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Senior General Than Shwe sees off Prime Minister General Thein Sein on his departure for Brunei Darussalam

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Jan — At the invitation of His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Muizzaddin Waddaulah, the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein and party left here at 11:30 am today by special aircraft for Bandar Seri Begawan to pay an official visit to Brunei Darussalam.

Prime Minister General Thein Sein and party were seen off at Nay Pyi Taw Airport by Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe, Vice-Chairman of the SPDC Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief

(Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, Member of the SPDC General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence, Secretary-1 of the SPDC Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, members of SPDC Lt-Gen Maung Bo, Lt-Gen Ye Myint, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and Lt-Gen Aung Htwe of the

Ministry of Defence, Commander-in-Chief (Navy), Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Lt-Gen Myint Hlaing, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and Maj-Gen Tha Aye of the Ministry of Defence, Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung, Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command

Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, senior military officers, departmental heads and Charge d' Affaires of Embassy of Brunei Mr Noorazmi Haji Sulaiman.

Prime Minister General Thein Sein was accompanied by Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo,

Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt, Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe, Minister for Energy

Brig-Gen Lun Thi, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Thu, Director-General of SPDC Office Col Kyaw Kyaw Win, Director-General of the Protocol Department under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Kyaw, heads of departments and officials.

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Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe sees off Prime Minister General Thein Sein at Nay Pyi Taw Airport. — MNA

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

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Grow trees extensively for temperate climate and greening

The world is now under the threat of deforestation stemming from global warming. Deforestation of vegetation and forests have caused weather changes along with environmental degradation such as soil depletion, floods of rivers and creeks, and desertification.

Today, many countries are stepping up the growing of trees to deal with the global warming. For instance, Israel is growing trees to establish forests, while India is taking steps for afforestation in some deserts in it and the People's Republic of China is growing trees to prevent the spread of Gobe Desert.

In the like manner, Myanmar is conserving forests, waters and natural resources systematically. In the process, the Ministry of Forestry and relevant ministries are conserving forests, protecting natural forests and establishing forests.

Myanmar is a land where teak grows naturally. In addition, it has a large area of teak plantations. Bago Yoma mountain range is a region where teak thrives. So, tree plantations are being established and nurtured for greening Bago Yoma mountain range. In the 2007-2008 fiscal year, more than 6,000 acres were put under tree plantations and more than 70,000 saplings were distributed to local people and organizations to set up tree plantations.

Owing to the drive to carry out the greening tasks on a wider scale, the 13 arid districts have seen many new forests. Now, the 1000-acre special teak plantation in Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon Township, the special teak plantation in Minpyin forest reserve in Nay Pyi Taw Lewe Township, and the special teak plantation in Yan Pei forest reserve in Taungdwingyi Township are thriving.

Forests and trees including teak contribute towards the economy of the nation and regional greening. Therefore, the Forest Department, the Department for Greening Arid Zone and local people have to work together in conserving forests so that the entire nation has temperate climate with green and lush environment.

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

Commander calls for cooperation in providing health care services in Shan State (East)

YANGON, 15 Jan — Chairman of Shan State (East) Peace and Development Council Commander of Triangle Region Command Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing on 11 January stressed the need for cooperation of the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries in prevention against the outbreak of bird flu.

At the meeting with members of the state, district and township health committees at Kengtung General Hospital on 11 January, Patron of Shan State (East) Health Committee Commander Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing also urged staff of the Health Depart-

ment, members of social organizations and the people to work together in providing health care services to local people. Head of Shan State (East) Health Department Dr Myint Aung reported on health care services and preventive measures against the bird flu in the state. Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo gave a supplementary report.

After the meeting, Dr Mya Oo inspected the general hospital. He also visited Mongla People's Hospital on 10 January and gave instructions to officials concerned on health care services in the state.

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UMEHL launches gems, jade sales

YANGON, 15 Jan —The officials of Union of Myanmar Economic Holdings Ltd launched its 24th Gems and Jade Sales 2008 at Myanma Gems Mart on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road in Mayangon Township today.

At the sales, a total of 397 gem lots and 1214 jade lots will be sold through the bargain and auction systems.

Altogether 637 merchants— 529 from local and 108 from foreign countries — gathered at the sales. Gem merchants are allowed to inspect gems and jade lots until 17 January, and



the sales will be conducted on 18 and 19 January.

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Merchants inspect jade lots at 24th Gems and Jade Sales 2008 of Union of Myanmar Economic Holdings Ltd. — MNA



Officials of UMFCCI meeting with Mr Andrew W Shepherd of FAO.

UMFCCI

GIS and Remote Sensing Courses on 19 Feb

YANGON, 15 Jan —With the aim of disseminating information and computer technologies, Myanmar Computer Professionals Association and Myanmar Credent Technology will jointly organize Geographic Information System (GIS) Course at Einyinkhine Cyber Business Centre in Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana (Ph: 067-420954) from 2:30 pm to 4 pm and

Remote Sensing Course at e-Learning Centre of Myanmar Info-Tech in Hline Township from 5 pm to 6:30 pm on every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

The two courses will be opened from 19 February to 6 May accepting 20 trainees each. Enthusiasts, may contact Myanmar Info-Tech, Room 4, Building 4 (Ph: 652276). — MNA

FAO official calls on UMFCCI Vice-President

YANGON, 15 Jan — Mr Andrew W Shepherd Marketing Economist of Food and Agriculture Organization met Vice-President U Win Aung, General Secretary U Sein Win Hlaing, Joint-Secretary-1 Dr Maung Maung Lay, CEC members and executives of Union of

Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry at its office here on 11 January.

They discussed agricultural, price changes of agricultural produce, conducting agricultural training courses and holding workshops. — MNA



Lebanese soldiers and police secure the site of an explosion in a suburb north of Beirut on 15 Jan, 2008. —INTERNET

Iran says Bush's accusations "words without value"

TEHERAN, 15 Jan — Iran denounced on Monday as "words without value" US President George W. Bush's remarks that the Islamic state was threatening security around the world by backing militants.

Speaking in Abu Dhabi on Sunday, Bush said Iran was the world's top sponsor of terrorism and accused it of undermining peace by

supporting the Hizbollah guerilla group in Lebanon, Palestinian Islamist group Hamas and Shiite militants in Iraq.

"Bush should understand that the hatred towards his policies exists ... it has real and logical roots," Iran's Foreign Ministry spokesman Mohammad Ali Hosseini was quoted as saying by state radio. "Bush's remarks display his desperation and

disappointment because of his failures in the region ... He is trying to divert attention from his failed policies," he said, adding Bush's comments were "repeated words without value". Iran blames sectarian violence in Iraq on the US-led invasion to topple Saddam Hussein in 2003 and has repeatedly called on the United States to withdraw its forces.

MNA/Reuters

Police says gunmen kill Iraqi judge in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 15 Jan — Unidentified gunmen killed a senior Iraqi judge as he drove to work through western Baghdad on Monday, police said.

Appeals court judge Amir Jawdat al-Naeib, who was also a member of Iraq's Supreme Judicial Council, died when gunmen opened fire on his car soon after he left his home in the capital's Mansour District. Naeib's driver was also killed.

The attackers sped away in another car after the attack, police said. Iraq's Supreme Judicial Council is a supervisory body which also nominates the chief justice and other senior posts.

MNA/Reuters

Bomb kills six in Karachi

KARACHI, 15 Jan — At least six people were killed in a roadside bomb explosion in Pakistan's biggest city of Karachi on Monday, a senior government official said, the latest attack in a wave of violence in the South Asian country.

The blast occurred in a low-income neighbourhood of the city. "We have reports that at least six people were killed and 12 to 14 people were wounded," Akhtar Zamin, Home Minister of Sindh Province, told *Reuters*. Karachi is the capital of Sindh Province.

He said the bomb appeared to have been concealed in a roadside fruit and vegetable stall or a motorbike that was destroyed in the blast. "It does not appear to be a suicide attack," he said. — MNA/Reuters



Residents move past vehicles burnt in post election violence, in Kisumu, western Kenya, on 15 Jan, 2008. Kenya's Parliament opened Tuesday for the first time since a disputed election, a fight that has provoked widespread violence. — INTERNET

Bangladesh textile workers clash with police, 30 hurt

DHAKA, 15 Jan — Textile workers demanding higher wages clashed with police in the Bangladeshi capital on Monday, and at least 30 people were injured, police and witnesses said. The injured include five policemen who were hit by stones thrown by the workers after police had used batons and fired teargas shells to disperse them. Sporadic clashes were still continuing in Dhaka, a witness said, disrupting traffic.

"We have gone on action as the workers tried to vandalise some vehicles," a police inspector said.

Protests have been banned since an Army-backed interim government took over in Bangladesh last January and imposed a state of emergency, following months of political violence.

MNA/Reuters

International News

Thai EC issues three more yellow cards to winners

BANGKOK, 15 Jan — Thailand's Election Commission (EC) on Monday announced that the poll agency issued another three yellow cards against three winning candidates of the People Power Party (PPP), annulling their winning states during last month's general election.

The three candidates, Worawat Uapinyakul, Niyom Wiwatjithakul and Panhathai Serirak, all winners of the PPP during the general election in northern Prachin Province, have been deprived their winning qualifications. But they still have the right to re-contest in the by-elections.

The polling agency said the three winners were found connected with alleged electoral wrongdoings during the election.

According to the election law, a candidate who was issued with a red card will be disqualified in the by-elections which is now set on January 20, while a candidate with a yellow card still can re-contest the by-elections. — MNA/Xinhua

China paper sees West to blame themselves in Kenya chaos

BEIJING, 15 Jan — Kenya's turmoil shows that Africa is unsuited to Western democracy, an official Chinese newspaper said on Monday, underscoring energy and mineral-hungry Beijing's hands-off approach to politics as it woos African governments.

