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Conviction to be always kept in hearts

All the national races must always keep in their hearts the conviction "It is important for all of us to nurture Union Spirit regardless of the place we are residing. Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism that will ever protect and safeguard all the national races".

Senior General Than Shwe
Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council
Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services
(From message sent to 59th Anniversary Union Day)



Religious objects enshrined into Uppatasanti Pagoda

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Feb — A ceremony to enshrine religious objects at the seven reliquaries and at the central reliquary and to erect the pivot at Uppatasanti Pagoda was held here today.

Chairman of the leading committee for construction of Uppatasanti Pagoda Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo attended the ceremony and enshrined the religious objects at the reliquaries and erected the pivot of the pagoda.

It was attended by members of the Central Working Committee of the Sangha, Ovadacariya Sayadaws for the construction of the pagoda, Maj-Gen Ko Ko,

Lt-Gen Tha Aye of the Ministry of Defence, Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thura Myint Aung, Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win and Maj-Gen Maung Shein of Ministry of Defence, Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, the ministers, the attorney-general, the auditor-general, deputy ministers, members of the leading committee and working committee of the construction of the pagoda, departmental heads, chairmen of district/township Peace and Development Councils, donors, responsible personnel from religious organizations and invited guests.

Sadhamma Jotika Dhaja U Thura of the Ministry of Religious Affairs acted as master of ceremonies.

The ceremony was opened with three times recitation of Nammo Tassa and the congregation received the Nine-Precepts from Vice-Chairman of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Presiding Sayadaw of Masoeyein Monastery Sayadaw Agga Maha Panditta Bhaddanta Tejosara Bhivamsa. Members of the Sangha recited the parittas.

Bodhi Tree and Buddha Image

Afterwards, on behalf of Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo presented a replica of Bodhi Tree and Buddha Image which will be enshrined in the pagoda to Sayadaw Agga Maha Panditta Bhaddanta Tejosara Bhivamsa.

Family members of the Head of State, Lt-Gen Thura Myint Aung, Commander Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung and Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt presented Buddha Images and offertories to the Sayadaw and Minister for Electric Power No-2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint the pivot of the pagoda to the Sayadaw.

Secretary of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Sayadaw Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Sadhamma Jotika Bhaddanta Osadha Bhivamsa delivered a sermon and the congregation led by Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo shared the merits gained.

Relics and religious objects

Afterwards, a ceremony to enshrine relics and religious objects at the seven reliquaries and to erect the pivot was followed and Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo conveyed a silver replica of Bodhi Tree; family members of the Head of State Kakusandha Buddha Image and Padhima Buddha Image; Maj-Gen Ko Ko of Ministry of Defence Konagamana Buddha Image; Lt-Gen Tha Aye of Ministry of Defence Kassapa Buddha Image, Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thura Myint Aung Gotama Buddha

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Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo enshrines Bodhi Tree in the central reliquary.—MNA

PERSPECTIVES

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Further forge Union Spirit through national solidarity

Originated from high mountain ranges northernmost of the nation, various rivers and creeks merge together to form the Ayeyawady river flowing down to the delta that is adjacent to the sea in the south. Covered with green forests, the whole regions of Ayeyawady, Chindwin, Sittoung and Thanlwin rivers are rich in natural resources.

In those regions, there are Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Bamar, Rakhine and Shan national races who have been living in the Union in unity and amity since time immemorial. They are national brethren whose culture, customs, traditions and dialects are flourishing in different geographical features. Some have culture and traditions in common as well.

With fine tradition of living in the Union through thick and thin for years countable by the thousand, the national races drove out colonialists and fascists and managed to regain independence. They are committed to safeguarding the independence they had regained at the risk of their lives in order not to lose it again.

The history has shown that national solidarity is a prerequisite for perpetuation of the Union of Myanmar. The entire national people do accept the concept. Living in the Union in unity and amity is a sense of Union Spirit of the entire national people.

Now, the government is making all-out efforts for development of infrastructures in political, economic, education, health, sectors etc. for the emergence of a new democratic nation in line with Myanmar culture and character. And the entire national people are participating in the nation-building endeavours together with the government by doing their bit.

At such a time, all the national brethren are to further forge Union Spirit through mutual respect and understanding, and only then, will peace and development in the nation be perpetual.

Booth of Myanmar Pioneer Star Co Ltd seen in Myanmar Aquatic Products Fair (2008-2009).—MNA



People's Desire

- * Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views
- * Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation
- * Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State
- * Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy

Agriculture-cum-livestock farms developing in Lashio

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Feb — Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Shan State (North) Peace and Development Council Commander of North-East Command Maj-Gen Aung Than Htut and officials, inspected agriculture and livestock farms in Lashio on 6 February.

During the inspection tour of the agriculture and flower plantation of Lashio Station, Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing and Commander Maj-Gen Aung Than Htut inspected the natural fertilizer produced by the farm.

Afterwards, they went to the agriculture and livestock breeding farm of the Lashio Station and inspected fish ponds, pig, duck farmings, garlic plantation and production of bio gas at the farm.

At the farm of Farmer Daw Yan Kyaung in Lashio, they inspected samples of oil extracted from radish and radish seeds. They also attended a ceremony to plant rice with the use of planting machine in irrigated fields in the summer for 2008-2009 in Lashio.

Afterwards, Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing and Commander Maj-Gen Aung Than Htut also visited Kaukwe Dam being constructed by the Irrigation Department of Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation near Manhsu Village in Lashio Township. They went to Hsinshweli Sugar Mill of Ngweyi Pearl Co Ltd in Nawngkhio Township and inspected production process of sugar, packaging and storage of sugar at the mill.

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A farmer planting rice with the use of planting machine in Lashio.

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Myanmar Pioneer Star displays its product calcium carbonate

YANGON, 9 Feb—Organized by Myanmar Fishery Federation, Myanmar Aquatic Products Fair 2008-2009 has been held at MFF on Bayintnaung Road in Insein Township from 7 to 10 February.

Myanmar Pioneer Star Co Ltd has displayed the calcium carbonate (CaCO₃) compound at the fair.

Calcium carbonate, Zeolite, Dolomite and Probiotics produced by the Myanmar Pioneer Star Co Ltd can be used in water and land preparations for fish and prawn ponds.

Enzymix containing amino acids, vitamins, minerals and four kinds of effective micro-organisms can be used in the fish breeding.

Myanmar Pioneer Star Co Ltd is giving free services to conduct the water and soil tests at the breeding ponds and farms of entrepreneurs. For information, contact No. 92 on Baho Road in Ward 3B, Ngwekyaryan Yeiktha, South Okkalapa Township, Tel: 01-577040 and 0951-49997, Fax: 01-577040 and email: mps@baganmail.net.mm—MNA



Burnt cars are seen near the site where a car bomb exploded at a trade fair center on Madrid's outskirts early Monday 9 Feb, 2009. The bomb went off shortly after 9 am (0800GMT; 3 am EST) at the Campo de La Naciones centre about 90 minutes after the Spanish Red Cross received a warning call, a police spokesman said. There were no reported injuries.—INTERNET

Afghanistan seen tougher challenge than Iraq

MUNICH, 9 Feb—Bringing peace and stability to Afghanistan will be much tougher than in Iraq, the newly appointed US envoy to Pakistan and Afghanistan said on Sunday.

Speaking at the Munich Security Conference, Richard Holbrooke said he had never in his political career seen any situation as difficult as the one involving Pakistan and Afghanistan.

“In my view, it’s going

to be much tougher than Iraq,” said Holbrooke, who will travel to the region this week.

Holbrooke was in Munich as part of a high-level US delegation that also included Vice President Joe Biden and National Security Adviser James Jones to discuss international conflicts such as Iraq, the Middle East and Afghanistan.

European allies have been watching out for re-

quests from the new US administration for more troops to help reverse a growing insurgency in Afghanistan that has escalated to the highest levels since the invasion that toppled the Taliban.

The United States has been waging a war against Taliban militants in Afghanistan since shortly after the 11 September, 2001 attacks on New York City and Washington.

Internet

US military deaths in Iraq war at 4,239

WASHINGTON, 9 Feb—As of Sunday, 8 Feb, 2009, at least 4,239 members of the US military had died in the Iraq war since it began in March 2003.

The figure includes eight military civilians killed in action. At least 3,406 military personnel died as a result of hostile action, according to the military’s numbers.

The British military has reported 178 deaths; Italy, 33; Ukraine, 18; Poland, 21; Bulgaria, 13; Spain, 11; Denmark, seven; El Salvador, five; Slovakia, four; Latvia and Georgia, three each; Estonia, Netherlands, Thailand and Romania, two each; and Australia, Hungary, Kazakhstan and South Korea, one death each.

Internet

An Afghan boy watches US soldiers search houses in his village in the rugged Spira mountains in Khost Province, along the Afghan-Pakistan Border in November 2008.—INTERNET



Two killed in bomb attacks in northern Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 9 Feb—Two people were killed and 13 others injured on Sunday morning when two bomb explosions hit Shiite pilgrims during their days-long march to a shrine for a major religious gathering, an Interior Ministry source said.

A roadside bomb explosion struck a group of

Shiite pilgrims who were traveling on foot in Baghdad’s northern district of Qahira on their way to the holy city of Karbala, 110 km southwest of Baghdad, killing two pilgrims and wounding 11 others, the source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

Another roadside bomb went off at the Nahdha

area in central Baghdad wounding two people, the source said.

