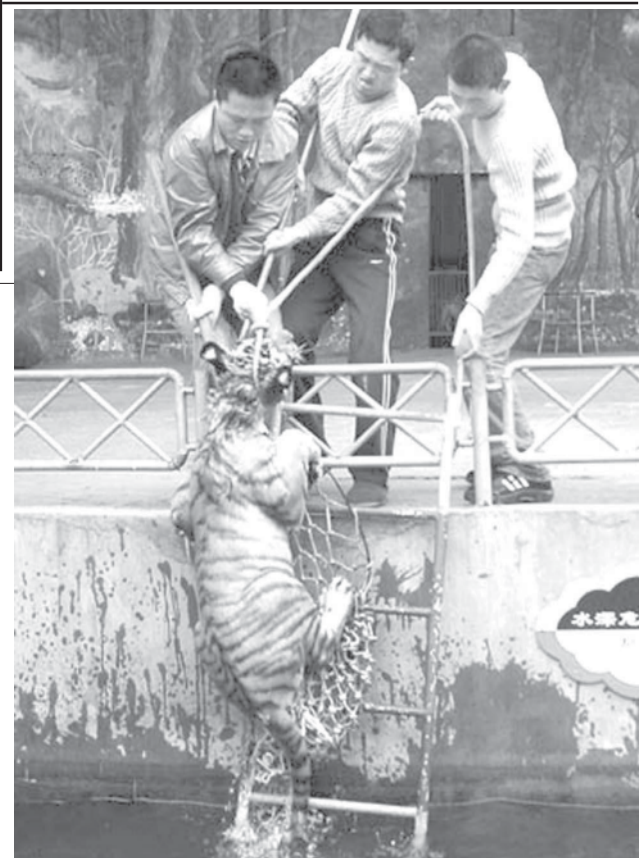
## Earthquake jolts Thai northern province

BANGKOK, 14 Dec—An earthquake measured at 5.1 on the Richter Scale hit Thailand's northern province Chiang Mai late Tuesday night but no casualties were reported, according to a local media's report Wednesday.

The provincial meteorological office announced that the quake with epicentre in Mae Rim District of central Chiang Mai happened at two minutes past midnight, Bangkok-based news network *The Nation* website reported. The quake was located at 40 kilometres under the surface. A total of eight aftershocks occurred within 45 minutes after the quake, the report said. —MNA/Xinhua

A tiger is helped out of the chilly water after falling into a pool inside a municipal zoo in Nanchang, east China's Jiangxi Province, on 13 Dec, 2006.

XINHUA





# Cuba, Russia sign diplomatic agreement

HAVANA, 14 Dec — Cuba and Russia signed a diplomatic agreement on Tuesday, official sources said.

Representatives of Cuba and Russia stressed the high level of their bilateral ties during the signing of a protocol on political consultation between the foreign

ministries of the two countries.

The document, which is believed to push their bilateral ties forward in 2007, was signed by Russian Vice-Foreign Minister Sergei Ivanovich Kisliak and his Cuban counterpart Eumelio Caballero.

According to an off-

icial text circulated in Havana, the new agreement is an expression of the unity of both governments' will to enhance cooperation and bilateral ties.

It demonstrates a sustained inter-government exchange enhanced by a visit to Cuba by Russian Prime Minister Mijail Fradkov this year.

Under the agreement, a political consultation programme on bilateral ties and the international and regional situation was created between the two foreign ministries.

MNA/Xinhua

## Ban Ki-moon sworn in as UNSG



UN Secretary-General-designate Ban Ki-moon is sworn in as the next Secretary-General to succeed Kofi Annan at an oath of office ceremony on 14 Dec, 2006.—XINHUA

UNITED NATIONS, 15 Dec—UN Secretary-General-designate Ban Ki-moon was sworn in as the next Secretary-General to succeed Kofi Annan at an oath of office ceremony here Thursday.

Witnessed by senior diplomats of member states and senior UN officials, Ban repeated the oath after current General Assembly president Sheikh Haya Rashed Al Khalifa. Addressing the ceremony, Ban pledged to act as a harmonizer and bridge-builder in the UN's endeavour to build a more peaceful, prosperous and just world.—MNA/Xinhua

## 14 sailors missing as fishing boats sink off E China coast

HANGZHOU, 14 Dec—Two fishing boats capsized in the sea off east China's Zhejiang Province after being rammed by unidentified ships in two separate incidents, leaving 14 sailors missing, the local maritime authorities said on Tuesday.

One of the boats, Zhedinyu No 14413, registered in Zhoushan City, was hit by a foreign ship and sank in the seawaters near Shengsi County in the early morning of Tuesday.

Only one of the seven sailors on the boat has been rescued and the maritime authorities are busying searching for the remaining six. The local maritime bureau said the foreign ship disappeared after the accident.

In a separate accident, a fishing boat named Zhepuyu No 72329, registered in the same city, sank at 6:50 pm on Monday in the seawaters 55 nautical miles east of Shipu Port, Xiangshan County.

The local maritime

bureau said all 12 sailors on board the boat fell into the sea after being hit by an unidentified ship, which also disappeared after the accident.

MNA/Xinhua

Princess Diana's death in a Paris car crash was a "tragic accident," a long-awaited report has concluded, dismissing theories of a murder plot by intelligence agencies said a report by Lord John Stevens, on 14 Dec, 2006.

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## စက်မှုရေးရာအဖွဲ့က နေရာအသစ်တွေကို ရှာဖွေနေကြောင်း



A model indicates that the new X720 digital camera is almost the same thickness as a 1 jiao (Chinese currency) coin. BenQ recently announced that, in conjunction with the Japanese optical instrument producer Pentax, it had developed the 7 million pixel, X720 digital camera, the thinnest and lightest camera in existence.—XINHUA

## Canadian man gets new kind of mechanical heart

OTTAWA, 14 Dec—Canadian doctors have installed a new kind of mechanical heart that pumps blood continuously using a turbine suspended in a magnetic field on a Montreal patient, making a breakthrough in the treatment of heart patients.

Sixty-five-year-old Gerard Langevin underwent the successful implantation of the pump after surgery last month, becoming the first Canadian without a heartbeat, announced Dr

Renzo Cecere and Dr Nadia Giannetti at a news conference at McGill University Health Centre on Wednesday.

The device has a turbine that pumps blood from the left ventricle to the aorta.

From there the blood is distributed to the rest of

the body by the continuous flow pump which is powered by batteries located in pouches on Langevin's body.

A continuous flow pump does not produce any pulsation.

In fact there is only one moving part that is levitated within a

magnetic field and therefore there is no friction within that pump, and in the absence of friction there is no wear and tear on the components and if there is no wear and tear we expect this pump will last for a very long time, the doctors explained.—MNA/Xinhua

## Seven car bombs kill 29 in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 14 Dec—Seven car bombs exploded across Iraq during the past 24 hours, killing 29 and wounding dozens of others, seen as a setback for Iraqi Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki's plans to curb sectarian violence in the war-torn country.

At least 10 people were killed and 26 others

wounded when a car bomb went off near a Shiite mosque in Kamaliyah neighbourhood in south-eastern Baghdad.

