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Gratitude owed to our forefathers

Because of the gratitude owed to our forefathers of the successive eras, who lived in unity with high vision, attaching themselves with bonds of amity, with the family spirit – love and friendship, helpfulness, sympathy, mutual reliance, understanding, forgiveness, and cooperation based on common interest – as the foundation, the national races of the Union have been able to live together and join hands for a long time.

Senior General Than Shwe

Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council

Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services

(From the message sent on the occasion of 57th Anniversary Union Day)

Prime Minister General Thein Sein receives Minister at the Prime Minister's Office of LPDR

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Feb—Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein received Chairman of National Sports and Physical Education Committee Minister at the Prime Minister's Office Dr Phouthong Seng-Akhom of the Lao People's Democratic Republic and party at the hall of Government Office, here, at 4.30 pm today.

Also present at the call were Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint and departmental heads.

The Laotian delegation was accompanied by Lao PDR Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Kouily A Souphakhet.—MNA

Prime Minister General Thein Sein cordially greets Chairman of National Sports and Physical Education Committee Minister at the Prime Minister's Office Dr Phouthong Seng-Akhom of Lao PDR at Government Office in Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA



Prime Minister General Thein Sein receives Chairman of National Sports and Physical Education Committee Minister at the Prime Minister's Office Dr Phouthong Seng-Akhom of Lao PDR at Government Office in Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA

Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Try to make movies of international standard

Improvement of movie standard is the lifeblood of Myanmar's film world. Film artistes, technicians and producers are to focus on meeting the standards of their movies. They have to try to improve more in all parts such as plot, acting and mode of dress.

In making and screening global movies, modern technologies and equipment and good sound effects are being used. It is found that their movies are penetrating the international market due to excellent performance in all sectors plus the efforts of film directors and stars.

With the assistance rendered by the State and the efforts made by those from the film world, Myanmar has been able to make movies with better picture, colour and sound system. So it is necessary to continue to improve the movie standard and produce movies of international standard till reaching the global market.

Throughout the successive eras, those from the Myanmar film industry were able to uplift national integrity with the might of arts. They have constantly been discharging national duties from the period of independence struggles to the present time of building a new nation.

With the advent of globalization among world countries, alien culture such as arts, music and dress style of some countries is infiltrating into Myanmar. Their ideology and character has wielded influence on us. Therefore, the people, including the youth, are to be vigilant against such alien culture.

A movie has great influence on us. So, film artistes and producers are to try to produce movies in which their acting and mode of dress are compatible with the Myanmar culture. All in all, Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayon and those from the film world are to make greater efforts to produce movies of international standard.

Earthquake Report

YANGON, 7 Feb—A strong earthquake of 6.6 Richter Scale with its epicenter outside Myanmar (Ryukyu Islands) about (1900) miles northeast of Kaba-Aye seismological observatory was recorded at 12 hrs 40 min 03 sec today, announced the Meteorology and Hydrology Department.—MNA

All this needs to be known

- * Do not be frightened whenever intimidated
- * Do not be bolstered whenever flattered
- * Do not be softened whenever appeased

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

Special Refresher Course No. 13 for faculty members concludes at CICS (Upper Myanmar)



Minister U Thaung presents diligence award to Assistant Lecturer U Saw Tun Aung of Government Technological University (Kengtung).—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Feb—Special Refresher Course No. 13 for faculty members concluded at the Central Institute of Civil Service (Upper Myanmar) in PyinOoLwin Township, Mandalay Division this morning. Minister for Science and Technology U Thaung, on behalf of Myanmar Education Committee Chairman State Peace and Development Council Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, gave a speech on the occasion.

Also present were Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen Aye Myint Kyu, Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo, Deputy Minister for Education Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min, Deputy Minister for Labour Brig-Gen Tin Tun Aung, Mandalay Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han, the Deputy Chief Justice, members of Civil Service Selection and Training Board, the rector and pro-rectors of the CICS, heads of faculties and course instructors.

Speaking on the occasion, Minister U Thaung said that since possession of advanced technologies and adequate educated human resources of high proficiency was pivotal in development drive of a nation, 30-year long-term national education promotion plan was being implemented in both basic education and higher sectors in accordance with the goal of Myanmar education—emergence of an education system that can create continuous learning society to be able to cope with challenges of the Knowledge Age.

Faculty members were to try hard to have encyclopedic knowledge of their respective subjects, meanwhile, they were also to nurture their students as efficient human resources for future society based on

education. It was also the responsibilities of faculty members to put findings of researches into practical use and to strive for wide-ranging development of applied subjects that were suitable with the nation.

So, the government, with a view to emergence of educated human resources, had been fulfilling all the necessities to promote basic and higher education. Efficient human resources plus invaluable natural resources would bring about prosperous future of the nation.

The government was systematically implementing the national education promotion programme under six sectors—development of human resources, application of technology, research, continuous learning society, promotion of educational level, preservation of national standard and national value.

In conclusion, the minister urged trainees to nurture themselves as well as students of younger generation as able and proficient human resources by learning continuously and developing applied subjects widely.

Afterwards, on behalf of the SPDC Secretary-1, Minister U Thaung presented prizes to winners of best trainee awards, trainee of industry awards, model hostel awards and completion certificates to trainees.

The four-week course was attended by 860 faculty members from universities and colleges in Upper Myanmar.—MNA



Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung being welcomed by Sri Lankan Ambassador Mr Neuton Gunaratna at the reception to mark 62nd Anniversary Independence Day of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka on 7 February.—MNA



Iraqis inspect the site of a bomb attack in the Iraqi holy city of Karbala, 110 kms (70 miles) south of Baghdad. A bomb attack on the last day of a major mourning ceremony in Iraq killed 54 Shiite pilgrims and wounded more than 140 on Friday in an atrocity blamed on Al-Qaeda and Saddam Hussein loyalists.—INTERNET

Nations assure Afghanistan of support for peace with Taleban

KABUL, 7 Feb — Several nations have assured Afghanistan of their support for its peace plan to end Taleban insurgency.

A statement issued on Thursday by Afghanistan's Presidential Palace said Afghan President Hamid Karzai on Wednesday met with Saudi King Abdullah

bin Abdulaziz and discussed on Afghanistan's peace process. Karzai informed the Saudi king of his government's efforts for reconciliation with the Taleban, requested the king "to guide the Afghan government on its talks with the militant group."

King Abdullah assured

Karzai of his support to the dialogue offer to the Taleban, according to the statement.

The Saudi Arabian authorities have reportedly put the condition that the Taleban must renounce the al-Qaeda before Riyadh could mediate between the Karzai administration and the militant group.

Pakistan, another nation which has influence on Afghanistan, said on Thursday it was ready to help the Afghan reconciliation process. "We fully agree that reconciliation and reintegration in Afghanistan is an important element to achieve peace and stability in the country," Pakistan Foreign Ministry spokesman Abdul Basit told reporters in Islamabad.

Xinhua

Xinhua

Jordan launches training programme on nuclear, radiation safety

AMMAN, 7 Feb — Jordan's Nuclear Regulatory Commission announced on Saturday the launch of an EU-funded project to provide training for Jordanian staff in the field of nuclear and radiation safety.

Under the one million-euro project, which is financed by the European Commission, training programmes will be offered to Jordanian personnel in the field of nuclear and radiation safety, a statement released by the commission indicated.

Jordanian personnel will also take part in local and international workshops held on the issue under the project.

The project will enable the commission to benefit from international expertise in drawing up legislation and monitoring systems in the field, Jordan Nuclear Regulatory Commission Director General Jamal Sharaf said in the state-

ment. Sharaf added that project, which will be implemented over two years, entails enhancing of monitoring of radioactive materials and focuses on implementing safety standards when implementing the country's peaceful nuclear programme.

Xinhua

Iran opens production lines for two new missiles

TEHERAN, 7 Feb — Iran opened its production lines for two new missiles — the Toofan 5 anti-armour missile and the Qaem anti-helicopter missile — on Saturday, the *Fars* news agency reported.

"The Toufan 5 missile is one of the most advanced anti-armour missiles, which has two warheads and is capable of destroying armoured vehicles, tanks and personnel carriers due to its high penetration power," Iranian Defence Minister Ahmad Vahidi said at the inauguration ceremony.

The Qaem semi-heavy guided missile can destroy targets flying at low speeds and altitudes, specially the ag-

gressive helicopters equipped with armour-like bodies, Vahidi said.

The Qaem missile is not prone to enemy's electronic warfare as it is laser-guided, he added.

The Iranian defence minister said that once these advanced weapons are mass produced and delivered to the Armed Forces, Iran's defence power in ground and air combats will be reinvigorated.

Also on Saturday, Commander of Iran's Khatam ol-Anbia Air Defence Base Brigadier General Ahmad Miqani said Iran has reached full self-sufficiency in the production of different types of needed radars with different ranges and frequency bands, *Fars* reported.—Xinhua

Female fire fighters participate in an emergency rescue and disaster relief drill in Managua, capital of Nicaragua on 5 Feb, 2010. The drill aims to equip female fire fighters with adequate field skills while most of them serve as management and logistics staffs. — XINHUA



Afghan, ISAF troops kill two militants

KABUL, 7 Feb — Afghan and the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) eliminated two militants in Helmand Province, a Taleban hotbed in south Afghanistan, a Press release of the alliance said on Saturday.

"An Afghan-international security force in the area of Deh Ghawchak in Musa Qaleh District of Helmand province received small- arms fire from a number of militants yesterday, and the troops returned fire killing two militants," the press release added.