China has kept a low profile over the violence that erupted across Kenya after a disputed election on 27 December that critics say was rigged by President Mwai Kibaki. The European Union and United States have urged Kenya's feuding politicians to end the confrontation that has so far killed about 600 people.

But the *People's Daily*, the official newspaper of China's ruling Communist Party, said Western powers were themselves to blame for imposing colonial rule and then Western-style electoral democracy on Africa.

"The Western 'democracy' transplanted to Africa is unsuited to local conditions and has sowed the seeds of disaster," said a commentary in the paper.

MNA/Reuters

Kenya braces for tough week, deaths rise to 612

NAIROBI, 15 Jan — Kenya's feuding parties prepared on Monday for fresh fighting in Parliament and on the streets despite another international push to mediate a post-election crisis that has now killed at least 612 people.

But the priority for many in the east African nation was getting millions of children back to school after a week's delay following the turmoil caused by President Mwai Kibaki's disputed re-election last month.

"Life has to go on," said Esther Muhito, preparing her children for classes in Molo, a town in the Rift Valley where ethnic clashes have killed scores. In some camps housing refugees, volunteers were setting up temporary classrooms. Scores of others, however, were still fleeing the same tea-growing area, fearful the opposition's call for three days of nationwide protests starting on Wednesday would stoke more bloodshed.

MNA/Reuters



A Thai man sits in his house built near a nearly pollute canal in Bangkok, Thailand on 14 Jan, 2008. —INTERNET

Bomb wounds eight in Nepal

KATHMANDU, 15 Jan — Eight people were wounded when a bomb exploded after thousands of supporters of Nepal's ruling alliance marched through Kathmandu on Monday, in a rare display of unity in the fractious coalition against the Hindu monarchy.

The blast hit a vehicle near the venue of the rally in the heart of the city, minutes after the demonstrators, including Maoist former rebels, had dispersed, police said.

There were no claims of responsibility. Six of the wounded were sent

home after treatment in hospital, authorities said.

The government blamed the blast on what it said were "elements opposed to the constituent assembly elections" in April but did not elaborate.

The rally, held in a dust-choked playground in the heart of the capital, less than 500 metres (yards) from King Gyanendra's sprawling palace, came three days after the government set national elections for April 10. The polls are meant to elect a constituent assembly to map the nation's political future

and formalise a recent Parliament decision to abolish the monarchy after the vote.

Originally, the assembly was meant to decide the fate of the monarchy — a question now settled in a political deal with the former rebels who wanted its immediate abolition.

That body will also replace the interim Parliament.

MNA/Reuters

US soldier killed in bomb attack in N Iraq

BAGHDAD, 15 Jan — An American soldier was killed and four others were injured in a roadside bomb explosion in Iraq's northern province of Nineveh, the US military said on Monday.

The soldier died due to fatal wounds suffered by the blast which occurred near his vehicle during operations in the province on Saturday, a military statement said.

All the wounded soldiers were transported to a military hospital for treatment, it said.

The latest death brings the number of US soldiers who have been killed in Iraq to more than 3,920 since the Iraq war broke out in March 2003, according to media count based on Pentagon figures.

MNA/Xinhua

Kibaki faces tough fight in Parliament

NAIROBI, 14 Jan — The first sitting of Kenya's newly elected Parliament on Tuesday is expected to be a stormy affair as legislators face off following disputed presidential elections that threw the country into turmoil.

The political crisis in east Africa's biggest economy has killed 500 people since President Mwai Kibaki's re-election at 27 December polls which his rival, Raila Odinga, says were rigged.

Odinga's Orange Democratic Movement (ODM) won 99 seats in Parliament to 43 for Kibaki's Party of National Unity (PNU), meaning Kibaki will have to try to get bills approved by legislators who believe his government is illegitimate.

"It will be a battleground where all manner of wars are going to be fought," Mutakha Kangu, a political analyst and constitutional lawyer, told Reuters.

"There is a lot of anger and that is what will be driving everything. It is very worrying for Kenyans." —MNA/Reuters



Afghan boys play on the ice in Kabul on 14 Jan, 2008. —INTERNET

Sino-Indian relations face "strategic chances"

BEIJING, 15 Jan — Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao said here on Monday Sino-Indian relations face important strategic chances as he met with Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh.

Wen said co-operation between China and India is of great importance to world peace and prosperity.

He said the Chinese side commends Singh's

comment that there are enough space in the world for both countries to continue to grow, and agreed that the mutual development of China and India will change the outlook of Asia and even the world.

Singh told the Chinese Premier that "India attaches the highest priority to developing cooperative and mutually beneficial partnership with China".

He said frequent mutual visits by high-level leaders have promoted the development of bilateral relations and are indications of mutual determination to enhance understanding and mutual trust.

Singh arrived in Beijing on Sunday morning for his three-day trip to China, the first since he took office in 2004.

MNA/Xinhua



JCB Construction's new 60 MPH, state-of-the-art HMEE, built for the US Army and poised for deployment in Iraq and Afghanistan. —INTERNET

US spy chief says waterboarding would be torture to him

WASHINGTON, 14 Jan — US intelligence chief Mike McConnell said in a magazine interview that waterboarding would be torture if it was used against him personally, but stopped short of condemning the controversial interrogation technique.

McConnell, Director of National Intelligence, was quoted in the *New Yorker* edition released on Sunday as defining torture as "something that would cause excruciating pain".

Asked if waterboarding — the practice of covering a person's face with a cloth and then dripping water on it to bring on a feeling of drowning — fit that definition, McConnell said that for him personally, it would.

"If I had water draining into my nose, oh God, I just can't imagine how painful!" McConnell said in the article. "Whether it's torture by anybody else's definition, for me it would be torture."

But he rejected a suggestion that he personally condemned the practice. The reputation of the United States has been badly tarnished internationally by its harsh treatment of prisoners detained in President George W Bush's war against terrorism, particularly those held at Abu Ghraib Prison in Iraq and at the Guantanamo naval base on Cuba.

US Attorney General Michael Mukasey has declined to rule on whether waterboarding is torture.

MNA/Reuters

China imports record 163 million tons of crude oil in '07

BEIJING, 14 Jan—China's crude oil imports rose 12.4 per cent in 2007 over the previous year to a new record of 163.17 million tons, according to Customs figure.

Crude oil imports for 2006 was 138.8 million tons, representing an increase of 16.9 per cent from the previous year. The exports, however, fell 38.7 per cent year-on-year to 3.89 million tons last year, according to the General Administration of Customs.

Crude oil exports were

valued at 79.77 billion US dollars, 20.1 per cent more than a year earlier amid international oil price hikes. Global prices surged about 57 per cent throughout last year.

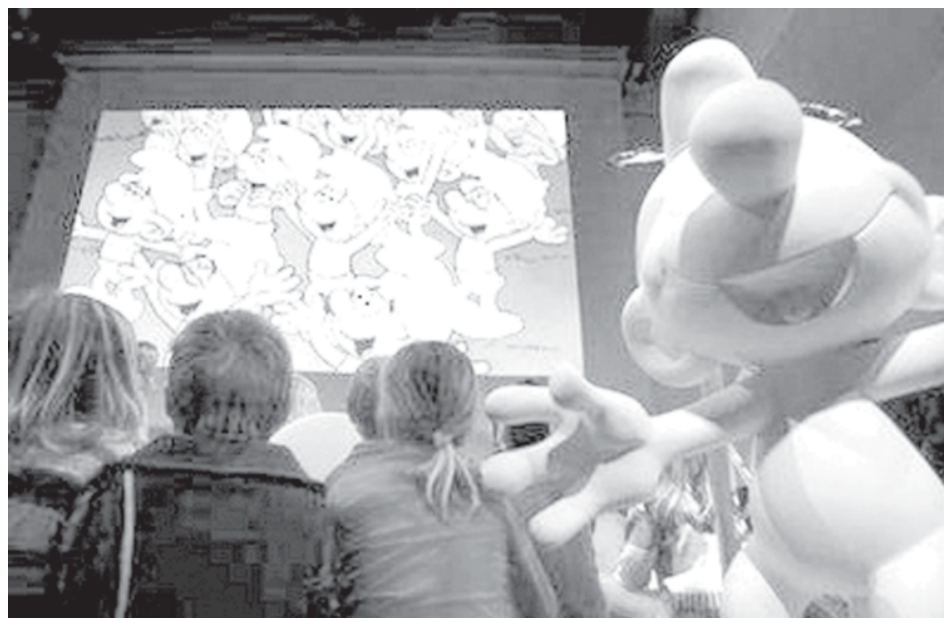
China also imported 33.8 million tonnes of oil products in 2007, a decline of 7.1 per cent from the previous year, although large oil producers increased oil product imports late last year following a fuel shortage reported in October.

The export of oil products still enjoyed a

marked increase. It rose 25.6 per cent to 15.51 million tons last year.

Chinese Ministry of Commerce forecast the country's crude oil output for 2007 at 187 million tons, up 1.7 per cent year-on-year. "China would need to increase oil imports year by year, as its own crude oil output growth failed to outpace consumption demand in recent years," said Niu Li, an analyst with the State Information Centre, a government think tank.

MNA/Xinhua



Children watch a cartoon of the Smurfs at the start of a news conference in Brussels on 14 Jan, 2008. It is the Smurfs' 50th anniversary this year.—INTERNET

Iran warns Turkmenistan over gas supply cut

TEHERAN, 14 Jan—Iran will stop buying Turkmen gas altogether if its neighbour does not resume supplies cut off two weeks ago, Oil Minister Gholamhossein Nozari was quoted as saying on Sunday.

