

Matapitu upatthanam, to serve thy parents; this is the way to auspiciousness.

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Efforts being made for the nation to stand tall as peaceful, modern and developed one

The State Peace and Development Council is implementing the political objectives such as “Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution” and “Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution” to transform the nation into a peaceful, modern and developed one that keeps abreast of other nations.

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)

Secretary-1 receives Secretary of Indian Ministry of External Affairs

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Feb — Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Develop-

ment Council of the Union of Myanmar Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung

Myint Oo received Secretary Shiv Shankar Menon of the Ministry of Exter-

nal Affairs of the Republic of India at the meeting hall of the SPDC Office,

here, at 10.15 am today.

Also present at the call were Minister for

Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Deputy Minister U Kyaw Thu and Director-General Col Kyaw Kyaw Win of the SPDC Office.

The Indian Secretary was accompanied by Indian Ambassador to the Union of Myanmar Mr Bhaskar Kumar Mitra and staff of the Indian Embassy. —MNA



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo receives Shiv Shankar Menon, Secretary of Ministry of External Affairs of the Republic of India. — MNA

Weather Forecast for (9-2-08)

Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area:

Fair weather.

Yangon and neighbouring area:

Generally fair weather.

Mandalay and neighbouring area:

Fair weather.

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

PERSPECTIVES

Saturday, 9 February, 2008

To enhance standard of Myanmar Film Industry

A ceremony to present the Myanmar Motion Picture Outstanding Award (Academy Award) for 2006 was held in Nay Pyi Taw on 7 February, and altogether 11 awards were presented to artistes and technicians.

In cooperation with those from the movie world, the Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayon is making relentless efforts for development of the film industry. Enhancing the standard of Myanmar films and penetrating the international market is the lifeblood of Myanmar Film Industry.

The Ministry of Information is striving for the film industry to be able to screen Myanmar movies in foreign countries in order to penetrate the international market. And those from the film world are to try their utmost for improvement of Myanmar films and for showing them in foreign countries.

Myanmar information delegations were sent to the TV Broadcasting Show held in India, the international radio, movie and television show, Beijing Film Festival and the 16th Chinese Golden Rooster Film Festival held in the People's Republic of China. Moreover, they were also sent to China, Singapore and Hong Kong to learn the digital cinematography.

Through international cooperation, Myanmar movies can be put on both domestic and foreign markets, thereby gaining experiences and making profits.

This being so, movie stars and producers are to strive together for producing movies of higher standard capable of penetrating the international market. Only then, will the standard of Myanmar films improve all the more.

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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 greets Union Day delegates

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Feb—Chairman of Management Committee for Holding the 61st Anniversary Union Day Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin cordially greeted the delegates from States and Divisions who will attend the 61st Union Day Celebartoin at No 7 Guest House, here, today.

Next, the commander looked into clinics of Health Department and Traditional Medecine Department and communication centre at No 7 Guest House.—MNA

Foreign Minister sends message of congratulations to Thailand

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Feb—U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of congratulations to His Excellency Mr Noppadon Pattama, who has been appointed as Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Thailand.—MNA

Minister receives guest of ESCAP

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Feb—Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo received U Wai Linn, special advisor to executive secretary of the UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and Pacific (ESCAP), at the ministry, here, on 6 February. They discussed matters on holding seminars on technology, giving training courses and conducting researches.—MNA



Commander Maj-Gen Wai Lwin greets Union Day delegates from states and divisions.—MNA

Pakkoku U Ohn Pe Scholarship Awards announced

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Feb — The Pakkoku U Ohn Pe Scholarship Award Fund Supervisory Committee of the Ministry of Education announced the lists of outstanding students who were awarded in respective subjects in the matriculation examination for 2006-07 and outstanding students majoring in Myanmar at the university.

Ma Wutyi Nanda Maung of No 6 Basic Education High School, Pathein stood first, Maung Myat Thu Han of No 6 BEHS, Pathein, second and Ma Eint Yadana Oo of No 1 BEHS, Insein, third in Myanmar. Maung Kyi Hla Win of No 2 BEHS, Kamayut, stood first, Maung Zeya Nway Naing of No 1 BEHS, Myitkyina, second and Maung Hayman Min Lwin Oo of No 2 BEHS, Insein, third in English. In Mathematics, Ma Ei Ei Mon of No 6 BEHS, Pathein, stood first, Ma Zin Mar Phyu of No 4 BEHS, Taunggyi, second and Maung Hset Paing Oo of Dagon No 1 BEHS, Yangon, third. Maung Maung Khaing of No 1 BEHS, Pyay, stood first in Chemistry. Ma Khin Myat Noe Tun of Dagon No 1 BEHS, Yangon stood first in Physics. Ma Wutyi Nandar Maung of No 6 BEHS, Pathein stood first in Biology. Ma Yin Wai Hlaing Thu of No 1 BEHS, Mohnyin in Economics. Ma Aye Aye Pyone of Gangaw BEHS stood first in Geography. Ma Aye Thida Win of Kyonpyaw BEHS stood first in History and Ma Phyu Mar Oo (External) of Kangyidaunt Township stood first in Optional Myanmar.

Ma Ohnma Myint (Shwebo Degree College), Maung Lwin Maw Oo (Mohnyin Degree College), Ma Teim Thè (Kalay University) and Ma Thurein Wint Wint Han (Dagon University) won Pakkoku U Ohn Pe Myanmar outstanding award for 2006.

Scholarship winners are to contact the Deputy Director-General of Education Planning and Training Department, Ph: 01 548540 and 541283 as soon as possible. The prize presentation ceremony will be held in Pakkoku at 9 am on 1 March.—MNA

Pakokku U Ohn Pe Literary Award winners announced

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Feb — The list of Pakokku U Ohn Pe Literary Award winners for 2007 were announced today.

In the Collected Poem Genre, Than Aung (Anyamyae) won the first prize, Aung Thar San (Thandwe), second prize and Myaylat Min Lwin, third prize.

In the novel genre, Thein Than Win (Mahlaing) clinched the first prize.

In the collected short stories genre, the second prize went to Kyunsin Myay Saw Khet and the third prize to Thein Zaw (Shweli Oo).

In the treatise genre, Maung Maung Nyunt (Mann Tekkatho) appeared to claim the first prize.

In the research literature genre, Maung Yin Hlaing (Pynmamyaying) secured the first prize and the follow-up winner was Ni Nyein (Anya Tekkatho).

The Pakokku U Ohn Pe Literary Award Scrutinizing Committee selected writer Dr Thaw Kaung (U Thaw Kaung) as winner for Life-time Achievement Literary Award for 2007.

Ma Su Oo Htet (Second Year, Theatrics Major) of University of Culture (Yangon) and Maung Min Min Myat (First year, Music Major) of University of Culture (Mandalay) won Pakokku U Ohn Pe Scholarship.

The ceremony to present Pakokku U Ohn Pe Literary Awards and outstanding student awards will be held at Pyithayar Hall in Pakokku at 9 am on 1 March.

The award winners are urged to contact the Chief Editor of Sarpay Beikman at Nos 529/531 on Merchant Street, Tel: 01-240048 and 381449.

MNA

US vote puts McCain ahead; Clinton, Obama draw

WASHINGTON, 8 Feb— Democrats Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton faced a protracted battle while John McCain took charge of the Republican race after the “Super Tuesday” presidential nominating contests in 24 US states.

In the biggest day of voting to choose party candidates who will contest the election to succeed President George W Bush in November, Obama won 13 states and

Clinton took eight. Clinton’s wins meluded the key prizes of California and New York, making for a virtual draw in the hard-fought Democratic duel.

McCain won nine contests, including victories in California and the Northeast, to take a commanding led in the Republican race.

Republican rivals Mitt Romney and Mike Huckabee vowed to fight on, but could face growing questions about the

viability of their campaigns. Romney won seven states and Huckabee won five on Tuesday.

The close Democratic contest, which has generated wide public interest, gives voters the chance to nominate a candidate who could be the first Black US president, Illinois Senator Obama, or the first female president, New York Senator and former first lady Clinton.

MNA/Reuters



Chinese President Hu Jintao joins a squad of soldiers who are loading relief supplies onto a helicopter at an airport in southwest China’s Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region. —INTERNET

Pakistani police arrest two in Bhutto’s murder case

ISLAMABAD, 7 Feb—Pakistani police have arrested two people allegedly involved in the assassination of former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto, local TV channels reported on Thursday.

Interior Ministry spokesman Brig (retd) Javed Iqbal Cheema confirmed the arrest of Husnain and Razaqat, who were suspected to be responsible for Bhutto’s murder.

It is not clear when they were arrested and what was their role in the killing of the opposition leader Bhutto.

□The authorities have already arrested Aitzaz Shah, a 15-year-old suspect who was a member of the back-up suicide bombers. —Internet

Pakistani Taleban declare truce, military denies it

ISLAMABAD, 8 Feb— Taleban militants fighting Pakistani troops near the Afghan border declared a ceasefire on Wednesday but a military spokesman said that while fighting had died down no truce had been agreed. But in a setback for Pakistani forces, a general commanding operations against the Taleban fighters in South Waziristan was killed along with seven others in a helicopter crash on Wednesday but the military spokesman said it was probably an accident.

MNA/Reuters

Defence minister says Nigeria will not host AFRICOM

ABUJA, 8 Feb — Nigeria has not agreed to host the headquarters of the US Africa Command (AFRICOM), Nigerian Minister of Defence Alhaji Yayale Ahmed was quoted as saying by the *News Agency of Nigeria* (NAN) Wednesday.

At a forum held by the NAN in Abuja, capital of Nigeria, Tuesday, the minister said, “Nigeria’s standpoint is that if the aim of AFRICOM is to assist in the training of personnel, the provision of health care facilities and the fight against HIV and AIDS, its headquarters does not necessarily have to be on the African soil.”

