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Actively take part with full sense of Union Spirit in successful implementation of Road Map

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.

Senior General Than Shwe
Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council
Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services
 (From message sent to the 57th Anniversary Independence Day)



Senior General Than Shwe, wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing host Independence Day commemorative reception and dinner

YANGON, 4 Jan— Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing hosted the 57th Anniversary Independence Day (2005) reception and dinner at the Pyithu Hluttaw on Pyay Road here this evening.

The Senior General and wife arrived at the building at 6:30 pm. Together with Vice-Chairman of the SPDC Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win, Secretary-1 of the SPDC Lt-Gen Thein Sein and the chairman of Yangon Division PDC, the Senior General cordially greeted Dean of the Diplomatic Corps in Myanmar

Philippine Ambassador to Myanmar Mme Phoebe A Gomez, diplomats of foreign embassies in Yangon and their spouses, Coordinator of UN agencies in Yangon Mr Charles James Petrie, resident representatives of UN agencies in Yangon and their wives.

Present on the occasion were Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San, Daw Khin Lay Thet, wife of SPDC Member General Thura Shwe Mann, Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win and wife Daw Than Than Nwe, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win, SPDC

members and their wives, the Commander-in-Chief (Navy), the Commander-in-Chief (Air), the Yangon Division PDC chairman, ministers and their wives, the Chief Justice, the Attorney-General, the Auditor-General, the chairman of the Civil Service Selection and Training Board, the Yangon City Development Committee chairman the Yangon Mayor and their wives, deputy ministers and their wives, the directors-general of the SPDC Office, the Government Office, the President's Office, the Pyithu Hluttaw Office and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
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Senior General Than Shwe cordially greets Philippine Ambassador Mme Phoebe A Gomez. — MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Towards a discipline-flourishing democratic nation

Since taking over the responsibilities of the State, the Government of the Union of Myanmar has been building a peaceful, modern and developed nation, adhering to the national policy — our three main national causes. Emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed nation is the goal of the entire nation and we are working towards it through the implementation of national plans. The Special Projects Implementation Committee has also been formed to build infrastructures according to the demand of respective regions and sectors.

Moreover, border areas development projects, the 24-region development project and five rural development tasks are being carried out through the united strength of the entire national people to bring harmonious and all-round development to each and every region across the Union.

In his message to the 57th Anniversary of Independence Day, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe said, "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."

Perpetuation of sovereignty of a nation pivots on national spirit and unity of the people living together in it. A study of world history shows that national unity is essential to the long-lasting existence of a nation. A peaceful, modern and developed nation is possible only with the national unity.

The seven-point policy programme, the Road Map to the future of the Union of Myanmar as we may call it, is being translated into reality and, to make it a complete success, the entire national people are required to support and take an active part in the National Convention. And we would like to call on the Union-born national brethren to be united and relentless in our march towards our national goal — the emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation.

Shweli gravel road put into commission in Yaksawk

YANGON, 4 Jan —The Shweli gravel road built by Yaksawk Township Development Affairs Committee was inaugurated in Zawgyi Ward in the township on 30 December in commemoration of the 57th Anniversary of Independence Day.

Present on the occasion were Brig-Gen Zaw Win of Bahtoo Station, senior military officers, local authorities, departmental officials, members of social organizations and local people.

Chairman of Township Peace and Development Council U Thein Han and Executive Officer of Yaksawk Township Development Affairs Committee U Kyi Saw formally opened the transport facility.

The road, 900 feet long and 12 feet wide, was constructed at a cost of K 1,127,000 contributed by Township Development Affairs Committee. — MNA

People's Desire

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

YANGON 5 Jan — *The following are messages of felicitations from Foreign Heads of Governments sent to Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win, on the occasion of the 57th Anniversary Independence Day of the Union of Myanmar.*

From Mr Lee Hsien Loong, Prime Minister of the Republic of Singapore Excellency,

On behalf of the Government of Singapore, I would like to congratulate Your Excellency and the Government of the Union of Myanmar on the 57th Independence Day of the Union of Myanmar.

Our relations have grown over the years. We must continue to work to strengthen ASEAN to meet the many regional challenges.

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

From Mr Pham Van Khai, Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam

On behalf of the Government and People of Vietnam, I have the honour to convey to Your Excellency and the Government and people of Myanmar the warmest congratulations on the occasion of the 57th anniversary of the Independence Day of the Union of Myanmar.

I am pleased to see the excellent development of the traditional friendship and multifaceted cooperation between Vietnam and Myanmar in the recent time and am confident that under the joint efforts of our two Governments and peoples, the relationship between us would ever be consolidated and

strengthened on bilateral basis as well as within the frameworks of ASEAN and other regional and international fora and organizations in the interest of the two peoples and that of the peace, stability, cooperation and prosperous development in Southeast Asia and the world over.

May Your Excellency ever stay in the best of health and happiness.

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

From Mr Shaukat Aziz, Prime Minister of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan: Excellency,

It gives me great pleasure to extend to Your Excellency, on behalf of the Government and the people of Pakistan and on my own behalf our sincere greetings and warm felicitations to the Government and the people of the Union of Myanmar, on the auspicious occasion of the Independence Day of Myanmar.

Pakistan and Myanmar enjoy cordial and cooperative relations. I am confident that the friendly ties between our two countries would be further strengthened in the years to come.

I avail this opportunity to convey our best wishes for your Excellency's well-being, health and happiness and for the continued progress and prosperity of the people of Myanmar.

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

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Departments and enterprises of Finance and Revenue Ministry inspected in Shan State

YANGON, 4 Jan — Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun, accompanied by Managing Director of the Myanmar Economic Bank Col Hsan Tun and Director-General of the Customs Department Col Khin Maung Lin, inspected the departments and enterprises under the ministry in Shan State from 2 to 4 January.

Shan State (East) Peace and Development Council Chairman Triangle Region Command Commander Maj-Gen Khin Zaw, Minister Maj-Gen Hla Tun, departmental heads and officials held a meeting with service personnel of the departments and enterprises under the ministry in Kengtung, Shan State (East) yesterday. On the occasion, the minister instructed the officials and service personnel to strive for better banking services.

The minister inspected the Internal Revenue Department, Myanmar Economic Bank, the Customs Department and the Myanmar



Minister Maj-Gen Hla Tun meets service personnel of F & R Ministry. — MNA

Insurance in Kengtung, Shan State PDC Chairman Eastern Command Commander Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint, Minister

Maj-Gen Hla Tun, departmental heads and officials met the staff under the ministry in Taunggyi, Shan State (South) today.

The minister also inspected the departments and enterprises under the ministry in Taunggyi Township. — MNA

Funfair and prize distribution of Ministry of Foreign Affairs

YANGON, 4 Jan — The funfair and prize distribution ceremony of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to mark the 57th Anniversary Independence Day was held at the Wunzin Min Yaza Hall of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs this morning.

Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win delivered a New Year greetings.

Also present were Deputy Ministers U Kyaw Thu and U Maung Myint, Myanmar ambassadors, the directors-general, staff and guests.

Minister U Nyan Win presented prizes to outstanding trainees and the deputy ministers and officials prizes to winners of sports events.

The minister and officials formally opened the funfair.

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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.

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

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

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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29. Daw Cherry Myo Tint, Senior Engineer, Yangon Autotelephone, Myanma Posts and Telecommunications, Ministry of Posts, Communications and Telegraphs.
30. Daw Khin Mya Mya Naing, Senior Engineer, Overseas Communications Station, Myanma Posts and Telecommunications, Ministry of Posts, Communications and Telegraphs.
31. U Thein Hoat, Senior Engineer, Work and Inspection Division, Myanma Posts and Telecommunications, Ministry of Posts, Communications and Telegraphs.
32. U Khin Maung Kyi, Executive Engineer-B (Mechanical), Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise, Test Well (Sagaing Division), Ministry of Energy.
33. U Thein Htut Zaw, Head of Section (Admin), LNG Plant (Minbu), Ministry of Energy.
34. U Khin Maung Lay, Deputy Director, Mechanical Machinery Division, Hydro Electric Power Department (Yangon Division), Ministry of Electric Power.
35. U Aung Than Oo, Deputy Director (Geology), Survey Division, Hydro Electric Power Department (Yangon Division), Ministry of Electric Power.
36. U Tin Maung Oo, Assistant Director (Electrical), Mechanical and Electrical Installation Division, Hydro Electric Power Department (Yangon Division), Ministry of Electric Power.
37. U Soe, Assistant Director (Electrical), Mechanical and Electrical Installation Division, Hydro Electric Power Department (Yangon Division), Ministry of Electric Power.
38. U Myint Thein, Assistant Executive Engineer, Power Supply Project (North) Meiktilla, Myanma Electric Power Enterprise, Ministry of Electric Power.
39. U Zaw Min (a) U Kyaw Soe Win, No 116, Zezawa Road, Taunggyi, Shan State.

**Medals for Excellent Performance in Administration
Field (First Class)**

1. U Soe Nyunt, Director-General, Supreme Court (Yangon)
2. U Bo Kyi, Director-General, Supreme Court (Mandalay)
3. BC 13254 Col Khin Maung Myint, Tactical Operation Commander (Base) (Tantyan), North-East Command, Ministry of Defence.
4. BC 14522 Col San Shwe Tha, Tactical Operation Commander (Base) (Kutkai), North-East Command, Ministry of Defence.
5. U Soe Yi, Managing Director, Myanma Ceramics Industries, Ministry of Industry-1.
6. U Myo Tint, Managing Director, Myanma Agricultural Machinery Industries, Ministry of Industry-2.
7. Col Than Nyein, Vice-Governor, Central Bank of Myanmar, Ministry of Finance and Revenue.
8. U Soe Tint, Director-General, Construction Inspection Department, Ministry of Construction.
9. U Win Kyi (1), Rector, Forestry Department, Ministry of Forestry.
10. U Myat Ko, Director-General, General Administration Department, Ministry of Home Affairs.
11. U Chit Khin, Director-General, Directorate of Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems, Ministry of Transport.
12. U Khin Maung Kyi, Managing Director, Myanma Five Star Line, Ministry of Transport.
13. U Kyaw Lwin, Director-General, Directorate of Livestock and Fisheries, Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries.
14. U Maung Maung Nyunt, Director-General, Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department, Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries.
15. U Than Tun, Director-General, Fisheries Department, Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries.
16. U Myint Shwe, Director-General, Beekeeping, Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries.
17. U Khin Maung Aye, Managing Director, Livestock Feedstuff and Dairy Products Enterprise, Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries.
18. Dr San Oo, Managing Director, Myanma Electric Power Enterprise, Ministry of Electric Power.