Two more car bombs went off in quick succession near the Sunni al-Samarraie Mosque in the Baghdad al-Jadida neighbourhood, killing five people and wounding 10

others. In a separate incident, two suicide truck bombs went off at a base housing the Iraqi Army's 1st Brigade tasked with protecting oil infra-structure in the Rayadh area, 60 kilometres south-west of Kirkuk, killing 10 soldiers and wounding 13 others.—MNA/Xinhua







Indonesian dancers perform a traditional Aceh dance during a farewell party for the Aceh Monitoring Mission (AMM) team at the Governor office in Banda Aceh in this 14 Dec, 2006 picture.—INTERNET

## Malaysia reports high waves in eastern coasts

KUALA LUMPUR, 14 Dec—Malaysia Wednesday reported huge waves in the waters off the eastern coast of Peninsular Malaysia and the coast of its eastern states of Sabah and Sarawak, saying it is unsafe for water transportation, especially small boats.

In the eastern coast of Peninsular Malaysia, the wind speed is expected to reach 40 to 50 kilometres per hour (kph) and the waves are to reach as high as 3.5 metres, the Malaysian Meteorological Department said.

Sabah and Sarawak were also expected to face similar condition with the wind speed reaching 50kph to 60kph and waves

as high as 4.5 metres, the department said.

Strong winds and high waves are expected to persist until Thursday, and the condition is dangerous to all waterway transportation, it added.

However, the department said that the weather condition did not originate from Typhoon Utor.

MNA/Xinhua



A labourer works at a vinegar factory in Changzhi, in north China's Shanxi Province, on 14 Dec, 2006.—INTERNET

## HK police seizes 25m HK dollars of smuggled goods

HONG KONG, 14 Dec—Hong Kong police seized 25 million HK dollars of smuggled goods in Sai Kung, southeast of New Territories in an anti-smuggling operation, the police said on Tuesday.

It said the Small Boat Division officers Monday night spotted two unlit speedboats with cargo onboard about to leave Hong Kong waters.

When officers signalled the speedboats to stop, they accelerated. After a chase, the five men on board ran their crafts aground and fled ashore.

Suspected smuggled goods including animal furs, leather, used mobile phones, digital cameras and LCD panels were found on the speedboats, with an estimated value of more than 25 million HK dollars.—MNA/Xinhua

## Vietnam halves petroleum tariff

HANOI, 14 Dec—Vietnam has just lowered import tax on petroleum products to 10 per cent from 20 per cent, partly to facilitate business of petroleum enterprises, according to the Tax Policy Department under

the Finance Ministry Tuesday. The country raised import tax on petroleum products four times to 20 per cent from five per cent in September and October.

Vietnam imported over 10 million tons of

petroleum products worth nearly 5.4 billion US dollars in the first 11 months of this year, down 3.7 per cent in volume but up 18.2 per cent in value against the same period last year.

MNA/Xinhua

## Hu sends congratulations to Malaysia's new Supreme Head of State

BEIJING, 14 Dec—Chinese President Hu Jintao sent congratulations on Wednesday to Mizan Zainal Abidin for becoming Malaysia's new Yang di-Pertuan Agong.

“On the happy occasion of Your Majesty's assumption of the post of Yang di-Pertuan Agong of Malaysia, I wish to extend, on behalf of the Chinese people and in my own name, our warmest congratulations and best wishes to Your Majesty,” Hu said in his message.

Hu said that since the establishment of diplomatic ties, China-Malaysia relations had made substantial progress and the two countries enjoyed continuous consolidation of strategic cooperation.

“I am willing to work together with Your

Majesty to promote China-Malaysia relations continuously to achieve new progress,” said Hu.

Sultan Mizan Zainal Abidin on Wednesday took the oath of office as the 13th Malaysian Supreme Head of State.

Also on Wednesday, China's Vice-President Zeng Qinghong sent congratulations to Abdul Halim Mu'adzam Shah for becoming Deputy Yang di-Pertuan Agong of Malaysia.

MNA/Xinhua



Perla Patricia Bustamante Corona, of Mexico, poses with her award for Paralympic Athlete of the Year at the Premios Fox Sports Awards at the Jackie Gleason Theater in Miami Beach, Fla on 14 Dec, 2006.—INTERNET

## Moderate quake jolts Indonesia's Aceh

JAKARTA, 14 Dec—An earthquake measuring 5.5 on the Richter Scale hit Indonesia's Aceh Province Wednesday. There was no immediate report of damage.

The local meteorology and geophysics agency said the undersea tremor struck at 12:12 local time (05:12 GMT) and was centred about 50 kilometres off the western Aceh town of Meulaboh.

It was the third quake hitting Aceh this month, with the first measuring 6.3 on the Richter scale rocking the westernmost province on 1 December.

MNA/Xinhua

PICTURES OF THE YEAR 2006 The Lord's Prayer printed in 1952, at 5 x 5mm said by Christie's to be the smallest book in the world, rests on a bible at Christie's in London March 9, 2006. A collection of miniature books amassed over some 35 years dating from the 17th century to the present day are due to be sold at the auction house later this year.

INTERNET





## Four countries discuss Mekong River water use

HANOI, 14 Dec — The 13th meeting of the Mekong River Commission (MRC) council opened in Vietnam on Tuesday, focusing on endorsing a water use regulation and discussing future works for better management and utility of Mekong River resources. Ministers from four MRC members, Cambodia, Laos, Thailand and Vietnam, are to approve an action plan and a budget plan for 2007, and endorse the regulation which is aimed at building up a cooperation framework to maintain quality of Mekong River water and a plan to cope with water quality-related risks,

according to *Vietnam News Agency*.

The regulation sets criteria for quality of water for domestic and industrial use, agriculture, and aquatic life.

Cao Duc Phat, Vietnamese Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development and Chairman of the MRC Council in the 2006-2007 term, said the MRC has defined a specific path leading to the sustainable development of the Mekong River and related resources.

The MRC's development plan in the 2006-2010 period focuses on four key goals: carrying out common development programmes in such fields

as irrigation, hydro-electricity, water transport and seafood, collecting more data to build better strategies, dealing with cross-border environmental impacts, and implementing good cooperation and management mechanisms on realizing the Mekong River Agreement signed in 1995 by the four members.—*MNA/Xinhua*

## UNSC expresses concern over missing people since 1990 Gulf War

UNITED NATIONS, 14 Dec— The UN Security Council expressed concern on Wednesday over the fate of some 370 Kuwaitis and other nationals missing since the 1990 Gulf War.

In a statement to the Press, Nassir Abdulaziz al-Nasser of Qatar, the Council's president for this month, said the 15-member body offered its deepest condolences to the families

of those missing persons whose remains have recently been found.

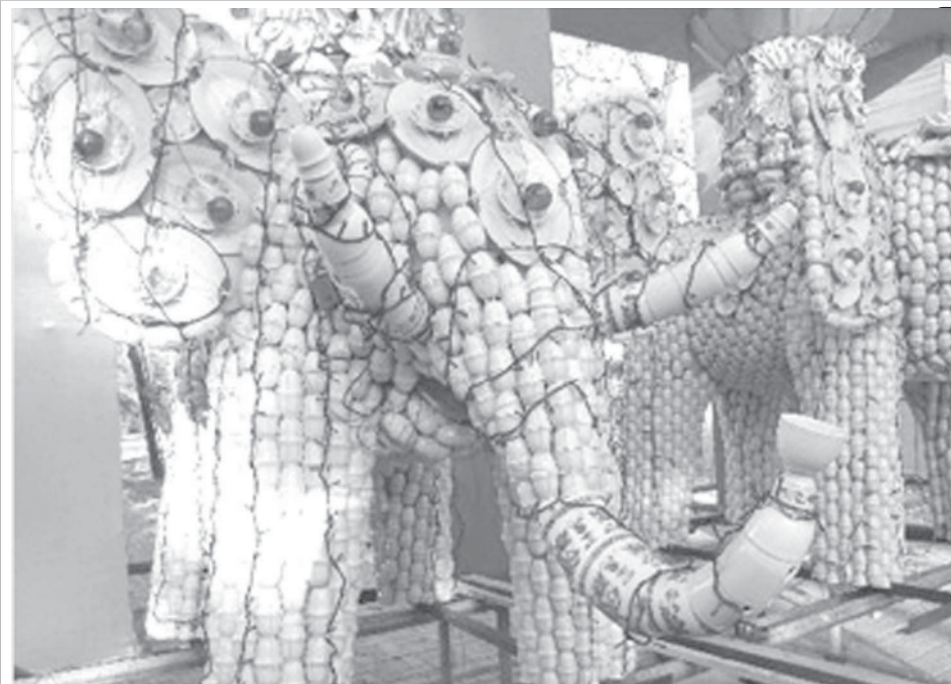
He reiterated the Council's condemnation of the executions of Kuwaitis and third party nationals during the 1990 war, adding that members "agreed that those responsible for these horrendous crimes should be brought to justice".

