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Robust sovereignty of a country rests on solidarity of entire people, with Union Spirit as the base

YANGON, 4 Jan — *The following is a translation of the message sent by State Peace and Development Council Chairman Defence Services Commander-in-Chief Senior General Than Shwe on the occasion of the 57th Anniversary of the Independence Day.*

On this auspicious occasion of the 57th Anniversary of the Independence Day of the Union of Myanmar, I would like to extend greetings to all the national people of the State, with amity and high esteem.

It has now been 57 years since the independence and sovereignty of the Union of Myanmar was restored, after the entire national people had sacrificed lots of lives, blood and sweat.

Since prehistoric times, all the national brethren including Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Bamar, Mon, Rakhine and Shan have been living in unity and oneness and in weal or woe throughout the course of history. Based on the love for their country and race, Union Spirit and patriotism has been flourishing in the mind and hearts of Myanmar people throughout the successive eras. Thanks to the urge

of their noble spirit, they were able to regain independence and sovereignty.

Taking the lessons of history that the nation was strong and developed when there was national unity and it was weak and in backwardness when unity among the nationalities disintegrated, the government has made the firm resolve to build the nation, laying down the policy of non-disintegration of the Union; non-disintegration of national solidarity; and perpetuation of sovereignty, and keeping national re-consolidation and perpetual flourishing and promotion of Union Spirit in the fore. Since its assumption of the State duties, the Government has been building a peaceful, modern and developed state, placing "Our Three Main National Causes", the national policy, in the fore. As national solidarity is the prime requirement for the nation-building drive, the government held negotiations with armed groups to make peace with them, and in this way, it has restored peace in the whole nation first. As peace is prevailing in the nation, it has continued to carry out the national development undertakings.

In its national consolidation drive, the govern-

ment has given priority to the development of border areas, whose progress was slow due to security reasons. It founded the Central Committee for Development of Border Areas and National Races, and has developed the economic infrastructure building programmes, and transport, agricultural, fish and animal farming, health and education sectors of the border areas. At the same time, it has achieved sound foundations for national consolidation.

Plans are being implemented after being drawn up for establishing a peaceful, modern and developed nation, which has been designated as national goal. In this context, the government formed the Special Projects Implementation Committee to build development infrastructures. Now, the committee is drawing up plans and implementing them regionwise and sectorwise. Border area development tasks are being carried out, alongside 24 development zones set up nationwide. Plans are also under way for rural development tasks. Relentless efforts are thus made to ensure equitable progress across the country leaving no part of the nation unattended.

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Secretary-1 attends School Family Day Prize-distribution Ceremony

YANGON, 3 Jan— The 2004-2005 School Family Day Prize-distribution Ceremony of the Ministry of Education was held at the Diamond Jubilee Hall on Pyay Road, Kamayut Township this morning, with an address by Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein.

Also present on the occasion were ministers, the chairman of Civil Service Selection and

Training Board, deputy ministers, diplomats of foreign missions, resident representatives of UN agencies and officials, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, directors-general of departments under the Ministry of Education, chairman of Myanmar Examinations Board, rectors, deputy directors-general, pro-rectors, social organizations, members of the school boards of trustees, well-wishers, township education officers of

Yangon Division, school heads, teachers and outstanding students and guests.

The ceremony was opened with singing of the national anthem.

Next, Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein made a speech. He said that the government is giving encouragement through the education sector to new genera-

tion students to become all-round outstanding citizens. It is doing so with the aim of building a peaceful, modern and developed nation through the intellectual might of the national people and of safeguarding the good foundations of the State.

It is firmly believed that the emergence of a peaceful, modern developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation and enabling the nation to stand tall among the global community rests

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Foreign Heads of State send felicitations to Senior General Than Shwe

YANGON, 4 Jan — *The following are messages of felicitations from foreign Heads of State sent to Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council on the occasion of the 57th Anniversary Independence Day of the Union of Myanmar.*

From Mr Hu Jintao, President of the People's Republic of China:

On the auspicious occasion of the 57th anniversary of the Independence Day of the Union of Myanmar, I would like to, on behalf of the Chinese people and in my own name, extend to Your Excellency and through you to the people of Myanmar the warmest congratulations and best wishes.

In the past year, Myanmar has made new progress on maintaining stability, developing economy, pushing forward the national reconciliation process and broadening external relations, of which I share the happiness. I sincerely hope that the people of Myanmar could continuously make further achievements in the way forward and build a more prosperous country.

China and Myanmar are countries linked by common mountains and rivers and the two peoples enjoy profound pauphaw friendship. To develop mutually beneficial cooperative relations in all fields accords the interests of the two countries and the two peoples. I am willing to made joint efforts. With your excellency to further develop the friendly relations of good-neighborliness between China and Myanmar based on the five principles of peaceful co-existence in the new century.

May the Union of Myanmar enjoy prosperity and her people wellbeing.

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Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein delivers an address at prize presentation ceremony of School Family Day for 2004-2005 academic year. — MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

Tuesday, 4 January, 2005

Safeguard national independence and sovereignty

Today, January 4, is the red-letter day in the history of our country because it was 57 years ago today that it managed to free itself from the yoke of colonialists and became a sovereign nation. Independence day celebrations are held all over the nation every year in accordance with the objectives with full national essence.

It is important for the entire nation, especially the young, to realize and value the fact that it was due to the united efforts of various national races that we regained our independence and sovereignty and that, as a result, the Union of Myanmar is able to stand proudly as an independent and sovereign nation in the world.

Now we are unitedly working towards a peaceful, modern and developed nation, our national goal.

New generation youths who will shoulder the responsibilities of the State in the future must possess a strong determination that they will protect and safeguard the independence and sovereignty of the State.

It has been a fine tradition of the entire national people to unitedly work under the leadership of the government in all the national affairs including nation-building work and the task of protecting and safeguarding the national independence and sovereignty. Therefore, it is necessary for every citizen to hold on to this tradition.

The objectives of the 57th anniversary of Independence Day are as follows:

- all the national people to collectively safeguard the national independence and sovereignty of the State and ensure non-disintegration of the Union and national unity
- all the national people to unitedly strive with might and main for emergence of an enduring State Constitution and for building a new modern and developed nation
- all the national people to work in concert for success of the seven-point Road Map of the State with Union Spirit and nationalist spirit
- all the national people to make concerted efforts for building of a new discipline-flourishing democratic nation

We would like to call on the entire national people to try their best and hardest and work in concert to translate the objectives of the 57th anniversary of Independence Day into a complete reality.

Foreign Heads of State...

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From Mr Roh Moo-Hyun, President of the Republic of Korea:

On behalf of the Government and people of the Republic of Korea, I have the great pleasure to extend my heartfelt congratulations to you and the people of the Union of Myanmar on the occasion of your Independence Day.

Noting with satisfaction the significant developments in the friendly and cooperative relations between the Republic of Korea and the Union of Myanmar, I am confident that these relations will be further strengthened to the mutual benefit of our two countries in the years ahead. Please accept, Your Excellency, my best wishes for your continued good health and every success as well as for the prosperity

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

Robust sovereignty of a country rests on solidarity...

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With plans drawn up, new irrigation facilities and river water-pumping projects are being implemented year after year to ensure the infrastructural development of agriculture, which plays the largest part in national economy. At the same time, electric power projects, large and medium, are under way to encourage the industries that will boom and to fulfil the necessities of social system. Efforts are being made to generate more and more megawatts of electricity year after year. In the transport sector, efforts are also being exerted with added momentum on extension, upgrading of motor roads, and town and village link-roads, construction of railroads and river-crossing bridges, expansion, upgarding and construction of airports.

After laying down the 30-year long-term national education promotion plan, measures are being taken for the development of human resources imperative for the education sector. To ensure an increase in learning opportunities and promotion of education level in both basic and higher education sectors, steps are being taken for widening the scope of specializations and for upgrading and opening the schools, colleges and universities year after year. As a result, educational facilities are now mushrooming across the country.

In the basic education sector, a total of 40,505 basic education schools have now been opened nationwide as part of the efforts to ensure that all citizens have access to basic education. The ongoing education plan has seen 96.6 percent rise in the enrolment rate of primary school level in the 2004-2005 school year, up from 77 percent in 1988. Enrolment per head has increased perceptibly in induction courses at every grade of the basic education level. Thanks to the 'Education for All' plan, the literacy rate swelled to 93.3 percent in 2004 from 78 percent in 1988.

The number of colleges and universities throughout the country has now reached 156. In the post-graduate education sector, doctoral courses in various specializations have been opened. They are now producing PhD degree holders. The government's huge investment in the education sector is now contributing to the continuous emergence of qualified human resources.

In the health sector, steps are being taken for provision of health care and promotion of medical education, for opening and upgrading of hospitals and dispensaries, and for installation of modern medical equipment to ensure the health and fitness of the entire national people. In like manner, one University of Traditional Medicines and traditional medicine hospitals were opened to give impetus to the development of traditional medical science.

In constant exercise of the independent and active

foreign policy alongside the five principles of peaceful coexistence, Myanmar always steers her course towards friendly relations with the world nations, especially with her neighbouring countries.

The Union Solidarity and Development Association was formed with youth forces. Now, the Association is taking measures to turn the force of new generation youths into the consolidated national force by giving training to them.

Putting investment in various sectors in the country is in a sense laying a foundation for a new state. National stability, strong economy for the country and the people, and higher education for the entire national people are central to the establishment of a consolidated democracy. The process of building a peaceful, modern and developed nation is fundamental to shaping a democratic nation. Judging by the experience of the entire national people, the strength of the people plays a decisive role in the development of their country. The seven-point Road Map of the State is now being implemented to establish a modern, developed, discipline-flourishing democratic nation. The onus is on the entire national people to bear in their hearts positive attitude and to play an active part with the full sense of Union Spirit in the successful implementation of the Road Map.

The robust sovereignty of a country rests on the solidarity of the entire people living there with Union Spirit. As shown by international events, it is crystal clear that national solidarity is a must.

With firm determination that the peaceful, modern and developed nation, which is our national goal, must take shape without a shadow of doubts, we have laid down the following four national objectives for the 57th Anniversary Independence Day 2005. They are:

1. All the national people to collectively safeguard the national independence and sovereignty of the State and ensure non-disintegration of the Union and national unity,
2. All the national people to unitedly strive with might and main for the emergence of an enduring State constitution and for building a new modern and developed nation,
3. All the national people to work in concert for success of the seven-point Road Map of the State with Union Spirit and nationalist spirit, and
4. All the national people to make concerted efforts for building a new discipline-flourishing democratic nation.

On this auspicious occasion of the Independence Day of the Union of Myanmar, I cordially call upon all the brothers and sisters born in the Union to take harmonious measures in unity with full sense of Union Spirit and patriotic spirit for the implementation of the four national objectives. —MNA

of your great country.

From Norodom Sihamoni, King of Cambodia:

Mr. Chairman,

On the auspicious celebration of the 57th Anniversary of the Independence of the Union of Myanmar, I have the honour to present Your Excellency, on behalf of the whole Cambodian People and on my own behalf, my warmest congratulations and most fervent wishes for your good health and happiness, as well as for the peace, progress and prosperity of the valiant People of the Union of Myanmar.

I am confident that the strong links uniting our two brotherly Peoples and the fruitful cooperation existing between our two Countries will be further developed for our mutual benefit.

Please accept, Your Excellency Mr. Chairman the assurances of my highest consideration.

From Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, President of the Philippines:

Excellency,

On behalf of the Government and people of the Republic of the Philippines, I wish to extend my warm felicitations to the Government and people of Myanmar on the occasion of the 57th Anniversary of the Independence of the Union of Myanmar.

The past year has seen our Governments take concrete steps to improve our bilateral relations through the inaugural meeting of the Philippines-Myanmar Joint Commission for Bilateral Cooperation held in Yangon in April 2004. I am confident that the benefits derived from enhanced cooperation both at the bilateral and regional levels, will serve the best interest of our two countries. Accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration. —MNA

China establishes research centre for world heritage protection

BEIJING, 1 Jan — Beijing has set up a research centre for world cultural heritage in the country in a bid to back heritage protection with more advanced theories and international criteria.

Located in the Beijing University of Technology, the Research Centre for World Cultural Heritage is the first of its kind in China.

The centre has gained support from the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) among its other eight counterparts, according to Professor Dai Jian, executive president of the research centre.

“Our study focuses on how to adopt UNESCO’s guidance and standards to evacuate, protect and manage the heritage sites in China, especially to enhance the study of preservation technologies where

resources of the university can be explored.” Saturday’s *China Daily* quoted Dai as saying.

In the past few years, the university has accomplished research on preserving and renovating historical sites in Beijing, under UNESCO’s instructions.

“Our practice has brought us abundant experiences, and also a group of outstanding professionals, which are of great importance to the research centre,” said Dai, who is also deputy director of the School of Architecture and Urban Planning of the university.

The research centre covers the evaluation and

planning of cultural heritage, popularizes preservation knowledge, and carries out training projects for professionals in heritage protection as well as international exchanges.

China had 30 world heritage sites, which made it No 1 and No 3 in Asia and the world respectively, ever since the government ratified the World Heritage Convention in 1985.

And that number has increased to 32 after two items, Kunqu opera and the art of Guqin music, were admitted into the list of the oral and intangible heritage of humanity in 2001 and 2003.

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Over 226 kilos of heroin seized in Istanbul

ANKARA, 1 Jan — Turkish security troops on Friday seized 226.166 kilos of heroin at the Haydarpasa Customs in Istanbul, the largest city of Turkey, the semi-official *Anatolia* news agency reported.

Security troops searched a truck at the Customs on the border pass for the Trieste Harbour in Italy and found 431 packages of heroin hidden in the cache of the truck, said the report.

One person was taken into custody in connection with the incident, added the report.—MNA/Xinhua

26 Asian, US, European firms to work on global 3G cellphone standard

TOKYO, 1 Jan — Twenty-six Asian, US and European cellphone service companies and data communications equipment manufacturers have agreed to develop a unified standard for speedier 3G (third-generation) cellphone technology, *Kyodo News* reported Friday.

The firms including NTT DoCoMo Inc., Vodafone Group PLC and Cingular Wireless LLC, agreed to establish a unified standard for updated third-generation mobile technology based on the W-CDMA format by 2007 and make high-speed services available as early as 2009.

The new technology will be capable of transmitting high-resolution video at a maximum speed of 100

megabits per second, as fast as data transmissions via fiber-optic broadband Internet service, *Kyodo* said.

The 26 companies, also including China Mobile Communications Corp and NEC Corp, have all adopted the W-CDMA format.

They reached an agreement in an international project to standardize the third-generation technology.

MNA/Xinhua

Second phase of CEPA enters into force on New Year Day

HONG KONG, 1 Jan — The economic links between the Chinese Mainland and Hong Kong will further strengthen with the implementation of second phase of the Mainland/Hong Kong Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement (CEPA) on 1 January.

“With CEPA II coming into effect tomorrow, Hong Kong origin products covered in 1,108 Mainland 2005 tariff codes (previously 1,087 items according to the 2004 classification) may enter the Mainland tariff free. For trade in services, Hong Kong service suppliers will gain preferential access to the Mainland market in 26 service areas,” a Hong Kong Trade and Industry Department (TID) spokesman said here Friday.

Further trade liberalization under CEPA II was agreed on 27 August, 2004, just over eight months after the full implementation of the first phase of CEPA on January 1 in 2004.

So far, CEPA has been running smoothly. Applications for CEPA Certificates of Origin, or CO(CEPA), and Certificates of Hong Kong Service Supplier (HKSS) are increasing steadily. The TID has also started receiving applications for CO(CEPA) and HKSS under CEPA II.