In another operation on Friday the troops discovered a weapons cache in Garmsir district of Helmand Province, the Press release further said.—Xinhua

Shiite militants kidnap American in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 7 Feb — A missing Iraqi-American contractor was kidnapped by Shiite militiamen who lured him into central Baghdad by promising to help him find distant relatives, an Iraqi defence official said on Saturday.

A Shiite extremist group claimed responsibility for the 23 Jan kidnapping and posted a video online that shows a man wearing military fatigues reading a list of demands that includes the release of militants, the prosecution of Blackwater guards and an immediate American troop withdrawal.

A high-ranking Iraqi defence official and an American intelligence official identified the man in the video as Issa T. Salami, the missing contractor. Both spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to release the information.

Internet



Chinese peacekeeping anti-riot and civilian police officers pose for a group photo to send new year's greetings to their motherland, at the encampment of the Chinese peacekeeping anti-riot police team in Port-au-Prince, capital of Haiti, on 6 Feb, 2010. According to Chinese Lunar calendar, this Saturday is the 23rd of the twelfth lunar month, marking the end of the year and the start of a series of Spring Festival activities in China. — XINHUA

Vietnam tackles US in first WTO case

HANOI, 7 Feb—Vietnam has filed its first case over anti-dumping measures under World Trade Organization rules since joining the body three years ago, official media reported.

Vietnam brought the case against anti-dumping tariffs imposed by

the United States on frozen shrimp, the *Vietnam News Agency* said in a report late on Friday.

WTO is the only global international organization dealing with the rules of trade between nations.

Vietnam, whose shrimp exporters face US tariffs ranging from 4.13 percent to 25.76 percent, sent a request to the United States on Monday to discuss the anti-dumping measures, the *Vietnam News Agency* said.

If the two countries cannot reach an agreement on the issue within 60 days, Vietnam can propose that the WTO set up a committee to settle the dispute, the report said.

Vietnamese officials were not immediately able to comment.

A US diplomat, speaking in Hanoi on Saturday, said only that he had heard about Vietnam's complaint to the WTO.

Internet

A worker pours fresh shrimp at a local seafood processing factory in the central Vietnamese province of Quang Binh in 2004.

INTERNET



Australia's Resourcehouse signs China coal deal

SYDNEY, 7 Feb—Australian miner Resourcehouse said on Saturday it had signed a 60-billion-US-dollar coal deal with energy-hungry China, calling it the country's "biggest-ever export contract".

Resourcehouse Chairman Clive Palmer said the company had negotiated a 20-year agreement to supply China Power International Development (CPI) with 30 million tonnes of coal a year from a proposed mine in Central Queensland.

"This deal with CPI is Australia's biggest ever export contract," Palmer said in a statement.

The latest in a string of major deals between China and resource-rich Australia, the project signals a thaw in diplomatic tensions surrounding the detention of Rio Tinto executive Stern Hu and freight iron ore price talks.

It also reflects China's gradual turn from being a major coal exporter to increasingly importing the fuel from countries such as Indonesia and Australia.

Palmer, Australia's fifth-richest man, said he had awarded the engineering and construction management contract for the eight-billion-US-dollar thermal coal mine, named "China First," to Metallurgical Corp of China (MCC).

Internet

This file photo shows an operational coal mine in Australia. Australian miner Resourcehouse said on Saturday it had signed a \$60 bln coal deal with China, describing it as the country's "biggest-ever export contract".—INTERNET



Ethiopia gets Microsoft software in Amharic

ADDIS ABABA, 7 Feb—US software giant Microsoft has launched Windows Vista in Amharic, the first operating system in the national language of Ethiopia, the official news agency said on Saturday.

"Launching the Amharic version software is a major step forward for Amharic to be a language of technology," Director of the Ethiopian ICT Development Agency, Debretsion

Gebremichael was quoted as saying by the *Ethiopian News Agency (ENA)*. He said 40 scholars from the Addis Ababa University had taken part in the translation of the software and added that plans were being drafted for translation into some of the nation's other languages.—Internet

Windows Vista operating software is displayed at a shop in Virginia. —INTERNET



File photo of Tiger Airways crew members waiting for passengers at Singapore's budget terminal. Singapore budget carrier Tiger Airways announced it has brought forward the delivery of another four Airbus A320s to next year instead of 2016, bringing to nine the number of planes whose delivery has been accelerated.—INTERNET

Open skies, budget travel: Asian airlines soar

SINGAPORE, 7 Feb—The boom in low-cost travel and a growing web of open-skies agreements are expected to power long-term growth for Asian airlines after the global recession, industry bosses and analysts said.

Participants in the Singapore Airshow which ended on Sunday expressed optimism that the region, particularly China,

will lead the rest of the world to recovery after the most harrowing year in global travel.

The world aviation industry lost an estimated 11 billion dollars in 2009 after a financial crisis that began in the United States grounded travellers and forced airlines to cancel or defer plane orders.

Organizers of the Singapore Airshow said 10

billion dollars' worth of contracts were done during the event, down from 13 billion dollars in 2008.

"We look forward to the market picking up further as the industry rides the upturn," said Jimmy Lau, managing director of the show, Asia's biggest civilian-military aerospace conference and exhibition.

Internet

Nissan to slash production at Spanish plant

MADRID, 7 Feb—Japanese carmaker Nissan said on Saturday its Avila plant in Spain will keep running at less than 50 percent capacity for at least three years, as unions said it was planning to lay off half the factory staff. The Avila plant — one of several operated by Nissan in Spain — is equipped to turn out 26,000 vehicles

per year, most of them small vans, but has been functioning at a fraction of its capacity since 2008, a Nissan spokesman said.

"For the past two years we have had to cut production and the situation is going to continue because our forecast is for 11,000 units per year over the next three years," the spokesman said.—Internet



High-speed rail linking central, western China starts operation

XI'AN, 7 Feb—A high-speed railway linking central China city Zhengzhou and north-western city Xi'an, went into operation on Saturday.

The 505-km Zhengzhou-Xi'an high-speed railway, the first of its kind in central and western China, cut the travel time between the two cities from former more than six hours to less than two hours, said local railway authorities on Saturday.

The first train left Xi'an, capital of Shaanxi Province, at 10:50 am and arrived at Zhengzhou, capital of Henan Province, at 1:15 pm, said Long Jing, head of the Xi'an Railway Bureau.

The train travelled at 350 kilometres per hour, said Long. A total of 14 trains would be travelling between Zhengzhou and Xi'an everyday, said Long.

The first train from Zhengzhou to Xi'an de-

parted from Zhengzhou at 11:25 am and arrived at Xi'an at 2:01 pm, said Niu Jianfeng, spokesman of the Zhengzhou Railway Bureau.

The Zhengzhou-Xi'an high-speed railway, included in the country's "Mid- and long-term railway network plan", has been built since 25 Sept, 2005, with a total investment of about 35.31 billion yuan (5.17 billion US dollars), said Niu.

Xinhua



With a speed of 350 kilometres per hour, a high-speed Electric Multiple Unit (EMU) train is on test operation en route from Xi'an to Zhengzhou, in Tongguan, northwest China's Shaanxi Province, on 4 Feb, 2010.

XINHUA



Two folk dancers perform breathtaking lion dance on knives at a downtown arena in Nanning, south China's Guangxi Zhuang autonomous region on 6 Feb, 2010. The folk dance was a prelude of a series of cultural celebrations for the Chinese traditional Spring Festival, or new year on Chinese lunar calendar. —XINHUA

Russia, NATO pledge to cement ties

Moscow, 7 Feb—Russia and NATO reiterated their willingness to strengthen cooperation as both sides have seen a thaw in ties, the Russian Foreign Ministry said on Saturday.

Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov and NATO Secretary General Anders Fogh Rasmussen met on Sat-

urday on the sidelines of a major security conference in the German city of Munich.

They vowed "to develop political dialogue and practical cooperation within the Russia-NATO Council," the ministry said, adding that they also discussed the situation in Afghanistan as well as other regional and international issues.

Russia-NATO rela-

tions sunk to a Cold War-style chill following a brief war between Russia and Georgia in August 2008.

But ties between NATO and Moscow have improved significantly in recent months. In a sign that their relations have returned to the pre-conflict level, Russia and NATO resumed contacts within the Russia-NATO Council early December. —Xinhua

All Items from Xinhua News Agency

Two planes collide in Colorado, killing at least three

LOS ANGELES, 7 Feb—Two small planes collided in Colorado on Saturday, killing at least three people, authorities said.

The three dead came from both of the planes that crashed, Boulder County sheriff's office spokesman Rick Brough said. But there was no immediate information on how many people were flying in each of the planes. Previous reports said two people were killed in the collision.

The accident involved a plane towing a glider and another aircraft, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) said. One of the aircraft clipped the towline of the plane that was pulling the glider, FAA spokeswoman Laura Brown said. The glider, described as a sailplane, apparently disconnected after the collision and landed safely a short time later. —Xinhua

Small plane crash kills three in Argentina

BUENOS AIRES, 7 Feb—A small plane crashed in western Argentina on Saturday, killing all three people aboard, civil defence authorities said.

The aircraft crashed in a mountainous area, some 80 km southwest of the capital city of Mendoza Province, a civil defence official said. Two people were killed on the spot and a third died of injuries in hospital. The cause of the accident was still under investigation, the official said. A preliminary probe showed the plane hit a hillside due to the pilot's error.

