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## Build a peaceful, modern and developed new nation after laying the foundation of national reconsolidation

Although the country is rich in natural resources, armed insurrection began to break out when independence was regained. The country then lagged behind in development in the absence of stability and peace. All the national races of the Union have to firmly build a peaceful, modern and developed new nation after laying the foundation of national reconsolidation in order to overcome the backwardness, debt of history.

**Senior General Than Shwe**  
**Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council**  
**Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services**  
 (From message sent to the 51st Anniversary Union Day)



## Panglong region has been designated as development zone in honour of its fine traditions



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein addresses meeting on organizing 58th Anniversary Union Day.—MNA

YANGON, 5 Jan—A meeting took place at Zeyathiri Beikman on Konmyinthta here this afternoon to hold discussions on observance of the 58th Anniversary Union Day (2005), with an address by Chairman of the Central Committee for Observance of the 58th Anniversary Union Day Secretary-1 of

the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein.

Also present on the occasion were Chairman of Yangon Division PDC Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, ministers, the Yangon Mayor, deputy ministers, senior military officers, the director-general of the SPDC Office, departmental heads and officials.

The Secretary-1 in his speech said that Union Day is celebrated annually on a grand scale with full political essence with a view to deeply inculcating national people with Union Spirit, reflecting the fine tradition of the struggle to regain independence and sovereignty through the mighty strength of the unity of the national people.

Since years of yore, he said that the national races, in deed, are the brethren who have been living on the same land, drinking water from the same source, sharing weal and woe and keeping eggs and nest intact.

After annexing Myanmar through the aggressive wars, colonialists undermined national solidarity, that had lasted thousands of years, resorting to all possi-

ble ways and means. The invaders practised divide and rule policy and intentionally plotted schemes to make the people lack Union Spirit, with which the national brethren want to live unitedly in the Union, he said. However, far-sighted national leaders' efforts led to consolidation of the entire national people, and the nation regained the independence, he said.

Many lessons should be taken from over-40-year conflicts among national races after the nation had regained independence due to the wedge systematically driven among the national brethren for more than 100 years by the intruders. In consequence, national development endeavours could not be employed effectively, he pointed out.

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Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe reports on work programmes for organizing 58th Anniversary Union Day.—MNA

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After removing the legitimate government of that nation, they install a puppet government under their control, and exploit all her riches.

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TEKKATHO MYAT THU

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

**PERSPECTIVES**

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**For the Union to be able to stand tall among global community**

Experiences of the entire national people of the Union of Myanmar show that national unity is a must for national development. We are now building a developed and discipline-flourishing democracy and that by means of the united strength of the entire national people. A study of the history of the Union has also proved that the stronger the national unity, the greater the strength and prosperity of the nation.

Therefore, taking lessons from the history of our own motherland, we are building it into a peaceful, modern and developed nation on the foundation of our national policy — non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty.

The 2004-2005 School Family Day Prize-distribution Ceremony was held at the Diamond Jubilee Hall in Yangon on 3 January and it was attended by Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein. In his address on the occasion, the Secretary-1 said that the Government of the Union of Myanmar firmly believed that the emergence of a peaceful, modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democracy and for the nation to be able to stand tall among the global community rests mainly on transforming the new generation youths into outstanding intellectuals and intelligentsia who are equipped with patriotism and national spirit.

Accordingly, the government is training the youths in such a way that they can become highly-qualified human resources who are able to cope with challenges of the present as well as of the future.

Since the 2001-2002 academic year, the 30-year long-term national education promotion plans have been laid down in the education, health, and science and technology sectors and, as a result, all-round new generation youths have emerged. Intellectuals and intelligentsia of the Union are required to try their level best to develop and modernize their motherland in the long run.

We would like to call on the entire people of the Union, especially the new generation youths, to strive for their motherland to become a modern and developed nation and to be able to stand tall among the global community.

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**မော်တော်ယာဉ်များမသုံးစွဲရနေ့**

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**All this needs to be known**

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

**People's Desire**

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

YANGON 6 Jan — *The following are messages of felicitations from Foreign Heads of Government sent to Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win, on the occasion of the 57th Anniversary Independence Day of the Union of Myanmar.*

**From Sher Bahadur Deuba, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Nepal**

On the occasion of the Independence Day of the Union of Myanmar on behalf of his Majesty's Government of Nepal and on my own I extend to Your Excellency and the People of Myanmar my sincere congratulations. I wish you good health and happiness as well as progress and prosperity of the people of Myanmar.

**From Mr Kostas Karamanlis, Prime Minister of the Hellenic Republic Excellency,**

On the occasion of the National Day of your country, I would like to convey to your my warmest congratulations and my best wishes for the prosperity, progress and welfare of the friendly people of the Union of Myanmar.

**From Mr Svetozar Marovic, President of Serbia and Montenegro: Excellency,**

On the occasion of the National Day of the Union of Myanmar, I extend to you my cordial

felicitations and best wishes.

I take this opportunity to express my conviction that the relations and cooperation between our two countries will continue to develop and be promoted to the benefit of our friendly peoples.

**From Mr Mikhail E Fradkov, Chairman of the Government of the Russian Federation: Esteemed Mr Prime Minister,**

Accept my congratulations on the National Day of the Union of Myanmar—the Independence Day.

I am confident that the relations between Russia and Myanmar will further fruitfully develop for the benefit of the peoples of our countries, in the interest of peace and cooperation in Asia.

**From Dr Ahmed Nazif, Prime Minister of the Arab Republic of Egypt:**

On the auspicious occasion of the Fifty-Seventh Anniversary of the Independence Day of the Union of Myanmar, it gives me great pleasure to extend to you, the Government and people of Myanmar on behalf of the Government and people of Egypt and in my own name our warmest congratulations and best wishes for the prosperity and well-being of the friendly people and Government of the Union of Myanmar.

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Delegation members before departure for Indonesia.—MNA

**Timber entrepreneurs leave for Indonesia**

YANGON, 5 Jan — A five-member delegation comprising Chairman of Myanmar Forest Products and Timber Merchants Association U Aung Lwin, Secretary U Aye Lwin left for Indonesia yesterday to attend the ASEAN Furniture Industries Council Conference to be held from 5 to 8 January. — MNA

**Wonderful Buildings and Builders published**



YANGON, 5 Jan — Wonderful Buildings and Builders written by National Literary Award winner Hlaing Thin has been published at Gangaw

Oomon Literary House on Thayaaye 1st Lane, near Thamaing Junction, Ward 3, Mayangon Township, Tel: 660020.

Features on ancient walls, ancient and modern building science, bridges, the engineer and the bridge, magnificent buildings, world sky scrapers, aerospace building and philosophy of the builder together designs and telephones were presented at the book.

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**POEM**

**Our Land**

- \* Valleys, passes, hills and dales  
So beautiful is Our Land
- \* Cetus and monasteries, lakes and creeks  
So pleasant is Our Land
- \* Loving-kindness, faith and goodwill  
Abundant is Our Land
- \* Sparkling as gold in the Sunlight  
Agriculture and horticultural produce  
Abundant and rich is Our Land
- \* Our Land, like emerald in the breeze  
Teak trees and green forests  
They heave and sway, so pretty.
- \* Golden beautiful land, Our Land  
With loving thoughts, kindly thoughts  
For cool shade, to be permanent.  
Green clear water, 'Payit' blossoms  
Young and fresh, ever peaceful  
All flowers in bloom, wherever you look  
To protect and maintain peace  
Is but our duty.

Soe Moe (Pathein) (Trs)



SCHOOL FAMIL DAY HELD: Bahan Township Basic Education Primary School No 10 observed School Family Day on 3-1-2005. Captain Kyaw Kyaw Oo-Daw Than Than Sein and family present K 60,000 to 150 outstanding students and uniforms to teachers through the headmistress. — MNA



## Chinese films finally win domestic market share

**BEIJING, 4 Jan — After ten years' defeat at the box office by foreign films, Chinese films finally won the domestic battle in 2004.**

According to the State Administration of Radio, Film and Television (SARFT), box office revenue in China exceeded 1.5 billion yuan (182 million US dollars) in 2004, with Chinese films taking up 55 per cent of the market share.

The top three films in China last year were "House of Flying Daggers," "A World Without Thieves" and "Kong Fu Hustle," all of which are Chinese, a distinct turn from the past foreign-film-dominated box office.

Zhang Yimou's "House of Flying Daggers," has made 153 million yuan (18.5 million US dollars), far exceeding the "The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King," the highest-grossing foreign film in China.

Film industry analysts

estimate the two Chinese New Year blockbuster films "A World Without Thieves" and "Kong Fu Hustle" have already made up to 200 million yuan (24 million US dollars).

Chinese director Lu Chuan's film "Kekexili: Mountain Patrol", about the protection of wild animals in northwest China, also made good performance.

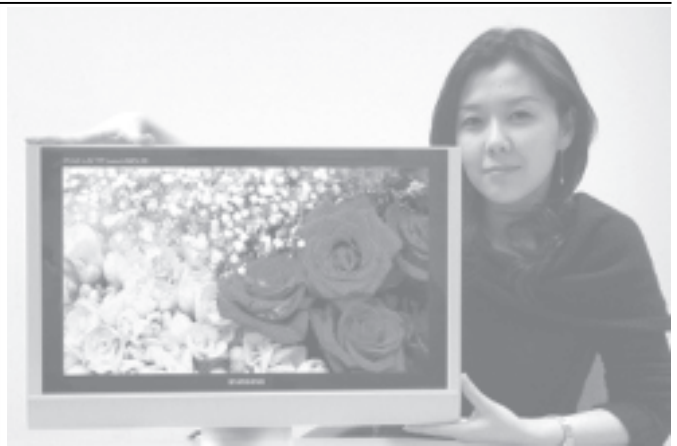
"2004 was the year that Chinese films made their greatest leap," said Weng Li, vice manager of the film exhibition and distribution arm of China Film Group, China's biggest film producer and the only company authorized to import foreign films.