In a separate incident, more than five mortar rounds landed on a US base in the Baladiyat neighborhood in eastern part of the capital, the source added, without giving further details about the attack.—*Internet*



A man watches over his brother as he is treated for his wounds after a bombing that killed two pilgrims in Baghdad, Iraq, on 8 Feb, 2009. INTERNET

Suicide attack targeting Afghan troops kills two in South

KANDAHAR, 9 Feb—A suicide bomber Sunday exploded himself near one vehicle of Afghan National Army (ANA), killing one soldier and another civilian nearby in Nimruz Province of southern Afghanistan, said an Afghan official.

Mohammad Hashem Noorzai, chief of Khash Rod district in Nimruz Province, told *Xinhua* that the incident occurred at around 6:30 pm (1400 GMT) when a suicide attacker with explosives strapped to his body blew himself up as walking close to the vehicle of ANA.

“Two people, one soldier and another civilian, were killed on the spot,” Noorzai said. “Two more civilians were also wounded in the blast.”

No group or individuals have yet to claim responsibility while Taliban militants, keeping mounting pressure on the Afghan government and international troops, have frequently carried out such attacks, particularly in the shape of suicide and roadside bombings.

Internet

Bomb explosion kills four including two US advisors in S Afghanistan

KABUL, 9 Feb—Four persons including two US advisors were killed as a remote-controlled bomb exploded in Nadalid district of Helmand Province in south Afghanistan on Sunday, Kamaludin Khan, deputy to provincial police of Helmand Province said.

“The police found a mine in Nadlai district at 10:00 am local time (0530 GMT) when police and American advisers went to the site to defuse it and suddenly it was exploded by remote control killing four persons including two American advisers, their local interpreter and a police,” Khan told *Xinhua*.

Meanwhile, US-led Coalition forces confirmed that they were aware of the incident in a statement issued here later on the day, but adding “currently details about how many individuals may have been injured or killed is unconfirmed.”

Qari Yusuf Ahmadi, the purported Taliban spokesman, said that Taliban took the responsibility for the explosion.

Conflicts and Taliban-linked insurgency claimed over 5,000 peoples’ lives in the country in 2008.

Internet



Job seekers wait in line at a job fair in Chicago, Illinois. With the Labour Department announcing on Friday that 3.6 million jobs have been lost in the United States since late 2007, women have come within a hair's breadth of becoming the most active segment of the population.—INTERNET

65,000 gallons of oil sludge spills near Chicago

ROCKDALE, 9 Feb — A holding tank at a Caterpillar facility in a Chicago suburb broke on Sunday, spilling about 65,000 gallons of oil sludge and contaminating a 3-mile section of the Des Plaines River, officials said.

The substance was reported to be hydraulic and cutting oil, said Maggie Carson, a spokeswoman for the Illinois Emergency Management Agency.

"It is being contained, and there is no evidence of a fish kill or harm to water fowl," Carson said in an e-mail.

Most of the sludge spilled on land, but 6,000 gallons seeped into Des Plaines River water, US Coast Guard Petty Officer William Mitchell said. He said the oil waste poses no risk to human health but could be dangerous to animals in the contaminated area.—*Internet*



An Israeli man reacts at the site where a rocket, fired by Palestinian militants from the Gaza Strip, hit the southern Kibbutz Nir-Am, on 8 Feb, 2009.—INTERNET

LG Elec to cut \$2.2 billion costs

SEOUL, 9 Feb—South Korea's LG Electronics Inc (066570.KS) aims to cut \$2.2 billion in costs and expects about a 20 percent sales decline in dollar terms this year amid the spreading global recession, its chief executive said on Monday.

LG, which makes mobile phones, televisions and appliances, has no immediate plans for job cuts but may eliminate some

jobs as it reorganizes global production bases, CEO Nam Yong told a news conference. The company has about 82,000 employees worldwide.

"In dollar terms, we saw sales falling 17 percent in January. Sales fell 20 percent in November for the year is likely to be around that level," Nam said, when asked about the 2009 sales outlook.

Although LG is ben-

efiting from a weak won currency, which gives it an edge in price competition with rivals in Japan and other countries, the company is taking steps to cut costs by about 3 trillion won (\$2.19 billion) this year, Nam said.

Internet

Iraqi court sets date for Bush shoe thrower

BAGHDAD, 8 Feb — The Iraqi journalist who threw his shoes at former US President George W Bush will appear at an Iraqi court on 19 Feb, a judicial official said on Sunday.

Muntadhar al-Zaidi, a reporter of Cairo-based Baghdadia Iraqi television, will stand trial on charge of assaulting a foreign leader, Abdula Sattar al-Beirqdar, spokesman of

the Higher Judicial Council, told reporters.

Zaidi, 29, has been in custody after he threw his shoes at Bush during a joint statement with Iraqi Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki in Baghdad on 14 Dec, 2008. Late on December, Zaidi was supposed to face an Iraqi court, but his defence team head Diyaa al-Saadi won a postponement after he presented an im-

pugn for the charges against his client.

Saadi wanted to reduce the charge of "assaulting a foreign head of a state during official visit" to simply an insult to Bush.

However, the spokesman confirmed that the assault charge, which is an offense that carries a prison term of between five to 15 years under Iraqi law, will stand.

Internet

Obama faces tough week; stimulus, bailout on tap

WASHINGTON, 9 Feb— President Barack Obama plunges into a difficult test of his leadership this week, struggling to get a divided Congress to agree on his economic recovery package while pitching a new plan to ease loans to consumers and businesses.

The Senate's \$827 billion stimulus legislation seems assured narrow passage by Tuesday. Harder work for Obama

and the Democrats comes in the days ahead, when the House and Senate attempt to reconcile differences in their two versions.

Obama and Democratic Party leaders had hoped to have a bill ready for the president's signature by 16 Feb — a deadline that grows more challenging by the day.

At the Treasury Department, Secretary Timothy Geithner delayed the unveiling of a new bailout framework for financial institutions from on Monday to Tuesday to let the administration focus on the Senate legislation.

Geithner is considering steps to broaden the use of a new lending facility at

the Federal Reserve, provide government guarantees to help banks deal with their troubled assets, and continue direct infusion of capital into banks in exchange for securities and tougher accountability rules.

For Obama, the economy has become a two-front engagement, with one effort aimed at creating or saving jobs and the other at unfreezing the credit markets.

Amid the urgency created by nearly 600,000 new unemployed workers last month and new bank failures, Obama's economic prescriptions are coming under critical scrutiny by both Congress and the American public.

Internet

Karzai calls on moderate Taleban members to join national reconciliation process

MUNICH, 9 Feb—Afghan President Hamid Karzai on Sunday called on moderate Taleban members not linked to terrorist groups to join the process of national reconciliation, which he said will be crucial for Afghanistan to achieve peace and stability.

"There is no way we can succeed the way we want to in the right time without some form of reconciliation," said Karzai during a speech at the 45th Munich Security Conference, which concludes later on Sunday, calling on those Taleban members who are not related to the al-Qaeda terror networks to return home to live a normal life.

"We must and will vigorously pursue reconciliation as an important element of the strategy for stabilizing Afghanistan and defeating the terrorism upsurge," said Karzai, adding that the upcoming presidential elections will provide valuable opportunities to give a new impetus to the reconciliation agenda.—*Internet*



Rescue workers examine the site where a EMB-110 Bandeirante turboprop plane crashed into the Manacapuru river, about 100 km (62.5 miles) southwest of Manaus, the capital of Amazonas state, on 8 Feb, 2009.—INTERNET

China-Saudi strategic friendship deepens with frequent high-level visits

RIYADH, 9 Feb—Chinese President Hu Jintao will set foot on Saudi Arabia Tuesday, highlighting the importance China attaches to the strategic friendly relations between the two nations.

Hu's three-day state visit, at the invitation of King of Saudi Arabia Abdullah bin Abdul-Aziz, is his second one to the Arab state since April 2006.

The visit is aimed at fur-

thering China's friendship and cooperation with the country and strengthening its cooperation with the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf (GCC), Chinese Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Jiang Yu said.

Since 1990, the two countries have witnessed rapid development in exchanges and cooperation in political, economic, cultural, educational, religious and other aspects.

In recent years, their political mutual trust and exchanges of high-level visits have also been on a rise.

King Abdullah paid a state visit to China in January 2006, the first official overseas visit after his succession as king, and also the first visit to China by Saudi king since the two countries established diplomatic relations in 1990.

Xinhua



A resident rides a tricycle in rain in Heze, a city in east China's Shandong Province, on 8 Feb, 2009. A rainfall hit some areas of Shandong, partially easing the ongoing drought plaguing province.—XINHUA

All items from Xinhua News Agency

Deflation instead of inflation expected to hit US economy

LOS ANGELES, 9 Feb—After years of worrying about inflation, some economists fear the opposite could soon happen: deflation, an extended period of falling prices that indicates the economy is in a backward spiral, it was reported on Sunday.

As the recession deepens, more and more Americans have less to spend on food, clothes, gasoline, cars and shelter, the *Los Angeles Times* said.

Despite discounts at the store and the car dealership, a lowering of rents and a near-historic drop in the price of houses, people just aren't buying much, the paper said. The net worth of millions of Americans has also shrunk, it noted.