Nozari spoke to Iran's Fars News Agency as a state-owned television station and a leading member of Parliament said that Turkmenistan wanted to double the price for the natural gas it sells to

Iran. Turkmenistan halted daily deliveries of up to 23 million cubic metres to Iran late last month. It blamed technical problems, but Iranian officials say Ashgabat also seeks a higher price for the natural gas it ships to Iran.

"Turkmenistan must first start supplying gas and then come to discuss (the price)," Nozari said. "Otherwise we will announce that we don't need Turkmen gas."

Iran, a small gas importer despite its huge gas reserves, gets about 5 per cent of its needs from Turkmenistan and the supply disruption caused shortages in some northern areas as well as a reduction in Iran's gas exports to Turkey. The disruption is particularly sensitive now because of some of the coldest winter temperatures for decades in Iran, pushing up demand and for heating fuel. In one northwestern Iranian city, the mercury has plunged to minus 30 degrees Celsius.

Iran's Foreign Ministry said on Sunday Iran was in talks with Turkmenistan but was discussing technical not price issues.

The English-language Press TV, however, said in a report on its website that Iran had, in principle, agreed to a price hike.

MNA/Reuters

ECONOMIC NEWS



Japan's designer Jun Murakoshi sits on his 'shelving chairs' at the International Furniture Fair 'imm Cologne 2008' in Cologne, Germany, on 14 Jan, 2008. A total of 1,251 exhibitors from 60 countries present their latest products for the home.—INTERNET

Cambodia opens cement factory in Kampot Province

PHNOM PENH, 15 Jan—Cambodia on Monday opened a cement factory in Kampot Province, which has a capacity of producing over 960,000 tons of cement per year.

The factory is now in its first producing phase and it will satisfy about 40 per cent of cement demand of the country, Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen told the National Radio while addressing the opening ceremony.

Cambodia now needs 2.4 million tons of cement each year, Hun Sen said, adding that in the next few years, the volume of cement production will increase more than this.

This factory with 520 employees is invested with 93 million US dollars by joint venture between Cambodian businessman and Siam Cement Company from Thailand, he said.

In the second producing phase, the factory will be invested with another 100 million US dollars to have the capacity of producing more than two million tons of cement per year, he added.

MNA/Xinhua

Haiti continues to ban Dominican poultry

SANTO DOMINGO, 14 Jan—Haiti will continue to ban poultry imports from the Dominican Republic, said Angel Faxas, director of the Dominican livestock department, local daily *Listin Diario* reported on Sunday.

The Dominican Republic's National Egg Producers' Association said the ban cost their members losses of five million pesos (150,000 US dollars) per day.

A meeting between the two countries' animal hygiene authorities earlier failed to lift the ban, although the Dominican ambassador to Haiti, Jose Serulle, described the meeting as a success and said Haiti's authorities found Dominican Republic's explanations convincing.

"It is clear that the

situation faced by chicken and egg producers due to bird flu is not their fault and that the government must help them," said Miguel Vargas Maldonado, the presidential candidate for the Dominican Revolutionary Party.

He blamed the

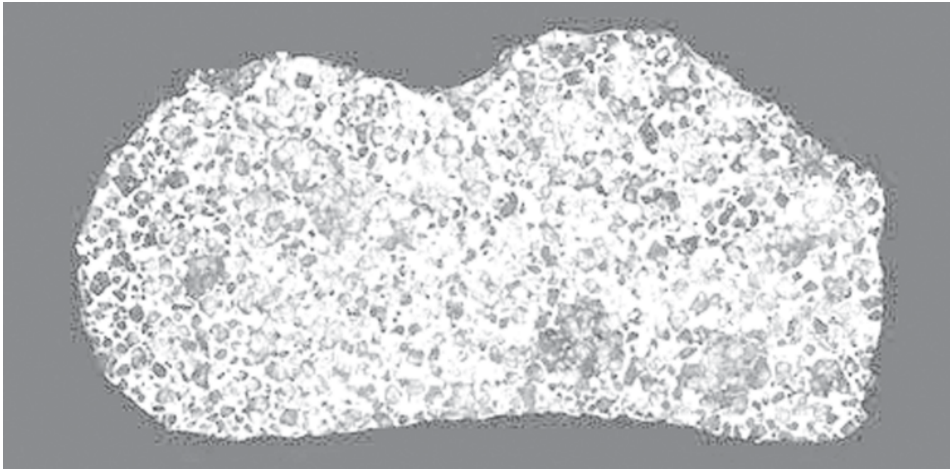
negligence of Dominican airports, ports and border authorities for the problem.

The Dominican Republic exports at least one million eggs and hundreds of thousands of chickens to Haiti every day.

MNA/Xinhua



Liquid Crystal Display (LCD) televisions made with LG.Philips LCDs are displayed at a market in Seoul on 14 Jan, 2008.—INTERNET



File photo shows a complete slice of a meteorite that fell to Earth near Fukang, northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region in 2000. The rare 22-pound (10,150 grams) meteorite will be offered in a public auction on 20 Jan, 2008 by Heritage Auction Galleries of Dallas, Texas. It is valued at about 150,000 US dollars.—INTERNET

Chile asks Peru to be prudent on maritime dispute

SANTIAGO, 14 Jan — Chilean Foreign Minister Alejandro Foxley urged Peru on Friday to act prudently before it presses its claim on disputed maritime boundaries with Chile at The Hague's International Court.

Foxley said Peru's demand in The Hague could raise certain voices in Peru that "tend to exacerbate things with comments that lack bases".

We are not going to fall

Moderate quake jolts eastern Indonesia

JAKARTA, 13 Jan— An earthquake with magnitude of 5.5 rocked eastern parts of Indonesia on Saturday, no report of damages or casualty, meteorology agency said here.

The quake struck at 17:13 Jakarta time (1013 GMT) with epicentre at 338 southeast North Sulawesi Province and at 30 kilometres in depth, an official of the agency told Xinhua.

In 2004, over 170,000 people were dead in Aceh Province in northern tip of Sumatra Island after a tsunami triggered by a powerful quake devastated coastal areas of the province and other countries in southeast Asia.

MNA/Xinhua

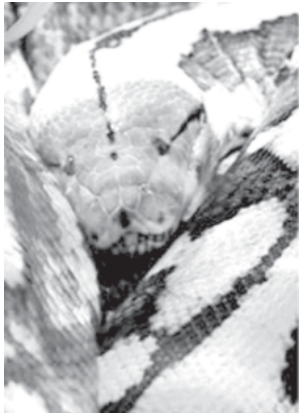
in the trap of a same game," said Foxley, adding that the Chilean Government is not going to give in not even "one millimetre in what has been Chile's position for almost 50 years".

The Chilean Govern-

ment on Thursday formed a consultant team composed of international law experts and former foreign ministers, including some from the former military regimes. gantic python-gantic python

MNA/Xinhua

World's longest captive snake on display in US



Fluffy, a gigantic python thought to be the world's longest captive snake, will be on permanent display at the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium. —INTERNET

BEIJING, 14 Jan— Fluffy, a gigantic python thought to be the world's longest captive snake, will be permanent display at the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium, US, media reported Monday.

The 7.3-metre reticulated python is about as long as a moving van and thick as a telephone pole.

The zoo bought Fluffy for 35,000 US dollars from its breeder in Oklahoma, which raised the python from a hatchling.

While on loan last year, the snake wowed zoo visitors and helped make last year's 1.53 million

attendance the second highest on record, said Pete Fingerhut, the zoo's associate director.

The biggest year was 2006, with 1.56 million visitors.

Fluffy is on display in a some 8-metre enclosure with a pool and a few plants, where he eats two huge rabbits a week.

In the wild, pythons native to Asia eat whatever they can catch, starting with mice and lizards when they're small and graduating to pigs and goats. There are a few reports of human victims.

Internet

Iran to settle atom inquiry issues within month

VIENNA, 14 Jan— Iran agreed to answer remaining questions about its past covert nuclear activities within a month during talks with the International Atomic Energy Agency chief, the UN watchdog said on Sunday.

For the first time, Tehran also gave Mohamed ElBaradei information about its work to develop an advanced centrifuge able to enrich uranium much faster than the old breakdown-prone model it uses now, the IAEA.

There was no sign Iran had budged from its refusal to suspend enrichment or end curbs on IAEA inspections, steps Western powers say would do more to defuse a standoff over the Islamic

republic's nuclear activity.

ElBaradei met Iranian leaders over two days last week to push for swifter cooperation to wrap up a long-running IAEA inquiry into the past and shed light on Iran's current programme, which the West suspects will yield atom bombs.

Iran says it wants to refine uranium only for electricity.

ElBaradei is anxious to see a standoff between

Iran and Western powers over its nuclear ambitions settled peacefully, a concern underscored by a US-Iranian naval incident in the Gulf a week ago which has fanned tensions.

After years of stonewalling that helped lead to UN sanctions, Iran agreed in August to clarify questions about its nuclear past, a process called the "work plan", within months.

MNA/Reuters



A model displays a creation from South Korean designer Lim Hyunhee's Fall/Winter 2008 collection during Hong Kong Fashion Week on 15 Jan, 2008.—INTERNET

Migrant workers, 7.6% satisfied with social status in China

BEIJING, 14 Jan— Only 7.6 per cent of migrant workers in China are satisfied with their social status, according to a survey carried out by Shanghai's Fudan University.

The survey, which questioned 30,000 migrant workers in major Chinese cities, found 68 per cent of migrant workers believed urbanites did not fully accept them or accept them at all.

The report also showed that working overtime was common for migrant workers — more than 80 per cent worked more than eight hours a day and 18 per cent worked more than ten hours.

Only 16.4 per cent of migrant workers had more than five days a month off and 55 per cent had less than two days off a month, it said.

