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Remain vigilant against destructive elements and ward off the dangers posed by them

Destructive elements within and without the nation cannot bear to see the flourishing of national solidarity and the development of sound political, economic and social environments. Therefore, they are using various ways and means to constantly hinder and sabotage our development tasks. This being so, the entire national people must always remain vigilant against these elements and ward off the dangers posed by them.

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 56th Anniversary Union Day)



Commander inspects cultivation of summer paddy in Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana



Commander Maj-Gen Wai Lwin views cultivation of summer paddy on 100 acres of land in Thittat Village of Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana Township. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Feb—Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin inspected cultivation of 100 acres of summer paddy in Thittat village of Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana Township this morning.

He also inspected summer paddy strains to be grown in Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana District and cultivation methods, land reclamation of farmer U Myint

Aung's field and cultivation of Hsinnweyin paddy strain.

Afterwards, the Commander proceeded to Kyauk Chet agricultural educative camp and officials conducted the commander round breeding of earthworms and production of worm-cast and use of humus at the camp. —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

SPECIAL FEATURES TO HAIL 61ST ANNIVERSARY UNION DAY

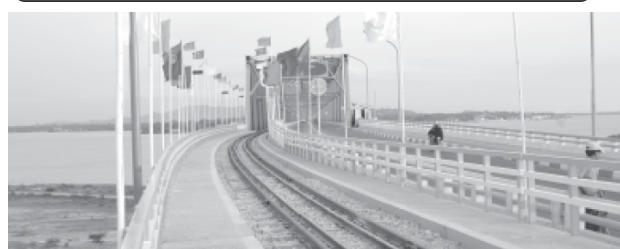
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Safeguard the Union at risk of lives

Today, the entire national people equipped with Union Spirit and patriotism are striving for the emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed nation and for the Union to stand tall among the international community as long as the world exists while warding off all destructive elements at risk to their lives.



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

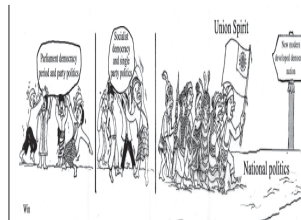


POEM:

Strength of Union

* O Union-born races
Firmly united we are
Long have we been
Standing as Myanmar
National interest serving
Fostering fidelity
Undivided are we

CARTOON



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

PERSPECTIVES

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Good foundations for equitable development of all regions

The government is now building infrastructures in various sectors such as the economic, education, health, social and transport sectors for improving the socio-economic life of the people.

As a result of upgrading Tamu-Kalay-Kalewa road, people can make a round trip between Tamu and Kalay in a day. With smooth transport, regional stability and peace, and prevalence of law and order, the development of Tamu is now on a par with that of other border towns.

Tamu, being close to the large market of the neighbouring country, hard work is to be done with nationalistic fervour and patriotic spirit for trade development. Better ways and means are to be sought for development of border trade as Tamu is a border town.

Merchants on their part are to work hard with cooperation of respective chambers of commerce for expediting tasks for trade development. Moreover, they have to take collaborative measures for flourishing of legal trade, and service personnel concerned, to be loyal to the State.

Due to the endeavours the government has exerted with genuine goodwill, border areas have become peaceful and tranquil and the implementation of regional development tasks are in full swing. Now, people of national races have enjoyed the fruits of development.

The government is laying down and implementing programmes for equitable development of all regions of the nation. So, it is incumbent upon the people to make sustained efforts for development in various sectors, utilizing the good foundations effectively.

နိုင်ငံတော်အစိုးရဌာနပိုင် မော်တော်ယာဉ်မသုံးစွဲရနေ

လစဉ် လ၏ ဒုတိယပတ် (တနင်္ဂနွေနေ့) နှင့် နောက်ဆုံးပတ် (တနင်္ဂနွေနေ့) တို့သည် ရုံးလုပ်ငန်းအတွက် မဖြစ်မနေသွားလာရန် လိုအပ်သည့်ကိစ္စရပ်များမှအပ မော်တော်ယာဉ်များ မသုံးစွဲရနေဖြစ်သည်။

၂၀၀၈-ခုနှစ် ဖေဖော်ဝါရီလ အတွက်

(၁၀-၂-၂၀၀၈) ရက်နေ့

နှင့်

(၂၄-၂-၂၀၀၈) ရက်နေ့

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 opens Grand Royal Special Reserve Qualifying Round in Mandalay



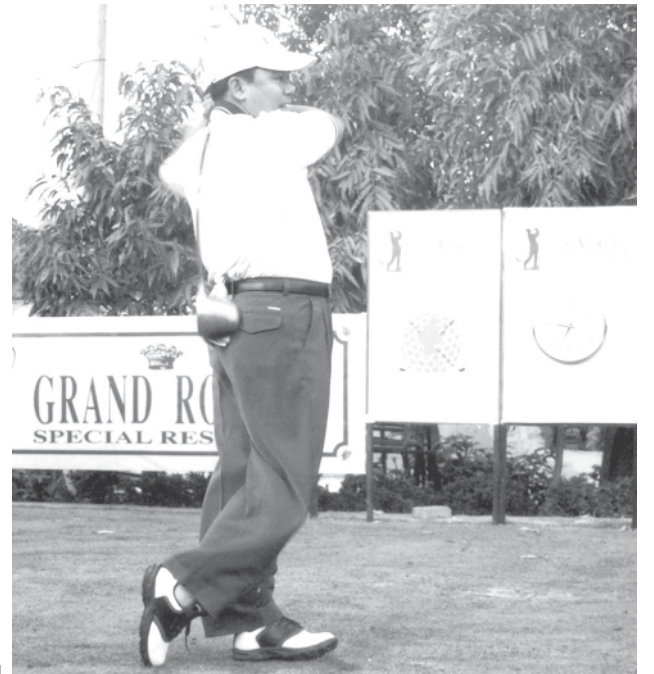
YANGON, 9 Feb — The opening of the Grand Royal Special Reserve Qualifying Round, organized by the Myanmar Golf Federation, was held at Shwe Mann Taung Golf Club in Mandalay this morning.

Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Brig-Gen Tin Ngwe, Chairman of Mandalay City Development Committee Mayor

Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han, General Secretary U Aung Kyi of MGF, Executives U Ko Ko Lay and U Chan Han and Design and Development Director U Tint Oo of International Beverages Trading Co Ltd opened the qualifying round.

In the first round of the qualifier, Tun Kyaw Moe, Aye Min Cho, Aung Win, Lin Thè and Kyaw Naing Oo led the competition with 69 strokes each. Their runners-up were Kyi Lwin, Maung Nyo, Kyaw Zan Oo, Myo Win Aung and Pyae Phyo Tun with 70 strokes each.

International Beverages Trading Co Ltd mainly sponsored the qualifying round together



Commander Brig-Gen Tin Ngwe tees off at opening of Grand Royal Special Reserve Qualifying Round. — MGF

with co-sponsors Dusit Inya Lake Hotel, Srixon and Alpine. Han Event Management is carrying out management tasks for the qualifying round. — MNA

Book fair to mark 75th anniversary of Hninzigon Home for Aged

YANGON, 8 Feb — The book fair to mark the 75th anniversary of Hninzigon Home for the Aged was held in the compound of Home for the Aged on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road in Bahan Township this morning.

Vice-Chairman of Board of Hninzigon Home for the Aged Retired Deputy Minister for Education U Thaug Htut spoke on the occasion.

Chairman of Board of Hninzigon Home for the Aged Retired Lt-Col Kyaw Shein, Chairman of Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association U Hla Myaing (Ko Hsaung), Retired Col Saw Myint (Hmuthamein) and Patron of Hninzigon Home for the Aged Management Board U Maung Tin formally opened the fair.

Various kinds of



The opening ceremony of book fair in progress at Hninzigon Home for the Aged. — MNA

books will be sold at the book fair which will be held until 17 February.

Members of the Management Board staff and donors will donate books to rural villages of Information and Public Relations Department.

MNA

Road to be closed temporarily

YANGON, 9 Feb — Yangon Division will hold the celebration of the 61st Anniversary Union Day, which falls on 12 February 2008, in the People's Square on the same day.

While holding the Union Day celebration, Pyay road between Ahlon road and Shinsawpu road will remain closed temporarily from 6 am to 9 am on 12 February. — MNA

နိုင်ငံတော်အေးချမ်းသာယာရေးနှင့်ဖွံ့ဖြိုးရေးကောင်စီ၏ ကြေညာချက်အမှတ် ၁/ ၂၀၀၈ နှင့် ကြေညာချက်အမှတ် ၂/ ၂၀၀၈ ကို ထုတ်ပြန်ကြေညာ

ဖွဲ့စည်းပုံအခြေခံဥပဒေမူကြမ်းအား ပြည်လုံးကျွတ်ဆန္ဒခံယူပွဲကျင်းပ၍ အတည်ပြုခြင်းကို ၂၀၀၈ ခုနှစ် မေလတွင် ကျင်းပသွားမည်

ဖွဲ့စည်းပုံအခြေခံဥပဒေသစ်နှင့်အညီ ပါတီစုံဒီမိုကရေစီအထွေထွေရွေးကောက်ပွဲကို ၂၀၁၀ ခုနှစ်တွင် ကျင်းပပေးမည်ဖြစ်

နေပြည်တော်-ဖေဖော်ဝါရီ (၉)

ပြည်ထောင်စုမြန်မာနိုင်ငံတော်- နိုင်ငံတော်အေးချမ်းသာယာရေးနှင့်ဖွံ့ဖြိုးရေးကောင်စီ၏ ကြေညာချက်အမှတ် ၁/၂၀၀၈ နှင့် ကြေညာချက်အမှတ် ၂/၂၀၀၈ ကို ၂၀၀၈ ခုနှစ် ဖေဖော်ဝါရီလ ၉ ရက် ရက်စွဲဖြင့် ထုတ်ပြန်ကြေညာလိုက်သည်။ အဆိုပါ ကြေညာချက်အပြည့်အစုံမှာ အောက်ပါအတိုင်းဖြစ်သည်-

ပြည်ထောင်စုမြန်မာနိုင်ငံတော် နိုင်ငံတော်အေးချမ်းသာယာရေးနှင့်ဖွံ့ဖြိုးရေးကောင်စီ (ကြေညာချက်အမှတ် ၁/၂၀၀၈)

၁၃၆၉ ခုနှစ်၊ တပို့တွဲလဆန်း ၃ ရက် (၂၀၀၈ ခုနှစ်၊ ဖေဖော်ဝါရီလ ၉ ရက်)