AFRICOM is an initiative of the United States, which the country said was established to assist Africa in the areas of training of military personnel, provision of health care and fight against HIV and AIDS among others.

When the United States created the Command, it said it would have responsibility to promote security and government stability in the African region.

MNA/Xinhua

Hu visits disaster area, helps soldiers load relief supplies

GUILIN, 8 Feb — President Hu Jintao made another visit to a disaster area ahead of the Spring Festival, China’s most important holiday, and this time, he offered a helping hand.

At an airport in southern Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region on Tuesday, Hu removed his coat and joined a squad of soldiers who were loading relief supplies onto a helicopter.

“Weather conditions have been volatile these days. Not only you need to fulfill your flight missions, but you must also ensure your safety,” Hu told the soldiers who were delivering the supplies to people in regions hard hit by severe weather.

The President urged the soldiers to fight against difficulties and fatigue and contribute to achieving a victory over the disaster.

MNA/Xinhua

US conservatives dismayed Mitt Romney quit race

ATLANTA, 8 Feb — Republican Mitt Romney’s exit from the White House race left dismayed conservatives vowing to sit out the election — or else hold their noses to vote for John McCain, their party’s likely nominee.

“I’m really depressed today because this is the first time that I find myself in a position that I will not work for the nominee (McCain),” said a caller to host Rush Limbaugh’s conservative talk-radio show on the verge of tears.

Romney, a former Massachusetts governor, suspended his campaign on Thursday, shocking supporters and all but handing the nomination



Mitt Romney

to McCain, a man some view as too liberal on immigration reform, taxes and free speech.

Romney lost 14 of 21 states on Tuesday, the biggest day of nominating contests before the November 4 election.

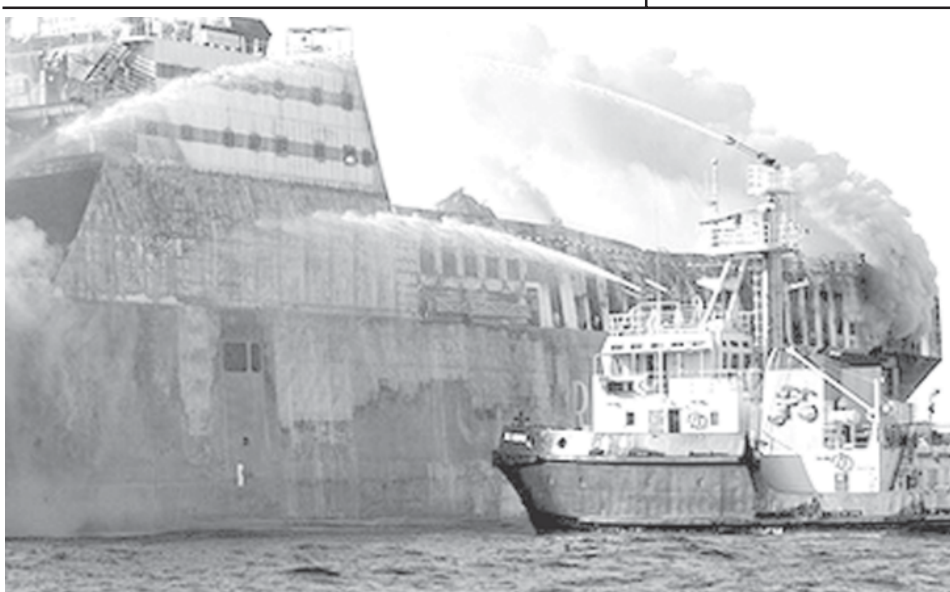
Declining to identify herself, the caller said she

might even vote for Senator Barack Obama, vying with Senator Hillary Clinton for the Democratic nomination in the campaign to choose a successor to US President George W Bush.

Former Arkansas governor Mike Huckabee is the only other Republican hopeful to have won primary states.

But many conservative Republicans had fixed on Romney as their best choice in a field they saw as too liberal or moderate, even if they did have reservations about his perceived changes from more liberal positions of late.

MNA/Reuters



A rescue boat tries to extinguish fire on a Turkey cargo boat which caught a fire off the northern Croatian coast near Pula. Croatian firefighters have contained a blaze aboard a Turkish cargo ship whose toxic load threatened to pollute the Adriatic coastline, authorities said on 7 Feb, 2008.—INTERNET



A minke whale harpooned by the Japanese whaling vessel Yushin Maru No 2 in the Southern Ocean is seen in this handout photograph released on 7 Feb, 2008.—XINHUA

Russia warns EU, NATO of “illegal” Kosovo moves

BRUSSELS, 7 Feb— Russia warned the European Union and NATO on Wednesday that their presence in Kosovo would be illegal if they acted in support of a self-proclaimed independent state. Russian ambassador to the EU Vladimir Chizhov said the EU had no basis in international law to deploy a police and justice mission in the breakaway Serbian Province, since that required a United

Nations mandate.

Moscow has backed Belgrade’s refusal to allow Kosovo’s ethnic Albanian majority their own state, blocking a UN Security Council resolution that would have granted the territory supervised independence.

“Any attempt to circumvent the UN Security Council would put the EU mission on a very

shaky legal basis,” Chizhov told a news conference.

He said the NATO-led peacekeeping force in Kosovo known as KFOR would be in breach of its UN mandate if for example it intervened to put down protests by Kosovo’s Serb minority against a declaration of independence.

MNA/Reuters

Fire in Oriental Weavers factory injures 56 in N-E Cairo

CAIRO, 7 Feb— Authorities are battling to put out a fire in an Oriental Weavers factory northeast of Cairo that has injured about 56 people, security sources said on Tuesday.

The cause of the blaze is not yet known, the source added. Four military helicopters and 12 cars from the Oil Ministry were called in to help fight the fire, state news agency MENA said.

The fire is believed to have started in a storage area of the factory filled with carpets earmarked for export, MENA said.

MENA said winds fanned the flames and workers in nearby factories began hosing down walls with water to prevent the fire from spreading to their factories. —MNA/Reuters

Bomb blast injures soldier in S Thailand

BANGKOK, 7 Feb — A bomb planted near a Chinese shrine in Thailand’s southern Pattani Province was triggered by insurgents on the eve of Chinese New Year Wednesday morning, wounding one soldier.

The soldier was guarding the shrine for Chinese descendants who went to pay respect to the goddess in Sai Buri District when the bomb went off in the morning, the *Bangkok Post* reported on its website.

He was rushed to hospital and security forces have reached the shrine for investigating.

Thailand’s three southernmost provinces — Pattani, Yala and Narathiwat have been troubled with insurgency-related violence which has claimed more than 2,800 lives since it resumed in early 2004. — MNA/Xinhua

Pakistan Army helicopter crashes, eight killed

ISLAMABAD, 7 Feb— A Pakistani Army helicopter crashed in South Waziristan on Wednesday, killing eight military personnel, including the general in charge of operations against Taliban fighters in the tribal region, a military spokesman said.

Several senior officers, including two brigadiers, were killed along with Major-General Javed Sultan, commander of forces in the Kohat region, which South Waziristan falls under.

MNA/Reuters



A family of Chadian refugees cross a bridge in Kousseri on the Cameroonian border as they head back to N’Djamena.—INTERNET

Chad rebels vow to resist if attacked by French

N’DJAMENA, 8 Feb — Chadian rebels said on Wednesday they would defend themselves if attacked by French troops or other foreign forces in Chad, and vowed to press ahead with their fight to topple President Idriss Deby.

They said they were still occupying positions “around N’Djamena”, but declined to specify how far they were from the capital.

“We are determined to achieve our objectives, whatever foreign force intervenes in Chad, from France or elsewhere ... If we are attacked, then we have the right to legitimately defend

ourselves,” rebel spokesman Ali Ordjo Hemchi said. He said he was speaking by telephone from a location outside N’Djamena.

MNA/Reuters

Finnish Embassy in Kenya receives attack warning

NAIROBI, 8 Feb — The Finnish Embassy in Kenya said on Wednesday it had received an email warning that it was at risk of a possible attack linked to Somalia.

“We have received a warning through email indicating the threat could come through Ethiopia. The message indicates a Somali connection,” Helsinki’s envoy, Heli Sirve, told Reuters.

The ambassador said officials at her embassy had contacted Kenya’s anti-terrorism police to investigate the email, which was received at the weekend.

She said it was not clear who sent the message, and she did not speculate on why the Finnish mission might be attacked. — MNA/Reuters

CIA says used waterboarding three times

WASHINGTON, 7 Feb— The CIA on three occasions shortly after the September 11 attacks used a widely condemned interrogation technique known as waterboarding, CIA Director Michael Hayden told Congress on Tuesday.

“Waterboarding has been used on only three detainees,” Hayden told the Senate Intelligence Committee.

It was the first time a US official publicly specified the number of people subjected to waterboarding and named them.

Critics call waterboarding a form of illegal torture. Congress is considering banning the technique.

MNA/Reuters



A man walks past a garage destroyed by a tornado in Atkins, Arkansas on 7 Feb, 2008.—INTERNET

ECONOMIC NEWS

US slowdown could be opportunity, not crisis, for China

BEIJING, 7 Feb — A slowdown in the US economy will affect China, but maybe in a positive way, according to Chinese economists and analysts.

“The financial tsunami in the US will have a negative result on Chinese exports,” said Wang Tong-san, director of the Institute of Quantitative and Technological Economics of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences

(CASS).

Wang noted that “a drop of one percentage point in American gross domestic product would lead to a five percentage-point decline in the growth rate of Chinese exports”.