Working overtime with little holiday made migrant workers tired so accidents easily occur, it said.

Exhaustion prevented them from having time to study thus few opportunities were available, it added.

All these factors made migrant workers unsatisfied with their urban life, it concluded.

The report also revealed that China's migrant workers' incomes rose in 2007. —MNA/Xinhua



This undated photo released by Paramount Pictures shows Harrison Ford (left) as Indiana Jones, co-starring with Shia LaBeouf in 'Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull.' —INTERNET

Top US officer wants to shut down Guantanamo

GUANTANAMO BAY US NAVAL BASE (Cuba), 14 Jan—The top US military officer said on Sunday he would like to see the detention centre at Guantanamo Bay closed because its image has damaged America's international standing.

"I'd like to see it shut down," said Admiral Mike Mullen. "I believe that from the standpoint of how it reflects on us that it's been pretty damaging."

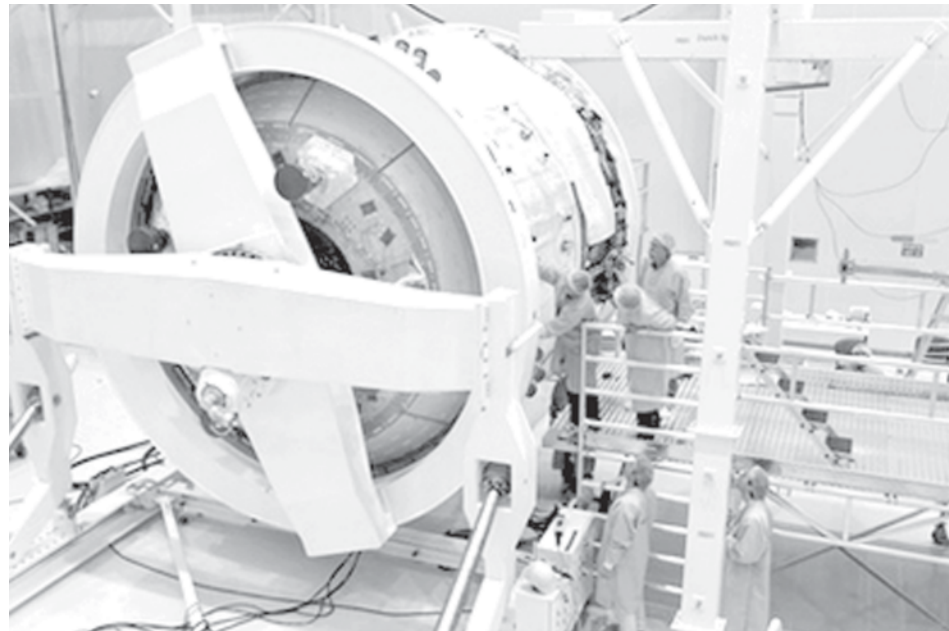
But Mullen, the chairman of the US military's Joint Chiefs of Staff, said closing the prison posed major legal problems.

"There are enormous challenges associated with that," he said. "There are enormously complex, complicating legal issues that are way out of my purview."

Many governments, including close US allies, have urged Washington to shut the detention centre for terrorism suspects, which took in its first inmates almost exactly six years ago. Since then, only one prisoner has been convicted through the system of war crimes tribunals set up to try Guantanamo inmates, and that was the result of a plea bargain.

President George W Bush and other top US officials have said they would like to close the camp but only when they have found a satisfactory way to do so.

MNA/Reuters



Scientists assemble the Automated Transfer Vehicle (ATV) at a factory in Kourou, French Guiana.—INTERNET

Syria condemns all forms of terrorism

DAMASSCU, 15 Jan—Syrian Information Minister Mohsen Bilal affirmed on Sunday that his country condemned all forms of terrorism, including the "state terrorism" exercised by Israel in the occupied Arab lands.

Bilal made the remarks while meeting with participants in the Conference of Dialogue of Civilizations and Religions, according to the official SANA news agency.

"Some groups in the western world attempted to distort the image of Islam and link it to terrorism," Bilal was quoted as saying, asserting that Islam is a religion of compassion and tolerance.

"A terrorist is a criminal on the human level... terrorism has no religion or nationality or creed and has nothing to do with Islam," added the minister.

MNA/Xinhua

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

New S Korean leader ready for summit with North

SEOUL, 15 Jan—South Korea's president-elect said on Monday he was willing to meet North Korean leader Kim Jong-il if it would help in ending

his reclusive neighbour's nuclear weapons programme. Lee Myung-bak, who takes office on 25 February, has pledged to take a tough line with Pyongyang, but also said he would implement a massive aid package for the impoverished state if it abandons nuclear arms.

"The leaders of the South and the North can meet any time if it helps in the dismantling of North Korean nuclear pro-

grammes and with other affairs," Lee told a news conference. Outgoing President Roh Moo-hyun, criticized for giving away too much to North Korea for little in return, met the North's leader last October for only the second summit between the two states that remain technically at war, having ended their 1950-53 conflict with a ceasefire instead of a peace treaty.

MNA/Reuters



An oil drilling platform in the North Sea. Oil prices jumped on 14 Jan, 2008 amid tensions in key crude producers Iran and Nigeria that offset concerns that US oil demand could decline amid economic uncertainty, traders said.—INTERNET

Five dead in Russian apartment blast

Moscow, 15 Jan—A gas explosion killed five people at an apartment block in southern Russia on Monday, a regional emergency services spokeswoman said. Rescuers said four apartments in Zheleznovodsk, a spa resort 1,500 kilometres (930 miles) south of Moscow at the foot of the Caucasus Mountains, were destroyed in the blast, news agency TASS reported. Nearly 60 people were forced from their homes.

"It is likely that there are still four trapped in the rubble," TASS quoted an emergency services worker saying. The spokeswoman in Stavropol said emergency workers had rescued eight people so far.— MNA/Reuters

Iran hits out at "adventure-seeking" US in Mideast

TEHERAN, 14 Jan—Iran accused the United States on Sunday of "adventure-seeking" policies in the Middle East and said Washington owed the region an apology for fooling its people over a naval incident in the Gulf last week.

The two foes have stepped up a war of words since the 6 January incident, when Washington says Iranian speed boats threatened US ships in the Strait of Hormuz, a vital oil transport route. Iran says it was a routine

identification.

The increase in tension coincides with a Middle East tour by US President George W Bush, who is seeking Arab support in reining in Iran and has repeated his assertion that the Islamic Republic was a "threat to world peace".

Foreign Ministry spokesman Mohammad Ali Hosseini said Iran had acted with restraint over the incident but the United States sought to use it to paint the Islamic state in a negative light.

"What we witnessed

shows that some circles inside the United States are still pursuing its adventure-seeking policies," Hosseini told a news conference. His comments were translated into English by Iran's Press TV satellite station.

"But their plans fell flat and we advise them not to pursue such policies of fooling the people in the region and now I think they have to apologize to the people of the region and also to the American nation," he said.

MNA/Reuters



Three golden monkeys (rhinopithecus roxellanae) from China play before visitors in a zoo in Gyeonggi-Do, S Korea, on 14 Jan, 2008.—XINHUA

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win meets ...

(from page 16)

At Pruhsa Township People's Hospital, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win, the commander and party inspected the generation of power with the use of solar system and patient wards. Lt-Gen Kyaw Win presented gifts to the patients.

Next, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win met with servicemen and their families at the hall of Pruhsa Station and gave instructions on regional development tasks.

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win, the commander and party looked into maintenance tasks along Pruhsa-Dimawhso-Loikaw road.

At the hall of Ngwetaung station, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win met with servicemen and their families and gave necessary instructions.

Next, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win inspected progress of construction of Loikaw Technological University and heard reports presented by officials.

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win presented K 600,000 for school uniforms of the faculty members of the university to Acting Principal Dr Theingi Shwe.

MNA

Commander Maj-Gen Wai Lwin inspects hockey kits.

(News Reported) —MHF



President of MSFD leaves for Thailand

YANGON, 15 Jan — President of Myanmar Sports Federation for the Disabled Col Htay Naing together with Lt-Col Tin Maung Hlaing left here by air yesterday to discharge duties as leader

of the Myanmar Sports Team for the Disabled at the 4th ASEAN Para Games to be held in Thailand from 20 to 26 January and to attend the Meeting of the Board of Governors.

They were seen off at Yangon International Airport by executives of the federation and officials of the Sports and Physical Education Department.

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Myanmar New Stars Industry holds get-together

YANGON, 15 Jan — The fifth get-together and prize presentation ceremony of Myanmar New Stars Industry Co Ltd was held at Traders Hotel (Ballroom), here, on 6 January evening.

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Stars Industry Co Ltd is sole agent to distribute SuperPower brand engine oil and lubricant of Nedham AL Janahi Trading of the UAE to the whole nation.

On the occasion, Managing Director U The

Naing of Myanmar New Stars Industry Co Ltd and Managing Director Mr Syed Sajjde Haidar gave speeches.

Responsible persons presented prizes to outstanding sale agents and gifts to the guests. — MNA



Good deed

Good is the doing of that deed, having done which one does not repent and the result of which one experiences with delight and with a happy mind.

Dhammapada 68

Ingapu Township gets hospital, digital auto exchange

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Jan—The opening of Ingapu Township People's Hospital took place at the

medical facility yesterday morning.

Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Brig-Gen Kyaw Swe, Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint, Secretariat Member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw, USDA CEC Member Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung attended the ceremony.

Minister Dr Kyaw Myint, Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung and wellwisher U Thein Win formally opened the building. The commander unveiled the signboard of the facility. The

commander and ministers inspected the new hospital.