Of the 712 applications for HKSS received, 663 have been approved while 2,991 certificates out of the 3,199 applications for CO(CEPA) have been issued, involving goods with a total value of about

1,147 million US dollars, the spokesman said.

A special CEPA web site was launched to disseminate CEPA-related information to help Hong Kong investors understand more about the investment environment and market opportunities in the Mainland, and about the application and approval procedures. CEPA is a

continuous arrangement and adopts a building-block approach which provides a mechanism for further liberalization measures. Starting from January 1, the TID will accept applications from local manufacturers wishing to include their goods in the next phase of zero tariffs under CEPA, the spokesman added.—MNA/Xinhua



A Chinese musician waits for his turn to perform with ancient bell instruments during a performance at an ancient music ministry newly opened to the public in Beijing, China, on 31 Dec, 2004.

INTERNET

China witnesses rapid development of aquatic products export

BEIJING, 1 Jan — China is expected to export 6.5 billion US dollars of aquatic products this year, according to the fishery bureau of the Ministry of Agriculture.

Latest statistics indicate that in the past 11 months, China exported 6.2 billion US dollars of aquatics, or fish and other seafood in other words. They make up 30 per cent of total agricultural exports. The export volume rose by 28.7 per cent during the same period last year, the highest since 1996. An official with the bureau ascribed the rapid growth of the sector to the upswing of international demand as well as the improved quality of China’s products.

The official noted that

fishery products with high-value added are still the major contributor to the export increase. Statistics from the ministry shows that in the January-October period, the export volume of eel and shrimp reached 690 million US dollars and 640 million US dollars respectively. In the meantime, more and more Chinese companies are engaged in processing aquatic products from overseas and then exporting them. This is also called “processing trade.” This kind of trade has promoted technological

and management levels for aquatics processing companies and absorbed a large quantity of rural surplus labours.

In the first ten months this year, the processing trade volume in the sector reached 2 billion US dollars, up 32 per cent on a yearly base.

In 2004, new markets for aquatic products are emerging as China’s export to the Association of the South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) nations, Australia, Russia and Hong Kong region has grown rapidly.—MNA/Xinhua



An elderly Iraqi shows his ID papers to a US Marine on patrol in the destroyed city of Fallujah, 50 kilometres west of the capital Baghdad on 2 Jan, 2005.—INTERNET

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The State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar has conferred religious titles on the following Most Venerable Sayadaws, Ganthadura Pariyatti Lecturer Sayadaws, Vipassanadura Patipatti Kamathan Instructor Sayadaws, Mobile Dhamma Preachers, national and foreign missionary figures and outstanding donors of the Four Essentials to the Buddhist Sasana.

Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Title

1. Bhaddanta Kavinda, Maha Zawtikayama Monastery, Sagaing, Sagaing Division
2. Bhaddanta Sobhana, Pali Tekkatho Nyaungdon Monastery, Bahan Township, Yangon Division

Tipitakadhara Dhammabhandagarika Title

1. Bhaddanta Silakkhandhabhivamsa, Nikaya Monastery, Pale Yadana Road, Ward 13, Dagon Myothit (South) Township, Yangon Division
2. Bhaddanta Vamsapalalankara, Tipitaka Nikaya Monastery, Momeik Hill, Sagaing Hills, Sagaing Division

Agga Maha Pandita Title

1. Bhaddanta Indačakka, Pariyatti Sasana Manaung Monastery, Shwebo, Sagaing Division
2. Bhaddanta Suriya, Maha Weikza Theikpan Monastery, Monywa, Sagaing Division
3. Bhaddanta Silavamsa, Dawei Yeiktha Monastery, Kawthoung, Taninthayi Division
4. Bhaddanta Čandima, Bo Oo Sein Monastery, Bo Oo Sein Village, Waw Township, Bago Division
5. Bhaddanta Kosalla, Thukhakari Mon Monastery, Bago, Bago Division
6. Bhaddanta Sirinda, Sasana Mandaing Monastery, Bago, Bago Division
7. Bhaddanta Aggissariyabhivamsa, Maha Wizaryama Monastery, Pakokku, Magway Division
8. Bhaddanta Visuddha, Myoma Monastery, Gangaw, Magway Division
9. Bhaddanta Subhoga, Mehti Monastery, Hanthawady Village, Inwa, TadaU Township, Mandalay Division
10. Bhaddanta Indaka, Saddhammawanthayon (Nagayon) Monastery, Meiktila, Mandalay Division
11. Bhaddanta Nagindabhivamsa, Myataung Monastery, Mahaangmye Township, Mandalay Division
12. Bhaddanta Paññajotabhivamsa, Padamyā Monastery, Chanayethazan Township, Mandalay Division
13. Bhaddanta Vimalabuddhi, Myazedi Monastery, Mawlamyine, Mon State
14. Bhaddanta Dhammapiya, Maha Pynnya Thihayama Monastery, MraukU, Rakhine State
15. Bhaddanta Panditabhivamsa, Maha Bodi Monastery, Yankin Township, Yangon Division
16. Bhaddanta Vasetha, Phetpin-aing Monastery, Thingangyun Township, Yangon Division
17. Bhaddanta Kosallabhivamsa, Salin Monastery, Kyimyindine Township, Yangon Division
18. Bhaddanta Kumara, Maha Theindawgyi Pariyatti Monastery, Pabedan Township, Yangon Division
19. Bhaddanta Nānasambhara, Pitakat Shan Barthabayan Monastery, Panglong, Loilem, Shan State
20. Bhaddanta Nandamala, Yadana Okkyangtaik, Pathein, Ayeyawady Division

Title recipient Sayadaw from abroad

21. Bhaddanta Kesava, Myanmar Monastery, Chicago, Illinois State, the United State of America

Maha Dhammakathika Mahujanahitadhara Title

1. Bhaddanta Čandasuriya, Aungsekkaya Monastery, Thayettaw Kyaungtaik, Lanmadaw Township, Yangon Division

Dhammakathika Mahujanahitadhara Title

1. Bhaddanta Kusalabuddhi, Athawkayama Monastery, Chanmyathazi Township, Mandalay Division
2. Bhaddanta Vayama, Ngadatgyi Monastery, Bahan Township, Yangon Division
3. Bhaddanta Sobhana, East Myinmo Monastery, Mogok Vipassana Dhamma Yeiktha, Ward 5, South Okkalapa Township, Yangon Division

Agga Maha Ganthavačaka Pandita Title

1. Bhaddanta Čandima, Zeyathukha Waso Monastery,

Mohnyin, Kachin State

2. Bhaddanta Paññavamsa, Uttarayon Monastery, Loikaw, Kayah State
3. Bhaddanta Kavisara, Waizayanda Monastery, Thawtapan Ward, Sagaing, Sagaing Division
4. Bhaddanta Paññasiri, Zeyathin Pali Tekkatho Monastery, Thawtapan Ward, Sagaing, Sagaing Division
5. Bhaddanta Varasambodhi, Maha Dhammayon Monastery, ČhaungU, Sagaing Division
6. Bhaddanta Mahosadhapandita, Sitagu World Buddhist Academy, Sagaing, Sagaing Division
7. Bhaddanta Supakadabhivamsa, Shwebogyi Monastery, Toungoo, Bago Division
8. Bhaddanta Jotika, Zawtikayon Pali Tekkatho Monastery, Pyay, Bago Division (West)
9. Bhaddanta Dhammapala, Aungmye Thaya Monastery, Yezagyo, Magway Division
10. Bhaddanta Nandasiri, Nandaaye Monastery, Maha Withokdayon Taikthit, Mahaangmye Township, Mandalay Division
11. Bhaddanta Pandita, Naymin Monastery, Mahaangmye Township, Mandalay Division
12. Bhaddanta Čintita, Yay Thaphan Pariyatti Monastery, TadaU, Mandalay Division
13. Bhaddanta Kumara, Zeyathin Monastery, Koehsaung Monastery, Myingyan, Mandalay Division
14. Bhaddanta Javana, Abbot Training School, Aungmyethazan Township, Mandalay Division
15. Bhaddanta Theravamsa, Sirimingala Gwaygyo Monastery, Chanayethazan Township, Mandalay Division
16. Bhaddanta Čandobhasabhivamsa, Mingalathiri Okkyang, New Maha Withokdayon Monastery, Mahaangmye Township, Mandalay Division
17. Bhaddanta Jadhila, Seiktapala Cave Monastery, Kyaupkadaung, Mandalay Division
18. Bhaddanta Iddhikabhivamsa, Hmankin Pyitzawtawon Monastery, Aungmyethazan Township, Mandalay Division
19. Bhaddanta Palita, Dattawtaik Monastery, Kamawet Village, Mudon Township, Mon State
20. Bhaddanta Visuddha, Withokdayama Monastery, Mawlamyine, Mon State
21. Bhaddanta Puppharamma, Mon Pariyatti Monastery, Kyinwam Village, Kyaikmaraw Township, Mon State
22. Bhaddanta Indasiri, Phala Zaytawun Monastery, Ye, Mon State
23. Bhaddanta Janinda, Yadana Beikman Monastery, Myinbya, Rakhine State
24. Bhaddanta Paññavamsa, Myoma Ale Pariyatti Monastery, East Ward, Kyaupkyu, Rakhine State
25. Bhaddanta Kusala, Minkyang Pahtamabayan Pariyatti Monastery, Thanlyin Township, Yangon Division
26. Bhaddanta Sumanananda, Hsutaungpyay Monastery, Mingala Taungnyunt Township, Yangon Division
27. Bhaddanta Gunikabhivamsa, Kanthonhsint Pariyatti Monastery, Mingaladon Township, Yangon Division
28. Bhaddanta Panditabhatikabhivamsa, Phayaphyu Monastery, Pazundaung Township, Yangon Division
29. Bhaddanta Paññavamsa, State Pariyatti Sasana University, Mayangon Township, Yangon Division
30. Bhaddanta Therinda, State Pariyatti Sasana University, Mayangon Township, Yangon Division
31. Bhaddanta Silavamsabhivamsa, State Pariyatti Sasana University, Mayangon Township, Yangon Division
32. Bhaddanta Paññavamsa, Kangyi Pariyatti Monastery, Nyaungshwe, Shan State
33. Bhaddanta Paññajota, Shwehintha Tawya Monastery, Nyaungdon, Ayeyawady Division
34. Bhaddanta Vayamasami, Dhamma Theikpan Monastery, Maubin, Ayeyawady Division
35. Bhaddanta Vimalabhivamsa, Shwetaungmaw Theindaw Monastery, Maubin, Ayeyawady Division
36. Bhaddanta Nānuttara, Abbot Training School, Pathein, Ayeyawady Division
37. Bhaddanta Kovida, Kannakyaung Pariyatti Monastery, Mawlamyinegyun, Ayeyawady Division
38. Bhaddanta Visuddhačara, Phayagy Monastery, Hinthada, Ayeyawady Division

Nuns

39. Nun Daw Nānissari, Mingun Sharbin Taikthit Nunnery, Sagaing, Sagaing Division
40. Nun Daw Paññasingi, Theingi Yadana Nunnery, Tatkon, Mandalay Division

41. Nun Daw Paññaviati, Myawady Nunnery, Pyigyidagun Township, Mandalay Division
42. Nun Daw Kusalačari, Thuwunnabumi Khemayama Nunnery, Dagon Myothit (North) Township, Yangon Division

Maha Ganthavačaka Pandita Title

1. Bhaddanta Visuddha, Khemathiwun Pariyatti Monastery, Myitkyina, Kachin State
2. Bhaddanta Sobhita, Mon Pariyatti Monastery, Myawady, Kayin State
3. Bhaddanta Suriya, Letpangon Monastery, Indaw Township, Sagaing Division
4. Bhaddanta Paññanandabhivamsa, Maha Thandayon Monastery, Monywa, Sagaing Division
5. Bhaddanta Kumara, Maha Dhammayon Monastery, YeU Township, Sagaing Division
6. Bhaddanta Paññavamsa, Yankin Pariyatti Monastery, Monywa, Sagaing Division
7. Dr Bhaddanta Osadhasara, Sitagu World Buddhist Academy, Sagaing, Sagaing Division
8. Bhaddanta Tejobhasa, Tawkyang Pariyatti Monastery, Myeik, Taninthayi Division
9. Bhaddanta Tisanana, Sasana Thawbanikayon Monastery, Pyundaza, Nyaunglebin Township, Bago Division
10. Bhaddanta Jayanta, Myoma Pariyatti Monastery, Thanatpin, Bago Division
11. Bhaddanta Čandobhasa, Myoma Monastery, Bago, Bago Division
12. Bhaddanta Khemačara, Kangale Tawya Monastery, Oktwin, Bago Division
13. Bhaddanta Jagara, Uttarayama North Monastery, Nyaunglebin, Bago Division
14. Bhaddanta Gandhama, Pangweyong Tawya Monastery, Madauk, Nyaunglebin Township, Bago Division
15. Bhaddanta Čintita, Taikkyang Pali Tekkatho Monastery, Gyobingauk, Bago Division (West)
16. Bhaddanta Vičittasara, KanU Pariyatti Monastery, Paungtale, Pyay Township, Bago Division (West)
17. Bhaddanta Paññobhasa, Maha Htupayon Monastery, Thonze, Thayawady Township, Bago Division (West)
18. Bhaddanta Paññāčakka, Pynnya Sekkayama Monastery, Magway, Magway Division
19. Bhaddanta Ariyavamsa, Maha Thutayama Aletaik, Pakokku, Magway Division
20. Bhaddanta Uttama, Aungmyethaya Wunmingyi Monastery, Yezagyo, Magway Division
21. Bhaddanta Vičitta, Athawkayon Monastery, Chanmyathazi Township, Mandalay Division
22. Bhaddanta Revata, MyoU Pariyatti Monastery, Myittha, Mandalay Division
23. Bhaddanta Vilasagga, KyunU Monastery, Zigan Village, TadaU Township, Mandalay Division
24. Bhaddanta Kusala, Mingalayama Shwebo Monastery, Aungmyethazan Township, Mandalay Division
25. Bhaddanta Vimalabuddhi, Pali Tekkatho Mingalazeyon Monastery, Pynmana, Mandalay Division
26. Bhaddanta Thutivara, State Pariyatti Sasana University, Aungmyethaza Township, Mandalay Division
27. Bhaddanta Paññasara, MyokanU Pariyatti Monastery, Pyawbwe, Mandalay Division
28. Bhaddanta Theriya, Theinkyang, West Khinmagan Monastery, Chanayethazan Township, Mandalay Division
29. Bhaddanta Nandačara, State Pariyatti Sasana University, Aungmyethazan Township, Mandalay Division
30. Bhaddanta Sirinagindabhivamsa, Minkyang Monastery, Mawlamyine, Mon State
31. Bhaddanta Nandaka, Mahayan Pariyatti Monastery, Mawlamyine, Mon State
32. Bhaddanta Indačariya, Gyongyongya Tawya Monastery, Mudon Township, Mon State
33. Bhaddanta Sasana, Magyikyun North Monastery, Yanbye, Rakhine State
34. Bhaddanta Naginda, Pynnya Lingakara Monastery, Ywagyi South Ward, Sittaw, Rakhine State
35. Bhaddanta Paññasiha, Ohbokaung Pariyatti Monastery, Thayettaw Taik, Lanmadaw Township, Yangon Division
36. Bhaddanta Sumanabhivamsa, Kyaungdawya Shwegyin Monastery, Bahan Township, Yangon Division
37. Bhaddanta Indaka, Mingala Thukha Pali Tekkatho Monastery, Tamway Township, Yangon Division
38. Bhaddanta Lakkhana, Webyan Pariyatti Monastery, Ngadatgyi, Bahan Township, Yangon Division

