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Work carried out with dedication for development of border areas

Due to the impact of domestic insurgencies, the national people living in border areas have lagged behind in development. Our soldiers, who have been to every forested or mountainous regions, realize these circumstances and feel sympathy and compassion toward them. Thus, when the Tatmadaw assumed the responsibilities of the State, the plan for the progress of border areas and national races was launched. Later, the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs was established to work with dedication for the development of health, education and economy of the national peoples, devoting substantial financial resources. Even now, these efforts are continuing. And the national peoples can now enjoy the fruits of development. I would like to express my belief and hope that the successive governments that will come to power will put forth ever greater efforts and continue building on these good foundations.



Senior General Than Shwe
Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council
Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services

(From the address delivered at the Passing out of Parade of No. 12 Intake of Defence Services Medical Academy)

Third-day regular session of First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw held

Approval sought for number of Union Government Ministries and Union ministers from Pyidaungsu Hluttaw

Names of nominated persons for Union ministers submitted

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Feb — The third-day regular session of First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw took place at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building here today at 10 am, with the attendance of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint, Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann, Pyithu Hluttaw representatives and Amyotha Hluttaw representatives.

Hluttaw Office Director-General U Myint Thein acted as master of ceremonies at the meeting.

After taking position, Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint announced the validity and start of third-day regular session of First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw as 658 Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives out of 659 who have rights to attend the meeting were present the meeting, accounting for 99.85 per cent.

According to the agenda, the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker invited discussions from Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives about designated number of Union Government Ministries proposed by the elected President.

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Regular session of First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw in progress on the third day.—MNA

Four political objectives

- * Stability of the State, community peace and tranquility, 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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Fine characteristics of the Union

High and huge mountain ranges are stretching in the northern Myanmar. Many rivers and creeks that originate at mountain ranges flow into Ayeyawady River. Myanmar is blessed with mountainous and plain regions, fertile soil, vast water territory and rich natural resources.

National races namely Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Bamar, Mon, Rakhine and Shan and ethnic groups have been living in the nation since time immemorial. They have been residing in the same land in unity and amity through thick and thin.

Language and traditional culture of national races are flourishing in their respective regions. Actually, they are blood-relations of the Union based on same culture. Possessing fine traditions of unity handed down by forefathers, they repelled colonialists and Fascists.

Due to historical experience, the national unity is the most important. Living together across the nation, various national races have possessed a common socio-economic life and shared joys and sorrows throughout the country. All the national races have been living on mutual understanding based on the Union Spirit.

Thus, a national race or a part of the Union cannot be separated from national races or from the Union. The fruitful results will come out only when the entire Union and all the national races are taken into account together.

Nowadays, a new nation is being built through the new system to be able to open the new era. The unity is strength of the Union. All the national brethren are to join hands with fine traditions of unity and amity so as to ensure perpetual existence of the Union with peace and prosperity.

Taninthayi to vie with Ayeyawady for Union Shield

YANGON, 8 Feb —Semi-finals of the State and Region Union Shield Men's Football Championship took place at Magway Region Sports Ground and Magway District Sports Ground in Magway today.

Taninthayi Region team beat Kachin State team 2-1 and Ayeyawady Region team beat Yangon Region team 3-1.— MNA

Talks on My Experience at the United Nations given

YANGON, 9 Feb—Talk (1/2011) organized by Myanmar Arts and Sciences Academy, was held at the meeting hall of the Arts Hall of Yangon University this morning. At the ceremony, Chairman U Than Oo of MASA made a speech.

After that, the master of ceremonies introduced the C.V of retired Ambassador U Win Mara. The retired ambassador gave talks on My Experience at the United Nations and replied the queries raised by those present. Afterwards, the chairman spoke words of thanks and presented the certificate of honour to the ambassador.—MNA

Proposals for the 64th Anniversary Union Day

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

Roads put into services to hail 64th Anniversary Union Day

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Feb—Hailing the 64th Anniversary Union Day, the opening of tarred roads and concrete roads were held in Hseinwi Township of Shan State (North), Htiyaing Township, Kawlin Township, on 2, 4 and 5 February. Similarly, the opening of resurfaced roads took place in Kyaukdaga Township of Bago Region and KhinU Township on 5 February.

In Pyawbwe Township, district-to-district road was put into services on the following day.

On 6 February, the opening ceremony of rural gravel road was held in Sagaing Township of Sagaing Region. A tarred road in Madaya Township was commissioned into services on 7 February.—MNA

A visit to Safari Park (Nay Pyi Taw) on 12 February

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Feb—Hailing the 64th Anniversary Union Day, Safari Park (Nay Pyi Taw) will be opened on 12 February (Union Day) on a grand scale. As it was built near Zoological Garden (Nay Pyi Taw) and Planetarium (Nay Pyi Taw) on Yangon-Mandalay motorway, people can enjoy all the comfort and convenience of gaining knowledge. Besides, it is a facility for leisure and recreation for the public as international standard Aquarium Museum and amusement park are included in Zoological Garden (Nay Pyi Taw).

Three booths— Asia booth, Australia booth and Africa booth— are included in Safari Park and rare animals are moving freely in the park. K 1000 admission for man and k 500 for child are set and

transport charge is 1000 kyat per head. The admission price for Aquarium Museum is K 500 per head and for children playground is K 200. Those who want to hire a 29-seat car for sightseeing in the park cost K 20000.

Mini buses are arranged for those who want to go on Safari in the Park and buggies for sightseeing in the Zoological Garden.—MNA

Appointment of Canadian Ambassador to Myanmar agreed on

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Feb—The Government of the Union of Myanmar has agreed to the appointment of Mr Ron Hoffmann as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Canada to the Union of Myanmar.

Mr Ron Hoffmann was born on 12 December 1960. He obtained Bachelor of Arts (Honours) from University of Manitoba in 1984 and Master of Arts in International Affairs from the Carleton University in 1990. He served as Special Assistant to the Minister of Environment of Ontario Government from 1985 to 1986 and Policy Advisor of the Economic and Trade Policy of Office of the Premier of Ontario Government from 1987 to 1989. He joined the Canadian Department of External Affairs and International Trade in 1989. He served in various capacities at the Ministry and Canadian embassies in The Hague, Beijing, Kabul as well as Canadian High Commission in Johannesburg and London. At present, he is serving as Ambassador of Canada to the Kingdom of Thailand since August 2009.

Mr Ron Hoffmann will be concurrently accredited as Ambassador of Canada to the Union of Myanmar with residence in Bangkok. He is married with two daughters.—MNA

The Myanmar delegation in photo session in front of Foreign Service Institute (FSI) in New Delhi, India. (News reported)

NLM



KNU's mine injures villager

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Feb—A mine went off in Bonmahe Village, Papun Township, Kayin State at about 8.30 am yesterday. A villager named Maung Pha Oo Htote while herding the cows stepped on the mine planted by KNU insurgents at a place between rubber farm and southern part of the village. The mine blast cut off his right leg. Officials concerned rushed him to Military Hospital where he is under medical treatment.

MNA



People gather near burning trucks in Peshawar, Pakistan on 8 Feb, 2011. A tanker believed to be carrying fuel for NATO forces across the border in Afghanistan caught on fire while stuck in a traffic jam.
INTERNET

Car bombs in northern Iraq kill two

BAGHDAD, 9 Feb—Three car bombs in a northern Iraqi City killed two people and wounded about 20 on Wednesday, a police official said.

The blasts struck late in the morning in the oil-rich city of Kirkuk that sits on a fault line of ethnic tensions among Arabs, Kurds and Turkomen.

Police Brig-Gen Sarhat Qadir said the bombs hit outside a Kurdish police headquarters, a highway and a pharmacy in southern Kirkuk, 180 miles (290 kilometres) north of Baghdad.

Earlier, two minor bombings that

appeared to target police wounded five people in the Iraqi Capital.

The first blast wounded four outside the al-Ansar mosque in the Shiite neighbourhood of Sadr City as a police patrol passed by. A few minutes later, the second bomb exploded on the nearby Mohammed al-Qasim highway. Officials said two policemen who were on patrol were hurt.

The police officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to release the information about the Baghdad blasts.

Internet



An Afghan police officer walks past a damaged vehicle after an explosion in Jalalabad, east of Kabul, Afghanistan, on 8 Feb, 2011. A bomb which was placed in a bicycle exploded, left two injured, police officials said in Jalalabad.
INTERNET

IED blast kills NATO soldiers in Afghanistan

KABUL, 9 Feb—A soldier with NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) lost his life as an Improvised Explosion Device (IED) went off in southern region on Tuesday, a statement of the alliance released here said.