၁။ နိုင်ငံတော်တွင် ပြည်သူတို့၏ ဆန္ဒနှင့်အညီ ပါတီစုံ ဒီမိုကရေစီစနစ်ကို ဖော်ဆောင်ရန် အတွက် ဖွဲ့စည်းပုံအခြေခံဥပဒေသစ်တစ်ရပ် လိုအပ်သဖြင့် ၁၉၉၃ ခုနှစ်တွင် အမျိုးသားညီလာခံကို စတင်ကျင်းပခဲ့ရာ အကြောင်းအမျိုးမျိုးကြောင့် ၁၉၉၆ ခုနှစ်တွင် ယာယီရပ်ဆိုင်းခဲ့ရပါသည်။ ထို့နောက် ၂၀၀၄ ခုနှစ်တွင် ပြန်လည်ခေါ်ယူကျင်းပခဲ့ရာ ၂၀၀၇ ခုနှစ်၌ အောင်မြင်စွာပြီးစီးခဲ့ပါသည်။

၂။ အမျိုးသားညီလာခံတွင် နိုင်ငံရေးပါတီကိုယ်စားလှယ်များအစုအဖွဲ့၊ ရွေးကောက် ပွဲတွင် ရွေးချယ်ခံထားရသော ကိုယ်စားလှယ်များအစုအဖွဲ့၊ တောင်သူလယ်သမားကိုယ်စားလှယ်များအစုအဖွဲ့၊ အလုပ်သမားကိုယ်စားလှယ်များအစုအဖွဲ့၊ နိုင်ငံ့ဝန်ထမ်းကိုယ်စားလှယ်များအစုအဖွဲ့၊ တိုင်းရင်းသားကိုယ်စားလှယ်များအစုအဖွဲ့၊ အသိပညာရှင် အတတ်ပညာရှင်များ အစုအဖွဲ့နှင့် အခြားဖိတ်ကြားသင့်သည့် ကိုယ်စားလှယ်များအစုအဖွဲ့ စသည့် အစုအဖွဲ့ပေါင်း (၈)ဖွဲ့မှ ကိုယ်စားလှယ်ပေါင်း တစ်ထောင်ကျော် တက်ရောက်ဆွေးနွေး ညှိနှိုင်းခဲ့ကြပါသည်။

၃။ အဆိုပါကိုယ်စားလှယ်များတွင် နိုင်ငံတော်အတွင်း မှီတင်းနေထိုင်ကြသော တိုင်းရင်းသားမျိုးနွယ်စုပေါင်း တစ်ရာကျော်တို့ကို ကိုယ်စားပြုသည့် မြို့နယ်တိုင်းမှ ကိုယ်စားလှယ်များစုံညီစွာ တက်ရောက်ခဲ့ကြပါသည်။ ထို့အတူ အခြားဖိတ်ကြားသင့်သည့် ကိုယ်စားလှယ်များအစုအဖွဲ့တွင် ဥပဒေဘောင်အတွင်း ဝင်ရောက်ခဲ့ပြီးဖြစ်သော တိုင်းရင်းသားလက်နက်ကိုင်အဖွဲ့အစည်းများမှ ကိုယ်စားလှယ်များကိုလည်း ပါဝင်တက်ရောက်ခွင့် ပြုခဲ့ပါသည်။

၄။ အဆိုပါအမျိုးသားညီလာခံမှ ဖွဲ့စည်းပုံအခြေခံဥပဒေသစ် ရေးဆွဲနိုင်ရေးအတွက် အခြေခံမူများနှင့် အသေးစိတ်အခြေခံရမည့်မူများကို တညီတညွတ်တည်း ချမှတ်ပေးခဲ့ပြီး ဖြစ်ပါသည်။ ယခုအခါ နိုင်ငံတော်အေးချမ်းသာယာရေးနှင့်ဖွံ့ဖြိုးရေးကောင်စီက ကြေညာချက်အမှတ် ၂/၂၀၀၇ ဖြင့် ဖွဲ့စည်းတာဝန်ပေးအပ်ထားသော နိုင်ငံတော်ဖွဲ့စည်းပုံအခြေခံဥပဒေမူကြမ်းရေးဆွဲရေးကော်မရှင်သည် အမျိုးသားညီလာခံက ချမှတ်ပေးခဲ့သော အခြေခံမူများနှင့် အသေးစိတ်အခြေခံရမည့်မူများနှင့်အညီ ဖွဲ့စည်းပုံအခြေခံဥပဒေမူကြမ်းကို ရေးဆွဲလျက်ရှိရာ မကြာမီ ပြီးစီးတော့မည်ဖြစ်ပါသည်။

၅။ သို့ပါ၍ နိုင်ငံတော်ရှေ့ဆက်သွားမည့် မူဝါဒလမ်းစဉ်(၇)ရပ်၏ စတုတ္ထအဆင့်နှင့်အညီ ဖြစ်ပေါ်လာသည့် ဖွဲ့စည်းပုံအခြေခံဥပဒေမူကြမ်းအား ပြည်လုံးကျွတ်ဆန္ဒခံယူပွဲကျင်းပ၍ အတည်ပြုခြင်းကို ၂၀၀၈ ခုနှစ် မေလတွင် ကျင်းပသွားမည်ဖြစ်ကြောင်း ကြေညာအပ်ပါသည်။

အမိန့်အရ
(ပုံ) သီဟသူရတင်အောင်မြင့်ဦး
ဒုတိယဗိုလ်ချုပ်ကြီး
အတွင်းရေးမှူး(၁)
နိုင်ငံတော်အေးချမ်းသာယာရေးနှင့်ဖွံ့ဖြိုးရေးကောင်စီ

ပြည်ထောင်စုမြန်မာနိုင်ငံတော် နိုင်ငံတော်အေးချမ်းသာယာရေးနှင့်ဖွံ့ဖြိုးရေးကောင်စီ (ကြေညာချက်အမှတ် ၂/၂၀၀၈)

၁၃၆၉ ခုနှစ်၊ တပို့တွဲလဆန်း ၃ ရက် (၂၀၀၈ ခုနှစ်၊ ဖေဖော်ဝါရီလ ၉ ရက်)

၁။ တပ်မတော်အစိုးရသည် ၁၉၈၈ ခုနှစ်တွင် နိုင်ငံတော်၌ဖြစ်ပေါ်ခဲ့သော ဆူပူအကြမ်းဖက်အုံကြွမှုများကြောင့် နိုင်ငံတော်၏တာဝန်ကို မလွဲမရှောင်သာယာစွာဆောင်ရွက်ခဲ့ပါသည်။

၂။ ထိုအချိန်မှစ၍ ပျက်ပြားသွားသော နိုင်ငံတော်တည်ငြိမ်အေးချမ်းမှုကို ပြန်လည်ရရှိအောင် ရပ်ရွာအေးချမ်းသာယာရေးနှင့် တရားဥပဒေစိုးမိုးရေးကိုဆောင်ရွက်ခဲ့သည့်နည်းတူ ပြည်သူများ အနေဖြင့် ပရိယေသန ဝမ်းစာရှာဖွေမှုကို လွတ်လပ်အေးချမ်းစွာလုပ်ကိုင်နိုင်ရန်လည်း ဆောင်ရွက်ပေးခဲ့ပါသည်။

၃။ နိုင်ငံတော်နှင့်နိုင်ငံသားတို့၏ စီးပွားရေးဖွံ့ဖြိုးတိုးတက်မှုကို ဖော်ဆောင်နိုင်ရန်အတွက် စိုက်ပျိုးရေးကဏ္ဍဖွံ့ဖြိုးတိုးတက်မှုကို ရှေ့ရှုပြီး ဆည်မြောင်းတာဝန်၊ မြစ်ရေတင်စီမံကိန်း၊ မြေအောက်ရေရရှိရေး စီမံကိန်းများကို အစုအဖွဲ့လိုက်တည်ဆောက်ပေးခြင်း၊ တစ်မျိုးသားလုံးအတွက် စားရေရရှိကွာဖူလုံစိတ်ချရစေရန် ဘက်ပေါင်းစုံမှဆောင်ရွက်ပေးခြင်း၊ လက်မှုလယ်ယာမှ စက်မှုလယ်ယာစနစ်သို့ ကူးပြောင်းနိုင်စေရန် စီမံဖော်ဆောင်ခြင်းတို့ကို အားကြီးမာန်တက်ဆောင်ရွက်ပေးခဲ့ပါသည်။

၄။ ထို့အပြင်စိုက်ပျိုးရေးနိုင်ငံမှ စက်မှုနိုင်ငံအဖြစ်သို့ တက်လှမ်းနိုင်ရေးအတွက် နိုင်ငံတော်ပိုင်းမှ စက်မှုလုပ်ငန်းကြီးများ တည်ထောင်ဆောင်ရွက်ပြီး ပုဂ္ဂလိကပိုင်း စက်မှုကဏ္ဍဖွံ့ဖြိုးတိုးတက်စေရန်လည်း စက်မှုဇုန်များထူထောင်၍အားပေးခဲ့ပါသည်။

၅။ နိုင်ငံတော်တွင် ပြည်သူတို့၏ ဆန္ဒနှင့်အညီ ဈေးကွက်စီးပွားရေးစနစ်ကို ဖော်ဆောင်ရန် အတွက် ပြည်တွင်းပြည်ပကူးသန်းရောင်းဝယ်မှုများ ဖွံ့ဖြိုးတိုးတက်စေရန် ပြည်သူတို့နှင့်လက်တွဲဆောင်ရွက်ပေးခဲ့ပါသည်။

၆။ နိုင်ငံတော်အတွင်း ဒေသအလိုက်ဖွံ့ဖြိုးတိုးတက်ရေးအတွက် နယ်စပ်ဒေသနှင့် တိုင်းရင်းသားလူမျိုးများ ဖွံ့ဖြိုးတိုးတက်ရေးလုပ်ငန်းများကို စီမံကိန်းဖြင့်ဆောင်ရွက်ပေးခဲ့သည့်နည်းတူ တိုင်းရင်းသားများအချင်းချင်း ချစ်ကြည်ရင်းနှီးစွာ ကူးလူးဆက်သွယ် သွားလာနိုင်ရေးအတွက် ရေခြားမြေခြား အဟန့်အတားများကို ဖယ်ရှားပြီး လမ်းပန်းဆက်သွယ်ရေးကောင်းမွန်စေရန် တည်ဆောက်ပေးခဲ့ပါသည်။