Xinhua

Yemen kills at least 11 rebels in Saada

SANAA, 7 Feb—Yemeni military forces have killed at least 11 Shiite rebels and wounded others in clashes across the northern province of Saada, a military-run website reported on Saturday. According to the report, the army troops killed five militants when they attempted to sneak into some sites in al-Maqash and al-Aqab in Saada Province.

The report also said another six rebels were killed and unknown others wounded when the troops of the armed forces repelled an infiltration attempt by those rebels into Daris hill, in Saada.

The Houthi elements shelled with mortar in the house of Sheikh Othman Majly in Saada, causing the death of five citizens. —Xinhua

State of emergency declared in Colombian city over dengue outbreak

BOGOTA, 7 Feb—A state of emergency has been declared in the Colombian city of Cali, capital of western Cauca Province, after the outbreak of hemorrhagic dengue killed nine people there, according to the country's health department.

At least 1,247 dengue

cases have been found in Cauca, and 162 of the victims are in a serious condition, said the Department of Health.

Dengue fever is common in many Central American and Caribbean countries. Its symptoms include high fever, nausea, rashes, backache and headache. —Xinhua



Members of a rescue team work in the area where a helicopter crashed in Restauracion, Dominican Republic. The helicopter, believed to be involved in aid operations in Haiti, crashed late Thursday in the western Dominican Republic, killing two men who were aboard. —XINHUA

Hailing the 63rd Anniversary Union Day

Chin State in blossom with developments, peace and prosperity

Article: Tin Win Lay (Kyimyindine); Photos: Khin Maung Win (Kyemon)

Myanmar suffered miseries of over 40 years in stability due to evil legacy of the colonialists that had enslaved Myanmar for over 100 years, and then it became backward and bankrupt in all aspects.

The Myanmar Tatmadaw that had saved the country and the people whenever there was a crisis in successive eras safeguarded the motherland. All the people are enjoying peace, stability and security.

Since its assumption of the State duties, the Tatmadaw Government has been striving for development of the nation day in, day out. The government has made peace with 17 major national race armed groups and many small armed groups. The government fulfilled the requirements of economic, education, health, transport and social sectors for the national brethren.

With a view to narrowing the development gap among the States and Divisions, the government designated 24 special development regions. Due to the five rural development tasks, equitable progress can be witnessed in all States and Divisions including rural and border areas.

Chin State is located in the northwest part of Myanmar, between north latitude 20°40' and 24° and between east longitude 92°36' and 94°09'. The region, with an area of 13,907 square miles, is home to Chin national races, Mro, Khami and Bamar national races.

Chin State has plentiful mountain ranges and a few plain regions. Mountain ranges are stretching from the north to the south. Chin State has valleys and basins among the mountain ranges. Manipura River is the artery of Chin State. Mount Victoria (or) Khornusum, 10,200 feet high, is the highest in Chin State.

Chin State is constituted with Falam and Mindat districts. Falam District is formed with Haka, Falam, Tiddim, Tonzang, Thantlang, Kyikha and Reed townships. Mindat, Kanpetlet, Paletwa, Matupi, Rezwa townships are located in the area of Mindat District. Over 540,000 people are residing together in 1389 villages of 471 village-tracts of Chin State.

Agriculture and Economy

In the geographical conditions, a lot of "V" shape valleys can be seen in Chin State. The local people grow crops on hillsides. The sown acreage of the State could extend to 312,923 as the Tatmadaw Government built Liva Dam to benefit 500 acres of farmlands

**Haka General Hospital, a reliable health facility for local people.**

in Falam Township on 6 April 1994, constructed small dams in villages and reclaimed highland farmlands. Therefore, the local farmers can cultivate paddy, beans, maize, edible oil crops and other various kinds of crops.

Chin State is blessed with fertile soil and favourable weather for growing tea. In accord with the guidance that Chin State must be tea state, the local growers focus on cultivation of tea. Up to 2009, the local farmers and departmental personnel have put 20,196 acres of land under tea plants. In compliance with the guidance of the Head of State, a total of 65,030 mythuns are being bred on a commercial scale in the state. Actually, the national people in Chin State are enjoying fruits of developing socio-economy.

Education

The government is implementing the short- and long-term plans in the education sector. The international standard human resources are being turned out in line with the 20-year plan by applying modern technology. The government is giving priority to

creating the equitable learning opportunity for the hilly and plain regions of the State with the aim of enabling all the citizens to learn basic education and continuously turning out intellectuals and intelligentsia.

Due to an increase in the number of enthusiasts to pursue education, all Basic Education Primary, Middle and High Schools are extended with branches and post-primary schools. At present, Chin State opens 1590 basic education schools in all regions.

Universities in Kalay and Monywa Districts of Sagaing Division, included in the 24 special development regions for Chin State and other universities in Magway Division, are ready to provide higher education to those who have passed the matriculation examination. Students in Falam District are pursuing education at Kalay University, Technological University, University of Computer Studies and training schools of the Ministry of Science and Technology in Kalay District. Likewise, (See page 7)

**Tea plantations seen on hillside in Chin State.****Development of Chin State in the time of Tatmadaw Government**

No.	Subject	Unit	1988	2009	Progress
1.	Arable land	acre	207957	312932	104975
2.	Dam	number	16	37	21
3.	Forest reserve	sq/mile	605	645.10	40.10
4.	Protected public forest	sq/mile	-	1386.411	1386.411
5.	Motor road	miles	695	1094.3	399.3
6.	Above 180-foot bridge	number	2	5	3
7.	Post office	office	29	50	21
8.	Telegraphic office	office	11	24	13
9.	Telephone office	office	8	29	21
10.	Microwave station	station	-	6	6
11.	Hydrpower plant	plant	4	17	13
12.	Private factory	factory	343	540	197
13.	Basic education school	school	1090	1590	500
14.	Government Technical Institute	institute	-	1	1
15.	Hospital	number	18	24	6

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Chin State in blossom with developments, peace and prosperity

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Manhsaung Bridge across Manipura River linking Tiddim and Laitwi in Chin State.

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the students in Mindat District can pursue higher education at universities and colleges in Pakokku of Magway Division and training courses being conducted by the Ministry of Science and Technology. As a result, the number of graduates is increasing in the state, and most of them are discharging duty as teachers in their regions.

In the near future, Government Technical School (Haka) of Technical and Vocational Education Depart-

ment under the Ministry of Science and Technology will be opened on Falam-Haka Road, west of Haka.

Communication

Communication towers can be seen in various townships of Chin State to connect with the telephone networks of the Union as well as the world. As of March 2008, the local people of Haka can use GSM phones and those of Mindat, CDMA-450 phones. In March 2009, new auto-exchanges were put into service in Mindat, Matupi and Thantlang and a total of 75 PCO phones were installed in the urban areas. Thanks to construction

and the Ministry of Construction upgraded the local roads for better transportation in the state.

Kattal Bailey Suspension Bridge, 385 feet long and 14 feet wide, was built near Kattal Village of Tiddim Township in 1995 and it was inaugurated on 20 April 2002.

The government commenced construction of the steel frame bailey cable suspension Manhsaung Bridge across Manipura River to link Tiddim and Laitwi on the road to Reed Lake of Tiddim, at the border of Tiddim and Reedkhorda Townships on 1 December 2002 by spending K 141.6 million and opened it successfully on 20 March 2005.

Moreover, the 340 feet long and 34 feet wide Var Bridge with three-foot-wide pedestrian way on either side, across Manipura River, was built on Kalay-Falam-Haka Road in Falam Township on 1 October 2005, and the facility was put into service for the local people on 12 February 2007.

The region has been equipped with 286 miles and three furlongs long tarred road, 277 miles and seven furlongs long gravel road and 480 miles long earth road.

In addition, the plan is under way to construct five highways for all-season use in Chin State—124-mile Kalay-Falam-Haka Road, 86-mile Gangaw-Haka Road, 173-mile and 2-furlong Mindat-Matupi-Rezwa-Haka Road, 57-mile and one-furlong Thaingngin-Tiddim-Reedkhorda Road and 80-mile Tiddim-Tonzang-Kyikha Road.

In the year 2010, a special plan is being imple-

Projects to be implemented for development of Chin State

No.	Subject	Location	Remark
1.	Electric Power Project Liva relay hydropower plant	Falam	0-7 megawatt
2.	Transport 124-mile Kalay-Falam-Haka Road 86-mile Gangaw-Haka Road 173-mile and 3-furlong Mindat-Matupi-Rzwa-Haka Road 57-mile and 1-furlong Thaingngin-Tiddim-Reedkhorda Road 80-mile Tiddim-Tonzang-Kyikha Road	-	Roads are being maintained for use of all the year round.
3.	Education Government Technical High School	Tiddim	It will be opened.

ment under the Ministry of Science and Technology will be opened on Falam-Haka Road, west of Haka.

Health

Chin State is equipped with 24 hospitals and 14 station hospitals with the assignment of 83 specialists, 197 assistant surgeons and over 1300 nurses to provide health care services to the local people.

The whole state has one 100-bed general hospital in Haka, one 100-bed general hospital in Mindat, one 200-bed general hospital in Falam, township hospitals in Tiddim, Tonzang, Thantlang, Matupi, Kanpetlet and Paletwa townships in addition to 46 rural health centres.

As part of efforts to uplift the health standard of the region, the 100-bed Haka Hospital is being upgraded to the 200-bed facility and Tiddim 50-bed hospital to the 100-bed facility. These hospitals will be inaugurated soon. As such, it is obvious that the government is placing emphasis on health sector of

of TV re-transmission stations, the local people can enjoy the programmes of TV Myanmar and Myawady TV.

