

People who cherish motherland are to be on the road — the seven-step Road Map

The seven-step Road Map has already been announced. So, all national races have to steadfastly pursue it for the emergence of a modern and developed nation with flourishing discipline. All the people who cherish the motherland are to march forward through the programme with Union Spirit and the spirit of national unity.

Senior General Than Shwe
Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council
Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services

(From message sent on the occasion of 60th Anniversary Union Day)



Prime Minister General Thein Sein on inspection tour of Haka, Matupi, Mindat

Human resource development essential to undertake regional development task

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Feb — Chairman of Work Committee for Development of Border Areas and National Races Prime Minister General Thein Sein together with member of the State Peace and Development

Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint, Maj-Gen Khin Zaw of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Sagaing Division PDC Commander of North-West Command Brig-Gen Myint Soe, the ministers and the

deputy ministers, Chairman of Chin State PDC Brig-Gen Hong Ngai, the director-general of the Government Office and departmental heads yesterday (See page 5)



Prime Minister General Thein Sein meets with departmental personnel, social organization members and townsenders in Matupi.—MNA

Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

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

PERSPECTIVES

Friday, 8 February, 2008

Make continued efforts for better longevity of the people

Nowadays, tuberculosis and malaria are rearing their ugly heads again in the world, while HIV/AIDS is spreading in the world countries. Accordingly, each and every country is mobilizing their national forces to their utmost in addressing their health problems and outbreak of some common diseases.

Myanmar, like other countries, is engaged in the plans for prevention and control of HIV/AIDS, as a national task. In the process, AIDS patients are given drugs that can prevent the spread of HIV, and family members of the patients are provided with health care and consolation. Moreover, medical tests are being done in various regions, especially in the regions where infection rate is high.

That is not all. The nation is working together with WHO, and local and foreign social organizations to prevent and control leprosy, polio, TB and malaria in it. As a result, Myanmar is now free from some fatal diseases and those involving disabilities.

As part of the drive, the government is striving for elimination of leprosy. The disease can be cured by administering MDT, however, some patients may be physically disfigured. Therefore, serious attention is given to rehabilitation of the patients such as prevention against disabilities, rehabilitation of disabled persons, dissemination of health education for taking self health care, and conducting suitable vocational training courses.

Tasks for prevention against leprosy and rehabilitation of lepers were carried out in 20 towns of eight states and divisions in 2007. Plans are under way to carry out rehabilitation work in 20 more townships yearly. The Ministry of Health is working hard in collaboration with WHO, UN agencies and social organizations inside and outside the nation for uplift of health and fitness standards of the entire nation. So, outbreak rates of various diseases will be on the decrease and the people will enjoy better longevity soon.



Mr Tang Zhengping speaks at training Workshop on Emergency Preparedness and Disease Control on HPAI.— MNA

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

Lt-Gen Myint Swe accepts cash donations for construction of Thanlyin Sasana Beikman

YANGON, 7 Feb — The fourth cash donation presentation ceremony for construction of Thanlyin Maha Atula Thadhamayanthi Sasana Beikman took place at the Beikman in Thanlyin this afternoon.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence attended the ceremony, accepted cash donations and presented certificates of honour to the wellwishers.

Present on the occasion were Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win, departmental officials, members of social organizations, donors and guests.

Chairman Commander Myat Soe (Navy) (Retd) of Construction Committee for the Beikman briefed Lt-Gen Myint Swe on cash donations and progress in building the Beikman.

Next, Lt-Gen Myint Swe made a speech on matters relating to religious affairs and construction tasks of the Beikman.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Myint Swe and Commander Maj-Gen

Hla Htay Win and officials accepted K 50,863,660 donated by wellwishers and presented certificates of honour to them.

Ninety-five per cent of construction of the Beikman has been so far completed. The well-wishers wishing to donate cash for the Beikman can contact the Chairman of Construction Committee for the Beikman (Tel-056-21016 and Tel-095014126). — MNA



Lt-Gen Myint Swe of Ministry of Defence accepts cash donation from a wellwisher.— MNA

MYANMAR GAZETTE

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Feb — The State Peace and Development Council has confirmed the appointment of the following persons as heads of service organizations shown against each on expiry of the one-year probationary period.

Name	Appointment
(a) U Hla Myint	Director-General International Organizations and Economic Department Ministry of Foreign Affairs
(b) Dr Than Myint	Director-General Medical Science Department Ministry of Health
(c) U Han Soe	Principal Sagaing Division Cooperative College, Ministry of Cooperatives

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USDA Secretary-General inspects road works

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Feb — Secretary-General U Htay Oo of the Union Solidarity and Development Association inspected tarmacking of the 3-mile and 1-furlong township-to-township road linking Kyonpyaw and Thauung Village of Yekyi Township on 3 February.

While cordially meeting with townsenders of Pyinchyaseik and Thoung villages, the USDA Secretary-General explained rural development tasks, transport and boosting of agricultural produce.

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Training workshop on Emergency Preparedness and Disease Control on HPAI control opened

YANGON, 6 Feb—The Training Workshop on Emergency Preparedness and Disease Control on

HPAI, jointly organized by the Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department and the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), was opened at Sedona Hotel on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road here this morning. Deputy Director-General of LBVD Dr Than Tun and Resident Representative of FAO Mr Tang Zhengping delivered addresses on the occasion.

Training on Emergency Preparedness and Disease Control on HPAI

will be given to 104 trainees in total from the Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department, Livestock, Feedstuff and Dairy Enterprise, General Administration Department, Yangon and Mandalay City Development Committees and the Myanma Livestock Breeding Federation in 3-day training workshops.

Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department drew the plan for emergency control of

bird flu in 2004. In 2006, expert of FAO Dr David Castellan improved the plan in accordance with the international standards and conditions in Myanmar in cooperation with departments and organizations concerned in Myanmar.

It is learnt that the experts of FAO will improve the above plan again based on discussions made by the training workshop.

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US Democrats abroad vote with yearning for change

BERLIN/BUENOS AIRES, 7 Feb—The chance of electing the first woman or African-American president fired the enthusiasm of US expatriates voting in “Super Tuesday” Democratic primaries where they are choosing their own delegates for the first time ever. Democrats abroad can vote on-line through 12 February, and 22 delegates representing

them will go to the August convention in Denver where more than 4,000 delegates will choose the party’s presidential candidate to contest in the November election.

Back home, Senator Barack Obama and Senator Hillary Clinton were dueling for votes in 22 states on Tuesday, the largest number of nominating contests in a single day in this election year. The largest prizes were in

California, which sends 441 delegates to the convention, and New York, which sends 280.

“We’ll send 22 delegates to Denver, and in a race this close who knows? Maybe our vote could tip it,” said Mike Sokwronk, chairman of Democrats Abroad in Argentina, at a packed Super Tuesday gathering in Buenos Aires where people voted at laptops.

MNA/Reuters



Thousands thronged Singapore’s Chinatown on the eve of the Lunar New Year to usher in the Year of the Rat. Image shows people strolling past a fake Cherry Blossom lantern in Singapore on 7 Feb, 2008. —INTERNET

Paraguay declares state of emergency

BUENOS AIRES, 7 Feb—The Paraguayan health authorities on Tuesday declared a state of emergency after an Asuncion hospital confirmed the nation’s first death for more than a century from yellow fever: a liver and kidney disease spread by mosquitoes.

According to news reaching here, the dead man was a 24-year-old from central Paraguayan department San Pedro who died in Asuncion’s Clinicas Hospital from renal and liver failure.

Adolfo Galeano, an epidemiologist and the hospitals director, said the young man had fallen ill after hunting for monkeys with a group of friends.

MNA/Xinhua

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Israeli says Iran to attain N-capabilities within three years

JERUSALEM, 7 Feb—The Israeli intelligence head has said that Iran will attain offensive nuclear capabilities within three years, local daily *Jerusalem Post* reported Tuesday on its website.

Meir Dagan, head of Israeli intelligence agency Mossad made the assessment in a report presented to the Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee of the Knesset (Parliament) on Monday, according to the daily.

Iran remains the central strategic threat to Israel not only because it is striving for the attainment of nuclear weapons but also because of its influence on

more imminent threats, such as Hamas, Hizbollah and Syria, Dagan was quoted as saying.

He said that Iran is acting on two tracks: one towards the enrichment of uranium and the other towards manufacturing surface to surface missiles with large payloads, but it had not yet attained full control of the knowledge necessary to produce weapons-grade uranium though it is not far from reaching that benchmark point.

Dagan, meanwhile, denounced that Iran is upgrading its relationship with Syria and supplying the Palestinians,

especially those in the Hamas-controlled Gaza Strip, with weapons, technology and training, which would improve the range of the projectiles that the Palestinians could fire into Israel.

MNA/Xinhua

Roadside bombs kill 8 in Afghanistan

KABUL, 7 Feb—Two separate roadside bombs apparently carried out by militants in south Afghanistan killed eight, including five civilians and three policemen, officials said Tuesday.