However, Zheng Jing-ping, a researcher with the National Statistics Bureau, noted that it was not export growth but the trade surplus that would

be the key issue.

“The major source of Chinese exports is processing trade,” he said. “We import raw material before exporting it as finished goods.

Therefore, it is still unknown if the trade surplus would see a sharp decline.”

A smaller trade surplus would not be so bad, Zheng added.

MNA/Xinhua



Visitors are seen on the Apollo Wheel at the Happy Valley Park during the Chinese New Year holidays in Beijing on 7 Feb, 2008. The lunar “Year of the Rat” began on 7 Feb in China and will also be celebrated by as many as 35 million overseas Chinese in cities across the globe.—INTERNET

Vietnam strives to be wealthier, active UNSC member

HANOI, 8 Feb — Vietnamese State President Nguyen Minh Triet said Vietnam strives to be removed from the list of developing countries with low income in 2008, and actively acts as a non-permanent member of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) and a member of the World Trade Organization (WTO), central Vietnam Television reported on Thursday.

In his Lunar New Year-welcoming speech, the President said being removed from the list, and an active member of the UNSC and the WTO will “lay a foundation for Vietnam to basically become an industrialized country by 2020”, the Vietnam Television reported on the first day of the Lunar New Year.

Vietnam will keep on accelerating economic growth, raising its economy’s quality, developing culture and society, and maintaining political stability, security and defence for wealthy people, a powerful country, and a fair, democratic and civilized society.

MNA/Xinhua



Modu founder Dov Moran displays the Modu, a tiny cell phone that pops into interchangeable ‘jackets’ to become a bigger, smarter phone, or into other gadgets to connect them to the Internet, on 5 Feb, 2008. —INTERNET

Bulgaria, Hungary to cooperate on major gas pipelines

SOFIA, 7 Feb— Bulgaria and Hungary will cooperate on two major gas pipelines to be constructed in Europe, the presidents of the two countries said here at a news conference on Tuesday.

Hungarian President Laszlo Solyom, who is on a two-day official visit to Bulgaria, expressed his country’s interest in the development of the South Stream gas pipeline, which will run under the Black Sea from Russia to Bulgaria. He said that Hungary hopes the pipeline could reach its territory as well.

For his part, Bulgarian President Georgi Parvanov said Bulgaria is ready to promote the South Stream pipeline route through Hungarian territory.

The two presidents discussed possibilities for joint efforts to activate the work toward another major energy project in Europe, the Nabucco project, which is designed to transport Central Asian gas from the Caspian basin to Europe but bypassing Russia.

MNA/Xinhua

B’desh to float int’l offshore bidding for oil exploration

DHAKA, 7 Feb— The Bangladeshi Government on Tuesday approved a proposed production sharing contract (PSC) with foreign and local oil companies, setting the stage for launching offshore bidding for oil and gas exploration.

The approval was made at the regular weekly meeting of the council of advisers of Bangladeshi caretaker government, with Chief Adviser Fakhruddin Ahmed in the chair.

“It’s a great news for the Bangladesh’s energy sector. The approval of the model PSC would now pave the way for new exploration activities in the gas and oil rich Bay of Bengal,” a senior govern-

ment official who did not want to give his name said here Tuesday.

He said the state-owned Petrobangla would now invite tender middle of this month, seeking participation of both foreign and local companies in the exploration and development gas fields.

MNA/Xinhua

China sees sedan exports more than doubled

BEIJING, 8 Feb — China’s sedan exports more than doubled year-on-year to 188,600 units in 2007, according to figures from the General Administration of Customs.

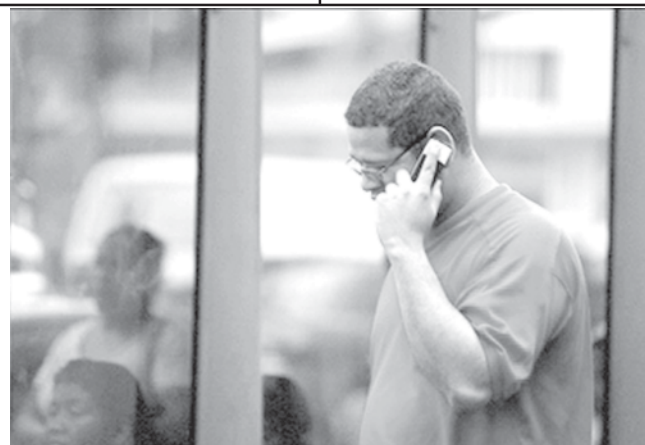
The country’s auto imports and exports reached 66.9 billion US dollars last year, with imports up 24.45 per cent and exports up 45.31 per cent.

Chery, the flag-bearer of Chinese indigenous brands, saw a 132-per-cent surge of export in 2007, which came at 119,800 units. The carmaker, which has accelerated its expansion overseas in recent years, expected to export 180,000 this year.

MNA/Xinhua



Aerial view of construction work on the main stadium for the 2012 London Olympics near Stratford in east London, on 7 Feb, 2008, as it was announced that construction work on the stadium complex for the London Olympics is on track to start up to three months early.—INTERNET



A man speaks on a mobile phone in Panama City in January 2008. Japanese scientists looking at patients with brain tumours say they can find no evidence to support fears that using a mobile phone boosts the risk of cerebral cancer.—INTERNET

France warns rebels not to attack Chadian capital

PARIS, 8 Feb — France would definitely act “more decisively” to protect the lawfully-elected government of Chad in the event of another rebel attack on the capital, French Foreign Minister Bernard Kouchner said Wednesday.

Kouchner said the situation had changed after the United Nations Security Council adopted a statement condemning the rebellion and also paving the way for an eventual intervention to protect the lawful government.

MNA/Xinhua

Bomb blast kills three in Pakistan

QUETTA, 7 Feb — Three people were killed and eight wounded in a bomb blast at a bus stand in Pakistan’s troubled southwestern province of Baluchistan on Thursday, officials said.

The device exploded in the town of Dera Murad Jamali, killing two people on the spot, while the bomber was also caught in the explosion and died of his injuries, local administration official Akbar Mujahid told AFP. A previously unknown separatist organisation called the Baluch Republican Army claimed responsibility for the blast in a telephone call to local journalists.

There was no way of verifying the claim. Baluchistan has been in the grip of a three-year rebellion waged by ethnic Baluch rebels seeking more political rights and a greater share of profits in region’s natural resources.

Hundreds of people have died in violence in the province since the insurgency flared in late 2004.

Internet



Photographers take photos of dancers disguised as dinosaurs during carnival celebrations at the Sambadrome in Rio de Janeiro on 5 Feb, 2008.—INTERNET

UNSC demands end to Kenya ethnic violence

UNITED NATIONS, 7 Feb — The UN Security Council on Wednesday demanded an end to what it described as “ethnically motivated attacks” in Kenya, where a wave of

Pakistani policemen stand guard outside the presidential palace in Islamabad.

INTERNET

post-election violence has left over 1,000 people dead.

In its second non-binding statement issued since the violence began over a month ago, the 15-nation Council ordered Kenya to “immediately end violence, including ethnically motivated attacks, dismantle armed gangs, improve the humanitarian situation and

restore human rights”.

The clashes in Kenya were sparked by a dispute over the 27 December re-election of President Mwai Kibaki which opposition leader Raila Odinga says was rigged.

Most of the more than 1,000 deaths have come from ethnic killings, adding to fatalities from police clashes with protesters.—MNA/Reuters

Deadly US winter tornadoes not rare

WASHINGTON, 8 Feb — Winter tornadoes that ripped across parts of the American South this week were unusually lethal but not particularly rare, a US Government meteorologist said on Wednesday as the death toll mounted.

Tornado season in the United States generally starts in March and continues through the summer months but winter tornadoes have become an almost annual occurrence, according to Harold Brooks of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

“While this is not a normal event, it’s not an incredibly rare event,” Brooks, based at the agency’s National Severe Storms Laboratory in Norman, Oklahoma, said by telephone.

MNA/Reuters



US soldier charged with selling Egyptian antiques

NEW YORK, 8 Feb — A US Army helicopter pilot once stationed in Cairo will face charges of selling dozens of stolen Egyptian antiquities to a Texas art dealer, federal prosecutors said on Wednesday.

Edward Johnson was arrested on Tuesday and is scheduled to appear in Alabama federal court on Wednesday afternoon, the US Attorney’s Office in New York said.

According to the complaint, Johnson was stationed in Cairo in September 2002, when 370 pre-dynastic artifacts were stolen from the Ma’adi Museum near Cairo.

In January 2003, Johnson contacted a Texas art dealer with a collection of Egyptian antiquities, the complaint said.

Johnson told the dealer, who is not named

in the complaint, that his grandfather had acquired the antiquities in Egypt in the 1930s and 1940s, and that they had remained in the family.

The dealer purchased about 80 pieces for 20,000 US dollars and later consigned pieces from that collection to galleries and collectors in New York, London, Zurich, and Montreal.

MNA/Reuters

Staff killed in China’s snow disaster honoured

BEIJING, 7 Feb — China has conferred the title of “Central Enterprises’ Model Workers” on six workers who died in the effort to resolve difficulties caused by the recent severe weather.

The Ministry of Personnel (MOP) and the State-owned Assets Supervision and Administration Commission (SASAC) on Monday signed an order to honour the six who lost their lives amid the unusually severe snow, ice and cold.

They were Cao Xianglin, Xiao Jianhua, Luo Haiwen, Luo Changming, Zhou Jinghua, all from the Hunan company of the State Grid, and Liu Huan-song, who worked for the Guangdong company of the South Grid.