According to SARFT, China produced 212 films in 2004, 80 per cent of which were either funded

by private capital or foreign investment.

Of the top three box winners of 2004, "House of Flying Daggers" was financed by privately-owned Beijing New Picture Distribution Co Ltd and "A World Without Thieves" and "Kong Fu Hustle" were both produced by privately-owned Huayi Brothers, one of the Mainland's most commercially successful film and TV production companies.

MNA/Xinhua



South Korea's Samsung Electronics has developed the world's largest organic light emitting diode (OLED) display panel for high-definition televisions on 4 Jan, 2005.—INTERNET

## India set to be fastest growing "IT" market in Asia-Pacific in 2005

**NEW DELHI, 4 Jan — Sustaining the growth momentum achieved last year, the IT industry in India is likely to grow at 21.7 per cent in 2005, becoming the fastest-growing market in the Asia-Pacific Region, International Data Corporation India said on Sunday.**

IDC India, which gave top 10 predictions relevant for the Indian ICT market for 2005, said India's domestic IT market would be the fastest-growing in the Asia/Pacific Region followed by Vietnam and China.

The IT spending growth rate will be the lowest in Japan at 1.8 per cent.

"Indian domestic market will be the fastest-growing market in the Asia/Pacific Region, predicted to grow at 21.7 in 2005 over 2004. The growth in 2005 comes on the back of rising corporate profits, improvement in macroeconomic parameters (both globally and domestic) and heightened business

confidence," the research firm said.

With mobility, convergence and IT management driving growth in 2005, the high growth categories in 2005 will be notebooks, smart handheld devices, inkjet MFDs, security software, network and system management software, information access and delivery software, and IT outsourcing.

"All the above categories will witness more than 30 per cent growth over 2004," IDC India said.

In the domestic ICT spending arena, BPO and IT services will be the highest-growing verticals.

Government and education will emerge on the technology horizon

and banking and financial services will continue their strong run.

Commoditization will continue to define the hardware side (x86 Servers and Disk Storage) of the IT Infrastructure market in 2005, IDC said and added that the x86 server market that used to clock an average of 8,000 units a quarter in 2002 is forecasted to double in 2005.

Despite moving up on computing power, the decline in average selling values and the growing share of channels in the sales cycle further justifies the commoditization that is set to define the server market in 2005.

Wireless will go mainstream in 2005, IDC said, adding that during

2004, mobile wireless telephony had grown over 100 per cent in subscriber base.

Internet access market is set to undergo structural shift in 2005 with Broadband to emerge but usage will be limited to basic access.—MNA/PTI

## UK confirms three Britons killed in Iraq attacks

**LONDON, 3 Jan — The British government confirmed on late Monday that three Britons were killed in a blast in the Iraqi capital of Baghdad.**

The British Foreign Office said its first priority was to make sure that the next of kin were informed, declining to give any more information.

A BBC report said the three British civilians were working in the country for private sector organizations.

A vehicle carrying them and an American civilian, who also died, was wrecked in the suicide bomb blast at a checkpoint manned by US troops, the report said.

The bombing came on a day when at least three other suicide car bombs and a number of other attacks have left at least 30 people dead throughout Iraq.

Internet

## 17 Iraqis killed in car bomb attack north of Baghdad

**BAGHDAD, 3 Jan — Seventeen Iraqis were killed and six others wounded on Sunday when a car bomb explosion hit a bus carrying National Guards near the town of Balad, north of Baghdad, the US military said.**

The attack took place at 8.00 am (0500 GMT), when an explosive-laden vehicle hit the bus, killing 16 National Guardsmen and one civilian and wounding six other National Guardsmen, it said.

Guerillas in Iraq have mounted their campaign recently against the US-backed Iraqi security forces in a bid to disrupt the elections for a new constitutional assembly due on 30 January.

Most Sunni parties have decided to boycott the ballot, calling for the postponement of the vote till the security situation stabilizes. — MNA/Xinhua



An Iraqi boy waits to be treated in Baghdad's Yarmook hospital after being wounded by a roadside bomb that killed one and injured two Iraqis in the Dorah district in southern Baghdad, on 1 Jan, 2005.—INTERNET

## 1,336 US troops killed since beginning of Iraq war

**WASHINGTON, 5 Jan — As of Tuesday, 4 January, 2005, at least 1,336 members of the US military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count. At least 1,049 died as a result of hostile action, the Defence Department said. The figures include three military civilians.**

The AP count is one higher than the Defence Department's tally, last updated at 10 am Tuesday.

The British military has reported 76 deaths; Italy, 19; Poland, 16; Spain, 11; Ukraine, nine; Bulgaria, seven; Slovakia, three; Estonia, Thailand and the Netherlands, two each; and Denmark, El Salvador, Hungary and Latvia one death each. Since 1 May, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 1,198 US military members have died, according to AP's count. That includes at least 940 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's numbers.

The latest deaths reported by the US Central Command:

- A Marine was killed Tuesday in Iraq's Anbar Province.
- A soldier was killed Tuesday by an explosive near Balad, Iraq.
- Three soldiers were killed Tuesday by an explosive in north Baghdad, Iraq.—Internet



A Chinese staff of the Red Cross Society of China holds an enlargement of cheque for US \$500,000 donated by Chinese computer giant Lenovo after ceremony at the Red Cross headquarters in Beijing on, 4 Jan, 2005.—INTERNET



## US, UAE, Britain, China, Japan among India's top trade partners

NEW DELHI, 4 Jan— The US, United Arab Emirates, Hong Kong, Britain, China, Germany, Belgium, Japan and Italy accounted for 56 per cent share of India's exports to the world in the five-year period from 1999-2000 to 2003-04, a study said.

The US was India's top trading partner, accounting for about one-fifth of its merchandise exports and non-oil imports, according to "Macrotrack" by National Council for Applied Economic Re-

search.

The share of the US in India's total imports steadily went down during the 1990s from over 14 per cent during the early 1990s to about 9 per cent in recent years.

China's share, on the other hand, in India's imports has grown to about seven per cent, ris-

ing from seventh to third position.

India also made impressive gain in its exports to China.

India's exports grew at an average rate of 10.5 per cent per annum during 1999-2004; its exports to China grew 60.8 per cent in this period.

MNA/PTI

## Indonesia eyes more tourists from China, India

JAKARTA, 4 Jan — Indonesia targeted six million visitors coming to the country in 2005, mostly from China, India and the Middle East, and six billion US dollars in foreign exchange revenue.

State Minister of Culture and Tourism Jero Wacik was quoted by the daily *Jakarta Post* as saying on Monday that only 80,000 tourists from China visited the country in 2004.

Wacik said the government planned to establish an immigration office in the Indonesian Consulate in south China's Guangzhou City following two years of preparation.

"The representative office will start issuing visas in February," said Wacik.

Another immigration office will be opened in Shanghai. The opening of these representative offices is expected to bring a dramatic increase in arrivals from China, he noted.

"We are optimistic that our targets for the year will be reached," the minister said.

Indonesia has found it hard to lure foreigners after the 2002 bombing on the island of Bali. However, the number of foreign tourist arrivals in the country had increased to 4.12 million during the first 11 months in 2004.

A blast in front of the Australian Embassy in Jakarta in September last year proved to be another blow, especially after the United States, several European countries and Australia issued repeated warnings against travelling to the country.

The government is also considering revising the controversial visa-on-arrival policy, in that visa validity may be increased from three days to seven days and from 30 days to 60 days. The fee may also be reduced from 35 US dollars to 25 US dollars.

MNA/Xinhua

## Mandarin's influence reaches deep in China

BEIJING, 4 Jan— Mandarin's status as China's standard language has been further enhanced as nearly 53 per cent of the 1.3 billion Chinese in the country can communicate with others via Mandarin, said a national survey released here Sunday.

The survey shows there are huge gaps in the number of Mandarin-speaking people if different resident localities, age groups, and educational background are taken into account.

Two thirds of the citizens in China's cities and towns speak Mandarin, 21 per cent higher than that in the rural areas.

The proportion of Mandarin-speakers decreases as the age group rises, with more than two thirds of people aged between 15 and 29 and less than one third of those aged between 60 and 69 can speak the standard language.

The spread of education also helped to break down linguistic barriers, the survey said.

Only 10 per cent of the Chinese who have never gone to school speak Mandarin, while the proportion rockets to nearly 87 per cent as for those with at least two-year college education.

MNA/Xinhua

## Five US soldiers killed in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 4 Jan—Five US soldiers were killed in three separate attacks in Iraq on Tuesday, the US military said.

Three soldiers with the Task Force Baghdad were killed in a roadside bomb attack in the capital at about 11:00 am (0800 GMT), it said, adding that two others were also wounded.

Shortly before, one US soldier was killed in a similar roadside bomb attack which also wounded another. The attack took place near the restive city of Balad, some 90 km north of Baghdad.

Elsewhere, a US Marine died on Tuesday in the al-Anbar Province, while pitched battles were still ongoing in Fallujah.