The statement was issued following a briefing

to the Council by Yuli Vorontsov, Secretary-General Kofi Annan's high-level coordinator on the issue.

Earlier this week, Annan released his latest report to the Council, noting that although the remains of three Kuwaitis have been found recently, the fate of 370 others remains unknown.

*MNA/Xinhua*



*The photo taken on 13 Dec, 2006 shows a giant lantern made up of porcelain plates and bowls in Qiqihar, northeast China's Heilongjiang Province, on 13 Dec, 2006.*

XINHUA

## Russian regulators to sue hydrocarbons project over violations

MOSCOW, 14 Dec— Russian regulators will file lawsuits next March against the massive Sakhalin-2 hydrocarbons project in Russia's Far East for violations of environmental laws, a top regulator said on Tuesday.

Sakhalin-2, led by Royal Dutch Shell, has seen its environmental licences revoked since Russian's environmental watchdog Rosprirodnadzor began a scrutiny of the project's operations earlier this year.

Oleg Mitvol, deputy director of Rosprirodnadzor, told reporters that his agency plans to file a suit in Russian courts but may also petition courts in England, Belgium, the United States and possibly Japan and Italy. "By the start of March, we should be ready to start court proceedings," he said, quoted by the *Interfax* news agency. Mitvol said damage caused by the Sakhalin-2 project was estimated at 10 billion US dollars.—*MNA/Xinhua*

## Vietnam to formally join WTO in January

GENEVA, 14 Dec— Vietnam will formally join the World Trade Organization (WTO) as its 150th member on 11 January, the Geneva-based global trade body announced on Tuesday.

The Southeast Asian nation has informed the WTO that it has ratified its membership agreement, and it will formally become a member one month later according to accession rules, the WTO said in a statement.

Vietnam's national assembly ratified the country's entry into the WTO on 28 November, clearing the final hurdle for its WTO membership. *MNA/Xinhua*



*Astronauts Robert Curbeam and Christer Fuglesang are spacewalking on Thursday afternoon. — INTERNET*



*British soldiers secure the scene of a roadside bomb blast in Basra, 550 km (340 miles) south of Baghdad, on 14 Dec, 2006. The attack, which targeted a British convoy, wounded one soldier, the British forces media office said. —INTERNET*

## Ancient tombs unearthed at a construction site in Shanghai

SHANGHAI, 14 Dec— Four ancient tombs were unearthed by workers digging at a construction site in Shanghai on Monday, according to Song Jian, director of the Archaeology Department of Shanghai Administration of Cultural Relics.

The one-metre deep tombs were discovered between East Daming Road and East Changzhi Road in the North

Bund District. The stone coffins are exquisitely engraved, said Song, quoting the construction workers.

Workers also found a porcelain pot, but its handle is missing. According to Song, the tombs may belong to a noble family from the Ming Dynasty (1368-1644), as the site on the Huangpu River used to be a popular residential area for wealthy feudal lords.—*MNA/Xinhua*



# MFF holds Eighth Annual General Meeting, Myanmar Marine Products Market Festival opened

YANGON, 15 Dec — The Eighth Annual General Meeting of Myanmar Fisheries Federation in conjunction with an opening of Myanmar Marine Products Market Festival (2006) took place at the federation in West Gyogon in Insein Township, here, today with an address by Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the

Ministry of Defence.

Also present on the occasion were Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win, Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein, directors-general and managing-directors and officials.

At the meeting, Lt-Gen Myint Swe made a speech, saying that the Head of State has given guidance on fish and meat sector— to produce more pedigree fish and meat, to boost breeding of prawns and to implement livestock breeding tasks in rural areas. He appreciated MFF for its successful implementation of the



*Lt-Gen Myint Swe and party visit Myanmar Marine Products Market Festival. — MNA*



*Commander Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win, Minister Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein and President of Myanmar Fisheries Federation formally open Myanmar Marine Products Market Festival. — MNA*

guideline of the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries.

National economic development plays a crucial role in making efforts for all round development of the State.

To boost the growth of nation's economy, the aims and objectives laid down by the State have been successfully implemented as part of fish and meat sector in the five-year short-term project from 2001/02 to 2005/06.

As a result, fish and meat sector stood fourth in GDP and earning of foreign exchange also fourth. And MFF has also expected to earn four hundred million US dollars of foreign exchange in 2006/2007 fiscal year.

In addition, Myanmar Marine Product Market Festival to mark the annual general meeting will be held with four objectives—to make the people know about the quality and taste of Myanmar marine products, to promote the national health standards, convincing the people of the fact

that consumption of marine products contributes to good health, to ensure all-round development in the production of marine products, and to earn more foreign exchange, ensuring self-

MFF U Htay Myint delivered speeches. And the meeting ended at 3 pm.

Afterwards, the commander, the minister and U Htay Myint cut the ribbon to open Myanmar Marine Products Market

*Minister Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein delivers the 8th annual meeting of Myanmar Fisheries Federation.*

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sufficiency in marine products and exporting the surplus.

In conclusion, our nation has had natural resources at our disposal for the livestock and fishery sector.

Therefore, all are to redouble their efforts to successfully realize the aims for the improvement of the living standards of livestock breeders.

Next, Commander Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win, Minister Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein and President of

Festival (2006). Lt-Gen Myint Swe, the commander, the minister and officials then viewed the booths at the festival. A total of 32 booths, 38 restaurants and 48 consumers' goods shops have been opened and entertainment will be staged on 15, 16, 17 December.

The festival will run till 17 December. The second session of the annual general meeting continued in the afternoon.

MNA

## 204 pearl lots sold at 22nd Pearl Sales

YANGON, 15 Dec — A total of 107 pearl lots were sold at the last day of the 22nd Pearl Sales of Myanmar Pearl Enterprise here today through tender system.

Today's sales brought the total number of pearl lots sold within three

days to 204.

The sales started on 13 December and attracted 64 merchants. At the last day of the sales, Managing Director of Myanmar Pearl Enterprise U Maung Toe presented gifts to a merchant who bought pearl lots most. — MNA



*Merchants observe pearls at 22nd Pearl Sales. — MNA*





Senior General Than Shwe presents Best Cadet Award to Cadet Wai Lin Aung. — MNA



Senior General Than Shwe presents the literary award (science) to Cadet Wai Lin Aung. — MNA

## Good warriors are those who

- keep the four oaths at the risk of their lives;
- obey orders and observe military discipline;
- have strong will, perseverance, and sacrificial spirit;
- have spirit of comradeship and solidarity;
- have physical strength and combat skills;
- have three capabilities of the Tatmadaw and
- have the will to accomplish aims with strong determination.

## Tatmadaw government joining hands...

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Furthermore, they were united by the spirit of comradeship and took pride in calling one another "a comrade".