၇။ နိုင်ငံတော်အတွင်း လူ့အရင်းအမြစ်ဖွံ့ဖြိုးတိုးတက်ရေးတွင် ကွာဟမှုနည်းနိုင်သမျှ နည်းစေရန်အတွက် အထူးဒေသကြီး (၂၄) ခု သတ်မှတ်၍ တက္ကသိုလ်များ၊ ကျောင်းများကို ဖွင့်လှစ်ပေးခဲ့ပါသည်။ ထို့အတူ တစ်မျိုးသားလုံး ကျန်းမာကြံ့ခိုင်စေရေးအတွက် အထူးကု ဆေးရုံကြီးများ၊ ဆေးရုံများနှင့် ကျေးလက်ဆေးရုံများကို တိုးချဲ့မြှင့်တင်ပေးခြင်း၊ အသစ်တည်ဆောက်ပေးခြင်းတို့ကို ဆောင်ရွက်ပေးခဲ့ပါသည်။

၈။ ဤကဲ့သို့ နိုင်ငံတော်နှင့် တိုင်းရင်းသားတို့အတွက် အခြေခံကောင်းများ ဖြစ်ပေါ်တိုးတက်လာစေရန် ကြိုးပမ်းဆောင်ရွက်ခဲ့ရာတွင် ယခုအခါ ပြီးပြည့်စုံခြင်း မရှိသေးသော်လည်း အခြေခံလိုအပ်သည့် တည်ဆောက်မှုများကို ဆောင်ရွက်ပေးနိုင်ခဲ့ပြီး ဖြစ်ပါသည်။

၉။ ထိုသို့အခြေခံကောင်းများကို တည်ဆောက်ပေးပြီး ဖြစ်သည့်အတွက် နိုင်ငံတော်တွင် တပ်မတော်မှ တာဝန်ယူ အုပ်ချုပ်ခြင်းကို ဒီမိုကရေစီ ပြည်သူ့အုပ်ချုပ်ရေးစနစ်ဖြင့် ပြောင်းလဲရန် သင့်တော်ပြီ ဖြစ်၍ ဖြစ်ပေါ်လာမည့် ဖွဲ့စည်းပုံအခြေခံဥပဒေသစ်နှင့်အညီ ပါတီစုံဒီမိုကရေစီ အထွေထွေ ရွေးကောက်ပွဲကို ၂၀၁၀ ခုနှစ်တွင် ကျင်းပပေးမည် ဖြစ်ကြောင်း ကြေညာအပ်ပါသည်။

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Putin visions new development plans for Russia



Russia's President Vladimir Putin

MOSCOW, 8 Feb — Russian President Vladimir Putin outlined a series of new development strategies for the country at a State Council session here on Friday. The president, who will step down after eight years in office following the March 2 presidential elections, said that Russia has so far failed to get rid of an 'inert' dependence on natural resources, the RIA news agency reported.

Innovative development is the only alternative to dependence on natural

resources, said Putin, who chaired a meeting of the consultative State Council in the Kremlin to outline the concept of strategic long-term development of the country up to the year 2020.

"The strategy of innovative development relies on human potential and the effective use of knowledge and individual skills," Putin said.

"The paces of innovational development must be cardinally higher than those we have today," Putin added. He urged the use of the experience and resources accumulated over the past eight years to launch Russia into a brand new stage of development and set the goal of forming a society of equal opportunities free of poverty and providing security guarantees to every citizen in Russia.

"We should strive to form such a society, and I am certain that we will succeed," Putin said. —Internet



Displaced children queue for porridge at the Tigoni police station where internally displaced people are seeking refuge, on 5 February. Kenya's political rivals were set for new talks after slow progress toward a resolution to end weeks of bloodshed as the UN's humanitarian aid coordinator arrived for a fact-finding mission.—INTERNET

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Sudan planes, militia attack Darfur towns

KHARTOUM, 9 Feb — Sudanese Government aircraft, Army and militia attacked two towns in West Darfur state on Friday, causing heavy civilian casualties, Darfur rebels and witnesses said.

"The government attacked the town of Abu Surouj this morning a direct attack with cars and horses and bombardment," Darfur rebel Justice and Equality Movement (JEM) commander Abdel Aziz el-Nur Ashr told Reuters from Darfur.

"Also, as I am speaking to you, they are attacking Sirba Town," he added. He said initial estimates put the death toll at around 200 but it was hard to tell as the attackers were still in the towns.

A West Darfur government official confirmed the attacks but could not give details. Residents of el-Geneina, the state capital, told Reuters they could hear Antonov planes flying nearby and has seen helicopters.

Darfur rebels say they control the area north of el-Geneina, where they have often fought Army troops, and which aid workers have been forbidden from entering.

MNA/Reuters



A Palestinian boy watches as an Egyptian worker closes the Egyptian border with Gaza Strip on 8 Feb, 2008. INTERNET

Sudanese rebel soldiers near the town of Korma. Sudanese government aircraft, Army and militia attacked three towns in West Darfur state on Friday.—INTERNET

PNA uses Gaza crisis for political aims

GAZA, 9 Feb — A spokesman for the Islamic Resistance Movement (Hamas) said on Thursday that Palestinian National Authority (PNA) is using

humanitarian crisis in Gaza as a tool to defeat Hamas movement.

"The crisis in Gaza was a humanitarian one resulted from the siege...it

is unacceptable that the crisis be exploited in a way that builds pressure on Hamas movement," said Sami Abu Zuhri.

Abu Zuhri made the remarks in response to Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat who on Wednesday said that reopening a key crossing between Gaza and Egypt requires that Hamas ends "its coup in Gaza" in addition to abiding by an international deal to run the passage.

"This proves that we are facing a political extortion that targets the suffering and the pains of the people," Abu Zuhri added.

MNA/Xinhua

Civilian killed in mix-up between US, Iraqi forces

BAGHDAD, 9 Feb — A civilian was killed in a US airstrike on Baghdad on Thursday after Iraqi neighbourhood police mistakenly opened fire on a US boat patrol, the US military said.

The incident, the latest in which innocent Iraqis have been killed, occurred after neighbourhood police, called "concerned local citizens" (CLC) by the US military, shot at a US forces on patrol on the Tigris River south of the capital.

The US soldiers returned fire in self-defence and called up support from the air. A building next to the CLC checkpoint was hit, killing the civilian.

MNA/Reuters

Suicide car bomber kills three in Afghanistan

GHAZI (Afghanistan), 9 Feb — A suicide car bomber targeting an Army convoy killed three people on Friday in Afghanistan, witnesses said.

The Afghan Army convoy was passing along a road in Ghazni Town which lies southwest of

capital Kabul, they said.

Two civilians and one soldier were killed in the attack, which also wounded five more soldiers, they added.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the blast, but Taliban

insurgents have been behind many such attacks in recent years. Ousted from power in 2001, the militants largely rely on suicide bombings against the Afghan Government and foreign troops as part of their insurgency.

MNA/Reuters



China's natural gas output accelerates, grows 23.1% in '07

BEIJING, 8 Feb — China's production of natural gas rose 23.1 per cent last year, faster than in 2006, to 69.31 billion cubic metres as the country used more "clean" energy, an industry association said.

In 2006, output jumped 19.2 per cent to 58.55 billion cubic meters, the China Petroleum and Chemical Industry Association (CPCIA) said. It also said that output

would likely hit 76 billion cubic metres this year.

China used 55.6 billion cubic metres of gas in 2006, an increase of 21.6 per cent from a year earlier, according to statistics from BP.

China has set a target of raising the proportion of natural gas in its total energy consumption to 5.3 per cent in 2010 from 2.8 per cent in 2005, amid efforts to curb pollution. Coal now accounts for

about 70 per cent of total energy consumption.

The expansion of the natural gas infrastructure, including pipelines, reflected the rapid increases in output and consumption, the CPCIA said.

China plans to start building a second east-west gas pipeline this year. The first such pipeline went into commercial operation in 2004.

MNA/Xinhua



Two oil paintings by Pablo Picasso—"Tete de Cheval" and "Verre et pichet" (pictured)—worth nearly US\$4.5m have been stolen from a museum in eastern Switzerland.—INTERNET



Actor Shak Rukh Khan from India, centre, waves to fans prior to the screening of the movie 'Om Shanti Om' at the Berlinale film festival in Berlin, Germany, on 8 Feb, 2008. The 58th International Film Festival, Berlinale takes place from 7 Feb to 17 Feb, 2008.—INTERNET

Firefighters effort to control a fire at a garment factory in Karachi on 8 Feb, 2008. The incidents of fire at four different factories in the last 24 hours have caused concern among traders and caretaker chief minister of southern Sindh Province has ordered an inquiry into the incidents which local authorities say might be an act of sabotage, local media reported.

INTERNET

ECONOMIC NEWS

Angola's diamond production over 9m carats in 2007

LUANDA, 9 Feb—Diamond production in Angola in 2007 reached 9.7 million carats which resulted in estimated revenue of 1.27 billion US dollars, Angola official news agency ANGOP reported on Friday.

A source of the National Diamond Company of Angola (ENDIAMA) was quoted as saying that among the total annual output of 9.7 million carats, 8.6 million carats were industrial production and the remaining 1.1 million carats were artisan production.

Angola is the fifth largest diamond producer in the world after Botswana, Russia, Canada and South Africa, in 2006 it produced nine million carats of diamonds and earned 1.2 billion dollars.—MNA/Xinhua

Syria, Greece sign economic cooperation protocol

DAMASCUS, 8 Feb — Syria and Greece signed on Thursday a protocol of the seventh session of the joint committee for economic, scientific and technical cooperation, the official SANA news agency reported.

A cooperation agreement in the field of specifications and the assessment of conformity and an understanding memorandum in the field of renewable energies were also signed.

Syrian Deputy Foreign Minister Faisal al-Mekdad and his Greek counterpart Petros Doukas chaired the meetings of the joint committee.

The committee meetings allowed a real opportunity for both sides

to discuss various prospects of cooperation between the two countries, which were "a real breakthrough for advanced relations between Syria and Greece", Mekdad said.

MNA/Xinhua



A new energy-capturing knee brace can generate enough electricity from walking to operate a portable GPS locator, a cell phone, a motorized prosthetic joint or an implanted neurotransmitter, research involving the University of Michigan shows.—INTERNET



France's trade deficit hits new record in 2007

PARIS, 9 Feb — Despite a declining energy bill, France's trade deficit broke records once again in 2007, reaching 39.1 billion euros (56.9 billion US dollars) compared to 28.2 billion euros in 2006,

French Customs authorities announced Thursday.

In 2006, the foreign trade deficit had already been recorded to 28.2 billion euros and the government was projecting a deficit of 31.7

billion euros in 2007, Customs authorities said, attributing the huge deficit to deteriorating exports, especially with regards to industrial products such as automobiles.