Internet

## Foreign forensic experts arrive in Sri Lanka

COLOMBO, 4 Jan — Forensic experts from overseas have arrived at the Sri Lankan capital to assist in the process of identifying the bodies of foreign nationals killed in last week's tsunami tidal wave attacks.

Sri Lankan Government officials said French, British and German experts are already in the island geared for the purpose. The government Tourist Board said that at least 104 foreign tourists were among the 29,729 confirmed deaths up to mid day Sunday. Sixty-seven of the foreign tourists are unaccounted for from the estimated figure of over 2,000 foreign tourists present in the country at the time of the disaster. Fifteen of them had been transferred

to the Colombo police morgue for DNA tests by foreign forensic experts.

Japanese, British, German, French and Ukrainian tourists were at various coastal resort towns when the deadly waves attacked the south, north and eastern coasts. Arugam Bay in the east, Unawatuna in the south and Yala National Park in the deep southern coast had hosted a large majority of them, said Ceylon Tourist Board officials here.

MNA/Xinhua



A US Marine aims his rifle while patrolling the streets of the destroyed city of Fallujah, some 50 kilometers west of the capital Baghdad recently.—INTERNET

## Baghdad governor slain; five US troops die

BAGHDAD, 4 Jan— The governor of the Baghdad region, known for cooperating closely with American troops, was assassinated along with six bodyguards as he drove to work Tuesday in yet another bloody day of guerilla attacks that exposed grave security flaws in Iraq with elections less than a month away.

Other assaults Tuesday killed five American troops as well as 10 Iraqi commandos, bringing the death toll in the last three days to more than 70. De-

spite the violence, which U.S. troops and Iraqi security forces have been helpless to prevent, American and Iraqi leaders insist the 30 January vote would go forward.

White House spokesman Scott McClellan acknowledged security "challenges" in Iraq but said the election timetable would not be changed.

"For much of the country, the situation is secure enough to move forward on holding elections," McClellan said.

Internet



## Susilo calls for international warning system against tsunami

**JAKATRA, 5 Jan— Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono said Monday Indonesia is appealing other countries for a concerted effort to set up a border-crossing early warning system against natural disasters that will help prevent high death toll.**

“We together with other countries are developing and cooperating to set up an early warning system against natural disasters, including tsunami,” Susilo said when opening trading in the Jakarta Stock Exchanges here.

“(The system) is very important to prevent more casualties and to provide early warning that will give us time to prepare for the disasters,” he said.

A 9.0-magnitude earthquake off Sumatra Island on 26 December triggered a tsunami that swept through Aceh Province and coastlines in several other countries in the Indian Ocean, leaving more than 120,000 people dead, with Indonesia alone losing more than 95,000 people.

MNA/Xinhua

## Indonesian Govt to provide tax stimulus to business community

**JAKARTA, 5 Jan— The Indonesian Government planned to provide tax break facilities to the business community in an effort to improve the business climate and lure new investment into the country, media report on Tuesday.**

The Ministry of Finance was finalizing regulations on the incentive facilities, which are expected to be issued later this month, Director General of Taxation Hadi Purnomo said. “The facilities are needed to support the private sector to expand their businesses, with an expectation that their robust activity will spur higher economic growth and create more employment,” Purnomo was quoted by the *Jakarta Post* daily as saying.

He said the incentives would include to cut withholding tax on dividends from the current 30 per cent to 10 per cent and to grant companies an extension on tax-free income due to operational losses from the current five years to 10 years. Another rule would be to allow companies to claim tax refunds on assets depreciation within two years, instead of the current five years.

Reduction in income tax would be applied to companies operating in under-developed regions. Under

the rule, firms can allocate a minimum 30 per cent of their profits for investment and expansion without paying for the expenditure tax at the end of their annual fiscal year.

Purnomo said that this particular incentive would not only cover under-developed regions, but also be expanded to a number of business sectors deemed important for the country, which has not yet been fully exploited. Included are fisheries and agriculture sectors.

“The government will allow the BKPM (Investment Coordinating Board) to decide which regions and business sectors will be eligible for tax break facilities under the credit investment allowance scheme,” he said. President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono has repeatedly voiced the need to reduce the country’s huge unemployment rates by helping the business community expand their businesses. —MNA/Xinhua



A Vietnamese farmer tends to his kumquat garden in Hanoi on 4 Jan, 2005. Vietnam is preparing for its Tet, or lunar new year festival, which will be celebrated between 8 and 12 February.—INTERNET

## Malaysian exports up in November 2004

**KUALA LUMPUR, 4 Jan— Malaysia’s trade sustained its high growth in November 2004 with exports increasing by 16.9 per cent over the same month in 2003, the Ministry of International Trade and Industry said Monday.**

The export value in November accounted for 10.22 billion US dollars which was higher than each of the monthly figures recorded in 2003, the ministry said in a Press release issued here.

Imports in the month under review reached 8.65 billion US dollars, an increase of 23.5 per cent over that in November 2003, it added. The country recorded a trade

surplus of 1.57 billion dollars in November, the 85th consecutive month of trade surplus in November 1997.

For the first 11 months of the year, it said total exports hit 115.01 billion US dollars, exceeding the figure of 104.96 billion US dollars recorded in full year of 2003.

However, November’s exports fell 12 per cent and imports down 9.1 per cent compared with the

previous month, it said.

The release attributed the month-on-month fall in November’s exports to the reduced numbers of working days owing to holidays and a buildup of inventories of electrical and electronics products earlier in the year.

Electrical and electronic products made up some 49 per cent of the country’s November’s exports.

MNA/Xinhua

## 25 countries, int’l institutions to attend summit in Jakarta

**JAKARTA, 5 Jan— 25 countries and international organizations were to attend the summit on tsunami in Jakarta on 6 January, and to discuss aids programme for Asian countries suffering from the natural disaster, media reported on Tuesday.**

Included are ten member countries of the Association of South-East Asian Nation (ASEAN), Australia, New Zealand, Japan, China, South Korea, the United States, India, Sri Lanka, Maldives, Canada, European Union, the United Nations, World Health Organization, World Bank and Asian Development Bank.

The UN Secretary General Koffi Annan is to

present in the summit and would visit Indonesia from January 5 to 8.

He is to go to Aceh Province on 7, January.

Indonesian Foreign Minister Hassan Wirajuda said that the meeting would be conducted following the sporadic respond of the international community on the tsunami hit the South Asia and the Southeast Asia.

MNA/Xinhua

## More than 10,000 US troops wounded in Iraq

**WASHINGTON, 5 Jan— The number of US troops wounded in Iraq since the start of the war in March 2003 has surpassed 10,000, the Pentagon said Tuesday in a delayed update of its casualty data.**

Of the 10,252 total wounded, the Pentagon said 5,396 were unable to return to duty and 4,856 sustained injuries that were light enough to allow them to resume their duties. The total is normally reported each week, but the Pentagon had not up-

dated the figures since December 22, when the number of wounded stood at 9,981.

The number of U.S. military deaths in Iraq stood at 1,335 on Tuesday, according to the Pentagon.

Internet

## Nine Chinese die in tsunamis in Thailand

**BEIJING, 4 Jan— A Chinese Foreign Ministry Spokesman said here Sunday night that nine Chinese had been confirmed dead as of 9:30 pm Sunday in Thailand after the fatal tsunamis.**

The nine dead include two from Jiangsu Province, one from Inner Mongolia, four from Hong Kong and two from Taiwan, said spokesman Kong Quan, quoting the latest report from the Chinese Embassy in Bangkok.

Two people from the Chinese Mainland are hospitalized in Thailand and 15 others remain missing.

Another 60 from Hong Kong were also reported missing in Thailand, Indonesia and other countries, according to the spokesman.

MNA/Xinhua

## Number of self-employed tops 100 million in China

**BEIJING, 4 Jan— The total number of self-employed people is estimated to be more than 100 million in China, accounting for 40 per cent of urban employed population, an official with the Ministry of Labour and Social Security said. The increasing number of self-employed is one of the major changes in employ-**

ment in Chinese society, said Wang Dongjin, Vice-Minister of Labour and Social Security.

People have gradually gotten rid of long-term and frozen employment. Even in state-owned enterprises the relationship between company and employee has loosened, Wang said.—MNA/Xinhua



Iraqi soldiers gather around a car that was destroyed when a truck bomb detonated recently at the entrance to their compound near the International Zone in central Baghdad killing at least 10 people.—INTERNET



Tourists dressed up as emperors and empresses during photo taking near the forbidden city in Beijing, China, on 3 Jan, 2005.—INTERNET

## Revitalization of tea industry in Bangladesh

**DHAKA, 4 Jan—** Bangladeshi Government will implement a 20-year strategic plan for revitalizing the tea industry to meet growing domestic consumption and also increase export, reported the daily *New Age* on Monday.

The Bangladesh Krishi Bank will provide some 127 million US dollars (Taka 7.66 billion) as loans and the government will earmark 13.3 million dollars (Taka 800 million) for commissioning the project.

The project will be implemented in four phases as each phase comprises five years, while the government expects the project will help increase tea production by 100 per cent.

The project will have a separate component on research and an amount of 1.6 million dollars (Taka 100 million) has been earmarked for the Bangladesh Tea Research Institute.

The institute will focus its research on high yielding and aromatic varieties of tea, demand of which is huge at home and abroad. The authority of the institute is so optimistic about the project that they even believe if full potentials of the

tea sector are utilized, it will be possible to increase production by 300 per cent.

