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#### Four political objectives

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

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Development of the economy inviting participation in terms

of technical know-how and investments from sources inside

The initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the

ment of other sectors of the economy as well

hands of the State and the national peoples

**Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic** 

#### Four economic objectives

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#### Four social objectives Development of agriculture as the base and all-round develop-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

# **Vice-Senior General Maung Aye receives Deputy Commander-in-Chief of the Army of Russian Federation**

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Feb — Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye received a visiting delegation led by Lt-General Evnevich Valery G, Deputy Commander-in-Chief of the Army of Ministry of Defence of the Russian Federation and party at Bayintnaung Yeiktha here today.

Also present were Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Quartermaster-General Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Commander-inChief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Military Affairs Security Chief Lt-Gen Ye Myint, Maj-Gen Aye Myint of Ministry of Defence and Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Thu.

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the country and abroad

The Russian delegation led by Lt-General Evnevich Valery G, was accompanied by Ambassador of the Russian Federation Dr Mikhail Mgeladze and Military Attache' Colonel Alexander V Svinitsovskiy.-- MNA

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye shakes hands with Lt-Gen Evnevich Valery G of the Russian Federation. — MNA



## Prime Minister on tour of An, Kyaukpyu, Manaung, Taungup, Thandwe

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Feb - Prime Minister General Thein Sein met with departmental officials, members of social organizations and townselders in An, Rakhine State, vesterday.

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During the tour of Rakhine State, the prime min-

ister was accompanied by Maj-Gen Khin Zaw of Ministry of Defence, the ministers, the deputy ministers and departmental officials. At the meeting, Chairman of An Township Peace and Development Council U Kyi Win reported on conditions of producing 10 major crops including rice,

sufficiency of food and edible oil in the township, cultivation of perennial crops, cultivation of high-yield strains of crops, extended breeding of fish and prawn and development tasks in the township.

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Prime Minister General Thein Sein meeting with departmental officials, entrepreneurs and members of social organizations in Thandwe. — MNA

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

### PERSPECTIVES

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# Improve people's socio-economic life by harnessing natural favours

Stability and community peace, smooth transport, and rich natural resources are some of the fundamental requirements for improving the socio-economic life of the people.

In the past, Rakhine State was accessible by boat and by air only, so people had difficulties in travelling from and to other states and divisions and within the region.

Thanks to Yangon-Sittway Road, Yangon-Kyaukpyu Road, and Ngathaingchaung-Gwa Road, and many bridges, large and small, people can travel easily within the state and from and to Ayeyawady, Yangon, Bago, Magway and Mandalay divisions. With swift commodity flows, the region has enjoyed development in trade.

With an area of more than 14,000 square miles and the over-360-mile coast, Rakhine State produces paddy, meat and fish, and marine products in abundance on a commercial scale.

Moreover, Rakhine State is exploring and producing gas on a large scale off the coast, and spreading its wings in the fish and prawn farming, thus having a prosperous future for economic growth.

The government is now fulfilling the requirements in the economic, education, health and transport sectors for equitable development of all regions of the nation. Therefore, local people and service personnel, on their part, should work hard, utilizing the natural favours effectively for improving the living conditions of the people.



## Econces 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

### Roads opened to hail 63rd Anniversary Armed Forces Day

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Feb — Hailing the 63rd Anniversary Armed Forces Day, a ceremony to open new Pantaput-Kyaungywa-Thongwa-Thonkyaing-Kawatkin gravel road was held in Maubin District, Ayeyawady Division yesterday morning.

It was attended by CEC member of Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt.

Afterwards, the minister met with village people in Tartapaw-Sarbyu Village Basic Education Primary School.

The minister met the secretary and executives of the Hinthada district and township USDAs.

Hailing the 63rd Anniversary Armed Forces Day, Nyaungpinywa Ale Road was upgraded in Hinthada Township today. The minister also attended the ceremony.—*MNA* 

### Appointment of Ambassador agreed on

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Feb — The Government of the Union of Myanmar has agreed to the appointment of Mr Qazi M Khalilullah as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan to the Union of Myanmar in succession to His Excellency Mr Muhammad Nawaz Chaudhry.

Mr Qazi M Khalilullah was born in 1958 and obtained a Master's Degree in International Public Policy from the United States of America. He joined the Foreign Service of Pakistan in 1985. During his diplomatic career, he has served at various positions at Pakistan Missions in Moscow from 1988 to 1993, in Ashgabat from 1993 to 1996, in Kyiv from 1999 to 2002 and in Geneva from 2002 to 2005.

Mr Qazi M Khalilullah is presently serving as Director-General in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Islamabad and he is married. --MNA



Minister Col Thein Nyunt attends opening of gravel road in Maubin. — MNA

### MGF's President Cup Golf Tournament opens



YANGON, 19 Feb — Myanmar PGA and Myanmar Golf Federation's President Cup 2008, jointly organized by Myanmar Golf Federation and Myanmar PGA, was opened at Hanthawady Golf Club in Bago Division this morning.

President Maj-Gen Win Hlaing (Retd) of Myanmar PGA and Myanmar Golf Federation, General Secretary U Aung Kyi, resident representative Mr Ho Sang Ok, Design and Development Director U Tint Lwin Oo of IBTC, Director of Hanthawady Golf Club Lt-Col Lay Myint (Retd) and Director U Ko Ko Lay of Han Golf Masters Pte Ltd opened the tournament. In the professional level event, Zaw Zaw Latt is leading the tournament with 68 strokes, followed by Thein Zaw Myint with 69 strokes, and Khim Seng Young and Park Kyung Joon with 72 strokes each. In the amateur level event, Aung Win is leading the tournament with 71 strokes, followed by Nay Bala Win Myint and Bo Bo Lay with 72 strokes each. The tournament is co-sponsored by Air Bagan Ltd, Inno Group Co Ltd, Eden Group Co Ltd, Srixon,

KM Golf Centre, Alpine (Purified Drinking Water), Dragon Brewery Ltd, Heather Gate Whisky, Accel International (Canon) Co Ltd, Hanthawaddy Golf and Country Club. Han Event Management will take charge of the tournament. — *MNA* 



Assistant Director of Library, Museum and Exhibition Supervisory Committee U Myint presents permission to exhibit Spring Art Exhibition to In-charge of the exhibition at Snowflake Gallery in Sangyoung Township on 19 February, 2008. The exhibition is to be held to mark opening of Snowflake Gallery at the corner of Sangyoung Road and Shinsawpu Pagoda Road in Sangyoung Township. — H

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President of MGF Maj-Gen Win Hlaing (Retd) tees off to open MGF President's Cup Golf Tournament. — MGF

"We encourage our

friends to support and

encourage us but not to

make the mistake of

putting a gun over

anybody's head to say

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told journalists in Nairobi

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examples from across the world where hurried agreements reached

through arm twisting have

collapsed as soon they are

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice visit to

Kenya, Wetangula said Nairobi would not be

dictated to on the kind of a political settlement to end

MNA/Xinhua

Speaking in Nairobi Sunday ahead of US

signed."

"We have many

of diplomatic missions.

## Kenya opposes US power-sharing proposal

NAIROBI, 19 Feb — The Kenyan Government Sunday threw new obstacles to a USproposed power-sharing accord expected to be reached this week, saying the US proposals for a coalition government "counter-prowere ductive".

Foreign Affairs

Minister Moses Wetangula told the international community not to impose a political solution in Kenya's mediation efforts.

Speaking a day after the US President George WBush called for a powersharing deal to end the current impasse, Wetangula said whatever solution emerged from the Kofi Annan-led negotiations should be home-grown.

The government also insisted that the Kenyan Constitution does not have provisions for a coalition government and warned that it was not ready for "dictatorial" terms on a new government.



Supporters of the party of Pakistan's former prime minister Nawaz Sharif celebrate the unofficial results for Pakistan's general elections in the street of Rawalpindi,

Pakistan, on 18 Feb, 2008. — INTERNET

LONDON, 19Feb — The British Ministry of Defence confirmed on Monday that a British soldier has been killed in southern Afghanistan.

The soldier from the 2nd Battalion The Yorkshire

### Arroyo described as "evil" in graft probe

Gloria Macapagal Arroyo was described as "evil" in a Senate inquiry into official corruption on Monday, the most personal attack yet in a spiralling scandal.