Transport

Due to prevalence of peace and stability, roads and bridges have emerged one after another. Therefore, remarkable progress can be seen in education, health, economic and social sectors of the local people.

Special Bridge Construction Group of the Ministry of Construction built inter-district roads and inter-village roads in addition to bridges and Union Highways as the road networks.

Once, there were two bridges—the 270-foot Natzang Bridge in Tonzang Township and the 240-foot Lemyo Bridge in Matupi Township. Out of 757 miles long roads, most of the facilities were of earthen type.

At present, the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs

mented to construct a 43 miles and seven furlongs long new road for Chin State dwellers to have easy access to other regions at anytime.

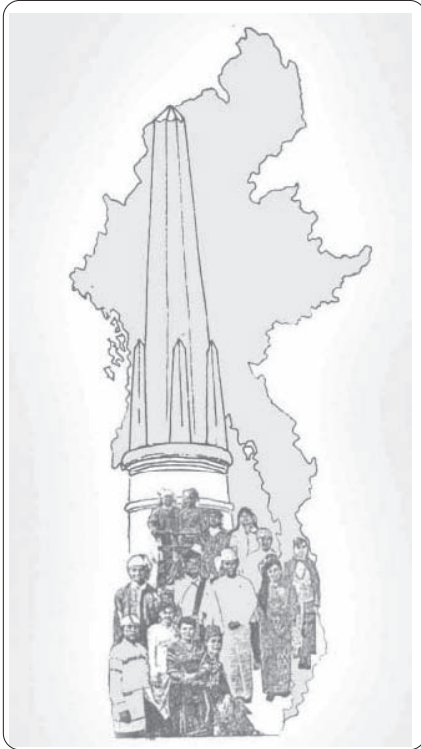
On his inspection tour of Shan State in April 2002, Head of State Senior General Than Shwe gave guidance, saying that **being close relatives and brethren, the government was looking after the health and wealth of all the national people residing in 14 States and Divisions. The Government is making all-out efforts to serve the interests of the national races and to ensure a brighter future of them. All races living in the Union are Myanmar nationals. The Government has no will to discriminate against any national races and wants to lead them towards prosperity.** Thanks to loving-kindness and genuine goodwill of the Head of State, the local people in Chin State are enjoying fruits of all-round development.

Translation: TTA



Chin State MPT in Tiddim contributing to local people to have easy access to communication networks of the nation.

Hailing the 63rd Anniversary Union Day

Bounden duty of all national races of the Union*Shwe Ein Si*

Perpetuation of independence and sovereignty is essential for every country. So, Union Spirit is at the heart of the nation. **A union is a land formed with states and divisions under the administration of the central government.** In other words, it is a land where all national people make their home through thick and thin. Union Spirit is nationalistic spirit (the spirit of national solidarity), with which the entire national people must equip themselves strongly.

The Union of Myanmar is located in Indochina Peninsula, Southeast Asia, and it has stood as a sovereign, independent nation for thousands of years. With an area of 261,228 square miles, the nation is 582 miles wide between east and west and 1275 miles long between south and north. It shares its borderline with its neighbours for 3808 miles. Its coast is 1385 miles long from the source of the Naff River in the northern part and Bayintnaung Bay in the southern part. It has over 14,000 square miles

between the coast and beaches and the exclusive economic zone. Myanmar is blessed with the politically, economically and socially strategic location, temperate climate pattern, rich natural resources and human resources. Therefore, perpetuation of sovereignty is the most indispensable national policy of the nation.

More than 100 national races such as Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Bamar, Mon, Rakhine, Shan, Jinhaw, Wa, Palaung, Leshu, Naga, Rawan, Akha, Danu, PaO, Kayan, Myo, and Taungyo have been living with amicable relationships in the Union of Myanmar for thousands of years. There is slight difference between their religious faiths, cultures, customs and traditions, but all national races have shared the common nature of leading a peaceful life and peaceful coexistence along with bravery, uprightness, honesty and hospitality from time immemorial. Our ancestors preserved and safeguarded their monarchy, sovereignty, law, literature and culture throughout Tagaung, Srikestra, Bagan, Innwa, Sagaing, Pinya, Toungoo, Konbaung and Yadanabon periods. In retrospect, King Anawrahta unified the whole country into the First Myanmar Empire in Bagan Period; King Bayintnaung, the Second Myanmar Empire in

Toungoo Period; and King Alaungphaya, the Third Myanmar Empire in Konbaung Period. In the process, the visionary kings effectively mobilized the consolidated unity of all national races, as a fine tradition.

The history of the independence struggles revealed that only with the consolidated unity, did national races fight back the British troops to throw off the fetters of colonial rule. And only with the strong sense of Union Spirit, could all national races show significant resilience in grappling with the strategy the British exercised to prolong its colonial rule over the nation by stirring up problems designed to undermine the national unity, and sowing hatred and doubts between the mainland and hilly regions. Even at the last moment when the colonialists did not have any other choice except to grant independence to Myanmar, they plotted to set aside highlands. Therefore, national brethren made their unanimous demand to regain independence of the whole nation, by reaching an agreement in Panglong on 12 February 1947. Rekindling the vigour of the Union, the people managed to regain independence that had been lost to the colonialists for more than 100 years. The strong sense of national people's Union

Spirit conceived in Panglong served as a driving force behind the struggle to achieve the independence. And with the consolidated unity, the entire brethren have been able to safeguard the motherland.

In his message to mark the 57th Anniversary Union Day, Head of State Senior General Than Shwe said that **learning invaluable lessons that the nation was strong with high economic growth rate due to consolidated national unity and the nation became weak with less development due to disintegration of national solidarity, the State Peace and Development Council laid down the National Policy "Non-disintegration of the Union, Non-disintegration of national solidarity, and**

Perpetuation of sovereignty" in its bid to build national unity by ensuring national reconsolidation and flourishing of Union Spirit.

Since 18 September 1988 on which it took over State duties unavoidably, the Tatmadaw government has put national reconsolidation to the forefront. As a result, the government managed to settle the internal conflicts that persisted over 40 years, following the regaining of independence. In its time, the Tatmadaw government managed to make peace with 17 major national race armed groups and many other small groups, thereby improving the life quality of local people. With the aim of shaping the nation (See page 9)

Poem**Only the unity**

- * **Kith and kin in harmony**
People of the Union
Any enemy they never yield to
Fear never they for having unity
Defeating every enemy
In the 550 Jatakas also
Small creatures with united strength
Defeating the bully elephant
Till it fell down into ravine
to its death
- * **Intellectual power**
Excels physical power
Victorious Union people
Also our brethren
Warding off all attacks
The aggressive colonialists
Are launching with
Greed, ego and hegemony
So, the Union of ours
Will be consolidated forever

(Hailing the 63rd Anniversary Union Day)
 U Aung Mon (M.A) (Trs)

*** Today, neo-colonialists are resorting to all possible ways and means and tactics and driving a wedge among national races to undermine national unity, and disrupt the nation's political, economic and social development.**

*** Who will guard the Union for its perpetuity that we have built, except us?**

Hailing the 63rd Anniversary Union Day

Bounden duty of all national races of the Union

Shwe Ein Si

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into a peaceful, modern one, the government is now working hard to introduce the Union system and the discipline-flourishing multiparty democracy system and strengthen the market economy.

In order to implement such prudent plans for a prosperous future and development of the nation, the entire national people on their part have to do their bit. Only then will the Union be able to enjoy development.

The government formed the Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races on 24 September 1992 with a view to expediting the tasks with Union Spirit for further progress of border areas and national

racers. On 30 January 1994, the government reconstituted the ministry into the Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs. The Head of State chairs the Central Committee for Progress of Border Areas and National Races.

The Project for Development of Border Areas and National Races covers 22 regions of 68 townships with a total area of 83,415.34 square miles. Besides, the government has adopted the 24-region Special Development Project for equitable development of all parts of the Union, and has improved all infrastructures for all-round development of the Myanmar society.

The government put into action the 15-year plan

(1999-2000 to 2014) as a national duty to ward off the over-100-year evil legacy of narcotic drugs in border areas the colonialists left on purpose. The initial purpose of the plan is to enable local people to get alternative livelihoods. It is now trying its best to achieve the goal in order that the whole nation will be free from narcotic drugs by 2014.

Now, there have been signs of progress in exploiting natural resources, human resources and manmade resources for strengthening the national economy.

Today, the whole country has enjoyed development at the unprecedented level. In the agricultural sector, the major productivity of the

nation, the total sown acreage has increased to 56.9 million; the number of river-water pumping stations, 322; that of number of dams, to 228; and underground water tapping stations, to 8001. So far, the government has established 18 industrial zones across the nation, and the number of State-owned factories has surged to 768, and that of private-owned factories, to over 118,000. There is a growing number of transport facilities in both rural and urban areas. Now, the total length of roads has gone up to 41,700 miles, that of the rural roads, to over 39,400 miles, and that of railroads, to 4338 miles. With 18 river-spanning bridges, 233 above-180-foot bridges, 55 rail bridges, and 37 airports, the nation has begun to enjoy smooth transport and swift commodity flow.

It gives top priority to national reconsolidation, community peace, and the rule of law in its bid to transform the nation into a peaceful, modern and developed one. It has been implementing the five rural development programmes for ensuring equitable development of all regions, and narrowing the development gap between rural and urban areas.