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39. Bhaddanta Çakkindabhivamsa, Shwehinta Maha Bawdi Pariyatti Monastery, Bahan Township, Yangon Division
40. Bhaddanta Uttara, Zeyawady Pariyatti Monastery, Hline Township, Yangon Division
41. Bhaddanta Kosallabhivamsa, Dhammikayon Pali Tekkatho Monastery, Mingala Taungnyunt Township, Yangon Division
42. Bhaddanta Jagara, Myatheindan Monastery, Pazundaung Township, Yangon Division
43. Bhaddanta Kundala, Aletawya Sanpya Monastery, Bahan Township, Yangon Division
44. Bhaddanta Çandavara, State Pariyatti Sasana University, Mayangon Township, Yangon Division
45. Bhaddanta Indobhasabhivamsa, State Pariyatti Sasana University, Mayangon Township, Yangon Division
46. Bhaddanta Sumana, State Pariyatti Sasana University, Mayangon Township, Yangon Division
47. Bhaddanta Nanissara, Tipitaka Maha Gandayon Monastery, Mayangon Township, Yangon Division
48. Bhaddanta Vijjananda, Pahtama Taungkyauingyi Monastery, Taunggyi, Shan State
49. Bhaddanta Sirinda, Samme Monastery, Nawngkhio Township, Shan State (North)
50. Bhaddanta Khemindaçara, Satubommika Pariyatti Monastery, Dedaye, Ayeyawady Division
51. Bhaddanta Nanindabhivamsa, Pariyatti Minkyauing Monastery, Maubin, Ayeyawady Division

Nuns

52. Nun Daw Dhammesi, Thameikdawdaya Corner, Phwaphayagyi Nunnery, Sagaing, Sagaing Division
53. Nun Daw Tikkhavati, Maha Leti Dhammesaka Nunnery, Monywa, Sagaing Division
54. Nun Daw Çandavati, Pyinnyayama Nunnery, Myoma Ward, Bahan Township, Yangon Division

Ganhavaçaka Pandita Title

1. Bhaddanta Kheminda, Theravada Buddhist Missionary Centre, Sasana Alinyaung Pariyatti Monastery, Mindat, Chin State
2. Bhaddanta Viçitta, Dayu Pariyatti Monastery, Banmauk, Sagaing Division
3. Bhaddanta Çandima, Zeyawady Monastery, Dawei, Taninthayi Division
4. Bhaddanta Tejinda, Kyakhatwaing Monastery, Bago, Bago Division
5. Bhaddanta Vannitalankara, Maha Gandayon Monastery, Thonze, Thayawady Township, Bago Division (West)
6. Bhaddanta Somanga, Pyithaaye Monastery, Maha Wizitayama Monastery, Pyigyidagun Township, Mandalay Division
7. Bhaddanta Uttara, Dhammazed Mon Pariyatti Monastery, Mawlamyine, Mon State
8. Bhaddanta Paññavamsa, Shwephaungtin Pariyatti Monastery, Minbya, Rakhine State
9. Bhaddanta Obhasa, Mawgyun Monastery, North Okkalapa Township, Yangon Division
10. Bhaddanta Nandasiri, Kyauingyi Monastery, Kyimyindine Township, Yangon Division
11. Bhaddanta Ardiçça, Kanhla Pariyatti Monastery, Hlinethaya Township, Yangon Division
12. Bhaddanta Khantidhaja, Hsintwe Monastery, Taunggyi, Shan State
13. Bhaddanta Samvara, Minkyauing Pariyatti Monastery, Labutta, Ayeyawady Division
14. Bhaddanta Tikkhana, Thiri Mingala KanUkyauing Pariyatti Monastery, Pyapon, Ayeyawady Division

Nuns

15. Nun Daw Kañavati, Thukhitayon Nunnery, Pyidawtha Ward, Haka, Chin State
 16. Nun Daw Puñakari, Sasanawdaya Nunnery, Thawtapan Ward, Sagaing, Sagaing Division
 17. Nun Daw Suçinti, Yadanaponsan Nunnery, Aungmyethazan Township, Mandalay Division
 18. Nun Daw Nandasingi, Thonbanhla Aungthawda Nunnery, Shwepyitha Township, Yangon Division
- Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Title**
1. Bhaddanta Paññavamsa, Kawtharama Monastery, Htoma Village, Kalay Township, Sagaing Division

2. Bhaddanta Vijayabhivamsa, Sasana Manaung Webyan Monastery, Daingwunkwin Shansu Ward, Mawlamyine, Mon State
3. Bhaddanta Sumanasagara, Myanmar Candi Monastery, No 94, Thiho Street, Yuzana Garden City, Dagon Myothis (Seikkan) Township, Yangon Division
4. Bhaddanta Vayaminda, Athawka Monastery, Chauktetkyi Monastery, Bahan Township, Yangon Division
5. Bhaddanta Visalabhivamsa, Sasana Wiponla Shwegu Monastery, Nyaungshwe, Shan State (South)

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6. Bhaddanta Silanandabhivamsa, Dhammananda Vihara, 1745050, Cabrilla HWY; Half Moon Bay, USA

Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Title

1. Bhaddanta Dhammika, Myoma Monastery, Mawyawady Ward, Mansi Township, Kachin State
2. Bhaddanta Vijjotika, Htuparama Monastery (West Zathabyin), Kawkyaik Village, Hpa-an Township, Kayin State
3. Bhaddanta Paññinda, Hmamkyauing Monastery, Shweson Village, MaU Village-tract, Monywa Township, Sagaing Division
4. Bhaddanta Janinda, Aungmye Shwetha Monastery, Aungtha Village, Ayadaw Township, Sagaing Division
5. Bhaddanta Naginda, Sasana Mandaing Gandamayon Monastery, Naungpakayit Ward, Homalin Township, Sagaing Division
6. Bhaddanta Janita, Parahita Monastic Education School, Thalla Ward, Monywa, Sagaing Division
7. Bhaddanta Narada, Naradayamataik Monastery, Kadetngehtein Village, Launglon Township, Taninthayi Division
8. Bhaddanta Uttama, Kwinhlayshay Monastery, Kwinhlayshay Village, Thanatpin Township, Bago Division
9. Bhaddanta Khantisara, Dhammaçariya Tekkatho Monastery, Ward 3, Toungoo, Bago Division
10. Bhaddanta Kelasa, Katha Monastery, Thongwa Village, DaikU Township, Bago Division
11. Bhaddanta Kusala, Waizayanta Monastery, Myotwingyi Ward, Bago, Bago Division
12. Bhaddanta Vilasa, Ngagyigway Monastery, Ngagyigway Village, Yesashe Township, Bago Division
13. Bhaddanta Aravindabhivamsa, Yadana Gonmyint Monastery, Ward 2, Toungoo, Bago Division
14. Bhaddanta Paññajota, Kogyihmyok Monastery, Kogyihmyok Village, Kwetet Village-tract, Hsinhyeswe, Thegon Township, Bago Division (West)
15. Bhaddanta Vilasa, Thawutti Tawya Monastery, Ywabe Ward, Pyay, Bago Division (West)
16. Bhaddanta Pandita, Thondat Monastery, Thayagon Village, Minhla Township, Bago Division (West)
17. Bhaddanta Kelasa, Hsebinsu Monastery, Hsebinsu Village, PhalanO Village-tract, Pakokku Township, Magway Division
18. Bhaddanta Kumara, Kyaungma Monastery, Hsinchayya Village, Yezago Township, Magway Division
19. Bhaddanta Paññinda, Yadana Bonmi Monastery, ancient Pakhamgyi City, Yezago Township, Magway Division
20. Bhaddanta Mandiya, Kinywa Monastery, Kin Village, Kanma Township, Magway Division
21. Bhaddanta Viçittana, Shweyaungtag Phayagyi Monastery, Letpanshay Village-tract, Taungdwingyi Township, Magway Division
22. Bhaddanta Sobhita, Kontha KanU Monastery, Kontha Village, Nyagamoe Village-tract, Taungdwingyi Township, Magway Division
23. Bhaddanta Yasa, Khemathiun Monastery, Kada Village, Chaungzon Township, Mon State
24. Bhaddanta Tikha, Waiwikawatha Monastery, Taungsun Village, Bilin Township, Mon State
25. Bhaddanta Paññajota, Pyinnyazawtayon Monastery, Zeebingyi Village, PyinOolwin Township, Mandalay Division
26. Bhaddanta Arçara, Shwetinchin Monastery, Tantzintaw Village, Indaing Village-tract, Kyaukse Township, Mandalay Division
27. Bhaddanta Kitti, Zeyalinkara Pariyatti Monastery, Myingyan, Mandalay Division
28. Bhaddanta Medhavalankara, Aungyadana Monastery, Kyauktaga Tawya Monastery, Wunzin Ward, Meiktila, Mandalay Division
29. Bhaddanta Vimala, Mya Yadana Monastery, Myabiyin Village, Thandwe Township, Rakhine State

30. Bhaddanta Kovida, Chaungphyagyi Monastery, Chaungphyagyi Village, Yanbye Township, Rakhine State
31. Bhaddanta Paññinda, Yadana Theinkha Monastery, Salin Monastery, Kyimyindine Township, Yangon Division
32. Bhaddanta Indakajiva, Satubonmika Maggin Yeiktha Monastery, Htanbingon Ward, Bogyoke Village, Thanlyin Township, Yangon Division
33. Bhaddanta Tiloka, Zeya Mingala Monastery, Ward 1, Hline Township, Yangon Division
34. Bhaddanta Visuta, Dhamma Thitagu Ayeywa Monastery, Bamaaye Ward, Dawbon Township, Yangon Division
35. Bhaddanta Javanasiddhi, Natmauk Weikza Theikpan Monastic Education School, Ward 2, North Okkalapa Township, Yangon Division
36. Dr Bhaddanta Kumarabhivamsa, International Theravada Buddhist Missionary University, Ward 5, Mayangon Township, Yangon Division
37. Bhaddanta Indaka, 94, Myatheindan Monastery, Anawrahta Street, Pazundaung Township, Yangon Division
38. Bhaddanta Kumara, Zeyatheikdi Maha Thwamthara Phaya Monastery, Bogon Ward, Insein Township, Yangon Division
39. Bhaddanta Viçita, Yanaungmyin Monastery, Ward 1, Lashio, Shan State (North)
40. Bhaddanta Suriya, Myinka Monastery, Myinka Village, Lwe-an Village-tract, Kalaw Township, Taunggyi District, Shan State
41. Bhaddanta Devinda, Nabwam Monastery, Wamchin Village-tract, Kehsi Township, Shan State
42. Bhaddanta Jotika, Hokhon Pariyatti Monastery, Ward 3, Kengtung, Shan State (East)
43. Bhaddanta Çandobhasa, Dhammika Pophayon Monastery, Kattaung Village, Kengtung Township, Shan State (East)
44. Bhaddanta Paññavara, Taikthit Monastery, Mezali Village, Laymyetha Township, Ayeyawady Division
45. Bhaddanta Nanadipa, Thaikkon Monastery, Thaikkon Village, Maubin Township, Ayeyawady Division
46. Bhaddanta Paññaçakka, Sasana Pala Missionary Monastic Education School, Kye Taw Village, Kyaunggon Township, Ayeyawady Division
47. Bhaddanta Kundala, Seinpan Monastery, North Ward, Ngaputaw Township, Ayeyawady Division
48. Bhaddanta Vissuta, Nigyawdayon Nyaungbintha Pariyatti Monastery, Ward 2, Pathein, Ayeyawady Division

Title recipient Sayadaws from abroad

49. Bhaddanta Subodananda, Gana Maha Vihara Monastery, Kathmandu, Nepal
50. Ven Rajguru Aggravamsa Mahathero, Parbatya Khikkhu Sagha Chakma Rag Bhihara, Rangamati Hill Tracts, Bangladesh
51. Bhaddanta Nanika, Mandalay Monaster, Mesariyan, Thailand
52. Ven Charum Vaciransy! Phonphrao Temple Xaisetha District, Lao PDR
53. Ven Wanduragala Sri Rathnajothis Nayaka Thero, Asgirimaha Viharahaya Udagama Pansala Monastery, Sri Lanka
54. Bhaddanta Nanissara, Myanmar Monastery, Buddha Nagari Ward, Kusinar, UP State, India

Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Title

1. Bhaddanta Kovida, Phabyin Monastic Education School, Phakant Township, Kachin State
2. Bhaddanta Kavisara, Masoeiein Monastery, Hsankywe Village, Phakant Township, Kachin State
3. Bhaddanta Sirindaçara, Ngwetaung Monastery, Ngwetaungpyi Pariyatti Monastery, Ngwetaung Sanpya Village, Demawso Township, Loikaw District, Kayah State
4. Bhaddanta Nandiya, Tapuhto Monastery, Tapuhto Village, Hlaingbwe Township, Kayin State
5. Bhaddanta Vannasiri, Theravada Buddhist Missionary Centre, Tiddim, Chin State
6. Bhaddanta Uttarabuddhi, Thiri Mingala Monastery (Phwasaw South Monastery), Phwasaw Village, Myaung Township, Sagaing Division
7. Bhaddanta Neminda, Theravada Buddhist Missionary Centre, Tein-in Village, Hkamti Township, Sagaing Division

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LPDR Vice-President sends congratulatory message to Vice-Senior General Maung Aye

YANGON, 4 Jan—The following is the message sent by Mr Choummaly Xayasone, Vice-President of the Lao People's Democratic Republic to Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar on the occasion of the 57th Anniversary Independence Day.

Your Excellency,

On the auspicious occasion of the 57th Anniversary of the Independence Day of the Union of Myanmar, I

have a great pleasure to extend my warmest congratulations and best wishes to Your Excellency.

I am delighted to note that the friendly relations and good neighborly cooperation existing between our two countries Laos and Myanmar have been strengthened and have flourished continuously. May I take this opportunity to wish Your Excellency good health, well-being and success in your noble task.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration. — MNA

Indonesian Vice-President sends congratulatory message to Vice-Senior General Maung Aye

YANGON, 4 Jan—The following is the message sent by Mr Muhammad Jusuf Kalla, Vice-President of the Republic of Indonesia to Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar on the occasion of the 57th Anniversary Independence Day.

Your Excellency,

I am greatly pleased to extend to you my cordial greetings and sincerest felicitations on the happy

celebration of the Anniversary of the Independence Day of the Union of Myanmar.

It is my firm belief that while working together on a bilateral basis as well as on international fora, Myanmar and Indonesia will be able to contribute significantly to the cause of regional as well as international peace and prosperity.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my most distinguished consideration. — MNA

Blood brothers beware

- * For nearly over 2,000 years, our country
Led by our own leaders, proudly
With own culture, with laws we made
And miscellany, we existed for long.
- * After living grandly, thus
Evil and sly, dirty colonialists
Intruded battling, with avarice
Came and usurped our land
Intruded, and was subjugated
which lasted many years end.
- * Within short time of enslavement
Not long, but in just a while
We lost our independence, heart-broken
Blood brothers born of Myanmar
Gathered in strength, sacrificing
Life, blood and sweat, for over hundred years
Only after which, we could regain our
independence.
- * After putting in much investment
We got it back, Myanmar's sovereignty
Our blood brothers, our independence
Beware not to lose it again.