**Medal for Excellent Performance in Administration
Field (Second Class)**

1. U Khin Maung Lin, Deputy Director-General, Auditor-General's Office.
2. Daw Than Than Aye, Deputy Director-General, Auditor-General's Office.
3. BC 13188 Lt-Col Myo Kyin, Staff Officer (Grade-I), Quartermaster Department (Work), North-East Command, Ministry of Defence.
4. BC 14490 Lt-Col Nay Lin Aung, Staff Officer (Grade-I), Quartermaster Division (Supply and Maintenance), North-East Command, Ministry of Defence.
5. BC 12181 Col Than Myint, Head of Department (Far Eastern Region), Strategic Studies, Office of the Chief of Armed Forces Training, Ministry of Defence.
6. BC 11724 Lt-Col Nyunt Shwe, Staff Officer (Grade-I), (Operation, Training and Administration), Directorate of Signals, Ministry of Defence.
7. BC 13093 Lt-Col Than Zaw, Staff Officer (Grade-I), (Mechanical), Directorate of Signals, Ministry of Defence.
8. BC 13949 Lt-Col Soe Thein, Commanding Officer, No 111 Signals Battalion, Directorate of Signals, Ministry of Defence.
9. BC 13971 Lt-Col La Young, Commanding Officer, No 2 Advance Signals Battalion, Directorate of Signals, Ministry of Defence.
10. BC 14330 Lt-Col Win Myint, Commanding Officer, No 3 Advanced Signals Battalion, Directorate of Signals, Ministry of Defence.
11. BC 15524 Lt-Col Tint Wai, Chief Editor, Myawady Literary House, Directorate of Public Relations and Psychological Warfare, Ministry of Defence.
12. U Maung Maung, Director, Central Bank of Myanmar, Ministry of Finance and Revenue.
13. U Aung Win, (Pa 3694), Commissioner, Magway Division General Administration Department, Ministry of Home Affairs.
14. U Ko Ko Naing, General Manager, Road Transportation, Ministry of Rail Transportation.
15. U Kan Hla, Director, Mandalay Division Development Affairs Committee, Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs.
16. U Aung Than Myint, Principal, Degree College (Mandalay), Education and Training Department, Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs.
17. U Myat Thu Ya, Pro-rector, (Admin), University of Culture (Yangon), Ministry of Culture.
18. U Saw Win, Deputy Director-General, Electrical Power Department, Ministry of Electric Power.
19. U Tha Oo, Rector, Panlong University, Ministry of Education.
20. U Soe Myint, Rector, Pakokku University, Ministry of Education.
21. U Kyaw Myint Oo, Rector, Toungoo University, Ministry of Education.
22. U Soe Myint, Rector, Hinthada University, Ministry of Education.
23. Dr Myo Myint, Pro-rector, Yangon University, Ministry of Education.
24. U Kyaw Kyaw Htay, Pro-rector, Dawei University, Ministry of Education.
25. U Saw Win, Pro-rector, Maubin University, Ministry of Education.
26. U Saw Han Shein, Pro-rector, Pha-an University, Ministry of Education.
27. Prof Dr Khin Maung Win, Professor/Head of Department (Liver), Yangon General Hospital, Ministry of Health.
28. Prof Dr Khine San Yin, Professor/Head of Department (Pathology), Yangon General Hospital, Ministry of Health.
29. BC 12942 Lt-Col Sein Ya, Chairman, District Peace and Development Council, Mindut, Chin State.
30. Lt-Col Kyaw Tint, Chairman, District Peace and Development Council, Yangon West District, Yangon Division.
31. Navy/3319 Cmdr Khin Maung Oo, Head of Department, Vessel Construction Department, Naval Dockyard Command, Yangon Division

**Medals for Excellent Performance in Administration
Field (Third Class)**

1. U Soe Win Naing, Head of Section, President Office
2. U Tun Kyi, Director, Civil Case Department, Supreme Court (Yangon)

3. U Tin Win, Director, Supply and Account Department, Supreme Court (Yangon)
4. Daw Cho Cho Mar, Deputy Professor, University for Development of National Races, Civil Service Selection and Training Board
5. U Thein Nu, Deputy Professor, University for Development of National Races, Civil Service Selection and Training Board
6. U Khin Maung Win, Head of Department (Construction/Maintenance), University for Development of National Races, Civil Service Selection and Training Board
7. BC 20641 Maj Khin Maung Myint, Staff Officer (Grade-II), Quartermaster Department (Supply, Maintenance and Transfer), North-East Command, Ministry of Defence
8. BC 13649 Maj Zaw Win Kyu, Commandant, No 1 Signals Workshop, Directorate of Signals, Ministry of Defence
9. BC 17665 Maj Aung Naing Myint, Company Commander, No 7 Signals Battalion, Directorate of Signals, Ministry of Defence
10. BC 20570 Maj Tin Tun Oo, Head of Admin Department, Yadanabon Newspaper, Directorate of Public Relations and Psychological Warfare, Ministry of Defence
11. BC 22217 Captain Thein Shwe Win, Staff Officer (Grade-III) (News), Directorate of Public Relations and Psychological Warfare, Ministry of Defence
12. No 447396 WO Than Nyunt Oo, Mechanic, Defence Services TV Broadcasting Unit, Directorate of Public Relations and Psychological Warfare, Ministry of Defence
13. U Maung Maung Kyi, Lt/Capt/Civilian (Editor), Myawady Literary House, Directorate of Public Relations and Psychological Warfare, Ministry of Defence
14. No Ah/77534 WO (Substitution) Aye Sanda Kyi, News Caster, Defence Services TV Broadcasting Unit, Directorate of Public Relations and Psychological Warfare, Ministry of Defence
15. U Hla Tun, Director (Production), Directorate of Industries, Ministry of Industry-1
16. U Than Tun Oo, Deputy Factory Manager (Project), Project Executive Officer, Pwintbyu Textile Factory (Project), Myanma Textile Industries, Ministry of Industry-1
17. Daw Khin Hme, Deputy Factory Manager (Project), Shwedaung Advanced Textile and Finishing Plant, Myanma Textile Industries, Ministry of Industry-1
18. U Myint Aung, Factory Manager, Mandalay Soft Drinks Factory, Myanma Foodstuff Industries, Ministry of Industry-1
19. Daw Khin Ma Ma Kyi, Assistant Factory Manager, Development Centre for Foodstuff Technology, Myanma Foodstuff Industries, Ministry of Industry-1
20. U Kyaw Win, Head of Section (Production), Enamel Product Factory No 1, Myanma General and Maintenance Industries, Ministry of Industry-1
21. U Kyaw Win, Assistant Director, Border Trade Camp (Lwejel), Border Trade Department, Ministry of Commerce
22. U Myo Oo, General Manager, Export Division, Myanma Agricultural Produce Training, Ministry of Commerce
23. U Tin Lat, Section Manager, Ta Ka Kha-3, Transport Division, Myanma Agricultural Produce Training, Ministry of Commerce
24. U Ko Lay, Deputy General Manager, Myanma Investment and Commercial Bank, Ministry of Finance and Revenue
25. U Kyin Maung, Director, Pension Department, Ministry of Finance and Revenue
26. U Aung Tun, Director (Project+Sewerage), Department for Human Settlement and Housing Development, Ministry of Construction
27. U Zaw Win, Superintending Engineer, Kayah State, Public Works, Ministry of Construction
28. U Kyaw Min Thein, Superintending Engineer, Shan State (North), Public Works, Ministry of Construction
29. U Myint Lwin, Senior Engineer (Civil), Bridge Construction Special Group-13, Hlegu, Public Works, Ministry of Construction
30. U Tin Kyi, Senior Engineer (Civil), Taninthayi-Bokpyin Road Project, Public Works, Ministry of Construction
31. U Myo Myint, AE (Civil), Building Special Group-4, Yangon, Public Works, Ministry of Construction
32. U Myo Myint, AE (Civil) Bridge Special Group-12, Myitnge, Public Works, Ministry of Construction