“As I face you here today, I cannot find enough words to express my condolences. Please accept a bow from me,” Premier Wen Jiabao told the families of Luo Haiwen, Luo Changming and Zhou Jinghua as he bowed to

them on 29 January when he first visited disaster-stricken Hunan Province.

Onboard a train to Chenzhou City in central Hunan for his second visit, Wen said that all Chinese had the faith, courage and ability to overcome the impact of the natural disaster. State-owned enterprises, including those in the communication, coal, electricity and transportation sectors, have gone all out with disaster relief work.

MNA/Xinhua



A hot air balloon flies over Porac town in Pampanga Province, north of Manila on 7 Feb, 2008, at the 12th Philippine International Hot Air Balloons fiesta at Clark freeport, a former US military facility. At least 14 countries from Europe, Asia and US have participated in the four-day tourism project.—INTERNET

Sr.	Subject	Unit	1988	2007	Progress
1.	Arable land	acre	207957	575456	367499
2.	Dam		-	37	37
3.	Reserve forest	Sq mile	605	20315	19710
4.	Protected public forest	Sq mile	-	17973	17973
5.	Motor road	mile	695	1094	399
6.	Bridge (above 180 feet)		2	5	3
7.	Post office		29	45	16
8.	Telegraph office		11	24	13
9.	Telephone station		8	29	21
10.	Microwave station		-	5	5
11.	Hydropower station		4	9	5
12.	Private-owned factory		343	506	163
13.	Basic education school		1091	1203	112
14.	University/college		-	1	1
15.	Technological university/ college		-	1	1
16.	University of Computer Studies		-	1	1
17.	Hospital		18	24	6

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



Var Bridge constructed across Manipur River on Kalay-Haka Road of Chin State to enable local people to enjoy fruits of smooth transport in the region.



Microwave Station
With a view to ensuring smooth communications between Chin State and other parts of the nation, a microwave station was built in Falam Township of Chin State.

Hailing the 61st Anniversary Union Day

The photo shows out-patient department of People's Hospital established in Haka of Chin State to provide health care services to the local people.



HAILING THE 61st ANNIVERSARY UNION DAY

Nation with prosperous future, races with fine traditions, and solemn national duties

Thiha Aung



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

“Our country will be a modern and developed one with a prosperous future if we combine the strength of national solidarity, natural resources and human resources.

“Patriotic spirit can make a citizen loyal to the nation and the people, and Union Spirit can beget friendship and unity. These spirits constitute the fundamental strength for our country. This fundamental strength not only improves the political, economic and social conditions of the State but also inspires the people to constantly safeguard the Union for its perpetual existence. This is a noble duty of the citizens.”

Head of State Senior General Than Shwe

Excerpt from guidance given at opening of Advanced Management Course No 5 for USDA Executives on 19 May 1999

Myanmar is rich in natural resources with impressive geographical features. The history of its cultural civilization shows that Myanmar is a nation where own traditions, culture and customs of the people flourish.

The nation is still a developing one. However, the people have well preserved and safeguarded national prestige and integrity, national character

and social norms.

Myanmar people by nature are brave, hardworking and patient. They do not harbour grudge. They forgive others easily. They settle disputes amicably. They uphold the national character of protecting and cherishing own lineage.

In stating the characters of Myanmar people, it will be complete only if fine characters of various national races are presented together. Characters of Myanmar people include diligence, friendship, bravery, courageous in action, preservation of fine traditions and own lineage, honesty, hospitality and generosity of national races such as Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Bamar, Mon, Rakhine and Shan.

Despite rich natural resources and high stature of national races, Myanmar still suffers the effects of certain traces of disintegration, disputes, and armed insurgency due to the instigation of the colonialists. In consequence, the nation lacked stability and peace and lagged behind other countries in development.

The main bounden duty of today’s Myanmar is to take a lesson from the fact that even though national races had lived in harmony for hundreds of years, they once became disunited due to the seeds of misunderstanding sowed by the old colonialists, and to inspire national races to equip themselves well with Union Spirit.

The main national duty of today’s Myanmar people is to transform the nation, which lagged behind in development in various sectors due to lack of stability and peace, into a peaceful, modern and developed nation.

National leaders and patriotic people of national races managed to help the motherland regain independence and sovereignty, and handed down the nation as the heritage of forefathers to next generations. So, each and every citizen of Myanmar has to try to be capable enough to defend the motherland from any alien attempt to undermine the nation.

Since 18 September 1988, the Tatmadaw government has given priority to and has built national reconsolidation, the lifeblood of the Union of Myanmar. In recognition of the Tatmadaw government’s benevolent attitude to them, 17 national race armed groups have returned to the legal fold and built peace with it.

Now, Myanmar has achieved national solidarity at the unprecedented level. As a result, almost all the

border areas are in a position to enjoy fruitful results of regional stability and peace.

So, the people will have to exert their efforts to maintain the already-achieved fruits of national unity and peace restored after experiencing much hardship. In this regard, they should work together with a sense of duty and loyalty in the interests of the nation.

At the same time, the Tatmadaw government is striving for development of the nation. In the process, it is working hard day in, day out to build economic and energy infrastructures and to fulfil requirements in the economic, education, health and transport sectors for progress of the entire nation, especially of rural and border areas.

All the Tatmadaw government is doing is focused on narrowing of development gap between one region and another and ensuring sustainable progress of the Union. It is common knowledge that in this situation, certain powerful countries without any knowledge of the prevailing situations of the nation and the real life of the people are trying to interfere in the internal affairs of Myanmar with the intention of manipulating and making Myanmar serve as their minion.

Certain strong unions have collapsed into smaller parts in no time, got many lives of their people dead or wounded, lost cultural heritage, and suffered social and economic decline, stemming from alien interference and intervention. Being independent people will be worth it only if they take lessons from those global incidents.

In the core of the drive for development of a nation and its people lies education. Only when the education standard of the entire people gets higher will the people be able to expand their horizons with high reasoning power and sharp views. In addition, the people will be able to work hard on self-reliant basis for a prosperous future of the nation and the people.

Being well convinced of this concept, the government places emphasis on production of a growing number of intellectuals and intelligentsia region-wise for transforming the nation into an agriculturally-developed one, then an industrialized one, and then an all-round developed one, and eventually an educated one. In pursuit of the goal, it is opening universities of various fields in the 24 special development regions in order that local youths can pursue higher education, computer studies and technological education in their own regions. This prudent drive will enable the nation to produce a significant number of reliable young intellectuals and intelligentsia in the education sector in next 10 years.

Now, the nation’s population touches more than 56 and a half million. The government is trying to achieve the target of rice sufficiency for a growing population of as many as 100 million. The nation’s annual paddy output has reached 1500 million baskets that is enough for 100 million people. Plans are well under way to hit the target of 2000 million baskets of paddy a year.

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So far, the Tatmadaw government has constructed 207 dams, 305 river water pumping stations, 7569 underground water tapping stations, and 1023 rural dams. That has brought the number of irrigated sown acreage of 1.487 million in 1988 to 4.9 million. The crop cultivation capacity has increased from 121 per cent in 1988 to 161.8 per cent.

Therefore, Myanmar remains the largest beans and pulses exporting country in southeast Asia. Sown acreage of edible oil crops has grown to 7.4 million, up from five million. It means the nation will achieve edible oil sufficiency in next four years, and the edible oil output will cover the growing population of the nation.

The government has established 18 industrial zones to improve private industries, as part of the plan for transition to an industrial country. From 1988 to date, the number of State-owned factories has surged from 624 to 791, and private factories, from 35,000 to 101,000. The annual industrial development rate is 25 per cent, the goods production rate has risen eight times.

In reality, the Tatmadaw is shouldering the State's responsibilities for democratic transition to fulfil the wishes of the people. Here, it is putting into effect the 12 objectives designed to restore stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, fulfil basic needs of the people, build an educated nation in its bid to build a discipline-flourishing democratic nation.

The essence of the administrative machinery in the transition period is to inculcate the people with a

sense of participation in building a discipline-flourishing genuine democratic nation. On the other side of democracy is anarchy, so it is required of the people to do their bit in the process for democratic transition.

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The Myanmar society favours stability and peace. In that regard, the Myanmar society means adoring and cherishing own land, safeguarding own lineage, and protecting own races and national prestige at risk to life, as supported by historic fine traditions that have flourished since the times of their ancestors.

It is known to the international community that certain big countries and their lackeys, making use of international economic crises, are imposing economic sanctions against Myanmar to get the nation into economic crisis. In spite of various forms of interference and disruption, the government is able to ensure agricultural development, boost production of import-substitute goods, and restore peace and stability across the nation.

Thus, every citizen who really loves and who wants to enable the mother country to catch up with international community has to contribute towards building consolidated national cohesion, and work hard instead of providing just lip-service.

Moreover, such citizens have to preserve the fine tradition of national unity, and understanding

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Ever flourishing patriotism

- * Alert and dynamic always
Valour and endurance added
Combined with determination
Is the Myanmar
- * Awakened and active
With correct conviction
And power of perseverance
Virtues the Myanmar has
- * Myanmar-born kith and kin
Close relatives
Hands joined like family members
The strength of motherland
- * Rakhine, Kayah, Chin, Kachin
Bamar, Mon, Shan and Kayin
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Are true Myanmar
- * Never yield to intruders
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Inherited in us is the blood
Crimson red
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Cherish we with loyalty
Straightforwardness in mind
That's our Union Spirit.