U Aung Mon (MA) (Trs)



On behalf of Hinthada District USDA, Secretary of Ingapu Township USDA U Myat Soe seconds the motion. — MNA



Executive of Ayeyawady Division USDA U Win Ko Ko reports on nine future tasks laid down by USDA Annual General Meeting 2004. — MNA



Joint-Secretary of Ayeyawady Division USDA U Aung Tin Myint reports on seven objectives of USDA. — MNA



On behalf of Pyapon District USDA, Executive of Pyapon Township USDA Daw Cho Cho Lwin seconds the motion. — MNA



Secretary of Ayeyawady Division USDA U Than Tun presides over the meeting. — MNA



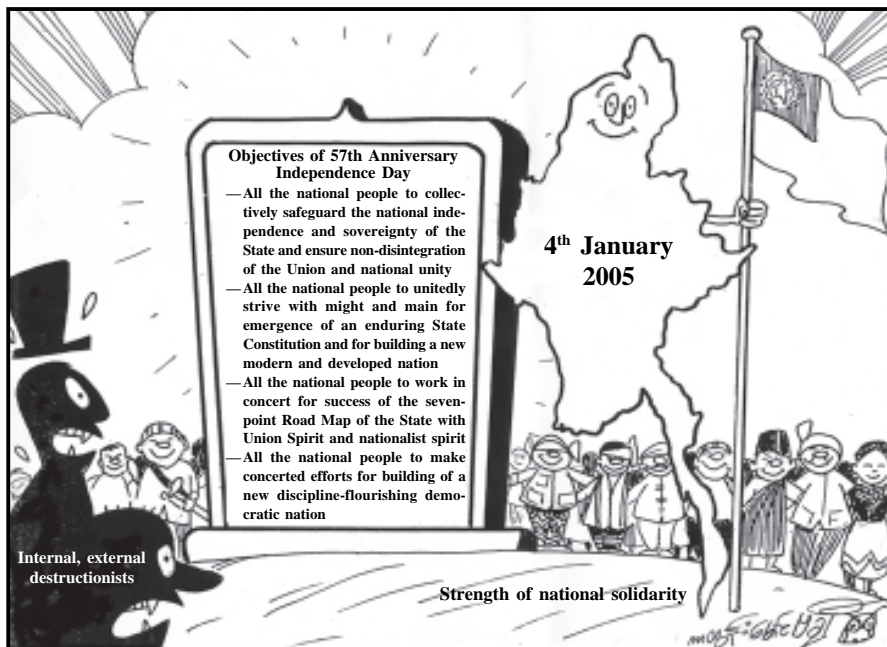
Secretary of Patheingyi District USDA U Nyan Lin seconds the motion. — MNA



Executive of Ayeyawady Division USDA Daw Khin Saw Mu reports on future programmes. — MNA



On behalf of Maubin District USDA, Executive of Pantanaw Township USDA Daw Nila Maw seconds the motion. — MNA



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grassroots to realize the seven objectives and nine future tasks.

Joint Secretary of Division USDA U Aung Tin Myint explained the seven objectives; and Executive U Win Ko Ko the nine future tasks. Executive Daw Khin Saw Mu discussed the work programmes of the division association. Secretary of Ingapu Township USDA U Myat Soe, and Executive Daw Nila Maw of Pantanaw Township USDA discussed in support of the seven objectives. Executive of Mawlamyinegyun Township USDA U Aung Zaw Hlaing, and Executive of Pyapon Township USDA Daw Cho Cho Lwin discussed in support of the nine future tasks. Secretary of Patheingyi District USDA U Nyan Lin discussed the implementation of the work programmes with might and main. Vice-Chairman of Division Maternal and Child Welfare Association Supervisory Committee Daw Tin Tin Latt, President of Ayeyawady Division Committee for Women's Affairs Daw Aye Aye Kyaw and Secretary of Maubin District USDA U Win Naing Kyaw presented gifts to 53 outstanding students.

The Division USDA presented K 15 million each to five districts. The meeting made a resolve to materialize the seven objectives, nine future tasks and work programmes. The meeting ended with slogans. — MNA

An Interview with Grandma Bwar Ein Pyae, a centenarian

Interviewed by Shwe Tin Ohn & photos by Htay Aung (Kyemon)

The British colonialists annexed Myanmar in the 19th Century after waging three aggressive wars and then the nation lost its independence and sovereignty. We Kyemon daily group interviewed Grandma Bwar Ein Pyae, aged 100, who experienced the political, administrative, economic and social conditions of Myanmar, that fell under servitude, in the colonial days.

Kyemon: "Grandma, how old are you, please?"

Grandma: "I was born on Full Moon Day of Nadaw 1266 (Myanmar Era) and now is 1366 (ME). So, I have turned 100."

Kyemon: "I would like to know your native town."

Grandma: "I was born in Myoba Village, Zagyan, Taungtha Township, Myingyan District, Mandalay Division."

Kyemon: "What was your age when Myanmar regained its independence (4 January 1948)?"

Grandma: "At that time, I was about 44."

Kyemon: "Let me know

your feelings and experiences when the nation regained its independence."

Grandma: "Like other national people, I was extremely happy and it was my sheer joy, then. Well, I would like to share with you the experiences I gained just as I was informed about the regaining of independence. On the day on which the nation regained independence, it was a shout of joy from my cousin who returned home in Welaung village, Myingyan. From the road near our home, he shouted, "Elder sister, we have regained our independence." "My heart jumped when I heard the news, and certainly, it was the sweetest music to my ears. Extremely happy, some of my relatives, friends nearby and I could not help jumping up and dancing around the house and then all the villagers were making shouts of joy and running here and there with tears rolling down. At that time, the

whole village was completely reverberated with voices of happiness. We all were very very happy because we had just been free from the sufferings such as we had to answer *phaya* to the colonialists whenever they called, we had to pay respects to them when we met with them, and we had to knowtow when we spoke with them."

Kyemon: "I would also like to know the experiences recounted by your parents and grandparents so that I can relay them to new generation youths".

Grandma: "Yes, I'd would love to," she said. Grandma Bwar Ein Pyae quoted her mother as saying that throughout the colonial period, the intruders made Myanmar work for them as though national people were their slaves. Myanmar had to do so eating their own food. The colonialists oppressed national people as much as they

could. It was beyond the limit and too bitter for national people to forbear. So, all the patriots secretly met to resist the invaders. However, they found out and arrested the national patriots and exiled them to distant areas like Andaman Sea, from which the arrested could never return to the mainland. During that period, all the villagers had to stay hidden in the forests in daytime and returned homes in the evening and so they were getting themselves into a fix. She said, "They bought local products at the lowest prices such as groundnut, beans and pulses, rice, corn, wheat, and sesame produced through combined efforts of farmers and cows, a variety of minerals, petroleum, precious stones and so on. For example, they offered one sixteenth of a Myanmar kyat for a viss of cotton, half a kyat for a basket of groundnut. They monopolized all the businesses of the nation," said grandma.

"They wove the cotton purchased in the nation into thin clothes to sell to the national people. Women liked wearing these products. Members of the Sangha and elderly persons prohibited the women. The colonialists also insulted the people socially. Later, senior citizens formed Kommaryi women's associations and asked all national women to wear only the clothes from Yaw and Saw regions. At that time, I was about 20 and I had to wear traditional dresses and belonged to the association," she said.

"The colonialists oppressed the people in all sectors espe-



Grandma Bwar Ein Pyae, aged 100, in local made traditional costume.

cially in the education sphere. The people did not have any opportunities to pursue education both in English and in Myanmar. So, some townsenders made a demand for the opening of a primary school each in the villages, and the colonialists accepted the demand. I was nine or ten years old, then. I first joined the school in Welaung village. Before, I passed the fourth standard, there was no teacher for the primary school in Kyaukkar, and the Englishman education officer asked me about my standard. I replied I hadn't sat for the fourth standard exam yet. And I could solve the sum he asked. Then, he recommended my educational level as fourth standard and said that I was qualified to be a primary teacher. Under his recommendation, I joined the primary teachership school for a year. Then I became a teacher and I earned 20 kyats a month. Even though the children of farmers and peasants and the poor had passed the tenth standard, they were not allowed at all to attend

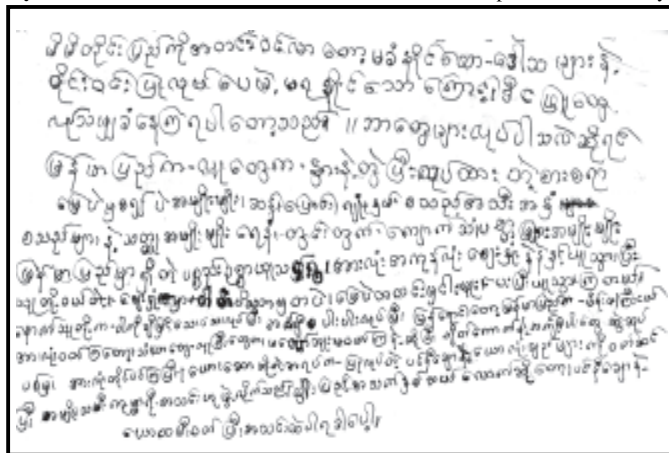
the classes in Yangon College. But, the children of lackey village headmen and townadministrators were exceptions. Therefore, the children of the farmers and the poor mostly worked as clerks at offices and as teachers at schools.

The colonialists manipulated all the affairs. That was why the people were very happy with tears rolling down when they learned that the nation had regained independence", she said.

Grandma Bwar Ein Pyae has lunch at 11 am, takes a bath at 1 pm. She reads Kyemon, Myanmar Alin newspapers and journals. Then, she puts her knowledge into note books and relate them to her children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and friends. She takes a stroll in the compound of her home. She still has a good memory and speaks well. She is still hale and hearty at 100. She practises meditation three times every night.

The bitter experiences she underwent in the colonial days are still with her. We wish Grandma Bwar Ein Pyae to live as long as 120 years.

(Translation: MS) *****



Own handwritings of Grandma Bwar Ein Pyae. It reads the bitter experiences faced by herself under the rule of British colonialists.

Forest Museum opened

YANGON, 3 Jan — Forest Museum of the Ministry of Forestry was inaugurated at the Forest Department (Head Office) here this morning.

Director-General of the Forest Department U

Seo Win Hlaing briefed on the facts about the museum. Next, Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Aung Thein unveiled the signboard of the museum.

At the museum, booth on forest reserve

and forest work, booth on forest products and booth on conservation of biodiversity and timber extraction are displayed.

The museum opens from 10 am to 4 pm daily.—MNA



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein together with outstanding students pose for documentary photo at School Family Day for 2004-2005 academic year. — MNA

Secretary-1 attends School...

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mainly on transforming the new generation youths into outstanding intellectuals and intelligentsia who are equipped with patriotism and nationalistic spirit.

Accordingly, the government has laid down and is implementing the national education promotion programmes capable of facing the challenges of present and future eras, of enabling the new generation students to cherish and promote the national values and norms and of enabling them to be equipped with patriotism and nationalistic spirit. Since 2001-2002 academic year, the government has been laying down and implementing the 30-year national education promotion long-term plans in the education sector, health sector and the science and technological sector for the emergence of outstanding new generation youths.

In the education sector, more basic education schools were opened the length and breadth of the nation. Nowadays, there are over 40,500 basic education schools at which over 240,000 teachers are appointed. Altogether over 7.78 million students are at-

constantly emerged in all sectors.

More universities and colleges were opened across the nation to be able to train and nurture highly-qualified intellectuals and technocrats in the higher education sector. With this end in view, more MA courses, PhD courses, M Research courses are being conducted. Furthermore, measures are being taken to open more courses and researches on development of human resources at the respective higher learning institutions. As systematic steps are being taken to link basic education sector with higher education sector for development of the national education with added momentum, there emerged good foundations for human resources development.

The annual observance of the School Family Day which reflects all-round development in the education sector and higher qualification of the students in various spheres is a fine programme capable of making the education sector a success.

At present, a series of school family days are being held at institutes of education, colleges and basic education schools with the participation of education staff, teachers and students, people and well-wishers.

qualified intellectuals and intelligentsia on whom the State can rely.

In his speech, Minister for Education U Than Aung said the School Family Day was observed for the emergence of human resources that can build and safeguard modern, developed democracy-flourishing nation, turning out good offspring who can promote traditional culture and social norms with Union Spirit, speeding up endeavours in education plan in the education sector and cooperating with the people in national education promotion tasks.

He said school enrollment projects for school-age children were launched with the participation of authorities concerned, wellwishers and the people. Under the project, the number of five-year old children

As systematic steps are being taken to link basic education sector with higher education sector for development of the national education with added momentum, there emerged good foundations for human resources development.



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presents prizes to outstanding students at School Family Day for 2004-2005 academic year. — MNA

tending those schools. With extended opening of over 4,700 post-primary schools, there increased over 300,000 students who could pursue the middle school education in their own villages. At the same time, altogether 1,601 basic education schools were facilitated with multimedia classrooms whereas 1,109 basic education schools were installed with media 3-platform and with media-2 platform that includwith computer aided media, audio-visual media and audio system media.

In the teaching and learning sector, the teaching systems, the teacher-centred and the subject-centred, were transformed into the student-centred system. As a result, students of basic education high school have been able to choose subject-combinations of their choice. Therefore, outstanding new generation youths

At such a time like this, parents would feel pleased and honoured to see the skills and qualifications of their offspring. The fair created the opportunity for teachers, members of PTA and the school board of trustees and the people to meet and discuss matters on education promotion programmes and upgrading of school buildings, thereby contributing to successful realization of the national education promotion plans.

The outstanding students, on their part, are to make continued efforts with nationalistic spirit and national fervour to serve the interest of the State and the people, realizing the goodwill of the State and well-wishers.

In conclusion, the Secretary-1 called on education staff, teachers and the people to make concerted efforts for continued safeguarding of the good foundations for education and to transform new generation students into

who enter the kindergarten reached 1.1 million.

He also spoke on high adult literacy rate, as a result of conducting teachership courses for undergraduates and post-graduates, and holding competitions in commemoration of significant days.

Next, the Secretary-1 presented prizes to Maung Malut Sai Aung of No 3 Basic Education High School, Myitkyina, Ma Thwe Su Win of No 2 BEHS, Loikaw, Ma Khaing Lwin Mon of No 1 BEHS, Hpa-an, Maung Lyan Swin Hkam of No 1 BEHS, Tiddim, Ma Saw Pyae Thuza of No 3 BEHS, Shwebo, Ma Hsu Wai Hlaing of Pulaw BEHS, Maung Nyein Chan Wai Lin of No 1 BEHS, Nyaunglaybin, Maung Thauung Htaik Hsaung of No 1 BEHS, Pyay, Ma Su Ei Mon of No 1 BEHS, Magway, Maung Aung Kyaw Myo of No 12 BEHS, Chanayethazan, Mandalay, Ma Sanda Cho of No 8 BEHS, Mawlamyine, Maung Myat Zaw Hein of No 2 BEHS, Sittway, Maung Khaing Lin of No 5 BEHS, Botataung, Nan Yin Min Tun of No 4 BEHS, Taunggyi, Maung Hein Win Phyo of No 1 BEHS, Lashio, Maung Sai Shan Hein of No 2 BEHS, Kengtung and Maung Kaung Myat Myo of No 6 BEHS, Patheingyi.

The Secretary-1 posed for documentary photos together with the outstanding students.

Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo presented prizes to two bright students and an honorary student.

Students of No 1 BEHS, Dagon, sang a song.

Next, Minister Maj-Gen Sein Htwa, Chairman of CSSTB Dr Than Nyun, Minister Dr Kyaw Myint, Deputy Minister U Myo Nyunt, Minister Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein, Deputy Minister for Culture Brig-Gen Soe Win Maung and Minister U Than Aung presented prizes to other outstanding students.

Deputy Ministers Dr Mya Oo an Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min, Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint presented prizes to Director-General U Bo Win of Education Planning and Training Department presented prizes to outstanding students. Minister U Than Aung cordially greeted those present.—MNA

Foreign Heads of Government send Felicitations to Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win

YANGON 4 Jan — *The following are messages of felicitations from Foreign Heads of Government sent to Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win, on the occasion of the 57th Anniversary Independence Day of the Union of Myanmar.*

From Mr Wen Jiabao, Premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China:

On the auspicious occasion of the 57th Anniversary of the Independence Day of the Union of Myanmar, I would like to extend, on behalf of the Government of the People's Republic of China and in my own name, our warmest congratulations and best wishes to Your Excellency and through you to the Government of the Union of Myanmar.