The inquiry, into allegations of bribery in a telecoms deal, has prompted renewed calls for Arroyo's resignation and sparked the biggest protests since 2005, when tens of thousands of people demonstrated against her amid Lozada replied: "Because the President accusations of election fraud.

MANILA, 19 Feb—Philippine President | chief, had wanted to resign due to controversy over the state's 329 million US dollars deal with China's ZTE Corp, which was allegedly overpriced by 130 million US dollars to fund kickbacks.

"He called President GMA evil," Lozada, a former senior government official, said in emotional testimony. "He's been agonising over it."

Asked why Neri wanted to resign, has lost all moral authority over him."

British soldier killed in southern Afghanistan his injuries were not life-Regiment was taking part in a foot patrol near Kajaki in threatening, according to the Helmand Province on statement. Britain currently Sunday night when he was has over 6,000 soldiers killed by an explosion, the deployed in Afghanistan, ministry said in a statement. and the number will increase to around 7,700 this year. A Another soldier was injured in the incident, but total of 88 British soldiers have been killed in Afghanistan since the USled invasion in 2001. British forces are deployed in Afghanistan in support of

the deadlock.

the UN-mandated, NATOled International Security Assistance Force and also as part of the US-led Enduring Operation Freedom. — MNA/Xinhua



Russian pole vaulter Yelena Isinbayeva arrives for the Laureus awards ceremony in the Mariinsky Theatre in St Petersburg on 18 Feb, 2008. —INTERNET

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS New Clinton economic message has echoes of Edwards

MIL WAUKEE (Wisconsin), 19 Feb-White House hopeful Hillary Clinton has a message for hairdressers in Wisconsin, postal workers in Ohio and autoworkers across the United States who are struggling financially: She cares.

The former first lady and New York Senator is hoping blue collar workers will provide her with a crucial base of support as she tries to erode the lead her rival Barack Obama has opened in the tight race to become the Democratic nominee in the November presidential election.

Clinton is courting working-class voters with a new message of economic populism similar to the theme of John Edwards, the former North Carolina senator who dropped out of the Democratic race in January.

Edwards never gained enough momentum to be competitive with Obama and Clinton, but the New York and Illinois senators are trying to woo his followers, many of whom were passionate about his pledge to take on "corporate greed" and bring change to a government he said had sold out the middle class.

Obama and Clinton are both seeking the endorsement of Edwards, who has so far remained neutral.

MNA/Reuters



Rodolfo Lozada, the probe's star Neri said he couldn't recall such a witness, told senators that Romulo Neri, comment about Arroyo. Arroyo's former economic planning MNA/Reuters

### **Body of British tourist found in Venice**

MILAN, 19 Feb—The | of Doncaster, body of a British tourist has been pulled from a Venice canal four days after the man went missing, Italian news agency ANSA has reported. The tourist, Richard John Raynor, 23, beneath the Liberty bridge

had travelled to Venice with his girlfriend last week to celebrate Valentine's Day. He had gone missing late on Wednesday. Fire-fighters recovered his body on Sunday from

in the northeastern Italian city, ANSA said. Raynor was identified by his father, who had travelled to Venice to aid in the search. An autopsy has been scheduled to determine the cause of death. MNA/Reuters

Colombian policemen, victims of landmines and rebel attacks, parade in wheelchairs down a main street during a protest against kidnap victims, in Medellin on 18 Feb, 2008.—INTERNET

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Paraguayans line up to get yellow fever vaccinations for themselves and their families, as the general population continued to mob health posts where the government made the shots available, in Asuncion on 18 Feb, 2008. INTERNET

# Refinery plant hit by explosion in Texas

WASHINGTON, 19 Feb — An explosion hit an oil refinery plant in the US state of Texas on Monday, leaving at least one worker injured, according to a CNN report.

Citing witnesses, the TV said that the huge rock shook houses miles away from the oil refinery plant in Big Spring, about midway between Dallas and El Peso.

Russ Mceman, the mayor of Big Spring, told CNN "no indication whatsoever" what caused the explosion and his understanding is that "no one has died in the blast".

The refinery owner, Alon USA, said that at least one worker was reported hurt but his situation remains unknown. — *MNA/Xinhua* 

### Afghan DY governor dies in road accident

KABUL, 18 Feb—Deputy governor of Afghanistan's northern Baghlan province was killed in a road accident Sunday morning, a Press release of Interior Ministry said.

Sheikh Daulat was on his way to Balkh Province when his vehicle collided with a vehicle coming from opposite site and was killed on the spot, it added.

One of Daulat's bodyguards who sustained injuries in the incident later also succumbed to his wounds at a nearby hospital, the ministry further said.

It did not say what exactly caused the accident but many roads in the northern provinces were in bad conditions due to persistent cold snap and snowfall over the past six weeks.—*MNA/Xinhua* 

# North Korea says aid holds up disarmament deal

BEIJING, 18 Feb— North Korea appears committed to a nuclear disarmament deal but remains unwilling to complete two big steps until complaints over aid and US concessions are solved, US experts just back from North Korea said on Saturday.

Under disarmament terms announced in October last year, North Korea was offered one million tons of heavy fuel oil or equivalent aid, and the United States agreed to move to take the North from a sanctions list aimed at sponsors of terrorism.

In return, North Korea agreed to "disable" its Yongbyon nuclear facility and fully declare all nuclear activities by the end of 2007. But those two steps have stalled after North Korean complaints that the energy aid and US concessions were not coming soon enough.

million tons of heavy fuel North Korean officials oil or equivalent aid, and appeared willing to

proceed with disarmament steps, but only after their own demands were met, said Siegfried Hecker, a Stanford University researcher who went to the North with two other US experts on a non-government trip. "We found that signifi-

"We found that significant hurdles actually remain before the DPRK will offer a complete declaration of its nuclear programme," Hecker told reporters after arriving in Beijing.—*MNA/Reuters* 

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### Mexico seizes 106 aircrafts in anti-money laundering operation

MEXICO CITY, 18 Feb— Mexican troops have seized 103 airplanes and three helicopters in hangars in Culiacan, capital of the northern Mexico state of Sinaloa the nation's Defence Ministry said in a Sunday statement.

The antion's Attorney General's Office (PGR)

also took part in the operation which came about after the owners of the aircraft were unable to demonstrate legal ownership.The PGR suspects the aircraft were used to launder money.

The state is home to the Sinaloa Cartel one of Mexico's largest organized crime rings, which is run by Joaquin Guzman, a convicted drug trafficker and fugitive better known by his nickname El Chapo (Shorty).

MNA/Xinhua turmoil. —MNA/Reute

A riot policeman stands guard at the Paris suburb of Villiers le Bel, on 18 Feb, 2008. Internet

#### d willing to Beijing.—*MNA/Reuters* Iway bridge g after being **East Timor police** arrest 200 for breaking curfew

DILI, 18 Feb — East Timor police have detained more than 200 people for breaking emergency laws imposed after an assassination attempt on President Jose Ramos-Horta last week, a police officer said on Monday.

Police along with East Timor's Army and international forces are conducting operations against rebels believed to be involved in the assassination attempt last Monday. Ramos-Horta was critically wounded by gunfire from rebel soldiers, while Prime Minister Xanana Gusmao escaped unhurt in a separate attack, which some analysts said could plunge the fragile South-East Asian nation into fresh turmoil. —MNA/Reuters

## Female suicide bomber kills three in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 18 Feb—A female suicide bomber killed at least three people and wounded four others in central Baghdad, police said on Sunday, the latest such attack to be carried out by a woman.

The woman wearing a suicide vest detonated

explosives in a shop after fleeing from guards at a checkpoint, near electrical stores in the Karrada District of the capital, police said.

Earlier this month two women bombers, whom the US and Iraqi officials have said were mentally handicapped, killed 99 people in two crowded pet markets in the Iraqi capital. The attacks were the deadliest in the city since April. The woman in the latest attack did not appear to be mentally impaired, the police said. *MNA/Reuters* 



## **African countries** set up energy cooperation body

ALGIERS, 19 Feb- Energy officials from African Union states wrapped up a three-day meeting on energy cooperation on Sunday by creating a common body, the African Energy Commission (AFREC).