The concerning officials have been asked to finalize the project paper of the master plan by 20 February, 2005 for submitting it to the Planning Commission for fund.

Bangladesh used to be a large tea exporter selling tea to 25 countries, but now mainly to Pakistan, Afghanistan and the Commonwealth of Independent States countries, as many of the traditional buyers of Bangladesh tea now turn to buy tea from Kenya, Rwanda, Burundi, Malawi and India instead due to lower price there, according to reports from the state-owned Bangladesh Tea Board (BTB).

Data from the BTB shows the present annual domestic tea consumption of the country has risen to about 40 million kilos, up from 20 million kilos a decade ago. — *MNA/Xinhua*

## UAE to benefit from Arab Free Trade Zone

**ABU DHABI, 3 Jan—** The United Arab Emirates (UAE) will garner big benefit from the formal launching of the Greater Arab Free Trade Agreement (GAFTA), expecting an over 53-per-cent increase in its total trans-border trade with other Arab countries, the *Khaleej Times* reported on Sunday.

Secretary-General for Economic Affairs of the United Nations Development Programme Taha Al Tayeb Omair, who is familiar with the latest development of the GAFTA, told the daily that the UAE would benefit a lot with barriers to invest in other Arab countries removed.

According to the newly launched GAFTA, the UAE, as being the largest Arab re-export centre, would be able to save more than 11.75 billion US dollars annually in re-exporting huge quantities of goods to other Arab countries duty free.

*MNA/Xinhua*

## Shanghai subways transport record passengers in 2004

**SHANGHAI, 3 Jan —** The subway system of Shanghai transported 470 million passengers in 2004, a record high for the city of about 18 million people, the Shanghai Subway Company said Sunday.

The three metro lines in Shanghai received about 1.28 million passengers each day on average last year, up 16.3 per cent from the previous year. Weekends usually saw the largest passenger flow, about 160 million a day, said the company.

Shanghai is home to nearly 14 million residents on record, while in fact about 18 million people are living and working in the economic hub, according to Shanghai municipal committee on population and family planning.

The city is expanding urban rail transportation in preparation for the crush of tourists expected at the 2010 World Expo. There are about 82 kilometres of metro and light-rail lines in operation and another 22 kilometres are under construction in Shanghai. — *MNA/Xinhua*

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## Japan's Crown Princess Masako joins family at New Year greetings

**TOKYO, 4 Jan—** Japanese Crown Princess Masako returned to official duties on Sunday after more than a year of seclusion stemming from a stress-related disorder.

Waving and smiling gracefully, Masako, 41, briefly joined Emperor Akihito and other family members on a palace balcony to greet thousands of well-wishers in a traditional New Year rite.

Masako, once a cheerful and outgoing career diplomat, had spent about 13 months in seclusion with a stress-related illness.

"I am very happy to celebrate the New Year

with you," the 71-year-old Emperor said. "I pray for people's happiness and world peace."

Crown Prince Naruhito, heir to the Chrysanthemum Throne, set off a furore in May when he said that his wife was worn out by 10 years of trying to adapt to life behind the imposing walls of the Imperial Palace.

Palace officials said in July that Masako was suffering from an "adjust-

ment disorder", a mental condition caused by stress.

Royal watchers say much of the stress comes from pressure on her to produce a male heir and from attempts to prevent her from acting as a sort of royal envoy overseas.

Naruhito and Masako have a daughter, Princess Aiko, who marked her third birthday in December, but laws prohibit female succession.

*MNA/Reuters*

## Syria reasserts support to One China policy

**DAMASCUS, 3 Jan—** Syrian Prime Minister Mahammad Naji Otri on Sunday reasserted Syria's adherence to the "One China" policy and expressed support to the reunification of China.

During a meeting with visiting Chinese Assistant Foreign Minister Lu Guozeng, Otri said Syria attached great importance to developing relations with China. He added that bilateral ties between the two countries have entered a new phase after Syrian President Bashar al-Assad's visit to Beijing last June.

Syria appreciated the great achievements China has made during its reform

and opening-up process, said the Prime Minister, adding that Syria hopes to learn and benefit from the successful experiences of China in various fields.

For his part, Lu said relations between the two countries developed smoothly, particularly in the fields of political and economic cooperation since diplomatic ties were established in 1956.

*MNA/Xinhua*

## Second China Ecology Culture Forum to be held in Hainan

**HAIKOU, 3 Jan —** The Second China Ecology Culture Forum will be held between 9 January and 10 in Boao, a small scenic town in China's southernmost island province of Hainan, according to the organizers.

Attendants at the forum will discuss such topics as the relationship between ecological construction and socio-economic development, ecological culture and green industry.

*MNA/Xinhua*

A bird perched on a branch is silhouetted against the first sunrise of the New Year in the Hatta desert, northwest of Dubai on 1 Jan, 2005. Dubai is a major tourism and trade hub in the Gulf.

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# Beware of neo-colonialists

Tekkatho Myat Thu

The Union of Myanmar is an independent and sovereign nation. Since the nation fell under colonialists' subjugation in 1885, the nationalities had launched the national liberation struggle, sacrificing lots of lives, blood and sweat, till it regained independence in 1948. The immeasurable scope of independence includes the level of the people to stand tall as the citizens of an independent nation in the world, the grand opportunity to ensure peace and freedom and to develop their own country, and the right to choose a model that suits best to the nation and is in accord with the people's wish, traditions and culture and heritage.

If we lose our independence, we will have to launch a stiff and courageous struggle to regain it, and after restoring independence, we will have to safeguard it perpetually. Because of the unjust acts and greed of capitalists, many countries fell under enslavement of the colonialists.



Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan explains the terrorist attacks causing death and injury to innocent students, and the schemes of destructionists inside and outside the country who control the terrorist attacks.

zens of the colonized countries.

The aim of the old colonialism was to occupy other nations to obtain the right to exploit raw materials, fuel and labour at very low cut-throat prices and at will for capitalist industries. The practice branded as laissez-faire the capitalist democracy or the freedom to trade and make profits.

The UN has already abolished all the unjust acts of occupation and exploitation of the old colonialism. However, the

Some powers with bad intention build up their military power, and materialize the neo-colonialism, with the use of political and economic interferences and sometimes with the armed interventions. In reality, they are using the indirect colonialism to get access to cheap oil, industrial raw materials and labour of other nations.

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**The prime method of neo-colonialism countries is to remove the government of a nation that never yields to their domination through creating commotion and civil wars and apply pressure and impose sanctions. After removing the legitimate government of that nation, they install a puppet government under their control, and exploit all her riches. They also raise minions inside the country and use expatriates for their cause.**

spread the habit of drug addiction, especially among the youths to suppress their nationalistic fervour.

Colonialism also used the method of bringing foreign businessmen into a nation to monopolize her economy and of luring youths with alien culture to wipe out traditional culture and patriotism.

The neo-colonialist countries permit only the capitalism to flourish in them. They never let socialism, communism, anti-colonialism and nationalism to enter them. But they introduce multi-party systems and various political systems to the developing countries, es-

pecially the nations whose riches they covet. The neo-colonialists try to cause disagreements and armed conflicts between the right and the left, the right and the right, and the left and the left in those countries to make them weak preys for them.

As they are the new generation colonialists, the neo-colonialists use the same old ways of their ancestors, trying to cause disagreements and spread decadent culture in other nations to easily exploit the latter's riches. As they want oil, they hatch plots to interfere in the internal affairs of an oil rich country, using expatriates, insurgents and fugitives as

tools.

Sometimes, the neo-colonialists are not satisfied with the indirect method of colonizing a country, so they invade it under certain excuses whether they are right or wrong. But they do not leave the country even after the completion of their cause. They install a puppet government formed with national traitors, and monopolize all the businesses of the country. We can see in the international news the countries suffering from old-plus-neo-colonialism.

In many cases, they even remove a democratically elected government, with the ridiculous excuse to introduce democracy to the nation. In certain incidents, they encroach on a nation's sovereignty, with the excuse to free the people from dictatorship; and they enslave a nation, with the excuse to guarantee human rights. Hence, I would like to urge the independent and sovereign nations to always beware of the neo-colonialists.

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Iraqis mourning for their relatives who died of attacks launched by occupying forces in uptown Baghdad.

Before the World War II, many nations were launching the liberation struggles to free themselves from the colonial yoke. A large number of countries regained independence after the WWII. Over 100 newly independent nations joined the United Nations founded by 51 nations on 24 October 1945. The UN abolished colonialism, which used force to occupy other nations and looted all their riches, while denying every right of the citi-

old colonialist nations need more raw materials and fuel and cheap labour because of the advancement in the manufacturing technology. As the UN forbids the practice of colonialism, the capitalist nations with good intention buy raw materials and oil at mutually-agreed prices, and willingly invite cheap labour from abroad. They extend markets through fair competition with others, and sign agreements to invest in other nations on mutual interest.

ating commotion and civil wars and apply pressure and impose sanctions. After removing the legitimate government of that nation, they install a puppet government under their control, and exploit all her riches. They also raise minions inside the country and use expatriates for their cause.

The colonialists were the culprits who caused dissension in many nations to break them up, and permitted cultivation of poppy for opium and running of opium dens to



Innocent people fall prey to armed conflicts in Rwanda, a central African country torn apart by outside interferences.

### Panglong region has been ...

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Adhering to the concept that only when the national consolidation is built up firmly, will the nation be able to turn itself into a peaceful, modern and developed one, the government has achieved success in a bid to ensure national reconsolidation based on mutual understanding and forbearance among the national brethren, he said.