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33. Daw Mya Win Kyi, AE (Civil), Bridge Special Group-12, Myitnge, Public Works, Ministry of Construction
34. U Myat Ko Ko, AE (Civil), Building Special Group-2, Yangon, Public Works, Ministry of Construction
35. Daw Thit Thit Aung, AE (Civil), Bridge Special Group-5, Myinkaseik, Public Works, Ministry of Construction
36. U Lay Naing, AE (Civil), Yangon-Mandalay Express Way Project, Public Works, Ministry of Construction
37. U Tin Win Hlaing, JE-2 (Civil), Nagmon Township, Kachin State, Public Works, Ministry of Construction
38. U Myint Oo, Senior Engineer (Civil), Sanepauk/Thazintanpauk Bridge, Public Works, Ministry of Construction
39. U Than Win, AE (Civil), Bridge Construction Special Group-14, Mandalay, Public Works, Ministry of Construction
40. U Sein Whak, Deputy General Manager, Myanmar Timber Enterprise, Ministry of Forestry
41. U Ye Myint Thein-2, Assistant Geologist, Geological Survey and Minerals Exploration Department, Ministry of Mines
42. U Ohn Than, Assistant Geologist, Geological Survey and Mineral Exploration Department, Ministry of Mines
43. U Kee Pe, Assistant Geologist, Geological Survey and Mineral Exploration Department, Ministry of Mines
44. U Myint Ko, Assistant Geologist, Geological Survey and Mineral Exploration Department, Ministry of Mines
45. U Khin Maung Toe (pa 3305), Township Executive Officer, Pwintbyu Township, General Administration Department, Ministry of Home Affairs
46. La-56034 Police Major Aung Khant, District Police Force Commander, Myanmar Police Force, Katha District, Ministry of Home Affairs
47. La-118148, Police Captain Tun Min, Pinlaung Township Police Force Commander, Shan State Police Force, MPF, Ministry of Home Affairs
48. U Khin Maung Win (Pa 3441), Township Executive Officer, Hlegu Township, General Administration Department, Yangon Division, Ministry of Home Affairs
49. U Hla Win Tin (Pa 3409), Township Executive Officer, Shwedaung Township, General Administration Department, Bago Division (West), Ministry of Home Affairs
50. U Myint Than (Pa 3069), Township Executive Officer, Latpetdan Township, General Administration Department, Bago Division (West), Ministry of Home Affairs
51. U Khin Maung Zaw (Pa 3188), Deputy Commissioner, Yamethin District General Administration Department, Ministry of Home Affairs
52. U Aye Win, Staff Officer, Prison Department, Ministry of Home Affairs
53. U Aung Myint-2, Director, Road Transport Administration Department, Ministry of Rail Transportation
54. U Chal Margan, Director, Road Transport Administration Department, Ministry of Rail Transportation
55. U Than Tun, Deputy Director, Information and Public Relations Department, Ministry of Information
56. U Myint Swe, Assistant Director, Information and Public Relations Department, Ministry of Information
57. Daw Nyunt Nyunt Than, Director, Directorate of Hotels and Tourism, Ministry of Hotels and Tourism
58. U Aung Myin Thu, Director, Directorate of Hotels and Tourism, Ministry of Hotels and Tourism
59. U Soe Ko Ko, Director (Engineer), Development Affairs Department (Head Office), Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs
60. U Kyaw Soe, Deputy Superintending Engineer, Sagaing Division Development Affairs Committee, Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs
61. U Aung Soe, Director, Education and Training Department (Head Office), Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs
62. U Law San, Wa Road Construction In-charge, Wa Construction Department, Special Region-2, Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs
63. U Htay Oo Kyi, Assistant Director, Hydrology and Meteorology Department, Ministry of Transport
64. U Aye Ko, Deputy General Manager (Finance), Myanmar Shipyards, Ministry of Transport
65. U Hla Gyi Maung Maung, Director, Archaeology Department, Ministry of Culture
66. U Sein Win, Director, Archaeology Department, Ministry of Culture
67. U Aung Naing Myint, Director, Archaeology Department, Ministry of Culture
68. U Ye Khaung, Chief Engineer (Drilling) Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise (Nyaungdon Oilfield), Ayeyawady Division, Ministry of Energy
69. U Nyein Maung, Executive Geologist, Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise (Myanaung Oilfield), Ayeyawady Division, Ministry of Energy
70. U Maung Maung Kyaw, Executive Geologist, Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise (Head Office), Yangon Division, Ministry of Energy
71. U Myo Myint (0356), Branch Manager, Supply and Store Division-A Class, Dawei, Ministry of Energy
72. Daw Than Than Aye, Director (Civil), Project and Works Division, Hydroelectric Power Department, Ministry of Electric Power
73. U Min Aung, Assistant Director (Civil), (Duty), No 1 Construction, Hydroelectric Power Department, Ministry of Electric Power
74. Daw Than Than Hla, Principal, Myitkyina Education College, Ministry of Education
75. U Saw Ba Hlaing, State Education Officer, Kayin State, Ministry of Education
76. Daw Haran Keip Menn, Assistant State Education Officer (Admin), Haka, Chin State, Ministry of Education
77. Daw Khin Lay Paing, Headmistress, Mawlamyine BEHS No 8, Ministry of Education
78. Daw Khin San Myint, Headmistress, Thaton BEHS No 2, Ministry of Education
79. Daw Tin Tin Aye, SAT, Mingaladon EBHS No 2, Yangon Division, Ministry of Education
80. Dr Nyunt Win Myint, Head of Shan State (North) Health Department, Lashio, Ministry of Health
81. Dr Kyi Lin, Lecturer/Specialist (Anaesthetic), Institute of Medicine-1, Yangon, Ministry of Health
82. Dr Daw Hla Kyin, Medical Superintendent, New General Hospital, Yangon, Ministry of Health
83. Dr Soe Nyunt, Specialist (Anaesthetic), New Yangon General Hospital, Ministry of Health
84. Dr Zaw Than Tun, Lecturer (Medical Science Department), Institute of Medicine-1, Yangon, Ministry of Health
85. Dr Thant Zin, Specialist (Surgery), Institute of Medicine-1, Yangon, Ministry of Health
86. Dr Khin Maung Lwin, Specialist, Yangon General Hospital, Ministry of Health
87. Dr Han Win, Associate Professor/Specialist, Institute of Medicine-1, Yangon, Ministry of Health
88. Dr Win Maung, Associate Professor/Specialist, Institute of Medicine-1, Yangon, Ministry of Health
89. Dr Tin Tin Nwe, Specialist (Anaesthetic), Yangon General Hospital, Ministry of Health
90. Dr Thida Aung, Specialist (Anaesthetic), Yangon Western General Hospital, Ministry of Health
91. Dr Saw Maldo Thein, Assistant Surgeon, Yangon General Hospital, Ministry of Health
92. Dr Nyo Mi Khaing Than Hlaing, Assistant Surgeon (Medical Science), Yangon General Hospital, Ministry of Health
93. Daw Kyu Kyu Mon, In-charge Matron, New Yangon General Hospital, Ministry of Health
94. Daw Saw Yu May, Matron, New Yangon General Hospital, Ministry of Health
95. Dr La Min Win, Assistant Surgeon (Post-Graduate Student), Institute of Medicine-1, Yangon, Ministry of Health
96. Dr Nay Win Than, Assistant Surgeon (Post-Graduate Student), Institute of Medicine-1, Yangon, Ministry of Health
97. Lt-Col Win Zaw, Chairman of Tamu District Peace and Development Council, Sagaing Division
98. BC 25228 Captain Aung Aung Lwin, Chairman of Muse Township Peace and Development Council, Shan State (North)
- Medal for Excellent Performance in Social Field
(First Class)**
1. U Arçinna, member of the Sangha, Shwehlaing Okkyauing, Kyaunggyitak, Ohbo Ward, Kyimyindine Township, Yangon Division
2. U Nyunt Tin, Technician Grade-1 (Electric), Township Electric Operator, Mongpyin, Ministry of Electric Power
3. U Ngwe Than, employee of Ma-Hta-Tha (Retd), 45/B, Thiri Marlar Street, Ward 19, Dagon Myothit (South) Township, Yangon Division
4. U Mya Oo, trader, No 9/134, Maga Street, Nga/Ka Ward, Thingangyun Township, Yangon Division
5. U Myint Swe, carpenter, 616/Kha, Mandalay Street, Ward 13, Shwepyitha Township, Yangon Division
6. U Maung Maung Aye, Head of Engine Room (Grade-I), Oil and Petrochemical Products Transport Division, Myanmar Petrochemicals Enterprise, Ministry of Energy
7. U Than Win, Head of Section, (Mechanical Administration), Myanmar Pharmaceutical Factory, Ministry of Industry-1
8. U Ohn Myint, JAT, Kyauktan BEHS No 2, Ministry of Education
9. U Hmat Kyi, Carpenter-4, Carriage and Cargo Factory (Myitnge), Furniture Section, Ministry of Rail Transportation
10. U Myint Way, shopkeeper, Kanthaya Ward, Patheingyi Township, Mandalay Division
11. U Tun Aye, Driver Grade-1, Vehicle Department, Myanmar Electric Power Enterprise, Ministry of Electric Power
12. Ashin Viççitalankara, Seiktathukha Monastery, Thazinwe Road, NweAye Ward, Dawbon Township, Yangon Division
13. U Tin Win, Secretary-2, National Indoor Stadium-1, Thuwunna, Ministry of Sports
14. U Yin Thein, shopkeeper, No 892, Thuzita Street, Ward 2, North Okkalapa Township, Yangon Division
15. U Hla Tin (6131), Distribution Employee-5, Oiler, Myanmar Petroleum Products Enterprise, Ministry of Energy
16. U Yin Maung, Production Technician-4, (Dyeing) (Retd), Ministry of Industry-1
17. U Mya Hlaing, JE-1, Rail Truck, Civil Engineering Division, Myanmar Railways, Ministry of Rail Transportation
18. Daw Nu Nu Khin, Assistant Director (Production), Directorate of Industries, Ministry of Industry-1
19. Chindwin Ashin Kalyanavamsa, member of the Sangha, Mobile Missionary Dhammarekkhita Monastery, Mogok Vipassana Dhamma Yeiktha, Taungwaing Ward, Zaygyo, Mawlamyine, Mon State
20. U Sein Lwin, Head of Section of ABCC, No 16, U San Pe Road, U San Pe Ward, Thingangyun Township, Yangon Division
21. U Kusala, member of the Sangha, Maha Hmankin Monastery, Lanmadaw Township, Yangon Division
22. U Shwe Maung Win, Worker, Production Section, Printing and Publishing Enterprise, Ministry of Information
23. U Myint Soe, foreman, Yangon Eastern General Hospital, Ministry of Health
24. Sayadaw U Çintita, member of the Sangha, Ankaung Monastery, Kawkareik Township, Kayin State
25. U Myint Thein, Head of Section, Sittoung No 1 Paper Mill, Chemical Plant, Ministry of Industry-1
26. U Myint Lwin, Drawer-1, Civil Engineering Department, Myanmar Railways, Ministry of Rail Transportation
27. U Tin Maung Win, Sub-Assistant Supervisor, Engineering Department, Road Transport, Ministry of Rail Transportation
28. U Maung Hitwe, Communication (Grade-2), Admin and Training Division, Directorate of Trade, Ministry of Commerce
29. U Sein Hlaing, Photo Technician (Grade-2), Information and Public Relations Department, Ministry of Information
30. U Hlaing Tun, Production Technician (Grade-3), Security Division, Management, No 2 Machine and Machine Tools Factory, Ministry of Industry-2

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Foreign Heads of States send felicitations to Senior General Than Shwe

YANGON, 5 Jan — *The following are messages of felicitations from Foreign Heads of States 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 Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, President of the Republic of Indonesia:

On the Anniversary of the Independence Day of the Union of Myanmar, it gives me great pleasure to extend to you and through you, to the people of Myanmar my most heartfelt felicitations on behalf of the Government and people of the Republic of Indonesia.