U Thein Win-Daw Tin Lat Min and family donated K 196.5 million to build the 100-foot-long and 32-foot-wide reinforced concrete typetwo-storey building and to install in it an ECG machine, Nebulizer brand blood glucometre, suction machine, respiratory device, dental chair and accessories, TV, refrigerator, operation theatre fluorescent lamps and beds.

The commander and ministers attended the ceremony to open Ingapu digital auto exchange of the Myanma Posts and Telecommunications under the Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs. Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw and Minister Dr Kyaw Myint and Minister Brig-Gen

Thein Aung formally opened the digital auto exchange.

The 400-line exchange was built at a cost of K 40 million contributed by the ministry.

They attended the opening of Ingapu Township People's Hospital and digital auto exchange and delivered speeches.

The wellwisers handed the documents related to the hospital to Director-General of the Department of Health Dr Zin Win Maung. Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw presented an ECG machine to the command, three computer sets to Ingapu Basic Education High School, and U Thein Win and wellwishers, K 8 million to the trust funds of the hospital.—MNA



Commander Brig-Gen Kyaw Swe, Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw, Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung and Minister Dr Kyaw Myint visit Digital Auto Exchange Office in Ingapu. — FORESTRY

MES paper-reading session 19 Jan

YANGON, 15 Jan— The Energy and Renewable Energy Committee of the Myanmar Engineering

Society will organize the paper-reading session No 1/2008 on the ground floor of the Seminar Room of the MES at Universities (Hline Campus) in Hline Township from 9 am to 11 am on 19 January.

General Secretary of the MES (Chairman of

Energy and Renewable Energy Committee) U Win Khaing will submit the paper entitled Geothermal Resources and Technology: An Introduction at the paper-reading session.

Interested persons may attend the session.

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Fifth get-together ceremony of Myanmar New Stars Industry Co Ltd in progress. — MNA



Lt-Gen Tin Aye and Lt-Gen Myint Swe visit factory of Myanmar Brewery Ltd in Mingaladon Township. — MNA

Lt-Gen Tin Aye, Lt-Gen Myint Swe attend ceremony to mark achievement of Myanmar Brewery Ltd winning ISO certificate, open extended factory building

YANGON, 15 Jan — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Tin Aye of the Ministry of Defence and Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence attended the ceremony to mark the achievement of Myanmar Brewery Ltd that won first ISO 22000:2005

certificate in Myanmar at the compound of the factory of the company at No 45 on No 3 Highway near Pynmabin Industrial Zone in Mingaladon Township this morning.

General Manager Mr Peter Ong of Myanmar Brewery Ltd extended greetings. Food Inspector-

General Dr Law Yean Kok of BMTRADA UK praised Myanmar Brewery Ltd for its achievement in securing the ISO 22000:2005 certificate.

Technological Controller U Aung Aung of Myanmar Brewery Ltd reported on the utmost efforts made for obtaining

the certificate.

Lt-Gen Tin Aye, Mr Anthony Cheong of Group Company Secretary and Director of Fraser & Neave Ltd and Food Inspector-General Dr Law Yean Kok opened the ceremony to mark the obtaining of the certificate.

Lt-Gen Tin Aye, Mr Anthony Cheong, Dr Law Yean Kok, General Manager Mr Peter Ong and Chairman of Myanmar

Brewery Ltd Lt-Col Nay Win (Retd) posed for documentary photo.

Next, Dr Law Yean Kok handed over the certificate to General Manager Mr Peter Ong. Lt-Col Nay Win (Retd) presented gifts to Mr Law Yean Kok. Brewery Manager Mr Ronald Chng reported on the construction of extended building of the factory.

Lt-Gen Tin Aye

and Director Mr Anthony Cheong of Fraser & Neave Ltd formally opened the extended building.

Later, they visited the factory.

Also present on the occasion were senior military officers, Singapore Ambassador Mr Robert Chua, other ambassadors of foreign embassies and journalists.

MNA

54th Myanmar Medical Conference commences



Minister Dr Kyaw Myint views medicines and medical equipment displayed at the 54th Myanmar Medical Conference. — MNA

YANGON, 15 Jan — The opening ceremony of the 54th Myanmar Medical Conference was held at the lecture hall (A) at Myanmar Medical Association on Theinbyu Street, here, this morning.

Patron of MMA Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint delivered an opening address.

Minister Dr Kyaw Myint and Chairman of MMA Prof Dr Kyaw Myint Naing cut the ribbon to open the archway of the

Medicine and Medical Equipment Exhibition.

After the opening ceremony, the minister and party visited the exhibition. Also present on the occasion were Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win, vice-presidents of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association, representatives of medical associations of foreign countries, representatives

of UN agencies and officials.

The paper-reading session, the annual general meeting and the election of new executives of the MMA for 2008-09 will be held up to 22 January.

A total of 50 medical educative papers will be submitted to the paper-reading session. In addition, 12 medical seminars and medical poster exhibition will be staged.

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Minister visits auto-exchanges in Ayeyawady Division

YANGON, 15 Jan — Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw inspected installation of auto-exchange in Ngathaingyaung,

Ayeyawady Division yesterday.

Officials of Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications reported on installation of the auto-exchange and other

equipment to the minister.

The minister also looked into installation of auto-exchange in Yekyi, Kyonpyaw and Athoke and fulfilled the requirements.

MNA

Condensed milk, milk powder donated to hospital

YANGON, 15 Jan, Pahtama Group Company Ltd donated seven cartons of Isomil 900 gm brand condensed milk and three cartons of Similac 400 gm brand condensed milk powder worth K3.6 million for child patients and infants to No 1 Defence Services Obstetrics and Gynaecology and Children's Hospital (300-bed) here yesterday noon.

After accepting the donations, Commandant of the hospital Professor Col Ohn Maung Maung spoke words of thanks and presented certificate of honour to the wellwisher.

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Commandant Prof Col Ohn Maung Maung accepts milk powder donated by Pahtama Group Company Limited.

MNA

It is important for writers to enhance prestige of nation and people with good, high ideas and national outlook

Second literary award-presentation of Tun Foundation held

YANGON, 15 Jan — The second literary award-presentation of Tun Foundation for 2007 was held at Myanmar Banks Association building on Sibin Road in Yankin Township this morning, attended by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win.

Also present were Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, Yangon

Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, heads of department, Chairman of Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association and executive committee members, Chairman of Tun Foundation Bank and members of the board of directors, Patrons of Tun Foundation Literary Award Selection Committee, officials of Myanmar Language Commission, Myanmar Historical Commission, Myanmar Academy of Arts and Science, Myanmar Medical

Council, Myanmar Artists and Artisans Asiayon, Myanmar Photographic Society and literati.

Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan said that as today is the media age every nation is facing penetration of the media and the media has influence on the people especially the young. The power of the media may cause either progress or ruin.

He stressed the importance of the use of the media for correct purposes and efforts for



Commander Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win presents prize to Moe Moe Tarrawsan. — MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan presents prize to Daw Kyan. — MNA

Old students of UM-1 pay respects to former faculty members

YANGON, 15 Jan — The fourth respect-paying ceremony and get-together of the old students who passed matriculation examination in 1963 and got degrees from University of Medicine-

1 were held at Park Royal Hotel on Yaw Mingyi Road here this morning.

At the ceremony, Dr Khin Saw Hla extended greetings. Afterwards, the old students paid respects to the former faculty

members and presented gifts to them. Professors U Hla Myint, Daw Khin Than Nu, U Khin Maung Win, U Ko Win and U Thein Ouk Kyaw Myint gave words of advice to the old students.

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Old students of University of Medicine-1 pay respects to retired faculty members. —H

serving national interest. He said the government annually presents literary awards including the National Literary Award for progress of literary world. He said he was glad to see that private organizations also present literary awards for the development of literature. The government is making efforts in the interest of the nation and the people, he said.

The minister spoke of the need to protect the national interest with the power of the media. He said it is important for writers to enhance the prestige of the nation and the people with good, high ideas and national outlook.

He thanked Tun

Foundation that contributes towards the development of Myanmar literature and improvement of knowledge and reasoning power through the literature.

Chairman of Tun Foundation Bank U Thein Tun explained the purpose of the literary award.

Chairman of Tun Foundation Literary Award Selection Committee retired ambassador U Thet Tun and Secretary U Myo Thant (Maung Hsu Shin) reported on selection of the awards and brief remarks of the committee.

Next, Commander Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win, Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin,

Chairman U Thein Tun, Chairman of MWJA U Hla Myaing (Ko Hsaung) and officials of the foundation presented awards to Moe Moe Tarrawsan, Daw Kyan, Win Maung (Tan-pawady), U Tun Yi, Dr Toe Hla, U Soe Thein (Maung Wuntha), Dr Soe Lwin, Khin Khin Htoo, Junior Win, Minbu Aung Kyaing, Mya Mya Cho (Pyo), Hla Toe (Psycho) and Maung Nwe Than for their works in respective categories.

Next, Chairman U Thein Tun presented gifts to U Thet Tun for members of Tun Foundation Literary Award Selection Committee. The commander, the minister and guests posed for documentary photos.—MNA



Chairman of Tun Foundation Bank U Thein Tun presents prize to U Tun Yi. — MNA

Images of the Day



Bulgarian dancers, called "kukeri," perform a ritual dance in the village of Elov Dol, some 50 kms southwest of Sofia.

INTERNET



A handout photograph made available on 15 Jan, 2008 shows six large elongated raptor eggs. The raptors were small carnivorous dinosaurs that hunted in packs. The fossilised eggs are part of an illegal haul of 750 kilograms (1,653 pounds) of fossils imported into Australia and returned to China at a ceremony in Canberra on Tuesday.—INTERNET

Japanese robot designer Tomotake Takahashi, center, holds his robot EVOLTA, powered by Panasonic's Evolta batteries, shown by models, after the batteries were certified as the world's longest-lasting AA alkaline battery cell by Guinness Book of World Records during a press conference in Tokyo on 15 Jan, 2008.