"This is the kind of downward spiral that worries policymakers," the paper said.

Economists and politicians alike are divided about what to do. Taken as a whole, prices in the US economy increased last year, but only a tiny bit. Inflation registered only 0.1 percent in 2008, the smallest increase in prices since 1954, according to the paper.

Xinhua

Workers equip the aircraft with catalytic silver iodide for the mission of artificial rainfall operations at Xinzheng International Airport in Zhengzhou, capital of central China's Henan Province, on 8 Feb, 2009. —XINHUA



Bird flu hits another province of Vietnamese

HANOI, 9 Feb—Bird flu hit Vietnam's Hau Giang Province, another province in southern Mekong Delta last week, raising the total number of provinces with disease to four, said the Department of Animal Health of Vietnamese Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development here on Monday.

In Hau Giang Province, a flock of 400 ducks raised at a local farm died early last week, said the department. The ducks are about 45 days old and had not been vaccinated.—Xinhua



The remains of houses destroyed by bushfires are seen in the town of Heathcote Junction, 55 km (34 miles) north of Melbourne, on 8 Feb, 2009.—XINHUA

Belgian businessman kidnapped in Mexican Caribbean

MEXICO CITY, 9 Feb—An armed group had kidnapped a Belgian businessman at a night-club in the beach of Mexican Caribbean, local daily Milenio reported Sunday.

Kurt Jansen, who is well-known in social and

business circles in the state of Quintana Roo, was taken away early Tuesday morning by a group of "strongly armed men" who were dressed in black, the paper said.

Jansen was the owner of the Bocaccio nightclub where he was kidnapped.

The kidnapers were demanding two million US dollars of ransom.

Luis Felipe Ortiz Seca, director of the local Judicial Police, told reporters that Jansen's relatives had decided not to call the police, in case that Jansen's life would be at risk.

So, judicial authorities from the Preventive Police and from Public Security of the state are out of the issue now because there is no intervention request.

Xinhua

Somali pirates release Chinese fishing vessel

BEIJING, 9 Feb—A Chinese fishing vessel held by pirates in Somali waters since last year was released Sunday, with 24 crew on board safe, the Foreign Ministry said here in a statement.

The vessel Tianyu No 8, owned by China's Tianjin Ocean Fishing Company, was safely released at around 5 pm Beijing time on Sunday, and was "under the protection" of the Chinese naval escort fleet patrolling the Gulf of Aden after it was released, said the ministry.

The crew of 16 Chinese and 8 foreign sailors, was going to get provisions and a physical examination, said the

statement.

The escort fleet would also accompany Tianyu No 8 to safe waters, said the ministry.

The Chinese government had expressed solicitude for the crew released, said the statement.

After the incident, in coordination with Tianjin municipal government, the Foreign Ministry and the Ministry of Agriculture directed several parties in relief work including Chinese embassies in Kenya, Ethiopia, Djibouti, as well as relevant enterprises, said the statement, with no further details released.—Xinhua

Hailing the 62nd Anniversary Union Day**Union nation where Union Spirit flourishes***Yadanasi Sayadaw (Loilem)***Two kinds of nation**

Today, some global family members are union nations, and some are unitary nations. After regaining independence, Myanmar became the Union of Myanmar.

Lessons of the Union

In the post-independence period, Union Spirit should have flourished throughout the Union. Instead, more than 10 years after the regaining of independence, Union Spirit of the people was going downhill and the Union was on the point of collapse in consequence of the divide-and-rule policy of the colonialists.

In the course of the pre-independence struggles, the people remained cohesive and harmonious in chanting the motto 'First priority is independence, second priority is independence, third priority is independence'. So, the nation managed to regain independence. However, throughout the post-independence period, the entire people had not been able to chant the motto in unity 'First priority is non-disintegration of the Union, second priority is non-disintegration of the Union, third priority is non-disintegration of the Union'.

The time of the Tatmadaw government

Unlike in the past, all parts of the Union are now enjoying equitable development thanks to the strenuous efforts the Tatmadaw government has made with fore sight in various sectors from sunup to sundown to accomplish the projects, restore peace, stability and development of hill regions and plains, and imbue the people with Union Spirit.

Inspection tour for development of the Union

Prime Minister General Thein Sein made an inspection tour of Rakhine State with his entourage on 24 January 2009. The people were pleased with

and considered the tour to be part of the drive for development of the Union. On the tour, the Prime Minister delivered a speech, from which some excerpts well deserve to be kept deep in the heart of each and every citizen.

Character of the Union

He said that in consequence of the divide-and-rule policy the colonialists exercised in the colonial days, national races held suspicions and doubts over each other and that was followed by racism such as Rakhine and Bamar.

He added that in fact, Rakhine State was a part of the Union of Myanmar like a mini-union where various national races such as Rakhine, Bamar, Pyu, Kanyan and Thet had been living in harmony since time immemorial.

Rakhine was a Myanmar people that lived in Myanmar, so it was imprudent to regard a national race as a different one from the others such as Rakhine or Bamar, he noted.

From the time of the First Myanmar Empire to date, various national races have lived together in each of the regions across the nation, and it was a sign that the Union of Myanmar will exist as long as the world does.

States or mini-unions

It is evidenced by the fact that today the states of the nation are like mini-unions. Kachin State, for example, is home to various national races such as Chin, Bamar, Shan and Naga in addition to Kachin. Kayah State also has various national races such as Kachin, Chin, Pa-O, Bamar, Mon, Rakhine and Innthar apart from Kayah, Kayan, Mono, Kayaw, Yintale, Gaykho and Gaybar. Similarly, Kayin State has Kayin, Pa-O, Mon, Bamar, Rakhine and Shan. Chin State has Chin ethnic groups, Myo, Khami and Bamar. In Mon State, Mon, Bamar, Kachin, Kayin, Chin, Pa-O, Rakhine and Shan national races live in unity. Rakhine State is a land that Rakhine, Bamar, Chin, Myo, Thet, Khami, Daingnet, Maramargyi, and Kaman make their home. In Shan State, Kachin, Kokang, Taungyo, Danu, Palaung, Pa-O, Bamar, Lisu, Wa, Akha and Inntha national races live together with Shan.

Divisions or mini-unions

Moreover, the divisions of the nation are like mini-unions. Sagaing Division is home to Bamar, Shan, Naga, Chin, Kadu and Kanan ethnic groups; Taninthayi Division, home to Bamar, Kayin, Mon, Rakhine, Shan and Salon national races; Bago Division, home to

Kayin, Bamar, Mon, Chin, Rakhine and Pa-O; Magway Division, home to Bamar, Chin, Rakhine, Kayin and Shan; Mandalay Division, home to Bamar, Shan, Danu, Lisu, Palaung, Kachin, Kayin and Chin; Yangon Division, home to Bamar, Kachin, Kayin, Mon, Rakhine and Shan; and Ayeyawady Division, home to Bamar, Kayin and Rakhine.

So, it is fair to say that the Union of Myanmar really has the character of a union nation.

Union Spirit

The Prime Minister also said that wherever they lived throughout the Union, it was deeply required of each and every citizen to equip themselves with Union Spirit.

All national races were the same, national brethren, who live in the single Union, so it was mandatory for every citizen to have a sense of oneness with fellow citizens.

Previous conditions of Rakhine State

The greatest barrier to regional development of Rakhine State in the times of previous governments before the Tatmadaw government was lack of fine roads and railroads. Due to Rakhine mountain range or western Yoma mountain range, the region was not easily accessible from any other region. It has An and Taungup mountain passes, but they were not well serviceable at that time. So, traveling by boat was the only means of transport. So, it lagged behind other regions in development especially in the social and economic sectors.

Present conditions of Rakhine State

In the time of the Tatmadaw Government, Yangon-Sittway Union Highway Project (202 miles and three furlongs) was launched in 1996 and completed in February 2000. Rakhine State has a large number of mountain ranges, rivers, creeks and swamp portions. Therefore, in order to complete the project, 27 over-180 feet and 1067 under-108 feet bridges had to be constructed. Local people know better that the project was very challenging and it needed huge sums of funds.

Moreover, in order to complete Yangon-Kyaukpau Road Project, 16 above-180 feet and 879 under-180 feet bridges had to be constructed. Geo-Textile was also used to complete some sections of the road on swamp land. Apart from those two roads, the road leading to Ngathaingchaung in Ayeyawady through Thandwe-Gwa was constructed, thus ensuring smooth transport.

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It is common knowledge of Rakhine State dwellers that the projects the Tatmadaw government has implemented and is implementing with tenacity in Rakhine State are particularly designed to strengthen amicable relations between national races, and bring about development of the region concerned, equitable development of all parts of the Union; they are not for economic gains.

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“Prospects of Rakhine State”

The explanations and reports presented by the ministers who accompanied the Prime Minister on the tour will help chart a prosperous future of Rakhine State.

Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min reported on the guidance of the Head of State on plans to form a network of railroads that covered all the states and divisions, and earlier construction of new railroads in Rakhine State; feasibility study being conducted to Minbu-Padan-An Railroad in compliance with the guidance; and work progress in constructing Minbu-An-Sittway Railroad and follow-up programmes to construct 26-mile Sittway (Mingyaung)-Ponnagyun section, 34-mile Ponnagyun-Kyauktaw section, 32-mile Kyauktaw-MraukU section, and 16-mile MraukU-Minbya section totaling 99 miles.