The relations between our two countries have been developing both on a bilateral basis and within the frame work of ASEAN. I am confident that the cordial and cooperative relations between Myanmar and Indonesia will continue to strengthen in the years ahead as we strive for national development and to contribute to the security and prosperity of our region.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration and best wishes for your good health and personal well-being.

From Mr Khamtay Siphandone, President of the Lao People's Democratic Republic
Your Excellency,

On the auspicious occasion of the 57th Anniversary of the Independence Day of the Union of Myanmar, on behalf of the Lao people and on my own behalf, I have a pleasure to extend my warmest congratulations and best wishes to Your Excellency, and through Your Excellency to the Government and the entire brotherly people of the Union of Myanmar.

I am extremely gratified to note that the excellent relations of friendship and close cooperation existing between the peoples of our two countries have been further strengthened, bringing about tangible benefit to our two nations as well as making an important contribution to the cause of peace, stability, and cooperation for development in the region and in the world.

May I take this opportunity to wish Your Excellency good health and well-being and continued progress and prosperity for the people of the Union of Myanmar.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances

of my highest consideration.

From Mr S R Nathan, President of the Republic of Singapore

Dear Excellency,

On behalf of the people of Singapore, I would like to extend our congratulations to Your Excellency and the people of the Union of Myanmar on the occasion of the 57th Independence Day of the Union of Myanmar.

Ties between Singapore and Myanmar are good. I am confident that relations between our two countries will continue to grow for mutual benefit.

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

From Mr Tran Duc Luong, President of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam

On behalf of the State and People of Vietnam and in my own name, I have the great honour to convey to Your Excellency and the people of Myanmar the warmest congratulations on the occasion of the 57th anniversary of the Independence Day of the Union of Myanmar.

From General Pervez Musharraf, President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan
Excellency,

It gives me great pleasure to extend to Your Excellency our warmest felicitations on the happy occasion of the Independence Day of the Union of Myanmar.

Pakistan and Myanmar enjoy close and friendly relations. I am confident that mutually beneficial ties between our two countries will be further strengthened in the years ahead.

I avail myself of this opportunity to express my best wishes for Your Excellency's personal health and happiness and for the continued progress and prosperity of the people of Myanmar.

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

From Professor Dr Iajuddin Ahmed, President of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Excellency,

It is indeed a great pleasure for me to convey to Your Excellency our heartiest felicitations and greetings on the auspicious occasion of the Independence Day of the Union of Myanmar.

I firmly believe that the existing bonds of friendship and cooperation between our two neigh-

Safeguard Our Independence

* Under colonialist
Mire we went, in enslavement
We stayed thus, over a hundred years
Land of Myanmar, was so bereft
Few was the number of bridges
Communication was difficult

* Teak, timber, oil and rice
Plus gems, they took from our land
And prosper, they did
Citizens, born of the nation
Consumed but just a pittance
Coarse cloth was what they wore
Huts were what they lived in

* Born of the Union, nationals
Access to each other, if they commu-
nicated
Awareness they might, come to attain
That, colonialists greatly fretted
Journey may be short
But they made it appear distant
They built the road as such
It was but unworthy of mention

* The land of Myanmar regained
independence
Today, the Tatmadaw
Farsighted, had built
Made communications, so very easy
Wide expanse of river, was bridged
Beloved brethren's community
Not to be left out
Border development beautified it
With schools and health centres
Skyscrapers so tall
How wondrous they are

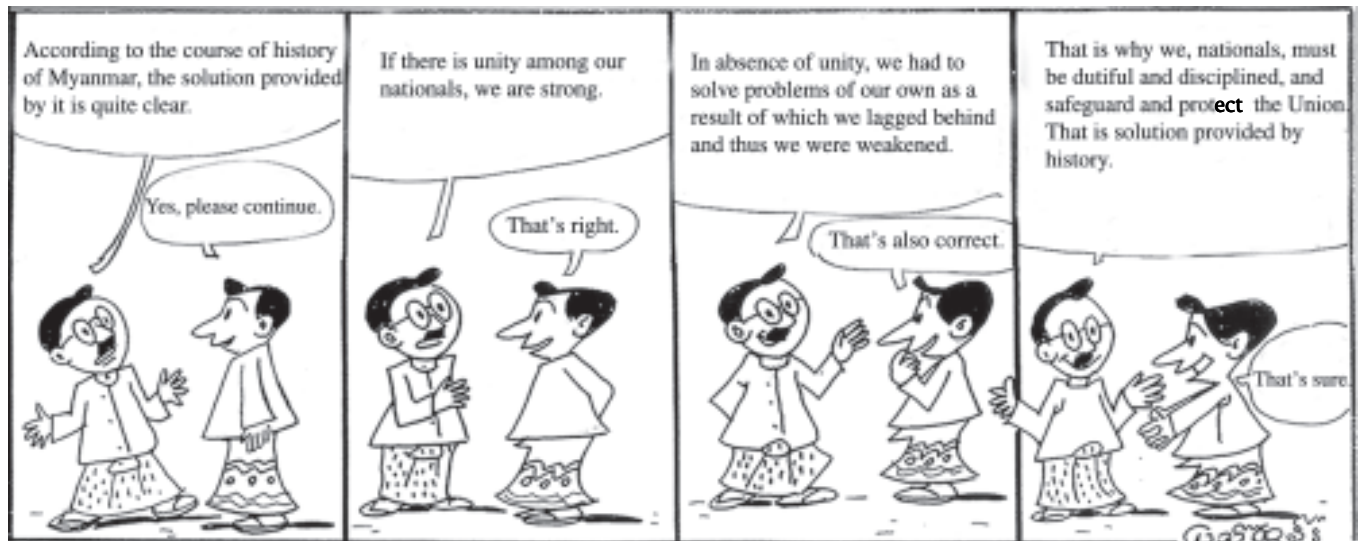
* O... citizens, beware
Our nation's development
Those who cannot
Bear to see that happen
"If whatever is said within and without
Whatever is schemed within and without
Doesn't work, they'll whittle, that dirty
trick"

Must be analysed, discerned
Safeguard Our Independence
'Tis the duty of all citizens.

Khun Ye Thway (Ayethayar)(Trs)

bouring countries will be further strengthened and consolidated in the years ahead to the mutual benefit of our two peoples. I take this opportunity to extend to Your Excellency my best wishes for your good health, long life and happiness as well as 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



Merits for renovation of religious buildings shared

YANGON, 4 Jan— Merits were shared for all-round renovation of the Kyaik Bodhi Pagoda, the Maha Atula Manaung Buddha Image and the Gandakuti Kyaungdawgyi Ordination Hall in the precinct of the pagoda in Thanlyin this afternoon.

Present on the occasion were Joint-Secretary of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Presiding Sayadaw of

Kalewa Tawya Monastery in Mayangon Township Dvipitakadhara Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Jagarabhivamsa, Member of the State Central Working Committee of the Sangha Presiding Sayadaw (Yaw) of Mahawithuddayon Monastery in Bahan Township Tipitakadhara Tipitaka Kovida Dhamma Bandagarika Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Sirind-

abhivamsa and members of the Sangha and wellwishers.

The wellwishers offered alms to members of the Sangha. Sayadaw Sirindabhivamsa delivered a sermon, followed by sharing of merits gained.

The religious buildings were renovated with the cash donations and services contributed by the wellwishers. — MNA



The Kyaikbodhi Pagoda seen after being renovated. — MNA

Only if a race actually owns sovereignty, will it be able to shape own future as it wishes
A country that falls prey to neo-colonialists' decadent culture will be under spiritual enslavement

Interviewer: Maung Maung Kyaw
 Photo: Tin Soe (Myanma Alin)



Dr Ma Tin Win has many points to discuss the importance of independence.

Although Myanmar regained her independence in 1948, she is facing the interference and instigations of neo-colonialists till now. The Myanma Alin Daily interviewed Dr Ma Tin Win, a National Literary Award winner, at her house to know the tricks of the colonialists in advance, to take the lessons from history and to foster nationalism for perpetuation of independence and sovereignty.

Q: Please tell me about the historical outlook of independence.

A: First, let me tell you about the struggles of every race for perpetuation of independence, if it is residing permanently in a certain place and building its own country.

Any nation in any era, the struggle is stiff and hard to strengthen its tradition of living as an independent state. The fact is that only if a race actually owns the sovereignty, will it be able to preserve its freedom of shaping the future according to its own wish. Sovereignty will be in name only, if military, economic and social affairs are under the influence and penetration of outsiders. When it comes to the matter of safeguarding genuine independence, a nation will have to sacrifice lives, blood and sweat of her people.

Q: Please tell me about Myanmar's brief history of falling under subjugation.

A: All the Asian countries including Myanmar in south-east Asia were exporting the surplus amount of food and other consumer goods, and that was their only way of trade. So they thought the arrival of colonialists to the continent was simply for trading. But the colonialists' real intention was

to wage wars for land grabbing. The Asians were caught totally unaware when the colonialists began to materialize their scheme. The colonialists vied with one another in grabbing land to get access to cheap and abundant supply or raw materials and labour, and markets for their exports fetching prices as demanded. Many Asian nations including Myanmar fell under colonization, while fighting back the intruders with unyielding spirit. Here, I have no wish to deal so much upon the inequality in firepower. But the colonialists were producing new types of arms to occupy the Asian nations. In this way, there was a great gap between the easterners and the westerners in the firepower.

Q: What are the tricks of colonialists?

A: They used various kinds of tricks, asking permission to construct commercial buildings, with trade as an excuse. And then they made demands to build forts to protect the commercial buildings. After the forts came the encroaching the host nations in various forms of aggression. Another way of colonization was to send missionaries to wield cultural and social influence over the host nation. But we cannot deny the existence of real missionaries. However history stands witness to the colonialists' use of religion as an instrument to gain foothold in political and social spheres. In the end, the colonialists tried to find fault with the host countries at any means for an unjust armed invasion.

Q: How did people revitalize their national spirit under enslavement?

A: The national spirit means the patriotic spirit to cherish, preserve and safeguard one's own lineage and integrity. Actually, the national spirit of Myanmar in all parts of the nation was revitalized not only after the nation fell under subjugation, but since the start of the unjust aggressive war. Thanks to the people's brave resistance, they were able to fight back the intruders with nationalistic fervour, and were able to protect their own traditions and culture. In addition, the whole nation was in the fight against the colonialists to regain independence.