MNA/Xinhua

Report says force of blast killed Bhutto, not bullet

WASHINGTON, 8 Feb — Pakistani opposition leader Benazir Bhutto was killed by the force of a suicide bomb and not by an assassin's bullet, The *New York Times* reported in its Friday editions, quoting officials briefed by Scotland Yard investigators.

Bhutto died on 27 December while campaigning in Rawalpindi. Controversy rages in

Pakistan over whether the popular politician was struck down by a bullet or by a concussive injury caused by the bomb detonated after an assassin shot at her from close range.

President Pervez Musharraf asked Britain's Scotland Yard to help in the investigation. A poll conducted by Gallup Pakistan found almost half of all Pakistanis

believed government agencies or politicians allied to Musharraf were involved in the assassination.

The report, which will be presented to the Pakistani Government and Bhutto's family on Friday, said Bhutto died after the suicide blast detonated and she hit her head, The Times said.

MNA/Reuters

Up to 100 injured in US sugar refinery blast

ATLANTA, 9 Feb — Up to 100 people were injured, some of them seriously, in an explosion at a sugar refinery in the US state of Georgia on Thursday night, local authorities said, adding that no fatalities had been reported yet.

Between eight and 50 people were also unaccounted for, said Jay David Goldstein, chief of emergency medicine at Memorial Medical Centre in Savannah.

The explosion occurred in a building at the Imperial Sugar Co plant

in Port Wentworth, a suburb of Savannah, police said, adding that the cause of the blast was unknown.

"We have 33 patients that have come to Memorial and I would say most of them are in critical condition at this point," Goldstein said. "We are also expecting a significant number of walking wounded at this point." —MNA/Reuters



Three people were killed and dozens injured after a huge blast ripped through a sugar refinery in the US state of Georgia, on 8 Feb, 2008. —INTERNET



A view of the snow covered bus stand near Qazigund some 75 kilometres, or 47 miles south of Srinagar, India, on 8 Feb, 2008. Avalanches killed at least eight people and forced hundreds more to leave their snow bound villages Friday in the Indian-controlled part of Kashmir, officials said. —INTERNET



Chadians, who fled to Cameroon to escape fighting between rebels and government forces in Ndjamen, carry their belongings as leave the border town of Kousseri and return to Ndjamen. Chad's government on Thursday slapped a night curfew on Ndjamen and southern provinces as rebels who almost ousted President Idriss Deby Itno regrouped and rearmed after battling for the capital. —INTERNET

Texas woman sues US over border fence dispute

WASHINGTON, 8 Feb — A Texas woman whose property has been in her family for more than 250 years has filed a class-action suit to keep the US Government from surveying her land for a border fence, in the

latest skirmish over federal efforts to fight illegal immigration.

Lawyers for Eloisa Tamez, a descendant of Basque settlers and Native Americans, filed the suit against US Homeland Security Secretary Michael

Chertoff on Wednesday in US District Court in Brownsville, Texas.

On Thursday, Tamez attended a court hearing on a government request for immediate rights to survey the property of Tamez and about nine other landowners, as part of a planned 670 miles (1,070 kilometres) of fencing along the US-Mexican border to block people from entering illegally.

"Today I feel revived and refreshed. I think that we were able to represent the right argument so that we can in fact experience justice in this case," Tamez told reporters in a conference call.

MNA/Reuters

Japan shootings rise in 2007 on gangster gun use

TOKYO, 8 Feb — The number of shootings in Japan rose in 2007 for the first time in six years, police said on Thursday, in a review of a year that included the assassination of a city mayor and gun use

in involving rival gangsters.

Shootings rose to 66 compared with a record low of 53 in 2006, the National Police Agency said in a report.

The figure was up for the first time since 2001.

"There was an increase in confrontations between gangster

organizations and a series of brutal crimes involving gun use," the report said.

The number of those who died from shootings rose to 22 from two in 2006, the report said.

Those wounded numbered 18.

MNA/Reuters

Blast kills US coalition soldier in Afghanistan

KABUL, 8 Feb — A roadside bomb killed a soldier from the US-led coalition and wounded two more in southern Afghanistan, the US military said on Wednesday.

More than 200 foreign troops were killed in Afghanistan in 2007 and while heavy snow has blanketed most of the country so far this year causing a lull in fighting, 12 foreign soldiers have still died since 1 January.

The latest incident happened as Afghan and US-led forces were

patrolling the Nahr-e Saraj District of Helmand Province when their vehicle hit a mine, the statement said.

Other soldiers in the patrol discovered and made safe two more roadside bombs in the area, the statement added.

Meanwhile, coalition forces identified and killed seven suspected militants in an airstrike as they were planting roadside bombs in the Panjwai District of Kandahar Province on Tuesday, the Afghan Defence Ministry said on Wednesday.

MNA/Reuters

Sr.	Subject	Unit	1988	2007	Progress
1.	Arable land	acre	891596	1284503	392907
2.	Dam		3	10	7
3.	River water pumping project		-	7	7
4.	Reserve forest	Sq mile	732	497007	496275
5.	Protected public forest	Sq mile	-	39790	39790
6.	Railroad	mile	195	207	12
7.	Motor road	mile	424	453	29
8.	Airport		2	3	1
9.	Bridge (above 180 feet)		3	12	9
10.	Post office		58	65	7
11.	Telegraph office		16	19	3
12.	Telephone station		11	32	21
13.	Private-owned factory		1535	2437	902
14.	Basic education school		1205	1361	156
15.	Technological university/ college		-	1	1
16.	University of Computer Studies		-	1	1
17.	Hospital		20	31	11

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

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The photo shows Mayangon Sluice Gate facilitated in Thaton Township of Mon State to supply water to the region for agricultural purpose.



Mawlamyine University

The building of Mawlamyine University constructed for enabling students in Mon State to learn higher education.



Thanlwin Bridge (Mawlamyine)

Thanlwin Bridge (Mawlamyine) built across Thanlwin River in Mawlamyine Township of Mon State.



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Safeguard the Union at risk of lives

Ngar Min Swe



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

I arrived at the Myanma Airways office in Myeik at about 4 pm on 21-12-2007 to return to Yangon. The notice board of the office showed that there were 15 seats left for passengers. However, the sale of air tickets was over. One of the personnel said that there would be the go show system at the airport the next day. As such, I went to the private airways office. And I easily got a ticket of Air Bagan there. In the past, it was very difficult to get an air ticket from Myeik to Yangon. One had to wait for about one week or had to try hard through various ways for an air ticket. And one sometimes had to get an air ticket through lucky dip. Now, one can easily travel from Myeik to Dawei by air-con bus and then to Yangon by train. So,

one can easily purchase an air ticket. Whatever it may be, the Union of Myanmar has seen development to a certain degree in various aspects including the transport sector.

When the ATR 72 aircraft of Air Bagan took off from Myeik Airport I happened to enjoy the scenic beauty of Myeik archipelago. Managing Director of KMK Co U Khin Maung Kyaw who was seated beside me showed me the fish breeding ponds belonging to his company. In the past, there was no breeding of giant sea perches in cages. KMK Co successfully introduced the breeding of giant sea perches in cages in Myeik by bringing the fingerlings by air to Myeik from the fish breeding centre of Technician U Kyaw Zin of Min Zarni Co in Chuangtha, Ayeyawady Division. The breeding of giant sea perches in cages is making progress in Thailand and Malaysia. Today, Myanmar is keeping abreast of neighbouring countries in the breeding of giant sea perches. Giant sea perches are in high demand in both domestic and foreign markets. Myanmar is blessed with favourable conditions for breeding giant sea perches. The extended breeding of giant sea perches can contribute a lot to the development of national economy. The success in the breeding of giant sea perches is attributable to the efforts of Min Zarni Co that has invested heavily in the project for five years. With the help of Min Zarni Co, a pioneer in the business, KMK Co launched the breeding of the species in cages in Myeik area. Myanmar citizens need to launch businesses everywhere for the development of national economy.

The aircraft of Air Bagan was flying towards Dawei at an altitude of 12,000 feet and I was fascinated by

the scenery of Taninthayi Division. The Division is able to produce a large amount of meat, fish and prawn. In my younger days, my mother bought shrimp paste produced from Myeik and put it in glazed earthen jars for the whole year consumption. With protein and iodine from the shrimp paste, we grew up with physical and spiritual development. At present, the division is producing a large amount of natural gas not only for local consumption but also for export. Most of mills and factories in the nation are running with the use of gas produced from the division and buses and taxies in Yangon are no exception. Taninthayi Division is blessed with evergreen forests as well as tin and tungsten. Rubber, an industrial raw material, thrives in the Division. The Division will soon become an oil pot of the nation, for a large number of acres are being put under oil palm there.

The national brethren have been living in Taninthayi Division blessed with natural resources and scenic beauty for years countable by the thousand. In the time of Bagan, the first Myanmar, King Alaung Sithu toured Taninthayi Region, made Bagan people settle in the region. Rakhine nationals also settled in the region. Those from Myeik region were Bamars of Upper Myanmar while those from Dawei region were Rakhine nationals. On Taninthayi mountain ranges lived Kayin nationals. The far-sighted endeavours of ancient Myanmar kings assigned national races to reside in different parts of the nation. Sticks, swords and spears were the only weapons of Myanmar people who fought back alien intruders. Taninthayi Division rich in natural resources is the gateway to the nation.

When the aircraft was descending, I saw the area of Dawei dotted with fertile small islands. There were paddy fields as well as virgin and fellow lands in Dawei area. Taninthayi Division doesn't enjoy self-sufficiency in rice yet. Hence, the government is striving for the division to enjoy self-sufficiency in rice.

When I made a field trip to the fertile alluvial land I saw some 3,000 acres of arable lands and those where salt can be produced. In the colonial period, paddy was cultivated in those regions where farmers were prosperous as the lands are fertile. As the communist insurgency reigned after independence those lands became mangroves since farmers were unable to engage in agriculture. Those lands can be turned into farmlands. As a huge investment was needed I could not afford. When I raised the matter to a friend of mine who could afford he said the area was far away from Yangon.

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At a time when efforts are being made for the emergence of a modern and developed nation we must be able to do agriculture and livestock breeding works, regardless of the regions. The opportunity to do so is within our reach. Than Win, a friend of mine, who firmly grasped the opportunity, is now reclaiming 150 acres of lands in the mouth of Dawei River. When the aircraft touched down Dawei Airport, my thought was interrupted.

I had read the conclusion of the article titled Copycat Political Defiance written by Than Eint Hmu in the 1-1-2008 issue of Flower News Journal. In the article, the columnist asked a question “Is the disintegration of a nation good or bad?” and “Do you want the Union of Myanmar to be disintegrated?”