Minister for Electric Power (1) Col Zaw Min reported on the tasks being undertaken through the three programmes: to ensure electric power plants operated at full capacity, seek water sources to generate hydroelectricity, and to complete the ongoing projects ahead of schedule; Thahtaychaung and Anchaung hydropower projects being implemented to supply more electricity to Rakhine State; arrangements to be made with the help of experts under the ministry to implement Sai Tin Hydropower Project; and possibility to supply adequate electric power to Rakhine State after the three projects were completed.

Minister for Electric Power (2) Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint reported on the project to establish a network of electric power supply covering the whole country except Rakhine, Chin and eastern Shan States

and Taninthayi Division; ongoing projects for those states and division to be covered by the network; and potential for supply of more electricity to Rakhine State when Thahtaychaung and Anchaung hydropower projects.

Minister for Information Brig-Gen Khaw Hsan reported on the plans the Ministry of Information was carrying out for development of human resources to contribute towards national development through TV and radio programmes, self-reliant village libraries and newspapers; programmes to upgrade present TV retransmitting stations in Rakhine State in order that the dwellers could watch TV programmes with clear sound and high resolution pictures; arrangements made for Sittway to watch MRTV-4 programmes; plans to install new machines to get clear radio programmes and FM programmes at reasonable fees by 2009; disaster preparedness measures that could be taken in Rakhine coastal regions through FM weather reports; requirements for establishment of more self-reliant village libraries and their sustainable development; establishment of Sittway sub-printing house for local people to be able to read newspapers the same day; and arrangements to be made to improve the quality of the newspapers.

Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe, Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung, Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein, Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw, and Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun also presented reports on work progress ministry-wise. So, there are many ongoing projects in Rakhine State designed to paint a rosy picture of life of the dwellers.

Assessing the reports, the Prime Minister fulfilled the requirements and gave concluding remarks. I would like to present an excerpt.

"Our country is a multicultural land, so the entire people need to have a sense of Union Spirit forever."

I wish various national races a greater momentum in enhancing relations between them and equipping themselves with Union Spirit.

Translation: MS

Photo shows the 3612 feet long Kywegu-Kyaukphya Bridge in Myeik Township, Taninthayi Division.

**62nd 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 prevent, through national solidarity, the danger of internal and external destructive elements attempting to undermine peace and stability of the State and national development
- For all the national races to make endeavours for building of a new modern developed discipline flourishing democratic nation in accord with the State Constitution massively approved by the people
- For all the national races to make concerted efforts for successful implementation of the seven-step Road Map

POEM:**Joyful land of
brethren**

With traditional bags and drums
Shans dancing in harmony
So pleasant is the Taunggye Pagoda
Kayah, the land of Keinnnayi, Keinnaya
birds
Blossoms of red Rhododendron
Icon of misty Chin hills
Beauty is the Ngapali
Rakhine tradition we preserve
So joyful and merry
Kayins dancing ‘don’ in harmony
Mons have traditions
Noble and honourable
Come visit Bagan of Bamars
Our cultural heritage
In the land of Kachin people
Is the joyous harvesting festival
Cherished is our Myanmar
Unity is the land of brethren

Khin Hsan Oo (Myanmarsar) (Trs)**Hailing the 62nd Anniversary Union Day**



Uppatasanti Pagoda in Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA

will attend the Union Day ceremony also carried the images and religious objects around the pagoda clock-wise.

Afterwards, Brig-Gen Nyan Tun of the Ministry of Defence opened the relic chamber and Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo enshrined a Buddha Image on the jade throne in the central reliquary at the auspicious time.

The Secretary-1 enshrined Patima Buddha images into the reliquary.

Family members of the Head of State enshrined Animisa, Cankama, Ratanaghara, ajhapala and Mucalinda Sattaha images into the reliquary.

Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thura Myint Aung,

images, other images, eight replicas of the Shwedagon Pagoda, and other religious objects into the reliquary.

The Secretary-1 scattered stones of various gems inside the reliquary.

Maj-Gen Aye Myint of the Ministry of Defence closed Satta Thana reliquary.

The Secretary-1 and lay persons sprinkled scented water onto it. Members of the Sangha recited Jaya Mangala Gatha.

Maj-Gen Sein Lin of the Ministry of Defence opened the middle reliquary and Col Thet Soe offered lights.

The Secretary-1 laid down the silver Bodhi tree at the site of the jade



Family members of the Head of State, the donors, enshrining religious objects.—MNA



Family members of the Head of State donates Buddha images and provisions to Sayadaw.—MNA

Religious objects enshrined into...

(from page 1)
Image; Maj-Gen Thein Htike of Ministry of Defence the relics of Buddha and Three Tipitaka; Maj-Gen Hsan Hsint of Ministry of Defence eight prerequisites, silver tree and religious objects; Maj-Gen Soe Maung of Ministry of Defence four silver repli-

cas of Shwedagon Pagoda; Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win of Ministry of Defence three silver replicas of Shwedagon Pagoda; Maj-Gen Maung Shein of Ministry of Defence three silver replicas of Shwedagon Pagoda and Commander Maj-Gen Wai Lwin a jade Buddha Image around the

pagoda clock-wise. Ministers Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, Maj-Gen Htay Oo, Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint, Col Thein Nyunt, Brig-Gen Lun Thi,

Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint, U Aung Kyi, Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, Maj-Gen Hla Tun and delegates from states and divisions who

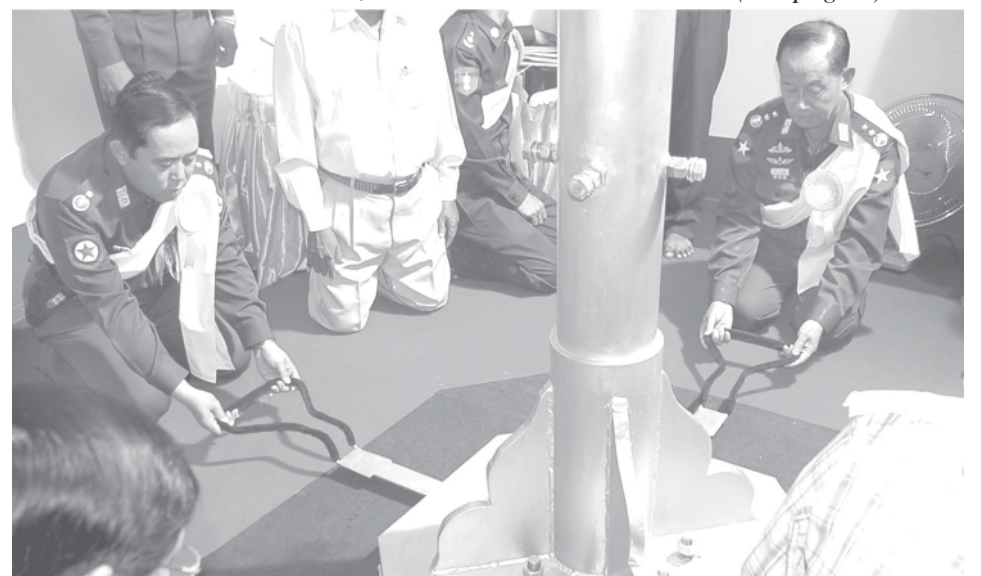
Commander Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, Minister Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, and Minister Col Thein Nyunt enshrined Buddha

podium, and Kakusandha Buddha image at the south corner of the middle reliquary.

(See page 9)



Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung offers Buddha image and provisions to Sayadaw.—MNA



Chairman of leading committee for construction of Uppatasanti Pagoda Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and party erecting the pivot.—MNA



Chairman of the leading committee for construction of Uppatasanti Pagoda Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo conveys Bodhi Tree to be enshrined in the pagoda.—MNA



On behalf of Chairman of SPDC Senior-General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo offers Bodhi Tree to Sayadaw.—MNA

Religious objects enshrined into...

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Family members of the Head of State laid down Konagamana Buddha image at the west corner; and Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thura Myint Aung, Kassapa Buddha image at the north corner of the reliquary.

Commander Maj-Gen Wai Lwin placed Gotama Buddha image, Dhatu and Dhamma stupas, gem casket, religious objects and replicas of the Shwedagon Pagoda at the east corner; and Minister Col Thein Nyunt, replicas of the Shwedagon Pagoda, jade Buddha image and religious objects in the reliquary.

The Secretary-1 scattered gem stones inside the reliquary.

Maj-Gen Khin Maung Tun of the Ministry of Defence closed the middle reliquary.

The Secretary-1 and laypersons sprinkled scented water onto the reliquary. Members of the Sangha recited Jaya Mangala Gatha.

The installation of the pivot followed atop the pagoda. The Secretary-1, family members of the Head of State, Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thura Myint Aung, and Commander Maj-Gen Wai Lwin set up the pivot atop the pagoda. Members of the Sangha recited Jaya

Mangala Gatha, followed by the sharing of the merits gained.

The ceremony ended at 9.50 a.m.

The Secretary-1 performed gold and silver showers to mark the successful completion of the ceremony.

The Secretary-1, laypersons, senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, the commander and party offered alms food to members of the Sangha.