“An International Security Assistance Force service member died following an improvised explosive device attack in southern Afghanistan today,” the statement added.

However, it did not identify the nationality of the victim, saying it is ISAF policy to defer casualty identification procedures to the relevant national authorities.

More than three dozen NATO soldiers with majority of them Americans have been killed in Afghanistan since beginning this year.—Xinhua

Karzai urges PRTs to leave Afghanistan

KABUL, 9 Feb—While Afghanistan is going to begin taking the security charges from NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) within months, president Hamid Karzai on Tuesday called on the NATO and US-led Provincial Reconstruction Teams (PRTs) to wrap up and leave the war-torn country.

PRTs are civilian-military units that have

been involved in rebuilding activities and bolstering security in rural areas.

“We are thankful to PRTs for their role they have played in the reconstruction process of Afghanistan. Since our capacity has been improved with the support of international community we want PRTs and all parallel institutions to pack up and go home,” Karzai told reporters in his

office after returning from the Munich Security Conference.

However, he said: “We do not want them to pack up tomorrow. It is a process and we want them to finish off activities.”

Twenty-seven PRTs with majority of them Americans have been operating in different provinces of Afghanistan and contributing to the rebuilding process.

Xinhua

Residents gather at the site of a bomb attack in Baghdad's Shula District recently. A car bomb exploded at a funeral wake in a Shi'ite area of Iraq's Capital on Thursday, killing at least 35 people, wounding dozens and triggering clashes between angry residents and police, health and security sources said.—INTERNET



An Afghan man looks inside a damaged minibus after an explosion in Jalalabad, east of Kabul, Afghanistan, on 8 Feb, 2011. The minibus carrying trainers of a police academy was hit by an explosion, police officials said in Jalalabad.
INTERNET



US customs officer killed in Afghan blast

KABUL, 9 Feb—A retired US Customs and Border Protection officer was killed and three other US customs workers were wounded in a suicide bombing earlier this week in southern Afghanistan.

US Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano said in a statement released Tuesday in Washington that David Hillman, a retired customs officer who had worked for the US government for 30 years, died in the blast Monday at the Inland Customs Warehouse in Kandahar.

Afghan police said the suicide bomber detonated a cache of explosives inside the city's customs house compound during a visit by NATO forces.

The Taleban in Kandahar are attacking officials and others who support pro-government forces.

Earlier this month, a suicide bomber killed the deputy governor of Kandahar Province.—Internet

US and allies kill, injure Iraqi people

BAGHDAD, 9 Feb— There has been daily casualties in Iraq since the US and its allies have invaded the country.

Casualties of Iraqi people

The total number of casualties as from the day they invaded the country to 9 February reached 704934 and the total number of seriously injured people reached 1276274, according to the news on the Internet.

No.	Subject	Number
1.	Death toll of Iraqi people	704934
2.	The total number of seriously injured people	1276274

Internet

Casualties of Afghan people in invasion of NATO troops led by US

KABUL, 9 Feb—The NATO troops led by the US have invaded Afghanistan and they are there for a long time.

A number of Afghan people are killed and injured due to invasion of the NATO troops led by the US.

Casualties of Afghan people

According to the Internet news, a total of 33630 Afghan people were killed and 40909 injured seriously as from the day when the NATO troops led by the US invaded Afghanistan to 9 February.

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2.	Seriously injured Afghan people	40909

Internet



Science



Pollution clues found in book pages

REHOVOT, 9 Feb—An Israeli researcher says a source for studying the Earth's pollution history has been discovered in books—not what is written there, but the paper itself.

A scientist at the Weizmann Institute has found the paper in library collections of old books and newspapers contains a record of atmospheric conditions at the time the trees that went into making the paper were growing.

Environmental science Professor Dan Yakir says he has traced the effects of atmospheric pollution from burning fossil fuel going back to the beginnings of the Industrial Revolution, a university release said Tuesday.

Scientists have long reconstructed the record of past climate change from such sources as ice cores or tree rings, but a reliable tree ring history, Yakir says,

requires an analysis of quite a few trees.

"Rather than going to forests all over the world to sample trees," he says, "we went to the local library."

In the Weizmann library's archives, Yakir found issues of the scientific journals *Science*, *Nature* and the *Journal of the Royal Chemical Society* going back over 100 years to the late 19th century.

Small samples from the margins of successive volumes were analyzed for the proportion of two carbon isotopes that showed levels of CO₂ added to the atmosphere from burning fossil fuel.

The levels in the paper were a good match for existing atmospheric records and even revealed some local phenomena, including differences between American and European records, Yakir says.—*Internet*

Earth-like worlds might be as 'common as ants at a picnic'

WASHINGTON, 9 Feb—The discovery of a trove of potential alien planets, including dozens that could be Earth-size or habitable, is heartening news for those hoping to discover ET one day.

NASA's Kepler Space Telescope found 1,235 planet candidates beyond our solar system, according to an announcement Wednesday. Of those, 68 are thought to be about the size of Earth, and 54 are at a distance from their stars where liquid water should be able to exist.

However, none of those planets are actually confirmed to exist — they are merely potential planets that must be verified with follow-up studies. Furthermore, none of them are guaranteed to be habitable — scientists know only that there is a chance they are, based on the picture we have now.

Internet



An undated image from video provided by NASA shows space shuttle commander Mark Kelly training in a simulator at Johnson Space Center in Houston. Kelly announced Friday, 4 Feb, 2011 that he will return to training to command the scheduled April mission of space shuttle Endeavour's last voyage.

INTERNET

Explorers plan first Russia-Canada voyage via North Pole

Moscow, 9 Feb—A Russian-led expedition aims to make the first ever crossing from Russia's Arctic shore into Canada over the North Pole, a months-long voyage over precarious shifting ice floes.

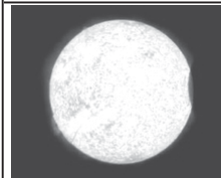
The expedition, set to

begin on 17 February, will serve for some of the first tests of Russia's GLONASS satellite navigation technology, Moscow's bid to challenge the dominant US global positioning system (GPS).

Territorial claims on the

Arctic are shared by Russia, the United States, Norway, Greenland and Canada. But recent Russian moves have raised concerns that it is bent on boosting its stake over the pole's petroleum-rich sea bed.

Reuters



The US space agency has released the first 360 degree view of the Sun taken by NASA's twin solar spacecraft.

INTERNET



Technology



Share mobile videos with Thwapr app

NEW YORK, 9 Feb—The iPhone makes it easy to shoot video on the fly, but sharing these videos can be a bit tricky. Thwapr's new app and video sharing service, Thwapr, helps overcome the iPhone's video sharing limitations, letting you easily capture and share videos and photos with many types of mobile devices.

With the standard Photos app, your sharing options are limited to e-mail, MMS, and YouTube, all of which have their own shortcomings. E-mail and MMS are limited to around one minute of video length, and uploading a video to YouTube is a hassle if you just want to share it with one friend.

Thwapr works like a YouTube for

the mobile world, letting you upload up to 30 minutes of video, which can be shared with friends via an SMS link. Friends with the Thwapr app can view your video within the app and comment on it with text or with their own videos or photos.

You can capture video or photos directly from within the app, or you can import media from the Camera Roll. Photos and videos taken within the app are automatically geotagged and their locations can be viewed on a map in the app. The app also supports background uploads if you're running iOS 4.0 or later, and can keep you updated with user sharing, uploading, and commenting activity via push alerts.—*Internet*



A visitor tries out a computer game on a mobile phone at the Gamescom trade fair in 2010. Two members of Congress asked US regulators on Tuesday to look into a newspaper report that children had rung up huge bills buying virtual products in games on mobile devices.

INTERNET

Mozilla Firefox 4 Beta gets 'Do Not Track'

WASHINGTON, 9 Feb—Mozilla on Tuesday released the latest beta version of its Firefox 4 browser, which includes a "do not track" option.

"With the integration of the 'Do Not Track' option into Firefox 4 Beta, you can now check a 'Do Not Track' box in the 'Advanced' screen of Firefox's Options," Mozilla said in a blog post. "When this option is selected, a header will be sent signaling to websites that you wish to opt-out of online behavioral tracking. You will not notice any difference in your browsing experience until sites and advertisers start responding to the header." Mozilla added the feature to a pre-build version of Firefox late last month. The company also discussed plans for a "do not track" feature the week before.—*Internet*



Cubans use an Internet cafe in Havana. The Cuban government announced the arrival from Venezuela of an optical fiber cable which will allow a faster Internet connection.—INTERNET

No electronic bugs behind Toyota sticky pedals

NEW YORK, 9 Feb—After 10 months of study and the assistance of NASA engineers, the US Department of Transportation has concluded that the unintended acceleration that plagued some Toyota automobiles was not caused by faulty electronic components or software.