In the first incident taken place in Kandahar Province on Monday

night, three policemen were killed and two others sustained injuries.

“A mine planted by Taleban insurgents and exploded by remote-control Monday night south of Kandahar City, capital of Kandahar Province, left three policemen dead and injured two others,” police chief of Kandahar Syed Aqa Saqib told *Xinhua*.

A similar incident in Kandahar’s neighbouring Helmand Province almost at the same time Monday night left five civilians dead. “Five civilians including a woman and two children were killed when a mine planted by militants struck their car in Gereshk District Monday night,” provincial police chief of Helmand Province Mohammad Hussain Andiwai told *Xinhua*.—MNA/Xinhua

Eight civilians killed in Philippine offensive

MANILA, 7 Feb—At least eight civilians, including three women and two children, were killed when Philippine troops raided a coastal village on a remote southern island, local officials said on Tuesday.

They said the civilians were killed during a pre-dawn mission on Monday by US-trained Navy commandos to rescue two hostages held by the Abu Sayyaf, a small radical Islamic rebel group.

“We condemned this dastardly act,” said Abdusakur Tan, governor of Jolo Island, where flags were being flown at half mast in a mark of mourning.

“We’re calling for a full-blown investigation to let those culprits face justice.”

MNA/Reuters

20 dead in Somalia twin explosion

MOGADISHU, 6 Feb—Twenty people, most of them Ethiopians, were killed and wounded a hundred more in northeastern Somalia when twin explosions rocked a residential area late Tuesday, the information ministry said.

“We are very sorry to announce that 20 civilians, most of them Ethiopian citizens, have been killed

and at least hundred wounded, some of them seriously when violent people targeted them with heavy explosions near the seaport in Bosasso,” said Bile Mohamoud Qabowsade, a spokesman for the information ministry in the breakaway region of Puntland.

He added that the blasts, apparently caused by grenades, occurred

within “two minutes” of each other, razing “an entire neighbourhood where the Ethiopian citizens lived.”

Bosasso in Somalia’s self-declared autonomous region of Puntland has become a magnet for migrant workers and economic refugees, many of whom seek to cross the Gulf of Aden to Yemen.

Internet



People clean the site after a roadside bomb exploded in the south of Mogadishu, capital of Somali.—INTERNET

Thousands of Pakistanis march over divided Kashmir

ISLAMABAD, 7 Feb— Thousands of Pakistanis marched on Tuesday to show solidarity with the people of Kashmir, the Himalayan region divided between Pakistan and India since their independence in 1947.

February 5 is a Kashmir Day holiday in Pakistan and peaceful rallies were held in different parts of the country. But trouble broke out in the capital, Islamabad, when an Islamic opposition party holding a Kashmir Day march tried to lead its supporters to the home of the detained former chief justice in a show of support for him.

The judge was deposed and placed under house arrest when President

Pervez Musharraf imposed emergency rule on November 3. Protesters threw stones at a police armoured vehicle and police responded with teargas but there were no reports of injuries or arrests.

Earlier, about 100 Kashmiris were allowed into Islamabad's protected diplomatic quarter to hold a peaceful rally outside the Indian High Commission. "Kashmiris have been struggling for the last 60 years for their internationally recognized rights," said Syed Yousuf Naseem, an official from an umbrella group of Kashmiri parties seeking the breakaway from India of the part of Kashmir it controls.

MNA/Reuters

Gang violence jolts Los Angeles town

LOS ANGELES, 6 Feb — Morovia, a usually tranquil town of 39,000 population in Greater Los Angeles and its surrounding communities have been jolted by a surge in violence between warring Latino and Black gangs, it was reported on Monday.

The violence has left three dead and one paralyzed in recent weeks, according to the *Los Angeles Times*.

Two of those killed — 64-year-old Sanders "Pete" Rollins, a Black man, and 16-year-old Samantha Salas, a Latina— had no gang affiliation, said the report.

The suspect in the killing of a third victim, 19-year-old Brandon Lee, is a Latino.

Lee may have had ties to the Du Roc Crips, police said.

MNA/Xinhua

Thai King endorses new Cabinet line-up

BANGKOK, 7 Feb — The King of Thailand Bhumibol Adulyadej on Wednesday endorsed the new Cabinet led by newly-elected Prime Minister Samak Sundaravej to officially put in place the first elected government after the September 19 military coup in 2006. Samak and 35 Cabinet ministers were granted a royal audience with the King at the royal residence in central Bangkok — Chitralada Palace in late afternoon to receive the royal decree which officially confirmed their appointment.

The 80-year-old King made a short speech to the new ministers, urging them to work for the interest of the nation and not to disappoint the people.

The new government, a coalition of six parties led by Samak's People Power Party (PPP), took form after a general election was held on December 23 last year, the first elected government after a military coup ousted the former administration of Thaksin Shinawatra on September 19, 2006. — MNA/Xinhua

Clinton, Obama tied in democratic presidential nominee race

WASHINGTON, 7 Feb— Presidential nominee race between the two Democratic candidates remained tight as the results of more than half of Super Tuesday primaries and caucuses rolled out.

So far, Illinois Senator Barack Obama were projected to hold 297

delegates who are supposed to vote for him at the party's nomination convention, while Hillary Rodham Clinton has gained 365 in hand.

The Illinois Senator won the New York Senator by a two-digit lead in the primary in Georgia, a state with a large population of Black

voters.

He was also foreseen to win in the states of Delaware, North Dakota, Alabama, Connecticut, Utah, Colorado, Indiana, Minnesota, Missouri, Delaware, Alaska, his mother's hometown of Kansas and his home state Illinois.

MNA/Xinhua

Russia to boost cooperation with ASEAN

MOSCOW, 6 Feb — Russia will enhance consultation and further cooperation with Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) member states, a senior Russian diplomat said here on Monday.

"Interaction between Russia and ASEAN in various spheres was in the centre of attention of consultations at the deputy foreign ministers level of the ASEAN member-countries in Moscow," ITAR-TASS news agency quoted Deputy

Foreign Minister Alexander Losyukov as saying.

The parties hailed Russian-ASEAN interaction, confirmed their intention to deepen and develop multifaceted cooperation as a key factor in the setting up of the joint structure of the world, security and prosperity in the Asia-Pacific Region, said Losyukov, who is heading the Russian delegation in the 5th meeting on the development of Russia-ASEAN cooperation. —MNA/Xinhua



Workers check a power supply tower which had collapsed during heavy snowfall in Wuhan, Hubei Province, on 5 Feb, 2008.
INTERNET

Dutch journalist says he took fake bomb on plane

AMSTERDAM, 7 Feb— A Dutch journalist smuggled a fake bomb and drugs into airliners at Amsterdam's Schiphol Airport to demonstrate weaknesses at Europe's fourth-busiest air travel hub, he said on Wednesday.

Alberto Stegeman, an investigative journalist whose report of the security breach was to be broadcast on Dutch television channel SBS 6 on Wednesday, said an associate secured a job at Schiphol as a baggage handler.

"When you work there, you can do anything," Stegeman said.

Stegeman said he used his accomplice's uniform and credentials to smuggle a fake bomb, complete with a digital timer and fake explosive blocks, onto a plane.

Over a three-month period, they were also able to take drugs into flight cabins and other areas of planes because gate personnel always let uniformed workers into the cabins.

MNA/Reuters



Chadian refugees crossing a bridge in Kousseri on the Cameroonian border as they head back to the Chadian capital N'djamena.—INTERNET

Thousands of Chadian refugees flee to Nigeria

GAMBORU-NGALA (Nigeria), 7 Feb— Thousands of refugees who fled weekend fighting in the Chadian capital have arrived in Nigeria after a gruelling journey through Cameroon and are camping in the open in remote border towns.

In Gamboru-Ngala, a dusty outpost near Nigeria's northeastern

border with Cameroon, a *Reuters* reporter saw hundreds of haggard refugees sitting in the shade of trees awaiting help. Many said they had not eaten for days.

Most were women and children and appeared to have left in a hurry as they had few possessions apart from the clothes they were wearing. Some had walked for days while

others had paid to ride on open-top trucks.

"We were in N'Djamena when the fighting started. We heard gunfire from above and saw a helicopter spitting fire at the people. Many innocent people were killed," said Abdulkarim Abubakar, a young man who came with his mother and sister.

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Prime Minister General Thein Sein ...

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inspected progress of construction of two-storey patient ward of Chin State People's Hospital in Haka.

The Prime Minister met with Head of Chin State Health Department Dr Khin Maung Si, Medical Superintendent of the hospital Dr Min Khaing, specialists, doctors and nurses and gave instructions on health care services to be conducted and presented cash for the medical fund of the hospital.