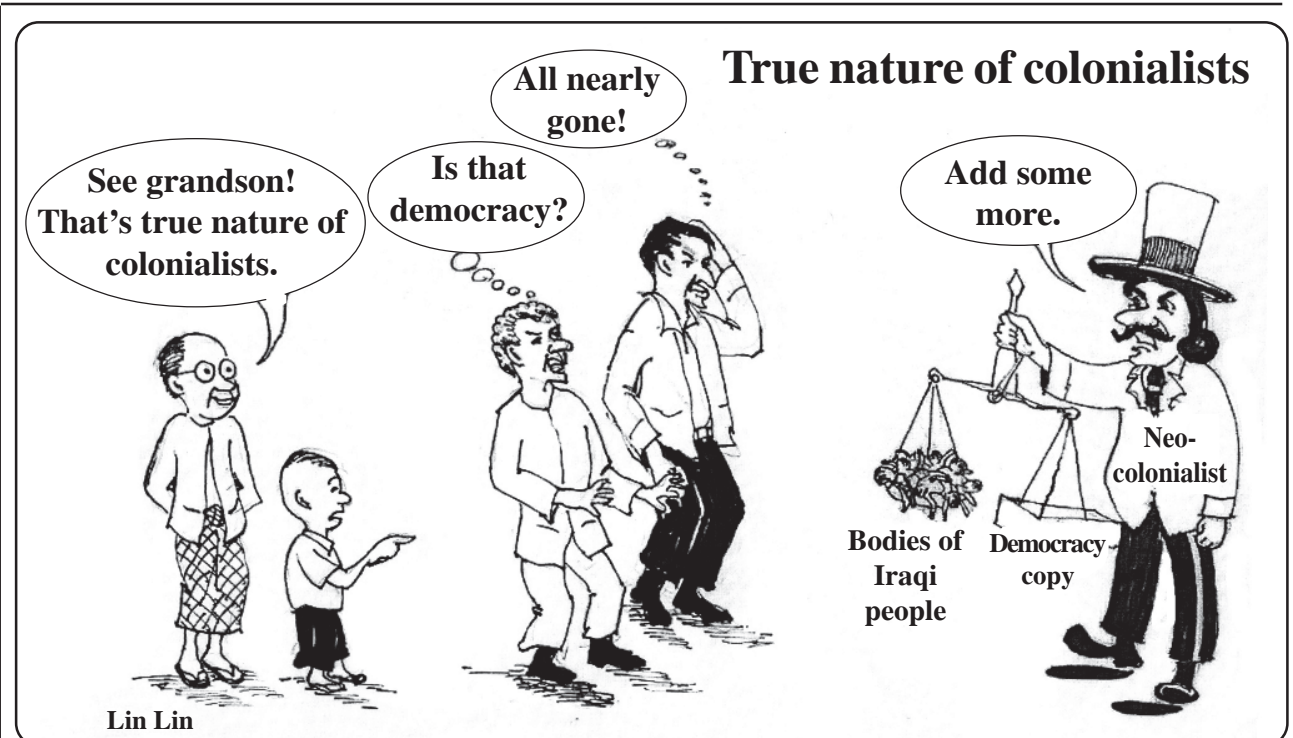
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among national brethren in the anti-colonialist movements, Anti-Fascist Resistance, and independence struggles.

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New roads open in Myaungmya Tsp

YANGON, 8 Feb— Hailing the 61st Anniversary Union Day, new Kyarphungon-Latpan gravel road built by Myaungmya Development Affairs Committee was put into service in Myaungmya Township in Ayeyawady Division on 4 February.

CEC member of Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Progress of Border Areas and

National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt inspected the new gravel road.

Thanks to completion of the 7,400-foot-long new gravel road, local people in Kyarphungon, Latpan, Zebingon, Pauktawsu, Danonchaung, Kanyinge, East Latpan villages can have easy access to smooth transportation. After attending the opening ceremony of

Phayar road in the township, the minister viewed the road.

Local residents of Kwelwe, Sakok, Wedauk, Danonchaung, Kwanchan, Ohnbinsu, Layeindan, Datagu villages can easily travel from one place to another thanks to completion of the 1,560-foot-long and 12-foot-wide tarred road.

Afterwards, the minister met the secretaries and executives of USDA from Myaungmya District and Townships and attended to the needs.

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Officials formally open Kyarphungon-Latpan gravel road in Myaungmya Township.

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Union Day delegates visit Paunglaung Dam



Union Day delegates visit Paunglaung Dam in Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana.

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NAY PYI TAW, 8 Feb — Accompanied by officials concerned, Union Day delegates from States and Divisions visited Paunglaung Dam in Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana by car this morning.

Deputy Director U Han Than of

Construction-5 of Irrigation Department explained facts about Paunglaung Dam.

Leader of the excursion tour Major Lwin Tun presented a commemorative pennant to Deputy Director U Han Than. Later, they visited the dam. —MNA

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Meeting of Central Body for Prevention Against Illegal Money and Property organized

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Feb — The Central Body for Prevention Against Illegal Money and Property held its meeting No 2/2008 at the hall of Myanmar Police Force, here, this afternoon.

It was attended by Chairman of the Central

Body Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo, Vice-Chairman Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun and members, directors-general and deputy directors-general of relevant departments.

They discussed combating money

laundering and terrorist financing, and implementation of suggestions on combating money laundering and terrorist financing reported by the assessment mission from 7 to 21 January 2008 in accord with the main programme of Asia/Pacific Group on Money Laundering (APG). —MNA

MMA receives cash donation

YANGON, 8 Feb — Eisai Thailand Marketing Company Limited donated K 1 million to the funds for construction of Myanmar Medical Association (Central) building to President of MMA Prof Dr U Kyaw Myint Naing at the meeting hall of the association in Mingala Taungnyunt Township yesterday. —H



President of MMA Prof Dr U Kyaw Myint Naing accepts cash presented by a donor. — MMA

Images of the Day



Two Wakamaru robots are shown charging in Washington on 4 Feb, 2008. Robots take the stage at the Kennedy Centre for the next two weeks, along with about 450 human artists, as part of the festival, 'Japan! Culture and Hyper Culture.'—INTERNET



A boy is given a bath to cool down in Shanghai. Shanghai may have endured one of its coldest months ever in January but 2007 was the eastern Chinese city's hottest year on record, state press reported on Friday.
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A dragon sculpture, made of taro and carrots, carved for the Diaoyutai State Guesthouse Culinary Festival, is seen at The Pearl restaurant at MGM Grand in Las Vegas on 4 Feb, 2008. —INTERNET



A dog performs a stunt in a park to celebrate the new Chinese lunar year in Xiangfan, Hubei Province, on 8 Feb, 2008. —INTERNET

US Space Shuttle "Atlantis" launched to "ISS"

WASHINGTON, 8 Feb—After a two-month delay, US space shuttle *Atlantis* finally blasted off on Thursday from the Kennedy Space Centre, Florida, on a mission to deliver the European Space Agency's Columbus Laboratory to the *International Space Station* (ISS).

The shuttle, on a mission coded STS-122, lifted off at 2:45 pm EST (1945 GMT) after weather threats retreated. Two minutes and five seconds after liftoff, the twin solid rocket boosters assisting *Atlantis*' launch into space separated as planned from the shuttle's external tank and fell back toward the Atlantic Ocean, the NASA

TV said.

At about 2:57 pm EST (1957 GMT), the STS-122 astronauts aboard the space shuttle discarded the 15-storey external tank that fed the orbiter's nearly nine-minute launch into space.

With the tank jettisoned, *Atlantis* is now in orbit. STS-122 commander Stephen N Frick will manoeuvre the shuttle to allow his fellow astronaut crewmembers to take detailed videos and still images of its external tank. Analysts at Mission Control in Houston's

Johnson Space Centre will search for any signs of foam loss during launch.

Frick, who commands the seven-member crew, is a veteran space flier. Alan G Poindexter serves as pilot. Mission specialists include Rex J Walheim, Stanley G Love, Leland D Melvin, and European Space Agency astronauts Hans Schlegel and Leopold Eyharts Poindexter, Love and Melvin are making their first space flight.

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The space shuttle *Atlantis* lifts off from launch pad 39A at the Kennedy Space Centre in Cape Canaveral, Florida, on 7 Feb, 2008.—INTERNET



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S Africa court sentences

Swiss man in nuclear case

JOHANNESBURG, 7 Feb— A South African court on Tuesday gave a suspended sentence to a Swiss engineer involved in a global black market in atomic weapons technology, the SAPA news agency reported. The Pretoria High Court sentenced 69-year-old Daniel Geiges to 13 years in prison but suspended the sentence for five years in a plea bargain, SAPA said.

That means Geiges is essentially under probation for five years and any violations would land him in jail for the 13-year

period. Geiges agreed to cooperate with international nuclear authorities.

Geiges admitted guilt and said he had been involved in the illegal import, export and manufacture of material related to nuclear equipment 10 years ago.

A German engineer who was charged along with Geiges, Gerhard Wisser, was in September given a suspended 18-year jail sentence by a South African court after also pleading guilty to involvement in the nuclear smuggling ring.

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Australia loves to recycle, but carbon a problem

CANBERRA, 8 Feb— Australians have become a nation of waste recyclers and water misers but continue to be among the world's highest per-person carbon emitters, a snapshot of the country found on Thursday.

The worst drought in a century and concerns over global warming have prompted Australians to change their habits on recycling and water use, with 99 per cent of homes recycling waste paper, plastic and glass, up from 91 per cent a decade earlier. But Australia, which signed the Kyoto Protocol on climate change last November, continues to rely

on coal for electricity, and fossil fuel for transport, making Australians high per person emitters of greenhouse gases, blamed for global warming. "While Australia only accounts for around 1.5 percent of global greenhouse gas emissions, its carbon dioxide emissions per person are relatively high," the Australian Bureau of Statistics said in its 2008 Year Book, released on Thursday. It said 17.5 tons of carbon gas were emitted for every Australian, compared to an average 11.1 tonnes per person in Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development countries.