In the past years, the Myanmar Government has made prominent achievements in maintaining political stability and forwarding the national reconciliation, promoting economic development and actively broadening external relations. Being a friendly neighbor the Chinese people share the heartfelt happiness. Currently, the Sino-Myanmar relations enjoy a good momentum. Exchanges and cooperation in political, economic and cultural fields as well as other areas are expanding continuously which bring about concrete benefits to both peoples. The Chinese Government attaches great importance to the development of friendly cooperative relations of good-neighbourliness with Myanmar and is willing to make joint efforts to further consolidate the traditional friendship and deepen the mutually beneficial cooperation, so as to promote the bilateral relations to a new level. May the Union of Myanmar enjoy prosperity and her people wellbeings.

From Mr Junichiro Koizumi, Prime Minister of Japan

On this auspicious occasion of the 57th Anniversary of the Independence of the Union of Myanmar, I wish to extend to your excellency, on behalf of the Government and people of Japan, my warmest congratulations and best wishes for the peace and prosperity of your country.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

From Manmohan Singh, Prime Minister of the Republic of India Excellency

On the occasion of the National Day of the

Union of Myanmar, I have great pleasure in conveying to you, the Government and the people of Myanmar, our warmest felicitations.

The State visit of Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council, to India in October 2004, has generated significant momentum in our bilateral relations. I look forward to working with Your Excellency in further strengthening our bilateral ties to mutual benefit.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

From Police Lieutenant Colonel Thaksin Shinawatra, Prime Minister of Thailand Excellency

I am pleased to extend to your Excellency, on behalf of the government and people of Thailand, our sincere congratulations and best wishes on the occasion of the Independence Day of the Union of Myanmar.

I sincerely hope that we will continue to increase more activities and closer cooperation both bilaterally and within the ASEAN framework for the mutual benefit of our countries and peoples as well as for the lasting peace, stability and prosperity in the region.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

From Mr Bounnhang Vorachith, Prime Minister of the LPDR Your Excellency

On the occasion of the 57th Anniversary of the Independence Day of the Union of Myanmar, on behalf of the government of the Lao People's Democratic Republic and on my own behalf, I have a great pleasure to convey to your Excellency, my warmest congratulations and best wishes and through Your Excellency to the Government and the entire friendly people of Myanmar.

I am very pleased to note that in the last few years, the friendly relations and the effective cooperation between our two countries both and bilateral and ASEAN levels have been developed and continuously expanded and I believe that such good relations and cooperation will be further enhanced and flourished for the common interests of the people of our two nations and for dynamism of the ASEAN family.

May I take this opportunity to which Your Excellency good health, wellbeing and greater success in your noble tasks.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

From Mr Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, President of the Republic of Indonesia Your Excellency

On the significant occasion of the Anniversary of the Independence Day of the Union of Myanmar, I have the great honour of conveying to you my warmest considerations.

Over the years, Myanmar and Indonesia have always been able to find ways to enhance their relations in all spheres of mutual interests. It is my fervent hope that the close bilateral relations between our two countries as well as our cooperation within the framework of ASEAN shall continue to grow for the benefit of our two peoples.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest esteem.

From Ms Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, President of the Republic of the Philippines Excellency

I wish to extend my heartfelt congratulations to Your Excellency and to the people of Myanmar on the occasion of the 57th Anniversary of the Independence of the Union of Myanmar.

The past year saw the landmark first meeting of the Philippines-Myanmar joint commission for bilateral cooperation held in Yangon in April 2004, which has infused renewed vigor and vitality to our bilateral relations. I look forward to working with you in ASEAN as we strive to achieve our common objectives for our region.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

From Khaleda Zia, Prime Minister of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Excellency

On behalf of the Government and the people of Bangladesh and on my own behalf, I extend to Your Excellency and through you to the friendly people of the Union of Myanmar our warmest greetings and felicitations on the auspicious occasion of the Independence Day of the Union of Myanmar.

It is my firm conviction that the traditional friendship that exists between our two neighbours will be further strengthened and consolidated and our bilateral cooperation will be expanded in the days ahead to the mutual benefit of our two peoples.

May I take this opportunity to convey my best wishes for Your Excellency's good health, happiness and long life and for the continued peace, progress and prosperity of the friendly people of the Union of Myanmar.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration. —MNA

Secretary-1 attends opening ceremony...

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booth on eye-catching natural culture, booth on nation-building endeavours, booth on computer programmes and others.

Afterwards, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and party viewed round the booth of the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs, that of the Ministry of Energy, that of the Ministry of Industry-1, that of the Ministry of Industry-2, that of the Ministry of Electric Power, that of the Ministry of Science and Technology, that of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, that of the Ministry of Education, that of the Ministry of Health, that of the Ministry of Transport, that of the Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control, that of News and Periodicals and Enterprises, and that of the Ministry of Telecommunications, Posts and Telegraphs.

The ministers, deputy ministers and officials conducted the Secretary-1 and party round the exhibition.

Also included in the exhibition are book shops of the News and Periodicals Enterprise and the Sarpay Beikman and private book shops.

The exhibition will be kept on open free of charge until 11 January 2005.—MNA



Deputy Minister for Information Brig-Gen Aung Thein formally opens Exhibition of the 57th Anniversary of the Independence Day. — MNA

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8. Bhaddanta Paññajota, Kantha Monastery, Min Village, Ayadaw Township, Sagaing Division
9. Bhaddanta Tejinda, Theravada Buddhist Missionary Centre, Gahon Village, Lahe Township, Sagaing Division
10. Bhaddanta Dhammananda, Theravada Buddhist Missionary Centre, Bokkan Village, Tamu Township, Sagaing Division
11. Bhaddanta Issariya, Aungchantha Monastery, Peinnetaw Ward, Dawei Township, Taninthayi Division
12. Bhaddanta Vimala, Zaha Monastery, Zaha Village, Dawei Township, Taninthayi Division
13. Bhaddanta Ukkamsa, Oktarayon Monastery, Ohbo Village, Bago Township, Bago Division
14. Bhaddanta Uttara, Dekkhinayon Monastery, Pyu, Bago Division
15. Bhaddanta Vayama, Thayetkon Monastery, Thayetkon Village, Kawa Township, Bago Division
16. Bhaddanta Tejavanta, Ayezedi Monastery, Kyaukyisui, Bago, Bago Division
17. Bhaddanta Nanindaçara, Sandayon Monastery, Hsinsu Ward, Pyay, Bago Division (West)
18. Bhaddanta Dhammasami, Nyaungbintha Monastery, Nyaungbintha Village, Padaung Township, Bago Division (West)
19. Bhaddanta Kelasa, Razamuni Taungpaw Monastery, Shwekin Ward, Magway, Magway Division
20. Bhaddanta Çandima, Hsutaungpyay Monastery, Zibyukaung Village, Thanphogyi Village-tract, Myaing Township, Magway Division
21. Bhaddanta Sobhana, Tawya Monastery, Pauktaw Village, Bilin Township, Mon State
22. Bhaddanta Çandavamsa, Khemaik Monastery, Khemaik Village, Daukyat Village-tract, Bilin Township, Mon State
23. Bhaddanta Çandimadhaja, Thusaritayama Monastery, Kyonkadat (Sanpya Village), Thanbyuzayat Township, Mon State
24. Bhaddanta Tejobhasa, Kyaungthit Pariyatti Monastery, Pyinnyalinkara Taikkyau, No 3 Tanmyintkyau, Ward, Taungtha Township, Mandalay Division
25. Bhaddanta Paññinda, Shwebontha Monastery, Leinbin Village, Patheingyi Township, Mandalay Division
26. Bhaddanta Nandisara, Theikdiang Monastery, Shansu Hsibanni Taik, Chanmyathazi Township, Mandalay Division
27. Bhaddanta Kosala, Kokkosu Monastery, Kokkosu Village, Thazi Township, Mandalay Division
28. Bhaddanta Tejosara, Nyaungthonbin Pariyatti Monastery, Nyaungthonbin Ward, Mogok Township, Mandalay Division
29. Bhaddanta Viraga, Maungnibin Monastery, Maungnibin Village, Sittway Township, Rakhine State
30. Bhaddanta Indamala, Theindan Buthidaung Monastery, Kyauktalon Village, Kyauktaw Township, Rakhine State
31. Bhaddanta Paññasiha, Nayikan TatU Monastery (Pariyatti Monastery), Sittway, Rakhine State
32. Bhaddanta Yasa, Shwegu Kamahtan Monastery, Ward 7, Thakayta Township, Yangon Division
33. Bhaddanta Kodiñña, Chaungwa Monastery, Monastic Education School, Kyimyindine Township, Yangon Division
34. Bhaddanta Janaka, Naynattha Monastery, Lintaung Ward, Sangyoung Township, Yangon Division
35. Bhaddanta Dhammapiya, Panditayama Monastery, Ward 13, Hline Township, Yangon Division
36. Bhaddanta Chekinda, International Theravada Buddhist Missionary University, Mayangon Township, Yangon Division
37. Bhaddanta Kesara, Nyaunggon Monastery, Bantbwaygon Village, Nwanghko Township, Shan State (North)
38. Bhaddanta Kumuda, Namhu PhaungdawU Monastery, Thalay Village-tract, Namhu Village, Inley Region, Nyaungshwe Township, Shan State
39. Bhaddanta Paññavamsa, Wailuwun Pariyatti Monastery, Panglong, Loilem District, Shan State
40. Bhaddanta Abhagamo, Pakan Monastery, Mongyan, Shan State (East)

41. Bhaddanta Gandharassavamsa, Hokhon Monastery, Mongywang, Mongphyat District, Shan State (East)
42. Bhaddanta Rajinda, Thiri Mingala Thaikthit Monastery, Monastic Education School, Yondaunt Village, Kyaiklat Township, Ayeyawady Division
43. Bhaddanta Pandiçça, Maha Withoktaya Monastery, Monastic Education School, Ward 1, Kyaunggon, Ayeyawady Division
44. Bhaddanta Revatadhamma, Zeyathukha Monastery, Ingapu, Ayeyawady Division

Title recipient Sayadaws from abroad

45. Ven Sandech Preah Sukontheathipadei Bour Kry, Dhammayutti Nikaya Gana Sasanabaing Sayadaw, Buddha Theikpan Monastery, Cambodia
46. Bhaddanta Kodañña, Watsiparabat Monastery, Bangkok, Thailand
47. Bhaddanta Aggadhamma, Pariyatti Missionary Monastery, Namhsai Village, Lohit Township, Arunachal State, India
48. Bhaddanta Nanuttara, Gawshinan Vipassana centre, Theravada Dhammaçari Monastery, Thaiyaw Village, Khakhthima Township, Ebarakhi District, Japan

Nuns

49. Nun Daw Ketuvati, Yadana Myinsu Nunnery, Myodwingyi Ward, Bago, Bago Division
50. Nun Daw Puñavati, Neikbandataung Tawya Monastery, Ywabe Ward, Pyay, Bago Division (West)

Title recipient nun from abroad

51. Nun Annagarika Ranamanju Shri, Dhamma Kitti Vihara, Kathmandu, Nepal

Lay persons

52. U Myint Swe, Mogok Vipassana Dhamma Yeiktha, Kyungon Village, Okpo Township, Bago Division (West)
53. U Htay Aung, No 376, 80th Street, 22ndx23rd Streets, Aungmyethazan Township, Mandalay Division
54. U Aung Thein, Building 17, Sekkya Nwezin, Mahaangmye Township, Mandalay Division
55. U Thant Zin, No 39, Shwelaungnyunt, 26th-B Street, Aungmyethazan Township, Mandalay Division
56. U Nyunt Sein, No 186, Thirimyaing 9th Lane, Ward 13, Hline Township, Yangon Division
57. U Han, No 453, First Floor, Ward 9, Maha Bandoola Street, Pabedan Township, Yangon Division
58. U Kyaw Hlaing, 2/96, Aungmingala Road, Ward 5, Mayangon Township, Yangon Division
59. U Than Shwe, Thamada Road (Anawrahta Road), Arntgyi East Ward, Dalla Township, Yangon Division

Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Title

1. Bhaddanta Khemaçara, Theravada Buddhist Missionary Monastery, Tayon Village, Tanai Township, Kachin State
2. Bhaddanta Paññavamsa, Theravada Buddhist Missionary Monastery, Tanai Township, Kachin State
3. Bhaddanta Sundara, Theravada Buddhist Missionary Monastery, Phankhaing 2 Village, Putao Township, Kachin State
4. Bhaddanta Vepponla, Yadana Thiri Pariyatti Monastery, Loikaw, Kayah State
5. Bhaddanta Paññajaya, Theravada Buddhist Missionary Centre, TatU Monastery, Loikaw, Kayah State
6. Bhaddanta Suriya, Theravada Buddhist Missionary Centre, Chokwe Missionary Unit, Bawlakhe Township, Kayah State
7. Bhaddanta Varinda, Ward 4, Uttarayon Ayethukha Monastery, Papun, Kayin State
8. Bhaddanta Varasami, Theravada Buddhist Missionary Monastery, Luchaungwa Village, Paletwa Township, Chin State
9. Bhaddanta Pandava, Theravada Buddhist Missionary Monastery, Meza Village, Paletwa Township, Chin State
10. Bhaddanta Nana, Pariyatti Aungmingala Monastery, No 2 Monastic Education School, Seikphugyi Village, Ayadaw Township, Sagaing Division
11. Bhaddanta Vijaya, Laungkyannaukkon Theravada Buddhist Missionary Monastery, Laungkyannaukkon Village, Lahe Township, Sagaing Division
12. Bhaddanta Kalyana, Myaytaik Monastery, Kanyon Ward, Dawei, Taninthayi Division
13. Bhaddanta Javana, Sitpye Village, Launglon Township, Taninthayi Division
14. Bhaddanta Paññananda, Thukha Yeiktha Meditation Monastery, Aungthukha Ward, Kawthoung, Kawthoung District, Taninthayi Division
15. Bhaddanta Sumana, Taingtaya Madauk Monastery,