Columnist Than Eint Hmu asked a question “Do you wish the Union of Myanmar to be disintegrated?” Myanmar nationals made up of Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Bamar, Mon, Rakhine, Shan, etc. do not wish at all the Union of Myanmar to be disintegrated. It is Union Spirit of the entire national people that is desirous of the Union of Myanmar to be integrated and not to be disintegrated.

Naturally, man is used to be endowed with instinct and intelligence. It is an instinct of a man that a mother breastfeeds her baby out of love. It is also an instinct of a man that a father brings up his children out of consideration and intelligence. Likewise, the nationalistic spirit to cherish and safeguard the Union is an instinct of the entire national people.

Although the instinct of a man is upright in nature it could be subject to the influence of environment. Nowadays, some western big nations are making an attempt to harm the instinct of the entire national people who are desirous of cherishing and

safeguarding the Union. Those nations under the pretext of democracy are sowing discord and dissension among national races in order to undermine Union Spirit and nationalistic spirit.

Our Three Main National Causes—non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty—is the lifeblood of the Union of Myanmar. We are desirous of democracy. However, Myanmar people will never accept the scheme to undermine and destroy the Union under the cloak of democracy. Myanmar people will have to safeguard the Union at risk to their lives, putting in the fore Our Three Main National Causes—non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty.

The Panglong Agreement which was a decisive factor for the emergence of the Union of Myanmar which turns 61 years on 12 February 2008. The entire national people who are still alive are the generations of leaders of the national races who had signed the agreement. Leaders of the national races handed down Union Spirit and patriotic spirit to their generations as the legacy. The National Convention was successfully held through Union Spirit and patriotic spirit handed down by the ancestors. And an enduring State Constitution is being drafted based on such nationalistic spirit.

Today, the entire national people equipped with Union Spirit and patriotism are striving for the emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed nation and for the Union to stand tall among the international community as long as the world exists while warding off all destructive elements at risk to their lives.

(Translation : TS)

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:

Strength of Union

* O Union-born races
Firmly united we are
Long have we been
Standing as Myanmar
National interest serving
Fostering fidelity
Undivided are we

* When all we united
Like firewood bundle
Breakup we not
Nor weaken will our strength
At anyone’s hand
Undaunted is our Union
Tall it stands with successes
And equipped with vigour
Enough to match others
Devotion we have
In raising national dignity

* Unrivaled in morale
Powerful is our race
And graced is Myanmar
With traditions so fine
Rising and prospering is she.

(Hailing the 61st Anniversary Union Day)

Maung Yee Tint (Maubin) (Trs)



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International Warranty & Services briefed

YANGON, 9 Feb — A news briefing on International Warranty and Services of Toshiba Notebook Authorized and Service Provider (Myanmar) organized by Lucky Bird Trading Co was held at the Sakura Tower on Sule Pagoda Road here this morning.

Managing Director U Htin Aung Khine of the company explained the background history of Toshiba Notebook and its new innovation methods.

Afterwards, Director Daw May Phyu Thwe of the company also explained the ISO certificate and services, facts on portable Toshiba Notebooks and Service Manager U Aung Hein

Min explained matters on International Warranty and Services.

Toshiba Corporation produced the world first laptop computers in 1985. With its new innovation and experiences, it is in the process of producing Toshiba Notebooks in such four different kinds as Satellite, Portege, Tecra and Qosmio. Those who purchase Toshiba Notebooks from the company will be provided with the chance to have the items serviced free of charge.

Those wishing to buy quality Toshiba Notebooks are to contact Lucky Bird Trading Co, of No 355, Room 106 on Theinbyu Road, Yangon (Tel 241867 or 379875).

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Press Conference on International Warranty and Services of Toshiba Notebook Authorized Dealer and Service Provider (Myanmar) in progress.—MNA

Central Committee for holding 45th Myanmar Gems Emporium for 2008 meets



Minister Brig-Gen Ohn Myint addresses meeting of Central Committee for holding 45th Myanmar Gems Emporium for 2008.—MNA

YANGON, 9 Feb — The Central Committee for holding 45th Myanmar Gems Emporium for 2008 held meeting at Myanmar Convention Centre on Mindhamma Road in Mayangon Township, here today.

Patron of the central committee Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint attended the meeting and made a speech.

Officials submitted reports on work being done for holding the emporium and the officials of the sub-committees reports on management, security and information, sending invitations to local and foreign gem merchants to attend the emporium and, rules and

regulations to pay cash for gems to be sold.

Next, the minister called for collective efforts to successfully hold the emporium in March and made concluding remarks.

Also present at the meeting were Managing Director U Thein Swe of Myanmar Gems Enterprise and the central committee members, chairman of Myanmar Gems Entrepreneurs Association and members and others.

The 45th Myanmar Gems Emporium for 2008 is scheduled from 9 to 20 March at Myanmar Convention Centre in Mayangon Township in Yangon.—MNA



Messx mobile phone application introduced

YANGON, 9 Feb — The launching ceremony of Students' English-English-Myanmar Dictionary (Defined; Mobile) and Messx mobile phone applications to be installed in GSM phones and appointment of sale agents was held at Traders Hotel on Sule Pagoda Road, here, this morning.

Chairman U Aung Khin Myint of A & T International Co Ltd made an inaugural speech and Ko Htoo Myint Naung of Technomation Studios demonstrated use of defined mobile and Messx applications.

Messx application software can be used in mobile phones with the use of 5.1 standard Unicode font for Myanmar language. Technomation Studios delivers both applications for the mobile phones, and A & T International Co Ltd (Pace and Computer System) at No 149, Bogale Market Street, Botahtaung Township (Tel: 380854, 392152). —MNA

UMFCCI officials receive Thai delegation



UMFCCI officials meet Executive Investment Advisor Mrs Sisrak Busayarat to Board of Investment of Thailand. — UMFCCI

YANGON, 9 Feb — Vice-Presidents U Zaw Min Win and U Aung Lwin, Joint-Secretary-1 Dr Maung Maung Lay, Joint-Secretary-2 U Tun Aung, CEC members and executive of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry received the eight-member Thai delegation led by Executive Investment Advisor Mrs Sisrak Busayarat to the

Board of Investment of Thailand at UMFCCI Head Office, here, on 5 February.

They cordially discussed opportunities and promotion of investment, cooperation in agriculture, industry, fish and meat sectors with Myanmar entrepreneurs and matters related to promotion of bilateral trade between the two nations. —MNA

Introduction of Mobile Applications such as Students' English-English-Myanmar Mobile Dictionary (Defined; Mobile) in progress.

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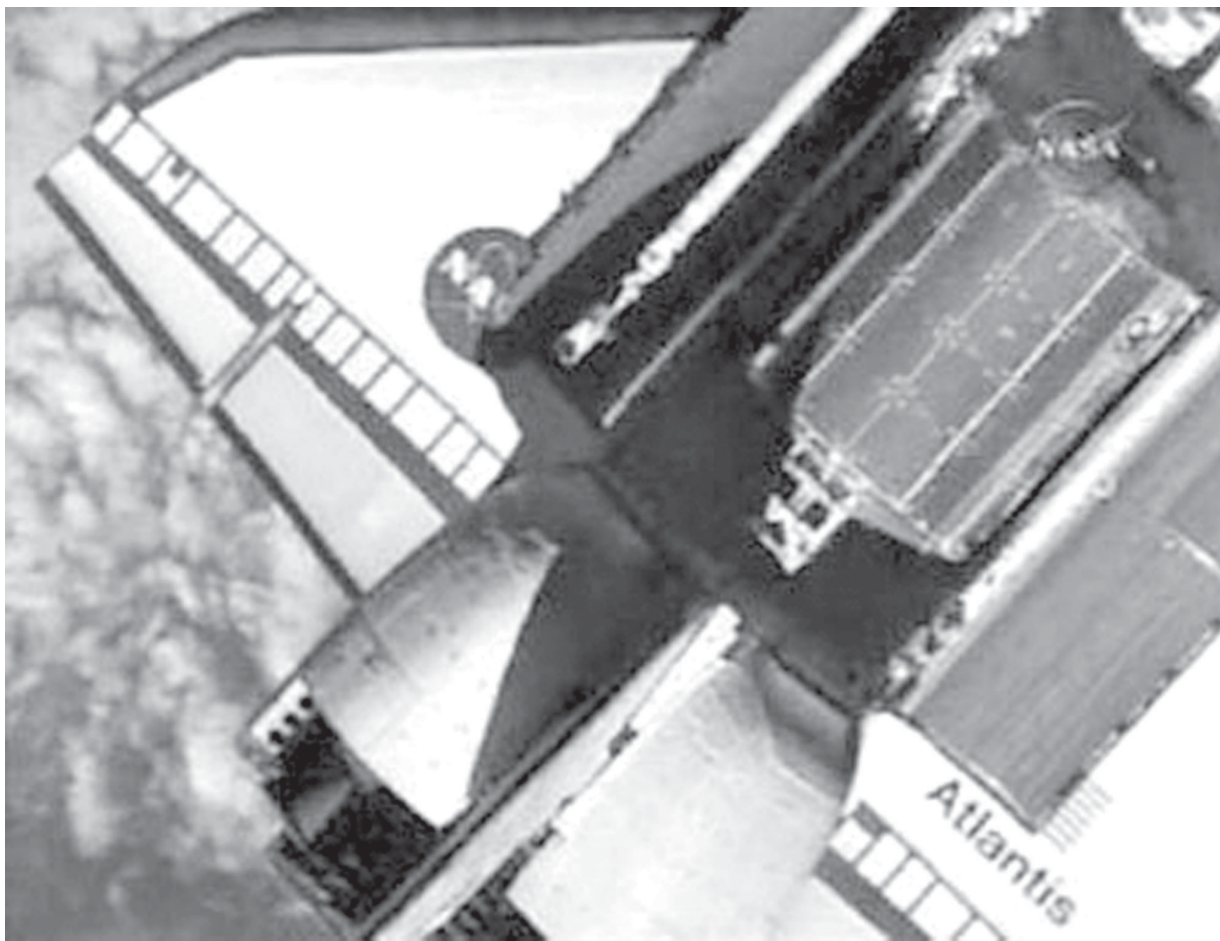


An Indian youth performs a fire breathing act as he takes part in a procession in Amritsar.—INTERNET



An acupuncturist inserts pins into a patient's scalp. Acupuncture can increase the chance of success for couples seeking to have a baby through in-vitro fertilisation (IVF), according to a review published online Friday by the British Medical Journal (BMJ).—INTERNET

Images of the Day



Wedding gowns are on display at the Wedding Follies exhibition in Beirut on 2 Feb, 2008.
INTERNET

The European Space Agency Columbus laboratory module is seen inside the Space Shuttle Atlantis' cargo bay in this view from a camera aboard the International Space Station and shown on NASA TV as the shuttle approaches the space station for docking on 9 Feb, 2008.—INTERNET

Chinese private business workers reach 200 million

BEIJING, 6 Feb — Nearly 200 million Chinese, out of a 1.3 billion total population, are working in private business enterprises, said a report issued by the All-China Federation of Industry and Commerce here Friday.