As a result, the entire national people have enjoyed fruits of development on the basis of united and combined efforts of national people,

spheres for lifting the social standard of the national brethren, he said.

National leaders with foresight managed to regain independence and sovereignty after firmly inculcating the spirit of national unity and Union Spirit into national people.

In honour of the fine traditions of the Panglong, where the heightening drive for independence was conceived, the whole Panglong region has been designated as a development zone, and special

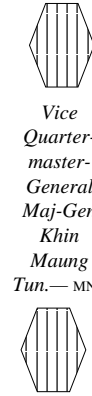
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ready declared the seven-point Road Map as the nation has been achieving sound foundations for democracy transition. The convening of the National Convention, the first step of the Road Map, is in progress at present, and the Government has already made a firm resolve to materialize all the seven stages successfully. The focal point of the discussions should be the observance of the Union Day celebrations on a grand scale and with full essence to further strengthen the ever flourishing spirit of national solidarity and Union Spirit and the fine historical achievement behind the emergence of the Union Day.

Next, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, reported on arrangements for the 58th Anniversary Union Day.

Director-General of the Pyithu Hluttaw Office U Myint Thein reported



Vice Quartermaster-General Maj-Gen Khin Maung Tun.—MNA



Deputy Minister for Information Brig-Gen Aung Thein.—MNA



Deputy Minister for Culture Brig-Gen Soe Win Maung.—MNA

he said.

The government has been implementing short-term plans after building infrastructures needed for national progress in all the

projects have been laid down and implemented for its all-round progress. Thus, Panglong has been improving high in accord with its worthy dignity — the land of victory for

the brethren.

A discipline-flourishing democratic state can be built only if there is peace, stability and development in the nation. The Government has al-

on tasks to be undertaken for the Union Day. Those present at the meeting took part in the discussions.

In his discussions, the Secretary-1 said the Union Day will be observed in accord with its objectives:

- for all national races to safeguard the national policy — non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty
- to keep the Union spirit ever alive and dynamic among the national people

- for all national people to defend and safeguard the Union for its perpetual existence

- to prevent, through national solidarity, the danger of internal and external destructive elements undermining peace and stability of the State

and national development and

— for all national races to make concerted efforts for successful implementation of the seven-point future policy programme.

He said concerted efforts are being made to enable the Union of Myanmar to stand tall among the international community as long as the world exists.

He also stressed the consolidation of national solidarity spirit and Union Spirit forever among the national people.

He urged the management committee and subcommittees to make systematic arrangements to observe the Union Day with full national essence for consolidation of national Solidarity spirit and Union Spirit in accord with noble traditions. — MNA

### Outstanding students awarded prizes at Upper Myanmar School Family Day

YANGON, 5 Jan — A ceremony to award outstanding students of the sixth Upper Myanmar School Family Day for 2004-2005 academic year organized by No 2 Basic Education Department was held at the hall of No 16 BEHS in Mandalay on 3 December.

Present on the occasion were Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Chairman Central Com-

mand Commander Maj-Gen Ye Myint and wife Daw Myat Ngwe, Mandalay City Development Committee Chairman Mayor Brig-Gen Yan Thein, directors-general, rectors from the universities in Mandalay, officials of No 2 BED, education officers, school heads, teachers and outstanding students.

On the occasion, the commander and Director-General of No 2 BED Lt-Col Win Htein

made speeches.

Afterwards, the commander and officials presented prizes to the outstanding students and 18 disabled students learning at BEHSs, BEMSS and BEPSS including one MA student.

Next, the three disabled students entertained those present with dances and songs and prizes were presented by directors-general.

MNA

### Self-reliant roads, bridge, wells put into service

YANGON, 5 Jan — Self-reliant Aung Yeik Tha tar road was put into service in honour of the 57th Anniversary Independence Day, in Ward 9 of Mawlamyinegyon on 2 January.

Similarly, Shukhintha gravel and the wooden bridge on Phayagyi Road

were opened in Loilem on 27 December.

On 26 December, the repaved Kalaw Railway Station Road was put back into service in Kalaw. On 30 December, the opening ceremony of the tube-well was held in Seikpyo (PaO Wagon) village in Nyaungshwe

Township. Likewise, a well was opened in Pawutphyia Village of Palaw Township on 25 December.

Township authorities and departmental officials opened the roads, the bridge and wells in the respective townships.

MNA

### Myanmar Tong Tah Trade Fair 26-30 January

YANGON, 5 Jan—With the permission of the Ministry of Commerce, the Myanmar Tong Tah Trade Fair will be held at Yangon Trade Centre on Upper Pazundaung Street here from 26 to 30 January.

The fair will house a large number of booths displaying stationery, automobiles, perfumes, agricultural implements, pumps, construction tools, farm implements, automobiles polishes, rust stain removers, lawn mowers, different kinds of glues, saws, aluminium ladders, generators, locks, room decorations, photocopiers and laser printers. In addition to entertainment programmes, the fair will also hold an art competition. Contestants may contact the company or dial 298128 or 295613 on 24 January latest.— MNA

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## Foreign Heads of States send felicitations...

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### From Gyanendra Bir Bikram Shahdev, King of Nepal

On the happy occasion of the Independence Day of the Union of Myanmar on behalf of the People and the Government of Nepal and on our own, we extend to Your Excellency our cordial felicitations and best wishes for Your Excellency's personal health and happiness and for the progress and prosperity of the people of Myanmar. We are confident that the friendly relations between our two countries will grow further in the years to come.

### From Hosny Mubarak, President of the Arab Republic of Egypt

It is with immense pleasure that I extend to Your Excellency heartfelt congratulations on the fifty-sev-

enth Anniversary of the Independence Day of Myanmar.

I take this opportunity to wish your Excellency all the best of health and happiness and your friendly people evermore progress and prosperity.

Highest consideration and appreciation.

### From Mr Bashar Al-Assad, President of the Syrian Arab Republic

On the occasion of the National Day of the Union of Myanmar, I have great pleasure in extending, on behalf of the Syrian Arab people and on my own behalf, our sincere congratulations to Your Excellency and to your people.

I also express my best wishes for your good health and happiness and for the progress and prosperity of the people of the Union of Myanmar.

With my highest consideration.

### From Mr Moshe Katsav, President of the State of Israel

The celebration of the Union of Myanmar's Fifty-Seventh Anniversary of Independence, offers me the welcome opportunity to extend to Your Excellency, on behalf of the people of Israel and myself, our sincere congratulations and wishes for our personal well-being and for the continued progress and prosperity of Myanmar and its people.

### From Mr Svetozar Marovic, President of Serbia and Montenegro Excellency,

On the occasion of the National Day of the Union of Myanmar, I extend to you, on behalf of the people of the State Union of Serbia and Montenegro and myself, sincere felicitations and best wishes for the prosperity of your country.

I take this opportunity to express my conviction that the relations and cooperation between our two countries will continue to be promoted in the coming period, to the benefit of our peoples peace and stability in the world.—MNA

## Commander inspects development tasks in Lashio

YANGON, 5 Jan — A ceremony to present prizes to winners in the Shan State (North) Third Marathon Contest was held at the Pyidaungsu Sports Grounds in Lashio on 1 January.

Present were Chairman of Shan State (North) Peace and Development Council Commander of North-East Command Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing, staff officers, departmental officials and guests.

First, the commander enjoyed competition of

the athletes.

After the contest, Commander Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing, Tactical Operations Commander Lt-Col Win Shein and officials presented prizes to the winners.

Accompanied by Brig-Gen Soe Oo of Hsenwi Station, the commander inspected the thriving crops on 500 acres of Manmaw highland farm. In-charge of the farm Lt-Col Nay Lin Aung reported on cultivation of crops and its progress.

In the afternoon, the commander met with members of War Veterans Organization and departmental personnel at Mongli Model Village in Hsenwi Township. He selected the site for construction of the extension of Basic Education Middle School. The commander inspected the village health care unit.

Afterwards, the commander inspected all-round renovation of ancient TatU Yanaungmyin Pagoda built on TatU Hill in Lashio. — MNA



Daw Khin Than Nwe, wife of Lt-Gen Tin Oo, offers alms to a Sayadaw at merit-sharing ceremony of Tuluk Waiyan Ordination Hall of Maha Withutayama Taikthit in Magway.—MNA

## Merits shared for Ordination Hall in Magway

YANGON, 5 Jan — A ceremony to share merits for completion of Tuluk Waiyan Ordination Hall in the precinct of Maha Withutayama Taikthit in Magway was held at the ordination hall on 4 January.

Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw unveiled the stone

plaque of the hall and sprinkled scented water on it.

Presiding Nayaka of the Taikthit Secretary of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Abhidhaja Maha Ratha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Bhaddanta Kumara administered the Five Precepts.

Daw Khin Than Nwe, wife of Lt-Gen Tin Oo, Minister for CPT Brig-Gen Thein Zaw, Minister for Cooperatives Col Zaw Min, Chairman of Magway Division PDC Col Phone Maw Shwe and wellwishers donated alms to the Sayadaws.

Later, the wellwishers presented cash donations to officials.—MNA

## Shan State (East) holds School Family Day for 2004-2005

YANGON, 5 Jan — School Family Day for 2004-2005 academic year of Shan State (East) was observed at Kengtung BEHS No 3 on 3 January.

Present were Chairman of Shan State (East) Peace and Development

Council Commander of Triangle Region Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw and wife, departmental officials, teachers and students.