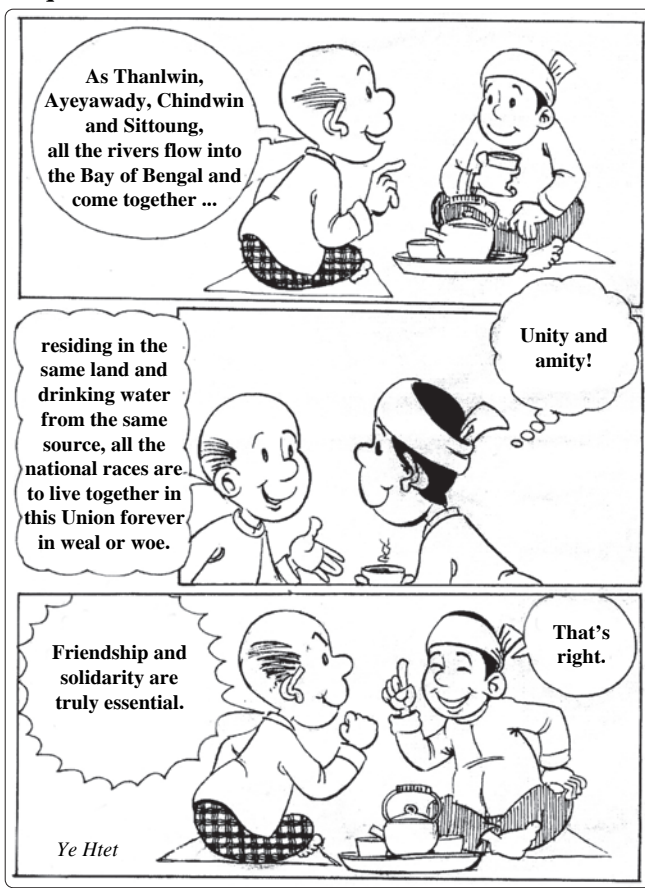
Furthermore, the government has brought the number of universities and colleges to 159; basic education schools, to 40,679; post-primary schools, to 6601; affiliated middle and high schools, to 1723; and affiliated high schools and branch high schools, to 1092 for human resource development that is crucial for boosting productivity of the nation.

It opened the University for Development of National Races in Ywathitkyi, Sagaing Division, on 10 June 1991; the Nationality Youths Development Degree College (Yangon)

63rd Anniversary Union Day Objectives

- * For all national races to uphold the national policy—non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity, and perpetuation of sovereignty
- * To boost the sense of Union Spirit of the national people
- * To defend and safeguard the Union with consolidated unity of all national races against dangers posed to disrupt State stability and development by internal and external subversives
- * For all national races to work harder to build a modern, developed, discipline-flourishing democratic nation in line with the State Constitution approved with the great majority of the ballot
- * For all national races to make concerted efforts for successful accomplishment of the seven-step Road Map

Requirement



on 15 June 2000; and the Nationality Youths Development Degree College (Mandalay) on 12 July 2000. As to the health sector, the government has set up 884 hospitals and 16 universities of paramedical science so as to provide better health care to national people.

It is therefore required of every national to cultivate a strong sense of Union Spirit wherever they live in the Union. Indeed, Union Spirit is exactly the patriotic spirit all national races must uphold forever.

Today, neo-colonialists are resorting to all possible ways and means and tactics and driving a wedge among national races to undermine national unity, and disrupt the nation's political, economic and social development.

Who will guard the Union for its perpetuity

that we have built, except us?

Who will cope with internal and external subversives trying to jeopardize State stability and peace and development except us?

Who will preserve and safeguard national prestige and integrity of the Union except us?

Today, the entire people of the Union have to remain united with a strong sense of nationalistic fervour. If the people of all generations adhere to national solidarity and Union Spirit, the nation will be able to overcome any forms of internal and external destructive acts. Therefore, I would like to exhort all people to shoulder in concert the national duties to meet the national goal of the national bretheren—to build a discipline-flourishing modern, developed nation.

Translation: MS



Lt-Gen Tin Aye presses button to open the stone inscription.

MNA

Lt-Gen Tin Aye attends...

(from page 16)

Next, he viewed documentary photos of the school and teaching aid displayed at the hall.

At the ceremony, Lt-Gen Tin Aye explained

efforts of the State Peace and Development Council for realizing the vision on Myanmar education.

The commander and the director-general of Education Planning and Training Department made speeches.

Wellwishers donated stationery, computers and cash to the school through the headmistress.

On behalf of the locals, the chairman of SBT spoke words of thanks.

After the ceremony, Lt-Gen Tin Aye and party cordially greeted those present.

In the 2009-2010 academic year, the government upgraded BEHS (Branch) to BEHS in Htongyi Model Village.—MNA



Ceremony to upgrade Htongyi Model Village BEHS in progress.—MNA

Measures for control of H1N1 New Influenza in full swing

Eight more patients found with A/H1N1

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Feb—According to the information that infectious sign of fever and flu occur was found at some children at the student boarding in Ward 43 of Dagon Myothit (North) Township, Yangon Division, the disease control team of Yangon Division Health Department, recently made a field trip to inspect the infectious of fever, search the new patients, give effective treatments and conduct the laboratory research. The team approved that New Influenza A/H1N1 was found at eight patients.

The patients are kept in quarantine and are undergoing treatment at Waibagi Specialist Hospital. Measures of disease control are being taken by scanning those who are in contact with the patients. Now, the patients are in good condition.

The Ministry of Health urged the people to follow the preventive measures against the virus in order to avoid spread of virus in the public and to take part in the campaign to prevent the diseases.—MNA

Paper-reading session on historical evidences commences

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Feb—A paper-reading session on historical evidences, organized by the Ministry of Culture, was held at its hall, here, this morning, with an address by Vice-Chairman of Myanmar National Culture Committee Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint.

Director-General U Sann Win of Archaeology, National Museum

and Library Department explained the purpose of holding the paper-reading session.

Vice-Chairman of Myanmar Historical Commission Dr Toe Hla and Secretary Dr Kyaw Win, member Dr Khin Maung Nyunt and archaeologist U Myint Aung presided over the session. Lecturer U Win Kyaing of Archaeological Technology Training School (Pyay)

and Deputy Principal of the training school (Pyay) U Naing Win, Deputy Director U Myat Swe of Archaeology, National Museum and Library Department (North) and Assistant Director U Myo Nyunt Aung of the department (Bagan Branch) submitted their papers and replied to the queries.

Later, the minister gave instructions on the papers.—MNA

Fire breaks out in Minbya

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Feb—A fire broke out on Aungthitsar Street in Auk-ywa-baing Ward in Minbya, Rakhine State, at 1.15 pm on 4 February, burning down 15 houses and leaving 15 households, homeless.

A house caught fire from a stove with embers in it when the case took place. The fire was put out at about 1.40 pm the same day.

The victims are being accommodated and provided with relief supplies at a rescue camp.

MNA

Vice-Chairman of Myanmar National Culture Committee Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint speaking at paper-reading session on historical evidences.—MNA



Mudslides sweep away cars, assault homes near LA

LA CANADA FLINTRIDGE, 7 Feb — Thunderous mudslides damaged dozens of homes, swept away cars and pushed furniture into the streets of the foothills north of Los Angeles on Saturday as intense winter rain poured down mountains denuded by a summer wildfire.

No injuries were reported but residents and emergency responders were caught off guard by the unpredicted ferocity of the storm, which damaged more than 40 homes and dozens of vehicles.

Some 540 homes were eventually evacuated at the foot of the San Gabriel Mountains after heavy rains overflowed debris basins, carried away cement barricades and filled houses with mud and rocks.

Another 300 homes to the east in Sierra Madre were evacuated for much of the day, but residents were told they could return home on Saturday night when another wave of rain proved tame. Flash flood warnings for foothill areas also were called off.—Internet



A Los Angeles County Fire Department Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) member, carries a 91-year-old woman from her flood-damaged home on Ocean View Boulevard on 6 Feb, 2010 in La Canada Flintridge, Calif.—INTERNET

Six killed at bar in cartel-plagued Mexican state

CULIACAN, 7 Feb—Gunmen killed six people at a bar on Saturday in the northern state of Sinaloa, a drug-violence hotspot, state prosecutors said.

At least three gunmen walked into Las Herraduras bar in the resort city of Mazatlan early on Saturday and opened fire, killing a customer and two waiters, said Martin Gatelum, spokesman for the Sinaloa state prosecutor's office.

A taxi driver and a night watchman were killed outside the bar, where the assailants also shot to death a hostage who had led them to the bar, Gatelum said.

Sinaloa, Mexico's drug-smuggling heartland, is the birthplace of the leaders of four of the six major cartels.

In the border city of Ciudad Juarez, authorities on Saturday announced the arrest of a second suspect in last week's massacre of 15 people, many of them teenagers with no known criminal ties.

Xinhua

China's railways send 5 mln passengers by 6 Feb

BEIJING, 7 Feb—China's railway network has transported 5.03 million passengers as of 6 Feb, the eighth day of the country's annual Spring Festival transport peak lasting from 30 Jan, to 10 March this year, said the Ministry of Railway (MOR) on Sunday. The

figure was 105,000 more than that in the same time last year, up 2.1 percent year on year, according to the MOR.

Beijing railways have transported 347,418 passengers by 6 Feb, and the figures in Guangzhou and Shanghai stood at 576,710 and

325,190, the MOR said.

The MOR had forecasted in January that China's railways were expected to transport 210 million passengers during the Lunar New Year travel rush, up 9.5 percent year on year.