At Haka Township Hall, the Prime Minister also met with the chairman of the Chin State PDC and members, departmental personnel of Chin State and Haka Township,

tasks. Local national races are to efficiently use the fulfilments of the government for improvement of Chin State.

As a result, those present are to make utmost efforts to ensure local food sufficiency, strengthen the economy of the state, turn out many educated persons and produce fit and healthy people.

Next, the Prime Minister presented gifts and cash assistance to Haka Township Union Solidarity and Development Association, Women's Affairs Organization, Maternal and Child Welfare Association, War Veteran Organization, Red Cross Society and Auxiliary Fire

training courses. The Prime Minister gave necessary instructions and presented cash assistance.

The Prime Minister and party arrived at Matupi by helicopter at 11 am and inspected progress of Matupi in a motorcade.

Next, they looked into hostel and mess hall of Border Areas and National Races Development Training Centre and presented cash assistance to the principal and instructors of the centre.

At the office of Matupi Township PDC, the Prime Minister met with departmental personnel, social organization members and local people.

The chairman of the township PDC and Vice-

Commander Brig-Gen Myint Soe presented gifts to the township War Veteran Organization.

At Matupi Township People's Hospital, the Prime Minister gave necessary instructions and presented cash for the fund of the hospital.

In the afternoon, the Prime Minister and party arrived at Mindat by helicopter and inspected patient ward, X-ray room, operation theatre and medical store of 50-bed Mindat District People's Hospital. The Prime Minister urged the head of District Health Department, specialists, doctors and nurses to perform health care services widely.



Prime Minister General Thein Sein presents gifts and cash for social organizations of Haka township through an official.— MNA

ports on development of the township and district and requirements presented by officials.

The Prime Minister fulfilled the requirements of setting up an auto-telephone exchange, supply of more drinking water and generating of hydropower in Mindat. In his instructions, the Prime Minister stressed the need to make harmonious efforts for the development of the region, and emphasis is to be placed on strengthening and development of the Union.

Afterwards, the Prime Minister presented gifts and cash assistance to officials concerned, and townsenders presented souvenirs to the Prime Minister and party.

Prime Minister General Thein Sein and party arrived back Nay Pyi Taw in the evening.

In meeting with local people during his inspection tour of Chin State, Prime Minister General Thein Sein said Chin na-

tional race has been living in the nation together with other national races with unity and through thick and thin.

Chin national race also fought back the invaders during the colonial times and had struggled with other national races for the independence.

After gaining independence, there were insurgencies in parts of the country, except Chin State. Therefore, local people in Chin State could enjoy peace and stability at the time.

However, the state lagged behind in development due to the state's geographical conditions.

The Head of State fulfilled the requirements for the development of Chin State and gave guidance to ministries concerned on the development of the state.

Chin State is accessible only by car. Kalay-Falam-Haka Road, Haka-Gangaw Road, Haka-

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Prime Minister General Thein Sein visits People's Hospital in Matupi.— MNA

members of the social organizations and townsenders.

Chairman of the Chin State PDC Brig-Gen Hong Ngai reported to the Prime Minister on needed heavy machinery to be used in road works for the development of the Chin State, efforts being made for the production of hydropower in townships, development of the townships in the State and requirements of the State.

In response to the reports, the Prime Minister said he will provide necessary assistance to development tasks of Chin State. It is known to all that the government is fulfilling the requirements of the state in development

Brigade and for the development of the township through officials and cordially greeted those present.

At Government Technical Institute being built in Haka, Minister for Science and Technology U Thaung, the chairman of Chin State PDC and officials conducted the Prime Minister round the newly-built school building and chosen site for construction of hostels.

Next, the Prime Minister visited Vocational Training School of Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and inspected learning of trainees at

Chairman of Chin State PDC Lt-Col Zaw Min Oo reported on works carried out and requirements for the development of the township and Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint explained arrangements for the development of the township by the ministry.

In his speech, the Prime Minister stressed unity of national brethren, community peace and tranquillity and prevalence of law and order, regional food sufficiency, growth of economy and better transport, and he presented gifts and cash assistance to the social organizations and for the development of the township through officials.

Next, they looked into development of Mindat in a motorcade.

At the hall of Mindat Township BEHS No 1, the Prime Minister heard re-



Prime Minister General Thein Sein greets departmental officials, social organization members and townsenders in Mindat.— MNA

Prime Minister General Thein Sein ...

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Matupi Road and Mindat-Matupi Road and other roads linking to those four main roads in China State are being upgraded.

Despite difficulties due to geographical conditions of the state, the government has been making efforts for improvement of the conditions of roads and bridges in the state.

It is important to improve the transportation facilities as well as to boost the economy of the state for the regional development.

The Prime Minister called for making efforts for sufficiency of rice, extended cultivation of perennial crops and livestock breeding in Chin State to boost the economy of the state.

As Chin State is a hilly region, local people practised the slash and burn cultivation method.

The state has experienced deforestation caused by the slash and burn cultivation which had been practised in the state for many years, and the high land cultivation could not produce sufficient rice for the local people.

Therefore, it is needed to practise the terrace cultivation method instead of the slash and burn method and to preserve the farmland for posterity.

Only then will the output of rice and other crops be increased. For local food sufficiency, local farmers are to grow high-yield strains of rice and to extend cultivation of crops as well as cash crops.

The General said that the Head of State has given

guidance to establish Chin State as a tea state. Therefore, he stressed the need to grow tea on a commercial scale with the concept that Chin State must be a tea state. The Prime Minister pointed out that emphasis is to be placed on cultivation of tea to fulfill the demand of the market. Likewise, efforts are to be made for achieving success in carrying out livestock breeding tasks, he said.

The Prime Minister continued to say that all the households are to raise mythuns on a manageable scale. If mythun can be bred on a commercial scale, the opportunity can be created to export mythuns and its processed products, he said. The Prime Minister noted that the economic growth of the state can contribute to the uplift of living standard of the people of Chin State. Hence, he said, all are to strive for gaining success in agriculture and livestock breeding tasks.

He said that the human resource development is essential to undertake regional development task. He added that the education sector plays a pivotal role in turning out intellectuals and intelligentsia. The government is opening basic education schools in the region with a view to producing the human resources while setting up universities and colleges in Kalay region, north of Chin State, he said.

The General pointed out that education institutions in basic and higher education sectors are to produce outstanding educated persons equipped with good moral for the state. The schools are to place

emphasis on nurturing the students to become ones who cherish the State, the region and the national races, he said.

The Prime Minister stressed the need to equip the students with Union Spirit. It is necessary to come out fit and healthy educated persons, he added. Therefore, he said that the health staff are to effectively provide health care services to the people. Only then will the fit and healthy educated persons contribute to development of the region and the State, he added. The Prime Minister urged those present to strive for ensuring economic growth in Chin State and for turning out the educated persons.

While giving priority to the promotion of education sector and effective providing of health care services, he said that the government is making utmost efforts for enhancement of transport facility. In addition, he added that the government is carrying out all-round development tasks while striving to protect the people through safe administrative mechanism. The democratic nation that the people aspire is being built step by step in line with the seven-step Road Map, he said. At present, he continued to say that the National Convention, the first step of the Road Map and the most important to adopt fundamental principles and detailed basic principles for drafting the constitution, had been convened successfully.

The Prime Minister said that the task to draft the State Constitution based on the fundamental principles and detailed basic principles adopted by the National Convention has been completed to some degree. In conclusion, the Prime Minister urged those present to participate in the tasks to realize the seven-step Road Map of the State for establishment of a modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation.

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Diplomatic Corps on excursion tour of Inlay, Taunggyi, Pindaya



NAY PYI TAW, 7 Feb — Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win and wife Daw Myint Myint Soe together with Dean of the Diplomatic Corps Cambodian Ambassador Mr Hul Phany and Ambassadors, Charges d'Affaires, diplomats, resident representatives of UN agencies and their wives visited Inlay, Taunggyi, and Pindaya in Shan State (South) from 5 to 7 February.

On 5 February, they were welcomed at Heho Airport by Deputy Commander of Eastern Command Brig-Gen Win Myint and military officers.

They visited Inlay Lake and observed Sein Thamardi Goldsmith and Silversmith workshop and Shwe Hintha Inlay Textile Industry in the village. After paying homage to PhaungdawU Pagoda, they offered gold foils and donated cash.

On 6 February, after a visit to historic Mwedaw Kaku Pagoda in Taunggyi, they went around the town. Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council Commander of Eastern Command Maj-Gen Thaug Aye, the minister and the ambassadors took part in the golf tourney at

Diplomats visit ShweUmin Pagoda in Pindaya on their excursion tour of Shan State (South). — MNA

Ayethayar Golf Course. Next, the commander and wife hosted dinner in honour of the minister and wife and the ambassadors in the evening.

On 7 February morning, they paid homage to ShweUmin Pagoda in Pindaya. In the evening, they were seen off at Heho Airport by the deputy commander and officials.