The commander gave a speech.

Shan State (East) Additional Education Of-

ficer U Saw Tun reported on matters related to the School Family Day.

Next, Maj-Gen Khin Zaw and wife Daw Khin Pyone Win presented prizes to outstanding students. After the ceremony, the commander and wife together with those present viewed round booths at the exhibition to mark the School Family Day organized by Shan State (East) Additional Education Officer's Office. — MNA

## Lweje-Momauk Road Project launched

YANGON, 5 Jan—The launching of the Lweje-Momauk Road Project took place in Lweje Township, Kachin State,

on 29 December.

It was attended by Kachin State Peace and Development Council Chairman Northern

Command Commander Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe, senior military officers, Chinese officials and experts, members of social organizations, teachers, students, and local residents.

The commander, Superintendent Engineer of Public Works U Maung Maung, and Chinese experts delivered speeches on the occasion.

Next, the project was launched with the cutting of the ribbon.

The commander and officials inspected the construction of the 47-mile gravel road.

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## Use Natural Gas Vehicles and save fuel oil

- \* In automobiles, natural gas can be used in place of petrol and diesel.
- \* The use of natural gas can not only save fuel oil but also extend engine life.
- \* Natural gas exploited at home can be used effectively and safely.
- \* Natural gas burns cent per cent and is environment-friendly.
- \* Adequate supply of natural gas helps facilitate passenger and cargo transport.





Daw Khin Thet Htay presents bicycles provided by MMCWA (Central) to Chairperson of Yangon West District MCWA Supervisory Committee Daw Ni Ni Sein. — YANGON COMMAND

### Tasks for welfare of mothers and children clarified

YANGON, 5 Jan—The Yangon Division Maternal and Child Welfare Association made clarifications to its functions at Basic Education High School No 2 in Sangyoung Township, Yangon West District, this morning. On the occasion, Division MCWA Supervisory Committee Chairperson Daw Khin Thet Htay presented implementation of

projects for education, health and social development of mothers and children, and future plans under Yangon Division MCWA Supervisory Committee in accord with future work programmes of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association. She handed over 13 bicycles donated by MMCWA to township associations through Yangon West Dis-

trict MCWA Supervisory Committee Chairperson Daw Ni Ni Sein, who then presented 19,035 membership applications to Daw Khin Thet Htay.

Next, Division MCWA Supervisory Committee Secretary Dr Hla Myint presented constitution and functions of the association, and Joint-Secretary Dr Daw Nwe Ni Ohn, future tasks. —MNA

### Commander, Minister inspect Auto exchange in Toungoo

YANGON, 5 Jan — Chairman of Bago Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Southern Command Maj-Gen Ko Ko and Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw inspected Toungoo Auto-Exchange

on 2nd January. Next, the minister inspected measures being taken for rest house near Yangon-Mandalay Highway and gave instructions to the officials. On arrival at Taungwingyi Township, he inspected progress of

renovation of Aungmyinzayya Pagoda and gave instructions to the officials. Yesterday, the minister inspected construction of Nan Myint Tower and Hotel. Next, the minister met with foreign tourists. —MNA

### Minister inspects Myanmar Lacquerware College in Bagan

YANGON, 5 Jan—Minister for Cooperative Col Zaw Min, accompanied by officials of Magway Division Cooperative Department and the Chairman of Yenangyoung Industrial Zone Supervisory Committee Chairman of Magway District PDC, arrived at Shwenaga Industrial Workshop on 3rd January. The minister inspected manufacturing of motorcycle and industrialist Daw Win Maw Tun reported on manufacturing of 113 motorcycles and 6,000 more motorcycles to be produced. Next, officials of industrial zone, reported vehicle with CNG Kit and the minister gave instruction to the officials.

Lacquerware College, the minister and party inspected construction of buildings where principal U Yu Thein reported construction of the building to the minister. Afterwards, the minister inspecting classrooms and gave instruction to the fac-

ulty members. After the minister had inspected Lacquerware and handicraft, he gave necessary instructions. Later, the minister and party inspected ancient handicraft in Myanmar Lacquerware College. —MNA

### Meeting for holding Golden Jubilee Anniversary of DMA training

YANGON, 5 Jan— A meeting to hold respects-paying ceremony to mark the Golden Jubilee Anniversary of DMA training course will be held at Padamy Hall of the Ad-

ministration Department, Yangon Institute of Economics at 1 pm on 9 January. The DMA diploma students are invited to attend the meeting. —MNA

### Bio-gas power station launched

Afterwards, the minister proceeded to Race Horse motorcycle factory and in charge of the factory reported production of motorcycles and distribution of the machines. On arrival at Myanmar

bio-gas power station was put into service in Luntaung village, Madaya Township, PyinOoLwin District, Mandalay Division, on 14 December. Chairman of Dis-

trict Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Myo Myint, Joint-Secretary of Township Union Solidarity and Development Association U Gyan and an official formally opened the station. —MNA

## 60<sup>th</sup> 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

### Commander tours Myeik, Dawei Districts

YANGON, 5 Jan — Chairman of Taninthayi Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Coastal Region Command Maj-Gen Ohn Myint attended the ploughing and cultivation of summer paddy in Magyigon Village of Palaw Township on 1 January. The commander heard reports on agricultural matters by departmental officials and explained agricultural assistance to be provided to the locals.

In Palaw, the commander met with offi-

cials, social organizations and townsenders at Kanyoedan Yadana Hall. Next, the commander inspected the site for construction of Post-Primary School in Nandaung Ward and gave necessary instructions. On arrival at Palauk Township General Administration Department Office, he met with departmental personnel and local people and explained regional development tasks. Next, he inspected the Township Hospital and donated K 300,000 to its medical funds.

The commander saw over BEPS in Yange Village, the village library and Station Hospital.

In Thayetchaung, the commander heard reports on regional development presented by officials. Next, he inspected construction of the two-storey building of BEHS. Similarly, the commander looked into the Township Hospital and gave necessary instructions to officials.

In Nyaungzin Village, he inspected sinking of the tubewell.

MNA



Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi presents championship trophy to Tawkyauing Village volleyball team of Kungyangon Township. — ENERGY

### Energy Minister joins meeting to ensure water supply programme for Kungyangon

YANGON, 5 Jan—Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi, together with Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Than Htay and officials of the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs, delivered an address at the meeting to ensure water supply programme for Kungyangon

at the office of Township Peace and Development Council yesterday morning. The minister and party enjoyed the First Energy Minister's Trophy Inter-Ward/Village Volleyball Tournament of Kungyangon Township at Aung San Thuriya Hla Thauing Hall. After the final match, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen

Than Htay, Managing Director Col Sein Tin Win of Myanmar Petroleum Products Enterprise and Vice-President of Myanmar Volleyball Federation presented prizes to the respective winner, and Minister Brig-Gen Lun Thi awarded championship trophy to Tawkyauing Village team. —MNA

#### သတိပေးနူးခေတ်ချက်

ရန်ကုန်မြို့တော်အတွင်း မောင်းနှင်သွားလာလျက်ရှိသော မော်တော်ယာဉ်များ အနက် အချို့မော်တော်ယာဉ်များသည် မီးခိုးအလွန်အကျွံ ထွက်ရှိလျက် အများပြည်သူဆိုင်ရာ လမ်းများပေါ်တွင် မောင်းနှင်သွားလာနေသည်ကို တွေ့ရှိရပါသည်။ အဆိုပါ မီးခိုး အလွန်အကျွံထွက်သော မော်တော်ယာဉ်များကြောင့် ပတ်ဝန်းကျင်လေထု ညစ်ညမ်းမှု ဖြစ်သည်အပြင် ပြည်သူများ၏ ကျန်းမာရေး ကိုပါ ထိခိုက်နိုင်သဖြင့် မီးခိုးအလွန်အကျွံထွက်သော ယာဉ်များအား စစ်ဆေးတွေ့ရှိပါက ထိရောက်စွာ အရေးယူဆောင်ရွက်သွားမည်ဖြစ်ကြောင်း သတိပေးနူးခေတ်အပ်ပါသည်။