Q: What is the difference between the life of the people of an independent nation and that of those in bondage?

A: People under the enslavement of colonialists practising the policies of double standard and discrimination, while speaking about humanitarian affairs too much, are physical and mentally weak. On the other hand, the people enjoying freedom have high nationalistic fervour. Usually, every nation has its own problem. It will be meaningful for a nation only if it has the right to put its own house in order by itself.

Q: Please explain to us about interferences of neo-colonialists.

A: In the past, colonialists tried to grab the world, using their superior firepower. But today's neo-colonialists try to control and manipulate the economic, social and cultural areas, without needing to use their armed forces. Superficially, the neo-colonialists will be like traders, coming to do business in a country on mutual interest. But when the country falls prey to the decadent culture the neo-colonialists have carried, its people will be under spiritual enslavement. To be more accurate, the neo-colonialists will hatch schemes to degenerate the morale of the people and provide aids for destructive acts within the country and slander the country through the media under their control.

Q: Literature has the power to vitalize national spirit. But what kind of literature has that power?

A: In my belief the national spirit is inherent in every person. A person must know his own race well and love and cherish its lineage and integrity. He also should have knowledge of international affairs, and the ability to see things from the right perspective. And this kind of efficiency is what we can see in every youth. In reality, literature do not give such an efficiency to a youth. It can only show the way for the youth to enhance his efficiency.

Q: What are today's needs to safeguard independence?

A: The task of safeguarding independence involves not only a stiff resistance we will have to launch against the enemy in times of war, but also the endeavours to ensure peace, stability and progress of the nation and enhance the intellectual ability of the people. At present, technological advancement is required for the nation to stand tall among the global countries. But giving priority only to technical or material development in all aspects will weaken the spiritual improvement, and cause the nation to deviate from all-round progress. We should have the intellectual might to distinguish between what is right and what is wrong. Today's youths will have to improve their efficiency more and more. Because they are the persons who will have to shoulder the State duties in the future.

Q: Do you have any suggestions for youths?

A: Every youth has his own ability in one way or another. But the important thing is that they should know what is right and what is wrong. They have the spirit of self-reliance, while reducing the wish to depend on others. I hope that my suggestion will be useful for them both in discharging the State duties as well as in their personal affairs.

(Translation: TMT)

Myanma Alin: 4.1.2005.

**Senior General Than Shwe,
wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing...**

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Philippine Ambassador Mme Phoebe A Gomez, diplomats and their spouses, UN Coordinator Mr Charles James Petrie, resident representatives of UN agencies and their wives, chairmen of subcommittees for Observance of the 57th Anniversary Independence Day, regional coordinators of States and Division of the Union Solidarity and Development Association (HQ), the winners of the 57th Anniversary Independence Day commemorative essay, poem, TV quiz and computer drawing contest, and distinguished guests.

Before and during the dinner, vocalists presented entertainment programmes to the accompaniment of Myanmar Athan modern band, and after the dinner, artistes of the Fine Arts Department under the Ministry of Culture, a variety of traditional dances.

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Senior General Than Shwe cordially greets diplomats at the 57th Anniversary Independence Day reception and dinner. — MNA



**Minister for Information
inspects GTC Printing Press**

YANGON, 4 Jan—Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aung Thein and officials inspected GTC Printing Press of Printing and Publishing Enterprise in Insein Township yesterday.

The minister and party arrived at the press in the evening and inspected flat bed scanner Esko Scan Mate 14 colour separation machine, Internal drum Film Image Setter Dot Mate 6500 and Shinohara two-colour press.

The minister gave instructions on maintenance of machines, accepting of orders from private entrepreneurs, training of skilled workers, fire prevention measures and security.

The minister inspected printing of textbooks and told officials to finish production of textbooks by March 2005 and to hand over them to the Ministry of Education.

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Chin State USDA Secretary U Aung Min. MNA



Falam District USDA Secretary U Tam Aung. MNA



Tiddim Township USDA Secretary U Kham Hson Hmon. MNA

Senior General Than Shwe cordially greets diplomats at the 57th Anniversary Independence Day reception and dinner. — MNA

Government will safeguard,...

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The Government will safeguard and further strengthen national solidarity in the interest of the State and the people. Only the united efforts will make the task of restoring and safeguarding peace and stability and the national interest and the successfully materializing the seven-point future policy programme of the State

possible. The USDA will join hands with the people and other social organizations for the success of the seven objectives and nine future tasks.

Executive of Chin State USDA U Van Htaung tabled the motion on implementation of the seven objectives; Executive U Kyin Shan Kham, on the materialization of the nine future tasks; and Execu-

tive Daw Doth Hlepar on the work programmes. Secretary of Falam District USDA U Tam Aung, Secretary of Mindat District USDA U Htan Lein and Secretary of Tiddim Township USDA U Kham Hson Hmon seconded the tables.

Chairperson of Chin State Maternal and Child Welfare Association Supervisory Committee Dr Daw Khin Saw Mu, President of Chin State Committee for Women's Affairs Daw Ywe Ja and Chairman of Chin State WVO Lt-Col Ohn Myint Oo presented gifts to outstanding students. U Van Htaung also presented stipends. The meeting made a resolve to materialize the seven objectives, nine future tasks and work programmes. It ended with shouting of slogans. MNA



Chin State USDA Executive Daw Doth Hlepar. — MNA



Chin State USDA Executive U Van Htaung. — MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan inspects GTC Press in Insein Township. MNA

Independence Day Exhibition continues

YANGON, 4 Jan—The 57th Anniversary Independence Day Exhibition sponsored by the 57th Anniversary Independence Day Information Sub-committee and the Exhibition Staging Sub-committee continued at the Tatmadaw Convention Hall on U Wisara Road here for the second day today.

Today being the Independence Day, the exhibition was crowded with members of social organizations, students, monks and the people numbering 5,009.

Photograph of Head of State Senior General Than Shwe and guidance on independence, booth on human origin from Myanmar,

that on ancient Myanmar empires, that on independence struggle, that on regaining the independence and safeguarding it, that on scenic Myanmar, that on eye-catching national culture, both on nation-building endeavours and others.

The exhibition continues until 11 January.—MNA



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein addresses the 57th Anniversary Independence Day commemorative prize-presentation ceremony. — MNA

**Students able to portray independence in detail in all aspects
Prizes awarded to winners of 57th Anniversary Independence Day
commemorative essay, poem and computer drawing contests, TV quiz**

YANGON, 4 Jan — The prize-presentation ceremony for the 57th Anniversary Independence Day commemorative essay, poem and computer drawing competitions and TV quiz was held at the Pyithu

Hluttaw building on Pyay Road here this evening, with an address by Chairman of the central committee for organizing the 57th Anniversary Independence Day celebration Secretary-1 of the State Peace

and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein.

Present at the ceremony were Yangon Division PDC Chairman Yangon Command Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe, the ministers, the Yangon



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presents first prize for TV Quiz (university, college, institute level) to Maung Myo Min Min. — MNA



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presents first prize for poem contest (middle school level) to Ma Su Sandi Thway. — MNA



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presents first prize for poem contest (middle school level) to Maung Thant Aung Phyo. — MNA



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and party pose for a documentary photo together with prize winners. — MNA

mayor, the deputy ministers, officials of the SPDC office, departmental heads, officials and guests.

Speaking on the occasion, the Secretary-1 expressed pleasure to honour to whom honour is due at the ceremony as the contestants were able to portray in detail the independence struggle, the meaning, essence and value of independence, and the need to constantly safeguard it.

The 57th Anniversary Independence Day was held with the objectives — 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 national spirit; and all the national people to make concerted efforts for building of a new discipline-flourishing democratic nation.

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Independence Day State Flag...

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office, heads of department under Yangon City Development Committee, rectors and principals, medical superintendents, division level departmental officials, township education officers in the area of YCDC, regional coordinators of USDA (Central), representatives of 16 non-government organizations, national race girls of the Fine Arts Department and local and foreign journalists totalling over 750 took their position in the People's Square, the venue of the ceremony.

After the State Flag hoisting ceremony at 4.20 am, the State Flag Saluting ceremony was held. The guard of honour of the Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) marched

from the Pyithu Hluttaw to the People's Square and took position at the designated place.

Next, Chairman of Sub-committee for organizing the ceremony Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe arrived and took position on the dais. The commander took the salute of the guard of honour. Next, the mass saluted the State Flag while the band of the guard of honour played the national anthem.

Later, the guard of honour saluted the fallen heroes and recited the four oaths. Afterwards, Chairman of Sub-committee for organizing the ceremony Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Devel-



The 57th Anniversary Independence Day State flag hoisting ceremony in progress. — MNA



The 57th Anniversary Independence Day State flag hoisting ceremony in progress. — MNA



The 57th Anniversary Independence Day State flag saluting ceremony in progress. — MNA

Building of Marine Administration Dept opened

YANGON, 4 Jan— The opening of the newly-built office of the Marine Administration Department under the Ministry of Transport took place in the compound of Dawbon Dockyard this morning.

Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe, Deputy Ministers U Saw Hla and Col Nyan Tun Aung, departmental heads and guests attended the ceremony.

The minister inspected the three-storey reinforced concrete building.

Next, the minister and the deputy ministers proceeded to Nanthida Jetty and inspected Shwepyithit passengers vessel built by Dalla Dockyard. The minister instructed officials concerned to take measures

for putting the vessel into commission as soon as possible. — MNA

Dignitaries at the 57th Anniversary Independence Day State flag hoisting and saluting ceremony.

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oment Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe read the message sent by Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe on the occasion of the 57th Anniversary Independence Day.

Next, the guard of honour saluted the commander and the people together with the guard of honour left the People's Square and the ceremony ended.—MNA

Students able to portray...

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Since prehistoric times, the brethren of the Union including Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Bamar, Mon, Rakhine and Shan have been living together in oneness and unity and through thick and thin.

flourishing democratic nation is the national solidarity. In all seriousness, I would like to assert that the Government will further strengthen the national solidarity to become stronger in the interest of the State and the entire



Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min speaks at the prize-presentation ceremony. — MNA

Likewise, their Union Spirit and patriotism have flourished throughout the successive eras. Moreover, they have safeguarded sovereignty at the risk of their lives with unyielding spirit.