The diplomatic excursion group arrived back by Tatmadaw aircraft in Yangon at 4.30 pm.

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Union Day delegates arrive Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Feb — Delegates from Shan State (East), Shan State (South), Shan State (North), Rakhine State and Magway Division arrived here today to attend the 61st Anniversary Union Day Celebration.

Officials of the 61st Union Day Accommodation Sub-committee welcomed them at Ywahtaw Station, Nay Pyi Taw Airport and Transit Centre No 7 and transported them to hostels.

The celebration will be held at the City Hall in Nay Pyi Taw on 12 February. — MNA



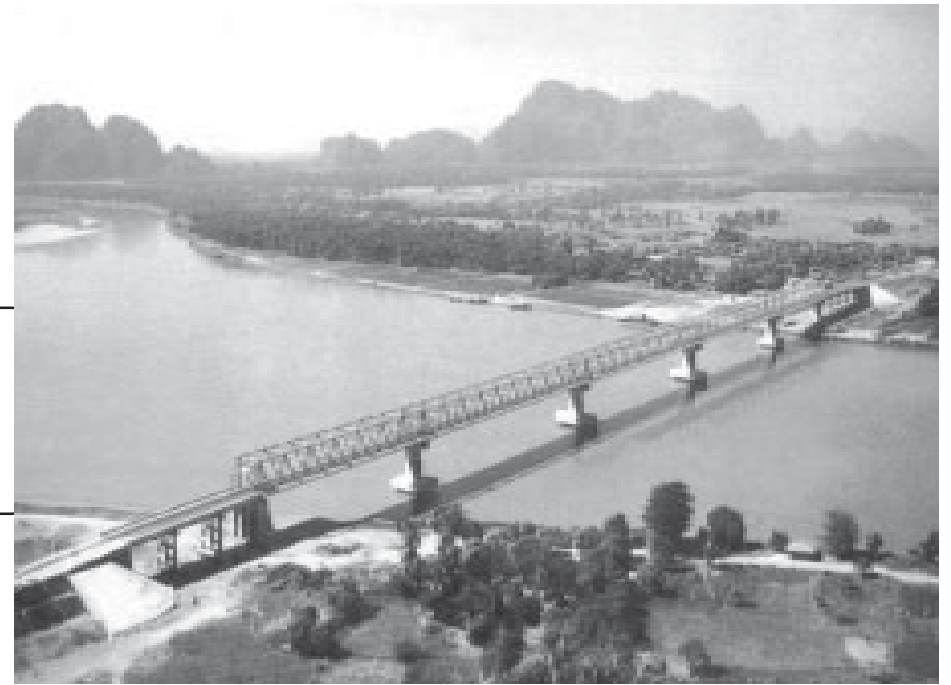
Diplomats visit traditional goldsmith and silversmith workshops in Ywama, Inlay Lake. — MNA

Kayin State which has developed significantly in the time of Tatmadaw Government



Laying of Myainggale-Yangon natural gas pipelines in progress in Hpa-an District of Kayin State.

Sr.	Subject	Unit	1988	2007	Progress
1.	Arable land	acre	497779	877993	380214
2.	Dam		6	93	87
3.	River water pumping station		-	6	6
4.	Reserve forest	Sq mile	1633	1752	119
5.	Protected public forest	Sq mile	-	1689.8	1689.8
6.	Motor road	mile	554	1128.8	574.8
7.	Bridge (above 180 feet)		8	15	7
8.	Post office		27	34	7
9.	Telegraph office		7	13	6
10.	Telephone station		5	24	19
11.	Microwave station		1	4	3
12.	State-owned factory		7	8	1
13.	Private-owned factory		409	524	115
14.	Basic education school		1149	1317	168
15.	University/college		1	2	1
16.	Technological university/college		-	1	1
17.	University of Computer Studies		-	1	1
18.	Hospital		17	27	10



Thanlwin Bridge (Hpa-an)

An aerial view of Thanlwin Bridge (Hpa-an) constructed across Thanlwin River for enabling the local people in Kayin State to have easy access to other States and Divisions.

Hailing the 61st Anniversary Union Day

The ceremony to open the main building of University of Computer Studies (Hpa-an) was held in Hpa-an with a view to creating opportunities for students to study computer science in Kayin State.



HAILING THE 61st ANNIVERSARY UNION DAY

The experiences of the Union

Saw Po The



**WILL REMAIN EVER UNITED
WHOEVER CONSPIRES TO DIVIDE US**

It is not easy for a country to survive. The country has encountered many battles and hardships. It came into being after passing the significant events. An existing country must be an independent and sovereign one. It must be strong in order to safeguard its perpetuation so that a modern developed nation will stand tall forever.

Myanmar is a big nation with long history. The 40 million-year old anthropoid primate was found near Bahin village in Pontaung region in Myaing Township. Geologists of the world accepted the fact that human beings originated in Myanmar as the primates were the fossils of creatures that would become human beings. Establishment of Anyathian civilization in Ayeyawady valley during the Stone Age and

evidences of human beings of Stone Age in Padalin Cave showed that human beings lived in Myanmar before the pre-historic age.

Slow migration or movement of people to different directions took place. According to the excavation of ancient Tagaung and Srikeshtra and evidences of ancient Hanlin and Nyaunglunt, Pyu culture flourished in Myanmar as many as a thousand or so.

Pyu people gradually disappeared after the end of Pyu period and at the start of early Bagan period Myanmar people emerged. Sudden disappearance of Pyu people and sudden appearance of Myanmar people did not take place at the same time. The first Myanmar empire founded by King Anawrahta who was on the throne in 1044 AD was the foundation of present day Myanmar. The king Anawrahta introduced the common weights and measures, made sure of the territory and boundaries, designated some towns as places where specific number of soldiers could be summoned to come to the king and established defence system like strategy of people's militia. By doing so, he made the first Myanmar empire strong.

In Innwa period there were many city states in Myanmar. Hanthawady Hsinphyumyashin (a) King Bayintnaung founded the country out of much difficulty. The second Myanmar empire was strong and wide. But Hanthawady collapsed due to instigation of imperialist Portuguese and disintegration of unity under Ngahsundayaka. King Nyaungyan, one of the sons of King Bayintnaung rebuilt the nation in the second Innwa period. The

country collapsed because of disunity after the reign of ten monarchs of Nyaungyan dynasty. King Alaungmintaya U Aung Zeya established the third Myanmar empire again.

Myanmar founded by three kings three times lost Assam, Manipur, Rakhine and Taninthayi in the first Anglo-Myanmar War (1824-26) in the time of King Bagyidaw. Far-flung regions of the State were lost and it was the beginning of the disintegration of the Union.

Under King Bagan the second Anglo-Myanmar War (1852-53) broke out. Instead of fighting against the British, the princes were trying to grab power and there was confusion in the palace. If Myanmar people had fought against the British with great effort, they would have won because the British troops were exhausted; they were unable to fight with all might. In order to suppress the rebelling Princes Mindon and Kanaung, King Bagan ordered Myanmar troops fighting against the British to withdraw. As a result, the imperialists annexed the lower Myanmar when King Mindon ascended the throne. Myanmar thus became a landlocked country without any exit to the sea under King Thibaw, a son of King Mindon. Later, Myanmar was held in servitude in the 1885 Third Anglo-Myanmar War.

The imperialists took more than a hundred years to occupy the Union of Myanmar and waged wars with heavy casualties. Although the Third Anglo-Myanmar War did not last even a month, the imperialist troops faced Myanmar anti-imperialist forces until the end of 1894. After 1895, the imperialists managed to administer Myanmar with divide and rule policy designed to undermine unity of national races.

The divide and rule means administration of the people with different systems. Some political dictionaries say it is balancing of power according to the situation of ethnic groups, but it means breaking up the unity. Under the policy encouragement was given to the minority and assistance of military force was also provided. The policy includes methods to weaken the majority. The dictionaries say invaders practise

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these methods in the colonies they had invaded.

The imperialists allowed hilly regions to rule with the use of feudal system. However, they did not allow Mogok, Momeik, Wuntho, Kalay, Mohnyin, and Mogaung regions as feudalist ones because of the strong resistance. So direct rule was practised in these regions and plains. In Myanmar national solidarity was broken up due to the divide and rule policy. The imperialists encouraged wealthy persons and suppressed the poor greatly. At that time class struggles occurred because of Marxism. Myanmar people attempted to regain independence from the rule of the imperialists sacrificing lots of lives.

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Regarding the independence some national race leaders said they wanted to live under the British Empire and some said they wanted to be independent. All the national race leaders tried hard to be united without discriminating hilly regions and plains. On 12 February 1947, an agreement to regain independence together was signed in Panglong. That day was designated as

the Union Day. The Panglong Agreement was the first step towards independence. Myanmar regained her independence after signing of Aung San-Attlee and Nu-Attlee Agreements.