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Don't Smoke

EU-China Friendship Group sends Lunar greetings to China

BRUSSELS, 8 Feb— The EU-China Friendship Group in the European Parliament (EP) sent its greetings to China on Tuesday, wishing all Chinese citizens a happy New Year.

"We are writing in anticipation of the coming Chinese Spring Festival, to express our best wishes to China for the occasion," said a letter signed by Secretary-General of the Group Nirj Deva and emailed to Xinhua.

The Chinese Lunar New Year, or the Spring Festival, falls on 7 February. It said that the Year of the Rat is "a good year", cordially wishing that the year "makes China more prosperous and assists her to flourish, that her nation is stronger and her people are more successful". "We wish all Chinese people good health, safety and happiness in 2008," MEP Deva said in the letter on behalf of the group.

It said that the Year of the Pig, 2007 was "a fruitful year for us", adding that friendship "between the EU and China was much more close and solid, and the relationship with China has been improved greatly by our common effort in the European Parliament".

This was the optimistic basis "to further develop our relationship in 2008", the letter read. "We hope that the EU-China Friendship Group will further strengthen the strategic cooperation over political and economic relations, innovations in education and other similar projects," it said. — MNA/Xinhua

UN official in Kosovo investigated over mining

PRISTINA (Serbia), 7 Feb—A UN employee and a local translator are under investigation for allegedly digging for precious metals at an abandoned mine in Kosovo, police said on Tuesday.

"Police stopped a UN international civilian staffer and his Kosovo translator" at the Novo Brdo mine on Sunday, a police spokesman said. "They had tools for digging and there were

20 holes at the scene."

He said the UN employee was from Eastern Europe.

The incident was reported to the UN police force in the breakaway Serbian Province, which has jurisdiction over cases involving UN staff.

Novo Brdo mayor Bajrush Ymeri condemned the "scandalous act" and called on UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon to react.—MNA/Reuters

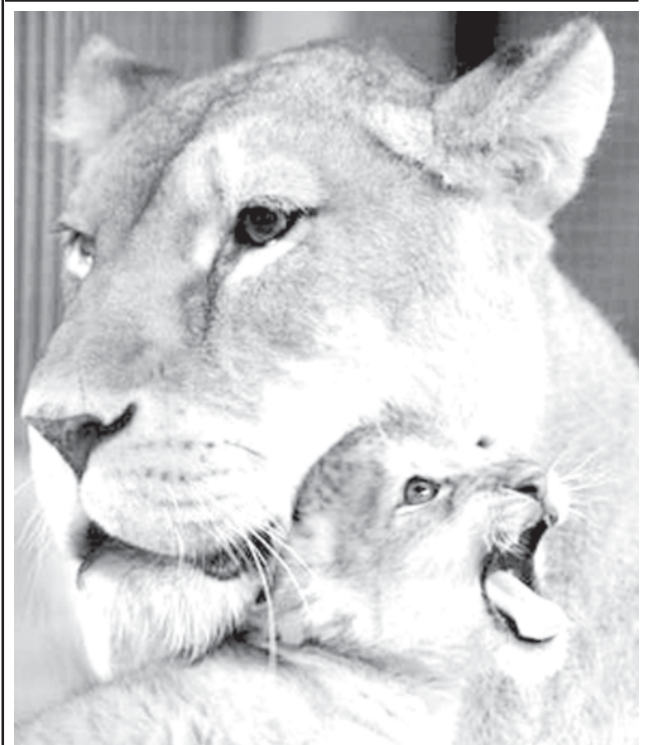
China to send 400,000 tons of vegetables to snow-hit areas

BEIJING, 7 Feb—China will allocate 400,000 tons of vegetables, including potato, onion, and white radish, to the snow-hit regions in a couple of days, the Ministry of Commerce (MOC) has said.

The move aims to ease price pressures in the country's southern, central and eastern regions, including Jiangsu, Anhui, and Jiangxi, during the upcoming Lunar New Year holiday. Prices of vegetables have surged as the worst snowstorm in five decades has disrupted traffic and damaged vegetables.

The MOC added it has so far allocated a total of eight million candles to the regions blacked out by the severe weather, after it sent Tuesday four million to the hardest-hit regions, including Guizhou, Hunan, and Jiangxi.

The snow havoc has so far killed more than 80 people, toppled 300,000 homes, damaged 90 million hectares of crops, and resulted in direct economic losses of about 80 billion yuan (11 billion US dollars) in 19 provinces and regions, according to the Red Cross Society of China.—MNA/Xinhua



A lion cub yawns near its mother at the Maruyama Zoo in Sapporo, northern Japan on 4 Feb, 2008. Two cubs were born at the zoo on 27 Nov, 2007.

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US Peace Corps pulls its volunteers out of Kenya

WASHINGTON, 7 Feb—The US Peace Corps is pulling its remaining 58 volunteers out of Kenya because of safety concerns stemming from the post-election violence there, the agency said on Tuesday.

The agency, which sends volunteers abroad to work on issues from AIDS education to environmental preservation, had 144 volunteers in the country at the time of the disputed December 27 re-election of Kenyan President Mwai Kibaki. All but 58 of them already have been moved out of the country.

The Peace Corps will not close its Nairobi area office,

where a few dozen paid US and Kenyan staff work and hopes its volunteers will be able to return soon, said Peace Corps Press director Amanda Beck.

“We intend to go back. We are not closing our programme,” she said, saying that the agency hoped it would be “just a month or two” until its volunteers could go back and that it had not cancelled plans for a new group to

arrive in November.

None of the volunteers in Kenya had been threatened, but they are being pulled out because of “the uncertainty of the events” there, Beck said.

The death toll in the Kenyan violence has risen to 1,000, mostly from cycles of ethnic killings, police clashes with protesters and looting.

MNA/Reuters



A street artist draws a portrait outside of Van Mieu, the Temple of Literature, in Hanoi, Vietnam.—INTERNET

Japan scientists make paper planes for space

KASHIWA CITY (Japan), 7 Feb—A spacecraft made of folded paper zooming through the skies may sound far-fetched, but Japanese scientists plan to launch paper planes from the International Space Station to see if they make it back to Earth.

On Wednesday the University of Tokyo researchers tested small, origami planes made of special paper for 30 seconds in 250 degrees Celsius (482 Fahrenheit) heat and wind at seven times the speed of sound. The planes survived the wind tunnel test intact.

The theory is that paper

craft, being much lighter than space shuttles, may escape the worst of the friction and heat that much heavier space shuttles face on re-entry to the atmosphere.

“Paper planes are extremely light so they slow down when the air is thin and can gradually descend,” said Shinji Suzuki, a professor of aerospace engineering. Suzuki said the technology might one day be used for unmanned spacecraft.

The team has asked a Japanese astronaut to release the 20 centimetres (eight inches) long planes, made from paper chemically treated to resist heat and water, from the space station.

MNA/Reuters

Sri Lankan Navy irked by poaching Indian fishermen

COLOMBO, 7 Feb — The Sri Lankan Navy said Tuesday that it has launched a complain with the Indian authorities over poaching Indian fishermen off the northern seas amid threats by Tamil Tiger rebels.

Navy Spokesman Commander D K P Dassanayake said the complaint was lodged after a skirmish in the seas off Talaimannar, about 342 kilometres north of Colombo Monday evening where sea Tigers among the Indian fishermen fired at Navy’s patrol craft.

“Poaching by Indians has been a serious problem to our national security. Our craft become vulnerable for enemy attacks. So we have complained to the Indians,” Dassanayake said.

The Navy said sea Tigers of the rebel Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) often use the cover of Indian fishing boats to launch attacks on Navy vessels and craft. —MNA/Xinhua

Slovak Parlt starts discussing Press bill

BRATISLAVA, 8 Feb — The Slovak Parliament started a debate Wednesday on the controversial government-sponsored Press bill due to which the opposition has so far blocked the ratification of the Lisbon

Treaty.

However, the definitive vote on the bill and a possible solution to the dispute over the EU reform treaty can only be expected in March.

MNA/Xinhua



A woman looks at a holographic image of a shark in 2005. Scientists in the United States on 5 Feb, unveiled next-generation 3-D technology that they said provided realistic, updatable holograms in nearly real time.—INTERNET

Two babies born at the stroke of midnight, S’pore’s first Rat babies

SINGAPORE, 7 Feb— Not one but two babies were born at the stroke of midnight and this makes them the first babies to be born in the Year of the Rat. Zander Luo was born at Thomson Medical Centre, to first-time parents, Luo Wee Thing and Josephine Lim.

Zander received S\$4,888 in endowment fund from gift company RISIS and another S\$2,008 from the hospital. Weighing 2.8kg, Zander also

received gifts and hampers.