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Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and the congregation receive Nine Precepts at a ceremony to enshrine religious objects into the seven reliquaries and the central reliquary and to erect the pivot at Uppatasanti Pagoda.—MNA



Mawlamyine, Hpa-an enjoy progress

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Feb—Lt-Gen Tha Aye of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Mon State Peace and Development Council Commander of South-East Command Maj-Gen Thet Naing Win and departmental officials, inspected development task of Mawlamyine Township in Mon State on 3 February.

During the tour, Lt-Gen Tha Aye met with employees of the Mawlamyine General Hospital and donated cash and medicine. He later

inspected construction of 3-storey ward of the Children Hospital, and production process of Concrete Sleeper Factory in Mottama in Paung Township. Next, he visited Fish and Cold Storage Factory of Holdings Ltd in Mawlamyine Township.

At Hotnei-2 River Water Pumping Station near the Htonei Village in Hpa-an Township, the Assistant Director of Water Resources Utilization Department reported to him on river water pumping tasks and Chairman of

Kayin State Peace and Development Council Brig-Gen Zaw Min gave supplementary reports.

Next, he inspected ploughing, fertilizer scattering on paddy fields in the

catchment area and spraying devices for pesticide.

Next, he inspected thriving pea plantations, vegetable farms, oil crop

plantations on both sides of Hpa-an and Htonei motor road and oil crop plantations of farmer U Paung La in Kawhlike Village in the township.—MNA



Lt-Gen Tha Aye of the Ministry of Defence looks into cabbage plantations of farmer U Myo Tun of Mainmahlakyun in Hpa-an Township.—MNA



Lt-Gen Myint Swe and wife Daw Khin Thet Htay offer rice to Sayadaws at the 8th Buddha Pujaniya of Lawka Chantha Abhaya Labha Muni Buddha Image and rice offering ceremonies.—MNA

8th Buddha Pujaniya of Lawka Chantha Abhaya Labha Muni Buddha Image held

YANGON, 9 Feb — The 8th Buddha Pujaniya of Lawka Chantha Abhaya Labha Muni Buddha Image and rice offering ceremonies were held at the Mindhamma Hill in Insein Township today.

First, the State Ovadacariya Sayadaw, Sayadaws of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee and members of the Sangha consecrated the Lawka Chantha Abhaya Labha Muni Buddha Image.

Next, the congregation led by Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence and wife Daw Khin Thet Htay received the Nine Precepts from Secretary of SSMNC Presiding Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Tilawka Bhivumsa of the Ywama Pariyatti Sarthintaik. Members of the Sangha recited parittas.

Next, Lt-Gen Myint Swe and wife Daw Khin Thet Htay and officials

concerned donated provisions to Sayadaws. Secretary of SSMNC Mandalay Chanthagyi Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Jotica Bhivamsa delivered a sermon and congregation shared merits gained.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Myint Swe and wife Daw Khin Thet Htay and congregation offered rice and provisions to Sayadaws and members of the Sangha.—MNA

Traditional Medicine Kits distributed to 13 townships in Yangon Division

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Feb—A ceremony to hand over Traditional Medicine Kits, jointly organized by Traditional Medicine Department under Ministry of Health and the Nippon Foundation of Japan was held at the hall of No. 2 Basic Education High School in Kungyangon, Yangon Division on 7 February.

Deputy Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Than Htay made a speech on the occasion and donor

Mr Yohei Sasakawa, Chairman of the Nippon Foundation explained the purpose of donation.

The deputy minister, officials and Mr Yohei Sasakawa presented the kits through village-tract representatives.

Also present on the occasion were officials of Ministry of Energy, Ministry of Health, Yangon Command and Yangon South District Peace and Development Council, members of so-

cial organizations, townsenders, guests and representatives from the Nippon Foundation. At the ceremony, altogether 500-kits were distributed to 500-villages of 13 townships in Yangon Division.

Afterwards, the deputy minister and officials fed polio vaccine to children at Kungyangon No. 2 BEHS where the Second National Immunization Days were held. MNA

Education System of Singapore introduced

YANGON, 9 Feb—E21 Education Services organized the Education System of Singapore at the Traders Hotel, here, on 31 January.

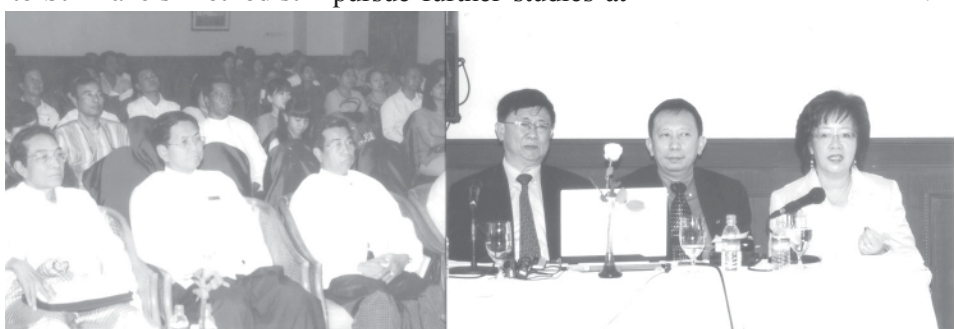
Secretary U Sein Win Hlaing of UMFCFI delivered an address. Principal Mrs. Lenie Cho of St. Francis Methodist School of Singapore explained the education system in Singapore and Joint Principal Mr Timothy Ow, matters related to St. Francis Methodist

School. Principal U Nyunt Wai Moe of E21 Education Services explained cooperation in education programmes between E-21 Education Services and St. Francis Methodist School.

St. Francis Methodist School will give training to those, who had attended the two or three years at Second Level in Singapore or two years at GCE (A) level, to be able to pursue further studies at

international universities. Officials of the school will hold tests in Yangon and Mandalay. Those who passed the test may attend St. Francis Methodist School of Singapore.

E21 Education Services will train the candidates for the tests. For further information, dial 01-296091 of E21 Education Services at No. 5B, Bo Myat Tun Housing Estate, Pazundaung Township. MNA



Mrs. Lenie Cho, Principal of St. Francis Methodist School of Singapore makes explanations.—MNA

Software Engineering for IT enthusiasts

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Myanmar Professionals Education Centre

SOFTWARE ENGINEERING

YANGON, 9 Feb— A training course on Software Engineering will be conducted for IT graduates and diploma certificate holders to become professional applications developer in the works.

Technical Director U

Zaw Moe Tun and experienced technicians of Myanmar Information Technology Ptd Ltd will provide practical and theoretical courses to the trainees.

The courses will be opened apart from office

hours beginning February.

For those who passed the matriculation examination and are attending the university, the Diploma in Software Engineering Course will be conducted.

Those wishing to attend the courses may contact Myanmar Professionals Education Centre at No. 112, Buildings-11/12, 8th Mile, Pyay Road, Mayangon Township, Tel: 668779, 668259 and 650124.

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Opportunity to attend London Hotel School



Hospitality Training & Career Consultancy

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YANGON, 7 Feb—Star Resources and London Hotel School co-provide youths with services to attend HND Diploma in Hospitality Management (UK) in London.

After the course, a trainee may enjoy five-year work permit there, and attend a one-year course for B.A (Hons;) (Hospitality Management—UK).

Star Resources will organize seminars at the Park Royal Hotel on Alanpya Pagoda Road here at 10 a.m. on 21 February, and at Sedona Hotel in Mandalay at 10 a.m.

on 23 February, and Lodon Hotel School College Principal Mr. Roderick Hordingham will present talks on "Hotel Management: A World of International Work Opportunities".

Those wishing to attend the college just need to take two months before the intake.

To attend the free talks, contact Star Resources Training Centre in Yangon (Ph: 500012, 538062 or 4412256).

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SAY NO TO DRUGS

DEVELOPMENT OF KAYAH STATE IN THE TIME OF TATMADAW GOVERNMENT



Sr.	Subject	Unit	1988	2008	Progress
1.	Arable land	acre	88423	175138	86715
2.	Dam	number	28	32	4
3.	River Water pumping projects	number	-	3	3
4.	Forest Reserve	sq-mile	74	270	196
5.	Protected Forest	sq-mile	-	2180.72	2180.72
6.	Railroad	mile	-	10.65	10.65
7.	Railway Stations	station	-	1	1
8.	Road	mile	396	911	515
9.	Over 180 feet long bridges	bridge	6	9	3
10.	Post office	number	11	14	3
11.	Telegraph office	office	10	11	1
12.	Telephone office	office	4	15	11
13.	Microwave station	number	-	1	1
14.	Basic Education School	number	333	341	8
15.	University/college	number	-	3	3
16.	Hospital/Health Centre	number	47	53	6

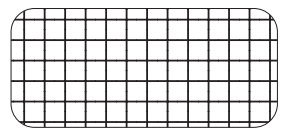
Loikaw University

Three-storey main building of Loikaw University upgraded from degree college to university in Loikaw, Kayah State.



Loikaw Station

Magnificent Loikaw Railway Station in Loikaw, Kayah State.



No. 1 Bilu Chaung Hydropower Plant on right bank of Bilu Creek, 13 miles south-east of Loikaw, Kayah State.

The plant generates 200 million units a year.