Xinhua

House fire in Warwick, RI, kills five, including baby

WARWICK, 7 Feb — A house fire that officials said might have simmered undetected for hours on Saturday killed five people, including a mother and her 7-month-old baby, in one of Rhode Island's deadliest blazes since a 2003 fire at a crowded

nightclub killed 100 people.

Firefighters found the victims unconscious and severely burned on the second floor of a single-family house in a residential neighbourhood, Warwick Fire Chief Kevin Sullivan said. They were called to the

house just after noon by a friend of the victims who was sleeping on the first floor after a late-night party at the home, he said. One horrified neighbour saw a firefighter carry the baby out the house in his arms.

Xinhua



A giant rag doll measuring 16 feet high hangs from a crane in the Cuban town of Camaguey. It took thirteen people nine months to construct the doll. The creators hope that the doll will be included in the Guinness Book of Records as the tallest.

Five tigers discovered in Indonesian man backyard

Indonesian authorities have found five tigers in a backyard of Indonesian man who have illegally raised the endangered species for years in Tangerang, an outskirt city of Jakarta, a media reported here Saturday.

Director of Forest Protection of Forestry Ministry Awriya Ibrahim quoted by the Jakarta globe as saying that the possession of the two adult tigers and

two cubs had been illegal according to the Indonesian law.

All the animal were found on Thursday, he said.

The number of the endangered species of Sumatran tiger has been no more than 400 left in the wild.

Their habitat keep decreasing due to their contact with people particularly in deforestation.

Century-old spirits found in Antarctic

A New Zealand restoration team said they discovered five crates of whisky and brandy buried in the Antarctic for more than a century.

The New Zealand Antarctic Heritage Trust team working to restore Sir Ernest Shackleton's 100-year-old hut at Cape Royds said they discovered three crates of whisky and two crates of brandy left behind by the explorer and his team when they left the Antarctic in 1909, *The Times of London* reported on Friday.

"The unexpected find of the brandy crates, one labelled Charles Mackinlay & Co and the other labelled The Hunter Valley Distillery Limited Allandale are a real bonus," trust official Al Fastier said. "I personally think they must have been left there by mistake because it's hard to believe two crates would have been left under the hut without drinking them."



An eight year-old Belgium shepherd dog wears anti-bite protection on its teeth during a presentation at the Hund 2010, dog exhibition in the town of Winterthur north of Zurich. The anti-bite protection should avoid injuries caused by dog bites.

Mountain lions evade capture in Calif

California wildlife officials said two mountain lions spotted by hikers in a San Mateo county park were tracked by officials but evaded capture.

State Department of Fish and Game warden Patrick Foy said the hikers, two brothers in their early 50s, attempted to ward the mountain lions off with a stick when they encountered the animals on Sunday at Pescadero Creek County Park near La Honda, but the predators stalked them all the way back to their car, the *San Francisco Chronicle* reported on Friday.

Foy said trackers found signs of the mountain lions but were unable to capture them.

"We found actual tracks and our

tracking dogs picked up on the scent right off," Foy said. "It was very obvious to us it was a credible story with real lions. We put the hounds on the ground and they struck a scent immediately.

"Unfortunately, the lions were successful in escaping," Foy said. "There's two aggressive lions ... out there."

County officials said another mountain lion sighting was reported Wednesday in La Honda. It is unknown whether it was one of the same animals.

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Interest in Apple's iPad wanes after launch

SAN FRANCISCO, 7 Feb—The announcement of Apple's tablet iPad and related media hype helped raise the awareness of the new device, but failed to convince consumers to buy one, said a survey released on Friday.

The survey, by online technology shopping site Retrevo, showed that about 48 percent of consumers said they had heard of the Apple tablet before the company formerly unveiled the device. The percentage rose to 82 percent after Apple announced the long-anticipated iPad on 27 Jan and said shipping will begin from March.

According to Retrevo, the results were based on study of more than 1,000 randomly selected users.

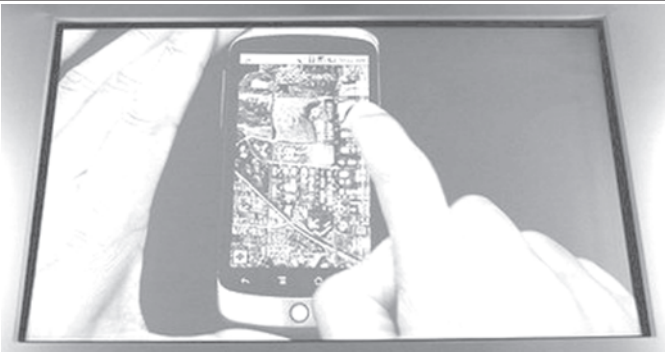
The survey also found that the number of respondents saying they had heard about the tablet but were not interested in buying one doubled from 26 percent before the announcement to about 52 percent following the launch.—Xinhua

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G7 financial ministers meet on global economic stability, balanced development

IQALUIT, 7 Feb—G7 financial ministers met on Friday in Iqaluit, Canada's Arctic circle city, to discuss cooperation on global economic and financial stability and balanced development ahead of the G8 and G20 summits in June.

Canadian Minister of Finance Jim Flaherty said before the meeting that the G7 cannot play the leading role it once did, but it will continue to evolve in an ever-changing world while contributing, through frank and open discussion, to a more stable and prosperous world for all.—Xinhua



A screen shot of the Google Earth application on the Google Nexus One smartphone, on the Android platform, is shown on a news conference at Google headquarters in Mountain View, California. Google Earth mapping service is letting people use the Internet to dive into the world's oceans or see the ruin that World War II bombings rained on European cities.—INTERNET

Egypt signs off on Apache oil deals

CAIRO, 7 Feb—Cairo announced it signed formal agreements with US oil and gas explorer Apache for prospecting rights in the deserts in the west of the country.

"Sameh Fahmi" Sameh Fahmi, Egypt's Petroleum Minister, said Apache plans to drill 13 oil wells in the Western Desert in a deal estimated at \$39 million, the Egypt State Information Service reports.

Apache announced in January its latest discovery near the Libyan border tested at a rate of 5,085 barrels of oil and 130,000 cubic feet of natural gas per day.

The discovery is in line with a series of successful explorations for the company in the Faghur

Basin in Egypt's Western Desert.

Rod Eichler, the president at Apache, said the trends in the region could bring production to 20,000 barrels of oil per day

by the third quarter of 2010, doubling the current volume. He said his company estimates the region holds as much as 50 million barrels of oil equivalent.—Internet



Ke Kaishen, the only survivor of the sunken boat off Moluccas islands, arrives at the Soekarno-Hatta International Airport in Jakarta, capital of Indonesia, on 5 Feb, 2010. Indonesian rescuers ended the search on 4 Feb. Twenty-three people, including 20 Chinese, are still missing.—XINHUA

Chinese sales boosts luxury goods market in 2009

PARIS, 7 Feb—Despite the economic crisis, 2009 ended better than it began for the French luxury goods sector, thanks largely to China's growing taste for high-end products, encouraging thoughts of a better 2010.

Following the trend set by other global luxury brands, Hermes and LVMH (Louis Vuitton Moet Hennessy) announced fourth quarter sales growth on Thursday and Friday, suggesting the worst of the crisis could be over for the sector.

After announcing that annual profits fell 13 percent to 1.7 billion euros

(2.3 billion dollars), LVMH chief executive Bernard Arnault said he was pleased with "record" sales figures for December, which he said would "grow in January".

Good news for the

number one global luxury group after almost stagnant sales in the first three quarters, slowed by wholesale stock clearances, which particularly affected watches, jewellery and champagne.—Internet

12 pct of recent vets unemployed

WASHINGTON, 7 Feb—Veterans of the Afghan and Iraq Wars are more likely to be unemployed than non-veterans, while the foreign-born and disabled are more likely to be jobless than the general population.

These figures were included for the first time on Friday in the Labour Department's monthly employment report. Overall, the report included mildly positive news: the nation's jobless rate fell to 9.7 percent in January from 10 percent.

For veterans who have served since September 2001, joblessness is higher: 12.6 percent, compared to 10.4 percent for non-vets. Both groups have higher rates than the national total because the figures aren't seasonally adjusted.

When veterans from all other periods are included, the picture is brighter: the unemployment rate for all vets is 9.6 percent, below the non-vet rate.

Internet

Minivans drive up auto sales growth in China

BEIJING, 7 Feb—China's automobile market continued its robust growth in January, with sales surging 84 percent from a year earlier, heavily boosted by minivans, China Passenger Car Association said on Friday.

Rao Da, the association's secretary-general, said a total of 1,218,722 cars, sport-utility vehicles, multi-purpose vehicles and minivans were sold last month, an increase of 84.2 percent year-on-year and 5.1 percent from December.

The sales boost was largely driven by the minivan segment, which jumped 88.9 percent year-on-year and 44.4 percent from the previous month. This was mainly a result of subsidies for trade-ins and tax cuts introduced as part of the government's stimulus programme.

Internet



Medvedev urges end to confrontational foreign policies

Moscow, 7 Feb—All countries should abandon confrontational foreign policies and adopt new attitudes to tackling the world's most

pressing problems, Russian President Dmitry Medvedev said here on Friday.

While accepting credentials from several

foreign ambassadors in the Kremlin, Medvedev said old thinking in geopolitics should be replaced.

He also called on nations to effectively address global challenges, including terrorism, food shortages and climate change, while dedicating themselves to the construction of a fair, balanced and stable world.