Luo Wee Thing, Zander’s father, said: “Both of us are very very excited and very very happy to have the whole nation celebrating Chinese New Year and the birth of our newborn together with us. It was not planned — we just let nature take its own process.” At the same time that Zander was born, another family also welcomed their bundle of joy, over at Mt Alvernia Hospital.—Internet

Tennessee college struck by tornado a third time

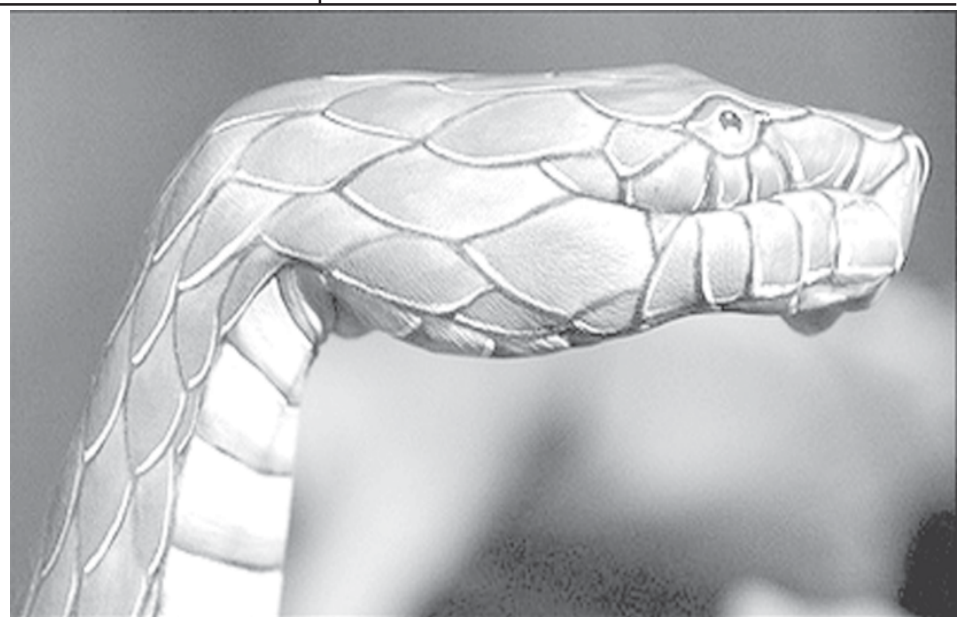
JACKSON (Tennessee), 8 Feb— Students and staff at Union University in western Tennessee were picking up the pieces on Wednesday after a twister struck the school for the third time in less than a

decade.

The Tuesday night tornado was one of several twisters that wreaked havoc across five US Southern states and were blamed for at least 52 deaths, including 28 in Tennessee.

Will Hayden, a 20-year-old biology student said: “A bunch of us were outside watching the lightning. We’ve had 80 tornado watches and nothing ever happened.”

MNA/Reuters



A model’s hand is painted to look like a snake’s head by Italian animal hand artist Guido Daniele at Harrods department store, in central London.—INTERNET

SPORTS

Rogge says athletes face more drug tests in Beijing

BAKU, 8 Feb — More doping tests and tighter controls await athletes at August's Beijing Games, International Olympic Committee (IOC) president Jacques Rogge said on Wednesday.

"Doping control at the upcoming Beijing Olympics will be stricter than in the past, and the number of doping tests will be increased to 4,500 from 3,500," Rogge said at a news conference in Azerbaijan's capital. He said the stricter doping measures would provide for fairer competition among athletes.—MNA/Reuters



Ghana's Baffour Gyan does a bicycle kick to clear the ball while playing Cameroon in their semi-final match at the African Nations Cup soccer tournament, in Accra on 7 Feb, 2008. INTERNET

Uzbekistan clinch 1-0 win over Lebanon in 2010 qualifier

BEIRUT, 8 Feb — Odil Ahmedov scored on the stroke of halftime to give Uzbekistan a 1-0 win over Lebanon in their opening third round 2010 World Cup qualifier on Wednesday.

Ahmedov's 44th-minute strike gave the Uzbeks the early lead in Group Four to boost their chances of reaching their first World Cup finals after three failed attempts since gaining independence from the Soviet Union.

Their last campaign ended in acrimony when FIFA ordered the replay of a group match with Bahrain because of a mistake by a referee. Their subsequent defeat denied the central Asian side a chance to play off for a berth in the 2006 finals in Germany.

Uzbekistan and Lebanon are contesting the group with Saudi Arabia and Singapore, with the top two teams advancing to the fourth round. —MNA/Reuters

Sluggish Iran held by Syria in World Cup opener

TEHERAN, 8 Feb — Iran got their 2010 World Cup qualifying campaign off to a disappointing start when they were held to a 0-0 draw by part-timers Syria on Wednesday.

The three-times Asian Cup winners failed to score for a fifth successive game, despite being at full strength and having the advantage of their imposing Azadi Stadium.

Iran, three-times World Cup qualifiers, are still without a coach, with former Spain boss Javier Clemente stalling on signing a contract.

Surprise third round qualifiers Syria ditched their Italian coach Antonio Cabrini last month after failing to secure funding for his salary.

Iran and Syria contest the all-Middle East Group Five with the United Arab Emirates and Kuwait, who play later on Wednesday in Abu Dhabi.

MNA/Reuters

Saudi Arabia make winning start to Cup qualifiers

RIYADH, 8 Feb — Four-time World Cup finalists Saudi Arabia got their campaign for the 2010 showpiece off to a positive start with a 2-0 win over Singapore on Wednesday.

Asian Player of the Year Yasser Al Qahtani put the Saudis ahead in the 38th minute and Malek Al Hawsawi rounded off the victory nine minutes before the end.

Saudi Arabia are the early Group Five pacesetters, with Uzbekistan also on three points after beating Lebanon 1-0 in Beirut. Four countries from Asia will qualify for the 2010 finals in South Africa, with the fifth-placed team entering into a playoff with the top Oceania side for an additional berth. —MNA/Reuters



Karrie Webb of Australia plays out of a bunker during her opening round of the Australian Ladies Masters Golf on the Gold Coast, Australia, on 8 Feb, 2008. INTERNET

Australia beat Qatar 3-0 in world cup qualifying match

CANBERRA, 7 Feb — Australia opened its 2010 World Cup qualifying campaign with a 3-0 victory over Qatar on Wednesday.

Striker Josh Kennedy of German club Karlsruhe scored the opener in the 10th minute when he headed in a long cross from Blackburn midfielder Brett Emerton on the right flank. Midfielder Tim Cahill doubled their lead seven minutes later when he leapt above the Qatar defenders in the goalmouth and headed in a corner kick.

Australia made it 3-0 when Mark Bresciano drove in a powerful shot under a diving Mohamed Saqar in the 33rd minute.

Qatar had a chance to score in the 58th minute when halftime substitute Alhamad Mesaad Alim picked up a cross and beat goalkeeper Mark Schwarzer, only to put it the wrong side of the post.

Australia and Qatar are drawn in Group A alongside China and Asian champion Iraq. The top two teams in the group progress to the final round of qualifying. MNA/Xinhua



Fernando Fadeuille (L) from Uruguayan soccer club Montevideo Wanderers and Willian Chiroque from Peru's Cenciano compete for the ball during their Copa Libertadores match in Montevideo on 7 Feb, 2008. —INTERNET

Egypt end Ivory Coast title hopes again

KUMASI, Ghana, 8 Feb — Striker Amr Zaki scored twice to help champions Egypt to a stunning 4-1 win over Ivory Coast in their African Nations Cup semi-final on Thursday.

In an enthralling match, Ahmed Fathi gave Egypt an early lead before Zaki struck twice in five minutes just after the hour with Abdelkader Keita replying one minute after Zaki's first goal. Mohamed Aboutrika added a fourth in injury-time.

Egypt, who meet Cameroon in Sunday's final in Accra, were also helped by an inspired performance from goalkeeper Essam Al Hadari, who denied Ivory Coast striker Didier Drogba a goal on three occasions with the score still at 1-0.

The match was a repeat of the 2006 final when Egypt beat Ivory Coast on penalties after a goalless draw in Cairo.

"They deserved to win, I think they have a fantastic goalkeeper," said Drogba. "I wish them luck."

Ivory Coast coach Gerard Gili whose team had won their first four games in the tournament and scored 13 goals, added he thought Al Hadari had been outstanding.

"The goalkeeper was the best player on the pitch. The score was not a reflection of what we did. My players have done their best." MNA/Reuters

Macedonia, Serbia draw 1-1 in friendly

SKOPIE, 8 Feb — A 58th-minute goal by defender Nikolce Novevski earned Macedonia a 1-1 home draw with neighbours Serbia, who were playing their first game under new coach Miroslav Djukic, in

a friendly on Wednesday.

Novevski pounced on a blunder by Serbia's substitute keeper Damir Kahriman and tapped the ball home from seven metres after Danko Lazovic had fired the visitors ahead with a 43rd-minute volley. Serbia had made the brighter start and Lazovic had a shot blocked by Petar Milosevski shortly before he beat the helpless keeper with a thunderbolt from the edge of the penalty box.

Macedonia pinned their rivals back after the interval and Novevski denied Djukic a debut win after Kahriman had failed to punch clear a deep cross from the right.

MNA/Reuters



Russia's Anna Chakvetadze returns to France's Nathalie Dechy during their French WTA Open Gaz de France tennis tournament match, in Paris. Chakvetadze won 6-1, 6-3. —INTERNET

British toddler recovering after drinking detergent

NICOSIA, 8 Feb — A two-year-old British girl who suffered internal burns after drinking a corrosive detergent mixed with orange juice at a luxury hotel is getting better, doctors treating her at a Cyprus hospital said on Wednesday.

Annabel Rhodes was removed from a ventilator on Tuesday and was

breathing on her own, doctors said. She was also permitted to get out of bed, they said.

“She is a lot better. She has made remarkable progress from a respiratory point of view,” said Dr. Panicos Yiallouras, one of a team of Cypriot doctors treating the child at a hospital in Cyprus’ capital Nicosia. — MNA/Reuters

Tattooes may be tomorrow’s vaccines

LONDON, 8 Feb — The tattoo of the future may be good for your health rather than just your image.