Instead, the problems seemingly were caused either by sticky pedals or by a faulty design where the pedals could be caught on badly fitted floor mats, concludes a report issued by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), the DOT agency that undertook the study at the

behest of Congress.

After a series of highly publicized and sometimes deadly accidents, Toyota recalled nearly 8 million vehicles between 2009 and 2010 that could potentially suffer from the problem of accelerating rapidly and beyond the driver's control.—*Internet*

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Amyotha Hluttaw representative Dr Myat Nyana Soe of Yangon Region Constituency(4) participated in discussions.

First he extended greetings to Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives. He congratulated U Thein Sein for his election as president of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Thiha Thura U Tin

struction of Industrial Development which is valuable for the new nation was included in the designated number of ministries submitted by the President, he added. He noted that the past Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs was renamed as the Ministry of Border Affairs in line with the constitution. He said that ministers for national race affairs will

- (7) Ministry of National Race Affairs
- (8) Ministry of Border Affairs and Immigration
- (9) Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- (10) Ministry of Education
- (11) Ministry of Transport
- (12) Ministry of Home Affairs
- (13) Ministry of Information
- (14) Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries
- (15) Ministry of Myanma



Elected President U Thein Sein makes clarification.—MNA



Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Kyaw Hsan of Pale Township Constituency of Sagaing Region makes discussion.—MNA

Aung Myint Oo and Dr Sai Mauk Kham(a) Maung Ohn for their election as Vice-Presidents. He added that his presentation was of positive attitude with regard to the number of ministries of the Union Government. It is learnt that a total of 34 ministries of the Union Government were submitted to the second-day regular session of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, he said. In the time of the Myanmar Socialist Programme Party, some ministries were formed jointly and there were only 18 ministries at that time. In the time of the State Law and Order Restoration Council and the State Peace and Development Council after 1988, some ministries were constituted separately with the aim of effectively managing sector-wise resources due to the increasing population of the nation, the growth of State economy and the improvement of technology, he said. The Ministry

take responsibility in the Region and State governments in line with sub-paragraph (b), Article (248) of Chapter V of the constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, and sub-paragraph (f) of Article (8) of Chapter II and section (2) of sub-paragraph (a) of Article (10) of the Region or State Government Law. Thus, he discussed formation of a new ministry namely National Race Affairs Ministry at the Union level for effectively carrying out national race affairs between ministers for national races affairs of respective regions and the Union Government. Afterwards, he submitted 25 ministries instead of designated 34 ministries. They were:

- (1) Ministry of Defence
- (2) Ministry of Health and Sports
- (3) Ministry of Commerce
- (4) Ministry of Industry
- (5) Ministry of Energy
- (6) Ministry of Con-

- Industrial Development
- (16) Ministry of Culture and Tourism
- (17) Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation
- (18) Ministry of Electric Power
- (19) Ministry of Coopera-

Communication (25) Ministry of National Planning and Finance.

Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Kyaw Hsan of Pale Township Constituency of Sagaing Region took part in the discussions.

U Kyaw Hsan wished the Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and all Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives physical and mental well-being. He said that designation of 34 ministries of the Union Government proposed by the elected President were in line with three reasons. The first reason of designated ministries was to successfully serve the interest of the majority of the people, he said. The second reason was in conformity with present situation of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

of the Union Government designated by the elected President. He explained matters related to the first reason on the situation to serve the interests of the majority of the people saying that the people elected Hluttaw representatives to be able to accomplish their desire and serve their interest. Thus, the representatives are to serve the interest of the people as much as they can. Today, he continued to say that the majority of the people have three major desires. The first is peace and stability, he noted. The majority of the people want to enjoy peaceful and stable environment. During the period from 1948 to 1988, they overcame instable environment and had bitter experience, he said. The second one is that

noted that the ministries are to serve the interest of the people in all corners for realizing the three desires of the people. Therefore, he said that designation of 34 ministries of the Union Government was excellent for realizing the three wishes of the people in all aspects. The Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation was formed for effectively carrying agricultural task. Likewise, the Ministry of Commerce, the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development and the Ministry of Finance and Revenue were constituted for effectively implementing the monetary policy, fiscal policy and trade investment policy that will realize the Macro-Economy of the State. Similarly, it is necessary to undertake micro-economy for uplifting livelihood of individuals, the family, village and region, he added. To do so, he said that the Ministry of Cooperatives was formed separately. Likewise, he said that the nation must be industrialized to be on a par with other countries. Therefore, he noted that the Ministry of Industry-1, the Ministry of Industry-2 and the Myanma Industrial Development were formed to be able to build an industrialized nation. In addition, the Ministry of Electric Power No. 1 and the Ministry of Electric Power No. 2 were separately constituted for effectively undertake energy sector. Likewise, the Ministry of Education and the



Amyotha Hluttaw representative Dr Myat Nyana Soe of Yangon Region Constituency-4 participates in discussion.—MNA

- tives and Labour
- (20) Ministry of Religious Affairs and Social Welfare
- (21) Ministry of Forestry
- (22) Ministry of Mines
- (23) Ministry of President's Office
- (24) Ministry of Science Technology and

He noted that the last and third reason was also in conformity with tasks of the ministries from international governments in serving their respective interests. Thus, he said that he supported formation on the number of 34 ministries

they would like to witness all-round development of the nation and enjoy better socio-economic life, he added. The third one is that they would like to enjoy free livelihood in line with the law. In other words, they would like to practise democracy. He

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Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Khun Lein of Chin State Falam Township Constituency making discussion.—MNA

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Ministry of Health were formed for carrying out development of respective sectors, he noted. Therefore, a total of 34 ministries designated by the President are exactly in conformity with the desires of the people. With regard to the second one, Myanmar stood the most developed nation in Southeast Asia around 1948-50, he said. Due to various reasons, Myanmar became the least developed nation in 1988, he noted. Since 1988 when the Tatmadaw government took the responsibilities of the State, concerted efforts

have been made for all-round development of the nation and improvement of socio-economic life of the people, he said. Indeed, he said that the government has built almost all necessary infrastructures for development of the nation. He continued to say that it is necessary to improve the already-built sector-wise infrastructures for their long-term development. Formation of 34 ministries submitted by the elected President is suitable to continue to develop the nation based on the current situation. It is seen that the ministries were formed in international

community in line with their current situations for development of their nations and people. Studying on formation of ministries in international community, it is seen that not only ministries but also boards and commissions were formed in order to place emphasis on each and every sector. The boards and commissions are of equal status with the ministries and the ranks of the chairmen of the boards and commissions are the same as ministers. Taking a look at the present examples, 35 ministries and 21 boards were formed in India. So India

or no less.

Elected President U Thein Sein discussed matters related to discussions of two Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives.

He said he was glad to hear constructive suggestions regarding the numbers of the Union Government ministries and the Union Ministers submitted to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw yesterday.

He continued to say that he would like to present the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker and the representatives to make presentation on the sug-

gestions. Elected President U Thein Sein discussed matters related to discussions of two Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives. He said he was glad to hear constructive suggestions regarding the numbers of the Union Government ministries and the Union Ministers submitted to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw yesterday.

The second point was to reduce the numbers of Union Government ministries from 34 to 25. Matters related to extended forming of min-

istry and ministers and reduction in numbers of ministries and minister will be flexible. He said that it will depend on the tasks needed for the interest of the nation and small or large amount of tasks will call for numbers of the ministries. For some ministries, a minister can handle duties of a ministry effectively. But a minister can handle duties of two ministries successfully for some ministries. So he made a suggestion to form 34 ministries with 30 ministers with a wish not to cause burden to the nation. He thanked representatives for making suggestions.

many difficulties if present-existing ministries are combined or new ministries are formed. His discussion would be a preparation for forthcoming Cabinets and Hluttaws, he added.

He presented it assuming the system will work more smoothly when a consolidated government is formed, he said.

He said he presented formation of Ministry of National Races Affairs for not knowing the discussion made by the President and assignment of duties not only to ministers for national races affairs from respective States and Regions but also to other ministerial-level officials for national races affairs, in advance.