More than 110 million people had registered to work for private companies or be

self employed by September 2007, the report said.

"But the number is likely to reach 200 million since some small businesses and self-employed people did not register at the authorities," it said.

China had registered about 5.39 million private companies by September last year, 8.2 per cent more than at the end of 2006,

the report said.

They have contributed to 60 per cent of the country's gross domestic product (GDP).

Private business experienced a booming development in the past three decades. The country used to incorporate private business into state-owned enterprises before it adopted economic reform in 1978. —MNA/Xinhua

Berlin Film Festival opens with Rolling Stones movie

BERLIN, 9 Feb—The 58th Berlin Film Festival opened here Thursday evening with a gala featuring the world premiere of Oscar-winning director Martin Scorsese's concert movie about the legendary pop group Rolling Stones.

Scorsese and Stones Mick Jagger, Keith Richards, Charlie

Watts and Ron Wood are in Berlin to attend this big event. This also marked the first time the Berlin Film Festival being opened with a documentary film.

"Films with music or musicians at their centre are the most important ingredient of this year's festival", said Berlinale director Dieter Kosslick said.

Apart from Scorsese's documentary, the queen of pop Madonna's directorial film debut, Filth and Wisdom, will also have its premiere at the festival.

During the 10-day film festival, one of the world's top three of its kind, about 400 films are to be screened in different sections.

MNA/Xinhua

Heavy cell phone use tied to poorer sperm quality

NEW YORK, 8 Feb — Spending hours on a cell phone each day may affect the quality of a man's sperm, preliminary research suggests. In a study of 361 men seen at their infertility clinic, researchers at the Cleveland Clinic found an association between the patients' cell phone use and their sperm quality.

On average, the more hours the men spent on their cell phones each day, the lower their sperm count and the greater their percentage of abnormal sperm.

The findings, published

in the journal *Fertility and Sterility*, add to questions about the potential health effects of cell phones and other wireless devices. Some studies, for example, have linked long-term cell phone use to a higher risk of brain tumours, though many other studies have found no such connection.

The concern is that, over time, the electromagnetic energy emitted from mobile phones could theoretically harm body tissue — by damaging DNA, for example. However, the new findings do not prove

that cell phones somehow damage sperm, according to the researchers.

“Our results show a strong association of cell phone use with decreased semen quality. However, they do not prove a cause-and-effect relationship,” lead researcher Dr Ashok Agarwal told *Reuters Health*.

He and his colleagues based their findings on semen samples from 361 men who came to their infertility clinic over one year. All of the men were questioned about their cell phone habits.

MNA/Reuters

Chinese peacekeepers in Sudan awarded medal

KHARTOUM, 9 Feb — Chinese peacekeepers in Sudan received United Nations Peacekeeping Medals on Thursday in honour of their great contributions to peace and the reconstruction of the country.

To celebrate China's Spring Festival, the traditional Chinese New Year, UN officials made special arrangements to advance the medal-awarding day two months ahead of the return of the third contingent of Chinese peacekeeping troops to their homeland.

Ashraf Qazi, the UN

chief's special representative in Sudan, and Lieutenant-General Jasbir Singh Lidder, commander of the UN Mission in Sudan (UNMIS), awarded peace medals to the Chinese peacekeepers at a ceremony in the southwestern city of Wau.

Qazi said the Chinese peacekeepers are the most popular among the local people, praising Zhang Yong, political commissar with the Chinese contingent, and 19 other officers and soldiers as true men of peace.

In addition to the peace medals, the UN officials conferred honours to

Chinese engineering, medical and transport units for their special contributions.

As part of the UNMIS, China joined the peacekeeping operation in the Wau region in May 2006. The third contingent arrived in September 2007.

MNA/Xinhua

EU concerned over aid in Chad, says EU force needed

BRUSSELS, 8 Feb — The European Commission said on Tuesday it was concerned violence in Chad's capital could disrupt aid deliveries in the east of the country, saying deploying a delayed EU force was vital to keep aid flowing.

The 27-nation bloc had planned to start deploying

WASHINGTON, 8 Feb —

A female teacher was wounded in a school shooting in Portsmouth, Ohio, CNN reported on Thursday. According to the report, police have evacuated the Notre Dame elementary school and searching all buildings, but so far no student has been found injured.

The report said that Michael Layne was seen walking into the school in the morning, shot and

stabbed his wife, Christy Layne, in a classroom in front of children, and then left the campus.

Portsmouth mayor James Kalb told reporters that the shooter with several weapons has been barricaded in a home near the school and his wife remained in a stable situation.

All public schools in the city were also put on lockdown, police added.

MNA/Xinhua

Five killed in standoff with police in Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES, 8 Feb — Five people were killed in a standoff between police and a gunman in Los Angeles, police said on Thursday.

The standoff began overnight in a house in the San Fernando Valley in Los Angeles, according to police. A man barricaded himself in a house and opened fire on a police team.

The man had killed three of his relatives before police arrived.

During the standoff, a policeman and the gunman were killed, and two other officers suffered minor injuries, Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) Chief William Bratton said.

Police fired tear gas into the residence, trying to get the gunman to surrender, but to no avail.

MNA/Xinhua

BUSINESS WIRE COMMERCIAL PHOTO
GE Security's CTX 9400 incorporates the latest explosives detection system technology to help airport security providers achieve enhanced performance in highly automated, inline baggage screening systems. The TSA has recently added 39 9400s to its 80 CTX order.—INTERNET



A performer shows her hula hoop skills during a cultural presentation to celebrate the upcoming Chinese New Year at Longtan Park in Beijing on 6 Feb, 2008. The lunar “Year of the Rat” begins on 7 February in China and will also be celebrated by as many as 35 million overseas Chinese in cities across the globe.—INTERNET

Teen dads' babies at risk for problems at birth

WASHINGTON, 8 Feb — The babies of teenage fathers are at higher risk for problems such as premature birth, low birth weight and neonatal death, Canadian researchers said on Wednesday.

The researchers looked at records relating to 2.6 million babies born in the United States between 1995 and 2000,

and found a relationship between the age of the father and the health of the infant. The babies of fathers age 19 and under were more likely to experience problems, according to the study. “This group is at high risk,” epidemiologist Shi Wu Wen of the Ottawa Health Research Institute and the University of Ottawa, who

led the study, said in a telephone interview. Compared to babies of fathers ages 20 to 29 — the group with the best record for healthy offspring — those with teenage dads were 15 per cent more likely to be born prematurely and 13 per cent more likely to have a low birth weight.

MNA/Reuters

Serbian hospitals to ban gossiping

BELGRADE, 9 Feb— A ban on grumpiness, gossiping, mini-skirts and rudeness is what the doctor orders to improve patient care in Serbia's hospitals, according to new rules issued by the country's Health Ministry.

The rules, posted on the ministry's website, say staff are not allowed to criticize their hospital or their superiors, and should not accept gifts for their services.

Hospital staff are often bribed with cash or gifts for attention or better treatment.

"There needs to be ground rules for decency," a ministry spokesman said. Serbia's public health system crumbled during the conflicts of the 1990s, with patients' relatives having to provide everything from bandages and antibiotics to food. — MNA/Reuters

Greece returns stolen antiquities to Albania

ATHENS, 9 Feb— Greece returned two ancient marble statues to Albania on Thursday, 17 years after they were stolen from one of its neighbour's museums and smuggled into Greece.

Culture Minister Michalis Liapis said the statues were finally returning to their rightful owners. Greece has put pressure on several major museums abroad to return hundreds of ancient Greek objects.

"With this move we are highlighting our political philosophy and we hope people in other countries will follow suit," Liapis told reporters at the new Acropolis Museum after signing an agreement with Albanian counterpart Ylli Pango. — MNA/Reuters



South Korean astronaut San Ko (L) and Russian cosmonauts Sergey Volkov (C) and Oleg Kononenko walk during training session at the Star City space centre outside Moscow on 6 Feb, 2008.—INTERNET

Statistics say Languages other than English on the rise

CANBERRA, 8 Feb — The number of people who speak a language other than English at home has increased by 10 per cent during a five-year period, according to the *Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) 2008 Year Book* available on Thursday.

The statistics say that 16 per cent of Australians —or 3.1 million—speak a language other than English at home, which represent a 10-per-cent rise from the 2001 Census to the 2006 Census.

The most-commonly spoken languages were Italian, Greek, Arabic, Chinese (including Cantonese and Mandarin) and Vietnamese.

Indigenous Australians - who speak a native language at home -represent 11 per cent of people who speak a language other than English at home. Of these people more than 50 per cent reside in the Northern Territory. — MNA/Xinhua

A row of Apple computers at a cybercafe. The Church of England said on Saturday it will turn to social networking websites and blogs to spread a new twist on Lent this year.—INTERNET

New tests find deadly new virus that killed three

WASHINGTON, 8 Feb— A previously unknown virus killed three women who got organ transplants from an Australian donor, and researchers say the technique they used to identify it could lead them to many more new infectious agents.

The as-yet-unnamed virus appears to be related to a bug called lymphocytic choriomeningitis virus, which

usually causes only a minor flu-like illness.

But this one killed the three transplant patients by causing encephalitis, a swelling of the brain, the team reported on Wednesday in the *New England Journal of Medicine*. The

researchers used a relatively new method to find the virus, called high-throughput sequencing. They used powerful

machines to get the full genetic sequences from the organs and from the patients, and filtered out everything but the sequences from the virus.

When the three women, ages 63, 64 and 44, all died in the Australian hospital after receiving a liver and two kidneys from the same man, doctors knew something was wrong.

MNA/Reuters

Short of staff, Norway eyes robot care for elderly

OSLO, 9 Feb — Household robots may help human carers look after the growing number of elderly Norwegians in years to come, enabling them to live longer and more comfortably in their own homes, a project leader told Reuters on Thursday.

Norway faces a growing shortage of health care staff over the next five-10 years, and 2020 will be a crunch point when large numbers of post-World War II "baby boomers" leave the workforce.

Two employee groups have teamed up to

see how robots and other hi-tech gadgets can be developed to help care for them.