OPEC countries Algeria, Angola, Libya and Nigeria were among the founders of AFREC, which would be the energy arm of the African Union, participants said.

African states have attempted to set up a joint energy body for more than three decades but efforts were spurred by the continent's increasing share of global oil production, they said.

"AFREC is a framework of cooperation and coordination but it is also a framework of action for Africans in the energy sector," Algeria's Energy Minister, Chakib Khelil, who is also the current OPEC president, told reporters. AFREC is aimed as fostering cooperation within the African Union as well as between individual states at regional and bilateral levels, participants said .-- MNA/Xinhua

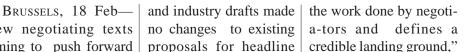


A 130,000 USD cake decorated with platinum jewellry is displayed in Tokyo. The price of platinum on 18 Feb, 2008 struck a record high above 2,100 dollars per ounce owing to a tight supply situation, dealers said.—INTERNET

### EU says latest WTO negotiating texts lack balance

New negotiating texts | no changes to existing | a-tors and defines a global trade talks lack balance and should have offered more progress in services, an official at the European Union's executive branch said on Friday. Earlier this month, World Trade Organization (WTO) mediators sought to advance long-running trade talks by issuing revised drafts for agriculture, industry and services.

aiming to push forward proposals for headline credible landing ground," cuts in tariffs and subsidies, they did narrow the gaps on many technical issues, reflecting intense negotiations over the past six months. For the European Commission, which negotiates foreign trade on behalf of the EU's 27 governments, the revised farm text looked far better than those for industry and services. "The Agritext reflects





The "Inca", a ship carrying 276.000 barrels of Venezuelan crude oil is seen as it arrives at Puerto Sandino, 44 miles (70 km) west of Managua on 17 Feb, 2008. —INTERNET

#### ECONOMIC NEWS Indonesia, Finland seek to boost trade, investment

JAKARTA, 19 Feb-Indonesia and Finland were seeking the possibility to boost their cooperation in trade and investment, presidents of the two countries said during their meeting held here on Monday.

Indonesia considered that the cooperation with Finland, which has broad relationship with Europe, Scandinavian countries and Russia, could open opportunities for Indonesia to expand its export destinations, Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono told a joint Press conference with his visiting Finnish counterpart Tarjo Halonen, after their meeting at the State Palace.

President Halonen along with a group of Finland businessmen arrived on Sunday for a four-day visit.

"We are seeking an opportunity for the cooperation in economy, especially trade and investment," said Susilo.

Trade Minister Mari Elka Pangestu echoed the president after the conference, saying that good cooperation with Finland could open the gate for Indonesia to rise its exports to other countries.

MNA/Xinhua

## UAE keen to boost ties of eco cooperation with Iran

Ави Dнаві, 19 Feb — The United Arab Emirates (UAE) is keen to boost its ties of economic cooperation with Iran as Vice-President Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Mak-

toum leaves for Teheran on Monday, local newspaper Gulf News reported. During his visit,

Sheikh Mohammed will hold talks with Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad on economic relations, investment, transfer of electricity, exportation of gas, according to the report.

Meanwhile, Iran's Foreign Ministry spokesman Mohammad Ali Hosseini was quoted as saying that "ways and means will be explored for boosting the volume of trade between the two countries".

MNA/Xinhua

#### **Cambodia to** form business dispute court by 2009

PHNOM PENH, 18 Feb-The Cambodian Ministry of Commerce has finalized a 40-article draft law creating an independent commercial court and arbitration body, local media reported on Monday.

Mao Thora, Under-Secretary of State for the Commerce Ministry, has said that it is hoped that the specialized court for business disputes will be formed by 2009, the Cambodia Daily newspaper said.

Many are hoping that a commercial court would improve Cambodia's capacity to fairly judge disputes in the business sector, and thus move the country further on the road toward a sound market economy, it said. In a country where the justice system is weak, Mao Thora said the specialized commercial court is needed to ensure investor confidence. "Investors do not want to file complaints about business in the civil court.

They need a specific court," he was quoted as saying. —*MNA/Xinhua* 

A Chinese deliveryman loads bottles of drinking water in Beijing in 2007. More than 40 percent of drinking water in rural China falls short of government standards. state media said on 18 Feb, 2008, citing a health ministry study. INTERNET

While the revised farm

the European Commission official said. "The NAMA (non-agricultural market access) text, however, does not reflect much of the work done in Geneva and can only slow progress towards modalities," he said.

"The EU believes that the necessary balance between the NAMA and the Agri texts has not been found," he said.

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The chairman and members of the Commission for Drafting the State Constitution sign the attendence book. — MNA

## **Commission started to draft constitution on 3 December...**

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formed a 54-member Commission for Drafting the State Constitution under Announcement No 2/2007 dated 18 October 2007. The commission members included those who are well-experienced persons who went through the previous

- \* Further burgeoning of the noblest and worthiest of worldly values such as justice, liberty and equality; and
- For the Tatmadaw to be able to participate in the national political leadership role of the future State, started to draft the constitution on 3 December 2007 in accordance with the fundamental principles and detailed basic principles the National Convention had adopted unanimously. While the National Convention was in progress, the fundamental principles (See page 7)



Chief Justice U Aung Toe signs to approve the draft of State Constitution. — MNA

two constitutions of Myanmar, and some members are the ones who are well-versed in local and international laws. Moreover, some are those out of the over 1000 delegates who represented the entire people at the National Convention that was convened in 1993.

The Commission for Drafting the State Constitution, upholding the six objectives of the National Convention of the State:

- \* Non-disintegration of the Union, Non-disintegration of national solidarity, Perpetuation of sovereignty;
- \* Flourishing of a genuine multi-party democracy system;



Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan signs to approve the draft of State Constitution. — MNA

The State Peace and Development Council issued Announcement No 1/2008 dated 9 February 2008, saying that the approval of the draft of the State Constitution would be sought in a referendum in May 2008 in accordance with the fourth step of the Road Map so as to practise the multi-party democracy system, as aspired by the people.



Attorney-General U Aye Maung signs to approve the draft of State Constitution. — MNA

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Secretary of the Commission for Drafting the State Constitution Dr Thaung Myint acts as MC of Meeting No 17/2008 of CDSC— MNA

### Commission started to draft constitution...

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and detailed basic principles were aired on TV and radio, and stated in the newspapers for public information. Furthermore, a book featuring the fundamental principles and detailed basic principles has been published.

In endeavouring to draft the constitution, the commission made suggestions and decisions by holding group-wise meetings, and plenary meetings many times.

The commission members drafted the constitution making corrections to legal terms, dictation and sentences, as necessary without infringing the objectives, aims and essence of the fundamental principles and detailed basic principles. I was very pleased with the fact that at the group-wise meetings and plenary meetings, the commission members were very active and enthusiastic in submitting their opinions and making suggestions with positive attitude.

Now, the State Constitution has been drafted successfully due to the fact that all commission members worked hard and applied their experiences and legal



A member of Commission for Drafting State Constitution signs to approve the draft of State Constitution. — MNA



U Thaung Nyunt, Member of the Commission for Drafting the State Constitution, signs to approve the draft of State Constitution. — MNA

knowledge to the best of their ability. I would like to reiterate that the commission members deserve honour because they have shouldered a national duty with nationalistic fervour and national awareness for emergence of an enduring State constitution that can guarantee sustainable progress of the nation.

In drafting the constitution, all the commission members reached agreement after holding discussions and making suggestions many times. Therefore, I hereby announce that now the commission approves the draft of the State Constitution.

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In conclusion, I would like to urge all members of the commission to do your bit together with the people in holding the forthcoming referendum to approve the State Constitution.—*MNA* 



A member of Commission for Drafting State Constitution signs in attendance book. — MNA

#### ASEAN Award of Excellence Exhibition and Youth ASEAN Stamp 2007 exhibition

YANGON, 18 Feb — The ASEAN Award of Excellence Exhibition organized by Myanmar ASEAN-COCI and Youth ASEAN Stamp 2007 exhibition jointly organized by Myanmar ASEAN-COCI and the Union Solidarity and Development Association were held at the National Museum of the Ministry of Culture



<sup>e</sup> Commission for Drafting the State

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The meeting started at 9 am. Chairman of the Commission Chief Justice U Aung Toe presided over the meeting with Secretary Dr Thaung Myint as master of ceremonies.

on Pyay Road here this morning.