Myanmar has now transformed into a new system. He thanked for having the rights to discuss in line with democracy practices and for the president's reply, he noted.

He said that he took back his words due to full explanation of the president.

The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives cast secret votes through the voting machine to take the decision on approving 34 Union Government Ministries as proposed by the elected President.

With 612 in favour, 5 against and 12 abstentions, it was announced that the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw agreed the number of Union Government Ministries to be 34 as designated by the elected President.

Then, the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker invited discussions from Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives about approving the number of Union Ministers to be 30 as proposed by the elected President.

Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Khun Lein of Chin State Falam Township Constituency participated in discussions.

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Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Representatives signing attendance book.—MNA

gestions. He added he would like to say about the presentation of Dr U Myat Nyana Soe, Amyotha Hluttaw representative of Yangon Region Constituency No (4). There are two main points in his presentation. The first point is the formation of Union-level National Races Affairs Ministry to deal with national races affairs in coordination with regional National Races Affairs Ministers and the second to form only 25 Union Government ministries instead of 34.

Regarding the first point, Self-Administered Zone and Self-Administered Division Leading Bodies were formed in accord with the Constitution in order to deal with national races affairs effectively. Likewise, Security and Border Affairs Ministry will be

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Amyotha Hluttaw Representative Dr Myat Nyana Soe of Yangon Region Constituency (4) then discussed again.

He said he understood that they would face



Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Representatives arriving at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Hall.—MNA



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I would like to discuss designation of 34 ministries with 30 ministers. I present it with the hope of smooth operation of nation's tasks if each minister is appointed in each ministry. I would like to suggest that a separate minister should be appointed every separate, he said.

Amyotha Hluttaw Representative Dr Myat Nyana Soe of Yangon Region Constituency (4) participated in discussions.

The proposal was intended for stepping up and consolidation of efforts for building a new modern and developed nation.

Today is the Knowledge Age. Therefore, the proposal was made to form 25 union government ministers instead of 30 ministers so as to make use of human resource effectively. However, he believed that a union government minister can be able to manage more than one ministry as elected President U Thein Sein clarified the matter in his first statement.

He added that to handle the administration machinery skillfully, it was sure that there would be qualified ministers who possessed skills and experiences for the administration in the list of ministers to be nominated by elected President U Thein Sein.

Therefore, the proposal of the elected President that the number of the union government ministers should be 30 was more suitable than his proposal of 25 union government ministers.

The elected President made reply to discussions of the two Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Representatives.

He said he thanked the Hluttaw representatives who made constructive proposals for forming 30 union government ministers for the

34 union government ministries, the proposal submitted to the Union Hluttaw yesterday.

U Khun Lein's discussion mainly focused on appointment of a minister for each ministry as the 34 union government ministries was formed. Regarding the matter, he had clarified that matter in his clarification on the suggestions of Dr. Myat Nyana Soe, he said. There is no limit on reducing and increasing the number of union government ministries, he said. His proposal was submitted to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw after he had calculated whether ministries could effectively perform tasks for the State or not, he added. Some ministries are required to be governed by each minister so as to carry out the tasks of the respective ministry effectively while some ministries could be managed by one minister concurrently, he added.

He continued to say that as his proposal for forming 34 ministries with 30 ministers could find favour with effective and perfect management of government work and would not be burden on the country, he submitted the proposal to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives cast secret ballots through the voting machine to take the decision on approving 30 Union Ministers as proposed by the elected President.

With 615 yeses, 7 noes and 14 abstentions, it was announced that the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw agreed the number of Union Ministers to be 30 as submitted by the elected President.

The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker presented the list of persons who should be assigned as Union Ministers proposed by the elected President to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

Those who should be appointed as Union Ministers are:

1. Lt-Gen Ko Ko
2. Maj-Gen Hla Min
3. Maj-Gen Thein Htay
4. U Wunna Maung Lwin
5. U Myint Hlaing
6. U Kyaw Hsan
7. Wunna Kyaw Htin U Win Myint
8. U Tint Hsan
9. U Khin Maung Myint
10. U Thein Tun
11. U Hla Tun
12. U Thein Htaik
13. U Nyan Tun Aung
14. U Tin Naing Thein
15. U Win Tun
16. U Aung Kyi
17. U Ohn Myint
18. U Kyaw Swar Khaing
19. U Soe Thein
20. U Than Htay
21. U Aung Min
22. Dr Mya Aye
23. Dr Pe Thet Khin
24. U Aye Myint
25. Thura U Myint Maung
26. U Khin Yi
27. U Zaw Min
28. U Khin Maung Soe
29. U Thein Nyunt
30. U Soe Maung

The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker announced that Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives can raise objections, if any, with clear evidences that one of nominated persons for Union Ministers who should be appointed in accord with Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Rule 27 (b) does not meet qualifications of the Union Minister as prescribed in the Constitution of the Republic of Union of Myanmar Article-232 Sub-article (b) at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw meeting to be held on 11 February 2011.

The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker announced that the contact persons of respective parties may take out biographies of those persons to judge their qualifications at the Director-General of Hluttaw Office this evening and the Hluttaw representatives who want to raise objection may submit their names to the Director-General of Hluttaw Office not later than tomorrow noon.

The Speaker announced that the third-day session was ended and fourth-day regular session of First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw will be continued at 10 am on 11 February (Friday).

The meeting came to an end at 11 am.

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New roads, tube wells emerge to mark 64th Anniversary Union Day

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Feb — Hailing the 64th Anniversary Union Day, the opening of new tube well sunk by Pekhon Township Development Affairs Committee was held at Pwekon-3 village in Moebye village-tract on 30 January.

Including the tube well, a waterworks and a 1500-gallon water capacity radial collector well were built by the township DAC with the contribution of K 2.292 million.

In Hopong Township, the Hopong station commander and officials opened Tabinshwehti road built by the Township DAC on 1 February.

The opening of a 2500-gallon water capacity water tank built by Namtu Township DAC was held in conjunction with a 1300-foot water supply structure at Monghsu village of Mongtat village-tract on 4 February.

On 4 February, the openings of new tarred

roads were held at ChaungU and Mongshu Townships.

Jointly-implemented by the Development Affairs Department and Arid Region Water Supply Project (BAJ), the opening of new tube well sunk with the contribution of Watebe Wedding Co. of Japan was held at Htaraitaw village in NyaungU Township on 5 February. Officials formally opened a water supply structure and 2000-gallon water capacity water tank at Yaypu village in Hsipaw Township on 5 February.

Installation of water pipeline and construction of diaphragm wall and water tank provide local villagers with 8000-gallon drinking water.

On 6 February, officials opened a new tube well at Kyauk-O (East) village in Aunglan Township. Similarly, a new road was opened in DaikU Township on 6 February, a new tube well in Nahtogyi Township and Natmyaung creek and Hmanlon creek bridges in Kalay Township on 7 February.—MNA

FSD organizes paper reading session

YANGON, 8 Feb — Paper Reading Session on "Fire Fighting for 3D Water Fog Techniques" took place at Fire Brigade (Headquarters) on Okphoseik Street in Mayangon Township here this morning.

The session was aimed at nurturing experts who can handle modern firefighting technologies and encouraging researches on firefighting.

It was attended by director-general and officials of Fire Services Department, Head of Yangon Region FSD, in-charge officers of fire stations in Yangon.

Research and Development Division in-Charge Officer presented firefighting techniques and attendees raised queries when the session was open for discussion.

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HAILING THE 64th ANNIVERSARY UNION DAY:

Modern, developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation will surely emerge soon

Maung Mahn Nyo

National brethren United we stand



I wrote an article which was featured in the newspapers in 1993 in which the National Convention commenced. The title is "National Convention must be successful" to reflect the National Convention could complete the formulation of the constitution despite varieties of disruptions. Now, the election has been held stably and successfully in line with the State's seven-step Road Map. There is no exaggeration to say so. It was evidenced by the objective conditions of the nation at the time if compared with those in other countries and international affairs. Sessions of respective hluttaws were convened simultaneously at 8.55 am on 31 January 2011. Therefore, a modern and developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation will be built in accordance with the 2008 constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar which was drawn with check and balance according to the objective conditions of the nation and was approved with the support of the great majority of the people.