- Madauk, Nyaunglebin Township, Bago Division
 16. Bhaddanta Vayama, Taungthonlon Myatheindan Monastery, Konthandin Village, Bago Township, Bago Division
 17. Bhaddanta Tejana, Daunglu Monastery, Daunglu Village, Gyobingauk Township, Bago Division (West)
 18. Bhaddanta Suçinnalinkara, Sokkhaya Sanpya Monastic Education School, Hmokeshay Village-tract, Shwedaga Ward, Pyay Township, Bago Division (West)
 19. Bhaddanta Tejaniya, No 5 Monastic Education School, Kyaungonlay West Monastery, Kyaungonlay Village, Minde Village-tract, Pwinbyu Township, Magway Division
 20. Bhaddanta Çintavara, Maha Linkara Theikpan Monastery, Zingyik Village, Paung Township, Mon State
 21. Bhaddanta Visesa, Zeyathiri Monastic Education School, Zeyathiri Ward, Daingwunkwin region, Mawlamyine Township, Mon State
 22. Bhaddanta Maginda, Magindayama Ooyinlay Monastery, Ooyingge Village, Singaing Township, Mandalay Division
 23. Bhaddanta Chandasiddhi, No 11 Monastic Education School, Yayle Monastery, TadaU Village, Singu Township, Mandalay Division
 24. Bhaddanta Uttama, Thawsinchaung Pariyatti Monastery, Monastic Education School, Thawinchaung Village, Pauktaw Township, Rakhine State
 25. Bhaddanta Indavamsa, Hill Region Missionary Monastery, Kokantian Missionary Centre, An Township, Rakhine State
 26. Bhaddanta Kelasa, Abhidhamma Visuddhimagga and Buddhist Cultural Training, Kaba Aye Hill, Pobbawideha Hall, Mayangon Township, Yangon Division
 27. Bhaddanta Paññasara, Pantapwinttaung Missionary Tawya Monastery, Phugyi Dam, Taikkyi Township, Yangon Division
 28. Bhaddanta Vinayaçara, Zeyathukha Monastery, Monastic Education School, Mokham Ward, Namhkam Township, Shan State (North)
 29. Bhaddanta Nandobhasa, Theravada Buddhist Missionary Centre, Mongpyin, Shan State (East)
 30. Bhaddanta Çandasiri, Pyinnyadipa Monastery, Matmen, Shan State (East)
 31. Bhaddanta Tejaniya, Theravada Buddhist Missionary Centre, Kengtung, Shan State (East)
 32. Bhaddanta Kosalla, Htupayon Monastery, Didugon Village, Ngaputaw Township, Ayeyawady Division
 33. Bhaddanta Vinaya, Thukhitayama Parahita Monastery, Ward 2, Labutta, Ayeyawady Division
- Nuns**
34. Nun Daw Khemaçari, Sasanagonyi Nunnery and Nunnery (Women's) Education School, Nanwingon Ward, Thingangyun Township, Yangon Division
 35. Nun Daw Tissaratheri, Withakha Nunnery (Women's) Education School, Ward 81, Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Township, Yangon Division
- Lay persons**
36. U Khun Tawt, Lopunayaungla Village, Lopu Village-tract, Demawho Township, Kayah State
- Agga Maha Kammathanaçariya Title**
1. Bhaddanta Dhammabhasa, Mahasi Sasana Yeiktha, Awayyataung, Homalin Township, Sagaing Division
 2. Bhaddanta Yuvinda, Kyaungbantawya Taik, Myawady Ward, Budalin, Sagaing Division
 3. Bhaddanta Jadilapandita, Ariya Magga Vipassana Yeiktha, Phayagyi Monastery, Wetlet, Sagaing Division
 4. Bhaddanta Kosalla, Shwezedi Monastery, Kanpauk Region, Yebyu Township, Taninthayi Division
 5. Bhaddanta Paññaçakka, Thauyngon Sasana Yeiktha, Ngaphein Village-tract, Toungoo Township, Bago Division
 6. Bhaddanta Tejaniya, Wailuwun Sasana Yeiktha Monastery, Ward 6, Toungoo, Bago Division
 7. Bhaddanta Jagara, soonlaung Dhamma Yeiktha Monastery, Muayin Ward, Shwehintha Myothit, Pyay, Bago Division (West)
 8. Bhaddanta Kesara, Aungmingala Monastery, West Ward, Thayet, Magway Division
 9. Bhaddanta Upali, Sasana Waiponlayama Monastery, Kawkhapon Sanpya Village, Mudon Township, Mon State
 10. Bhaddanta Vijaya, Satubonmika Maggin Yeiktha Monastery, Upoktaw Ward, Aungmyethazan Township, Mandalay Division

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11. Bhaddanta Paññinda, Okpo Monastery, Bagantaung Village, Thanlyin Township, Yangon Division
12. Bhaddanta Jagara, Pangyangon (Mogok Vipassana Yeiktha) Monastery, Branch 367/2B ward, Mingaladon Township, Yangon Division
13. Bhaddanta Suriya, Mahasi Sasana Yeiktha, Bahan Township, Yangon Division
14. Bhaddanta Chandima, Buddha Dhamma Yeiktha Monastery, Parami Road, Ward 5, South Okkalapa Township, Yangon Division
15. Bhaddanta Indriya, Dhamma Thukhakari Monastery, Lahakalu Village, Kangyidaunt Township, Ayeyawady Division
16. Bhaddanta Chandimabhivamsa, Thadadika Mogok Vipassana Dhamma Yeiktha, Thameintaw Theingon Village, Pyapon Township, Ayeyawady Division
- Maha Kammathanacariya Title**
1. Bhaddanta Kosalla, Zabuaye Mahasi Sasana Yeiktha Monastery, Inlya Village, Taze Township, Sagaing Division
2. Bhaddanta Tiloka, Thayetbin Dhamma Yeiktha Monastery, Paingkyon Village-tract, Kawa Township, Bago Division
3. Bhaddanta Jotika, Dhamma Yeiktha Kanthazeyon Monastery, Min Village, Thanatpin Township, Bago Division
4. Bhaddanta Obhasa, Nyaungganaye Kanle Monastery, Sasana Yeiktha ward 2, Thegon, Bago Division (West)
5. Bhaddanta Sutaçara, Mahasi Sasana Yeiktha Monastery, Ywama Ward, Nattalin, Bago Division (West)
6. Bhaddanta Uttamasara, Zabuaye Mahasi Sasana Yeiktha Monastery, Gwaygyo Village, Chauk Township, Magway Division
7. Bhaddanta Devindobhasabhivamsa, Mogok Vipassana Dhamma Yeiktha, Thabyebin Monastery, Bawgawady Ward, Kyaukse, Mandalay Division
8. Bhaddanta Dhammasami, Theingu Vipassana Meditation Centre, Thiri Mingala ward, Kyaukpadaung, Mandalay Division
9. Bhaddanta Arloka, Peinkan Dhamma Yeiktha, Peinkan Monastery, Kayan Township, Yangon Division
10. Bhaddanta Pandavamsa, Maniyadana Monastery, (Dhamma Yeiktha), Zabuaye Monastery, Ward I, North Okkalapa Township, Yangon Division
11. Bhaddanta Vasava, Dhamma Yeiktha Monastery, Kyonlata Hlegyi Village, Mawlamyinegyun Township, Ayeyawady Division
12. Bhaddanta Sudhamissara, Thitayon Monastery, Naywin Ward, Yekyi, Ayeyawady Division
- Title recipient Sayadaw from abroad**
13. Bhaddanta Nandasiri, Europe Theravada Buddhist Missionary Monastery, Paris, French
- Kammathanacariya Title**
1. Bhaddanta Tejinda, Bawdi Monastery, Yamyitkyi Village, Sandawut Village-tract, Myeik Township, Taninthayi Division
2. Bhaddanta Uttiya, Moehthiaungsi Sasana Yeiktha Monastery, Tagundaing ward, Pyigyidagun Township, Mandalay Division
3. Bhaddanta Vayaminda, Yadana Manaung Tawya Dhamma Yeiktha Monastery, Nyaungbinzay Ward, Mrauk, Rakhine State
4. Bhaddanta Kumara, Satubonmika Maggin Yeiktha Monastery, Ward H, Thingangyun Township, Yangon Division
5. Bhaddanta Tejanya, Mogok Vipassana Dawei Monastery, Takalay Ward, Hinthada, Ayeyawady Division
- Agga Maha Thiri Thudhamma Manijotadhara Title**
1. U Thein Maung, No 41, at the corner of 66thx26th Streets, Pyigyimythman Ward, Chanayethazan Township, Mandalay Division
2. U Thein Win, No 154, 19th Street (Upper Block) Ward 4, Latha Township, Yangon Division
3. U Win Myint, No 135L, Thanlwin Road, Ward 10, Kamayut Township, Yangon Division
4. U Sein Hla Win (a) U Hla Win, No 1526, Kinwun 4th Lane, Ward 42, Dagon Myothit (North) Township, Yangon Division
5. U Sai Tun Yin, No Nya/128, Nyaungbyu Sakhan Ward, Bogyoke Road, Taunggyi, Shan State
- Agga Maha Thiri Thudhamma Theingi Title**
1. Daw Mi Mi Khin, No 53-A, Sagawa Street, Pyay Road, East Ward, Dagon Township, Yangon Division
- Thiri Thudhamma Manijotadhara Title**
1. U Maung Hla, Kyaukka Village, Palaw Township, Taninthayi Division
2. U Aung Thein, No 36, at the corner of 83rd x 20th Streets, Palengweyaung Ward, Aungmyethazan Township, Mandalay Division
3. U Shwe Mya, No 9, Min Street, Saya San South Ward, Bahan Township, Yangon Division
4. U Tint Hsan, No 153, Khayebin Road, Thanlyin Bridge Housing Estate, Ward 10/South, Thakayta Township, Yangon Division
5. U Tun Lin, No 27, Insein Road, Ward 1, Kamayut Township, Yangon Division
6. U Zaw Min Zin, No 135-A, Thanlwin Road, Ward 10, Kamayut Township, Yangon Division
7. Dr Win Zaw, No 60A/B, Dyammayon Road, Ward 15, Yankin Township, Yangon Division
8. Dr Moe Tin, No 11/A, U Tun Myat Road, Tamway Township, Yangon Division
- Thiri Thudhamma Theingi Title**
1. Daw Nyo Nyo (Daw Htwe-Gawmotta Traditional Medicine Industry), Building-12, Tayoktan Road, Phayagyi Ward, Monywa, Sagaing Division
2. Daw Than Than Win, Sanywaytan Road, Thonze, Thayawady Township, Bago Division (West)
3. Daw Khin Than Oo, No 40, Kanpwin Road, Ward 7, Yezagyo Township, Magway Division
4. Daw Aye, Block 341, Hsintaing Ward, Sasana Yeiktha Road, Seinban Ward, Mahaangmye Township, Mandalay Division
5. Daw Aye Aye Cho, Ward 4, Hteingan Ward, Thazi Township, Mandalay Division
6. Daw Shwe Thet, No 90/L, Golden Valley 1st Lane, Golden Valley Ward 1, Bahan Township, Yangon Division
7. Daw Tin Nwe Oo, No 261/359, Shwbontha Street, Hmancho Traditional House, Pabedan Township, Yangon Division
8. Dr Myat Myat Ohn Khin, No 291-A, Ayechanthaya Street, Middle Shwegondaing, Bahan Township, Yangon Division
9. Daw Khin Wah Wah, No 277, at the corner of Bogyoke Aung San Street and 38th Street, Ward 6, Kyauktada Township, Yangon Division
10. Daw Than Than, No 72, Old Yedashe Road, Bahan Township, Yangon Division
11. Daw Aye Myat Nwe, No 52-A, Sasa San Road, Bahan Township, Yangon Division
12. Daw San Win (a) Daw San San Win, No 81, University Avenue, Golden Valley Ward 1, Bahan Township, Yangon Division
13. Daw Nan Kahm Tip, No 17-B, Maykha Road, Ward 7, Mayangon Township, Yangon Division
- Thiha Thudhamma Manijotadhara Title**
1. U Hsan Lwin, Thuyethamein Village, Waw Township, Bago Division
2. U Ye Din, East New Road, Sanywaydan Ward, Thonze, Bago Division (West)
3. U Kyi Lwin, No 128, at the corner of 78thx37th Streets, Myetpa Ward, Mahaangmye Township, Mandalay Division
4. U Soe Thein, Buta Ward, Kyaukpadaung, Mandalay Division
5. U Soe Thein, Myatmon Yadana Robe Shop and Gold Shop, No 49, Ok Street, Yenantha Ward, Bahan Township, Yangon Division
6. Dagon U Tin Win, No 957, Bo Po Saw Road, Ward 20, Dagon Myothit (North) Township, Yangon Division
7. U Hnin Sein, No 68, Salin Road, Thadu West Ward, Kyimyindine Township, Yangon Division
8. U Tin Oo, No 84, Aungzeya Road, Ward 4, Thongwa Township, Yangon Division
9. U Ko Ko Lat, No 15, Kandawmon Housing Estate, Laydaungtan Road, Thingangyun Township, Yangon Division
10. U Myat Lwin, No 34-A, Inyamyang Road, Golden Valley Ward 2, Bahan Township, Yangon Division
- Thiha Thudhamma Theingi Title**
1. Daw Mya Kyi, Nyo Nyo Cheroot Factory, Ward 3, Kanbalu, Sagaing Division
2. Daw Nyunt Than, No 18, Nyaungwaing 17th Street, Bago, Bago Division
3. Daw Hla Myaing, Sein Yadana Clinic, Lanmadaw Road, Kyaunggyi Ohdan ward, Pyay, Pyay District, Bago Division (West)
4. Daw Yin Kyway, Pyay-Yangon Highway, Thayettaw Ward, Shwettaung Township, Pyay District, Bago Division (West)
5. Daw Kyin Myint, Tayoktan Road, Sanywaytan Ward, Thonze, Thayawady District, Bago Division (West)
6. Daw Khin Nyo, Thayaaye Ward, Kyaukpadaung, Mandalay Division
7. Daw San Kyu, No 24, 26th-B Street, at the corner of 86thx87th Streets, Aungmyathazan Township, Mandalay Division
8. Daw Kyi Kyi Win, No 7, Kaba Aye Yeiktha, Kaba Aye Pagoda Road, Ward 5, Mayangon Township, Yangon Division
9. Daw Shwe Sin, No 1, Winbaga Road, Bahan Township, Yangon Division
- Thudhamma Manijotadhara Title**
1. U Toe Toe Aung, Thiri Yadana Gold Trading and Goldsmith Industry, Ward 2, Bogyoke Road, Kyaukmyaung Ward, Mawlaik Township, Sagaing Division
2. U Soe Shein, No 377, Hlawga Road, Ward 54, Dagon Myothit (South) Township, Yangon Division
3. U Aung Nyunt, No 115, Bo Ba Htoo Road, Ward 3, Bogale, Ayeyawady Division
- Thudhamma Theingi Title**
1. Daw Khin Ma Cho, No 324, Khaye Road, Bommaw Ward, Dawei, Taninthayi Division
2. Daw Swe Thazin, No AA 1-2-3, 30th Street, at the corner of 66thx67th Street, Chanayethazan Township, Mandalay Division
3. Daw Yan Ti, No 4-C, 6th Mile, Pyay Road, Hline Township, Yangon Division

By order,

Sd/ Thein Sein
Lieutenant-General
Secretary-1

State Peace and Development Council

Notifications on conferring titles and medals of commendation

YANGON, 4 Jan—The State Peace and Development Council issued Notification Nos 1/2005, 2/2005, 3/2005, 4/2005, 5/2005, 6/2005, 7/2005 and 8/2005 on conferring titles and medals today, the 57th Anniversary Independence Day.

Under the Notification No 1/2005, religious titles have been conferred on Sayadaws and nuns and laity. Abhidhaja Maha Ratha Guru Titles have been conferred on two Sayadaws; Tipitaka Dhammabandagarika Titles on two Sayadaws; Agga Maha Pandita Titles on 21 Sayadaws; Maha Dhamma Kahtika

Bahujanahitadhara Title on one Sayadaw; Dhamma Kahtika Bahujanahitadhara Titles on three Sayadaws; Agga Maha Ganthavacaka Pandita Titles on 38 Sayadaws and four nuns; Maha Ganthavacaka Pandita Titles on 51 Sayadaws and three nuns; Ganthavacaka Pandita Titles on 14 Sayadaws and four nuns; Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Titles on 6 Sayadaws; Agga Maha Saddhama Jotikadhaja Titles on 54 Sayadaws; Maha Saddhama Jotikadhaja Titles on 48 Sayadaws, three nuns and eight laity; Saddhama Jotikadhaja Titles on 33 Sayadaws, two nuns and one

laity; Agga Maha Kammathanacariya Titles on sixteen Sayadaws; Maha Kammathanacariya Titles on 13 Sayadaws; Kammathanacariya Titles on five Sayadaws; Agga Maha Thiri Suddhamma Manijotadhara Titles on five laity; Agga Maha Thiri Suddhamma Theingi Title on one laity; Thiri Suddhamma Manijotadhara Titles on eight laity; Thiri Suddhamma Theingi Titles on 13 laity; Thiha Suddhamma Manijotadhara Titles ten laity; Thiha Suddhamma Theingi Titles on nine; Thudhamma (See page 13)

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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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Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11.30 am and 12 noon to 4 pm upto Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from Vessel.