As these comrades were born out of the national people, Tatmadaw men treated people as their own parents, siblings and close immediate relatives like brothers and sisters whenever they encountered with them. They won due respect, high admiration and trust of the entire people including the monks. Our Tatmadaw men had also full of ability and that people relied on them with admiration and in turn they protected them like their own sons and daughters.

Since the colonialist could not ignore the ability of our Tatmadaw, they had to give us independence. Like throwing sand on meat to prevent from eating it, the colonialists sowed the seeds of discord among our ethnic nationalities and created the ensuing bloodshed in our country.

### Comrades,

If we look back at our country's history, non-disintegration of national solidarity is the main factor of our national politics. If our national solidarity



Senior General Than Shwe presents the literary award (computer science) to Cadet Myo Min Naing. — MNA



Senior General Than Shwe presents the outstanding training award to Cadet Myo Thura. — MNA

collapses, the union will surely disintegrate and subsequently the national sovereignty will lose.

Today, due to success in our national reconsolidation efforts, nearly all of the armed groups have returned to the legal fold. They are joining hands with the Tatmadaw in striving for the development of their own regions. Moreover, they are participating in the National Convention with Union Spirit.

Our nation has also gained peace and stability unprecedented in the eras of the previous governments. We firmly discovered that only a genuine union patriotic spirit could effectuate interests of the people and the nation.

I would also like to urge you all to uphold Our Three Main National Causes in carrying out your duties wherever you are assigned to.

### Comrades,

While upholding the national interest, our Tatmadaw always stood by the people whenever the nation faced perilous situations. Therefore, we are building a strong and more efficient modern patriotic Tatmadaw to protect our people and nation absolutely and continuously without any reservation.

In the past, our country lost its independence due to the absence of a modern regular Tatmadaw.

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Those present at the graduation parade of 49th Intake of DSA. — MNA





Senior General Than Shwe meets with three outstanding cadets and their parents at the hall of DSA Headquarters. — MNA

## Good leaders are those who

- can foster unity in an organization they command;
- are always ready to sacrifice their privileges whenever the opportunity arises;
- have good command and control;
- have knowledge, experience and innovative ideas;
- have spirits of a good commander and a guardian parent;
- have the will to always carry out for the good of the Tatmadaw and
- have valor and courage.

## Tatmadaw government joining hands...

(from page 8)

When we had to rely on others in our struggles for independence, we were like those who seek protection from a revered person for fear of a tiger but only to find later that the revered person became worse than the tiger itself.

Therefore, I would like to urge you all to strive in building our Tatmadaw to be able to firmly stand on our

own strength and self-reliance among the nations of the world.

**Comrades,**

Since you all will be handed over the task of continuously building our Tatmadaw, you need to be good warriors as well as good leaders.

Good warriors are those who -

- keep the four oaths at risk to their lives;
- obey orders and observe military disci-

pline;

- have strong will, perseverance, and sacrificial spirit;
- have spirit of comradeship and solidarity;
- have physical strength and combat skills;
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These are the fundamental qualities of the Tatmadaw personnel and essential character-

istics of leaders. You all need to acquire these vital qualities and try to become a good leader.

**Comrades,**

Although assignments and duties are given by order due to the military command and control structures, success can be assured only if all Tatmadaw personnel fulfill their duties actively and conscientiously.

Therefore, you must have the ability to organize and frame mental powers of the personnel under your command. You must constantly endeavour for the development of necessary physical and mental abilities of these Tatmadaw men.

While anticipating all possible responsibilities, assignments and duties, we must uphold the following three constants to create favourable circumstances for us.

These three con-

stants are constant vigilance, constant training and constant readiness for battle.

Unforeseen circumstances may arise at any time so we must be vigilant and prepare for various contingencies will in advance by learning from highly experienced persons.

The most important factor is to win the respect, confidence and trust of the troops under your command. Your superior authorities may give a position or assign a job but you can become a real leader only if your subordinates accept and recognize your leadership abilities.

Therefore, I would like to urge you all to try your best and become good leaders in accordance with the motto, "victorious warriors of future."

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### Three constants

**constant vigilance,  
constant training and  
constant readiness for battle**



Senior General Than Shwe inspects graduation battalion of 49th Intake of Defence Services Academy. — MNA





Those present at the graduation parade of 49th Intake of DSA. — MNA

## Senior General Than Shwe...

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Next, the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services inspected the graduate cadet companies.

Later, the graduate cadet companies marched past the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services.

Afterwards, Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe presented Best Cadet Award to Cadet Wai Lin Aung, Excellence in Training Award to Cadet Myo Thura, Excellence in Study Award (Computer Science) to Cadet Myo

Min Naing, Excellence in Study Award (Science) to Cadet Wai Lin Aung.

The Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe delivered an address. (Address of Senior General Than Shwe is separately reported.)

Next, the Senior General took the salute of the graduate cadet companies and left the parade ground.

After the graduation parade, Senior General Than Shwe met with three outstanding cadets and their parents at the hall of the DSA Headquarters. — MNA

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**Comrades,**

You have taken noble oaths to sacrifice your lives for the people and the nation. You have vowed on the conviction that there is no greater honour than sacrificing one's life for one's own country.

Therefore, if you are confronted with an enemy or in need of providing security and safeguarding the life and property of the people or in consolidating the sovereignty of the state, you must show your courage, conviction and bravery according to the motto, "boldly advance, boldly attack and boldly annihilate the enemy."

However, military undertakings must only

play a supportive role for the politics, economy and administration of the state. Military means are continuation of politics.

**Our Tatmadaw is solely for the protection of the people and defence of our nation. Therefore, we must have the ability to prevent to solve the problem with undesirable military measures, which may arise due to political mistakes.**

That is why you all must possess not only military outlook but also must have clear political, economic and administrative perspectives.

**Comrades,**

Since, Tatmadaw took the responsibilities of the state, it has been trans-

forming the political and economic systems of the state according to the wishes of the people.

Parliament democratic system is so profound and wide-ranging that if you adopt it in a correct approach, then you can be successful. But if you do not know how to apply it, things can go awry. In the market economy also, one can be cheated if you do not have the necessary capital and lack of experience in commercial transactions.

Therefore, Tatmadaw government has joined hands with the people in fulfilling the fundamental requirements for a new era and a new system. At the same time, the government is implementing its seven step Road Map charted as a future trend for the state.

**In doing so, we have been carrying out in line with the prevailing conditions of the people and the state. Only then, the state will be able to avoid many possible dangers and can build an enduring democratic system.**

It is the genuine goodwill of the

Tatmadaw that has motivated it to take on heavy tasks, which would be difficult to handle by future elected governments.

**Comrades,**

In conclusion, I would like to state that you all are vital human resources in building a peaceful, modern, devel-

oped nation as well as stronger and more efficient modern Tatmadaw to defend our state, which will be developed in the future. Therefore, I conclude my statement by saying that you all must always be loyal to the people and the state.

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Those present at the graduation parade of 49th Intake of DSA. — MNA

## Dolomite, Zeoplus for fish and prawn breeders

YANGON, 15 Dec — The Myanma Marine Products Festival 2006 organized by the Myanma Fisheries Federation is being staged in the compound of the federation.

Put on display at the show were Dolomite and Zeoplus, chemical compounds, that are widely used in the fish and prawn breeding on a commercial scale.

The chemical compounds can also be used for the growth of fingerlings and shrimp fries as well as for the maintenance of quality of water and land of the fish and prawn breeding ponds.