In such an opportune time to build a new nation, it is required to complete the process as soon as possible in order that the nation will be able to keep abreast of other countries. Of ASEAN countries, some exercise the multiparty system, and some are developing rapidly with the one-party system. When it comes to the conditions of our country, it has a huge number of sound foundations for economic growth. What is the most important is that the people must remain united. Any patriot will never disrupt the plan even if he is in no position to play the leading role. On the one hand, our country is blessed with favourable conditions for development, but on the other hand, it is multicultural country with union territories. And it fell under alien subjugation for more than 100 years with the nightmare sparked by the divide-and-rule policy practised by the colonialists. Therefore, I would say that in that regard Union Spirit is of great importance.

After taking State's responsibilities in 1988 due to anarchic conditions, the Tatmadaw took the first step, ensuring the rule of order with ordinances. With the rule of order, the government started to lay sound foundations for national development. The nation lagged behind neighbours in development. So, it

took measures in all areas, according to the finances. In that case, it handled with the sectors on self-reliance basis according to the order of importance. As a result, the nation began to see development in all sectors. However, the nation did not enjoy as much development as it should do owing the sanctions associated with political affairs.

The point "Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well" was prescribed as one of the economic objectives, and the nation enjoyed food security. However, sanctions deterred the nation from commercial growth, and local products from gaining reasonable prices in the international market. The ban on orders for local finished products made many workers redundant. Because of distorted stories provided by axe-handles, world economic giant and a bloc imposed sanctions against Myanmar although it was taking measures to introduce democracy to the nation. However, they are dealing with a one-party communist nation in the political, diplomatic and economic fields as it has no axe-handles. Therefore, it makes it clear whether the hardships Myanmar is facing are due to its system or at the instigation of internal elements.

Some regional countries, each of whose geopolitics, population, technological power and intellectual power of the people, are developing much rapidly than Myanmar. It is because they have no or only small number of axe-handles or organizations in them. That is the point why I say national unity is of crucial importance. Every citizen with patriotic attitude is in favour of development of their mother countries. In addition, they are hypersensitive to anything that poses threat to sovereignty of their countries. Everyone has a great love of their countries. Myanmar people preserve a fine tradition of showing unwavering spirit on self-reliant basis in the face of great challenges. Facing and braving sanctions and trade embargos, the nation tries its utmost for economic development. Therefore, the nation's GDP hit record high in the post-independence period.

Those funds flowed to projects for national development. It is tangible that the nation has enjoyed development in all sectors such as education, health care, transport, electric power and energy. The nation's population is growing, and so many follow-up programmes have yet to be implemented. If the nation has had no sanctions against it and the entire people had showed consolidated unity, the nation would have enjoyed far greater development than at present.

Here, I would like to present State security and national defence sector. Every country has special plans for State security and defence. It is a painful lesson that our country fell under colonial rule due to lack of strong armed forces. Here, some may argue about that the nation's conditions at present are much different from that in the 19th century and in the 20th century. The nation must stand its feet to defend itself from neo-colonialists. In this regard, it is not wise to place reliance on any foreign countries. So, the 2008 constitution manifests that no foreign troops shall be permitted to be deployed in the territory of the Union. As far as I am concerned, Myanmar has designated

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Our Union

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In a thorough study report
Since prehistoric times
Lived the Union has
People of single landmass
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In firm unity they are
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Formed the country Myanmar
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Shows a detailed study
All of same ancestry
Kachin, Kayah, Kayin
Chin, Mon, Rakine, Shan
Bamar also include
Living in unity and amity
In times of emergency
Ready and harmony ever
In a country called Myanmar
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Multicoloured insurgency
Breaking out in whole country
Barrier to all infrastructures
Our land in poor condition
Our country now is
Blooming with flowers of peace
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Keep constant awareness
Have wisdom and unity
Our cause our concern
Goal has already chosen
Western wind we fend off
Patriotism in every mind
Standing tall in world
Strong bonds and unity
Journey of the Union

Hailing the 64th Anniversary Union Day
Maung Sein Naung-Lewe (Trs)

exact border only one of the five neighbouring countries up to now. The nation has yet to designate borders with the rest of the neighbours sooner or later in diplomatic or political means or according to international laws. Suppose a border incident occurs and the nation has to use final means, but it does not have a strong Tatmadaw, does the nation have to concede loss easily? That is food for thought. A strong Tatmadaw is a must for the nation. Therefore, a strong Tatmadaw is being built. But, Myanmar people are not pro-war activists. A principle of the constitution says that the Union shall not commence aggression against any nation. So, those who are making harsh comments on State security and
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Modern, developed discipline-flourishing...

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national defence should take that point into consideration. If the nation lacks a strong, modern Tatmadaw, it may have to sign second Yantabo Treaty and give up parts of the territory.

The nation has been formed into the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, so it is constituted with seven States, seven Regions and union territories. The regions of national races that meet the principles are formed as self-administered areas. The constitution prescribes five self-administered zones and one self-administered region. In the self-administered areas, respective national races have the right to administer their affairs in accordance with the constitution. Article (8) says that the Union is constituted by the Union system. Article (10) says that no part of the territory constituted in the Union shall ever secede from the Union. Having a look back at the historical background of the nation, soon after independence, the nation came under hard conditions, so it was said "newly independent, truly violent". Due to the armed insurrection, battles broke out in Insein, Yangon, former capital. So, the then government was nicknamed Yangon government. In the 1990s, the spread of nation's sovereignty reached its peak after independence due to the strenuous efforts of the Tatmadaw. It was most encouraging. National race armed groups exchanged arms for peace one after another. One of the nation's characters is that our country has so many armed groups. Later, the armed groups that had made peace were being transformed into border guard forces one after

another. Some of them have self-administered areas according to the constitution. If and when the rest of the armed groups are formed as border guard forces, the entire Union will witness peace and stability along with consolidated unity of all national brethren, and it will be able to stand tall in the international community.

Now, ASEAN countries are unanimously demanding lifting sanctions against Myanmar, and so are political parties of national races. Are internal elements still keeping silent in this regard, and do not they want the nation to keep abreast of regional countries. Our country has many rich deposits of natural gas. Under favourable conditions, the nation can enjoy significant development in a short period. After collapse of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the split countries took about 15 years to recover their economy. Now, it earns hundreds of billions of US dollars from export of oil and gas, and it is on its path back to economically developed one.

Our country did not split into pieces, thanks to the performances of the Tatmadaw. There are many opportunities for local forces to work together for rapid economic development. Now, plans get underway to lay oil and gas pipelines for Dawei-Bangkok route, Kalauk-Thaiand-Vietnam route, Kyaukpyu-Kumming route, Ledo route to link India and China via Myanmar, and Kaladan River route through India. When the nation sees many more oil refineries and gas plants with economic growth, there will no longer be issues of illegal workers in foreign countries. Sanctions against the nation led to a halt to ongoing three-, four- and five-star hotel

Objectives of 64th Anniversary Union Day (2011)

1. For all national races to safeguard the national policy—Non-disintegration of the Union, Non-disintegration of national solidarity, and Perpetuation of sovereignty
2. For all national races to keep Union Spirit ever alive and dynamic among national people
3. For all national races to wipe out, through national solidarity, disruptions caused to peace, stability and development of the nation by internal and external subversives
4. For all national races to make efforts with might and main to build a modern, developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation in accordance with the State Constitution approved by the great majority of the people
5. For all national races to work in concert with national unity for perpetuation of the Union that has existed for thousands of years

projects. And direct forest investment in Myanmar was on the decrease, thus hindering many jobs. Visit Myanmar Year (1996) programme was not successful due to the demands made by the group of axe-handles. At that time Thailand received about 14 foreign tourists, whereas Myanmar received only about 500,000 foreign tourists.

They should have considered whether their demands can devastate jobs and make the people live below poverty line. Therefore, I would say that she should have expressed transparent speech instead of what she had said that she was not responsible for that; and that she had never done or said before to spark such problems. The people's desire is to create a situation acceptable to all. If all armed groups are under the control of the State, and all political groups are politically cohesive, Myanmar will be top listed in economy in Southeast Asia region.

First regular sessions coincide with the 64th Anniversary Union Day that falls on 12 February, which is a good sign of perpetuation of the Union. At the first sessions of Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw being held according to the new constitution of the Union of Myanmar, hluttaw representatives were nominated as candidates for the posts of vice-presidents. Of the three

vice-presidents, one was elected as the President. The union government was formed with the President, Vice-Presidents and union ministers. The dawn of the discipline-flourishing democratic nation coincides with the 64th Anniversary Union Day. Surely, there will be a modern, developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation soon.