Xinhua

Romanian exhibit goes look at photos during a photo exhibition on the present Chinese daily lives in Constanta, Romania, on 5 Feb, 2010. A photo exhibition on the present Chinese daily lives, co-held by Romania-China Friendship Association and the Chinese Consulate in Constanta, kicked off in Constanta on Friday. —XINHUA

India to work with other countries on Indian Ocean security

NEW DELHI, 7 Feb—Indian Navy Chief Admiral Nirmal Verma on Friday said India preferred to work together with other countries of the Indian Ocean region rather than assuming a leadership role, reported the local daily *The Hindu* on Saturday.

Verma said that India wanted to come together with other countries "on a constructive level" instead of "coming in as a

headmaster," when he addressed a seminar at a multilateral naval exercise at the Indian Andaman and Nicobar Islands southeast off the Bay of Bengal, said the report.

He was responding to a question on how India would react to an assumption made by the US Defence Department recently that Indian Navy could have greater security role in the Indian

Ocean region, according to the report. Nine foreign ships and delegations from 12 countries including Australia, Brunei, Bangladesh, Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, New Zealand, the Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Vietnam arrived in Andaman and Nicobar Islands on Wednesday for the seventh edition of the joint naval exercise.

Xinhua

Major snowstorm hits US east coast

WASHINGTON, 7 Feb—A blizzard with an expected snowfall of up to 30 inches (76 centimetres) hit US east coast on Friday afternoon and is expected to last through on Saturday, according to US National Weather Service.

It will make it the snowiest winter in Wash-

ington DC for a century, after a record-setting snowstorm dumped more than 16 inches of snow in the capital area less than two months ago.

"The total accumulations of the widespread storm will reach 20 to 30 inches (50 to 76 centimetres), with some locations

in excess of 30 inches," said the service.

"Heavy snow will develop tonight to produce near-blizzard and extremely dangerous winter weather conditions tonight through Saturday morning," the service warned.

Xinhua

Washingtonians walk in the storm in Washington, capital of the United States, on 5 Feb, 2010.

A historic storm started to smother the region under what forecasters say could be more than two feet of snow. —XINHUA



Japan's SDF forces to be sent to Haiti to help peacekeeping operations

TOKYO, 7 Feb—The Cabinet of the government of the Democratic Party of Japan (DPJ) on Friday approved of a plan to send the nation's Self Defence Forces (SDF) to Haiti to help with peacekeeping operations in the quake-hit country.

Some 160 SDF members are set to leave Japan on Saturday to assist in

UN efforts in the Caribbean nation, *Kyodo News* reported.

After a Cabinet meeting, Defence Minister Toshimi Kitazawa ordered the dispatch of the forces through 30 Nov to assist in engineering work in the country, which was devastated by a huge earthquake last month.

He urged the SDF to

"make the most of their technical strength and abundant experience to contribute to the (well being) of the Haitian people." —Xinhua

Yemen tightens security at airports

SANAA, 7 Feb—Yemeni authorities have beefed up security measures at all the country's airports, military-run 26sep.net website reported on Friday.

The measures were taken in line with similar procedures taken by several countries around the world, according to the report.

As part of the new measures, the Yemeni authorities will use advanced inspection systems, the report added without giving further details.

The report noted that the country has recently been awarded a certificate by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), which assures that the procedures taken in the country's airports are in conformity to the international standards on aviation safety. —Xinhua



UNICEF condemns increase of child trafficking in Haiti

PORT-AU-PRINCE, 7 Feb—The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) on Friday condemned the increase of child trafficking in Haiti at a time of grief

and loss after the devastating earthquake on 12 Jan.

UNICEF Executive Director Ann Veneman said during a visit to Haiti that the Haitian judicial system should be in charge of the trial against the 10 Americans who attempted to take 33 Haitian children out of the country without proper documents on 29 Jan.

The increasing number of child trafficking incidents in Haiti at this disastrous time is worrying UNICEF, said Veneman.

Xinhua

Russian cosmonaut Mikhail Kornienko waves before a training session in a pool at the Star City space centre outside Moscow on 5 Feb, 2010. Kornienko is scheduled to fly to the International Space Station (ISS) later this year. —XINHUA

SPORTS

Ferdinand's England captaincy
'will boost United'

MANCHESTER, 7 Feb—Sir Alex Ferguson believes Manchester United can benefit from Fabio Capello's decision to make Rio Ferdinand the new England captain. Ferdinand served the second game of his four-match suspension as United returned to the



Manchester United's
Rio Ferdinand

Redknapp
still looking
on the bright
side of life

LONDON, 7 Feb—Harry Redknapp insists the race to finish in the top four is wide open after Tottenham blew their chance of reclaiming fourth spot in a 0-0 draw with Aston Villa on Saturday. Redknapp's Spurs side had been pushed down to fifth spot following Liverpool's victory over Everton and their failure to overcome Aston Villa at White Hart Lane means they now sit one point behind Rafael Benitez's side.—Internet

top of the table with a 5-0 victory over Portsmouth. The defender, 31, was watching from the stands just 24 hours after taking the England skipper's armband from John Terry, who was stripped of the captaincy by Capello on Friday following allegations about his private life.

Ferguson admits he is proud that a United player will captain England at the World Cup in South Africa later this year and hopes the accolade has a positive effect on Ferdinand's performances during the Premier League title run-in. He said: "We're pleased for him and it's great for Manchester United to have one of our players captaining his country. "Over the years we've had Gary, Bobby Charlton and Bryan Robson for 60-odd games or something so we're very proud of that." Ferguson was happy with the patient display of his team against Avram Grant's strugglers.—Internet



Liverpool's English midfielder Steven Gerrard (L) vies with Everton's Australian midfielder Tim Cahill. —INTERNET

9-man Barcelona secures vital
home win against Getafe

MADRID, 7 Feb—FC Barcelona beat Getafe 2-1 in the Camp Nou Stadium after playing for 65 minutes with a player less. Goals from Leo Messi and Xavi Hernandez gave Barcelona the win, while Roberto Soldado scored a late penalty for the visitors. Barcelona ended with just nine players after defenders Gerard Pique and Rafael Marquez were sent off. Pique was sent off in the first half, while Marquez was shown a red card in virtually the last action of the game.

Barcelona coach Pep Guardiola welcomed midfielder Toure Yaya back into his starting line up following his return from the African Nations Cup. Brazilian full back Maxwell started at right back for Barca after Dani Alves suffered a recurrence of his muscle problem while warming up shortly before kick off, meanwhile recent Getafe signing Miku was in his side's starting 11. Barcelona got off to a perfect start when Leo Messi put them ahead with his 15th goal of the season after just six minutes.

Xinhua

Three-star Robben strikes as Bayern draw level



Bayern Munich's striker
Arjen Robben

BERLIN, 7 Feb—Bayern Munich drew level on points with Bundesliga leaders Bayer Leverkusen on Saturday with a 3-0 win over VfL Wolfsburg as Dutch winger Arjen Robben scored his third goal in consecutive games. With Bayer drawing 1-1 with Bochum, Bayern's eighth straight league win leaves Louis van Gaal's side level with Leverkusen on 45 points and second only on goal difference.—Internet

Benitez expects win to
kick-start Liverpool's season

LIVERPOOL, 7 Feb—Rafa Benitez expects 10-man Liverpool's battling 1-0 win over Merseyside rivals Everton to prove a defining moment in their bid to land a Champions League place. After a dismal run in the first half of the campaign threatened to wreck Liverpool's hopes of securing a top four finish, Benitez's team are now unbeaten in seven league matches and back in the hunt for a European spot. For much of the season, Benitez has been forced to find excuses for Liverpool's failings and at times he has looked in danger of losing his job.

But the spirit in Liverpool's dressing room remains strong judging by the way they recovered from Sotirios Kyrgiakos' first half dismissal to beat Everton thanks to Dirk Kuyt's second half header at Anfield. The game will be remembered as a bad tempered affair, Liverpool forced to play with 10 men for almost an hour after Greek defender Kyrgiakos was sent off for a two-footed challenge on Marouane Fellaini. Fellaini was fortunate not to be red-carded in the same incident after appearing to stamp on Kyrgiakos while Steven Pienaar, who was later dismissed in stoppage time after his second yellow card, escaped after a poor challenge on Javier Mascherano as tempers boiled over at Anfield.—Internet

Stricker takes big lead at Riviera

LOS ANGELES, 7 Feb—Steve Stricker had quite the Hollywood experience during a night out from the Northern Trust Open. He went to a Lakers game on Friday and spent more time watching the stars than players. Denzel Washington in the parking lot. Jack Nicholson courtside, along with George Lopez and one of the Kardashian sisters (he looked it up on the Internet—it was Khloe). In unexpected sunshine on Saturday afternoon at Riviera, Stricker was the star of his own show.

With an impeccable display of wedges and putting during a pivotal stretch in the middle of his round, Stricker turned a one-shot deficit into a five-shot lead in the Northern Trust Open before darkness halted the third round as he faced a 30-foot birdie putt on the 15th hole. "I did a lot of good things," said Stricker, who was at 14-under par. The club-

house leaders were Luke Donald, who shot a bogey-free 66, and JB Holmes, who made one final birdie to finish his 67. They were at 9-under 204, tied with Andres Romero, who was 9 under and in the final group with Stricker.

Internet



Dustin Johnson chips from the rough to the 18th green during the rain-delayed second round of the Northern Trust Open golf tournament at Riviera Country Club in the Pacific Palisades area of Los Angeles, on 6 Feb, 2010.