MNA/Reuters

Moderate quake jolts West Java

JAKARTA, 9 Feb— An earthquake measuring 5.0 on the Richter Scale jolted West Java Province, Indonesia on Friday, meteorology agency said. There has been no report of damages or casualties.

The quake occurred at 10:42 Jakarta Time (0342 GMT) with the epicentre at 126 kilometres southwest of Sukabumi Town and at 10 kilometres in depth, an official of the agency said.

Indonesia is laid at a vulnerable zone called "the Pacific Ring of Fire" where two continental plates, stretching from the Western Hemisphere through Japan and Southeast Asia, meet and cause frequent volcanic movements.

MNA/Xinhua

HIV can be passed to babies in pre-chewed food

WASHINGTON, 8 Feb — The AIDS virus can be passed from an infected mother to her baby if she pre-chews the child's food as sometimes occurs in developing countries, US Government scientists said on Wednesday.

The US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention said it had identified three cases — two in Miami and one in Memphis, Tennessee — in which a child was

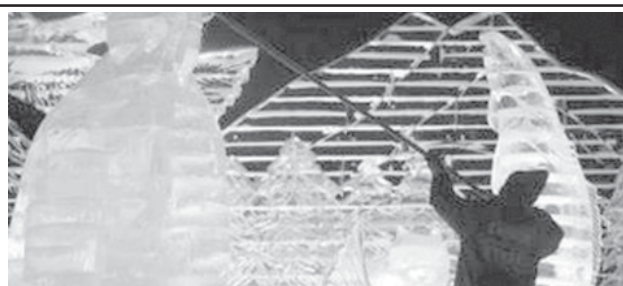
infected in this way between 1993 and 2004. The mother was involved in two of the cases and a relative who acted as a caregiver was involved in the third.

In developing countries, some mothers pre-chew food for babies. These women may lack access to packaged baby food or may not have a way to blend baby food. This practice is thought to be very rare in the United

States or other wealthy nations. The researchers, who presented their findings at a scientific meeting in Boston, said the infected women's saliva itself did not transmit the virus to the child, but rather it appears blood present in the saliva caused the infection.

The researchers said HIV transmission appears to have occurred when the children ingested pre-chewed food that contained blood from the bleeding gums of HIV-infected women, and this entered the children's bloodstreams through a cut, sore or inflammation of the mouth or digestive tract. They said they ruled out other possible means of infection such as breast-feeding or blood transfusion.

MNA/Reuters



A staff member clears snow from an ice sculpture titled "Harmony with Nature" at the Sapporo Snow Festival in Sapporo, northern Japan, on 5 Feb, 2008.—INTERNET

SPORTS



San Jose Sharks' Marcel Goc, of Germany, left, celebrates after scoring a goal with Jody Shelley, center, and Jeremy Roenick in the first period of their NHL hockey game against the Columbus Blue Jackets on 8 Feb, 2008, in San Jose, Calif.—INTERNET

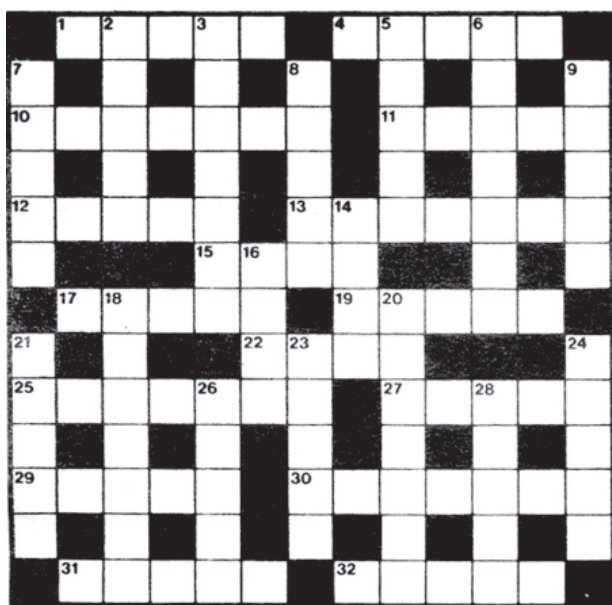
Players issue Levante with ultimatum over debts

MADRID, 9 Feb — Levante players issued an ultimatum on Friday, saying they will take action next week if the cash-strapped Primera Liga club do not repay their debts to the squad.

"We have kept quiet until now but the situation has become unsustainable," the players said in a statement read out at a news conference.

"We hope a satisfactory solution can be reached before the Osasuna game (February 16 or 17). We trust in the good faith of the board but if there is no solution then we will act with all our power and take whatever measures we think necessary to claim what is ours by right." —MNA/Reuters

CROSSWORDS PUZZLE



ACROSS

- 1 Without (Mus)
- 4 Person overcome with rage
- 10 Common soldier
- 11 Greek slave
- 12 Dance
- 13 Tympanum (3-4)
- 15 Language of Pakistan
- 17 Entertain
- 19 Celebrated
- 22 Social insects
- 25 Indistinct
- 27 Portable light
- 29 Mentally disordered
- 30 Fabulous animal
- 31 Muffler
- 32 Cereal

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- 2 Of works of Charles Lamb
- 3 Devoted
- 5 Court official
- 6 General (anag.)
- 7 Flood
- 8 Yielded up
- 9 Rowland Hill's innovation
- 14 Female relative
- 16 Bring up
- 18 Relating to Freemasons
- 20 Flightless bird
- 21 Punctuation mark
- 23 Link, bond
- 24 Narrow opening
- 26 Open sore
- 28 Hoard (anag.)

Spain takes 2-0 lead over Peru in Davis Cup

LIMA, 9 Feb — Nicolas Almagro and Tommy Robredo produced comfortable straight sets victories to give Spain a 2-0 lead over Peru in their Davis Cup world group first round tie on Friday.

World number 19 Robredo beat Ivan Miranda 6-2, 6-3, 6-3 after debutant Almagro beat Matias Silva 6-3, 7-5, 6-0 with blistering serves in the opening singles matches on outdoor clay in Lima.

"I'm very happy to give this first point to my country," Almagro said after the 105-minute match. "It was a physical and mental battle. I think I was serving very well." Silva was a late replacement for his country's top player Luis Horna, who suffered an injury to his right forearm.

Almagro admitted to having change strategy to handle his new opponent, who picked up his play in the second set before losing eight consecutive games. —MNA/Reuters

Benin referee to handle Nations Cup final

ACCRA, 9 Feb — Benin referee Bonaventure Coffi Codjia will take charge of Sunday's African Nations Cup final between Cameroon and Egypt, the Confederation of African Football said on Friday.

The 40-year-old is officiating in his fifth Nations Cup. He handled semi-finals in 2002 and 2004 and the 2000 third-place playoff.

Codjia, who has been on the FIFA panel for 10 years, was also a referee at the last two World Cup finals. —MNA/Reuters



Virada Nirapathpongporn of Thailand plays off the fairway during her second round of the Australian Ladies Masters Golf on the Gold Coast, Australia, on 9 Feb, 2008.—INTERNET

British PM wants fans to have say on global matches

LONDON, 9 Feb — The validity of a proposal for Premier League matches abroad depends on its benefit to fans, said British Prime Minister Gordon Brown.

Brown said revenue from the plan, which would mean the season having an extra 39th round of games from 2011 to accommodate 10 matches at foreign venues, should mean a reduction in ticket prices for supporters in England. "Fans have to come first and you have to listen to their views on this," said Brown, just back from a tour of China and India where the Premier League is hugely popular.

"It's important to recognize the money has to go back into the game," Brown said in an interview to be broadcast on BBC Radio 5 Live on Saturday. —MNA/Reuters

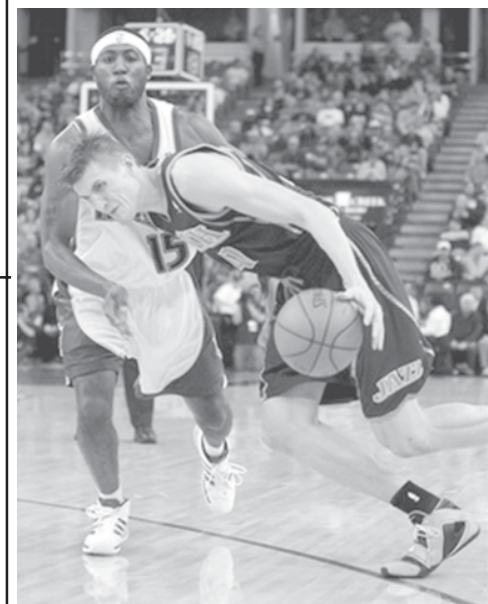
Platini brands Premier League overseas games plan a joke

LONDON, 9 Feb — UEFA president Michel Platini has attacked the English Premier League's plans to consider staging league matches overseas, describing the proposal as a joke.

"It's a strange and comical idea, the former France playmaker was quoted as saying in an interview with Saturday's Daily Telegraph. "I laughed because it will never be received by FIFA, by the fans and by the national associations.

"It's a nonsense idea... Soon you will have in England no English presidents (of clubs), you already have no English (national team) coach, you have no English players and maybe now you will have no clubs playing in England. It's a joke."

A new 'International Round' of Premier League fixtures, to be staged over one weekend in January in cities that bid for the host rights, would extend the Premier League season to 39 matches for each of the clubs from 38 by the 2010-11 season. The plan, which all 20 clubs agreed to explore, has met a chorus of disapproval from fans and the British media and has received a mixed reception from club managers. —MNA/Reuters



Utah Jazz forward Andrei Kirilenko, of Russia, right, goes to the basket against Sacramento Kings forward John Salmons during the first quarter of NBA basketball in Sacramento, Calif, on 8 Feb, 2008.—INTERNET

Czech Fenin on target again for Frankfurt

BERLIN, 9 Feb — Martin Fenin scored his fourth goal in two Bundesliga appearances to help Eintracht Frankfurt to a 2-1 home win over Arminia Bielefeld on Friday.

Czech striker Fenin, signed from Teplice for 3.5 million euros (5.07 million US dollars) in the transfer window, followed up his debut hat-trick against Hertha Berlin with a second match-winning display against Bielefeld. Fenin's fine pass to Patrick Ochs in the 37th minute started the move that led to Ioannis Amanatidis tapping in the opener.