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

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Dated: 4 January, 2005

NYPD arrest man with knife near UN

UNITED NATIONS, 2 Jan— A man holding a knife to his own throat and screaming in Chinese in front of the entrance to the United Nations, was arrested by New York police on Saturday, UN officials reported.

The man, whose country was unknown, was at the main security checkpoint at UN Headquarters on Manhattan's East River. By the time police arrived, a UN security guard was able to translate from Chinese to English.

"He had a knife to his throat and shouted not in English," UN spokesman Brenden Varma said, adding police disarmed him and took him into custody and closed the main avenue in front of UN Headquarters.

Secretary-General Kofi Annan was in the building at the time but Varma said he was not in any danger.

MNA/Reuters

Ugandan President urges rebels to come out of bush

KAMPALA, 2 Jan — Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni on New Year's Day urged the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) rebels to come out of the bush and reach agreements with the government.

In an address to the nation on New Year's Day, Museveni said Saturday he "extended the cessation of operations several times," and "it is now 47 days since the initial cessation of operation."

He warned "if the LRA rebels do not irreversibly commit themselves to coming out of the bush by December 31, 2004, then the Uganda

People's Defence Forces (UPDF) will start full-scale operations, beginning 0700 hours (0400 GMT) on January 1, 2005."

"The government peace team has made it clear to Kony's group that there will be no further extension of the cessation of operations beyond December 31, 2004," the President said.

However, the President said that "talks can, then continue at a venue outside Uganda."

On the progress of the security front, Museveni said "the UPDF has undertaken vigorous and determined operations

against Kony's group".

"If we start from August, 2003, in this period of 16 months, the UPDF has killed 2,103 members of Kony's group, captured 273, enabled 4,808 to escape (report) on their own as well as capturing 1,903 pieces of weapons of all types," he added.

Museveni said the economy of the East African country "gives us very good news".

"During the financial year ending on June, the economy (GDP) grew by 6 per cent," he said, adding that "although the growth in agriculture was low at 1.8 per cent on account of

drought, industrial growth was 10.3 per cent, while manufacturing growing at 6.3 per cent, mining and quarrying at 15.4 per cent and construction at 16.4 per cent."

"Last financial year, our export earnings were 990 million US dollars and not 928 million dollars as we had thought by the budget time in July. This is very impressive especially if you remember that our export earnings in 1993 were only 253 million dollars," Museveni added.

MNA/Xinhua

Indian tsunami death toll reaches 8,955

NEW DELHI, 3 Jan — The Indian Government Saturday said 8,955 people were confirmed dead in the tsunami disaster with 1,100 more bodies found in Tamil Nadu, even as more tremors were recorded in the Indian Ocean region.

Nearly a week after the earthquake-triggered tidal waves hit India's coast and island territories, 3,872 people remained untraced with a bulk of the missing belonging to the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, an official spokesman told reporters.—MNA/Xinhua

Turkey introduces smaller denomination currency

ANKARA, 3 Jan — Turkey ushered in 2005 with the introduction of a new currency, which was stripped of six zeros from its old self, *Anatolia* news agency reported Saturday.

One new Turkish lira (about 0.75 US dollar) is now equivalent to an old 1,000,000-denominated banknote, and the Turkish coin kuru is also returned to use following decades of absence from circulation due to inflation in the country.

The old currency will be used in parallel with the new lira until it is gradually phased out by the end of the year.

MNA/Xinhua

Nigeria, US sign oil development agreement

LAGOS, 2 Jan — The Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) and the major US oil ChevronTexaco have signed an agreement on an alternative funding arrangement for three joint-venture oil development projects valued at about 21.8 billion naira (about 164.2 million US dollars).

Funsho Kupolokun, group managing director

of the NNPC, was quoted by the *Guardian* newspaper on Friday as saying that the agreement was signed because of NNPC's inability to provide its counterpart fund for the projects.

He said the projects are expected to raise the US firm's oil production capacity by about 100,000 barrels per day.

According to him, the alternative funding

projects are Chevron Texaco's Meren X Platform costing 41 million dollars, Meji oil field development 87.6 million dollars, and Delta South oil field 35.6 million dollars.

Nigeria produces more than 2.5 million barrels of crude daily, making it the largest oil producer in Africa and the sixth largest oil exporter in the world.—MNA/Xinhua

German motorway truck toll monitoring system nabs 120 dodgers

BERLIN, 2 Jan — Germany's satellite-based motorway truck toll monitoring system nabbed 120 fee dodgers in the first few hours after being activated on Saturday.

The pioneering toll system was launched after 16 months of delays that embarrassed the government and opened multi-billion euro (dollar) holes in the budget.

"The system is operating flawlessly. The control points have detected 120 toll dodgers, that includes 75 foreigners. They will all be fined," Transport Ministry spokeswoman

Alexandra Brothan told *Reuters*.

The government expects 2.4 billion euros (3.3 billion US dollars) in truck tolls each year and believes the system will be an export hit: collecting tolls without old-fashioned booths that cause traffic congestion.

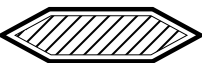
"It's been a great start and we're optimistic other nations will want to acquire an innovative system like this," she added.

The system, long maligned in the German media, is operated by the Toll Collect consortium: Deutsche Telekom,

DaimlerChrysler and France's Cofiroute.

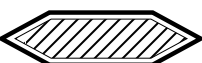
Germany, with Europe's busiest motorways, is charging an average of 12.4 cents (0.17 US dollar) per kilometre. About one third of trucks that use its 12,000-kilometre motorway network are foreign.

The dodgers, fined between 75 and 150 euros on top of the toll, were spotted and photographed by cameras mounted on 300 overhead control bridges. Some 500 monitors in cars equipped with computers are also on patrol and able to stop toll dodgers.—MNA/Reuters



A Filipino girl lights a sparkler in a street to welcome New Year in the Philippine capital Manila, on 1 Jan, 2005.

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C-in-C's Honorary Certificates awarded

YANGON, 4 Jan — The Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services awarded 28 military service personnel with Commander-in-Chief's honorary certificates for their extraordinary performance duty assigned to them in defence of the country.

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Notifications on conferring . . .

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Manijotadhara Titles three laity and Thudhamma Theingi on three laity.

Under the Notification No 2/2005, medals for excellent performance in arts (First Class) were presented to two persons; medals for excellent performance in arts (Second Class) to two persons; medals for excellent performance in medicine (First Class) to three persons; medal for excellent performance in medicine (Second Class) to one person; medal for excellent performance in medicine (Third Class) to one person; medal for Excellent performance in Technology (Third Class) to one person; medal for excellence performance in agricultural field (Second Class) to one person; medals for excellence performance in agricultural field (Third Class) to eight persons; medals for excellent performance in industrial field (Second Class) to six persons; medals for excellent performance in industrial field (Third Class) to 39 persons; medals for excellent performance in administrative field (First Class) to 18 persons; medals for excellent performance in administrative field (Second Class) to 31 persons; medals for excellent performance in administrative field (Third Class) to 98 persons; medals for excellent performance in social field (First Class) to 52 persons; medals for excellent performance in social field (Second Class) to 59 persons; medals for excellent performance in social field (Third Class) to 107 persons; Ye Thurein Medals to four; Ye Kyaw Swa Medals to eight and Ye Kyaw Thu Medals to seven persons.

Under the Notification No 3/2005, Military Good Service Thingaha Medals were presented to 887 persons; under the Notification No 4/2005, Military Good Service Medals were presented to 28 retired personnel and 1,967 personnel.

Under the Notification No 5/2005, Good Public Service Medals were to 109 retired personnel and 5,779 personnel. Under the Notification No 6/2005, Good MPF Service Medals were presented to 23 personnel.

Under the Notification No 7/2005, MPF service Medals were presented to 133 personnel. Under the Notification No 8/2005, Public Service Medals were presented to 11 retired personnel and 15,708 personnel and State Peace and Tranquillity Medals to ten retired personnel and 26,543 personnel.

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Union of Myanmar State Peace and Development Council Notification No 2/2005

9th Waning of Nadaw, 1366 ME (4 January, 2005)

The State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar has conferred titles and medals of commendation on the following persons.

Medals for Excellent Performance in the Field of Arts (First Class)

1. Daw Ohn Khin, member of Myanmar Language Commission, Myanmar Language Commission Department, Ministry of Education
2. U Win Pe, member of Myanmar Language Commission, Myanmar Language Commission Department, Ministry of Education

Medals for Excellent Performance in the Field of Arts (Second Class)

1. U Myo Thant (Maung Hsushin), Adviser, Printing and Publishing Enterprise, Ministry of Information.
2. U Tun Aung Chien, Secretary, Myanmar History

Commission, Ministry of Education.

Medals for Excellent Performance in the Field of Medicine (First Class)

1. Professor Dr Norman Hla, Professor/Head of Department, New General Hospital, Yangon, Ministry of Health.
2. Professor Dr Saw Naing, Professor/Head of Department, Institute of Medicine (1), Yangon, Ministry of Health.
3. Professor Dr Tin Myint, Professor/Head of Department (Anaesthetic), Yangon General Hospital, Ministry of Health.

Medals for Excellent Performance in the Field of Medicine (Second Class)

1. Professor Dr Khin Maung Aye, Professor/ Head of Department (Cardiac Surgery), Yangon General Hospital, Ministry of Health.

Medals for Excellent Performance in the Field of Medicine (Third Class)

1. Dr Maung Maung Kyin, Assistant Director, Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department, Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries.

Medals for Excellent Performance in the Field of Technology (Second Class)

1. U Myint Htay, Director (Offshore Oil), Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise, Ministry of Energy.

Medals for Excellent Performance in the Field of Technology (Third Class)

1. U San Thein, Deputy General Manager, Myanmar Sugarcane Enterprise, Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation

Medals for Excellent Performance in the Field of Agriculture (Second Class)

1. Dr Tin Soe, Director-General (Duty), Agriculture Research Department, Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation.

Medals for Excellent Performance in the Field of Agriculture (Third Class)

1. Dr Yi Yi Myint, Professor, University of Agriculture, Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation.
2. U Kyaw Win, Deputy Director, Irrigation Department, Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation.
3. U Aik Hsi (a) U Sai Si, Farmer, Myanmar Agriculture Enterprise, Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation.
4. Daw Su Su Win, Assistant Research Officer, Agriculture Research Department, Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation.
5. U Maung Maung Thein, Assistant Research Officer, Agriculture Research Department, Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation.
6. U Thant Lwin Oo, Assistant Research Officer, Agriculture Research Department, Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation.
7. U Aik San, Farmer, Seilant Village, Muse Township, Shan State (North), Myanmar Agriculture Enterprise, Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation.
8. U Tint Soe Lin, No 119, Thanlwin Road, Kamayut Township, Yangon.

Medals for Excellent Performance in the Field of Industry (Second Class)

1. U Mya Thaug, Director (Project), No 1 Mining Enterprise, Ministry of Mines.
2. U Htin Kyaw, Chief Engineer, Road Transport, Ministry of Rail Transportation.
3. U Myint Yi, Chief Engineer (Drilling), Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise (Headquarter) Yangon Division, Ministry of Energy
4. U Saw Lwin, Director (Industry), Mechanical Division, Hydro Electric Power Department, Yangon, Ministry of Electric Power.
5. U Aye Thaw, Deputy Chief Engineer, Power Supply Project (South), Myanmar Electric Power Enterprise, Ministry of Electric Power.
6. U Tin Shwe, Deputy Chief Engineer, Power Supply Project (North), Meiktila, Myanmar Electric Power Enterprise, Ministry of Electric Power.

Medals for Excellent Performance in the Field of Industry (Third Class)

1. BC 32420 Captain Kyaw Myo Win, Head of Mechanical Section, Central Signals Unit,

Directorate of Signals, Ministry of Defence.

2. No 427910 WO-I Myint Aung, In-charge of Mechanical Production, Central Signals Unit, Directorate of Signals, Ministry of Defence.
3. No 690601 Sgt Kyaw Kyaw Oo, In-charge of lathe operator, Central Signals Unit, Directorate of Signals, Ministry of Defence.
4. U Kyaw Tun Aye, Assistance Director, Agricultural Mechanization Department, Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation.
5. U Kyaw Wai, Assistant Director, Agricultural Mechanization Department, Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation.
6. Daw Moe Mow Ohn Mar, Assistant Supervisor, Myanmar Perennial Enterprise, Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation.
7. U Than Win, Deputy Factory Manager, Brick Factory-1, Myanmar Ceramics Industries, Ministry of Industry-1
8. U Saw Lu Ni, Assistant Manager, No 1 Agricultural Farming Equipment Factory (Sinte), Myanmar Agricultural Machinery Industries, Ministry of Industry-2.
9. U Tin Win, Head of Section, No 1 Agricultural Farming Equipment Factory (Sinte), Myanmar Agricultural Machinery Industries, Ministry of Industry-2.
10. U Hsan Oo, Manager, No 2 Agricultural Farming Equipment Factory (Malun), Myanmar Agricultural Machinery Industries, Ministry of Industry-2.
11. U Hla Myint, Head of Section, No 1 Automobile Factory (Yangon), Myanmar Automobile and Diesel Engine Industries, Ministry of Industry-2.
12. U Soe Oo, Assistant General Manager, No 1 Myanmar Tyre and Rubber Industries, Ministry of Industry-2.
13. U Nyunt Oo, Deputy Chief Engineer, Engineering Department, Myanmar Agricultural Produce Trading, Ministry of Commerce.
14. U Maung Maung Pa, Assistant Head of Workshop, Engineering Department, Myanmar Agricultural Produce Trading, Ministry of Commerce.
15. U Mya Than, Superintending Engineer, Cottage Industries Department, Ministry of Cooperatives.
16. U Myint Aung, Chairman of Metallurgy and General Service Cooperatives Society Ltd, Ministry of Cooperatives.
17. U Tun Aung, Superintending Engineer (Industry), No 1 Mining Enterprise, Ministry of Mines.
18. Daw Nu Nu, Supervisor (Pearl Culture), Myanmar Pearl Enterprise, Ministry of Mines.
19. U Tin Win (5), Junior Engineer-1 (Drilling), Geological Survey and Minerals Exploration Department, Ministry of Mines.
20. U Ye Nyunt Sein, Assistant Engineer, (Workshop, Yangon), Myanmar Railways, Ministry of Rail Transportation.
21. U Khin Maung Tun, Assistant Engineer (Mechanical Workshop), Ywahaung Diesel Locomotive Shed, Mechanical and Electrical Engineering Department, Myanmar Railways, Myanmar Rail Transportation.
22. U Win Thu, Deputy Chief Engineer, Myanmar Radio and Television, Ministry of Information.
23. U Han Sein, Factory Manager, Photolitho, Printing and Publishing Enterprise, Ministry of Information.
24. U Hla Thein, Assistant Engineer (Electrical), Myanmar Port Authority, Ministry of Transport.
25. U Haty Aung, Overseer (Grade-1), Myanmar Port Authority, Ministry of Transport.
26. U Kan Nyunt, Foreman (Mechanic), Mechanical Engineering Department, Myanmar Port Authority, Ministry of Transport.
27. U Than Tun, Senior Engineer, Microwave Station, Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications, Ministry of Communications Posts and Telegraphs.
28. Daw San San Lwin, Senior Engineer, Project Department, Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications, Ministry of Communications Posts and Telegraphs.

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Gascoigne in hospital with pneumonia

LONDON, 3 Jan— Paul Gascoigne is seriously ill in a hospital with pneumonia, local reports said Sunday.