During the period when the national unity was consolidated, the nation was very powerful winning the respects of neighbours. A powerful and united nation was established for three times, one each, in Bagan era, Toungoo era and Konboug era.

As the national brethren were endowed with the spirit to love and cherish the nation and race and value traditions and culture and the sacrificing spirit, they were able to regain independence after sacrificing lives, blood and sweat.

At the Annual General Meeting of the Union Solidarity and Development Association held on 17 November 2004, Patron of the Association Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe gave the following guidance:

"The Government totally believes that the foundation to ensure progress and perpetual existence for the nation and the entire people and to build a peaceful modern and developed discipline-

people."

He spoke of the need for student youths to make efforts for emergence of a modern, developed democratic nation with the full utilization of their abilities in accord with the guidance of the Head of State.

Now the government has laid down Our Three Main National Causes as the national policy. He said a peaceful, modern, developed new nation is now emerging with the participation of the people as the government is on the right path towards development.

The government has been carrying out the tasks for national reconsolidation, regional peace and stability and the rule of law as priority since it took up State duties. Border areas and national races development projects were implemented with greater momentum. National armed groups returned to the legal fold and they are now participating in nation-building tasks, he said.

In international relation sector, he said, Myanmar maintains friendly relations with nations of the world especially neighbouring countries. Moreover, Myanmar is taking active part in the UN and international organizations, he added.

The government is making concerted efforts

for the emergence of a modern developed nation by implementing the projects. Tasks are being undertaken for infrastructural development in agricultural sector and development of high efficiency in industrial sector.

He said roads linking townships and villages, bridges, new railroads and new airports are being built for progress of transport sector, an infrastructure for national development.

In education sector, 30-year national education promotion plan is being implemented. There are over 40,500 schools in basic education sector and 156 universities and colleges in higher education sector and they produce Ph.D degree holders.



Ma Aye Phyu Nyein of Aungmyethazan BEHS No 4 expresses gratitude. — MNA

He also spoke on promotion of health care services, teaching of medical science, opening and upgrading hospitals and dispensaries, installation of modern equipment and opening of traditional medicine university and hospitals in health sector.

He said Myanmar links international communication network with the use of information and communication technology in communication sector.

Nowadays, the seven-point Road Map has been laid down and is being implemented for the emergence of a discipline-flourishing democratic nation. The entire national people are to make concerted efforts for successful realization of the seven-point Road Map everyone is longing for, by doing their bit.

The essay competition and poetry competition are being held with

the aim of enabling the student youths to realize the definition and essence of the independence. The holding of those competitions reached 14 times whereas the holding of TV quiz and computer arts competition reached 13 times and nine times respectively.

Students actively participated in essay competitions, poetry competitions, TV quiz, computer arts competitions at different levels to mark the 57th Anniversary Independence Day. There has been a qualitative and quantitative improvement in the contests' participation.

In conclusion, the Secretary-1 called on all the students including the participants and the prize-winners of essay competitions, poetry competitions, TV quiz and computer arts competitions at different levels to mark the 57th Anniversary Independence Day to make efforts for success of the national education promotion plan for development of qualified human resources, to participate together with the entire national people in successful realization of the seven-point Road Map with Union Spirit, to strive for the emergence of peaceful, modern, developed and democratic nation and to vitalize the spirit of perpetually safeguarding sovereignty of the State in accord with

This year also, essay competition titled ensuring perpetuation of the independence, poetry competition titled the State being built through education at university, college and institute level, essay competition titled 21st century Myanmar, poetry competition titled the independence and national duty at basic education high school level, essay competition titled the independence and patriotism, poetry competition titled we cherish our country at basic education middle school level were held.

Altogether 2,830 students participated in the university, college and institute level essay and poetry competitions, 122,440 students, in basic education high school level and 216,030 students, in basic education middle school level, numbering 341,300.

60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day Objectives

- To work in concert with the people to achieve success in implementation of the seven-point Road Map for emergence of a peaceful, modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation
- To exert energetic efforts in carrying out the five rural development tasks
- To strive hand in hand with the people for successful realization of the twelve State Objectives while upholding Our Three Main National Causes
- To build a strong, efficient and modern Tatmadaw

the objectives of the 57th Anniversary Independence Day.

Next, Chairman of the subcommittee for organizing the competitions Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min explained the purpose of the holding of the contests.

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presented prizes to the winners who stood first, second and third in respective levels of competitions —the essay, poem and computer drawing contests at middle school level, the essay, poem and computer drawing contests and TV quiz at high school level, and the essay and poem contests and TV quiz at college, university and institute level.

Later, on behalf of the prize winners, Ma Aye Phyu Nyein of BEHS No 4, Aung Myay Tharzan Township, Mandalay Division, spoke words of thanks.

After the ceremony, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and party posed for a documentary photo together with the prize winners. —MNA



Independence Day commemorative greasy pole climbing contest held by families of Yangon Command at Aung San Stadium on 4 January. — NLM

US plan for lifetime detention condemned as "bad idea"

WASHINGTON, 3 Jan — A reported US plan to keep some suspected terrorists imprisoned for a lifetime even if the government lacks evidence to charge them in courts was swiftly condemned on Sunday as a "bad idea" by a leading Republican senator. The Pentagon and the CIA have asked the White House to decide on a more permanent approach for those it was unwilling to set free or turn over to US or foreign courts, the *Washington Post* said in a report that cited intelligence, defence and diplomatic

officials. Some detentions could potentially last a lifetime, the newspaper said. Influential senators denounced the idea as probably unconstitutional.

"It's a bad idea. So we ought to get over it and we ought to have a very careful, constitutional look at this," Republican Senator Richard Lugar of Indiana, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee said on "Fox News Sunday."

Senator Carl Levin of Michigan, senior Democrat on the Armed

Services Committee, cited earlier US Supreme Court decisions.

"There must be some modicum, some semblance of due process... if you're going to detain people, whether it's for life or whether it's for years," Levin said, also on Fox.

The White House did not immediately respond to a request for comment. The State Department declined comment and a Pentagon spokeswoman, Lieutenant-Colonel Ellen Krenke of the Air Force, had no information on the reported plan.

MNA/Reuters

Fire forces thousands to evacuate in Arkansas town

WASHINGTON, 3 Jan— Thousands of residents in a town in the south-central US state of Arkansas were forced to evacuate Sunday when a fire broke out at a hazardous waste incineration plant, authorities said.

The fire started Sunday morning at the Teris Plant, east of El Dorado, in southern Arkansas, apparently at a warehouse storing hazardous wastes, news reports quoted Union County Sheriff Ken Jones as saying.

There were reportedly a series of explosions, but no injuries were reported in the fire. About a quarter of the town's 23,000 residents, along with about 150 inmates at the county jail, about 400 metres from the plant, were evacuated and moved to a school gymnasium outside of town. — MNA/Xinhua

US Govt plans for lifetime detention of suspected terrorists

WASHINGTON, 3 Jan— The Bush Administration is preparing plans for possible lifetime detention of suspected terrorists, including hundreds whom the government does not have enough evidence to charge in courts, *The Washington Post* reported on Sunday.

Citing intelligence, defence and diplomatic officials, the newspaper said the Pentagon and the CIA had asked the White House to decide on a more

permanent approach for those it would not set free or turn over to courts at home or abroad.

As part of a solution, the Defence Department, which holds 500 prisoners at Guantanamo Bay, plans to ask the US Congress for 25 million dollars to build a 200-bed prison to hold detainees who are unlikely to ever go through a military tribunal for lack of evidence, defence officials told the newspaper.

MNA/Reuters

Rail fare rise comes into force in Britain

LONDON, 3 Jan— British rail passengers face an above-inflation increase in their fares from Sunday with passenger groups criticizing the move for taking the extra money before making improvements.

Transport companies

announced that season tickets and bus saver fares would rise by an average of 4 per cent while cheap day returns and advance bookings will increase by between 2 per cent and 7.2 per cent.

Train firms said the extra cash will improve the nation's network, which have been marred by a series of fatal crashes and delays since privatization

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US tracking down immigrant fugitives

WASHINGTON, 3 Jan— US authorities are tracking down some 370,000 "absconders" — illegal immigrants who have disobeyed orders to leave the country, a report in Sunday's *The Washington Post* said.

In the first seven months of fiscal 2004, the 18 fugitive squads deployed by the Homeland Security Department as part of a get-tough approach after the September 11, 2001, attacks arrested 7,239 absconders, twice as many as in the same period a year earlier, according to the report, quoting statistics from the department's Immigration and Customs Enforcement

(ICE).

The agency is drawing up plans for 30 more teams, but budget problems have bedeviled the ICE, and it was not clear if all 30 teams would be fielded by the end of 2005, Russ Knocke, a spokesman for ICE, was quoted as saying.

The fugitive squads on average capture 35 people a day across the country, but each day, another 70 immigrants are ordered deported and fail to comply, the report said.

Most immigrants are not jailed while their cases are heard. About one-third vanish before their cases are decided, according to Victor Cerda, a top official at the ICE. Of the remainder, about 85 per cent of those who get deportation notices do not show up for final processing, he said.

MNA/Xinhua

Uganda to intensify programme on malaria control

KAMPALA, 3 Jan — Ugandan Minister of State for Health Alex Kamugisha has said that his ministry will this year intensify its programme on malaria control to save more lives dying of fever, Radio Uganda reported on Sunday.

Malaria is the number one killer disease in the east African country. It killed an estimated 80,000 people in 2003 and the nation loses approximately 340 million US dollars annually due to the disease.

The minister of state was quoted by the government radio as saying that his ministry has plans to increase immunization coverage from 84 per cent to more than 90 per cent in 2005.

MNA/Xinhua



At the zoo: An eagle squawks in his cage in Moscow's Zoo during the zoo's traditional free of charge day.—INTERNET

Netherlands introduces new ID law

AMSTERDAM, 3 Jan— The Netherlands introduced a new law on Saturday making it compulsory to produce identity documents to police for the first time since World War II in a government bid to crack down on crime and boost security.