INTERNET



News in Brief

Marion Cotillard wins acting Golden Globe

BEVERLY HILLS (California), 15 Jan— French actress Marion Cotillard won the Golden Globe Award on Sunday as best actress in a movie musical for her role as legendary singer Edith Piaf in the subtitled biopic "La Vie En Rose".

The Golden Globes, announced in a Press conference format this year after the screenwriters strike forced cancellation of the usual ceremony, are considered a key stop on the road to the film industry's highest honours, the Academy Awards.

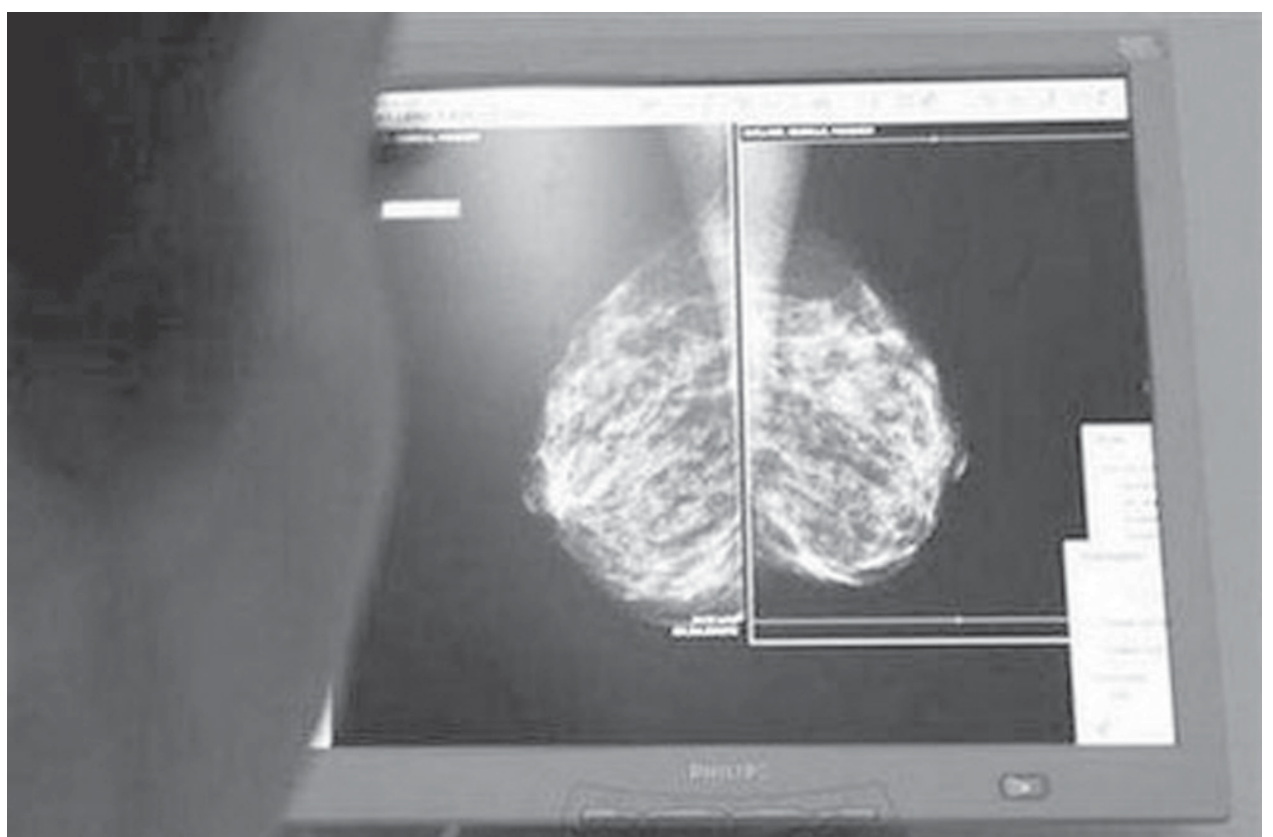
MNA/Reuters

Waving at girls costs Australian man his arm

CANBERRA, 15 Jan— An Australian man who waved out of a car window at two young women was expected to lose his arm on Monday after it was almost severed by another passing vehicle.

The 20-year-old was a passenger in a pick-up truck at Bunbury, in Western Australia state, when he waved at two women in a car wash. But as he put his arm out the driver made a right hand turn and the man's limb was struck and almost torn off by an oncoming four-wheel-drive.

"His left arm was partially severed and doctors believe the limb may need to be amputated," police said. — MNA/Reuters



A doctor examines mammograms, a special type of X-ray of the breasts used to detect tumours as part of a regular cancer-prevention medical check-up, at a clinic in Nice, France. Hormone replacement therapy can raise the risk of an uncommon type of breast cancer fourfold after just three years, US researchers reported on Monday.—INTERNET

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The marriage is announced between
Mg Tun Hlaing @ David Tun,
Son of U Than Chaung & Daw Ohn Hlaing of
No.755, Anawmar 9th Street, Ward 13, South
Okkalapa Township, Yangon
and
Ma Than Than Swe
daughter of (U Aung Than) & Daw Than Kyi
Taungmu Chaung Village, Dedaye Township,
Ayeyawadi Division on Thursday, 28th of
December 2007 of the permission of both
parents.
Mg Tun Hlaing @ David Tun, Ma Than Than Swe
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P. O. Box 60, Yangon.
Dated: 16 January 2008

**Beijing has
295,000
overweight kids**

BEIJING, 14 Jan—About 295,000 Beijing children are overweight and more are suffering from obesity-related diseases, a new survey shows.

The three-year survey by the Capital Institute of Pediatrics (CIP) also revealed that 8.4 percent of the 23,400 respondents aged below 18 were obese. This was equal to 231,000 youngsters in the city.

In addition, nine percent of the respondents were troubled with high blood pressure. Another 9.8 percent had cholesterol problems, Monday's Beijing Morning Post cited the survey as saying.

Such chronic ailments that are commonly found in adults have been increasingly affecting young people, said Mi Jie, an expert with the CIP, the survey organizer.

The poll, which involved an investment of nearly 6 million yuan (about 822,000 US dollars), is considered to be the most authoritative research on child health in Beijing to date.

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MINISTRY OF RAIL TRANSPORTATION
MYANMA RAILWAYS
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1. Sealed Tenders are invited by Myanma Railways, for supply of the following Stores which will be purchased in Myanmar Kyat;

Sr.No	Tender No.	Description	Quantity
i.	12(T)29/MR(ML) 2007-2008	Spare Parts for Diesel Electric Locomotive & Diesel Hydraulic Locomotive (Filters, RACOR Turbine Assembly SACM Spares, Bosch, MTU Spares & Electrical Switches)	(20-Items)
(ii)	12(T)31/MR(ML) 2007-2008	Spare Parts for New Construction of Locomotives (Spares for Pneumatic, Wheel & Axle, Bogie Frame, Brake Equipments, Cooling Group and Electrical Parts)	(243-Items)
(iii)	12(T)32/MR(ML) 2007-2008	Steel Wire Rope for 60 Ton Rail Mobile Crane	(8-Items) (1-Lot)

Closing Date/Time - 29.2.2008 (Friday) (12:00) Hours

2. Tender documents are available at the office of the Deputy General Manager (Supply), Myanma Railways, Corner of 51st Street and Merchant Street, Botahtaung, Yangon starting from 16.1.2008 during the office hours.

3. For further details please call: 01-291982, 291985 (201555 Ext 601, 605)

Deputy General Manager

Supply Department, Myanma Railways, Botahtaung, Yangon

China to improve nutrition labelling on food

BEIJING, 14 Jan—China will require basic nutritional labelling on all food packaging from 1 May and go after companies that hype up their products as having special health benefits, according to a new government directive. Labels will be required to show how much protein, fat, carbohydrate and sodium is in a food, and may also show the cholesterol, sugar and vitamin content, the Health Ministry said in a statement on its website (<http://www.moh.gov.cn>). — MNA/Reuters

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ဥက္ကဋ္ဌ
ပစ္စည်းဝယ်ယူရောင်းချရေးအဖွဲ့

သစ်တောသစ်ပင် ချစ်ခင်တဲ့လူမျိုး။

သစ်ပင်ကို နှစ်စဉ်စိုက်

ရွှေတိုက်ကိုစိုး။

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ချိပ်ပိတ်ဈေးနှုန်းလွှာခေါ်ယူခြင်း

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ပစ္စည်းဝယ်ယူရေးအဖွဲ့



A maglev train runs in this on 25 Sept, 2006 file photo in Shanghai, China. Shanghai officials said on 14 Jan, 2008, they were seeking public opinion on plans to extend a magnetic levitation train through the city.—INTERNET

Brazil plays down mass yellow fever outbreak

BRASILIA, 14 Jan—Brazil's Health Minister on Sunday played down a mass yellow fever outbreak in spite of two confirmed deaths caused by the disease. No cases of infection among urban citizens have been reported since 1942, said Jose Gomes Tem-porao, adding that those few who died in rural areas were without vaccinations, he said.

The minister said the government will do everything to ensure vaccination supplies.

Twenty-six suspected cases of yellow fever have been found in Brazil since the end of 2007, two of whom have died after testing positive.

A 23-year-old man has been quarantined recently on suspicion of having developed yellow fever in Sao Paulo state, local media reported on Sunday.

Ramiro Fonseca complained of pain throughout this body, as well as diarrhoea, severe headaches and high fever.