First, Chairman of Myanmar ASEAN-COCI Director-General of the Department of Archaeology, National Museum and Library U San Win made an opening speech on the occasion.

He presented awards to the outstanding students and winning artisans in Youth ASEAN Stamp 2007 exhibition in Singapore, National-Level Youth ASEAN Stamp 2007 exhibition and ASEAN Award of Excellence Exhibition Award.

On behalf of the winners, Maung Ye Tun Soe of the University of Foreign Languages and U Sanny Nyein spoke words of thanks.

The handicrafts of five winners in the National-Level ASEAN Excellence Exhibition 2007 will be put

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Director-General U San Win awards a winner. — MNA Chairman of the Commission Chief Justice U Aung Toe signed the approval of the State Constitution Draft. The meeting ended with concluding remarks by Chairman of the Commission Chief Justice U Aung Toe.

(Speech delivered by Chairman of the Commission Chief Justice U Aung Toe is reported separately.)

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The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. Second best time is now.

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### Prime Minister on tour of An, Kyaukpyu, Manaung, Taungup,...

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The Prime Minister stressed the need for making efforts for regional development by the people at a time when the government is assisting with the development tasks in the region.

Afterwards, the Prime Minister presented aids to members of social organizations and cordially greeted those present at the meeting.

After the meeting, the Prime Minister and party went to the 100-bed hospital in An and gave instructions on matters related to raising awareness of health, prevention of diseases and providing medical care to the people. position as the state has a lot of rivers and creeks.

He said despite natural beauty and other better foundations Rakhine State lagged behind other regions in development due to these barriers. That was why the Head of State gave guidance on construction of Yangon-Sittway Union Highway linking northern and southern parts of Rakhine State and Yangon-Kyaukpyu Road linking Bago and Ayeyawady Divisions. These roads that contribute towards the development of the state were built with the use of geotextile method. Altogether 24 large bridges and 1,500 small ones were built spending large sums of local currency and foreign exchange.

Despite difficulties and expenditure, the construction of road was undertaken according to the Head of State's desire to increase socio-economic life of the people, he added.

Convention, the first and the most important step, was held successfully. Realizing that the emergence of the constitution is essential for the nation and its people, the delegates adopted the fundamental principles and detailed basic principles to be included in the constitution at the National Convention.

The government announced that the draft of the constitution will be approved through a referendum to be held in May and multi-party general election will also be held in 2010, he said.

He urged the people to cooperate with the government and the Tatmadaw accepting that the emergence of a new democratic nation is the national duty to be discharged.

Next, the Prime Minister presented provisions for social associations and gifts for departmental personnel to the officials and he greeted those present.

# People to cooperate with the government and the Tatmadaw accepting that the emergence of a new democratic nation is the national duty to be discharged

On his inspection tour of the hospital, the prime minister presented K 500,000 to the trust fund of the hospital through the medical superintendent of the hospital.

After visiting the rubber plantations of ministries, the Prime Minister and party flew to Kyaukpyu where they met with departmental officials, entrepreneurs, social organizations and townselders.

At the meeting, Chairman of Kyaukpyu Township Peace and Development Council U Tin Maung He spoke of the need for the people to make efforts for raising their living standard utilizing better foundations.

He said local people are to safeguard the prevalence of law and order and community peace and tranquillity which are essential for regional development and their livelihood.

Development of human resource is a necessity for regional development and efforts are to be made for turning out intellectuals and intelligentsia in the education sector, he said. Schools are not only to produce brilliant students but nurture them to become good and able citizens who abide by laws and regulations, he added. He also spoke of the need to instill the Union Spirit into the youths for perpetuation of the Union and consolidation of national solidarity. On arrival at Kyaukpyu District Hospital, the Prime Minister held a meeting with the medical staff, and said that giving treatments alone is not all the task of doctors, nurses and medical staff, calling for constantly giving health education talks to the people. He presented K 500,000 to the trust funds of the hospital through the medical superintendent.

The Prime Minister met with the teacher trainees at the Education College in Kyaukpyu.

He had a meeting with township level

Saw reported on implementation of regional development tasks, sufficiency of food and edible oil, cultivation of perennial crops and 10 major crops including rice and education and health sectors in the township.

In his discussions, the Prime Minister said he and party toured townships in Rakhine State beginning 16 February and met officials concerned and fulfilled the requirements. He said they came to meet social organizations and service personnel participating in the community welfare services and to provide necessary assistance to them.

The access to Rakhine State from other regions is difficult because of the natural barriers such as long mountain ranges and wide sea. Transport and communication among the townships was in difficult

He said health staff on their part are to give treatment to the people, to educate them and to carry out preventive measures. They are to help the people cultivate healthy habits among them.

He said the government laid emphasis on the emergence of a democratic nation that the people desire while implementing the national development tasks. It also laid down the seven-step Road Map for the emergence of a democratic nation. The National

departmental officials, members of social organizations and townselders at Aungzeya Hall in Manaung Township. The chairman of the township PDC reported on agriculture and livestock sectors of the township, measures for prevalence of law and order, and regional development.

The Prime Minister called on the officials concerned to uphold the concepts and work programmes for economic growth of the region, bringing about reliable human resources, and improving the health standard of the people, and presented aids to social organizations through officials, and gifts of respective ministries through the Township chairman.

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### Prime Minister on tour of An, Kyaukpyu, Manaung, Taungup,...

#### (from page 8)

At Manaung Township People's Hospital, the Prime Minister urged the staff to help the people cultivate a good habit of keeping themselves fit, and presented K 500,000 to the hospital.

He met with service personnel, social organizations and townselders in Taungup Township. The chairman of the township PDC gave an account of regional development tasks, work progress and requirements.

In response, the Prime Minister instructed the officials to help the people enjoy the taste of the projects the government is implementing for development of the entire nation including Rakhine State. He presented aids to the social organizations of Taungup Township, and the gifts donated by respective ministries.

The Prime Minister heard a report by the township PDC chairman on work progress of regional development undertakings in meeting with Thandwe District and Township level service personnel, members of social organizations, entrepreneurs and townselders in Thandwe.

The Prime Minister called on service personnel and local people to help restore already-achieved community peace and prevalence of law and order, and to speed up tasks for regional development, and the health, education and social standards of the region. He presented aids to the social organizations through the officials and gifts donated by ministries concerned through the Township chairman.

The Prime Minister viewed progress of Thandwe. Upon arrival at the Amazing Ngapali Resort, he heard a report by Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing on hotels and ongoing construction projects in Ngapali beach, facts about the beach, tourist arrivals at Ngapali, Ngwehsaung and Chaungtha hotels and

### Transport Minister receives Japanese guests





Prime Minister General Thein Sein presents K 500,000 to trust funds of Kyaukpyu District

People's Hospital through Medical Superintendent of the hospital. — MNA

incomes.

The Prime Minister gave instructions on measures for development of the tourism industry of the region.

The Prime Minister arrived back at Nay Pyi Taw yesterday evening.

USDA CEC members Minister Maj-Gen Thein Swe, Minister Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint and Minister Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein, who accompanied the Prime Minister, met with Township USDA secretary, executives, organizers and members at An Township USDA on 17 February evening. The Township USDA secretary reported on functions of the township association.

Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein gave instructions on future tasks of the Association, and Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint and Maj-Gen Thein Swe, on expediting community welfare tasks.

Minister for Electric Power (2) Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint on 16 February inspected the power station on May Yu Street in Sittway and gave instructions on requirements.

Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein met the staff of the Myanma Livestock and Fishery Development Bank, the Fishery Department and the Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department in Sittway.

USDA CEC Members Maj-Gen Thein Swe and Minister Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein held a meeting with executives, organizers and members of Rakhine State, and township USDAs at Rakhine State USDA on Minbagyi Road in Sittway.

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#### No-2 Industry Minister inspects Sinde Farm Implement Factory

NAY PYI TAW, 19 E Feb — Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Saw Lwin and party inspected b No-1 Farm Implement s Factory (Sinde) at e Padaung Township in p

Bago Division (West) on 15 February. The minister looked into the foundry shop and 450 cellon fire

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Next, the minister and party inspected the power plant and then visited the Technical Training School (Sinde) in Padaung Township and provided teaching aids.—*MNA* 



Minister Maj-Gen Thein Swe receives officials of Tsuneishi Holdings Corporation/Kambara Kisen Co of Japan.