Prime Minister Jan Peter Balkenende's government secured parliamentary backing last year for the new ID law amid concerns about crime, public disorder and potential attacks from militants opposed to the

presence of Dutch troops in Iraq.

Concerns about crime have dominated Dutch politics since the rise of anti-immigration populist Pim Fortuyn in 2002. The September 11, 2001 attacks in the United States and last year's Madrid train bombings have added to worries about security.

Many European countries already have some form of identity card scheme, but the move has drawn fire from critics in the Netherlands, a country renowned for its liberal

attitude to prostitution, cannabis, euthanasia and gay marriage.

The law makes it mandatory for people from the age of 14 to produce an identity card when asked by police.

"People involved in crime are getting younger and younger so I've no problem with the age limit. For privacy reasons I think it's not a good thing but it's becoming a necessity to maintain order," said 33-year-old Dutchman Ramon Geskus.

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SPORTS

Maradona to appear in video game

BUENOS AIRES, 4 Jan— Former Argentine soccer star Diego Maradona, who retired in 1998, will become a character in mobile-phone video games.

Three companies that have image rights of Maradona signed with US mobile phone firm Digital Orchid a contract to use the figure of the former the Argentine national team captain.

In the video game, Maradona challenges the user to take the ball away from him, local daily *Infobae* reported on Monday.

The companies are Diegui, Maradona International Calling Card and Black & Gold.

The mobile phone with the mentioned video game will be commercialized in February worldwide, including China and Japan.

Maradona, 44, arrived in mid-December in Argentina from Cuba to celebrate the season's celebrations with his family. Maradona is still undergoing a drug-addiction treatment in Cuba.

MNA/Xinhua

Southampton striker Beattie to join Everton

LONDON, 4 Jan— Southampton striker James Beattie has agreed personal terms with Everton on a club record high switching fee, the England Premier League soccer club announced on their official web site late on Sunday.



Southampton striker James Beattie, seen here in 2002, will join fellow Premiership side Everton for six million pounds (8.4 million euros) after the England international agreed personal terms with the Goodison Park club.—INTERNET

Everton said they are poised to pay 6 million pounds for the England international and the Merseysiders hope to complete the move with a medical on

Monday.

Aston Villa had also been interested in signing Beattie but appear to have lost out to their Barclays Premiership rivals.

The Evertonfc.com web site reported: "James Beattie is poised to become Everton's record signing after agreeing personal terms on a move to Goodison Park. The 26-year-old has decided that his future lies on Merseyside and he looks set to put pen to paper within the next couple of days."

Beattie joined Southampton from Blackburn in 1998, scoring 76 goals in 233 appearances and earning England recognition.

Southampton boss Harry Redknapp had indicated his willingness to offload Beattie to provide finance for a January recruitment drive.

MNA/Xinhua

Rehhagel wins "person of the year" award in Greece

ATHENS, 4 Jan — Coach Otto Rehhagel, who led Greece to a stunning victory in the European soccer championships last summer, was named the country's "Person of The Year" Monday by a top-selling newspaper.

The 66-year-old German coach beat out Greek politicians, and organizers of the Athens Olympics in the readers poll organized by the Athens daily *Ta Nea* and a Web site affiliated to the newspaper.

Greece beat host Portugal in the July 4 final after a remarkable run, defeating defending champion France and the fancied Czech Republic. After the tournament, Rehhagel turned down an offer to coach Germany.

Greece captain Theodoros Zagorakis took fourth place in the poll.

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Super Ahonen : Janne Ahonen flies to another victory during the Four Hills competition, part of the FIS World Cup in Ski-Jumping, in Innsbruck.

INTERNET

Schumacher prepares for another season of success

LONDON, 3 Jan— Ferrari's Michael Schumacher is preparing for another season of success, this time as the oldest driver in Formula One.



Second placed British Honda driver Jenson Button and winner, German Ferrari driver Michael Schumacher, front, spray champagne during the winner's ceremony of the Formula One German Grand Prix.—INTERNET

The seven times world champion celebrates his 36th birthday on Monday, confident he can beat the advancing years just as easily as he saw off his rivals in the one-sided 2004 campaign.

"Of course I have the odd small ache or pain every now and then but they are only small ones," said the German, now the 'old man' of the starting grid after the retirement of Frenchman Olivier Panis.

"All in all, I feel very, very fit and to be perfectly honest, much younger than almost 36," he said on his web site.

"I play soccer with my colleagues quite often, with people like (Renault's) Fernando Alonso who is 10 years younger than I am and I don't see much of a difference.

"No, I am not getting worn out and especially not psychologically. I still enjoy what I do immensely."

In fact, Spaniard Alonso is 13 years his junior. Briton Jenson Button, third overall for BAR last year, will be 25 on January 19 while McLaren's Kimi Raikkonen will be 26 in October.

Schumacher will be starting his 15th season in Australia on March 6 with a record 83 wins under his belt from 212 races, though his enthusiasm has not waned.

MNA/Reuters

Portugal plans charity soccer match for tsunami victims

LISBON, 4 Jan— Portuguese Football Federation proposed to hold a charity soccer match to help victims of the tsunami disaster in Asia during the first two weeks of January, a senior official said here on Sunday.

Gilberto Madail, president of the Portuguese soccer's governing body, said the plan had yet to be confirmed before checking with FIFA.

"This is just an idea, something we want to do," said Madail.

He added that the match, which would be between the Portuguese team and a squad made up of players from Asian countries hit by the tsunami, would be a symbolic expression of Portugal's solidarity with the victims.

MNA/Xinhua

Tennis community rallies for tsunami relief

BEIJING, 3 Jan — The international tennis community will help raise funds for the victims of the tsunami disaster ravaging South and Southeast Asia, the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) official web site said Monday.

Working with international aid agency UNICEF, Australia's seven lead-in tournaments to the Australian Open, and the Grand Slam of Asia/Pacific itself, will run fundraising days at each of the tournaments, with all money raised going to the disaster relief fund.

"With the backing and support of the international bodies of the ITF, WTA and ATP, we will be working with UNICEF to look at ways to involve each of the tournaments in Australia over the next month in helping raise funds for the victims," said Geoff Pollard, President of Tennis Australia.

"Then we approached each of the tournament directors they were immediately supportive and as a starting point have each nominated Gold Coin Days to provide a public focal point for their fundraising efforts," he said.

"Our heartfelt sympathies go out to those in the affected countries and those visitors and their families caught up in the aftermath," he added.

ATP CEO Mark Miles pledged full support to the fundraising movement on behalf of the ATP family.

"I pledge our full support to the Gold Coin Day and any other initiatives to support UNICEF emergency relief efforts in the weeks and months ahead," he said. "Through our tournaments and players, tennis has a deep connection with Asia and a long history of charitable support, and we will continue to do all we can to help those in need in the weeks and months ahead."

UNICEF Australia Chief Executive Carolyn Hardy was delighted by the plan.

"This is a wonderful partnership for UNICEF," she said. "This will provide a wonderful fundraising opportunity for UNICEF's emergency tsunami appeal."

The Gold Coin Days for the tournaments are: Hyundai Hopman Cup in Perth (January 3-8) Uncle Tobys Hardcourts on the Gold Coast (January 7) Next Generation Hardcourts in Adelaide (January 5) Moorilla International in Hobart (January 13) Richard Lutton Properties Canberra Women's Classic (January 14) Medibank Private International in Sydney (January 14) Kooyong Classic in Melbourne (January 12-15) Australian Open in Melbourne (January 18)

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Roger Federer of Switzerland returns a shot to his Spanish opponent David Ferrer during their Qatar Open tennis tournament, in Doha, January 3, 2005. World number one and top seed Federer posted a fluent 6-1 6-1 victory over Spaniard Ferrer in the first round of the ATP \$1 million Qatar Open.—INTERNET

Singapore urges establishment of early tsunami warning system

SINGAPORE, 4 Jan— Singapore on Sunday called for the establishment of an early tsunami warning system to prevent future such disasters in the region.

"Countries need to coordinate and agree to set up an early warning system, like the one in the Pacific Ocean, and that is a priority," Singapore's Deputy Prime Minister Tony Tan said on Sunday.

The tsunami disaster occurred about two to three hours after the powerful earthquake, so if there had an early warning system, a lot of lives could have been saved, he said, adding that he hoped the international conference in the Indonesian capital of Jakarta on Thursday would look at the system issue seriously.

Tan stressed that it is possible for the island state to play a major part in establishing such a system because Singapore has developed capabilities in remote sensing over the years.

Tan warned that families of those missing in the affected areas would have to be prepared for the worst as their chances of surviving the disaster are "very slim".

On Sunday night, Singapore's Foreign Affairs Ministry confirmed that

nine Singaporeans died, 13 others missing and 81 remained uncontactable after the disaster on December 26 this year.

Singapore has offered to be the United Nations' regional tsunami disaster coordination centre, easing the congestion of relief supplies heading to tsunami-affected countries. Meanwhile, three officials from the International Committee of the Red Cross have arrived in Singapore and are establishing a logistics base for the relief effort in Aceh, Indonesia.

Currently, about 800 Singaporeans are doing their part in tsunami-hit areas like Thailand's Phuket and Indonesia's Aceh, where a Singapore's naval ship landed earlier Sunday to begin its operations of clearing roads and setting up a field hospital there.

In Singapore, more than 10.5 million Singapore dollars (about 6.4 million US dollars) in tsunami aid have so far been raised by the Singapore Red Cross.

MNA/Xinhua

India to build disaster management system

NEW DELHI, 4 Jan — India will build its own infrastructure for disaster mitigation and control to deal with nature's fury like tsunamis, rather than opt for generic global solutions, the *Indo-Asian News Service* (IANS) Sunday quoted a top Indian scientist and advisor as saying.

Indian Science and Technology Secretary V. S. Ramamurthy said "we must build the infrastructure in Bay of Bengal, which the US or Japan is not going to invest in, but we have to do."

After touring the tsunami-hit areas in Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Andhra Pradesh last week, Prime Minister Manmohan Singh had said that India would take steps to be better prepared in disaster mitigation and management in the future. The Ministry of Home Affairs will be asked to set up a National Disaster Management Agency in this regard, he was quoted as saying.