MNA/Xinhua

More women taking folic acid, more need to

BEIJING, 14 Jan—More American women are taking daily supplements of folic acid, a B vitamin crucial to prevent some major birth defects, but the number remains too low, federal health officials said on Thursday.

Forty percent of women ages 18 to 45 said in a survey last year that they took the supplements each day, the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said in a report. That compares to 28 percent in 1995, the CDC said. "A lot of women are not getting enough folic acid," said CDC epidemi-

ologist Heather Hamner, who worked on the report.

CDC researchers were most concerned about women ages 18 to 24. They had the lowest reported daily use of supplements containing folic acid, at 30 percent, and also had the least awareness of the need for folic acid, the CDC said.

"These women have the highest rate of unintended pregnancies and comprise about a third of all births in the US. So it's really important that we target our efforts to this age group," Hamner said in a telephone

interview.

The CDC analyzed a 2007 survey by the Gallup Organization in which 2,003 women 18 to 45 years were questioned about folic acid.

The rate had reached 40 percent in 2004 before falling to 33 percent in 2005. Figures for 2006 do not exist.

Folic acid helps the body make healthy new cells. It is important that women get enough of it before and during a pregnancy to prevent major birth defects involving a baby's brain or spine.—INTERNET



Three girls dressed in kimono attend the ceremony of Coming of Age Day at Tokyo Disneyland in Chiba, Japan, on 14 Jan, 2008.—XINHUA

133 injured in ferry collision accident near Macao

MACAO, 14 Jan — Some 133 passengers were injured when two high-speed ferries, bound for Hong Kong and Macao respectively, collided with each other Friday night off the Macao coast, said the Maritime Administration official of the Macao Special Administrative Region (SAR).

The accident occurred at 8:30 pm, about five nautical miles off the Macao coast.

There was dense fog in the area at the time of collision.

Among the injured passengers, 19 were badly injured, and no deaths were reported, said Susana Wong Soi Man, director of the Maritime Administration.

Ten members of the crew on board the two ves-

sels were also injured.

The injured were admitted to two hospitals in Macao. More than 400 passengers were on board the two ships when the accident happened.

The two TurboJet

hydrofoil ferries were run by the Hong Kong-based ShunTak-China Travel Ship Management Limited, which provides ferry services between Macao and Hong Kong.

MNA/Xinhua

Museum of American Finance reopens on Wall Street

NEW YORK, 14 Jan—The Museum of American Finance reopened to the public on Wall Street

Friday to raise awareness of domestic and international visitors to make more effective financial decisions.

Located in the historic former headquarters of the Bank of New York, the museum features a majestic banking hall, state-of-the-art financial education centre, auditorium, library and research facility.

Formerly located in modest space on Broadway, the museum has a 20-year lease on its much larger home on Wall Street.

It has been renovating and restoring the landmarked space, as well as creating engaging and interactive permanent

exhibitions on the subjects of the financial markets, money, banking, entrepreneurship and Alexander Hamilton.

According to CEO Lee Kjelleren, the move to Wall Street will enable the museum to expand its reach significantly, giving New Yorkers, as well as national and international visitors, an increased awareness to make more effective financial decisions. "As the only public and independent museum of finance, we are proud to be a guardian of America's collective financial memory, while also serving as an interpreter of current financial issues," Kjelleren said.—MNA/Xinhua



Pigeons expert Chung Rong from Shanghai promotes China at the world's biggest carrier pigeon exhibition in Dortmund, Germany, on 12 Jan, 2008.—INTERNET

SPORTS

Liverpool owners admit to Klinsmann meeting

LONDON, 15 Jan — Liverpool's American owners met former Germany manager Juergen Klinsmann in November to discuss the possibility of him replacing Rafael Benitez, chairman Tom Hicks said on Monday.

Hicks admitted they had sounded out Klinsmann, who has since been appointed as Bayern Munich boss from next season, but said they had now given Benitez their full backing after a meeting with the Spaniard.

"In November, when it appeared we were in danger of not advancing in the Champions League, weren't playing well in our Premier League matches, and Rafa and we were having communication issues over the January transfer window, George and I met with Juergen Klinsmann to learn as much as we could about English and European football," Hicks told the Liverpool Echo.—MNA/Reuters

South Africa win African Nations Cup warm-up

DURBAN, 14 Jan — Veteran striker Sibusiso Zuma spared South Africa's blushes after a goalless first half, scoring in the 62nd minute as the 2010 World Cup hosts struggled to beat Mozambique 2-0 in a friendly on Sunday.

"It was not exactly what we were looking for, we missed a lot of opportunities and we could have had more penetration," said South Africa coach Carlos Alberto Parreira. "We expect to improve in the next game."

South Africa's strike force squandered numerous opportunities in the first of two warm-up games ahead of next week's African Nations Cup finals in Ghana before German-based Zuma broke the deadlock against their neighbours. —MNA/Reuters

China humiliated by Germans but chief still confident

BEIJING, 15 Jan — China's soccer chief remained confident of his team's Olympic chances despite a 7-2 drubbing at the hands of German club Bayern Munich at the weekend.

The under-23 side's humiliation at the Allianz Arena made it a bad weekend all round for Chinese football as the senior had earlier been beaten 4-0 by SV Hamburg in the Dubai Challenge Cup in the United Arab Emirates.

"The team's performance today is ac-

ceptable," Xie Yalong told the Chinese Football Association (CFA) website.

"Everybody has done their best. The major task for the team is the preparation for this August's Olympics, closing the gap on the strong teams."

Serbian coach Ratomir Djukovic, who has overall control of both squads but is concentrating on the Olympic campaign until August, was not so upbeat but said such results should be kept in perspective.—MNA/Reuters



File photo shows Oscar Pistorius of South Africa. The Paralympic champion has been told he cannot compete in the Beijing Olympics because the artificial legs he uses give him an unfair advantage.—INTERNET

UAE soccer president wins new term, despite quitting

BANGKOK, 15 Jan — Soccer in the United Arab Emirates was in disarray on Monday after the president of the country's soccer federation won a new four-year term he does not want to serve.

The UAE Football Association were due to hold an emergency meet-

ing on Monday to end a bizarre leadership crisis, which emerged after Yousuf Al Sarkal won an election from which he thought he had withdrawn.

Al Sarkal resigned on January 1 after five years in charge, but his club, Al Shabab, failed to inform election chiefs until after the nominations were submitted.

Since he was the only candidate in the polls, the federation's election commission announced that Al Sarkal had won, despite having quit the post citing personal reasons.

"Right now, he has resigned, but it's a sensitive issue," a senior UAE FA official told Reuters by telephone.

MNA/Reuters

Munua apologizes for punching Depor team mate

MADRID, 15 Jan — Deportivo Coruna's Gustavo Munua has apologized for attacking fellow goalkeeper Dudu Aouate during an argument after training last week.

Israel keeper Aouate needed several stitches around his left eye after the Uruguayan international punched him in the face during a dispute in the changing room on Friday.

"I want to apologize to my team mate Dudu Aouate, his family and everyone that knows him for the incident," Munua told a news conference on Monday. "I'm ashamed to be in this situation."

"We were arguing a bit and I lost it for 10 seconds. The truth is I never thought things would go so far -- it is very sad."

The day before, Aouate had told a news conference that it

was unfair he had been dropped as first-choice keeper.

After the incident, Deportivo coach Miguel Angel Lotina left both players out of the squad to play Villarreal and said they would remain on the sidelines for the rest of the season. But in a statement issued on the Deportivo website (www.canaldeportivo.com) on Monday, Lotina said he had decided to give the two players a week to resolve the matter before readmitting them to the squad.

"The first thing I have decided is that the two players will train apart from the rest of the team until January 21," said Lotina.

"They have got a week to show they can behave like adults and professionals, to settle their differences and clear everything up with the understanding that this cannot happen again."

MNA/Reuters



India's Sania Mirza hits a shot to Uzbekistan's Iroda Tulyaganova at the Australian Open tennis tournament in Melbourne on 15 Jan, 2008.—INTERNET

Milan coach hails Pato's partnership with Ronaldo

MILAN, 15 Jan — New AC Milan striker Pato benefited from Ronaldo's sparkling display in Sunday's 5-2 win over Napoli, according to coach Carlo Ancelotti. Ronaldo, making only his second appearance of the season, scored his first two goals of the campaign before fellow Brazilian Pato netted on his debut in Milan's first home league win this term.

Pato, 18, joined the European champions from Internacional in August but was ineligible until now. He made a nervous start in a packed San Siro but Ancelotti was still thrilled with the front pair.

"The performance of Ronaldo was the most surprising thing because he trained for very few days. He demonstrated his natural class and Pato took advantage of it," Ancelotti told radio Rai on Monday.

"Pato is a very mature boy for his age who is very cool and carefree. He really wanted to play because being unable to for six months weighed on him a little."

"He waited with patience, he had time to get to know his new team mates but before the match he said absolutely nothing," added Ancelotti, under pressure with Milan occupying a lowly 12th place in Serie A.

Fellow Brazilian Kaka also scored, leading Italian media to name the forward line KA-PA-RO on Monday. —MNA/Reuters



Serena Williams of the US returns a ball during the first round match against Jarmila Gajdosova of Australia in the women's singles in the Australia Open Tennis Tournament at Rod Laver Arena on 14 Jan, 2008. Serena Williams won 2-0 (6-3,6-3). —XINHUA

Former player Garitano takes charge at Zaragoza

MADRID, 15 Jan — Former player Ander Garitano was appointed coach of Real Zaragoza on Monday following the dismissal of coach Victor Fernandez.

Garitano, who had been in charge of one of the club's youth sides, was confident he could turn the team around after their recent run of poor form.

"I haven't the slightest doubt that I'm up to the job, I'm in good spirits and I'm confident that the team we've put together will be able to take this club forward," the 38-year-old told a news conference.