In order to achieve the national goal as soon as possible, all have to work together. If the people work with patriotic spirit and Union Spirit without showing any misbehaviors, the Union will never face any conditions of losing parts of the territory even not an inch of land, and the Union will become more peaceful and prosperous. Therefore, as a gesture

of honouring the 64th Anniversary Union Day, I would like to urge the entire people to work and stick together with the strength of national unity for ensuring perpetuation of the Union and soonest achievement of the national goal of building a modern, developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation.
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HAILING 64TH ANNIVERSARY UNION DAY

Mon State gaining development momentum in the time of State Peace and Development Council

Colourful Mon State

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Nowadays, national armed groups have returned to legal fold, having understood positive attitude and genuine goodwill of the Government. Furthermore, they have joined in regional development undertakings with local national brethren and the Government.

The Government has been fulfilling any requirements for Mon State to be able to keep peace with other states and regions in development. So, Mon State now has 15 dams compared to none before 1988, 900 miles of motor road compared to only over 500 miles, 29 above-180-foot bridges

compared to 19 and one hydropower plant compared to none. The number of State-owned and private-owned industries and workshops have increased significantly. Moreover, Education College, Technological University, and University of Computer Studies that Mon State never had before could be founded in the region thereby turning out human resources for the region.

The Government has been making every endeavour for sector-wise development of Mon State on its own. So, the region is witnessing improvement in each sector due to collaborative efforts of local people and the Government.

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Progress of Mon State

Sr	Subject	Unit	1988	2010	Progress
1.	Arable land	acre	825849	1550906	725057
2.	Dam	dam	-	15	15
3.	River water pumping work	station	-	7	7
4.	Protected public forest	sq/mile	-	61.66	61.66
5.	Railroad	mile	283	293	10
6.	Motor road	mile	502	924	422
7.	Airport	airport	1	2	1
8.	Above-180-foot bridge	bridge	19	29	10
9.	Post Office	office	58	64	6
10.	Telegraph Office	office	3	19	16
11.	Telephone Office	office	11	34	23
12.	Microwave station	station	7	9	2
13.	Hydropower plant	plant	-	1	1
14.	State-owned industry	plant	13	17	4
15.	Private-owned industry	plant	1124	2244	1120
16.	Basic education school	school	1205	1363	158
17.	Education College	college	-	1	1
18.	Technological University	university	-	1	1
19.	University of Computers Studies	university	-	1	1
20.	Hospital	hospital	20	31	11



Thanlwin Bridge (Mawlamyine) as symbol of better transport for local people.

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Wapah Dam in Thaton of Mon State supplies potable water for cultivation and local consumption.



Colourful Mon State

Projects to be implemented for progress of Mon State



Digital exchange seen in Mottama of Mon State.

Sr	Subject	Location	Remark
1.	Kateik Dam (under construction)	Paung Township	irrigation acre 10,000
2.	Katun Sluice Gate (under construction)	Paung Township	irrigation acre 20,000
3.	Santawtaung Dam (under construction)	Paung Township	irrigation acre 20,000
4.	Upgrading of Myainggalay-Zathapyin- Mawlamyine Road	Mon State	in the course of being upgraded
5.	Hydropower plant project	Bilin Township	280 megawatts
6.	Hydropower plant	Bilin Township (Pyettaw Creek)	10 megawatts



Magnificent main building of Technological University (Mawlamyine).

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Paris honours 'Mad Men' creator

PARIS, 9 Feb—Paris is formalizing its fascination with "Mad Men" by giving a medal to the hit series' creator and executive producer, Matthew Weiner.

Two of the series' stars, Christina Hendricks, who plays office manager Joan Harris, and John Slattery, who plays ad agency partner Roger Sterling, flanked Weiner at the ceremony on Tuesday at Paris' City Hall.

Paris Mayor Bertrand Delanoe's top official for cultural matters presented Weiner with the Vermeil medal for cultural and other contributions to society.

"I fell in love with Paris through the movies," said Weiner, adding that it was "very meaningful" to be given the award.

Internet



US actress Christina Hendricks, star of the hit TV series Mad Men poses during a ceremony.—INTERNET

Italy prosecutors seek to fast-track Berlusconi trial

ROME, 9 Feb—Italian prosecutors on Wednesday will request that Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi face a fast-track trial over allegations he had sex with an underage girl and abused his powers to help her.

Chief prosecutor Edmondo Bruti Liberati and his colleagues in Milan have finished an inquiry into allegations that the 74-year-old premier paid for sex with a nightclub dancer nicknamed Ruby the Heart-Stealer, who was a minor at the time.

They allege that he also improperly used his power as prime minister to request that police in Milan release the Moroccan disco dancer after she had been picked up for alleged theft in May.—Internet

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV PDZ MAJU VOY NO (111)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV PDZ MAJU VOY NO (111) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 10.2.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T 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 to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

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

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Take Fire Preventive Measures

Fires kill 40 in China during Lunar New Year holiday

BEIJING, 9 Feb—Forty people died in more than 118,000 cases of fire reported across China from 2 Feb to 8 Feb, as Chinese revelers celebrated the Lunar New Year holiday with fireworks, according to a statement released on Tuesday by the country's Ministry of Public Security. The number of cases jumped from the 7,480 fires reported during last year's Spring Festival holiday, which caused losses worth 28.5 million yuan. The incidents also injured 37 people and caused more than 56 million yuan (8.5 million US dollars) in damages, which is almost double the figure from last year.

However, this year's losses did not include a case in northeastern Liaoning Province where a five-star hotel in the city of Shenyang was set ablaze by fireworks on 3 Feb. The fire, which caused no casualties, is possibly the country's largest fireworks accident during this year's Spring Festival celebrations. According to the statement, some 260,000 police and fire fighters across the country were mobilized for 24,800 fire control missions. Also, a total of 173 companies were suspended from operating for failing to meet fire prevention and control standards, according to the ministry.—MNA/Xinhua

Man aims for 100 million pennies for poor



A Washington State man aiming to collect \$1 million in pennies to benefit those in financial emergency situations said he has already collected \$4,000.

Rand O'Donnell, a former

pastor, said he is collecting pennies to benefit the Skagit County Community Action Agency's Critical Needs Programme, which assists those in financial emergencies by providing food, transportation, clothing and other needs, the *Sagit Valley (Wash.) Herald* reported Tuesday.

O'Donnell said the plan is to raise \$1 million — 100 million pennies — and deposit them in the North Coast Credit Union. He said only the interest, about \$20,000 per year, would be used.

Turkmenistan to hold 'horse beauty' pageant



A large fountain statue of 10 horses rises in the Turkmenistan's Capital Ashgabad in 2010. The president of Turkmenistan has ordered a beauty pageant where horses will strut their stuff in front of the Central Asian state's leadership, a presidential decree said.

saying. Berdymukhamedov will bestow the owner of the winning horse with the Grand Prize while the horse will receive the title of the Most Beautiful Race Horse of the Year.

Turkmenistan, where horses are a national emblem, will also hold competition among carpet and jewelry makers and sculptors, who are encouraged to embody the horse's beauty into art, the decree stated.

The best works are to receive a prize between \$1,000 and \$3,000.

Turkmenistan, a country of five million people on the eastern shore of the Caspian Sea and one of the world's most isolated countries, celebrates the annual horse days in the last week of April.

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The pageant aims to preserve ancient pure horse breeds, "a pride of the people of Turkmenistan," local media quoted the decree by President Gurbanguly Berdymukhamedov as

No love for Valentine's Day in Russia

Not everybody in Russia is in love with Valentine's Day. Authorities in Belgorod Province are urging schools and other state institutions to refrain from celebrations marking the heart-shaped holiday, seen by some conservative Russians as a unhealthy foreign phenomenon.

The initiative is part of a recent directive on "measures to provide for spiritual security," which calls on officials to ban Valentine's Day and Halloween celebrations in educational and cultural centres in the province, Russian media reported. "The very atmosphere of these holidays does not foster the formation of spiritual and moral values in youth, and holding them primarily benefits commercial organizations," RIA quoted provincial government consultant Grigory Bolotnikov as saying.

News Album



Valentine's Day themed whoopie pies are seen on 31 Jan, 2011 at Cranberry Island Kitchen in Portland, Maine.

I felt ugly when I was younger

NEW YORK, 9 Feb— US pop star Janet Jackson says she never felt attractive when she was younger.

The late Michael Jackson's youngest sibling discussed her body image and self esteem in a wide-ranging interview to air this week and next on NBC's "Today" and "Dateline" programmes.

Jackson taped the interview to promote her book, "True You: A Journey to Finding and Loving Yourself," which will be released 15 Feb by Karen Hunter Publishing/Gallery Books.