Johnson sunk the chip for a birdie.—INTERNET

Answers to yesterday's
Crosswords PuzzleAmericans take early Fed Cup
command as Italy labour

PARIS, 7 Feb—Bethanie Mattek-Sands and Melanie Oudin gave the United States a dream start to their Fed Cup World Group first round match against France on Saturday - but holders Italy were finding Ukraine a tough nut to crack. Mattek-Sands and Oudin both won their singles rubbers to put Mary-Joe Fernandez's 17-time champions firmly in the driving seat in the northern French town of Lievin despite the absence of both Williams sisters.

Mattek-Sands, from Rochester, Minnesota and ranked 140th in the world, saw off 65th-ranked opponent Alice Cornet 7-6 (9/7), 7-5, to achieve her first Fed Cup match win before 53rd-ranked Oudin beat tournament debutante Pauline Parmentier, ranked 104, 6-4, 6-4. Cornet's loss left her tournament career mark at 0-6 and she blamed pre-match nerves which hung heavy on her throughout her loss to Mattek-Sands.—Internet



US player Melanie Oudin returns the ball to Pauline Parmentier of France during their Fed Cup tennis tournament match in Lievin, northern France.

INTERNET

Real Madrid coach Pellegrini praises fit again Higuain

MADRID, 7 Feb—Real Madrid coach Manuel Pellegrini praised striker Gonzalo Higuain after the Argentinean marked his return from injury with a goal.

Higuain played the last 20 minutes of his side's comfortable 3-0 win against Espanyol and scored the last goal of the night in the final minute.

He collected Rafael Van der Vaart's pass, rounded Espanyol keeper Carlos Kameni and slotted the ball into the net.

It was the perfect way to celebrate his return following three weeks out with a muscle injury and

answered the criticism of those who had been saying that either Raul or Karim Benzema should always play ahead of him Pellegrini, however, that Higuain would always be in his starting 11 if fit.

"He has never been out of my starting line up. He lost his place because of injury and today it was not convenient for him to have played more time."

"It's not a question of today he has earned a place in the side, he never stopped being first choice," said the Madrid coach in Sunday's edition of sports paper *Diario AS*.—Xinhua



Former star soccer player Edison Arantes do Nascimento, Pele, holds up the FIFA World Cup trophy in Rio de Janeiro, Saturday, 6 Feb, 2010. The trophy is in Rio de Janeiro as part of its nine-month world tour.—INTERNET

MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (8-2-2010) (Monday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	- (09:00am-10:00am) MST
Europe	- (19:30pm-21:30pm) MST
North America	- (23:30pm-07:30am) MST

Local Transmission

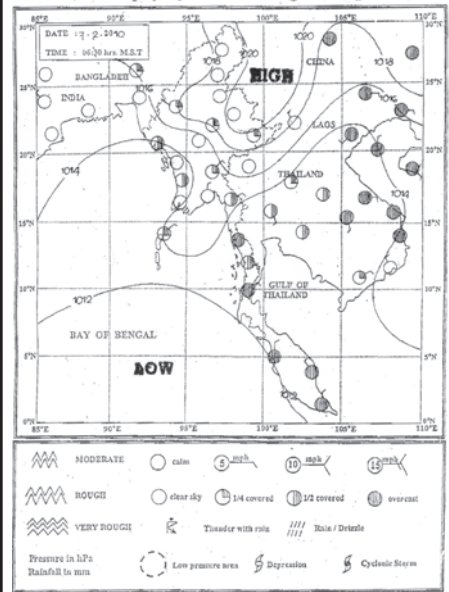
- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
- * Bagan Our Pride and Glory of the Past
- * Union Day Programme; Hundred Fruits from a Common Stem, Our Union (Chin State)
- * Myanmar Movies Impact; Shadows of the Part (2)
- * Arts of Myanmar Traditional Tapestry
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights

Europe/ North America Transmission

- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
- * Bagan Our Pride and Glory of the Past
- * Bamboo-tube Sticky Rice
- * Union Day Programme; Hundred Fruits from a Common Stem, Our Union (Chin State)
- * Myanmar Movies Impact; Shadows of the Part (2)
- * Myanmar Modern Song
- * Arts of Myanmar Traditional Tapestry
- * Myanmar Tigers
- * Fossilized Wood Garden
- * A Little Village of Kyar Ton
- * National Dance
- * Hunter's Hill
- * Expedition of Rare Crocodile Species Inhabiting In Fresh And Seawaters (Part-2)
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights

Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Sunday, 7th February, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kachin and Rakhine States, upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions and generally fair in the remaining areas. Night temperatures were (7°C) to (9°C) below February average temperatures in Chin State, (5°C) to (6°C) below February average temperatures in Shan State, Mandalay and Bago Divisions, (3°C) to (4°C) below February average temperatures in Kachin, Rakhine and Kayin States, Sagaing, Magway and Yangon Divisions, (5°C) to (6°C) above February average temperatures in Mon State and Taninthayi Division and about February average temperatures in the remaining States and Divisions. The significant night temperatures were Haka (-3°C), Loilem (-2°C), Namsan and Lashio (1°C) each, Pinlaung (3°C) and Putao (4°C).

Maximum temperature on 6-2-2010 was 96°F. Minimum temperature on 7-2-2010 was 59°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 7-2-2010 was 66%. Total sun shine hours on 6-2-2010 was (9.2) hours approx.

Rainfall on 7-2-2010 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (Tr) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and (Nil) at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from Southwest at (21:30) hours MST on 6-2-2010.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 8th February 2010: Weather will be partly cloudy in Kachin State, upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions and generally fair in the remaining areas.

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

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

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 8-2-2010: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 8-2-2010: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 8-2-2010: Generally fair weather.

Myanmar



Monday, 8
February
View on today

7:00 am

1. တောင်တန်းသာသနာပြု ဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၏ ဝရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am

2. To Be Healthy Exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning News

7:40 am

4. မြတ်ဗုဒ္ဓတော်သခင် (သန့်မြတ်စိုးတေးရေး-မောင်မောင်လတ်)

7:45 am

5. Nice & Sweet Song

8:00 am

6. Cute Little Dancers

8:15 am

7. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:30 am

8. (၆၃)နှစ်မြောက်ပြည်ထောင်စုနေ့ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်

8:40 am

9. International News

8:50 am

10. မြောင်းမြမြို့နယ်ကျက်သရေဆောင်ကြီးတံတားက အလှူဂုဏ်ဆောင်

4:00 pm

1. Martial Song

4:10 pm

2. Dance Variety

4:15 pm

3. Musical Programme (The Radio Myanmar Modern Music Troupe)

4:25 pm

4. (၆၃)နှစ်မြောက်ပြည်ထောင်စုနေ့ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်

4:40 pm

5. ဟာဝေဒူနီ၊ တက္ကသိုလ်ဝင်စာမေးပွဲဘာသာရပ်ဆိုင်ရာသင်ခန်းစာ (ရူပဗေဒဘာသာရပ်)

5:15 pm

6. Songs For Uphold National Spirit

5:20 pm

7. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစကား

5:35 pm

8. (၆၃)နှစ်မြောက်ပြည်ထောင်စုနေ့ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်

5:45 pm

9. စူပါတေးသံရှင်ရွေးချယ်ပွဲ

6:00 pm

10. Evening News

6:15 pm

11. Weather Report

6:20 pm

12. Sing & Enjoy

6:40 pm

13. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "အဆိပ်သင့်တဲ့အချစ်" (အပိုင်း-၃၂)

7:30 pm

14. "ပြည်ထောင်စုစိတ်ဝါတ် မမြတ်ရန်သန်ခိုင်မာရန်မှာ နှိပ်စက်တာ" (အသံတစ်ရာအညွှတ်စု နှိပ်စက်ထားစု)

8:00 pm

15. News

8:00 pm

16. International News

8:00 pm

17. Weather Report

8:00 pm

18. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ဆူးလွှမ်းသောချစ်နှင်းဆီ" (အပိုင်း-၂၃)

8:00 pm

19. "သုခုမရင်ပြင်"



- ★ Only with stability and peace will the nation develop
- ★ Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

- ★ Anarchy begets anarchy, not democracy
- ★ Riots beget riots, not democracy
- ★ Democracy can be introduced only through constitution

People's Desire

- We favour peace and stability
- We favour development
- We oppose unrest and violence
- Wipe out those inciting unrest and violence

- ★ VOA, BBC-sowing hatred among the people
- ★ RFA, DVB-generating public outrage
- ★ Do not allow ourselves to be swayed by killer broadcasts designed to cause troubles

Lt-Gen Tin Aye attends upgrading of Htongyi BEHS in Bago Township

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Feb—Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Tin Aye attended the ceremony to upgrade Basic Education High School in Htongyi Model Village of Bago Township yesterday.

Chairman of Bago Division PDC Commander of Southern Command Maj-Gen Hla Min, the director-general of No. 1 Basic Education Department and the chairman of School Board of Trustees formally opened the ceremony.

Lt-Gen Tin Aye unveiled the plaque and sprinkled scented water on it.

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Lt-Gen Tin Aye views documentary photos and learning aids displayed at the hall.

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SPECIAL FEATURES TO HAIL 63RD ANNIVERSARY UNION DAY

Article

Today, neo-colonialists are resorting to all possible ways and means and tactics and driving a wedge among national races to undermine national unity, and disrupt the nation's political, economic and social development.

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Poem

Only the unity

- * Kith and kin in harmony
- People of the Union
- Any enemy they never yield to
- Fear never they for having unity
- Defeating every enemy
- In the 550 Jatakas also
- Small creatures with united strength

Cartoon