Dolomite and Zeoplus

are available at Myanmar Pioneer Star Co Ltd of No 92, Bhaho Street, 3/Kha Ward, Ngwekyayan Township. — MNA



Visitors observe chemical compounds at booth of Myanmar Pioneer Star Co Ltd. — MNA

## Myanmar Golf Tournament to be held in major cities

YANGON, 15 Dec — Myanmar PGA and Myanmar Golf Federation will hold round robin events of Myanmar Golf Tournament in major cities.

MPGA & MGF President's Cup 2007 will be held at Hanthawaddy Golf & Country Club in Bago from 2 to 5 January, Monywa Open Golf Championship 2007, at Monywa Golf Club in Monywa from 9 to 12 January and Shwesayan Open Golf Championship 2007, at Shwesayan Golf Course in Mandalay from 16 to 19 January respectively.

Can contact Ph: 542989 and 723221 to have detailed information. — MNA



## Zarni (Ashin Javana) named National Literary Award (collected poems genre) winner

(News & Photo:Thaung Win Bo)

The National Literary Award (collected poems genre) went to monk writer Zarni (Ashin Javana). He was born of U Bo and Daw Shwe U. He passed seventh standard at the age of 14. Then, he was ordained and studied Buddhist scriptures. Inspired by the artistic works of great poet Sale U Ponnya, he entered the world of literature. He learnt the art of composing poems under Hsan Tun (Mann Tekkatho).

In an interview with the New Light of Myanmar daily, he said, "Since I was young, I emulated the achievements of poet Sale U Ponnya. I paused my studying Buddhist scriptures and entered into the world of literature. My first work "Sarso Pan" was featured in the November 1982 issue of Myawady Magazine. Up to now, I have won 13 national level literary awards. I have written a lot of poems, short stories and articles. And Sarpay Beikman published the two works "Shwe Ahlwa Mya Aphu" collected poems (1991) and "Zagar Htega Zartiman" collected poems (1993), for which I had won literary awards in the literary contests that were held to uplift the dynamism of patriotic spirit of the people.

"In 2002, I won the third prize (collected poems genre) for my work



Zarni  
(Ashin  
Javana)

"Thitsar Yeik Myon Panhmon Nelt-hlaing collected poems" in the Sarpay Beikman manuscripts contest. And I won the first prize (collected poems genre) for my work "Hnin Nu Nya Ahla Phuthit collected poems" in the Sarpay Beikman manuscripts contest. Now, I have won the National Literary Award (collected poems genre) that everyone in the literary world aspires to. So, I would say I have been rewarded for the efforts I have made to raise the role of the Myanmar literature. In addition to Zarni, I have other pen names such as Po Htaung (Taungtha) and Nwe Oo Kyaw. When I write religious articles, I use my pen name U Javana, my monkhood name. Now, I am residing in Dhamma Rakkhita Pariyatti monastery at Thamaing Ward 1 in Mayangon Township, Yangon, and am teaching Pariyatti literature to my monks and novice students. I am pleased with my monkhood, creating literary works".

Translation: MS

## Maung Moe Yan wins National Literary Award in belles-lettres genre

(News & Photo:Thaung Win Bo)

The real name of writer Maung Moe Yan is Major Myo Thant (Retd). His parents are registration officer U Tin Aye and Daw Tin Tin Than. The writer was born in 1955 in Kengtung and he is the oldest of the four children. He finished his high school education from BEHS No 2, Dagon (Myoma School). With the encouragement of his teachers of Myanmar, Daw Khin Swe and Daw Mya Thwin, he took great interest in Myanmar literature and started writing poems when he entered university.

He studied at the Officers Training School in Hmawby in 1979 and rose to the rank of major. In 1998, he served as an officer on special duty to the Ministry of Transport and then worked for Myanma Five Star Line and Inland Water Transport. He is currently serving as deputy director in Water Resource Utilization Department of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation.

He said, "I started writing poems and short stories in 1974. With the encouragement of Saya Hsaung Win Latt, I have devoted more time to writing short stories. I won National Literary Award in belles-lettres genre in 2000 for the book titled 'The Echo of the Chindwin River in history'. I wrote a collection of short stories in 2003 titled 'Sein-pan-pwint-pawhma-moe-yesat-hnit-than-yawzin-teintaik-



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mya'. My work 'Swearing by Silver Stars, Crossing the Golden Sea', which now won the National Literary Award in belles-lettres genre in 2005, was already awarded Pakokku U Ohn Pe's Literary Award (Treatise) in 2004."

"I am so glad to be awarded. Academy Award is the highest prize for those of film world. Likewise, National Literary Award is the highest prize for us like men of letters. I'm very grateful to the Ministry of Transport and Myanma Five Star Line. For I learnt a lot from there during my service. For the entire Myanmar people, Myanma land and water resources are so valuable that they have the duty to preserve such resources."

"I'm deeply indebted to my teachers of Myoma School for their encouragement and I will never forget them. That school instilled patriotism and the sense of national duty in me. I will try on. I am now writing a collection of short stories titled "The Lifespan of a Crystal and outlook".

Translation: ST

## New products of MAMA noodles introduced

YANGON, 15 Dec — New products of MAMA instant noodles produced by Ayeyawady Food Industries Co Ltd and distributed by Myanmar SEA Marketing Co Ltd, were introduced to public today at Sedona Hotel here.

At the new products launching ceremony, U Kaung Naing Soe, a marketing manager of Ayeyawady Food Industries Co Ltd, briefed on chicken noodles and coconut noodles.

Managing Director U Myint Oo of Ayeyawady Food Industries Co Ltd and General Manager U Cho Maung of Myanmar SEA Marketing Co Ltd extended greetings.

Models of Star & Model International Co Ltd and the chef of Sedona Hotel demonstrated the way to cook the new products.

Afterwards, U Hla Win and U Myo Thein presented gifts to those who sold the products most.

Myanmar SEA Marketing Co Ltd has distributed MAMA instant noodles in Myanmar since 1st July 2004 and the instant noodles have been distributed throughout the world since last 30 years.

MAMA chicken noodles, fried chicken noodles, coconut noodles, prawn noodles and noodles for vegetarians are available in the market. — MNA



U Myint Oo of Ayeyawady Food Industries Co Ltd extends greetings. — MNA

## Winners of Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Award for 2005 announced

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Dec — Winners of Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Award for 2005, organized by Printing and Publishing Enterprise under the Ministry of Information, were announced.

Thein Zaw (Shwe Le Oo) won third prize in novel genre.

In collected short stories genre, Myaylat Min Lwin first prize, Nandar Khin second prize and Nyunt Hlaing Chit (Butalin) third prize.

Maung Pyae Hline (Thandwe) stood first in collected poems genre, Tint Tun (Chauk) second and Theckatho Tawthar third.

In General Knowledge (Art) genre, Tin Tun Oo won first prize, Maung Nwe Than second prize and Dr Myint Than third prize.

In general knowledge (science) genre, Naing Shwe Moe won first prize, Dr Tin Tin Myaing second prize and Aung Kyaw Phyho third prize.

In belles-lettres genre, Tin Myint won first prize, reporter Thaung Nyunt second prize and Tin Lin Zaw third prize.

In Myanma Culture and Fine Art literature genre, Aung Nyein Chein won first prize and Myint Kwe (Myoma) second prize.

In child literature genre, Nay Soe Thaw won first prize, Phone Ye Naing second prize and Saw Nge Nge third prize.

In youth literature genre, Maung Sanda won second prize and Maung Soe Htaik third prize.

In drama genre, Zin Min won first prize and Maung Sanda second prize.

In translation genre, Dr Nyunt Shwe won the first prize.

There were no manuscripts for the political literary award.