Meredith Vieira asked Jackson about a quote in the book in which the singer confessed that while in her 20s she "hated what I saw in the mirror" and "would literally bang my head against the wall because I felt so ugly."

"I would literally bang my head up against the wall because I didn't feel attractive," she told Vieira. "There was a lot of pain in my life. But I did. I felt very unattractive."—Internet



In this 10 Dec, 2010 file photo, Justin Bieber performs at the 2010 Z100 Jingle Ball concert at Madison Square Garden in New York.

INTERNET

Fans fill LA Live for Justin Bieber film premiere

LOS ANGELES, 9 Feb—Downtown Los Angeles has become Biebertown. Hundreds of Justin Bieber fans filled the LA Live complex Tuesday for the premiere of the teen pop star's first movie, "Justin Bieber: Never Say Never."

The mostly 'tween and teen crowd, many in homemade T-shirts proclaiming themselves Bieber's No 1 fan, filled the LA Live plaza hours ahead of the screening, hoping for a star sighting.

"We just wanted to see if we could get a glimpse of Justin," said 15-year-old Hanna Hamersley, who wore a purple handpainted T-shirt, a homemade Justin Bieber headband and purple "Never Say Never" 3-D glasses.

Part concert film and part biopic, "Never Say Never" tells the story of Bieber's rise from a small-town street performer to a bonafide pop sensation with hit albums, a bestselling book and more than seven million followers on Twitter.

"We made it for everyone," Bieber tweeted Tuesday. "We put our hearts and souls into it."

Internet

Cricket greats feature in new Bollywood film

MUMBAI, 9 Feb— AS teams prepare for the cricket World Cup in India, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh, some of the game's greatest players are gearing up for an appearance of a different kind — in a new Bollywood film.

Former Pakistan paceman Wasim Akram, ex-England captains Nasser Hussain and

Graham Gooch, South Africa batsman Herschelle Gibbs and Australia all-rounder Andrew Symonds all feature in "Patiala House", which is to be released on Friday.

The film stars Akshay Kumar, an actor noted more for his action hero roles than his skills with the bat and ball, and tracks tensions between

a traditional Punjabi father and his son in the west London suburb of Southall. "My character Gattu wants to be a cricketer but his family is opposed to it. So, I am trapped between my ambition and my father. He wants me to work in his shop whereas I want to play cricket for England," Kumar told reporters.—Internet



Indian Bollywood actors Akshay Kumar (L) and Anushka Sharma (R) promote the Hindi movie "Patiala House" during the television show "Chak Dhoom Dhoom" in Mumbai on 1 Feb, 2011.—INTERNET



Ireland down Wales in Nations Cup opener

DUBLIN, 9 Feb—The Republic of Ireland won the inaugural Nations Cup match as they beat Wales 3-0 at Lansdowne Road here on Tuesday.

What was meant to be



Manchester United's Northern Irish midfielder Darron Gibson.—INTERNET

a fresh era for Welsh football under Gary Speed saw his first game in charge end with another depressing defeat.

Neither side looked especially impressive in a dreary opening 45 minutes but after Darron Gibson broke the deadlock on the hour with his first international goal, the Republic pulled away with Damien Duff and substitute Keith Fahey also finding the back of the net.—*Internet*

England manager praises teenager Jack Wilshere

COPENHAGEN, 9 Feb—England manager Fabio Capello has heaped praise on teenager Jack Wilshere ahead of his full international debut, against Denmark, by comparing him to the best young players he's known.

The Arsenal midfielder's prodigious talent has seen him become a regular for his club after spending a spell on loan at Bolton Wanderers last season and already English supporters, desperate for a new hero following a miserable World Cup in South Africa last year, hope he could be 'the one'.

Wilshere has already played 15 minutes for England — against Hungary at Wembley in August — but Wednesday's match will be his first full start for the senior side and Capello clearly has high hopes.—*Internet*



England footballers Theo Walcott (left) and Jack Wilshere stretch during a training session.—INTERNET

Guardiola extends Barca contract until 2012 - club

MADRID, 9 Feb—Barcelona coach Josep Guardiola has agreed to stay with the Spanish champions until June 2012, the club said Tuesday. "The signing of the contract will take place in the next few days," the club said in a statement posted on its website.

The 40-year-old, who spent most of his playing career at Barcelona, coached Barcelona's B team before taking control of the first-team squad in June 2008 from Dutchman Frank Rijkaard.

The former Spanish international playmaker won seven trophies in his first two seasons at the Camp Nou.

He had a remarkable



European Club Association Chairman Karl-Heinz Rummenigge.

INTERNET

debut season winning the Champions League, league title and Spanish Cup. Guardiola added the World Club Cup, the Spanish Super Cup and the European Super Cup to his impressive haul the following year, as well as retaining the Spanish League with a record breaking 99 points.

Internet



Barcelona coach Josep Guardiola

European clubs blast FIFA

GENEVA, 9 Feb—European football clubs on Tuesday voiced strong opposition to talk of a winter World Cup and criticised the way world governing body FIFA has been handling changes in football.

"The time for monopolies is over. Football needs democracy and transparency," said European Club Association chairman Karl-Heinz Rummenigge.

"ECA members agree that all clubs must be meaningfully involved in all decisions affecting club football. Now is the time for change," Rummenigge, who is also chairman of Bayern Munich, added after the 136 member association's general assembly here.

Internet

SPORTS

Loew hints Ballack's Germany days may be over

BERLIN, 9 Feb—Germany coach Joachim Loew on Tuesday hinted ex-captain Michael Ballack may no longer have a future in the national side after saying the veteran is not his first choice in midfield.

Ballack, 34, has been left out of the Germany squad to face Italy in a friendly in Dortmund on Wednesday as he works



German football national team head coach Joachim Loew.

INTERNET

his way back to fitness after four months out with injury.

Having missed last year's World Cup with after tearing ankle ligaments, Germany finished third in South Africa as Ballack's defensive midfield role was filled by Real Madrid's Sami Khedira alongside Bastian Schweinsteiger.

Internet

England footballers Theo Walcott (left) and Jack Wilshere stretch during a training session.—INTERNET

Westwood, Kaymer: Don't count Tiger Woods out

DUBAI, 9 Feb—Lee Westwood and Martin Kaymer — the two highest-ranked golfers — insist Tiger Woods remains the biggest draw and his return to top form can only be good for the game.

"When I'm not playing a tournament and I'm watching, say, somewhere in the States, I'm watching how Tiger is playing," the top-ranked Westwood said. "I'm seeing if he's playing well. He's exciting to watch for everybody."

Westwood, Kaymer and the third-ranked



Tiger Woods

Woods play this week at the Dubai Desert Classic. The three will be grouped for the first two rounds at Emirates Golf Course. This is the first time since 1994 the world's top three golfers are playing together in a European Tour event.—*Internet*

Europe hosts string of midweek intl football friendlies

PARIS, 9 Feb—Half a season on from a World Cup where their respective teams largely failed to impress, England, Germany, Italy and France will use midweek friendlies to chart a course for happier times which they hope can materialise at Euro 2012.

England boss Fabio Capello, and German, Italian and French counterparts Joachim Loew, Laurent Blanc and Cesare Prandelli will be out to show that they are building solid foundations for the end of next season.

And the unavailability of several experienced names brings an opportunity to nurture young blood.

Cameroon hope Eto'o can match club form

JOHANNESBURG, 9 Feb—Cameroon captain Samuel Eto'o hopes he can transfer stunning club form to the national team on Wednesday when they play a friendly in Macedonia.

The Inter Milan striker has bagged 27 goals in all competitions this season for the reigning World, European and Italian champions, including a brace in a 5-3 weekend Serie A triumph over Roma.

And he will need all his



Inter Milan's Cameroonian forward Samuel Eto'o

Internet

predatory penalty-area instincts as Macedonia held England goalless at Wembley last year and are making a big push to appear at the Euro championship finals for the first time next year.

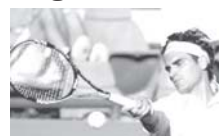
Cameroon legend Roger Milla has frequently criticised Eto'o, saying he does not replicate club form in Europe when he dons the green, red and yellow of the 'Indomitable Lions'. Eto'o did score twice last August when Cameroon triumphed 3-0 in Poland — the last time they played in Europe — before mixed Africa Cup of Nations results with an easy win in Mauritius followed by a home draw with DR Congo.