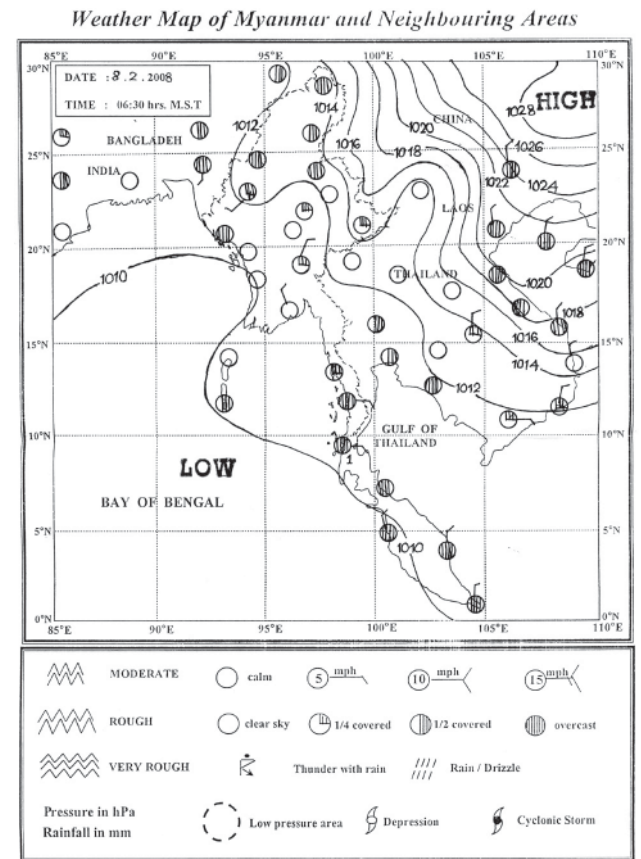
German scientists said on Thursday that work on mice showed that tattooing was a more effective way to deliver a new generation of experimental DNA vaccines than standard injections into muscle.

Using fragments of DNA to stimulate an immune response is seen as a promising way of making better vaccines for everything from flu to cancer. Until now, however, the concept has been hampered by its low efficiency.

“Delivery of DNA via tattooing could be a way for a more widespread commercial application of DNA vaccines,” said Martin Mueller of the German Cancer Research Centre in Heidelberg.

There are currently no approved DNA vaccines on the market but several drug companies are conducting clinical trials and investing in the technology.

MNA/Reuters



WEATHER

Friday, 8 February, 2008

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, light rain have been isolated in upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions and weather has been partly cloudy in Kachin State and generally fair in the remaining areas. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above February average temperatures in Kachin State and Bago Division, (5°C) above February average temperatures in Taninthayi Division and about February average temperatures in the remaining States and Divisions. The significant night temperatures were Pinlaung and Loilem (4°C) each.

Maximum temperature on 7-2-2008 was 96°F. Minimum temperature on 8-2-2008 was 64°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 8-2-2008 was 76%. Total sunshine hours on 7-2-2008 was (8.8) hours approx.

Rainfall on 8-2-2008 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 North at (17:30) hours MST on 7-2-2008.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 9-2-2008: Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers in Kachin State and Taninthayi Division, weather will be partly cloudy in Mon and Kayin States, upper Sagaing Division and generally fair in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (40%).

State of the sea: Strong easterly wind with moderate to rough sea are likely at times off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coasts. Surface wind speed in strong wind may reach (35) mph. Seas will be slight to moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers in the Extreme Southern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 9-2-2008: Fair weather.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 9-2-2008: Generally fair weather.


Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 9-2-2008: Fair weather.

weather outlook for second weekend of February 2008: During the coming weekend, weather will be generally fair in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon and Mandalay Divisions.



Employees at a supermarket do the “Papaya” dance in Bicutan, south of Manila, on 8 Feb, 2008.

INTERNET



TV Myanmar

Saturday, 9 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. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p>8:00 am 6. Musical Programme</p> <p>8:10 am 7. ပုလင်းရေလှောင်တစ်</p> <p>8:20 am 8. (၆၁)နှစ်မြောက်ပြည့်ထောင်စုနေ့ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်</p> <p>8:30 am 9. International news</p> <p>8:45 am 10. Grammar made easy</p> <p>11:00 am 1. Martial song</p> <p>11:15 am 2. (၆၁)နှစ်မြောက်ပြည့်ထောင်စုနေ့ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်</p>	<p>11:30 am 3. Games for children</p> <p>11:50 am 4. Round up of the week’s TV local news</p> <p>12:35 am 5. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “စစ်သူကြီးဆွန်ကြီး”(အပိုင်း-၈)</p> <p>1:20 pm 6. “ပိုင်နိုင်နိုင်မြဲအောင်” (ခန့်စည်သူ၊ ထွန်းထွန်းဝင်း၊ မျိုးစန္ဒီကျော်၊ ငွေစင်သွန်း၊ သူသူဟံသာ) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-သက်တင်)</p> <p>1:50 pm 7. (၆၁)နှစ်မြောက်ပြည့်ထောင်စုနေ့ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်</p> <p>2:00 pm 8. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p>2:10 am 9. Dance of national races</p> <p>2:30 am 10. “အသိနဲ့ယှဉ်သတိနဲ့ပြင်” (အပိုင်း-၁)(ဝါးဇယ်မရဲမောင်၊ ဘုန်းလျန်မြတ်ကေသီအောင်၊ ရတနာခင်၊ ဟန်နီထွန်း၊ ပြည့်ပိုးခိုင်၊ နီနီရွှေရည်၊ ဆောင်းနှင်းဝေဝိုင်းစုခိုင်သိန်း၊ အိုင်းရစ်လေပြည့်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မင်းအုပ်စိုး)</p> <p>2:40 am 11. ဆပ်သွားတံတား</p> <p>2:45 am 12. International news</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. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေးရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ-ပထမနှစ် (သရုပ်၊ ဓာတုဗေဒ၊ ရူပဗေဒ၊ စီးပွားရေးပညာ၊ စီးပွားစီမံ၊ ပြည်သူ့ရေးရာအထူးပြုများ) (သရုပ်)</p> <p>4:45 pm 4. (၆၁)နှစ်မြောက်ပြည့်ထောင်စုနေ့ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်</p> <p>4:55 pm 5. မြန်မာ့ဓလေ့ရိုးရာလက်တွေ့</p> <p>5:05 pm 6. Games for children</p> <p>5:30 pm 7. ရသပေါ်လွင်သရုပ်ဆောင်လွင်ပြင်</p> <p>6:00 pm 8. Evening news</p> <p>6:30 pm 9. Weather report</p> <p>6:35 pm 10. အလှူရှာမယ်လှူကမ္ဘာဝယ်</p> <p>6:50 pm 11. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ချစ်သူအားမာန်” (အပိုင်း-၁၁)</p> <p>7:35 pm 12. (၆၁)နှစ်မြောက်ပြည့်ထောင်စုနေ့ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်</p> <p>7:45 pm 13. ပြည်ထောင်စုစိတ်ဓာတ်မပြတ်ရှင်သန်နိုင်မှာရန်မှာဒီဝန်တာ (အသီးတစ်ရာအညှာတစ်ခုတို့ပြည်ထောင်စု) (ချင်းပြည်နယ်)</p> <p>8:00 pm 14. News</p> <p>8:00 pm 15. International news</p> <p>8:00 pm 16. Weather report</p> <p>8:00 pm 17. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ချစ်မြန်သောအချစ်နေ့” (အပိုင်း-၁၉)</p> <p>8:00 pm 18. The next day’s programme</p>
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Radio Myanmar

Saturday, 9 February

Tune in today

8:30 am Brief news

8:35 am Music
- You gotta be

8:40 am Perspectives

8:45 am Music
- One more try

8:50 am National news/ Slogan

9:00 am Music
- I think I’m in love with you

9:05 am International news

9:10 am Music
- I need to know

1:30 pm News/ Slogan

1:40 pm Music at your request
- Every beat of my heart
- Tropical love land

9:00 pm ASEAN news
- Exchange news from ASEAN member countries

9:20pm Myanma culture.... Dr Khin Maung Nyunt
- Pyidaungsu, a living reality

9:30 pm Souvenirs
- Dizzy
- Dreaming

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 Myint Swe attends cash donation ceremony for construction of extended building at Yangon Children's Hospital

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Feb — Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence delivered an address at the second cash donation ceremony for construction of the extended building at Yangon Children's Hospital, in Yangon, this morning.

Wellwishers donated K 101,565,000 including K 1 million by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win-Daw Mar Mar Wai and family, K 30 million by Managing Director U Aung Moe Kyaw of Myanmar Winery & Distillery Co Ltd, K 20 million as the second time by Dr Zaw Tun-Dr Htay Htay Kyi (Universal Construction), K 10 million by Naing Group Construction, doors and frames worth K 10 million by U Ko Ko Htwe (Taw Win



Lt-Gen Myint Swe accepts cash donated by a wellwisher for construction of extended building at Yangon Children's Hospital. —MNA

Co), air-conditioners worth K 5 million by Sudhama Manijotadhara U Zeya Thura Mon-Daw Khaing Khaing Myint (Fresh Air-conditioning), K 5 million each by Dr Khin Shwe (Zay Gabar Construction) and Academy Specialist

Clinic. The extended building will be a four-storey structure measuring 200 feet by 50 feet. The stake driving ceremony was held on 16 May 2007. On 6 October, the cornerstones laying ceremony was organized

in conjunction with the first cash donation ceremony. So far, the construction of the building has completed by 20 per cent. Those wishing to donate cash may contact the medical superintendent of the hospital.—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

Significant Night Temperatures for (8-2-2008)

Pinlaung	(4°C)
Loilem	(4°C)

SPECIAL FEATURES TO HAIL 61st ANNIVERSARY UNION DAY

Article

Nation with prosperous future, races with fine traditions, and solemn national duties

Myanmar is rich in natural resources with impressive geographical features. The history of its cultural civilization shows that Myanmar is a nation where own traditions, culture and customs of the people flourish.

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

POEM

Ever flourishing patriotism

* Alert and dynamic always
Valour and endurance added
Combined with determination
Is the Myanmar

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