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10. Daw Ngwe May, Staff Nurse, New General Hospital, Yangon, Ministry of Health
11. Daw Kathy Nwe, Staff Nurse, New General Hospital, Yangon, Ministry of Health
12. Daw Hlaing Hlaing Oo, Staff Nurse, New General Hospital, Yangon, Ministry of Health
13. Daw Khin Lay Nwe, Staff Nurse, New General Hospital, Yangon, Ministry of Health
14. Daw Naw Aye Khine Nyein, Nurse, New General Hospital, Yangon, Ministry of Health
15. Daw Thet Thet Khine, Nurse, New General Hospital, Yangon, Ministry of Health
16. Daw Khin Thet Lwin, Nurse, New General Hospital, Yangon, Ministry of Health
17. Daw Thin Thin Swe, Nurse, New General Hospital, Yangon, Ministry of Health
18. Daw Nan Aye Mon, Nurse, New General Hospital, Yangon, Ministry of Health
19. Daw May Myo Nwe, Nurse, New General Hospital, Yangon, Ministry of Health
20. U Kyaw Swa Myo, (Parami Tuition), Executive, Monhnyin Township USDA, Kachin State
21. U Nyan Aung, Shwesigon Pagoda Board of Trustees, Yongyi Ward, Monywa, Sagaing Division
22. U Than Nyunt (Trader), Htuyaygi Ward, Monywa, Sagaing Division
23. U Tin Maung, Honda (Myanmar) Company, Bogyoke Street, Aungchantha Ward, Monywa, Sagaing Division
24. Thiha Thudhama Theingi Daw Khin Hla, Myataung, Htigyaing, Sagaing Division
25. U Aung Thuang, Thetkalamodel village, Kawa, Bago Division
26. U Hla Tun, Standard Condensed Milk Enterprise, Okkan-Sule Transport Service, Lanmadaw Street, Thonse, Thayawady, Bago Division (West)
27. U Kyaw Win Tun, Chairman, Popa-Dagon Travel Service, No 137, Shwetanza Street, Kyaukpadaung, Mandalay Division
28. U Chan Sein, Trader, 44/Pale Street, Yadana Tun Brokerage Ward, Zekyo, Mawlamyine, Mon State
29. U Nay Win, Director, Arrow Myanmar Enterprise Ltd, No 29, Thazin Street, Zegyo Ward, Mawlamyine, Mon State
30. U Kyaw, Chairman, Ward PDC, Sayasantoung model ward, Bahan Township, Yangon Division
31. U Chit Pe, Ma/68, Sao San Tun Street, Kyaungkyihsu Ward, Taunggyi, Shan State
32. U Tin Sein, Marathon Hair Dresser Shop, Bayint Naung Street, Thittaw Ward, Taunggyi, Shan State
33. U Aye Kyaw, No 518, Ngwekyalphyu Street, Yadwinaye Ward, Taunggyi, Shan State
34. U Sai Ohn Khoung, No (1/42), Ward-1, Mongnaung, Shan State
35. U Ba Than (a) U Maung Maung Lauk, No 80, Myakantha Street, Ward-8, Taunggyi, Shan State
36. U Htay Aung, No 447, Thanda Street, Yadanathiri Ward, Taunggyi, Shan State
37. U Tin Oo, (U/2174), Secretary, Myoma PDC, Kyukuk (Pangsai), Shan State (North)
38. U Sai Kyu, Chairman, Ward PDC, Nantpaung village, Lashio, Shan State (North)
39. U Aye Ko, Chairman, Kanaunghsu Ward PDC, Hinthada, Ayeyawady Division
40. U Thein Tun, Chairman, Padaunggyi Ward PDC, Laymyatnyar, Ayeyawady Division
41. U Tin Aung, Chairman, Kwinkauktaung Ward PDC, Ingapu, Ayeyawady Division
42. U Myint Ngwe, Head of Department-1, Red Cross Unit, Pathein, Ayeyawady Division
43. U Ta Loat, Chairman, No 7 Ward PDC, Latbutta, Ayeyawady Division
44. U Sein Win, Merchant, No 177, 26x80, Chanayhasan, Mandalay Division
45. U Maung Maung, Engine Room In-charge-3, Petrol and Petrol Chemicals Transport Division, Myanma Petro Chemicals Enterprise
46. U Thein Myint, Schoolhead, Nonecho Primary School, Monhnyin, Ministry of Education
47. U Khin Maung Oo, Foreman, No 1 Saw Mill, Ministry of Forestry
48. U San Hlaing, Production Technician-4, Yangon Bottle Factory (Branch), Security Section, Ministry of Industry-1
49. U Khin Hla, Labourer, No 1 Saw Mill, Ministry of Forestry
50. No 503755 WO-II Han Tun Aung, No 2 Tatmadaw Advance Military Training School, Ministry of Defence
51. U San Myint, Foreman, No 1 Saw Mill, Kymyindine, Ministry of Forestry
52. U Myint Oo (Ma 4489), Platoon Commander of Fire Brigade, Fire Services Department, Hinthada, Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement
53. U Hla Myint, Shopkeeper, Plot 145, 18thx19th Streets and 81stx82nd Streets, Aungmyayhasan, Mandalay Division
54. U Than Soe, Driver-2, Petrol and Petrol Chemicals Transport Division, Myanma Petrochemicals Enterprise, Ministry of Energy
55. U Htwe, Driver-5, Myanma Posts and Telecommunications, Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs
56. U Tin Win, Driver Helper (Factory and Vehicles Division), Yangon City Development Committee
57. U Maung Maung Lwin, Shopkeeper, Kyaukme village, Patheingyi Township, Mandalay Division
58. U Swe Tin, Farmer, Yankintaung village, Patheingyi Township, Mandalay Division
59. U Win Myint, Retired, Aungmyayhasan, East Htarni, Sangoung 43-Ward, Mandalay Division
60. U San Tun, Record Clerk, Pension, Anawrahta Street, Pyidawtha Ward, Taunggyi, Shan State
61. U Htay Lwin, Head of Department (Mechanical), Kyaukse District, Water Resources Utilization Department, Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation
62. No 472339 WO-II Thein Swe, Directorate of Armour Forces, Ministry of Defence
63. Sayadaw Pannava, Alataikgyi, Shweyahaung Kyaungtaik, Kyunlon Okshoun Ward, Chamayathasi, Mandalay Division
64. U Soe Myint, Sentry, Hopong Township Court, Supreme Court
65. Daw Myint Myint Ma, SAT, No 2 Basic Education Department, No 8 BEHS, Aungmyayhasan Township, Mandalay Division, Ministry of Education
66. No 547225 Sgt San Lwin Oo, Central Ordnance Depot (Mandalay), Ministry of Defence
67. U Ohn Ngwe, Retired Township Judge, Htundon Ward, 54thx55th Streets, Chanmyathasi, Mandalay Division
68. U Aung Thant, Manager, Chammyashwepyi Hotel, Plot 378, Mahaungmyay, Mandalay Division
69. U Mya Wai, Writer, No 111, 25th Street, 88thx89th Streets, Plot 197, Aungmyayhasan, Mandalay Division
70. U Myint Oo, Technician-3, Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs
71. U Hsan Nyunt, Carpenter, Plot 34, 77th Street, 9thx8th Streets, Aungmyayhasan, Mandalay Division
72. Ashin Nanda, member of the Sangha, Thauyadana Kyaungsaung Yepadaing Kyaungtaik, Tagaung Ward, Sagaying Division
73. U Tin Tun, Merchant, Plot 720, No 59, 73rdx74th Streets and 28thx29th Streets, Chanayethasan, Mandalay Division
74. U Min Sein, Lab Technician-4, No 2 Mining Enterprise, Division General Manager Office, Ministry of Mines
75. Daw Khin Toke (a) Ma Hnyin Ngwe, Peasant, Htihsaung village, Myinmu, Sagaing Division
76. U Tin Myint, Staff Officer, Education Planning and Training Department (External Course), Ministry of Education
77. Air/17385 Chief Technician Aung Myint, Mechanical Division, Aircraft Assembling and Repair Base Ministry of Defence
78. Daw Khin Mar Win, Security-5, Security and Fire Service Division, Defence Services Textile (Thamaing) Factory, Ministry of Defence
79. U Hla Htwe, Labourer (Garden), President's Office
80. U Min Nyunt, Head of Section, No 1 Sittoung Paper Factory, Ministry of Industry-1
81. U Zaw Min Aung, Supervisor, Pharmaceutical Production Technology Development Division, Gyogon, Ministry of Industry-1
82. U Myint Kyi, No 2 Saw Mill, Myanma Timber Enterprise, Ministry of Forestry
83. Daw Hla Hla Khine, Labourer (Fertilizer), Yangon City Development Committee
84. U Khin Aye, Technician-5, YCDC, Engineering Department (Roads and Bridges), Yangon City Development Committee
85. U Ohn Win, Production Technician-4, No 2 Textile Factory, Ministry of Industry-1
86. No 24061 Leading Seaman/47 Soe Shwe, No 23 Naval Administration Depot, Panmawady Naval Region Command Headquarters, Ministry of Defence
87. Air/20347 Sgt Phone Naing, Aircraft Assembling and Repair Base, Ministry of Defence
88. U Than Htay, Cpl of Fire Services Department, No 1 Saw Mill, Kymyindine, Ministry of Forestry
89. U Kyaw Zaw, No 6 Saw Mill, Myanma Timber Enterprise, Ministry of Forestry
90. U Myin Shwe, Foreman, No 6 Saw Mill, Myanma Timber Enterprise, Ministry of Forestry
91. U Thein Soe, Cleaner, YCDC (Markets Division), Yangon City Development Committee
92. Daw Swe Swe Oo, JAT, No 25 BEHS, Aungmyayhasan, Mandalay Division, No 2 Basic Education Department, Ministry of Education
93. Daw Le Le Thein, Assistant Director, Auditor-General's Office
94. U Kyin Shwe, Peon, Dalla Township Court, Supreme Court
95. U Nyan Myint, Mechanical Technician-5, Vehicles Division, Myanma Railways, Ministry of Rail Transportation
96. U Khin Myint, Printing Technician-4, Sarpay Beikman Press, Printing and Publishing Enterprise, Ministry of Information
97. No 513591 WO-1 Thein Aung, Clerk, Myanma Economic Corporation (Quartermaster-General's Office), Ministry of Defence
98. Air/16744 Qtm Sgt Htein Shin, Mingaladon Air Base, Ministry of Defence
99. Air/19798 Sgt Nay Lin, Mingaladon Air Base, Ministry of Defence
100. U Hla Myint, Labourer, Security Section, No 14 Saw Mill, Ministry of Forestry
101. U Khin Maung Hlaing, Store Keeper-4, No 2 Saw Mill, Myanma Timber Enterprise, Ministry of Forestry
102. U Tin Zaw Win, Upper Divisional Clerk, External Trading and Saw Mill Division, Ministry of Forestry
103. U Thant Zin, Carpenter-4, No 3 Furniture Factory, Ministry of Forestry
104. U Hla Than, Mill Technician-4, No 1 Furniture Factory, Myanma Timber Enterprise, Ministry of Forestry
105. U Aung San Hla, Foreman, No 1 Saw Mill, Kymyindine, Ministry of Forestry
106. U Khin Maung Phone (Ma 3925), Sgt of Fire Services Department, Thayet, Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement
107. Dr Win Mar Tun, Eye Specialist, Myingyan People's Hospital, Ministry of Health