Nadal and Federer era is over, says Tsonga

ROTTERDAM, 9 Feb—Frenchman Jo-Wilfried Tsonga on Tuesday sauntered into the second round of the ATP Rotterdam Open after a 6-4, 6-4 defeat of Bulgarian Grigor Dimitrov and declared the era of domination from Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal is over.

Tsonga was joined in the second round by top seed and defending champion Robin Soderling, who dispatched Dutch wild card Robin Haase 6-3, 6-2 in less than an hour.

Wimbledon finalist Tomas Berdych was equally as impressive as the Czech fourth seed beat Spain's Guillermo Garcia-Lopez 6-1, 6-2 in



Frenchman Jo-Wilfried Tsonga on Tuesday sauntered into the second round of the ATP Rotterdam Open.—INTERNET

just 52 minutes.

The eighth-seeded Tsonga who lost the 2008 Australian Open final to Novak Djokovic said that the Serb's victory in Melbourne little more than a week ago over Andy Murray marked a gate-crashing of the party enjoyed by the Swiss and Spaniard for the last half-decade.

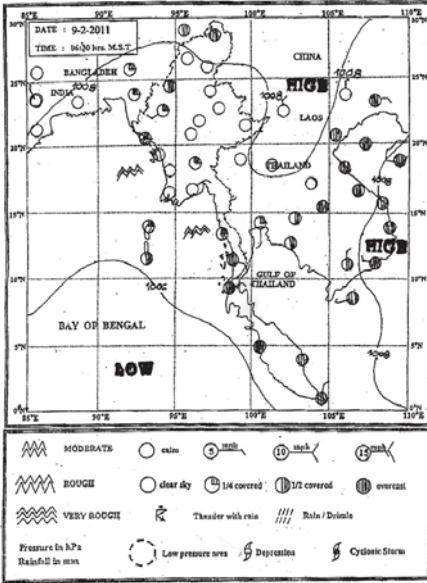
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Europe's traditional powerhouses had won nine World Cups between them before Spain put them in the shade last summer in breaking their duck in South Africa.—*Internet*



England's national team players are seen here during a training session at the Parken Stadium.—INTERNET

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Wednesday, 9th February, 2011

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T.
 During the past 24 hours, light rain have been isolated in Kachin State, weather has been partly cloudy in Upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Regions, Shan and Rakhine States, generally fair in the remaining Regions and States. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below February average temperature in Upper Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway, Bago and Taninthayi Regions, Shan, Kayin and Mon States, (3°C) to (4°C) above February average temperatures in Kachin and Rakhine States and about February average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant night temperatures were Namhsan, Pinlaung and Loilem (2°C) each, Heho (3°C), Lashio and Haka (4°C) each.

Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 8-2-2011 was 93°F. Minimum temperature on 9-2-2011 was 55°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 9-2-2011 was (82%). Rainfall on 9-2-2011 was (Nil).

Yangon (Kaba-Aye)

Maximum temperature on 8-2-2011 was 89°F. Minimum temperature on 9-2-2011 was 61°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 9-2-2011 was (60%). Total sunshine

hours on 8-2-2011 was (10.0) hours (Approx).

Rainfall on 9-2-2011 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2011 was (1.97) inches at Mingaladon, (1.89) inches at Kaba-Aye and (3.54) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (7) mph from Northwest at (12:30) hours MST on 8-2-2011.

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

Forecast valid until evening of the 10th February 2011:

Light rain are possible to be isolated in Taninthayi Region and Kachin State, weather will be partly cloudy in Upper Sagaing, Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions, Shan, Chin, Mon and Kayin States and generally fair in the remaining Regions and States. Degree of certainty is (40%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Possibility of continuation of isolated light rain in the extreme Northern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 10-2-2011: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 10-2-2011: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 10-2-2011: Generally fair weather.

Tokyo office vacancies climb 9.04 pct in Jan

TOKYO, 9 Feb—The average office vacancy rate in central Tokyo rose 0.13 percentage point from a month earlier to 9.04 percent at the end of January, marking the first increase in two-months, Miki Shoji Co, a real estate broker said Wednesday.

According to Miki Shoji, the rise was due to more tenants vacating older office buildings to move into newer ones.

But the firm said that overall demand for newly completed large office buildings remained comparatively low, due to Japan's faltering economic recovery.

The average rent in Tokyo's five central wards of Chiyoda, Chuo, Minato, Shinjuku and Shibuya stood at 17,548 yen (213 US dollars) per 3.3 sq meters, down 0.21 percent from a month earlier, the broker said.—Xinhua



A piece of gold jewelry is seen at a jewelry store in Huaibei, east China's Anhui Province, on 9 Feb, 2011.

As the St Valentine's Day approaches, many consumers in Huaibei choose to buy gold jewelry for their beloved ones.

XINHUA

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (10-2-2011) (Thursday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	(09:00am-11:00am)MST
Oversea Transmission	(10-2-11 09:30 am ~ 11-2-11 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * Residing in the Union with...Union Spirit (Rakhine State)
- * News
- * A Journey to Shan Plateau
- * Feel Pretty...in a Rawan Outfit
- * News
- * Song
- * Beikthano The Ancient Glory of Myanmar
- * News
- * Colourful Lotus-Shaped Candles
- * Differences between Scientific Knowledge and Buddhistic Method

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- * Songs for you
- * Colourful Lotus-Shaped Candles
- * News
- * The Wachat Jivitadana Sanga Hospital
- * News
- * Youth and Fashion (Yawai Aung, Sandi Myint Lwin)
- * News
- * Cultural Shows Enchancing Ties Between Myanmar & Indonesia
- * News
- * Mile of Road...Piles of Hope (Pathein - Monywa Motor Road) (Part-III)
- * News
- * MI People's Celebrities "Chit Thu Wai"
- * Music Gallery
- * Myanmar Movie "Longing For Mother"

Myanmar



Thursday, 10 February View on today

7:00 am

1. Paritta By Venerable Min Gun Sayadaw

7:15 am

2. Dhamma Puja Song

7:25 am

3. To Be Healthy Exercise

7:30 am

4. Morning News

7:40 am

5. Nice & Sweet Song

7:50 am

6. Health Programme

8:00 am

7. Dance Variety

8:15 am

8. Musical Programme

8:30 am

9. 64th Anniversary Union Day Programme

8:40 am

10. International News

8:45 am

11. Documentary

3:30 pm

1. Myanmar National League MNL

- Grand Royal Cup (2011)
- Football Competition (Delay) (Nay Pyi Taw FC & Southern Myanmar FC)

5:00 pm

2. 64th Anniversary Union Day Programme

5:10 pm

3. 2011 University Entrance Examination (Economics)

5:35 pm

4. Songs For Upholding National Spirit

5:40 pm

5. Teleplay (Forest)

6:00 pm

6. Evening News

6:15 pm

7. Weather Report

6:20 pm

8. Myanmar Series

6:30 pm

9. Approaching Science Discovery World

6:55 pm

10. TV Drama Series

7:40 pm

11. Documentary

8:00 pm

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13. International News
14. Weather Report
15. Documentary
16. TV Drama Series
17. TV Drama Series

- ★ 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

Mon State gaining development momentum in the time of State Peace and Development Council

Colourful Mon State

Situated in the south-eastern part of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Mon State is home to Mon, Bamar, Kachin, Kayin, Chin, Pa-O, Rakhine, Shan who have been living through thick and thin since a long time ago. Mon State is formed with mountains and plains covering an area of 4747.76 square miles. Some of the mountains in Mon State are as high as up to 1,500 feet and Zinkyeik mountain ranges and Taungnyo mountain ranges stretch from north to south in the region.

With coastal plains between the mouth of Sittoung River and Thanlwin River and Sittoung River, Bilin River, Ahtayan River, Gyaing River, Thanlwin River and Ye River flowing through the region, Mon State has favourable geographical condition, temperate climate pattern and fertile soil. Despite the fact that Mon State is blessed with such advantages, the region once lagged behind in development due to instability.

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Photo shows No. 2 Tyre and Rubber Product Factory (Bilin) that can produce 300,000 pieces of tyres with 11 types for motor cars.

HAILING 64TH ANNIVERSARY UNION DAY



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ARTICLE

Modern, developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation will surely emerge soon

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*Life of the Union
In a thorough study report
Since prehistoric times
Lived the Union has
People of single landmass
Kin of same blood

Hlawga Park to add an opening hour on Union Day

YANGON, 9 Feb — Hlawga Park of Forest Department, running its daily routine from 8 am to 5 pm, will be kept open till 6 pm to score satisfaction of holidaymakers on 12 February (Union Day).—MNA