Ramamurthy said that India did not react in an appropriate manner following first reports of the under-sea earthquake near Sumatra, Indonesia that triggered one of the worst tsunamis ever.

He said that the 92nd Indian Science Congress in Ahmedabad of north India's Gujarat to be held from Monday to Friday would discuss contemporary issues like the tsunami disaster, health concerns and environment and space technology to find India-specific solutions.—MNA/Xinhua

Afghan Govt supports regional security partnership

KABUL, 4 Jan — The Afghan Government favours a security partnership plan among regional countries and would support any talks in this field among them, a Defence Ministry spokesman said Sunday.

"Ministry for National Defence is in favour of regional security partnership talks over the issue with the neighbouring

countries, which includes the new Afghan defence minister's agenda," Zahir Azimi told journalists at a news conference.

"Fighting terrorism, drug abuse and smuggling weapons requires a collective war among the neighbouring nations," he noted.—MNA/Xinhua

Asleep in Jesus Mr. Hirose Makoto,

Age 75

Yokohama YMCA

Mr. Makoto Hirose, son of Mr. Shigeru Hirose of Kanagawa Ken, Japan, has taken his last breath at a hospital in Yangon at 9:30 hrs on 1-1-2005.

Funeral service will be held at 13:00 hrs at Judson Church, Yangon on 5-1-2005 before the remains are flown to the bereaved family in Kanagawa Ken on 5-1-2005.

The President, members & staff of Yangon YMCA, while informing his friends here about his demise would like to express their heartfelt condolences to his bereaved family and the President, Board members & staff of Yokohama YMCA, Japan.

Yangon YMCA

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Tuesday, 4 January, 2005

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 (9°C) above normal in Chin State, (3°C) above normal in Kachin State and lower Sagaing Division, (3°C) to (4°C) below normal in Shan and Mon States, Bago and Taninthayi Divisions, (5°C) below normal in Yangon Division and about normal in the remaining areas. The significant night temperatures were Namhsam (0°C), Heho (2°C), Pinlaung (3°C), Pyin Oo Lwin (4°C), Kengtung and Moekok (5°C) each.

Maximum temperature on 3-1-2005 was 92°F. Minimum temperature on 4-1-2005 was 54°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 4-1-2005 was 82%. Total sunshine hours on 3-1-2005 was (7.8) hours approx. Rainfalls on 4-1-2005 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 West at (17:50) hours MST on 3-1-2005.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 5-1-2005: Possibility of isolated light rain in Kachin and Chin States, upper Sagaing 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: Possibility of isolated light rain in Northern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 5-1-2005: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 5-1-2005: Partly cloudy.



Wednesday, 5 January
Tune in today:

- 8.30 am Brief news
- 8.35 am Music: Every breathe you take Perspectives
- 8.40 am Music:
- 8.45 am Music: - I remember National news/Slogan
- 9.00 am Music: Don't go out
- 9.05 am International news
- 9.10 am Music: -Island in the stream
- 1.30 pm News/Slogan
- 1.40 pm Lunchtime music -Red red wine -Mr. Postman -Because of you -Rem to you
- 9.00 pm Variations on a tune -Independence Day Talk "Union Spirit"
- 9.15 pm Article/Music
- 9.25 pm Music at your request -From this moment on -We are one -All on nothing -Forever in your eyes
- 9.45 pm News/Slogan
- 10.00 pm PEL



Wednesday, 5 January
View on today:

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| <p>7:00 am</p> <p>1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Ottamathara</p> <p>7:25 am</p> <p>2. To be healthy exercise</p> <p>7:30 am</p> <p>3. Morning news</p> <p>7:40 am</p> <p>4. Nice and sweet song</p> <p>7:55 am</p> <p>5. မြန်မာ့ပြည်ထောင်စု ယဉ်ကျေးမှုအက</p> <p>8:10 am</p> <p>6. အစီအစဉ်</p> <p>8:20 am</p> <p>7. နဂါးရေကန်တစ်</p> <p>8:30 am</p> <p>8. International news</p> <p>8:45 am</p> <p>9. Let's go</p> <p>4:00 pm</p> <p>1. Martial song</p> | <p>4:15 pm</p> <p>2. Song to uphold National Spirit</p> <p>4:30 pm</p> <p>3. Practice in Reading</p> <p>4:45 pm</p> <p>4. Musical Programme</p> <p>5:00 pm</p> <p>5. အဆေးသင် တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ဖွံ့ဖြိုးရေးအဖွဲ့: သင်ခန်းစာ - ဒုတိယနှစ် (သင်ခန်းစာအတွက်) (သင်ခန်းစာ)</p> <p>5:15 pm</p> <p>6. Songs of national rances</p> <p>5:30 pm</p> <p>7. လက်ဆင့်ကမ်းပေးဂီတအား</p> <p>5:45 pm</p> <p>8. ဂီတပဟာဇာတိ</p> <p>6:00 pm</p> <p>9. ဂန္ဓမာဏီအဖွဲ့ အားသီယံအစီအစဉ်</p> <p>6:10 pm</p> <p>10. Discovery</p> <p>6:15 pm</p> <p>11. Musical Programme</p> <p>6:30 pm</p> <p>12. Evening news</p> <p>7:00 pm</p> <p>13. Weather report</p> | <p>7:05 pm</p> <p>14. Musical Programme</p> <p>7:20 pm</p> <p>15. Strong and healthy Myanmar</p> <p>7:35 pm</p> <p>16. ဓနိတရတီတော်ရေး သုတေသန ပြုစုရေးအဖွဲ့: ဓနိတရတီ</p> <p>7:45 pm</p> <p>17. အမျိုးသမီးအား အားပေး နှစ်စဉ် နိုင်ငံရေး နှိပ်စက်မှု "ဆန္ဒပြလှုပ်ရှားမှုအဖွဲ့အစည်း" (အစီအစဉ်-၁)</p> <p>8:00 pm</p> <p>18. News</p> <p>19. International news</p> <p>20. Weather report</p> <p>21. ဂန္ဓမာဏီ နှစ်စဉ် (၅၅)နှစ်မြောက် လွတ်လပ်ရေးနေ့ ဖွံ့ဖြိုးရေး ဘဏ္ဍာရေးအဖွဲ့ ဖွဲ့စည်း (အဆင့်မြင့်ပညာအဆင့်)</p> <p>22. မဟာဇာတိအဖွဲ့ (အစီအစဉ်-၄) "ဘဝသဘာဝ" ဖိုးသောကြာ၊ ချိုတီ၊ ဓနိတရတီ၊ ရတနာတင်၊ ဓနိတရတီ၊ အဂ္ဂမ္ဘီ ခါရီတီတာ-သတိတင်</p> <p>23. The next day's programme</p> |
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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

Independence Day State Flag Hoisting and Saluting Ceremony held



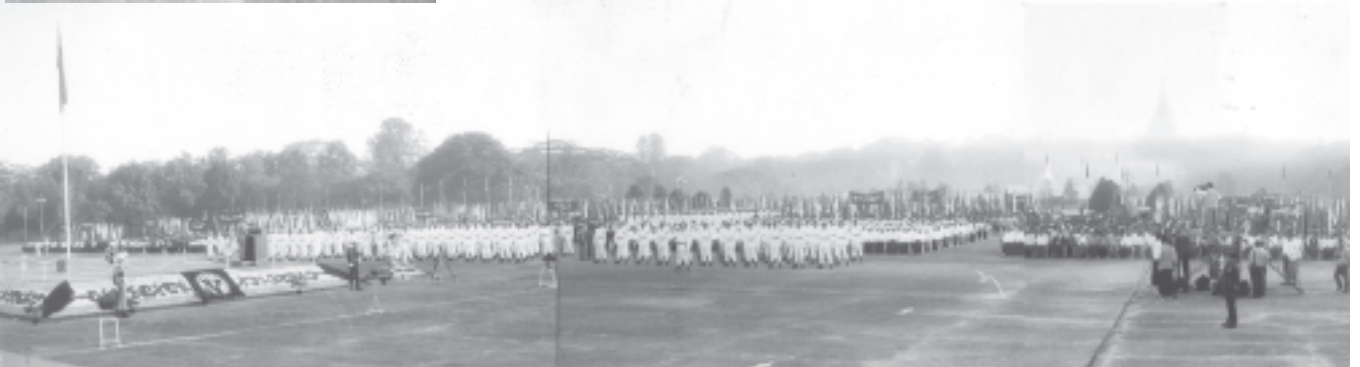
YANGON, 4 Jan—In accord with the objectives of the 57th Anniversary Independence Day—all the national people to collectively safeguard the national independence and sovereignty of the State and ensure non-disintegration of the Union and national unity, all the national people to unitedly strive with 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, and all the national people to make concerted efforts for building of a new discipline-flourishing democratic nation, the 57th Anniversary Independence Day State Flag Hoisting and Saluting Ceremony was held at the People's Square on Pyay Road here this morning.

The ceremony was attended by people numbering over 10,000.

Over 3,000 people from Yangon East District, over 5,100 people from Yangon West District, over 500 people from Yangon South District and over 1,000 people from Yangon North District including members of Union Solidarity and Development Association, teachers and students, members of Red Cross and Fire Brigade, departmental officials and service personnel, members of the Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association, workers and peasants totalling 10,250 took their position at the People's Square at 6 am.

Likewise, the USDA CEC members, the chairmen of division/district/township Peace and Development Councils, secretaries and members, senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, members of Work Committee for Observance of the ceremony, directors-general and managing directors, heads of

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Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe reads the Independence Day message sent by Senior General Than Shwe. — MNA

Government will safeguard, further strengthen national solidarity in interest of State and people

YANGON, 4 Jan — Chin State Union Solidarity and Development held a meeting in Haka, Chin State, on 29 December 2004 to materialize the seven objectives and nine future tasks adopted by the USDA Annual General Meeting 2004.

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, nurses and outstanding students.

The meeting chairman Secretary of Chin State USDA U Aung Min quoted Head of State Senior General Than Shwe as saying that the national unity is the main force behind the development of the country.

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Chin State USDA holds meeting to implement seven objectives and nine future tasks adopted by the USDA AGM (2004), and to carry out plans. — MNA

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Putting investment in various sectors in the country is in a sense laying a foundation for a new state.

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