Hailing the 62nd Anniversary Union Day



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 Dated. 10 February 2009

TENDER INVITATION
 Myanma Ceramic Industries, Ministry of Industry(1), is intended to establish (5) Cement Manufacturing Plants in Pyin Nyaung area, Thar Zi Township, Mandalay Division, and (1) Cement Manufacturing Plant in Ping Pep area, Taungyi Township, Southern Shan State, adopting the following Cement Manufacturing process and capacity, using kiln firing systems with kiln burner of coal and gas dual firing system (free mixing ratio).
 (a) 700 ton per day, wet process.
 (b) 1000 ton per day, dry process.
 Sealed tenders are invited from Japanese OEM Companies only, with the machinery of Japan origin and semi-turnkey basis including technical advice, machinery supply, erection, commissioning and supervisory services. The details can be obtained from the following contact office.
 -Myanma Ceramic Industries:
 Building No:41, Nay Pyi Taw
 Union of Myanmar.
 Tel: 067-408386, 408296
 Fax: 067-408064
 * Tender Closing Date: 16.3.2009 (Monday)

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MV SUPA BHUM VOY NO (126)
 Consignees of cargo carried on MV SUPA BHUM VOY NO (126) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 9.2.2009 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P 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.
SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S REGIONAL CONTAINER LINES
 Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

Boy, five, dragged away by crocodile as brother watches
 QUEENSLAND, 9 Feb — An Australian tour guide plunged into a croc-infested swamp in a desperate bid to save his five-year-old son snatched by a 10-foot-long crocodile.
 Steve Doble of Queensland, who owns Daintree Rainforest Rivertrain, flung himself into the waist-deep floodwaters on Saturday only to find that his youngest boy had vanished. He was alerted by the screams of his older son Ryan, 7, who had to be treated for shock after witnessing the attack.
 Jeremy Doble, 5, is missing and feared dead after he was taken by the crocodile in the swamp behind his family home. Locals said the "sweet, gentle-natured" child and his older brother were playing on a boogie board as their father fixed a broken boardwalk nearby, *The Courier-Mail* reported.—Internet

Texas 'bathtub killer' to be executed
 DALLAS, 9 Feb— The Texas man convicted in a 1996 case in Arlington known as the bathtub murders is to be executed. *The Dallas Morning News* reported Sunday that, 13 years after the crimes, the state plans to execute 35-year-old Dale Devon Scheanette.
 He was found guilty of killing Wendie Prescott, 22, and Christine Vu, 26, who were found strangled in the bathtubs of their east Arlington apartment complex.
 The Texas Board of Pardon and Paroles Friday voted unanimously against asking Republican Gov Rick Perry to commute Scheanette's death sentence.
 Internet

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Australian deadliest bushfire death toll at 128
 CANBERRA, 9 Feb— Australian police said on Monday the death toll from Victoria's bushfires is now 128 and could top 200 as authorities sift through the piles of ash that were once entire communities.
 More than 70 of those people died in the fires in Kinglake, 80 km north of Melbourne, which has burnt through 220,000 hectares of the central highlands.—Internet

Kitten killer sentenced to year in prison
 REDWOOD CITY, 9 Feb— Authorities say a 33-year-old man was sentenced to a year in jail and then will be deported to Mexico for stomping a kitten to death in Redwood City, Calif.
 Jesus Calderon-Franco was sentenced on Friday after pleading no contest to killing the kitten on 30 Nov, *The San Francisco Chronicle* reported on Saturday. Calderon-Franco, a Mexican national, had been drinking and became enraged when he saw his roommate's 4-year-old daughter had drawn on the bathroom door of their apartment, said Steve Wagstaffe, chief deputy district attorney.
 In testimony, the girl's uncle said he saw Calderon-Franco grab the kitten by the neck, squeeze it, throw it outside and then stomp on it. A necropsy showed the kitten, named Pucci, died of multiple fractures.
 Internet



Customers surf the internet at an Internet bar in Beijing in January 2009.—INTERNET

Somali journalist stabbed; 2nd attack in less than a week

MOGADISHU, 9 Feb — A Somali journalists' union on Sunday condemned the multiple stabbing of a radio director — the second targeted attack on a Somali journalist in less than a week.

The National Union of Somali Journalists (NUSOJ) demanded the clan elders of the "known attacker" punish him for the attack, which left radio director Hassan Bulhan Ali seriously wounded.

On Saturday, the attacker stabbed Hassan

Bulhan five times in the stomach and heart during a tribal reconciliation meeting in the central town of Abudwaq, located in the Galgaduud region, according to NUSOJ. Hassan Bulhan, 38, is the director of Radio Abudwaq.

Three days earlier, gunmen shot and killed Said Tahlil Ahmed, the director of independent HornAfrik Radio in Mogadishu, in a brazen attack in broad daylight.

A journalist who was with Tahlil at the time of

the killing said the gunmen were from the Islamist militia Al-Shabaab.

Tahlil was on his way to a meeting called by Al-Shabaab when he was attacked. The gunmen also threatened the journalist who witnessed the attack. That journalist declined to disclose his name for security reasons.—Internet



Two employees of DP World supervise uploading the containers at the Jebel Ali port terminal 1 in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, on 8 Feb, 2009.

INTERNET

74-year-old US reservist being deployed

CARROLLTON, 9 Feb — US Army Reserve Lt Col John Burson, a 74-year-old Georgia doctor, is headed for his third overseas combat tour.

The ear, nose and throat specialist from Carrollton has asked to be assigned to an infantry unit in the 101st Airborne Division in war-torn Afghanistan. "When you're 70, where are you going to find that kind of excitement?" he asked.

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution reported Sunday that Burson hung up his active duty uniform in 1985. Then when the Army found it needed medical personnel in 2005, Burson said he heeded an inner calling and went on to serve two tours in Iraq.

"I'm a kid from the Deep South. I lived through tough times and made it," he said. "I lived the American dream. Other people made the sacrifices."—Internet

170 al Qaeda suspects released in Yemen

SAN'A, 9 Feb — Yemen released 170 men it had arrested on suspicion of having ties to Al Qaeda, security officials said on Sunday, two weeks after the terror group announced that Yemen had become the base of its activities for the whole Arabian peninsula.

The announcement also comes as government forces say they are poised to sweep through the northern city of Marib to combat an entrenched al Qaeda presence that includes both Yemenis and Saudis.

The officials who an-

nounced the release spoke on condition of anonymity because they are not allowed to speak to the press.

The men were freed on Friday and Saturday after signing pledges not to engage in terrorism — a strategy the Yemeni government has often used with those suspected of fighting in militant causes abroad.

Local tribal leaders are also expected to guarantee the good behavior of the released.

The practice stems in part from the powerful role played by the tribes

across the rugged Yemeni countryside as well as the comparative weakness of the central government.

In the past, such releases have raised concern in the United States and increased its reluctance to release Yemeni detainees from the Guantanamo Bay detention facility.

Yemen has said it expects most of the 100 remaining Yemenis at Guantanamo to be sent home after President Barack Obama ordered the prison shut within a year.

Internet



Said Tahlil Ahmed was killed on Wednesday. Three days later, another Somali journalist was attacked.—INTERNET

NEWS ALBUM

Long-hidden Bugatti sells for \$4.5 million

A 1937 Bugatti that sat in an English doctor's garage for almost half a century without being driven has sold at auction in Paris for almost \$4.5 million.

The 1937 Type 57S was one of 17 built. Dr Harold Carr of Newcastle bought it in 1955 and drove it for a few years before moving it into his garage in 1960.

Carr's heirs did not realize he owned the car and other vintage automobiles until after his death two years ago, the BBC reported. The original owner was Earl Howe, founder of the British Racing Drivers Club. He sold it in 1945.

For a 72-year-old vehicle, the Bugatti has remarkably low mileage, with only 26,284 miles on the odometer. Carr apparently never started the engine after 1960.

In the Bonhams catalogue, buyers were told they would have the thrill of "hearing that turbine-like sound that so excited Earl Howe when he collected this car from Sorel in 1937."

This extremely rare 1937 Bugatti Type 57S Atalante is inspected by vintage car specialist Nicholas Benwell at Phoenix Green garage in Hartley Wintney, in Hampshire, England

Indian cyclists fighting for pedal power revolution

In India, where the car is king, the only cyclists tend to be delivery men, heaving the pedals of ancient, rusting, single-gear machines laden with milk churns or tied-up bales of newspapers.

But the country's small, yet vocal, band of cycling enthusiasts is hoping to change all that, by taking to the streets in a regular celebration of pedal power to show that push bikes exist and also have rights on the road.

"Cycling is always treated as a poor man's transport in India," Anoop Rajan, 24, told AFP. "One thing that we have to change is that if you cycle and you have a good bike, it should be something prestigious."



Cyclists pedal during a Critical Mass bicycle ride through the streets of Mumbai.

One way of increasing the profile of cycling around the world has been through Critical Mass rides, where cyclists meet and ride en masse through cities, often with loud music and whistles for accompaniment.

Famous fossil secretly scanned in Texas

Archaeologists at the University of Texas at Austin were given a top secret look at Lucy, one of the world's most famous fossils.

The 3.2 million-year-old hominid skeleton, found in Ethiopia in 1974, made a 10-day stop at UTA's High-Resolution

X-ray Computed Tomography Facility in September after an eight-month exhibit at the Houston Museum of Natural Sciences.