Winners are to contact the Chief-in-Editor of Sarpay Beikman at No 529-531 on merchant street, Tel: 240048/381449. The prizes will be awarded in Nay Pyi Taw.

Manuscripts not chosen can be withdrawn in person within six months after the prize winners announced.

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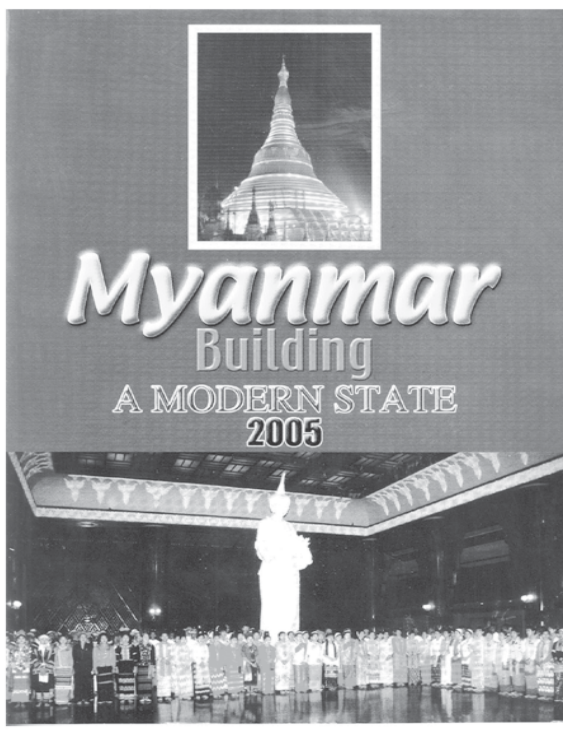
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**Merkel vows to push for permanent  
UNSC seat**

BERLIN, 14 Dec—German Chancellor Angela Merkel vowed here Tuesday that she would push hard for a permanent German UN Security Council seat in the years to come.

“We will have this interest — but also an interest that the UN Security Council is reformed,” she told a news briefing, adding that her government would seek a UN revamp and an upgraded role for Germany in the world body “with great intensity”.

Germany has for years been seeking a permanent seat of the UN Security Council, which now has five permanent members — China, Britain, France, Russia and the United States.—MNA/Xinhua



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**China brand commodities show  
starts in Tanzania**

DAR- ES-SALAAM, 14 Dec—For those Tanzanians who like listening to radio programmes but are nevertheless harassed by on-and-off power blues, they can turn to a China Brand Commodities Show to get hand-powered radio sets to nurture their hobby.

For those who have to resort to flashlights for night lighting but lack quality batteries in stock, they can also go to the same show where they can get solar power-charged

torches. Though it was only the second time in three years for China's Jiangsu Province to bring some of its products to Dar-es-Salaam, the products are expected to catch the eyes of both the well-off

and the not so well-off with a variety ranging from sandbeach motorcycles, economical household generators, LCD television screens, mini-buses, bicycles, air compressors, to locally-produced pesticides.

MNA/Xinhua



Chinese players pose during the awarding ceremony of the women's basketball final match against Chinese Taipei at Doha Asiad, Qatar, 14 Dec, 2006. China beat Chinese Taipei 90-59 to win the gold medal. —XINHUA



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Wu Suizhou is an ordinary 52-year-old Xuchang citizen, but his large collections of Chairman Mao make him extraordinary. He started to collect the badges of Mao in 1966, and many different versions of the "red treasure books"—The Collected Works of Chairman Mao, as well as many statues and portraits enriched his collections. Now, he is planning to set up a museum to display his over 10,000 items, which will be open to the public for free. Photos taken on 13 Dec, 2006. —XINHUA

## US research suggests early treatment of prostate cancer

LOS ANGELES, 14 Dec— Prostate cancer patients may live longer if they get early radiation or surgery treatment, a research report said.

Older men with early-stage, localized prostate cancer had a 31-per-cent lower risk of death during the 12 years they were tracked than those who did nothing, said the report.

Researchers at Fox Chase Cancer Centre and the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia said their study "suggests a reduced risk of mortality

associated with active treatment for low and intermediate risk prostate cancer in the elderly."

This finding contradicts the traditional way of dealing with prostate cancer. As the disease develops slowly, doctors usually recommend that patients simply wait and watch it.

Waiting and monitoring the growth of tumors is considered one option, especially for older men who have a higher risk of dying from something else, given that the

disease progresses slowly. But the new study found that even men 75 to 80 benefited from treatment.

The report was published in the latest issue of the *Journal of the American Medical Association*. But the report added:

"These results must be validated by rigorous randomized controlled trials of elderly men with localized prostate cancer before the findings can be used to inform treatment decisions."

MNA/Xinhua

## UN approves convention to protect rights of disabled people

UNITED NATIONS, 14 Dec—The United Nations General Assembly adopted by consensus on Wednesday a treaty to protect the rights of the 650 million disabled people in the world.

The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities will be open for signature in March 2007 and will come into effect 30 days after it has been ratified by 20 nations.

In a message marking the landmark treaty delivered by Deputy Secretary-General Mark Malloch-Brown, UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan highly praised the adoption of the convention.

"For 650 million persons around the world living with disabilities, today promises to be the dawn of a new era — an era in which disabled

people will no longer have to endure the discriminatory practices and attitudes that have been permitted to prevail for all too long," he said.

The UN chief stressed that this convention is a remarkable and forward-looking document, adding that while it focuses on the rights and development of people with disabilities, it also speaks about our societies as a

whole — and about the need to enable every person to contribute to the best of their abilities and potential.

MNA/Xinhua

Maria Shriver, left, and Tom Brokaw pose prior to The Academy of Television Arts and Sciences Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony where Brokaw was inducted, on 14 Dec, 2006, at the Beverly Hills Hotel in Beverly Hills, Calif. INTERNET



A Kamchatka brown bear called Mushir, lies on a log in the Moscow zoo unable to go into hibernation as Russian fails to attract its trademark frosty winter. INTERNET

## Expert warns of China's increase in heart, brain diseases

BEIJING, 14 Dec—China is facing a sharp increase in heart and brain illnesses and the situation is rapidly getting worse, one of the country's leading doctors has warned.

An unhealthier diet and less exercise have resulted in more Chinese suffering from illnesses such as high blood pressure, diabetes and obesity, said Hu Dayi, a member of the Chinese Medical Association specializing in heart disease, and head of the Medical School of Shanghai's Tongji University.

He said 2.6 million Chinese died of heart and brain diseases every year, an average daily death rate of more than 7,000.

The top dangers were high blood pressure, high cholesterol, diabetes, obesity and smoking, he told a Press conference in Beijing.

From the 1950s to the 1970s, the only significant danger was high blood pressure, but in recent decades Chinese diets had changed from mainly grains and vegetables to foods containing high

proportions of fat, protein and calories.

Moreover, modern lifestyles involving cars, television and computers resulted in less physical exercise and more overweight people, directly leading to more cases of obesity and diabetes, Hu said.

The World Health Organization estimates China's diabetes cases will double by 2020 and the country will have the world's second highest rate of diabetes.

MNA/Xinhua

## Gap between rich, poor in Canada widens

OTTAWA, 14 Dec— The gap between Canada's rich and poor are widening, meaning that wealth is getting much more highly concentrated among less people and more people are carrying more debt than assets, Statistics Canada said in a report on Wednesday.

Those Canadians with a net worth that places them in the top 20 percent saw their

wealth grow by 19 per cent between 1999 and 2005, while those in the bottom 20 percent gained no ground at all, the report said.