Two minutes after the break Fenin grabbed the second, stabbing the ball in on the rebound after a long shot from Markus Weissenberger was pushed away by the keeper. —MNA/Reuters



Force India's Formula One team chairman Vijay Mallya (C) poses with Bollywood actresses Lara Dutta (L), Sameera Reddy (2nd L), Shilpa Shetty (2nd R) and Shamita Shetty during the launch function for the team's new car for 2008 in Mumbai on 7 Feb, 2008.—INTERNET



Returning champion
Joey Chestnut is crowned the winner of Wing Bowl 16 at the Wachovia Center in Philadelphia. Chestnut of San Jose Calif consumed 241 wings to win Wing Bowl 16.
 Internet

Scientists make breakthrough in treating spinal injury

LONDON, 9 Feb— American scientists have succeeded in using bypass technique to restore movement in paralyzed rats, which they claimed is a breakthrough.

Using similar principles to heart bypass surgery, where veins from a patient's leg are used to get around an artery blockage, scientists at Columbia University in New York have shown that nerves can be used to circumvent spinal damage and reconnect the brain to the body, *New Scientist* reported Thursday.

The pioneering technique, successfully used in experiments with

rats, raises the prospect of the first human trials within five years, which could help thousands of people to regain feeling, the scientists said.

In experiments on rats with spinal injuries, the scientists under the leadership of John Martin, a neuroscientist at Columbia University in New York, cut away a nerve from just above the injury that normally stretches into the body to control

abdominal muscles and reattached it to the spine below the injury. The rats went on to show an increase in movements of previously-paralyzed limbs.

The nerves which control movement were able to regenerate quite effectively within the spinal cord, by contrast with nerve cells which control sensation or feeling.

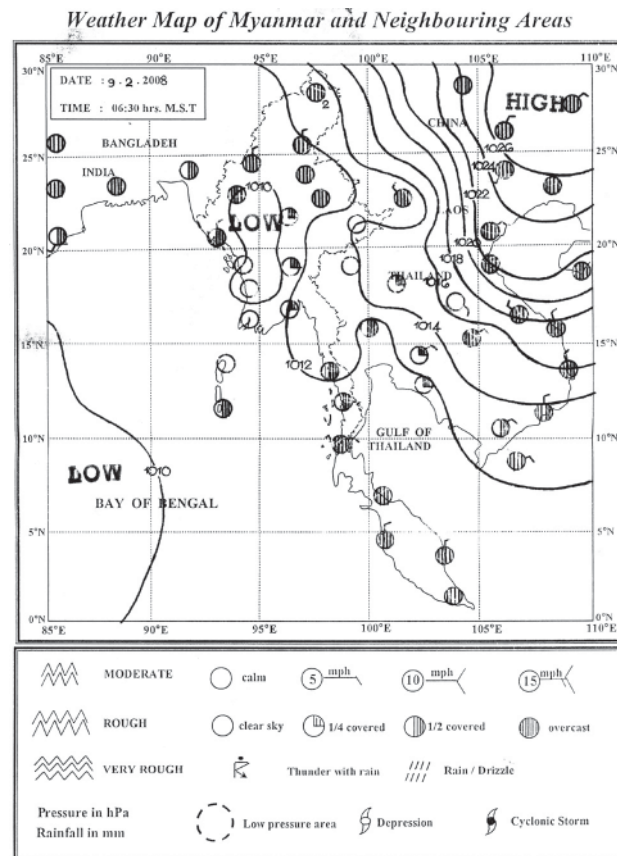
MNA/Xinhua

British researchers find obesity largely genetic

LONDON, 9 Feb— Genes may be key to a child's weight, becoming overweight as a child is more likely to be the result of genes than lifestyle, according to a British study published on Thursday.

University College London researchers examined more than 5,000 pairs of identical and non-identical twins and found that differences in body mass index and waist size were 77 per cent governed by genes.

"It is wrong to place all the blame for a child's excessive weight gain on the parents it is more likely to be due to the child's genetic susceptibility," said Jane Wardle, University College London, who led the study.— MNA/Xinhua



WEATHER

Saturday, 9 February, 2008

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain has been scattered in Kachin State, isolated in Chin State, upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions, weather has been partly cloudy in Rakhine State and generally fair in the remaining areas. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above February average temperatures in Shan State, upper Sagaing, Mandalay, Bago and Taninthayi Divisions, (6°C) above February average temperatures in the remaining States and Divisions. The significant night temperatures were Pinlaung (4°C) Loilem (5°C) and Pyin Oo Lwin (6°C). The noteworthy amount of rainfalls recorded were Machanbaw (0.16) inch and Putao (0.08) inch.

Maximum temperature on 8-2-2008 was 98°F. Minimum temperature on 9-2-2008 was 66°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 9-2-2008 was 79%. Total sunshine hours on 8-2-2008 was (8.5) hours approx.

Rainfall on 9-2-2008 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 (14:30) hours MST on 8-2-2008.

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 10-2-2008: Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers in Kachin and Chin States, upper Sagaing, and Taninthayi Divisions, weather will be partly cloudy in Mon and Rakhine States, Mandalay 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 continuation of isolated rain in the Northern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 10-2-2008: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 10-2-2008: Fair weather.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 10-2-2008: Partly cloudy.



Sunday, 10 February
 View on today

- 7:00 am
 1. ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကုန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃာ့မဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ရွက်ပွဲ၊ အဘိဓမ္မမဟာရဒ္ဒဂရု၊ အဘိဓမ္မအဂ္ဂမဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မဇောတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ မွေဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော်ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်
- 7:25 am
 2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am
 3. Morning news
- 7:40 am
 4. Nice and sweet song
- 7:50 am
 5. ယဉ်ကျေးလိမ္မာ (၃၈)ဖြာမင်္ဂလာ
- 8:05 am
 6. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:15 am
 7. (၆၁)နှစ်မြောက်ပြည့်ထောင်စုနေ့ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်
- 8:30 am
 8. International news
- 8:45 am
 9. Say it in English
- 11:00 am
 1. Martial song

- 11:10 am
 2. (၆၁)နှစ်မြောက်ပြည့်ထောင်စုနေ့ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်
- 11:25 am
 3. Round up of the week's International news
- 11:35 am
 4. ထက်မြက်ပျော်ရွှင်အိမ်ထောင်ရှင်
- 12:05 am
 5. Myanmar video feature "မာနလေးတင်းထားဦးမှ" (ဝေဠုကျော်၊ နန္ဒာလှိုင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-အောင်ဩဘာ)
- 1:40 pm
 6. (၆၁)နှစ်မြောက်ပြည့်ထောင်စုနေ့ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်
- 1:55 pm
 7. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 2:15 pm
 8. "အသိနဲ့ယဉ်သတိနဲ့ပြင်" (အပိုင်-၂)(ဝါးဇယ်မရဲမောင်၊ ဘုန်းလျှော်မြတ်ကောသီအောင်၊ ရတနာခင်၊ ဟန်နီထွန်း၊ ပြည့်ဖူးခိုင်၊ နီနီရွှေရည်၊ ဆောင်းနှင်းဝေ၊ ဝိုင်းစုခိုင်သိန်း၊ အိုင်းရစ်လေးပြေဦး) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မင်းအုတ်စိုး)
- 2:30 am
 9. ပို.ကုန်သွင်းကုန်များသယ်ပို့စွမ်းအားဖြည့်တင်းထားဒဂုံတံတား
- 2:45 am
 10. International news
- 4:00 pm
 1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm
 2. Song to uphold National Spirit

- 4:30 pm
 3. အဆေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေးရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ-ဒုတိယနှစ် (အရှေ့တိုင်းပညာအထူးပြု) (အရှေ့တိုင်းပညာ)
- 4:45 pm
 4. (၆၁)နှစ်မြောက်ပြည့်ထောင်စုနေ့ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်
- 4:50 pm
 5. Song of national races
- 5:00 pm
 6. (၆၁)နှစ်မြောက်ပြည့်ထောင်စုနေ့ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်
- 5:20 pm
 7. Sing and enjoy
- 6:00 pm
 8. Evening news
- 6:30 pm
 9. Weather report
- 6:35 pm
 10. "သစ်ရွက်ဆွေးသဘာဝ မြေညှော့ပြုလုပ်သုံးစွဲပါ" (ဝိုင်းစုခိုင်သိန်း) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ဖုန်းမြင့်အောင်)
- 6:40 pm
 11. Musical programme
- 6:55 pm
 12. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်သူအားမာန်" (အပိုင်-၁၂)
- 7:15 pm
 13. ပြည်ထောင်စုစိတ်ဓာတ်မပြတ် ရင့်သန်ခိုင်မာရန်မှာဒီဝန်တာ (အသီးတစ်ရာအညှာတစ်ခု တို့ပြည်ထောင်စု) (မွန်ပြည်နယ်)
- 8:00 pm
 14. News
- 8:15 pm
 15. International news
- 8:30 pm
 16. Weather report
- 8:45 pm
 17. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်မြတ်သောအချစ်နေ့" (အပိုင်-၂၀)
- 8:55 pm
 18. The next day's programme



Sunday, 10 February
 Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music -May be baby
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music -Do wah diddy
- 8:50 am National news/Slogan
- 9:00 am Music - love shot
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Cultural images of Myanmar -Myanmar and Lotus
- 9:20 am Music -All that she wants
- 1:30 pm News/Slogan
- 1:40 pm Children's delight (story) - Let's unite
- 1:50pm Songs for children
- 9:00pm Weekly news review
- 9:10pm Article
- 9:20pm Music/LIETS -Living' on the Island -Cherish
- 9:45 pm News/Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL

People's Desire

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

Commander, USDA Secretary-General meet members of USDA

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Feb — Patron of Ayeyawady Division Union Solidarity and Development Association Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Brig-Gen Kyaw Swe and Secretary-General of USDA U Htay Oo met executives and members of Division, District and Township USDAs and ward and village organizers at the Division USDA office in Pathein on 3 February.

At the meeting, the commander and the secretary-general gave necessary instructions to them.—MNA



USDA Secretary-General U Htay Oo meets with USDA members in Pathein Township.

MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung meets service personnel in Ngapudaw Township.—MNA

USDA CEC member meets personnel in Ngapudaw, Labutta

YANGON, 9 Feb — CEC member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung on 8 February met with the secretary and executives of Ngapudaw Township USDA at its office, departmental personnel at the office of the

Ngapudaw Township General Administration Department and local people at Kyonku Village BEHS in the township and attended to the needs. Next, the minister inspected Kyonku Station People's Hospital and presented cash for the funds of the hospital. On 9 February, he

met with departmental personnel at Bayintnaung Yeiktha in the township and looked into mangrove in the township. At the office of Labutta Township USDA, the CEC member met with executives and fulfilled the requirements for the development of the township. — MNA

- ★ RFA, VOA and BBC airing skyful of lies
- ★ RFA, VOA and BBC saboteurs, watch your step!
- ★ The public be warned of killers in the air waves — RFA, VOA and BBC