After regaining her independence internal insurgency occurred as an evil legacy of the imperialists due to their instigation. Above-ground political conflicts took place one after another. The Tatmadaw government held the National Convention with difficulty with the aim of achieving national reconsolidation. Preparations for drafting a new constitution are now under way after successful completion of the National Convention. Both the 1947 constitution drafted within three months under the imperialist rule and the 1974 constitution based on socialism are not relevant to the present situation in Myanmar. No one can deny that a new constitution is essential for Myanmar.

Now the Panglong Agreement has turned 61 years. It is important for every citizen of the Union to safeguard Our Three Main National Causes— non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty as the national policy. Every citizen is responsible for the perpetuation of the Union. Out of the seven-step Road Map, the constitution is being drafted and the emergence of a new nation is not far.

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**61st Anniversary
Union Day Objectives**

- For all the national races to safeguard the national policy— non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty;
- For all the national races to keep Union Spirit ever alive and dynamic among the national people;
- For all the national races to defend and safeguard the Union for the perpetual existence;
- For all the national races to prevent, through national solidarity, the danger of internal and external destructive elements undermining peace and stability of the State and national development;
- For all the national races to make endeavours for the emergence of an enduring State Constitution in accord with the fundamental principles and detailed basic principles laid down by the National Convention, and
- For all the national races to make concerted efforts for successful implementation of the seven-step Road Map.

Poem**Union Day aim**

- * In that glorious 1947
Came that February
Twelfth was the celebrated day
On which national brethren
Armed with patriotism
Signed agreement in Panglong
Aiming to serve nation
In harmony and unison
- * Regardless of locality
Sincerity true brethren have
Myanmar races of over hundred
Living in amity and unity
- * On this same land share love we
Living always in harmony
Never frightened, but ever strengthen unity
In times of emergency
We good sons of gracious mother
- * Through weal or woe
Live we together
Forever in unity
Firmly joining hands
Realizing the common goal
- * Keep in mind noble Union Spirit
And act in line with it
- * Union if ever united
And all march forward with vigor
Shine and prosper will Myanmar
With peace forever
Golden era she will enter.

(Hailing the 61st Anniversary Union Day)**Padaung Than Kywe (Trs)**

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At the same time, it is cooperating with the members of MMPA.

For the development of the television and movie sector, Myanmar information delegations were sent to the international radio, movie and television show, Beijing Film Festival and 16th Chinese Golden Rooster Film Festival held in the People's Republic of China. Moreover, Myanmar delegations were sent to China, Singapore and Hong Kong to learn the digital cinema technology. They were also sent to India to study the TV broadcasting. The minister said he believed that through study on international film technology, cooperation and experiences, those from the film world would strive their utmost to improve the Myanmar film industry. Despite their efforts, MMPA as well as the artistes still need to do more to improve the Myanmar film industry, he noted. Expansion of market is important for improvement of the movie world. It is necessary for the Myanmar movie industry to penetrate both the domestic and foreign markets and this calls for concerted efforts of the people of the film world.

Efforts are to be exerted in collaboration with foreign countries to improve the movie industry and to



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and wife Daw Khin Saw Hnin attend Myanma Motion Picture Outstanding Award (Academy Award) for 2006 presentation ceremony.—MNA

Establishment of those studios needs efforts of individuals or groups in cooperation with MMPA. The Information Ministry is also providing assistance within the framework of rules and regulations.

Measures are being taken for enhancing the qual-

system, it is needed to modernize and upgrade the present cinemas, he said.

He said that the ministry has laid down the five objectives for the Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayon and film professionals to follow for improvement of



Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan presents Best Actor Award to Yan Aung. — MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan presents Best Actress Award to Nandar Hlaing. — MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan presents Best Supporting Actor Award to Po Kyaw. — MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan presents Best Supporting Actress Award to May Thinzar Oo.—MNA

show Myanmar movies in those countries. It is also needed to transform into digital system from analogue system. Through international cooperation, Myanmar movies can be put on domestic as well as foreign market gaining experience and making profits.

The minister said the nation requires studios of international standards so as to make quality films.

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the Myanmar film industry. Those five objectives are : (1) To make efforts for development and unity of Myanmar film and video world to ensure socio-economic development of film professionals; (2) To make efforts for technical development in film and video industry; (3) To make efforts for improvement (See page 11)



Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan presents Best Film Award to Nawarat Film Production. —MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan presents Best Film Director Award to Maung Myo Min (Yin Dwin Phyt). — MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan presents Best Sound Award to U Myo Nyunt. — MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan presents Best Music Award to Ko Thaw Zin (Lawunein). — MNA

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of Myanma film and video standard; (4) To penetrate and find foreign markets for Myanma films and videos and (5) To work hard together with the government to carry out national duties. The minister urged them to uphold the objectives as work guidelines in 2008. He also urged them to implement the 12 objectives for improvement of the film industry which has been laid down since 2005.

Challenges are to be encountered in implementing the objectives, the minister said. He also expressed his belief that all difficulties and challenges can be overcome by implementing the following six steps — (1) to set aim for development of Myanmar film world; (2)

Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan presents Best Cinematography Award to U Than Nyunt (Pantha).
MNA



to keep a balance between selfish and selfless; (3) to try hard with diligence and (4) with unity; (5) cooperation and (6) patience and tolerance. Film professionals played an active

bit in the nation-building tasks, he said, urging them to participate with enthusiasm in the process of the State's seven-step Road Map the government is pursuing for building a



Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan presents Best Scriptwriter Award to Zaw Myint Oo. — MNA

motion picture standard; help the Myanmar film industry to spread its wings; ensure use of qual-



Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan presents Best Film Editing Award to Zaw Min (Hanthamyay). — MNA

ity film equipment and studios, produce standard movies in cooperation with foreign film industries, improve the film projecting system, and upgrade the present cinema; preserve and safeguard national cultural heritage, national prestige and character through the arts of film; and join hands with the government and people in striving for emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed nation.

In the list of Academy Award winners, the Best Sound Award went to U Myo Nyunt for his work in "Taungthaman Thitsa", the Best Scriptwriter Award to Zaw Myint Oo for his work in "Taungthaman Thitsa"; the Best Film Editing Award to Zaw Min (Hanthamyay) for his work in "Hmyawlwintchin Myarzwa"; the Best Actress Award to Nandar Hlaing for her work in "Taungthaman Thitsa" and the Best Actor Award to Yan Aung for his work in "Gonshein Pyindè Chitchin Theikkhar".

Next, some selected scenes of the award winners were shown. Afterwards, Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan presented Academy Awards to the respective winners.

Later, the Academy Award winners for 2006 paid respects to Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and wife Daw Khin Saw Hnin.

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The best motion picture award winners for 2006 being seen at prize presentation ceremony in Nay Pyi Taw. — MNA

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role in the independence struggles, tasks for safeguarding independence, and undertakings for stability of the State, peace and national development. They are now doing their

peaceful, modern and developed democratic nation. In conclusion, he urged the Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayon and film artistes to improve the film industry; raise the

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Yan Aung being greeted by film artistes as he is awarded Best Actor Award for 2006. — MNA



Nandar Hlaing being greeted by film artistes as she is awarded Best Actress Award for 2006. — MNA

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Five killed, 35 injured in Nepal road mishap

KATHMANDU, 6 Feb—Five people were killed and 35 others injured when a passenger bus veered off the road in south Nepal on Tuesday afternoon, the leading news website eKantipur reported. The accident happened in Saptari District, some 190 kilometres south of Nepali capital Kathmandu. Condition of some of the injured is critical, according to police. The dead are yet to be identified.

The passenger bus heading from neighbouring Siraha in the west to Biratnagar of Morang District, some 240 kilometres southeast of Kathmandu, had skidded and fell 20 metres down the road at a stretch of the East-West Highway at Bhardaha Village in Saptari.

MNA/Xinhua

Iraq would seek extended UN mandate if necessary

WASHINGTON, 6 Feb—Iraq would seek an extension of the UN mandate authorizing US-led forces on its soil if it cannot reach a bilateral deal with the United States by the end of the year, an Iraqi official said on Tuesday. However, Iraqi Ambassador to the United States Samir Sumaida'ie said he hopes Washington and Baghdad can wrap up talks on their long-term strategic relationship by July, obviating the need to extend the UN mandate. The United States now has 158,000 troops in Iraq, formally operating under the authority of a UN Security Council resolution enacted after the March 2003 US-led invasion. — *MNA/Reuters*

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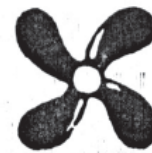
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All Banks will be closed on 12th February (Tuesday) Union Day 2008, being public holiday under the Negotiable Instruments Act.

Central Bank of Myanmar

Landslide kills 7 on Java

JAKARTA, 7 Feb—A landslide triggered by heavy rain has killed seven people in Indonesia's Central Java Province, a health official said on Wednesday.