The median net worth of the country's top fifth came to 551,000 Canadian dollars last year. It was 465,000 Canadian dollars (1 Canadian dollar=0.87 US dollars in 1999 and 336,000 Canadian dollars in 1984).

The surging price of housing explains much of the above increase. Most of those (95 per cent) in the top 20 per cent bracket owned a home, and the median value of that home grew by 75,000 Canadian dollars between 1999 and 2005. Only 6 per cent of those in the lowest wealth group owned a home.

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# SPORTS



Tottenham Hotspur's Jermain Defoe (R) and Dinamo Bucharest's Stefan Radu fight for the ball during their UEFA Cup Group B soccer match at White Hart Lane in London on 14 Dec, 2006.—INTERNET

## Japan nips S Korea to grab bronze medal in women's basketball

DOHA, 15 Dec — Forward Yuka Watanabe's three-pointer with one minute remaining gave Japan a narrow 74-70 win over South Korea and the bronze medal at the Asian Games women's basketball tournament here on Thursday.

Japan, the champion of the Bangkok Asiad in 1998, established a 61-54 lead with a 7-0 run at the end of the third quarter, but was tied by South Korea 70-70 with less than three minutes to go.

Watanabe, 25, then hit a three-pointer before Kumiko Yamada added a free throw to seal the victory. Japan's Ryoko Utsumi scored on eight of ten two-pointers and two of four three-pointers for 24 points to lead all scorers. Beon Yeon Ha led the South Koreans in scoring with 22 points.

MNA/Xinhua



Partizan Belgrade's Milan Smiljanic (R) tackles Rangers' Thomas Buffel during their UEFA Cup group A soccer match in Glasgow on 14 Dec, 2006. Rangers won the match 1-0.—INTERNET

## Iran defeats S Korea for men's soccer bronze medal

DOHA, 15 Dec — Iran defeated South Korea 1-0 with the lone goal in the dying minutes of extra time to win the bronze medal in the men's soccer tournament of the Doha Asian Games here on Thursday.

Despite dominating the pitch from the very beginning, South Korea tried in vain to convert its opportunities to goal in front of a staunch Iranian defence.

South Korean midfielder Baek Ji Hoon

## HK cyclist wins men's points race gold at Asiad

DOHA, 14 Dec — Cheung King Wai of Hong Kong, won the gold medal of men's points race cycling gold at the 15th Asian Games here on Wednesday.

"In the first 40 laps, I reserved my energy, and just kept pace with other cyclists. My strategy worked well," said Cheung. Cheung collected 22 points through the 160 laps course, beating-defending champion South Korean Joo Hyun Wook in the 9th lap.

"I am really happy to follow Wong Kam Po's road to win a gold for Hong Kong. He supported me a lot," added Cheung. The silver medal was taken by Vladimir Tychiev of Uzbekistan. The bronze medal went to Ilya Chernyshov of Kazakhstan. Joo Hyun Wook only finished fifth with 8 points.

MNA/Xinhua

## S Korea wins men's volleyball gold medal at Doha Asiad

DOHA, 14 Dec — South Korea defeated China 3-1 to take the men's volleyball gold medal at the Doha Asian Games here on Thursday, the penultimate day of the fortnight sports gala.

The Koreans won the final 25-18, 22-25, 25-18 and 25-16.

Saudi Arabia got the bronze medal, beating Qatar 25-20, 16-25, 25-21, 17-25 and 15-11.

MNA/Xinhua



Cheerleaders perform during an Euroleague 8th round basketball match between Partizan and Lottomatica in Belgrade on 14 Dec, 2006.

INTERNET

## Thai Udomchoke takes men's tennis singles title

DOHA, 15 Dec — Top seed Lee Hyung Taik from South Korea took the second consecutive silver medal at Asian Games as he was upset by Thai Danai Udomchoke 2-0 in the men's singles final here on Thursday.

Lee, who is ranked as the hottest favourite for the event following another Thai and defending champion Paradorn Srichaphan's retirement from the competition, had to fight against both the Thai and the fever he suffered on Wednesday before losing the match 7-5, 6-3 in just one hour and 32 minutes.

"We could have used throat medicine, but it was against the doping regulations, so we could not use it. Lee has been coughing often, and he hasn't been able to sleep," said South Korea coach Jeon Young Dai.

The 49th-ranked Lee, who took a silver medal at 2002 Asian Games, in Busan, South Korea, was not in good form during the match, hitting 29 winners throughout the match against 15 for the Thai, but registered 40 unforced errors against just 21 for Udomchoke.

"I had a fever yesterday. I even thought I might not be able to play today," said 31-year-old Lee.

"I lost in the end, but I did my best. This will probably be my last Asian Games and it would have been nice to win the team and men's singles, but it still comforts me to know that at least I won the team event." — MNA/Xinhua



Thailand's Danai Udomchoke returns a shot to South Korea's Lee Hyung-taik during their men's singles tennis final at the 15th Asian Games in Doha on 14 Dec, 2006.—INTERNET

## Singapore, China grab most sailing golds at Doha Asiad

DOHA, 14 Dec — Singapore took five out of 14 gold medals in the sailing competition of the 15th Asian Games at Doha, ranking first in the medal standings of the sport.

On Wednesday, Singapore's sailors placed first in the men's 420 class, the women's 420 class and the match racing of Beneteau First Class 7.5 event after the final races.

Tan's teammate Liu Xiaman Justin and Cheng Feng Yuan Shermon won the men's 420 event on Wednesday.

Liu said he felt good in striking gold in his Asian Games debut. Earlier on Tuesday, the Singaporean team won the men's Laser standard and the Laser 4.7 open class.

MNA/Xinhua



Russia's Alexei Simakov (C) tries to score past Sweden's David Petrsek (L) and goalkeeper Erik Ersberg during their Channel One Euro Hockey Tour match in Moscow, on 14 Dec, 2006.—INTERNET



# Swiss FM elected president for 2007

GENEVA, 15 Dec — Swiss Foreign Minister Micheline Calmy-Rey on Wednesday was elected president for 2007, making her the second woman to hold the office in Switzerland's history.

At a joint session, the two chambers of the federal Parliament named Interior Minister Pascal Couchepin as Vice-President, Swiss Radio International reported.

Calmy-Rey will keep her Foreign Ministry portfolio when she takes over the ceremonial one-year post from Moritz Leuenberger on 1 January, according to the report.

Calmy-Rey, 61, entered local politics as a member of the centre-left Social Democratic Party of Geneva in 1979, and in 2002 was elected to the

Cabinet by the federal Parliament.

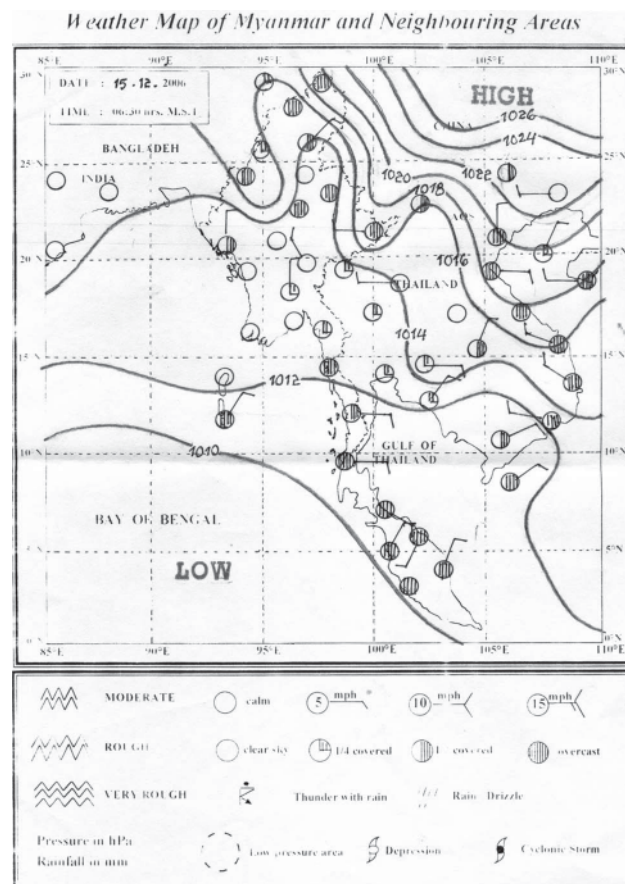
As Foreign Minister, she has pursued an active policy marked by raising the profile of Swiss diplomacy and promoting international law, human rights and peace.