NAY PYI TAW, 19 | Corporation/ Kambara Feb — Minister for | Kisen Co of Japan today Transport Maj-Gen | discussed matters related Thein Swe and officals | to win-win cooperation of Tsuneishi Holdings | in Myanmar. The minister received the guests at his office here at 10 am today.

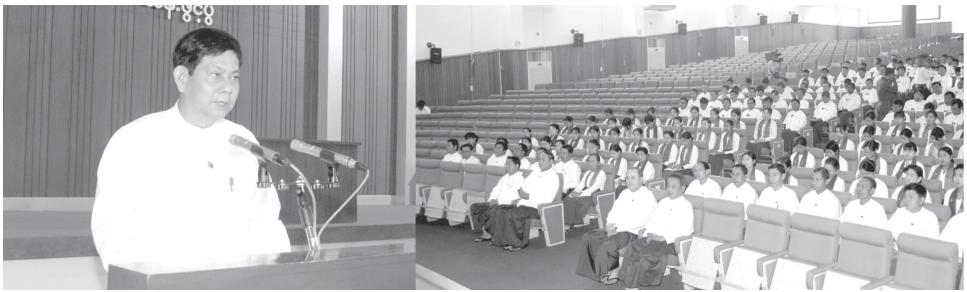
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Minister Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe receives Ms Janet Lim and Mr Jean Maric Garelli of UNHCR. (News reported)— MNA

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# Government building a new nation, making efforts for better foundations of stability of State, strong economy and development of human resources

### Advanced management special course No 8 for USDA executives opened



Secretary-General of USDA U Htay Oo delivers an address at opening ceremony of advanced management special course No 8 for executives of USDA.—MNA

YANGON, 19 Feb — The advanced management special course No 8 for executives of the Union Solidarity and Development Association was opened at Pyidaungsu Hall of USDA training school in Nyaunghnapin Camp in Hmawby Township, Yangon Division yesterday morning.

In his address, Secretary-General of the USDA U Htay Oo said every citizens would like to enjoy tranquillity and progress. This is why the government has laid down the national objective of the emergence of a peaceful modern developed nation and is implementing it. He said building a new nation is an important national and noble task and the USDA was formed to assist the national task through organizational ways and means among the people, he said.

Members of the USDA joined the association in order to participate in the tasks for stability and development which are important for building a new nation.

USDA members comprising all walks of life in various parts of the regions of the country are taking part in the tasks for stability and development in the interest of the people in accord with the future programmes laid down by the association. He said the association carried out the development tasks and organized the people with goodwill in 14 years of its existence. Members of the association increased up to nearly 25 million, he said.

The new nation-building task is a constant one handed down from one generation to another.

He said USDA members have witnessed that the situation in the country is unprecedented and there is peace and tranquillity and all-round development has been achieved in every sector because of precise national objective, sound national policy of Our Three Main National Causes, twelve objectives, visionary leadership and practical performance with goodwill.

He said efforts are to be made for more progress. USDA members have ability to assess the prevailing conditions of the country and they are to undertake the tasks in cooperation with the people. As a qualified national force, over 24 million USDA members are to serve the interest of the nation, he added.

He said training at the course can promote the qualification of each trainee. The more the quality of the USDA members improves, the higher their efficiency is.

Now the government is building a new nation which the people desire and is making efforts for better foundations of stability of the State, strong economy and development of human resources. The government is implementing the seven-step Road Map which is the

only way to smoothly transform the nation into a new one.

Despite difficulty, the National Convention, the first step, was held successfully. Over 1,000 delegates of eighth groups discussed the basic principles for drafting the constitution. The USDA members actively took part in the mass rallies to support the National Convention and the forthcoming constitution in states and divisions.

He said the government explicitly announced that approval of the constitution draft will be sought in the national referendum to be held in May 2008 and multiparty general election will be held in 2010.

He urged the USDA members to take part in the nation-building tasks, to safeguard the already-achieved peace and tranquillity and to guard against the destructive acts that hinder the interest of the people.

The four-week course was attended by 200 USDA executives from states and divisions.—*MNA* 

### Economic talks to be held at IBC

YANGON, 19 Feb — The title "Economic Aspect of Internationalization, Regionalization & Globalization" organized by Commerce Graduates' Association will be lectured by Retired Ambassador U Hla Maung (Economics) who attained MA and DED (Vanderbilt University – USA) at IBC at 2pm on  $23^{rd}$  February. Those interested can attend it. For further information, contact number is Tel-291667. — *H* 

### Minister inspects wood-based product factories

NAY PYITAW, 19 Feb-Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung visited



Kanbawza Thitsa Hlaing wood-based product factory in Hline Township yesterday morning.

Next, the minister inspected New Brother sawmill and wood-based product factory in Shwepyitha Township.—*MNA* 

Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung inspects wood-based product factory in Hline Township.—FORESTRY

### RTAD DG meets YHTEA officials

YANGON, 19 Feb — A group led by Director-General U Kan Nyunt of Road Transport Administration Department of Ministry of Rail Transportation metentrepreneurs, committee members, those in-charge of highway bus terminal and inspectors at the meeting hall of Yangon Highway Transportation Entrepreneurs Association Bayintnaung on 17 February. During his meeting, he gave instructions on check on licenses of drivers and conductors and cargo weight. — MNA

## National Development and the Role of Health Sector—IV

#### (Continued from 31-1-2008)

Today, the world is facing and coping the problems of the new and strange diseases that have never happened before. Air pollution, water pollution and extensive use of chemicals are causing health problems that human beings are facing now. It needed to tackle these problems. Because of the complicated nature of the problems there are some difficulties to contain and treat those health problems. To overcome these difficulties, it is a must to do research to these problems. In the meantime, research should be carried out with the aim to give effective control and care of the existing diseases and solving the environmental health problems basing on the past experiences.

#### **Research for health**

There is a department of medical research in Yangon established since more than 40 years ago. It has been doing research on various diseases for many years that it had gained achievements, experiences and many breakthrough. The aims and objectives of doing medical research in Myanmar are to give effective treatment and control to new diseases and health problems, to improve the nutritional status of the citizens, to support the economic development, to support and advance the technology development and to develop the traditional medicine. Research works are carried out according to the objectives and at the same time emphasizing on the development of evidence based, trust-worthy traditional medicine, dependable by the citizens.

In the time of the Tatmadaw government, the Head of State directed to construct two new medical research departments in Upper Myanmar and Middle Myanmar so as to develop medical research through healthy competition and collaboration among the research departments in carrrying out the research works.

Research had been done on priority and common diseases of Myanmar and gave support to curative, preventive and educative measures. At the same time other diseases not in priority list are not neglected for doing research.

Myanmar is experiencing many health problems and among them malaria is at the top of the priority list to tackle because of its rapid infectivity, drug resistance and severity of the symptoms. Malaria parasites are cultured up to the gametocyte stage in the laboratory and experimented in different models on potency and efficacy of the malaria drugs and resistance of antimalarial drugs. Research has been done at the molecular level on malaria parasites and vector mosquito. As the malaria research is at the forefront in the international malaria research, the WHO had recognized the Department of Medical Research (Lower Myanmar) as a WHO collaborating centre for malaria research and training.

control programme. The outputs of the research are very helpful in laying down the control strategies.

World-widely, all the nations have to face the problems and dangers of HIV /AIDS infections. As the spread of the dreadful disease related to socic-behavior, research has been done on social science aspect. The results from this research are very useful in HIV/ADIS prevention and education.

On Hepatitis, which is very infectious, research has been done on diagnosis, management and prevention and was able to produce test kits and vaccines. Plasma derived hepatitis B vaccine was successfully produced in 1997 after years of research on it. It was certified for safety and efficacy by the New York Blood Centre after testing with the chimpanzee monkeys. An Ultra modern hepatitis B vanccine factory was built with the Korea **Economic Development Collaboration Fund Loan** which was agreed when Myanmar and Korean Heads of State met at the ASEAN plus 3 summit in Manila. Recombinant type of yeast derived Hepatitis B vaccine was successfully produced and tested at that factory. The factory and the technology were already transferred to Ministry of Industry (1) on 9-12-2006 for mass production and distribution.