The 37-year-old former England soccer star is being treated at a hospital in northeast England after collapsing at his home.

"Paul began feeling very unwell two or three days ago," his agent Alex Armitage was quoted as saying. "It's definitely pneumonia and it's bloody bad."

"We feared he had a collapsed lung but that's now been ruled out. They're testing for other problems though. It's serious. It's a possibility he's got 101 things wrong with him."

In October, Gascoigne quit as player-manager of Boston United after two months in charge.

Gascoigne who left Everton in 2002, won 57 England caps, playing at the 1990 World Cup and Euro 96.

He has played for Newcastle, Tottenham, Lazio, Glasgow Rangers, Middlesbrough, Everton and China's Gansu Tianma for a career blighted by injury and alcoholism. — MNA/Xinhua

Chelsea hold five-point lead in second half of season

LONDON, 3 Jan— Chelsea have the look of champions after Saturday's victory over Liverpool, coach Jose Mourinho says, but his depleted squad face another test of their title credentials when they complete their holiday programme at home to Middlesbrough on Tuesday.

Seeking to win England's top division for the first time since 1955, Chelsea hold a five-point lead over champions Arsenal going into the second half of the Premier League season.

Manchester United are breathing down the necks of the top two, Alex Ferguson's in-form side having won eight of their

last nine games to sit nine points adrift of the leaders.

A late deflected goal from substitute Joe Cole handed Chelsea a lucky victory at Anfield on Saturday and the significance of the win was not lost on Mourinho or his players.

"You have to chase the luck but normally the luck is around champions at the right moment, in the right place," said Mourinho.

"When you score a goal in the last 10 minutes of a game where the draw is the fair result then I think it is the symbol of something."

Playing four games in a nine-day period has taken its toll on a Chelsea squad ravaged by illness.

"We have a new player amongst us called virus. It is the flu virus, it is the stomach virus, it is the throat virus. Everybody is full of it — me, my assistant, John Terry, Wayne Bridge is in bed, (Alexei) Smertin is in bed," added Mourinho.

"Geremi was on the bench but he wasn't ready to play because he had a temperature of almost 40 degrees. For the next game against Middlesbrough, if the virus doesn't wake up strong we have the same 15 players. If he attacks again then I don't know how many."

Arsenal, after their dip in form in November, have bounced back with five wins from their last six. Arsene Wenger's side host Manchester City at Highbury on Tuesday and the Frenchman is only concerned that the champions keep winning.

"We are getting better and better with every game. And we are making the title race more interesting for the public," Wenger said after Arsenal's 3-1 win at Charlton on Saturday.

"I am not worried about Chelsea's results -- if they are still five points ahead with six games to go then I will look at their results."

United, like Chelsea and Arsenal, have won three out of three games over the holiday period to give the Premier League standings a familiar feel at the start of the year.

Free-scoring Tottenham Hotspur, like United in a rich vein of form, are the visitors to Old Trafford on Tuesday.

United, still without the suspended Wayne Rooney who is serving the second of a three-match ban, have fitness worries over Portuguese winger Cristiano Ronaldo who hobbled off late in the 2-0 win at Middlesbrough on New Year's Day.

MNA/Reuters



Russian tennis star Maria Sharapova returns the ball to American Venus Williams on 2 Jan, 2005 in Chiang Mai province during an exhibition match in northern Thailand as part of her preparations for the Australian Open.—INTERNET

Hopman Cup tennis tourney

PERTH, 3 Jan— Guillermo Coria exorcised a few ghosts on Sunday when he recorded his first victory in over six months to pull Argentina level with Italy in the Hopman Cup.

The 22-year-old eased to a 6-1, 7-6 victory over Davide Sanguinetti to level the round-robin tie at 1-1 after Francesca Schiavone had beaten Gisela Dulko 6-1, 6-3 in the opening match of the mixed team event.

For Coria, runner-up at the French Open last year, it was his first victory since he lost in the second round of Wimbledon in June.

Coria was forced to have shoulder surgery in August, which kept him off the tour for almost four months.

Having lost all three of his matches on his return in November at the Masters Cup in Houston, Coria looked more like his usual self on Sunday as he eased to victory against the 110th ranked Sanguinetti.

The Italian also had to deal with an ankle injury, which he picked up while stretching for a backhand in the second game of the match.

After taping his ankle at the next change of ends, Sanguinetti battled on and though he dropped the first set, he led 4-2 in the second before Coria recovered to clinch victory.

The win was especially sweet for Coria, who was due to participate in the 2002 tournament but was prevented from playing after he received a seven-month ban for returning a positive drugs test for nandrolone. Coria will team up with Dulko in the mixed doubles against Sanguinetti and Schiavone in the deciding rubber.

Earlier, Schiavone proved too consistent for Dulko as she wrapped up victory in one hour, five minutes.

The Argentine, who beat Martina Navratilova at the French Open and Wimbledon last year, made 46 unforced errors.

MNA/Reuters

Pennetta beat Nathalie Dechy in Gold Coast Tennis C'ship

SYDNEY, 3 Jan— Former champion Nathalie Dechy was a surprise first round loser at the Australian women's hardcourt championship at the Gold Coast on Sunday.

The Frenchwoman bowed out of the opening tournament of this year's women's circuit with a 7-6, 6-1 defeat to Italy's Flavia Pennetta. "I played against a really good opponent," Dechy said in a statement. "I think she played a really great match. I wasn't able to raise my level of play as much as I wished."

Dechy's loss completed a terrible day for the French with Stephanie Foretz losing to Italian fifth seed Silvia Farina Elia 6-3, 7-5 while Severine Beltrame blew a first set lead to lose 4-6, 6-4, 7-5 against Denisa Chladkova of the Czech Republic.

In Sunday's other first round clashes, Bulgarian Magdalena Maleeva beat Ukraine's Yuliana Fedak 6-4, 6-1, Czech Ivetta Benesova defeated local wildcard Tiffany Welford 6-4, 6-2 and China's Na Li thrashed Italy's Tathiana Garbin 6-3, 6-1. —MNA/Reuters

Carlos Moya hopes to retain ATP title

CHENNAI (India), 3 Jan— Carlos Moya is hopeful he can extend his form which lifted Spain to a memorable 2004 Davis Cup final triumph over the US into the 2005 ATP tour.

Moya, fifth in the ATP list, starts his campaign at the Chennai Open, which begins on Monday, aiming to become the first player to retain the title in the event's nine-year history.

Moya told reporters on Sunday: "Last year I won here, but now my mind is only on the first two matches."

"I face a qualifier in the first round which is dangerous because he would have already won two matches. Once I reach the quarterfinal it will be a different story."

Moya won three titles in 2004 and reached the Masters Cup. "In 2005, my goals are to be in the Masters Cup again at the end of the year and try to win a Grand Slam," he said.

Moya added: "My form is very high. I'm still only 28 and I feel my best tennis is yet to come."

Doubts had arisen over whether the Chennai tournament would go ahead because of the devastating tsunami tragedy. The ATP is giving 25,000 dollars to victims' relief and the players are donating their earnings. A charity auction is also being held.

MNA/Reuters

US, Czech advance to semifinals of World Junior C'ship

WASHINGTON, 3 Jan— The United States backed by Phil Kessel's three goals and an assist, advanced to the semifinals of the World Junior Championship after an 8-2 win over Sweden Saturday at Grand Forks, North Dakota.

Kevin Porter, Drew Stafford, Robbie Schremp, Ryan Suter and Tim Hensick also scored for the defending champions, who will take on Russia on Sunday.

Tournament favourite Canada will face the Czech Republic, who beat Finland 3-0 early Saturday, in the other semifinal.

Kessel gave the United States a 3-1 lead in the second period and added goals in a 3:06 span early in the third.

"I thought we got better as the game went on," US coach Scott

Sandelin said. "Thank God for Phil Kessel. He was definitely the difference for us tonight."

AI Montoya made 29 saves, allowing only Loui Ericksson's two goals.

The Czech Republic advanced with Marek Schwarz making 21 saves for his first shutout of the tournament. And Petr Vrana, Rostislav Olesz and Roman Cervenka scored goals.

In relegation play Saturday, Victor Stancescu scored twice to lead Switzerland to a 5-0 win over Germany.

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Celtic went three points clear at the top of the Scottish Premier League with a 2-1 win at home to Livingston thanks to goals from strike pair John Hartson, shown here in November 2004, and Chris Sutton.—INTERNET

Minister inspects park, tarring of road in Taunggyi

YANGON, 3 Jan — Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt this afternoon inspected the park and garden of Taunggyi Township Development Affairs Committee in Taunggyi and gave instruction to officials on constant growing of flowering plants and tasks to be carried out for greening the park and its environs.



Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt inspects township park and nursery in Taunggyi. —MNA

Next, the minister sawover the tarring of Min Ye Kyaw Swa Road being undertaken by Taunggyi Township De-

velopment Affairs Committee and instructed officials to supervise the

tasks for meeting the set standard of the road. The tar road with 700 feet in

length and 12 feet in width will cost K 2.1 million. —MNA

Deputy Minister inspects Bo Aung Kyaw container yard



Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue Col Hla Thein Swe inspects the X-ray machine on Bo Aung Kyaw container yard this afternoon. — MNA

YANGON, 3 Jan — Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue Col Hla Thein Swe arrived at Bo Aung Kyaw container yard this afternoon where he inspected the X-ray machine.

Officials concerned reported on export and import services being carried out by the yard to the deputy minister, who then left necessary instructions.

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Course on public relations opens

YANGON, 3 Jan — The public relations course No 1 of the Yangon Division Union Solidarity and Development Association was opened this morning at the training school of Yangon City Development Committee in Mingala Taung Nyunt Township here.

The opening ceremony was attended by USDA CEC members, Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min, YCDC Chairman Mayor Brig-Gen

Aung Thein Lin, Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa, members of Yangon Division USDA and departmental officials.

Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, Yangon Division in charge, addressed the ceremony.

A total of 99 trainees from 33 townships of the division are attending the one-week course.

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School Family Day of Dagon BEHS-1 held



Chairman of School Board of Trustees U Hla Tin presents prize to an outstanding student, Ma Phu Ngon Kyaw. — MNA

YANGON, 3 Jan — School Family Day for 2004-2005 Academic Year of Dagon Township No 1 Basic Education High School was observed today at the school.

At the school family day, Chairman of School Board of Trustees U Hla Tin, Deputy Direc-

tor (Education) of No 3 Basic Education Department (Yangon) U Nu, Headmaster U Kyaw Kyaw and officials also presented prizes to the outstanding students of the school.

Students entertained the audience with cultural dances. — MNA

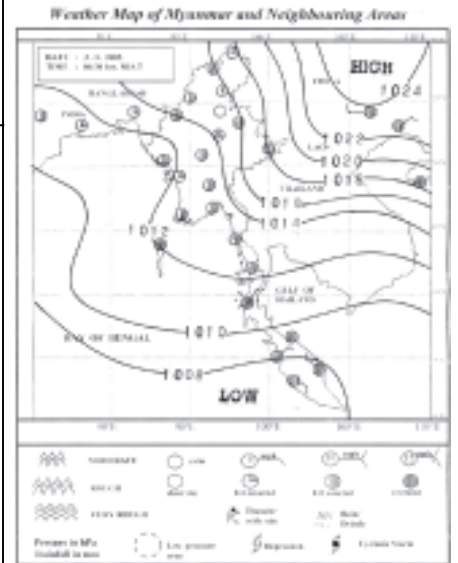
266 drug-related cases exposed in November

YANGON, 3 Jan — The Tatmadaw, Myanmar Police Force and the Customs Department exposed 266 drug-related cases in November 2004.

The authorities seized 10.063 kilos of opium in 27 cases, 8.7137 kilos of heroin in 102 cases, 0.356 kilos of opium in 13 cases, 6.5905 kilos of low-grade opium in 17 cases, 9.8923 kilos of marijuana in 17 cases, 165,981 stimulant tablets in 55 cases, 0.084 kilo of speciosa in one case, 0.005 kilo of stimulant ice, two tablets of ecstasy in one case, 236 litres of chemical liquid in one case, 16 kilos of chemical powder, 24 cases of failure to register and eight other cases.

Action was taken against 380 people in 266 cases — 316 men and 64 women in November.

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WEATHER

Monday, 3 January, 2004

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been generally fair in the whole country. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below normal in Kayin State, Bago, Taninthayi and Yangon Divisions and about normal in the remaining areas. The significant night temperatures were (3°C) in Namsam, (4°C) each in Hakha, Pinlaung and Heho, (5°C) in PyinOoLwin.

Maximum temperature on 2-1-2005 was 92°F. Minimum temperature on 3-1-2005 was 56°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 3-1-2005 was 82%. Total sunshine hours on 2-1-2005 was (8.2) hours approx. Rainfalls on 3-1-2005 were nil at Yangon Airport, Kaba-Aye and central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2005 were nil at Yangon Airport, Kaba-Aye and central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 5 mph from Northwest at (14:20) hours MST on 2-1-2005.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 4-1-2005: Except for the possibility of isolated rain in Kachin, Rakhine States, Mandalay, upper Sagaing, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions and weather will be generally fair in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (40%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Slight increase of night temperatures are like in the upper Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 4-1-2005: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 4-1-2005: Possibility of isolated light rain. Degree of certainty is (40%).

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Four political objectives

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

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

Secretary-1 attends opening ceremony of Independence Day Exhibition



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein views booths at the 57th Anniversary Independence Day Exhibition. — MNA

YANGON, 3 Jan—A ceremony to open the 57th Anniversary Independence Day Exhibition sponsored by the 57th Anniversary Independence Day Information Sub-committee and the Exhibition Staging Sub-committee was held at the Tatmadaw Convention Hall on U Wisara Road in Dagon Township here at 10 am today, attended by Chairman of Central Committee for Observance of the 57th Anniversary Independence Day Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein.

Also present on the occasion were ministers, the Yangon Mayor, deputy ministers, senior military officers, Secretary of the Central Committee Director-General of the Government Office U Soe Tint, the chairmen of the respective sub-committees and officials, social organizations, students and guests.

Chairman of Sub-committee for Observance of the 57th Anniversary Independence Day Deputy Minister for Information Brig-Gen Aung Thein formally opened the fair.

Next, Chairman of the Central Committee Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and party inspected the exhibits.

The exhibition included photograph of Head of State Senior General Than Shwe and guidance on the independence, booth on human origin from Myanmar, booth on ancient Myanmar empires, booths on independence struggle, booth on regaining the independence and safeguarding it, booth on scenic Myanmar, (See page 9)

Nations enjoying development at present study their history of progress to shape their own future

YANGON, 3 Jan — Ayeyawady Division Union Solidarity and Development held a meeting in

Patheingyi on 31 December 2004 to materialize the seven objectives and nine future tasks adopted by

the USDA Annual General Meeting 2004 and the plans to be carried out in Ayeyawady Division.

Present were USDA members, townsenders, members of Myanmar War Veterans

Organization, Myanmar National Committee for Women's Affairs, Myanmar Maternal and

Child Welfare Association, Myanmar Red Cross Society and Fire Brigades and outstanding students. The meeting chairman Secretary of Division USDA U Than Tun explained the national goal and the wishes of the people which are peace, stability and unity and successful implementation of the seven objectives.

He said the nations that are enjoying development at present have studied their history of progress to shape their future. The formation of the USDA is based on the youths who will discharge the national duty. It is nurturing the spiritual, physical and intellectual development of youths, keeping in the fore Our Three Main National Causes, the national policy, and the four political objectives, four economic objectives and four social objectives. The USDA will get in touch with the people of (See page 6)



The meeting to coordinate implementation of objectives in progress in Patheingyi Township Hall. — MNA