A torrent of mud slammed into houses in Sindangwangi Village on the northern coast of Java island on Tuesday evening, burying seven people, said Rustam Pakaya, head of the Health Ministry's crisis centre.

Rescuers managed to unearth their bodies early on Wednesday, he said. One person was injured.

MNA/Reuters

Romania, France sign on strategic partnership

BUCHAREST, 6 Feb—Romania's President Traian Basescu and French President Nicolas Sarkozy on Monday signed a joint declaration to implement a strategic partnership between the two countries, local media reported.

The document was signed during Sarkozy's one-day visit to Romania. The "strategic partnership" includes political dialogue, economic relations, scientific and cultural cooperation as well as free movement of persons, defence and security, highlighting political objectives that will guide bilateral cooperation in the following years, and support for Romania's modernization and the consolidation of its capabilities of acting like a member state of the European Union (EU).— *MNA/Xinhua*

The best time to plant a tree was twenty years ago. The second best time is now.

Study says happiness lowest at midlife

LOS ANGELES, 6 Feb — Happiness over the course of a lifetime follows a U-shaped curve and hits bottom at midlife, according to a study published Monday on the *Los Angeles Times* web-site.

A team of US and British researchers, who set out to find the relationship between age and happiness, examined social survey data on two million people in 80 countries, and also took into account factors that affect happiness, such as divorce, job loss and income, before releasing the report.

According to the report, happiness reaches its lowest point around age 40 in women and age 50 in men in the United States while in Britain, unhappiness was greatest in men and women at age 44.

Andrew Oswald, one researcher from the group, said there is still a mystery around how happiness ebbs or rises, saying “there seems to be something inside human beings that is unexplained by life events”.

But other researchers questioned the findings of the study.

MNA/Xinhua

Doubts in Guantanamo about Canadian captive’s guilt

GUANTANAMO BAY, US NAVAL BASE (CUBA), 7 Feb — A US soldier’s account casting doubts on military prosecutors’ claims against a young Canadian al-Qaeda fighter highlights one inherent difficulty of the Bush Administration’s efforts to win convictions before war crimes tribunals in Guantanamo.

How to figure out what happened on the battlefield in places like

Afghanistan six years later and half a world away?

The account was contained in a five-page document given to reporters this week at a hearing for Canadian captive Omar Khadr, who faces life in prison if convicted of murdering a US soldier with a grenade in Afghanistan in July 2002. The account was given 20 months later by the American soldier who shot Khadr twice in the

back during the battle and says that one other man inside that bombed-out compound was still alive when US forces entered.

That left open the possibility that someone other than Khadr could have thrown the grenade, contradicting accounts by another participant who had said in media interviews that it had to have been Khadr because he was the only one left alive.—MNA/Reuters

Man throws firebomb at Japan Foreign Ministry

TOKYO, 7 Feb — A man threw a Molotov cocktail at Japan’s Foreign Ministry headquarters in central Tokyo on Wednesday and then stabbed himself in the abdomen with a kitchen knife, Japanese media said.

A Foreign Ministry official said a man had attacked the building. Another said he had seen police patrol cars and ambulances gathering at the ministry, but had no details.

Police declined comment, but *Kyodo* news agency said no one else was hurt in the attack, which did not cause serious damage. The man, who appeared to be in his 20s, was conscious and taken to hospital, *Kyodo* added. The motive for the attack was unknown, but Japanese right-wing activists have in the past made similar attacks on government and media buildings as well as against politicians.

MNA/Reuters

Russia sends supply ship to space station

MOSCOW, 7 Feb — A Russian Progress supply space ship was launched successfully from its platform in Kazakhstan on Tuesday, Russian news agencies reported.

News agency TASS, citing Russia’s mission control outside Moscow, said the cargo ship separated from its Soyuz-U rocket 200 kilometres above Earth on a trajectory to meet with the International Space Station (ISS).

MNA/Reuters

Bathhouses fined in S-W China for raising price

GUIYANG, 7 Feb — Three bathhouses in southwest China’s Guizhou Province where snow has caused chaos over the past three weeks were fined for raising prices without official approval, according to local sources on Tuesday.

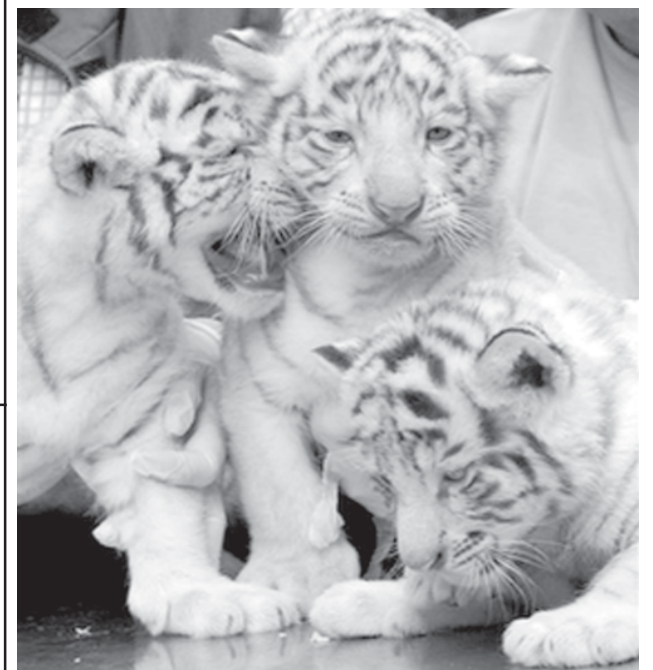
“Two of the bathhouses raised their ticket prices from 20 yuan (2.8 US dollars) to 30 yuan (4.2 US dollars), the third had a price rises from 38 yuan to 48 yuan,” said Duan Xiaoyun, head of the

price inspection office of the price bureau of Guiyang, Guizhou provincial capital.

The trio were fined 50,000 yuan (about 7,100 US dollars) each, said Duan.

Due to power and water shortage as a result of persistent snow and sleet, many citizens in the city were forced to take showers in bathhouses.

MNA/Xinhua



Three 39 days-old white tigers are presented at the Metropolitan Zoo in Santiago, on 4 Feb, 2008. Luna, a captive tiger not pictured, gave to two males and one female last on 28 Dec. 2007.—INTERNET



Worker prepare the stage, building the set for the British Academy Film Awards ceremony at the Royal Opera House in London, on 6 Feb, 2008.

INTERNET

EU, Industry launch cleaner planes project

BRUSSELS, 7 Feb — Planes made in the European Union from 2015 may be quieter and less polluting thanks to a 1.6-billion-euro (2.4-billion-US-dollar) research project launched by the EU Commission and the aeronautics industry on Tuesday.

Aerospace firms will pool research to develop technology that cuts noise around airports and build engines that use less energy and can run on alternative fuels.

The EU has set aside 800 million euros from its 2007-2013 budget with industry committing itself to investing a similar amount in the Clean Sky project.

“There are three main

objectives: the reduction by 50 per cent of carbon dioxide, halving the level of noise and reducing by 80 per cent the level of nitrogen oxide emissions,” Marc Vantre, CEO of French conglomerate Safran’s aerospace propulsion division, told reporters.

So far 86 organizations from 16 of the EU’s 27 countries have joined Clean Sky.

They include 54 industries, 15 research centres and 17 universities.

Vantre was confident aerospace firms would come up with cash to fund the programme that will develop demonstration models on the ground or in the air.

MNA/Reuters

Americans spend less time on nature activities

CHICAGO, 6 Feb — When it comes communing with nature, a growing number of people appear to prefer computer images to the real thing, US researchers said on Monday.

They said outdoor activities — tracked by national and state park admissions, game licenses, hiking permits and surveys of leisure activities — have fallen by more than 20 per cent since the 1980s.

“The average person in America used to go to the national parks every year. It was the iconic American family vacation.

Now, there are less people doing that,” said Patricia Zaradic, a biologist with the Environmental Leadership Programme, Delaware Valley, in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania. —MNA/Reuters

SPORTS

Impressive Netherlands rout Croatia 3-0 in Split

SPLIT (Croatia), 7 Feb — Goals from John Heitinga, Klaas Jan Huntelaar and Jan Vennegoor of Hesselink gave the Netherlands an impressive 3-0 win over fellow Euro 2008 finalists Croatia in a friendly on Wednesday.

The result in no way flattered an impressive Dutch side and it also extended Croatia's winless home streak in the Adriatic port of Split to nine matches since they gained independence from the former Yugoslavia in 1991.—MNA/Reuters

Brazil clinch 1-0 victory over Ireland

DUBLIN, 7 Feb — A second-half strike by Robinho gave Brazil a 1-0 win over Ireland in a friendly on Wednesday.