Dengue haemorrhagic fever which is common in children is a viral infection and is transmitted by mosquito. Research on dengue is done in the areas of indicators which show the severity, confirmatory methods, control strategies, vector Aedes egypti and mode of transmission and methods of larvae removal. The department of medical research first developed the larvae removal equipments and methods of removal and was able to impart knowledge and technology to public.

Apart from the above infectious diseases, reseach has been done on other infectious diseases such as leprosy, parasitic infestations and diarrhoeal diseases. Some diseases like hypertension, diabetes, cancers, snake bites and nutrirtional deficiencies, although they are not infectious but chronic and gave a lot of burden to the patients. They were studied for new teatment regimens, ways of prevention, diagnostic confirmations, countermeasures and antidotes and vaccines.

Regarding the snake bite research, which is in the forefront of this region, it was studied in first aid compression procedures, estimation of envenomation, efficacy of the different toxoids and production of toxoids from serum of animals and yolk of eggs.

Safe blood is the ultimate necessity for the patients. For the sake of the safe blood, national blood research centre was established in 2002 with the aim of supplying safe blood to the needed by the blood banks and also the development of haematology. In collboration with the Okayama University, Japan, it had developed screening methods and test kits for hepatitis B & C screening in donated bloods which resulted in dropping of the infection rate of hepatitis B & C in donated blood from 10% and 3% to 3.4% and 1% respectively. In addition, method for controlling hepatitis B & C with the natural products as food supplements and phlebotomy instead of using expensive drugs was experimented and produce promising results.

#### ( **Professor Dr Paing Soe** )=



**Poison laboratory** 

For the protection of environmental hazards, National poison control centre was launched in 2003 and is equipped with sophisticated equipments and laboratory facilities to detect poisons and toxic substances for the safety of the public from poison. In the present days of the extensive and indiscriminate use of the drugs resulting in drug poisoning and overdose, the centre provide the services of identifying poison, rapid analysis of the poison and information for the management of poisoning. It also provides to the public on health education and knowledge on prevention and management of acute poisoning.

The research methodologies and technologies are improved through years of research works and experiences and the technology advancement is to such a level that it can now do research at the molecular level. In these current days, disease are surfacing rapidly and spreading with great intensity so that it needs to take prompt actions immediately. The rapid and accurate test for detection and confirmation of the disease are in ultimate need. Now the direction of research is towards the production of producing rapid diagnostic tests using molecular technology. In this way, the rapid diagnostic test kits for hepatitis, TB, malaria, dengue, goitre, and snake bite were developed.

In parallel with advancement of research, the research methodologies and technologies were much improved and many qualified medical researchers and scholars are produced. Many researchers are the recipients of the honours and awards from the foreign institutions, notably one senior researcher received the prestigious Leon Bernard Award of the WHO for Social Science.

The outputs of the research are been used for health care services in diseases prevention and control, management, health education and in the planning of health projects. The technologies developed through research activities are transferred to the department concerned and also impart the knowledge to the public. With the aim of curing the six common diseases with the traditional medicine and for the benefit of the public to use inexpensive and potent traditional medicine, the research on traditional medicine was done scientifically concerning the above six diseases. The formulary of the proven drugs and its production tecchnologies were transferred to Ministry of Industry (1) and the department of traditional medicine for use.

Similarly on TB, another priority disease, research had been done in many aspects especially on drug resistance which is a major problem in managing TB. Not only doing research on TB in diagnostic and curative aspects but also by traditional medicine on drug resistant TB. It had also carried out health systems research on TB

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MYANMA RAILWAYS	MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (1)		
INVITATION TO SEALED TENDER	MYANMA FOODSTUFF INDUSTRIES		
1. Sealed Tender is invited by Myanma Railways, for supply of the following	INVITATION TO SEALED TENDER		
Stores which will be purchased in Myanmar Kyat.Sr.NoTender NoDescriptionQuantity	1. Sealed Tenders are invited by Myanma Foodstuff Industries for Supply of the		
i. 15(T)14/MR(E) Fish Bolt & Nut BS 75 R 165000-Sets	following Machine which will be purchased in US Dollar/Euro;		
2007-2008 with Two Spring	Sr.NoTenders NoDescriptionQuantity(a)2TR.O Seal Cap Making Machine1 Set		
Washers (Brand New) Closing Date/Time-31-3-2008 (Monday) (12:00) Hours	(a) 2T R.O Seal Cap Making Machine 1 Set Complete Set		
2. Tender documents are available at the office of the Deputy General Manager (Supply),	(b) 4T BP Grade Dextrose Monohydrate 1 Set		
Myanma Railways, Corner of 51 <sup>st</sup> Street and Merchant Street,	for Intravenous and Oral Application		
Botahtaung, Yangon starting from 19.2.2008 during the office hours. 3. For further details please call: 01-291982, 291985, (201555 Ext 601, 605)	Food Grade Maltose Syrup1 Set(c)6TCentrifuge for Glucose Separation1 Unit		
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Light plane-chopper mid-air collision kills two in N-Z	3. For further details please call 067-408370		

WELLINGTON, 18 Feb— A light plane and a helicopter collided in mid air above the northern Wellington suburb of Paraparaumu Sunday morning, causing two people in the helicopter killed, police said.

A police spokesman said the collision appeared to be above the Placemakers store at about 11:15 am (2215 GMT Saturday).

The helicopter crashed into and through the roof of the Placemakers store building and no customers or staff were injured, the New Zealand Press Association reported. The light plane landed in a nearby street, narrowly missing a house. The pilot of the light plane, the sole occupant, was taken to hospital by ambulance, the NZPA

said. Firefighters, ambulance staff and police were at the scene. And there was no sign of fire at the crashing sites.

The Placemakers building is about 200 metres from the runway at Paraparaumu Airport. Police were investigating the cause of the accident and no more details were available so far.—MNA/Xinhua

China Railway Construction wins \$2.6b bids in Libya

BEIJING, 19 Febway from Khums to Sirt China's leading railway and a south-to-west railcontractor has won the bids way that would facilitate to build two major railways iron ore transportation from southern city Sebha in Libya, which together are worth about 3.2 billion to Misurata as well as dinars (2.6 billion US passenger transportation dollars), according to the along the line. company. The two Construction of the 352contracts won by the China kilometre-long coastal Railway Construction railway and the 800-Corporation (CRCC) are a kilometre-long south-towest-to-east coastal railnorth railway has been

initially set to begin in June this year. The coastal railway will take four years to complete, while the south-to-north railway will take three years.

The CRCC won 89.5 billion yuan (12.4 billion US dollars) worth of overseas construction contracts in the first 11 months of 2007.

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#### Three militants sentenced to death in Bangladesh

DHAKA, 18 Feb — Three militants of an Islamic group were sentenced to death on Sunday by a special court in Bangladesh's Netrakona District, 140 kilometres northeast of capital Dhaka for killing eight people and injuring 50 others through suicide bombing.

The court also acquitted the widow of chief of the Islamic group Jamaat-ul-Mujahedin Bangladesh (JMB) Shaikh Abdur Rahman as the court found the widow was not involved in the bombing, private television NTV reported.

The three JMP militants killed eight people on the spot and wounding 50 others through suicide bombing in the district in December 2005. *MNA/Xinhua* 

#### CLAIMS DAY NOTICE MV THAI ROSE VOY NO (37)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV THAI ROSE VOY NO (37) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 20.2.2008 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm up to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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### Nepali PM directs security agencies to strengthen task

KATHMANDU, 18 Feb — Nepali Prime Minister Girija

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(e) 23 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> " x 33" (A1) (70 Gsm)	-	10 Tons	
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(a) Ortho Film (22" x 32" (50 Sh	t/Pkt)	55 Pkts	
(b) Developer (5 Lit/Bot)	-	275 Bots	
8. Image setter Film			
(a) 460 mm x 60m	-	22 Rolls	
(b) 61 cmx 60 m	-	50 Rolls	
9. Negative Plates & Chemical		2 500 814	
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(c) 889x609x0.3 mm	_	5,000 Shts	
(d) Developer (5 Lit/Bot)	_	180 Shts	
10. Positive Plates			
635x745x0.3mm	-	2,100 Shts	
11. Wipe on Developer & Others			
(a) coating A+B	-	85 Pkts	
(b) Lacquer	-	80 Liter	
(c) Gum Arabic (20 Lit/Bot)	-	12 Bots	
12. Stitching Wire (a) 23 Guage		2,000 Coil	
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မြန်မာ့အသံနှင့် ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား ပြည်လမ်း၊ ရန်ကုန်မြို့။ ဖုန်း ၅၃၇၆၈၅

Prasad Koirala Sunday directed security agencies to mobilize themselves in an effective manner for April's Constituent Assembly (CA) elections.