With guards standing close watch, UT scientists were allowed to make 35,000 computed tomography images of the ancient fossil. While US researchers conducted a scan on the fossil in the 1970s, the new scans provide the first high-resolution data on the early human ancestor, the Austin (Texas) American-Statesman newspaper said.



A Christie's employee poses with a Bodendick table-fountain and a selection of gilt cups at Christie's auction house in London. The German gilt table-fountain is estimated to fetch 150,000-200,000 Euros (\$197,000-\$262,000) when it is auctioned in Paris. Haute-couture fashion designer Yves Saint Laurent bequeathed the collection to the Pierre Berge - Yves Saint Laurent Foundation, to be sold to create a new foundation dedicated to scientific and AIDS research.

SPORTS

Kaka to miss Milan derby



AC Milan's Brazilian midfielder Kaka will miss the Milan derby after injuring his foot in Saturday's 1-1 home draw with rock-bottom Reggina, AC Milan confirmed.—INTERNET

ROME, 9 Feb—Brazil star Kaka will miss the Milan derby after injuring his foot in Saturday's 1-1 home draw with rock-bottom Reggina, AC Milan confirmed on Sunday. Kaka, Milan's top scorer with 11 Serie A goals this season, netted a penalty in the match and finished the game but immediately afterwards it became clear that he had a problem. Milan issued a statement on Sunday saying that tests showed he has sprained rather than broken his foot but that he

faces at least two weeks on the sidelines.

The news could not have come at a worse time with the rossonero's crucial clash against neighbours Inter Milan at the San Siro next weekend. Milan dropped to eight points behind the champions and leaders following their draw as Inter won 3-0 at Lecce on Saturday.

Anything other than a second victory over Inter this season — Ronaldinho scored the winner with a rare header in a 1-0 success in September — could see Milan's title hopes all but disappear.—INTERNET



Manchester United's Welsh midfielder Ryan Giggs (L) celebrates scoring a goal with teammate Portuguese midfielder Cristiano Ronaldo (R) during their Premier League match against West Ham at Upton Park, London. Manchester won 1-0.—INTERNET

Giggs fires United back to summit

LONDON, 9 Feb—Manchester United hammered out a statement of intent to their title rivals as the champions returned to the top of the Premier League with a 1-0 win at West Ham on Sunday.

Sir Alex Ferguson's side had arrived in east London in second place after Liverpool's late 3-2 fightback at Portsmouth 24 hours earlier. But United showed they have no intention of relinquishing their crown as Ryan Giggs' second half goal sent them two points clear of Rafael Benitez's second placed side.

By the time Liverpool are next in action that lead will have extended to five points if United win their game in hand against Fulham on February 18. The Old Trafford outfit are beginning to have the look of champions again and this was the kind of obdurate display that has become their hallmark this season.—INTERNET

Spurs frustrated by 10-man Arsenal

LONDON, 9 Feb—Robbie Keane's return to Tottenham Hotspur was not enough to prevent Sunday's North London derby ending in a frustrating scoreless draw despite Arsenal being reduced to ten men following Emmanuel Eboué's first half dismissal.

Ultimately Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger was relieved his under-manned side managed to escape with a point but they now lie four points off fourth-placed Chelsea with growing doubts surrounding their hopes of Champions League qualification.

Spurs manager Harry Redknapp, meanwhile was left to contemplate a wasted opportunity for his team to drag themselves four points clear of the relegation zone.

Redknapp claims Keane's arrival back at White Hart Lane from Liverpool has given his beleaguered squad an instant lift.

INTERNET



Arsenal's Ivory Coast player Emmanuel Eboué (2nd right) holds his head as referee Mike Dean (2nd left) sends him off during their Premier League football match at White Hart Lane in London, England.

INTERNET

Goal-hungry Eto'o keeps Barca bandwagon rolling

MADRID, 9 Feb—Samuel Eto'o scored twice as Barcelona beat Sporting Gijon 3-1 at Camp Nou on Sunday to re-establish their 12-point advantage over Real Madrid at the top of the Spanish table.

Eto'o scored in the 23rd and 40th minutes to take his personal tally to 21 for the season with Valencia's David Villa his nearest rival on 17. Brazilian Dani Alves added a third in the second half as Barcelona eased to their 10th successive league win.

INTERNET

Adams facing the axe from Portsmouth

LONDON, 9 Feb—Tony Adams' future at Fratton Park was under scrutiny again on Monday amid media reports that the Portsmouth manager is facing the axe, after less than four months in charge.

The Telegraph and the Daily Mail newspapers reported that the former Arsenal and England defender would be sacked later Monday, and the Sun claimed the decision had already been taken.

Portsmouth have been in freefall since Adams replaced Harry Redknapp, who took over at Tottenham earlier this season. The team has managed just two wins in



Tony Adams'

15 league games since he took charge on October 28, and has slid to within one point of the relegation zone.

The Sun reported a source saying that chief executive Peter Storrie broke the news to Adams on Sunday afternoon, and it came as "a complete surprise to him as he had previously been told he was safe until the end of the season".—INTERNET

Russians swamp Chinese at Fed to book Italian semi

PARIS, 9 Feb—Defending champions Russia wrapped up a 5-0 thrashing of China to book a Fed Cup semi-final against Italy in a repeat of the 2007 final after the Italians dispatched France in Orleans.

doubles success over Yan Zi and Tian-Tian Sun. The Chinese effort was hampered by the absence of their number one player Zheng Jie due to a wrist injury she suffered in the Australian Open.

INTERNET

The Russians have dominated the tournament in recent years and on current form look set for their fifth title in the past six years after Anna Chakvetadze motored past Yan Zi 6-1, 6-2 for the decisive third point before debutant teen Alisa Kleibanova crushed Tian-Tian Sun 6-1, 6-1.

Star pair Elena Dementieva, the Beijing Olympic champion, and Svetlana Kuznetsova completed the whitewash with a 1-6, 6-4, 6-4



Russia's Anna Chakvetadze returns a service to Chinese Yan Zi during the Fed Cup tennis 1st round in Moscow. Chakvetadze won 6-1, 6-2. INTERNET

Katherine Hull wins Australian Masters

GOLD COAST, 9 Feb—Australia's Katherine Hull won the Australian Ladies Masters on Sunday, closing with a 4-under 68 for a five-stroke victory. The 26-year-old, the Canadian Women's Open winner last year on the LPGA Tour, had a 16-under 272 total on the Royal Pines course.

Australia's Tamie Durdin (70) and South Korea's Ryu So-yeon (67) tied for second. Six-time winner Karrie Webb shot a 73 to tie for 30th at 3 under.

"The most disappointing thing about the day was I felt really good going to the first tee," Webb said. "I actually believed that I could shoot something that would give me a chance if the wind got up."—INTERNET

Tsonga trumps Chardy in SAfrica thriller

JOHANNESBURG, 9 Feb—Top seed Jo-Wilfried Tsonga won his third ATP title Sunday with a 6-4, 7-6 triumph over fellow Frenchman Jeremy Chardy in a thrilling SA Tennis Open final.

Tsonga, the 23-year-old Le Mans-born son of a French mother and Congolese father, won in Bangkok and Paris last year and succeeded in the revived South African tournament without dropping a set in five matches. But he was taken to the wire by 21-year-old Chardy from the south-west city of Pau, appearing in his first ATP final after reaching the fourth round of the French Open last year.



INTERNET | France's Jo-Wilfried Tsonga



People are silhouetted against the backdrop of Singapore's financial Skyline and the Singapore Flyer, the world's largest observation wheel on 26 Jan, 2009. The world's largest Observation wheel is going back into service in Singapore after a fire in the control room trapped 173 people for hours and shut it down for a month of repairs.

INTERNET

Landslide leaves scores homeless in N Afghanistan

KABUL, 9 Feb—A landslide completely destroyed five houses and damaged six others in Afghanistan's northern Baghlan province leaving scores homeless, an official said Monday.

"A mass of earth slide Sunday night in a village outside Pul-e-Khumri, the provincial capital of Baghlan, utterly smashed five houses and damaged six others leaving scores of people homeless," head of Red Crescent Society in the province Hamid Niazi told newsmen at the site of the incident.

He also added that no one was killed in the natural incident because the earth slipped slowly to make the dwellers of the affected village evacuated their houses.

Niazi said that around 100 homeless people including women and children in this chilly weather were in need of aid.