The Real Madrid striker broke the deadlock in the 67th minute when he slammed the ball into the back of the net after receiving a pass from Diego who had linked up with Luis Fabiano.

Before Robinho opened the scoring a number of chances went begging for both sides who were missing key players through injury, with Brazil coach Dunga doing without world player of the year Kaka and the youthful Pato.

Winger Andy Reid and defender Joey O'Brien were absent for Ireland, who are still without a permanent manager, but winger Damien Duff played in his first international for nearly a year following a foot injury.

Duff and captain Robbie Keane both had chances they failed to convert.

Brazil went on the attack early in the game with Ireland goalkeeper Shay Given fending off a strike in the seventh minute by Diego. Given also kept out a shot by Fabiano who tried to make the most of a pass from Robinho.

MNA/Reuters



Kentucky's Michael Porter, left, moves around Auburn's DeWayne Reed in the second half of a college basketball game on 6 Feb, 2008 in Auburn, Ala Kentucky won 66-63.

INTERNET

Spain snatch rare win over France

MALAGA (Spain), 7 Feb — Spain snatched a 1-0 win over World Cup finalists France thanks to a late goal from left back Joan Capdevila in a Euro 2008 warm-up on Wednesday.

France dominated for most of a tactical and conservative friendly, but the game burst into life when Capdevila put Spain in front snapping in a rebound from close range 10 minutes from time.

Thierry Henry had two great chances to equalize but his first flew wide of the post and his second was blocked by the ever alert Spain keeper Iker Casillas.

It was only the second time Spain have beaten France in their last 11 meetings, a victory that compensated for an otherwise unfortunate evening for the home side.—MNA/Reuters



United States defender Oguchi Onyewu (22) collides with Mexico forward Juan Carlos Cacho (15) as he steals the ball during the second half of a friendly soccer match on 6 Feb, 2008 in Houston. INTERNET



Zheng Zhi (C) of China vies with an Iraqi player during a 2010 World Cup qualifying football match in Dubai, the United Arab Emirates (UAE), on 6 Feb, 2008. The match ended in a 1-1 draw. —INTERNET

Poles beat Czechs 2-0 in Cyprus friendly

LARNACA (Cyprus), 7 Feb — First half goals from Wojciech Lobodzinski and Mariusz Lewandowski earned Poland a 2-0 victory over Czech Republic in a fast-paced friendly in Cyprus on Wednesday.

Lobodzinski scored in the sixth minute from the edge of the penalty area, followed 22 minutes later by Lewandowski who curled a long ball high into the corner of the net.

The Czechs had a clear chance in the 30th minute but Jan Koller's shot was saved by goalkeeper Artur Boruc.

MNA/Reuters

Germany enjoy 3-0 win over Austria in Vienna

VIENNA, 7 Feb — Germany put a dire first half behind them to run out 3-0 winners over wasteful Austria in their Euro 2008 dress rehearsal at the Ernst Happel Stadium on Wednesday.

The European Championship co-hosts had Germany on the ropes for the first 45 minutes of an entertaining friendly but Thomas Hitzlsperger blasted the ball in from the edge of the box after 53 minutes to set Germany on their way.

Miroslav Klose swooped for his 37th international goal soon afterwards and substitute Mario Gomez headed home the third 10 minutes from time.

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Austria coach Josef Hickersberger will at least take heart from a good first half display, when Roland Linz had a goalbound shot cleared and Martin Harnik headed against the bar.

Michael Ballack, back for his first international since March 2007, went close when he headed over the bar in the first half and the Germany captain grew more influential as the game went on.

MNA/Reuters

Turkey held 0-0 by Sweden in Euro 2008 warm-up

ISTANBUL, 7 Feb — Turkey had more of the ball but failed to break down a stubborn Sweden for a 0-0 draw in their friendly international on Wednesday, a warm-up for both teams for the European Championship finals in June.

The first chance of the game fell to Sweden's Kennedy Bakircioglu after five minutes but he fired just wide. —MNA/Reuters

Italy impressive in 3-1 win over Portugal

ZURICH, 7 Feb — Italy turned on the style to beat Portugal 3-1 with goals from Luca Toni, Fabio Cannavaro and Fabio Quagliarella in an entertaining friendly on Wednesday. Toni slid in his 15th goal for the world champions on the stroke of halftime after Portugal goalkeeper Ricardo allowed Fabio Grosso's low cross to slip through his fingers and reach the Bayern Munich striker at the far post.

Andrea Pirlo's shot from the edge of the box then took a deflection off his captain Cannavaro before going in at the near post five minutes into the second half. "The deflection was very important and my touch was decisive," Cannavaro joked to Rai television. "This national team has grown very much and we don't want to lose even these matches. That shows we are mature."

Winger Ricardo Quaresma shone for Portugal and was rewarded when he blasted home in the 77th minute before substitute Quagliarella netted Italy's third from close range only moments after coming on.

MNA/Reuters



Mexico's Guillermo Ochoa makes a flying save off the head of United States' Carlos Bocanegra during the first half of their friendly match in Houston on 6 Feb, 2008.—INTERNET

Greek beat Finland 2-1 in late rally

NICOSIA, 7 Feb — European champions Greece scored twice in five minutes as they recovered from a goal down to beat Finland 2-1 in a friendly international in Cyprus on Wednesday.

Finland dominated most of the first half but Jonatan Johansson lost two good scoring chances in the seventh and 24th minutes.

Defender Sotiris Kyrgiakos missed a chance for Greece when he shot over the bar just before halftime and the roles were reversed in the second half with the Greeks in full control of the midfield.

MNA/Reuters

Israel to begin construction of fence at Egyptian border

JERUSALEM, 7 Feb — Israel will soon begin construction of a fence at the Egyptian border in both Eilat and Nitzana Border crossings, local daily *Yedioth Ahronoth* reported Wednesday on its website. Israel announced the plan after Prime Minister Ehud Olmert, Defence Minister Ehud Barak and Foreign Minister Tzipi

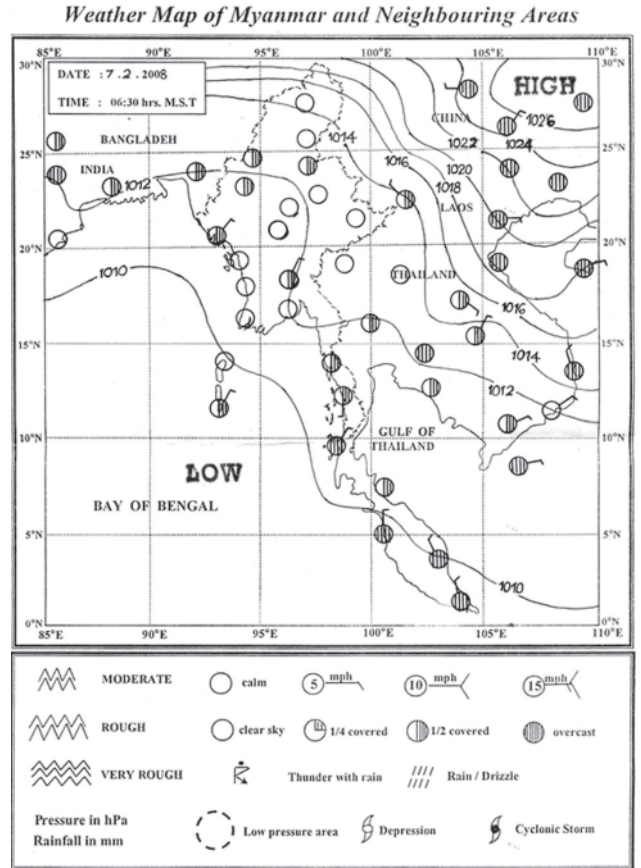
Livni met earlier in the day. The trio also met with the military, security agency Shin Bet and Foreign Ministry officials to discuss a possible 250-million-US-dollar budget cut in government ministries to help fund the construction of the above mentioned border fence, according to the daily. *MNA/Xinhua*

Egypt searches missing cargo ship in Red Sea

CAIRO, 7 Feb — Egypt on Tuesday launched a search for a missing ship which disappeared in the Red Sea several days ago, the Egyptian Foreign Ministry said. The 14-crew ship with 1,700-ton cargo was owned by the Afro-Asia

Navigation Company and went missing on its way from Suez Port to Port Sudan without sending any distress signals before its disappearance, *MENA* quoted a senior Egyptian Foreign Ministry official as saying. Among the crew members, there were nine Egyptians, four Sudanese and a Yemeni, the report added.

So far, no indications of the ship's whereabouts have been found despite search efforts of the Egyptian armed forces and the Navy. — *MNA/Xinhua*



Tornadoes in US South kill at least 54

NASHVILLE(Tennessee), 7 Feb — Tornadoes and thunderstorms flattened the land and shattered lives across the US South on Tuesday and Wednesday, killing at least 54 people and injuring more than 150 in the deadliest such storms in nine years.