According to the National News Agency *RSS* report, during a meeting with local administration officials and security officials in the eastern region in his hometown in Biratnagar, some 240 kilometres east of Kathmandu Sunday morning, Koirala asked the security officials to strengthen security task.

Saying that coordination is being made at the central level to make the security more effective to hold the CA polls in peaceful manner, Koirala asked the officials to strictly implement security policy at the local level too in a coordinated manner. Saying that there was no alternative to CA polls, Koirala ruled out any compromise with any group aiming to disrupt the polls. — *MNA/Xinhua* 

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#### Six tigers killed in six weeks in India

NEW DELHI, 19 Feb— Tigers continued to be poisoned, killed in road accidents or mortally wounded in alleged territorial fights across India since 1 January, 2008, and at least six more tigers have been found dead in several wildlife sanctuaries, according to the report of *The Times of India*. That's not all. During the same period, wildlife officials have also seized two tiger skins and three bone pieces of the endangered animal, as per information collated by Wildlife Protection Society of India (WPSI).

MNA/Xinhua

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#### Sporting climb to 3rd with win over nine-man Amadora

LISBON, 19 Feb — Captain Joao Moutinho and Brazilian Liedson scored to lead Sporting to a 2-0 home win over Estrela Amadora which lifted them to third spot in the Portuguese Premier League on Sunday.

The Lisbon side leapfrogged Vitoria Guimaraes, who lost 1-0 at Nacional Madeira in a match abandoned on Saturday due to thick fog.

Sporting opened the scoring after 17 minutes with an angled shot from Moutinho.

Amadora, reduced to 10 men on 40 minutes when defender Helder Cabral was sent off for two bookable offences, suffered another blow after halftime when goalkeeper Nelson brought down Brazilian Rodrigo Tiui and was sent off. Defender Polga fired the subsequent penalty wide.

Amadora's substitute goalkeeper Pedro Alves failed to hold a cross from the left and Liedson made sure of Sporting's victory with the second goal after 77 minutes.

Brazilian striker Fabiano Oliveira, making his debut, clinched victory for Nacional Madeira over Guimaraes following a free kick on 53 minutes.

Benfica closed to within 10 points of leaders Porto with a 2-0 victory at Naval.

Uruguayan midfielder Cristian Rodriguez put Benfica in front with a header following a goalmouth scramble after 19 minutes.

Winger Nuno Assis secured Benfica's first win at Naval's ground in stoppage time with a close-range shot following a neat cross from the left by Romanian defender Laszlo Sepsi. - MNA/Reuters

#### Ferreira signs new five-year contract with Chelsea

LONDON, 19 Febr — Portugal full back Paulo Ferreira has signed a new five-year contract with Chelsea.

Ferreira, 29, has played 130 matches since joining the Premier League club from Porto in 2004.

"I am delighted to commit my long-term future to he told the club's website Chelsea," (www.chelseafc.com) on Monday. "The fans have made me very welcome since I have been at Chelsea and I enjoy my football here a lot." — MNA/Reuters

#### **Five sent off in Colombian** league clash

BOGOTA, 19 Feb— Five players were sent off in a Bogota derby match in which Millonarios beat La Equidad 2-1 with a last minute penalty to scrape their first win of Colombia's Apertura championship season.

Millonarios' Argentine coach Mario Vanermerak is renowned for bringing out the gritty qualities in his players but it was La Equidad who collected four of the red cards in Sunday's bad-tempered game.

Millonarios were a goal down at halftime and Gerardo Bedoya's equalizer for the home side looked suspiciously offside, with referee Adalberto Rincon's indecisive stance only making matters worse.

Millonarios' full-back Fernando Monroy was the first to be sent off, followed by dismissals for La Equidad players Jerson Cordoba and Roman Torres.

Rincon then awarded Millonarios a last-minute penalty following a foul on Roberto Carlos Cortes and the ensuing row resulted in La Equidad defender Jonathan Werpajosky and goalscorer Roberto Polo being sent off.

La Equidad coach Alexis Garcia was also dismissed.

Ricardo Ciciliano scored the winner from the spot to move Millonarios up to mid-table, with four points from three games. Medellin and Santa Fe are joint leaders in the Apertura with a maximum nine points each and both teams collected away wins at the weekend. MNA/Reuters



Argentina's Carlos Berlocq plays a shot during his first round match against Jiri Vanek of Czech **Republic at the ATP tennis tournament in Buenos** Aires on 18 Feb, 2008.—INTERNET

China's Wang Kun, left, and Zhang Ying, right, tries to block the shot by South Korea's Cha Yunhee during the East Asian Football Federation Women's Football Championship 2008 Final Competition in Chongqing, China, on Monday, 18 *Feb*, 2008.—INTERNET

### Minnows on song in Brazil, Sao Paulo stumble

RIO DE JANEIRO, 19 Feb- Sao Paulo lost their unbeaten record in the Brazilian state championship on Sunday, slipping to a 3-2 defeat at Marilia.

Ponte Preta underlined the growing strength of smaller clubs by ousting fellow minnows Guaratingueta from top spot to open a six-point lead over third-placed Sao Paulo, who were decimated by injury and suspension.

Coach Muricy Ramalho is also bracing himself for a tribunal ruling, scheduled for Monday, which will decide the length of on-loan striker Adriano's ban for head-butting and opponent.

The team from the coffee-growing town of Marilia surprised Sao Paulo with two first-half goals.

Marilia striker Camilo scored the first and then won the penalty that led to the dismissal of Sao Paulo defender Andre Dias. The spot kick was converted by Julio Cesar.

Sao Paulo clawed their way back to 2-2 with free kicks by Hernandes and Jorge Wagner before having claims for a penalty waved away.

Camilo struck again by serving up a perfect cross for Magno to secure the win.

"It seems there is a readiness to give penalties against Sao Paulo that doesn't work the other way round," Ramalho told reporters.

"We were unlucky not to come away with something."-MNA/Reuters

#### Spain brush off Blatter ban threat

MADRID, 19 Feb — The Spanish Government is convinced their national team will be allowed to compete at Euro 2008, despite Sepp Blatter's threat to the contrary.

all the federations. Spain's rules governing elections are compatible with FIFA's."

Spain, through their Sports Council (CSD), have insisted that all sporting federations not involved in the Olympic Games should hold elections before Beijing 2008, which takes place in August.





Nadia Petrova from Russia returns the ball to Anabel Medina Garrigues of Spain during the Qatar Open, a WTA Tour event in Doha on Monday, 18 Feb, 2008. Petrova retired injured from the match. —INTERNET

The FIFA president has warned Spain that they face a bar from international competitions if the government continue to pressure the Spanish Football Federation (RFEF) to hold an early election.

"The team qualified (for the tournament) on the field of play. I am sure they will compete," Spain's Sports Minister Jaime Lissavetzky told reporters on Monday.

"I respect everyone's opinion but I defend Spain's sovereignty, her laws, and the principle of democratic and transparent elections in

Lissavetzky said the RFEF had not asked the CSD for a time extension which was within their rights.

"Sometimes there are tense moments which can be overcome and I hope this is only a debate rather than the start of something that no one wants," he added. Earlier, Blatter had been blunt in his support for RFEF president Angel Maria Villar and his organization.

MNA/Reuters

Mauresmo returns : Amelie Mauresmo of France returns the ball to Germany's Sabine Lisicki during their tennis match on the first day of the 2.5 million dollar Qatar Open WTA tournament in Doha. Mauresmo won *the game 7-6 (7/2), 6-3.* —INTERNET

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## **Thousands of villagers** flee after Darfur offensive

KONDOBE (Sudan), 19 Feb — Three elderly Darfuri men hack away at a pile of logs, struggling to build a new home in Kondobe Town more than a week after they fled their village to escape government attacks and militia looting.