She has pushed several diplomatic initiatives including: the Geneva Accord, an unofficial peace proposal aimed at solving the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, and the Red Crystal symbol of the International Committee of the Red Cross.

MNA/Xinhua



Lottomatica's David Hawkins (L) drives the ball beside Partizan's Novica Velickovic during their Euroleague 8th round basketball match in Belgrade on 14 December 2006. — INTERNET



## WEATHER

Friday, 15 December, 2006  
Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:

During the past 24 hours, weather has been generally fair in the whole country. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below normal in Kachin, Shan, Rakhine and Kayah States and Magway Division, (5°C) below normal in upper Sagaing Division, (3°C) above normal in Taninthayi Division, (5°C) above normal in Mon State and about normal in the remaining areas. The significant night temperatures were Haka (2°C) and Pinlaung (4°C).

Maximum temperature on 14-12-2006 was 97°F. Minimum temperature on 15-12-2006 was 65°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 15-12-2006 was 78%. Total sunshine hours on 14-12-2006 was (8.5) hours approx.

Rainfalls on 15-12-2006 were (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2006 were (98.46) inches at Mingaladon and (111.61) inches at Kaba-Aye and (116.69) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (6) mph from North-west at 11:30 hours MST on 14-12-2006.

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

**Forecast valid until evening of 16-12-2006:** Weather will be partly cloudy in Kachin and Shan States and Taninthayi Division and generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions.

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

**Outlook for subsequent two days:** Generally fair weather in the whole country.

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 16-12-2006:** Fair weather.

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 16-12-2006:** Fair weather.

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 16-12-2006:** Fair weather.



Saturday, 16 December  
View on today

- 7:00 am
  1. ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃာ့မဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ချုပ်၊ အဘိဓမ္မမဟာရာဇဂုရု၊ အဘိဓမ္မအဂ္ဂမဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မဇောတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော်ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်
- 7:25 am
  2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am
  3. Morning news
- 7:40 am
  4. Nice and sweet song
- 7:55 am
  5. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:05 am
  6. Musical programme
- 8:15 am
  7. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:20 am
  8. ကုန်စည်တိုးပွား တွံတေးတံတား
- 8:30 am
  9. International news
- 8:45 am
  10. Grammar made easy
- 11:00 am
  1. Martial song

- 11:15 am
  2. Musical programme
- 11:30 am
  3. News
- 11:40 am
  4. Games for children
- 12:05 pm
  5. Round up for the week's TV local news
- 12:35 pm
  6. ကြားမြင်သုတပြည်ဝေစေရာ စာပဒေသာ
- 12:45 pm
  7. လောကနိတိ(၅) “မေတ္တာအတိမ်အနက်ကို ချိန်စက်၍ကြည့်သောအခါ” (ပိုင်ဇော်ထွန်း၊ စည်သူတင်စိုး၊ လင်းစာနည်ဇော်၊ ခင်စာခြည်ကျော်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ခင်ဇော်)
- 1:45 pm
  8. Dance of national races
- 2:00 pm
  9. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 2:15 pm
  10. “သတိနဲ့ယှဉ်အသိနဲ့ပြင်” (အပိုင်း-၁) (ငါးခယ်မရဲမောင်၊ ဘုန်းလျှန်၊ မြတ်ကေသီအောင်၊ ဟန်နီထွန်း၊ ရတနာခင်၊ ပြည်ဖူးခိုင်၊ ဆောင်းနှင်းဝေ၊ နီနီရွှေရည်၊ ပိုင်းစုနိုင်သိန်း၊ အိုင်းရစ်လေပြေဦး) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မင်းအုတ်စိုင်း)
- 2:30 pm
  11. ကျောက်ကြီးပေါက်တံတား
- 2:45 pm
  12. International news
- 4:00 pm
  1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm
  2. Song to uphold National Spirit

- 4:30 pm
  3. English for everyday use
- 4:45 pm
  4. Musical programme.
- 4:55 pm
  5. အဆေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ ဒုတိယနှစ် (မြန်မာစာအထူးပြု) (မြန်မာစာ)
- 5:05 pm
  6. လက်ဆင့်ကမ်းပေးဂီတတေး
- 5:15 pm
  7. မြူးမြူးကြွကြွ ယဉ်ကျေးမှုအက
- 5:25 pm
  8. Musical programme
- 5:40 pm
  9. မြင်းခြံစံမဟုတ်အဖွဲ့ ဖျော်ဖြေခန်း
- 6:00 pm
  10. Evening news
- 6:30 pm
  11. Weather report
- 6:45 pm
  12. အလှူရှာမယ် လှူကမ္ဘာဝယ်
- 7:00 pm
  13. Discovery
- 7:10 pm
  14. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ကြယ်ကြွရင်ချန်သံ” (အပိုင်း-၄)
- 8:00 pm
  15. News
- 8:15 pm
  16. International news
- 8:30 pm
  17. Weather report.
- 8:45 pm
  18. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “လှပသောနေ့ရက်များ” (အပိုင်း-၇)
- 9:00 pm
  19. The next day's programme



Saturday, 16 December  
Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music:
  - Bicycle race
  - ... Blossom
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music:
  - Come on over
  - ... Christine
- 8:50 am National news/Slogan
- 9:00 am Music:
  - I miss you
  - ... West life
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music:
  - My kind of girl
  - ... Collin Raye
- 1:30 pm News / Slogan
- 1:40 pm Music at Your Request/Lunch Time Music
  - What can I do
  - ... The Cons
  - Mississippi
  - ... Pusy Cat
- 9:00 pm ASEAN news review
- 9:10 pm Article
- 9:20 pm Myanma Culture by Dr Khin Maung Nyunt
- 9:30 pm Souvenirs
  - Top of the world
  - ... the Carpenters
- 9:45 pm News / Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL

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# Senior General Than Shwe addresses graduation parade of 49th Intake of DSA



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PyinOoLwin Station Commander Brig-Gen Kyaw Swe, Mandalay Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han and departmental officials, Military Attachés of foreign embassies, members of the Union Solidarity and Development Association, Red Cross Society and Auxiliary Fire Brigades, parents and relatives of graduate cadets and guests.

Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe took the salute of the graduate cadet companies.

(See page 10)

Senior General Than Shwe takes the salute of the graduate cadet

companies. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Dec — The graduation parade of the 49th Intake of Defence Services Academy was held at the parade ground of DSA in PyinOoLwin at 8 am today, with an address by Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe.

Also present on the occasion were Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura



Dignitaries at the graduation parade of 49th Intake of DSA. — MNA

**Our Tatmadaw men are the ones who didn't expect any privileges, salary, rations, or a uniform. They endured great hardship and lived with many shortages. They regard stumbling hurdles as mattresses and thistles and thorns as cushions.**