Internet

MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (10.2.2009) (Tuesday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	- (09:00am ~ 10:00am) MST
Europe	- (15:30pm ~ 23:30pm) MST
North America	- (23:30pm ~ 07:30am) MST

Local Transmission

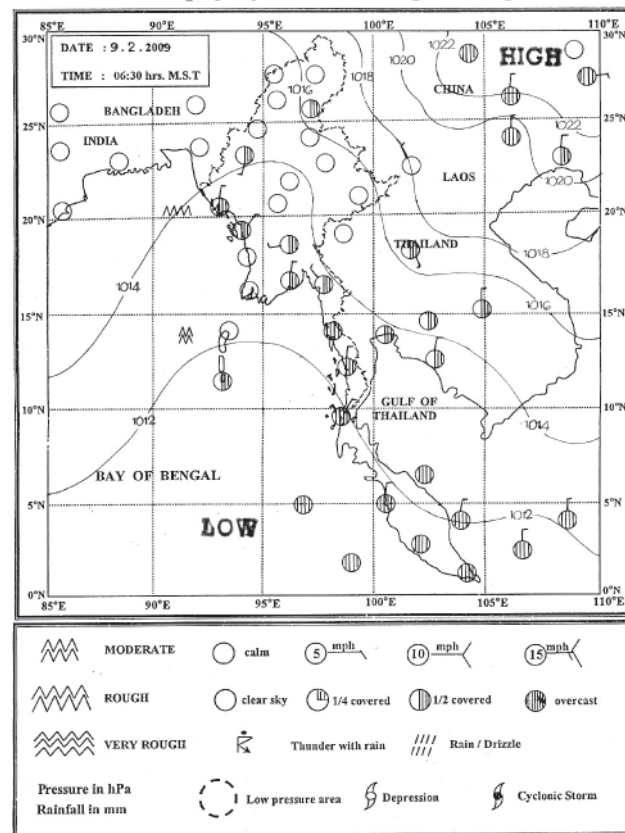
- Signature Tune
- Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights
- Hundred Fruits from a Common Stem, Our Union (Rakhine State)
- Bead Gallery
- Phyu Creek Multi-purpose Dam Project
- Myanmar Modern Song
- Medicinal Orchid
- Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights

Europe/ North America Transmission

- Signature Tune
- Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights
- Hundred Fruits from a Common Stem, Our Union (Mon State)
- Peaceful and Development Dawei
- Thahtay Hydropower Project to spread Light across Rakhine State
- Beautiful Sculptures for Sale
- Biological Expedition to Hponkan Razi Region (Part-II) (Upper Shangaung-Awadam)
- The Mountain With Antique Stone Sculptures
- The beautiful lake...where the natural biodiversity gathers
- Myanmar Modern Song
- Hundred Fruits from a Common Stem, Our Union (Rakhine State)
- Bead Gallery
- Phyu Creek Multi-purpose Dam project
- Medicinal Orchid
- Biological Expedition to Hponkan Razi Region (III) (Awadam Village-Ziadam Village)
- A Journey to Research Taron Race
- Nurturing of New Generation
- Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights

Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Monday, 9 February, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kachin State and Taninthayi Division and generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below February average temperatures in Shan State and Bago Division, (5°C) to (6°C) below February average temperatures in Chin State and Magway Division, (3°C) to (4°C) above February average temperatures in Kachin State, upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions, (5°C) above February average temperatures in Mon State and about February average temperatures in the remaining areas. The significant night temperatures were Haka (0°C), Loilem (2°C), Lashio and Pinlaung (3°C) each, Heho and Ann (4°C) each.

Maximum temperature on 8-2-2009 was 95°F. Minimum temperature on 9-2-2009 was 64°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 9-2-2009 was 68%. Total sunshine hours on 8-2-2009 was (8.0) hrs approx.

Rainfall on 9-2-2009 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from Southeast at (09:30) hours MST on 9-2-2009.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 10th February 2009: Weather will be partly cloudy in Kachin and Mon States, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions and generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions.

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

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

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 10-2-2009: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 10-2-2009: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 10-2-2009: Generally fair weather.



Tuesday, 10 February
View on today

- 7:00 am
 1. တောင်တန်းသာသနာပြုဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော် ယောဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ဥပ္ပါတသန္တိပါဠိတော်
- 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. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:00 am
 6. Song of yesteryear

- 8:10 am
 7. (၆၂)နှစ်မြောက်ပြည်ထောင်စုနေ့ ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်
- 8:20 am
 8. "နောက်မကျရအောင်" (မင်းသူ၊ ကျော်ထူး၊ မိုးပြည့် ပြည့်မောင်၊ ဒေါ်အေးအေးမြင့်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ကြည်စိုး)
- 8:40 am
 9. International news
- 8:50 am
 10. Dance of national races
- 4:00 am
 1. Martial song
- 4:10 pm
 2. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 4:25 pm
 3. Musical programme
- 4:35 pm
 4. (၆၂)နှစ်မြောက်ပြည်ထောင်စုနေ့ ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်

- 4:45 pm
 5. ၂၀၀၉ခုနှစ်တက္ကသိုလ်ဝင်စာမေးပွဲ ဘာသာရပ်ဆိုင်ရာသင်ခန်းစာ (အင်္ဂလိပ်စာဘာသာရပ်) (အပိုင်း-ခ)
- 5:10 pm
 6. Song to uphold national spirit
- 5:15 pm
 7. "မနိုင်သောအရုံး" (ဟက်ကက်၊ ဇင်ရဲထက်၊ နိုင်သင်းကြည်၊ အရိုင်း၊ ကင်းကောင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-အဝမ်းမောင်လှမျိုး)
- 5:30 pm
 8. The mirror images of the musical oldies
- 5:40 pm
 9. (၆၂)နှစ်မြောက်ပြည်ထောင်စုနေ့ ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်
- 5:45 pm
 10. "ပြည်ထောင်စုစိတ်ဓာတ်မပြတ် ရင့်သန်ခိုင်မာရန်မှာဒီဝန်တာ" (အသီးတစ်ရာအညှာတစ်ခု ဒို့ပြည်ထောင်စု) (အပိုင်း-ခ)
- 6:00 pm
 11. Evening news
- 6:30 pm
 12. Weather report
- 6:35 pm
 13. ကြယ်ပွင့်များရဲ့ရင်ခုန်သံ
- 6:50 pm
 14. ဆိုလိုက်ကြစို့
- 7:20 pm
 15. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "နွဲ့ဆိုးဆိုးသူကိုယ့်ချစ်သူ" (အပိုင်း-၉)
- 8:00 pm
 16. News
 17. International news
 18. Weather report
 19. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "မြင့်မြတ်နုလုံးသားပိုင်ရှင်" (အပိုင်း-၂၄)



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

HAILING THE 62nd ANNIVERSARY UNION DAY

Poem

Joyful land of brethren

With traditional bags and drums
Shans dancing in harmony
So pleasant is the Taunggye Pagoda
Kayah, the land of Keinnayai,
Keinnaya birds
Blossoms of red Rhododendron
Icon of misty Chin hills

Development of Kayah State in the time of Tatmadaw Government



Union nation where Union Spirit flourishes

All national races were the same, national brethren, who live in the single Union, so it was mandatory for every citizen to have a sense of oneness with fellow citizens.

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YADANASI SAYADAW (LOILEM)

Newly-constructed fine roads help grace Nay Pyi Taw

Article: Myint Maung Soe; Photos: Hla Shwe (Kaytumati)

Nay Pyi Taw Development Affairs Committee is immersing itself in the plan for upgrading Nay Pyi Taw to an international level city. As a result, Nay Pyi Taw has seen cumulative progress with many fine roads, well-organized housing estates, ministerial offices, educational institutions, markets and hospitals.

At the junction of Nay Pyi Taw-Pyinmana-Taungnyo Road and Yazathingaha Road is 200-foot-diameter Thabyegon Roundabout, with landscaping plants, lamps and lamp posts and is surrounded by lush and green hillocks.

Razathingaha Road is an eight-lane facility with traffic islands of landscaping plants such as Cuba coconut palms and oleanders along with lamp posts on both sides.

It was very pleasant to view green sceneries from the car moving on the concrete road. Razathingaha Roundabout located at the junction of Yazathingaha Road and Razathingaha Road is like a beautiful picture. The Uppatasanti Pagoda is on Razathingaha Road joins Yangon-Mandalay Highway in Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana.

Director U Kyaw Myint of Road and Bridge Department under Nay Pyi Taw Development Affairs Committee said, "Yazathingaha Road is larger than any other main road. It will be a 20-lane facility when it is completed. Up to now, we have constructed four lanes on each side. All the main roads in Nay Pyi Taw are eight-lane ones."

Under the special development project, fine concrete roads and eight above 180-foot-long reinforced-concrete bridges are being constructed to form a network. Establishment of Ottara Thiri Town is in progress now such as construction of new roads, reclamation of lands to establish housings, setting up lamp posts, and digging drains.

From the north of Ottara Thiri is Thaikchaung Road that joins Yangon-Mandalay Highway at Thaikchaung model village. Now, lands are being reclaimed in Block (3) of the town with houses and



A view of Thabyegon Roundabout.

staff quarters for service personnel. We got a good view of Nay Pyi Taw Station from Block (3). Yazathingaha Road and Zayahtani Road meet near Ottara Thiri. Zayahtani Road branches off several roads leading to offices of the ministries.

Khayay, Padauk and Gangaw staff quarters are made up of four-storey modern buildings with good ventilation.

Then we reached Thabyegon Roundabout, our starting point. Shopping Complex is south of Thabyegon Roundabout on Razathingaha Road. Beyond Shopping Complex are the hotel zone, the airport, and Dekkhina Thiri new town being established.

Shopping Complex is constituted with Myanmar Economic Bank, Myawady Bank, Sibinhaya Bank and Thiri Yadana Market. We left Shopping Complex along Pyinmana-Taungnyo Road and saw Gangaw Housing Estate, 1000-bed hospital, herbal garden and Central Post Office.

Now, the tasks Nay Pyi Taw Development Affairs Committee is implementing for development of Nay Pyi Taw are in full swing. Therefore, Nay Pyi Taw will soon become an international level city.

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