They had hoped to return after the fighting subsided. But they can still hear shooting day and night and could no longer suffer the cramped arrangements with 11 people in a tiny hut.

"We want to return to Bir Dagaig (village)," says Abdallah Ibrahim Tour. "But it's still not safe." A government offensive to retake three towns from rebels north of the West Darfur state capital el-Geneina unleashed a string of attacks by militia on horses and camels. MNA/Reuters

## **Thai southern** policmen raid villages

Ванскок, 19 Feb — A combined team of local policemen and soldiers on Monday morning launched raids in Thailand's southernmost provinc of Narathiwat.

According to the report of local FM 100 Traffic Radio, more than 100 policemen and soldiers surrounded three villages in Narathiwat's Su-ngai Ko-lok District after

receiving tips from local villagers. Three insurgents

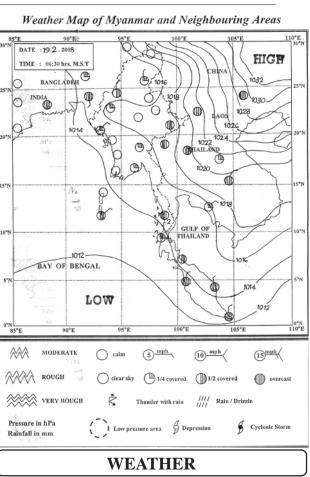
wanted by the authorities were detained during the raids. A large amount of ammunition were also seized.

The three insurgents were believed to have been involved in some attacks happened previously in the southernmost region.

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

MNA/Xinhua





#### Tuesday, 19 February, 2008

Summary of observations recorded at 9:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Taninthavi Division, weather has been partly cloudy in Kachin and Mon States, upper Sagaing Division and generally fair in the remaining areas. Night temperatures were (7°C) below February average temperatures in Chin State, (5°C) to (6°C) below February average temperatures in Magway and upper Sagaing Divisions, (3°C) to (4°C) below February average temperatures in Kayah and Kayin States, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions, (4°C) above February average temperatures in Eastern Shan State and about February average temperatures in the remaining areas. The significant night temperatures were Loilem (-3°C), Haka (-1°C), Namhsan (0°C) and Pinlaung (2°C). The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded was Myeik (0.08) inch.

Maximum temperature on 18-2-2008 was 95°F. Minimum temperature on 19-2-2008 was 61°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 19-2-2008 was 60%. Total sunshine hours on 18-2-2008 was



An Afghan victim of a suicide car bombing in Kandahar is carried into a hospital in Chaman, Pakistan for treatment, on 18 Feb, 2008. A suicide car bomber killed 38 Afghans at a crowded market on Monday, pushing the death toll from two days of militant bombings to about 140. —INTERNET

			come today	(8.8) hours approx.
	8:25 am	6:35 pm	8:50 am National news	Rainfall on 19-2-2008 was (Nil) at Mingaladon,
	8. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ	9. မြန်မာဓလေ့ရိုးရာလက်ဝှေ့	<b>9:00 am</b> Music	Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since
	8:30 am	6:50 pm	-Riders in the	1-1-2008 was (0.67) inch at Mingaladon, (0.47) inch
Myanmar	9. International news	10. "အမွန်မြတ်ဆုံးလက်ဆောင်"	sky	at Kaba-Aye and (0.35) inch at Central Yangon.
The your and the	8:45 am	(နေရဲလင်း၊နှင်းဉ၊နံ့သာခင်၊	9:05 am International	Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was
Wednesday, 20	10. Let's Go	စောနိုင်(ရှမ်းပြည်)၊	news	(4) mph from Southeast at (17:30) hours MST on
February	4:00 pm	ဒေါ်တင်တင်လှ၊	<b>9:10 am</b> Music	18-2-2008.
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View on today 7:00 am	4:15 pm	7:15 pm	you love	
	2. Song to uphold	11. ထက်မြက်ပျော်ရွှင်	1:30 pm News/ Slogan	Andaman Sea and the South Bay and generally fair else-
1. Recitation of	National Spirit	အိမ်ထောင်ရှင်	<b>1:40 pm</b> Lunch time	where in the Bay of Bengal.
Parittas by Missio-	4:30 pm	7:45 pm	music	Forecast valid until evening of 20-2-2008: Like-
nary Sayadaw U	3. ၂၀၀၈ခုနှစ်တက္ကသိုလ်	12. The mirror images	-Wild for you	lihood of isolated light rain or thundershowers in Kachin
Ottamathara	0 13 03 1	of the musical oldies	baby	Sate and Taninthayi Division, weather will be partly
7:25 am	ဝင်စာမေးပွဲဘာသာရပ် ၀ ၄ ၄ ၄ ၄	8:00 pm	-Purple heather	cloudy in Mon and Eastern Shan States, upper Sagaing
2. To be healthy	ဆိုင်ရာသင်ခန်းစာ (	13. News	9:00 pm Variations on a	and Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions and generally
exercise	(ဓာတုဗေဒဘာသာရပ်)	14. International news	tune	fair in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%).
7:30 am	5:05 pm	15. Weather report	"DoIlove you"	State of the sea: Seas will be moderate in Myanmar
3. Morning news	4. Song of national	16. FRANZ HARARAY'S	-Paul Anka	waters.
7:40 am	races	MAGIC PLANET	-Nwe Yin Win	Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of
4. Nice and sweet song	5:20 pm	17. Myanmar Video	9:15 pm Article	isolated rain or thundershowers in southern Myanmar
7:55 am	5. Classical song	Feature	9:25 pm Music at your	areas.
5. မြူးမြူးကြွကြွယဉ်ကျေးမှုအက	5:30 pm	"အပြုံးရှိက်သံ"	request	
8:05 am	6. ရသပေါ်လွင်သရုပ်ဆောင်လွင်ပြင်	(နေမျိုးအောင်၊လုအဥ္ကလီတင့်၊	-Sleeping child	Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring
6. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ	6:00 pm	အေးဝတ်ရည်သောင်း)	-Forever &	area for 20-2-2008: Fair weather.
8:15 am	7. Evening news	(ဒါရိုက်တာ–စန္ဒာအောင်သိန်း)	ever	Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area
	6:30 pm	18. The next day's	9:45 pm News/Slogan	for 20-2-2008: Partly cloudy.
7. လယ်ယာစီးပွားမြင့်မားစေရန်	8. Weather report	programme	10:00 pm PEL	Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area
ပဒဲရေလှောင်တမံ	of theuther report	, programme		for 20-2-2008: Fair weather.

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**Commission started to draft** constitution on 3 December 2007 **Fundamental principles and detailed basic principles** were aired on TV and radio, stated in newspapers for public information, book featuring fundamental principles and detailed basic principles published In drafting constitution, all commission members reached agreement after holding discussions and making suggestions many times

Commission approves the draft of the State Constitution

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Feb—The following is the full text of the concluding remarks delivered by Chairman of the Commission for Drafting the State Constitution Chief Justice U Aung Toe at the meeting No 17/2008 of the commission.

Constitution, I wish you physical and spiritual well-being.

building a discipline-flourishing modern and devel-The State Peace and Development Council is | oped democratic nation. In this regard, the emergence

Members of the Commission for Drafting the State | implementing the State's seven-step Road Map for | of a constitution is essential in the process. With this concept, the State Peace and Development Council (See page 6)

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Chief Justice U Aung Toe delivers concluding speech at Meeting No 17/2008 of the Commission for Drafting the State Constitution. — MNA

# **Commission for Drafting the State Constitution holds meeting (17/2008)**

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Feb—The meeting No (17/ 2008) of the Commission for Drafting the State Con-



Members of the Commission for Drafting the State Constitution arrive to attend Meeting No 17/2008 of the Commission for Drafting the State Constitution. — MNA

stitution was held at the meeting room of the Commission at Building No 22, here, this morning.

Present at the meeting were Chairman of the Commission for Drafting the State Constitution Chief Justice U Aung Toe, Vice-Chairman Attorney-General U Aye Maung, the Secretary, the Joint Secretary and members of the commission.

First, the chairman and members of the Commission for Drafting the State Constitution signed the attendance book.

Beginning from 8.30 am, prior to the meeting, members of the Commission for Drafting the State Constitution signed the approval of the contents of the State Constitution they had drafted.

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