MNA/Reuters

New bird flu patient hospitalized in Indonesia

JAKARTA, 15 Jan — A 16-year-old patient suffering from bird flu has been admitted to Persahabatan Hospital in the Indonesian capital of Jakarta, bringing the total number of human cases to 109 in the country, local Press reported Monday.

The patient is a senior high school student identified only as YF from Jakarta's suburb of Bekasi.

His condition was very bad with acute pneumonia when he was brought to the hospital earlier Thursday, reported English newspaper *The Jakarta Post*.

MNA/Xinhua



Vietnamese to be vaccinated against cholera

HANOI, 15 Jan — Vietnam plans to vaccinate some 400,000 residents of Hanoi in the coming weeks, local newspaper *Youth* reported on Monday.

Under a plan submitted to the Vietnamese Health Ministry by the National Hygiene and Epidemiology, the residents of the capital's Thanh Xuan and Hoang Mai districts, which have many inadequate infrastructure works and immigrants, will be vaccinated against cholera before the approaching Lunar New Year festival in early February.

The last cholera vaccination in Hanoi was

conducted 20 years ago, the newspaper said.

The Health Ministry has warned acute diarrhoea poses a threat to the coming festival, following 17 cases of infections in Hanoi since the outbreak in Vietnam was announced to have ended on 25 December, 2007.

Between last October and December, acute diarrhoea was reported in 13 provinces and cities in Vietnam. Hanoi suffered the most with a majority of cases, few of which were tested positive to cholera virus.

There were about 2,000 acute diarrhoea cases with no fatalities in the capital late last year.

MNA/Xinhua

Chinese supermodel

Xiong Dailin graces a

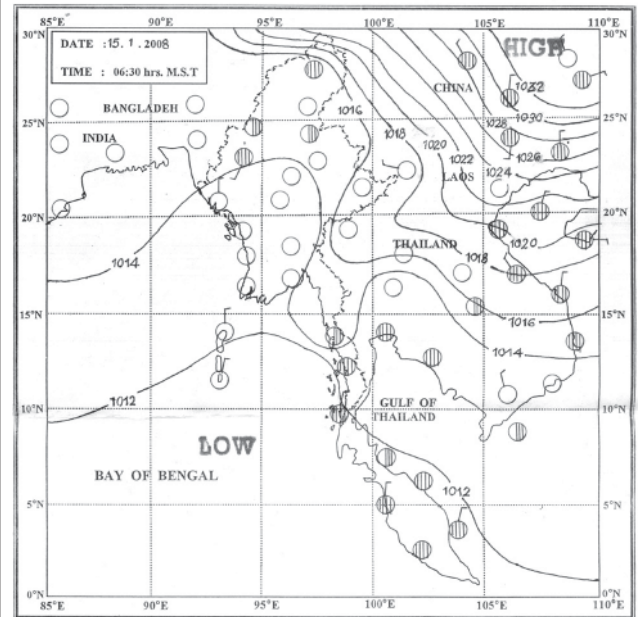
jewelry show in

Hong Kong on

Sunday, 13 Jan

2008. — INTERNET

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

DATE : 15. 1. 2008
TIME : 06:30 hrs. M.S.T

Legend:
 MODERATE (wavy line), ROUGH (zigzag line), VERY ROUGH (thick wavy line)
 calm (circle), 5 mph (circle with 5), 10 mph (circle with 10), 15 mph (circle with 15)
 clear sky (circle with dot), 1/4 covered (circle with 1/4 shaded), 1/2 covered (circle with 1/2 shaded), overcast (circle with horizontal lines)
 Thunder with rain (circle with lightning), Rain / Drizzle (circle with vertical lines)
 Pressure in hPa (circle with 'hPa'), Rainfall in mm (circle with 'mm')
 Low pressure area (circle with 'L'), Depression (circle with 'D'), Cyclonic Storm (circle with 'CS')

Tuesday, 15 January, 2008

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Taninthayi Division and generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions. Night temperatures were (8°C) below January average temperatures in Magway Division, (5°C) below January average temperatures in Chin State (4°C) below January average temperatures in Rakhine State and about January average temperatures in the remaining States and Divisions. The significant night temperatures were Hakha (-2°C) Namhsam, and Pinlaung (1°C) each, and Moekok and PyinOoLwin (4°C).

Maximum temperature on 14-1-2008 was 92°F. Minimum temperature on 15-1-2008 was 60°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 15-1-2008 was 82%. Total sunshine hours on 14-1-2008 was (8.0) hours approx.

Rainfall on 15-1-2008 was nil at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2008 was nil at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from Northeast at (16:30) hours MST on 14-1-2008.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 16-1-2008: Possibility of isolated rain in Kachin State, weather will be partly cloudy in Mon State, Upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions and generally fair in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (40%).

State of the sea: Easterly wind with moderate to rough sea are likely at times Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon — Taninthayi Coasts. Surface wind speed in squall may reach (35) mph. Seas will be slight elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

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

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 16-1-2008: Fair weather.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 16-1-2008: Fair weather.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 16-1-2008: Fair weather.



Wednesday, 16 January
View on today

- 7:00 am**
1. ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီးနိုင်ငံတော်သံဃာ့ မဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ရွက်ပေးအားပေးလာ ရှင်ဂုရုအဘိဓမ္မအဂ္ဂမဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မဇောတိကတိပိဋကဓရ၊ မေဗ္ဗာဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ဆရာတော် ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်
- 7:25 am**
2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am**
3. Morning news
- 7:40 am**
4. Nice and sweet song
- 7:50 am**
5. မြူးမြူးကြွကြွယဉ်ကျေးမှုအက
- 8:10 am**
6. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:15 am**
7. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

- 8:20 am**
8. မင်းလှရေလှောင်တံခံ
- 8:30 am**
9. International news
- 8:45 am**
10. Let's go
- 4:00 pm**
1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm**
2. Song for uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm**
3. အပေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေးရပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ-ဒုတိယနှစ် (ရက္ခဗေဒအထူးပြု) (ရက္ခဗေဒ)
- 4:45 pm**
4. Song of National races
- 5:00 pm**
5. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစကား
- 5:15 pm**
6. Classical Song
- 5:25 pm**
7. ရှုဖွယ်စုံလင်အာဆီယံအစီအစဉ်
- 5:35 pm**
8. ရသပေါ်လွင် သရုပ်ဆောင် လွင်ပြင်
- 6:00 pm**
9. Evening news

- 6:30 pm**
10. Weather report
- 6:35 pm**
11. မြန်မာလေ့ရိုးရာ လက်စွဲ
- 6:50 pm**
12. “သတင်းကောင်း” (သျှားညို၊ ဆုပန်ထွာ၊ ပွင့်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ညိုမင်းလွင်)
- 7:05 pm**
13.ထက်မြက်ပျော်ရွှင်အိမ်ထောင်ရှင်
- 7:25 pm**
14. The Mirror Images of Musical oldies
- 7:40 pm**
15.ယဉ်ကျေးမှုအမွေ သမိုင်း သက်ဆေး
- 7:50 pm**
16. ကြားမြင်သုတ ပြည့်ဝစေရာ စာပဒေသာ
- 8:00 pm**
17 .News
18. International news
19. Weather report
20. Franz Hararay's Magic Planet
21. Myanmar Video Feature
- “အလှူကောင်း” (မင်းမော်ကွန်း၊ နန္ဒာလှိုင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-စိုးကျော်ဆန်း)
22. The next day's programme



Wednesday, 16 January
Tune in today

- 8:30 am** Brief news
- 8:35 am** Music
-Good thing
- 8:40 am** Perspectives
- 8:45 am** Music
-You really got me now
- 8:50 am** National news/
Slogan
- 9:00 am** Music
-I'll be waiting there for you
- 9:05 am** International news
- 9:10 am** Music
-Lying from you
- 1:30 pm** News/ Slogan
- 1:40 pm** Lunch time music
-Just to have you
-Love me two times
- 9:00pm** Variations on tune
-Begin the beguine
- 9:10 p m** Article
- 9:30 pm** Music at your request
-To be loved
-My kind of girl
- 9:45 pm** News /Slogan
- 10:00 pm** PEL

People's Desire

- ★ We favour stability.
- ★ We favour peace.
- ★ We oppose unrest and violence.

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win meets personnel, local people in Pruhsso Local people urged to strive for ensuring perpetual existence of Union with Union Spirit



Lt-Gen Kyaw Win of Ministry of Defence inspects construction of Loikaw Technological University. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Jan —Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Kyaw Win of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by officials of the SPDC Office, arrived at Loikaw Airport yesterday. Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and party were welcomed there by Chairman of Shan State PDC Commander of Eastern Command Maj-Gen Thaug Aye, Chairman of Kayah State PDC Brig-Gen Nyunt Tin and military officers and departmental officials.

At the airport building, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win, Commander Maj-Gen Thaug Aye and party heard a report on maintenance of the runway, tarmacking

and works to be done for extension of the runway presented by an official and gave necessary instructions.

The 5,230 feet runway will be extended for another 1800 feet and plans are under way to carry out the tarmacking work.

Next, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and party visited Basic Education High School No 1 in Pruhsso and viewed learning of students at computer skill room and classrooms.

At Tawwin Thazin hall of Pruhsso, officials and local people reported on progress of regional

development tasks to Lt-Gen Kyaw Win. The commander made a supplementary report.

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win stressed the need to make efforts for prevalence of peace and tranquillity and development of the region in cooperation with the State. Two universities including Technological University are being built by the State for regional development in the state and it is necessary for the people to realize the goodwill of the government, he added. He urged the local people to strive for ensuring perpetual existence of the Union with Union Spirit.

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