In Tennessee's Sumner County, northeast of Nashville, a tornado sucked an 11-month-old boy and his mother from their home. They were found later in a field. The child survived in good condition, but his mother was dead.

Tennessee Governor Phil Bredesen said he was shocked by the intensity and scope of a storm that "just literally sat on the ground in wide areas" along a track that was as much as 400 miles (643 kilometres) wide. *MNA/Reuters*



Dozens of tornadoes sliced across southern US states ripping apart homes and shopping malls, killing at least 54 people and injuring 150 more on 7 Feb, 2008.

INTERNET

Radio Myanmar

Friday, 8 February
Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music - You belong to me
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music - Whatever
- 8:50 am National news/Slogan
- 9:00 am Music - You sure do
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music - Push the feeling on
- 1:30 pm News/ Slogan
- 1:40 pm Lunch time music - God bless is everyone - Cold enough to snow
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- 9:45 pm News /Slogan
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WEATHER

Thursday, 7 February, 2008

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, light rain have been isolated in Taninthayi Division and weather has been partly cloudy in Kachin and Mon States and generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below February average temperatures in upper Sagaing and Bago Divisions, (3°C) to (4°C) above February average temperatures in Taninthayi Division and about February average temperatures in the remaining areas. The significant night temperatures were Loilem (2°C), Lashio, Namhsan and Pinlaung (4°C) each.

Maximum temperature on 6-2-2008 was 95°F. Minimum temperature on 7-2-2008 was 63°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 7-2-2008 was 67%. Total sunshine hours on 6-2-2008 was (8.8) hours approx.

Rainfall on 7-2-2008 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2008 was (0.67) inch at Mingaladon, (0.47) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.35) inch at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from Northeast at (18:30) hours MST on 6-2-2008.

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 8-2-2008: Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers in Taninthayi Division, weather will be partly cloudy in Kachin State and upper Sagaing Division and generally fair in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (40%)


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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of slight decrease of night temperatures in the Eastern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 8-2-2008: Fair weather.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 8-2-2008: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 8-2-2008: Fair weather.



Friday, 8 February
View on today

<p>7:00 am 1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Ottamathara</p> <p>7:25 am 2. To be healthy exercise</p> <p>7:30 am 3. Morning news</p> <p>7:40 am 4. Nice and sweet song</p> <p>7:55 am 5. လှုပ်ရှားပုံပြင် စိတ်ပျော်ရွှင်</p> <p>8:00 am 6. The mirror images of the musical oldies</p>	<p>8:10 am 7. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p>8:15 am 8. (၆၁)နှစ်မြောက်ပြည်ထောင်စုနေ့ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်</p> <p>8:30 am 9. International news</p> <p>8:45 am 10. English for Everyday Use</p> <p>4:00 pm 1. Martial song</p> <p>4:15 pm 2. Song to uphold National Spirit</p> <p>4:30 pm 3. အဆေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေးရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ-တတိယနှစ် (သတ္တဗေဒအထူးပြု) (သတ္တဗေဒ)</p> <p>4:45 pm 4. Song of National Races</p> <p>5:00 pm 5. (၆၁)နှစ်မြောက်ပြည်ထောင်စုနေ့ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်</p> <p>5:15 pm 6. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစကား</p>
<p>5:25 pm 7. "ဘဝသစ်ရဲ့စာမျက်နှာ" (ငြိမ်းချမ်းမြတ်ကောသီအောင်၊ စိုးပြည့်သခင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-အောင်မိုး)(ပဲရစ်)</p> <p>5:30 pm 8. Song of yesteryear</p> <p>5:45 pm 9. (၆၁)နှစ်မြောက်ပြည်ထောင်စုနေ့ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်</p> <p>6:00 pm 10. Evening news</p> <p>6:30 pm 11. Weather report</p> <p>6:35 pm 12. သုတစုံလင် ရွှေညွှန်ရှင်</p> <p>7:05 pm 13. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "လေဒီယာနှင့်ဆုံစည်းခြင်း" (အပိုင်း-၆)</p> <p>7:45 pm 14. ပြည်ထောင်စုစိတ်ဓာတ်မြှင့်တင်ရန်နှင့်မာရ်နာ့မှီဝန်တာ (အသီးတစ်ရာအညွှတ်တစ်ခုနဲ့ပြည်ထောင်စု)</p> <p>8:00 pm 15. News</p> <p>16. International news</p> <p>17. Weather report</p> <p>18. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ ရုတ်သီလူများ" (အပိုင်း-၂၅)</p> <p>9. The next day's programme</p>	<p>8:30 am Brief news</p> <p>8:35 am Music - You belong to me</p> <p>8:40 am Perspectives</p> <p>8:45 am Music - Whatever</p> <p>8:50 am National news/Slogan</p> <p>9:00 am Music - You sure do</p> <p>9:05 am International news</p> <p>9:10 am Music - Push the feeling on</p> <p>1:30 pm News/ Slogan</p> <p>1:40 pm Lunch time music - God bless is everyone - Cold enough to snow</p> <p>9:00 pm W O M</p> <p>9:15 pm Article</p> <p>9:25 pm Music at your request - Thank you - Only love</p> <p>9:45 pm News /Slogan</p> <p>10:00 pm PEL</p>

Secretary-1 attends ceremony to present Myanmar Motion Picture Outstanding Award (Academy Award) for 2006

Efforts to be exerted in collaboration with foreign countries to improve movie industry



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and wife Daw Khin Saw Hnin greet film stars at Myanmar Motion Picture Outstanding Award (Academy Award) for 2006. — MNA

Myanmar Motion Picture Outstanding Award (Academy Award) winners for 2006

Sr.	Award	Film Artiste/Technician	Film Title
1.	Best Sound Award	U Myo Nyunt	Taungthaman Thitsa
2.	Best Scriptwriter Award	Zaw Myint Oo	Taungthaman Thitsa
3.	Best Film Editing Award	Zaw Min (Hanthamyay)	Hmyawlintchin Myarzwa
4.	Best Cinematography Award	Than Nyunt (Pantha)	Panpyothudoh Alinkar
5.	Best Music Award	Ko Thaw Zin (Lawunein)	Panpyothudoh Alinkar
6.	Best Supporting Actress Award	May Thinzar Oo	Panpyothudoh Alinkar
7.	Best Film Award	Nawarat Film Production	Hmyawlintchin Myarzwa
8.	Best Supporting Actor Award	Po Kyaw	Hmyawlintchin Myarzwa
9.	Best Film Director Award	Maung Myo Min (Yin Dwin Phyt)	Hmyawlintchin Myarzwa
10.	Best Actress Award	Nandar Hlaing	Taungthaman Thitsa
11.	Best Actor Award	Yan Aung	Gonshein Pyindè Chitchin Theikkhar

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Feb — Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and wife Daw Khin Saw Hnin attended the ceremony to present the Myanmar Motion Picture Outstanding Award (Academy Award) for 2006, organized by Myanmar Motion Picture Enterprise under the Ministry of Information, at the open air theatre of the City Hall of Nay Pyi Taw this evening.

Also present on the occasion were members of the SPDC and their wives, senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence and their wives, Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin and wife, min-

isters and their wives, deputy ministers, senior military officers, departmental heads and members of the Commission for Drafting State Constitution, Union Day delegates, officials of the Myanmar Motion Picture Promotion and Scrutinizing Board and the Motion Picture and Video Censor Board, responsible persons of Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayon, Myanmar Music Asiayon, Myanmar Thabin Asiayon, Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association and social organizations, film artistes, technicians, film producers and fans.

First, Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan delivered an address. The minister said at today's ceremony, outstanding artistes and tech-

nicians in the Myanmar movies shown in 2006 would be awarded. Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayon was reconstituted on 24 June 2007 in order to develop the film industry. MMPA is found to be striving with new strength and vigour to improve the film industry in all aspects. Courses on directing, acting and photography are conducted constantly to improve the skills of the artistes. In like manner, seminars and workshops on film technology are held occasionally so as to improve the Myanmar film world.

The minister added that the Ministry of Information for its part is encouraging MMPA and the people of the film world to try to boost the Myanmar movie industry.

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Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan delivers an address at Myanmar Motion Picture Outstanding Award (Academy Award) for 2006. — MNA

SPECIAL FEATURES TO HAIL 61st ANNIVERSARY UNION DAY

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The experiences of the Union



It is not easy for a country to survive. The country has encountered many battles and hardships. It came into being after passing the significant events. An existing country must be an independent and sovereign one. It must be strong in order to safeguard its perpetuation so that a modern developed nation will stand tall forever.

Kayin State which has developed significantly in the time of Tatmadaw Government



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Union Day aim

*In that glorious 1947
 Came that February
 Twelfth was the celebrated day
 On which national brethren
 Armed with patriotism
 Signed agreement in Panglong
 Aiming to serve nation
 In harmony and unison