**Ye Thurein Medal**

1. U Naing Oo (Ma 3666), deputy head of fire services, Fire Services Department, Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement
2. Than Zaw (Ma 5245), Private, Fire Services Department, Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement
3. U Thin Htay Shwe (Ma 3616), Assistant Director, Fire Services Department, Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement
4. U Hla Myint (Ma 3640), Staff Officer, Fire Services Department, Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement

**Ye Kyawswa Medal**

1. La 118058 Inspector Nyi Nyi, Shan State (North) Police Force, Myanmar Police Force, Ministry of Home Affairs
2. U Kyaw Naing (Ma 4607), Staff Officer, Fire Services Department, Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement
3. U Myint Zaw (Ma 3287), Staff Officer, Fire Services Department, Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement
4. U Mya Kyaing (Ma 3874), deputy head of fire services, Fire Services Department, Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement
5. U Myo Htut Oo (Ma 5709), deputy head of fire services, Fire Services Department, Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement
6. U Nay Aye (Ma 3617), deputy head of fire services, Fire Services Department, Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement
7. U Khin Shein, Company Commander, Township Auxiliary Fire Brigade, Pabetan, Yangon Division
8. U Min Min, Company Commander, Township Auxiliary Fire Brigade, Mingala Taungnyunt, Yangon Division

**Ye Kyawthu Title**

1. La 57715 Police Capt Maung Maung Kyi, Kayah State Police Force, Myanmar Police Force, Ministry of Home Affairs
2. Aung Cho (Ma 6135), Private, Fire Services Department, Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement
3. Sgt Hla Tin, Member of Auxiliary Fire Brigade, Ahlon, Yangon Division
4. Sgt Aung Lwin, Member of Auxiliary Fire Brigade, Ahlon, Yangon Division
5. Sgt San Aung, Member of Auxiliary Fire Brigade, Ahlon, Yangon Division
6. Sgt Win Aung, Member of Auxiliary Fire Brigade, Ahlon, Yangon Division
7. L/Cpl Kyaw Kyaw Soe, Member of Auxiliary Fire Brigade, Ahlon, Yangon Division

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(ဂ) ၂၀၀၅ခုနှစ်၊ ဇန်နဝါရီလ (၁၁)ရက်နေ့မှစတင်လှုပ်မည်။

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**သန်သန်းအေး**  
**မော်ကွန်းထိန်း**

**SAARC countries to postpone summit**

COLOMBO, 4 Jan — The 13th South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) Summit scheduled to be held in Bangladeshi capital Dhaka from January 9 to 11, 2005 was postponed due to last Sunday's tsunami and earthquake, official *Daily News* said Monday.

The Prime Minister of Pakistan, Shaukat Aziz, in his capacity as Chairman SAARC has announced the unanimous decision of SAARC member states to postpone in the wake of enormous destruction caused by the recent severe earthquake and tsunami in this region.— *MNA/Xinhua*

**Chirac urges help for Asian tsunami victims**

PARIS, 4 Jan — French President Jacques Chirac on Monday urged his government to "mobilize all means" to help millions of stricken people in tsunami-hit Asian countries.

"I ask you to mobilize all civilian, military and public health means at the state's disposal to continue to respond to this emergency," Chirac said.

"We have to continue to work to help our compatriots, to give aid by all means to families of the missing people and to continue the search for and identification of the victims," Chirac said.

On December 26, an 8.9-magnitude underwater earthquake off the Indonesian island of Sumatra triggered tsunamis which hit the coasts of India, Sri Lanka, Malaysia and four other Asian countries, killing at least 145,000 people.

The French Government says at least 22 French people were killed in the disaster and more than 100 others are still missing. France has pledged a 45 million euros (61 million dollars) of aid for the stricken countries. *MNA/Xinhua*

**Britain fears 200 Britons dead in Asian tsunami**

LONDON, 4 Jan — British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw said Monday that about 200 Britons are feared to have died in the tsunami disaster in Asia.

In addition to the 40 British people already confirmed dead, Straw told reporters that 159 more are "highly likely" to be victims of the tidal waves triggered by the earthquake in the Indian Ocean on December 26.

Most of those unaccounted for were in Thailand where 43 British police officers have been deployed to help trace those still missing, Straw said.

A total of 113 family liaison officers are available to counsel people who have lost loved ones and the government is also contributing to the repatriation of victims' remains, Straw added.

It is the first time the British Government has given an official estimate of the number of Britons thought to be missing feared dead.— *MNA/Xinhua*

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**CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**  
**MV YANGON STAR VOY NO (369)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV YANGON STAR Voy No (369) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 6.1.05 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm up to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the vessel.

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

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**Foreign aircraft on relief missions use Malaysian airport for stopover**

KUALA LUMPUR, 4 Jan — Foreign aircraft on aid missions to tsunami-ravaged Asian countries have begun using Langkawi International Airport in north Malaysia for stopovers.

A total of seven transporter aircraft have landed and taken off at the airport at Padang Mat Sirat, Langkawi, since Sunday. Five C-130 aircraft from the United States Air Force stopped over after sending humanitarian aid to Phuket in Thailand and Acheh in Indonesia en route to the US air base in Okinawa, Japan, Langkawi Airport Manager Shuhaimi Mubin told reporters at the airport Monday.

Two other aircraft, landing for stopover, were specially chartered Russian *Antonov 124s* which had also completed relief missions.

"The flights stopped over to allow the air crew to rest and conduct technical checks on the planes," Shuhaimi explained.— *MNA/Xinhua*

**No Chinese nationals in tsunami-hit Sri Lanka, Maldives**

BENTOTA (Sri Lanka), 4 Jan — No casualty of Chinese nationals has been confirmed so far in tsunami-stricken Sri Lanka and the Maldives, the Chinese ambassador said here Sunday.

Sun Guoxiang, Chinese ambassador to Sri Lanka, also accredited to the Maldives, told *Xinhua* that there are some 1,000 Chinese citizens, including those from Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan in the two battered nations.

Sun, on a tour of this tourist resort about 64 kilometres south of capital Colombo to assess the damage, said the embassy has been keeping close contact with concerned authorities of both countries and no report of Chinese casualty has been received so far.

He said the embassy managed to clinch the whereabouts of around 240 Chinese nationals based in Sri Lanka who serve the 26 Chinese commercial agencies in the nation. *MNA/Xinhua*

**India's National Security Advisor passes away**

NEW DELHI, 4 Jan — India's National Security Advisor J N Dixit passed away Monday morning after suffering a massive heart attack, the *Indo-Asian News Service* reported.

Family sources were quoted as saying that Dixit, a former foreign secretary, was rushed to the All India Institute of Medical Sciences early Monday morning after he complained of severe chest pain.

He died in the hospital.

He was appointed National Security Advisor when Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh assumed office after the United Progressive Alliance (UPA) won the 2004 general election. *MNA/Xinhua*

**S African supermarket launches fundraising drive for tsunami victims**

JOHANNESBURG, 4 Jan — South Africa's largest supermarket Pick 'n Pay, in partnership with the Red Cross and Nectcare 911, launched a nationwide drive in its 250 chained stores to raise funds to pay for medical supplies for victims of the tsunami disaster.

Tessa Chamberlain, general manager of marketing of Pick 'n Pay, told *Xinhua* that the drive will run for at least one month and she hopes to raise more fund for victims in Asia and to collect desperately needed food-stuff for the region.

The fundraising initiative will be managed through Pick 'n Pay's Easypay Service and the Nectcare 911 emergency call centre, available on 082 911. All funds raised will be used to pay for medical and emergency supplies.

The initiative received a kick-start of 200,000 rand when Pick 'n Pay capitalized it with 100,000 rand, which was subsequently matched by chairperson Raymond Ackerman.

Nedbank has also made a capital contribution to the fund and has agreed to waive all bank charges.

Customers wanting to make contributions by means of cash, credit or debit cards can do so

through the Easypay system at any till point.

Alternatively, they can contribute food donations of canned food and bottled water at any of the in-store facilities set up for this purpose.

The food parcels will then be packed in marked boxes and sent to a centralized warehouse facilitated by Nectcare 911 who will also arrange distribution to suppliers overseas.— *MNA/Xinhua*



မညာရေးနှင့် ခေတ်မီပွဲများတိုးတက်သော နိုင်ငံတော်ကြီး တည်ဆောက်ဖို့



Flying high : Czech ski jumper Jakub Janda leaves the ramp during the Four Hills competition, part of the FIS World Cup in Ski-Jumping, in Innsbruck.—INTERNET

### Russia backs Germany in bidding for membership of UNSC

Moscow, 4 Jan — Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov has said Russia is ready to support Germany in applying for a permanent seat on the UN Security Council, the *Interfax* news agency reported on Monday.

In an interview with Germany's newspaper *Handelsblatt* Lavrov said "We are ready to support Germany. We support it as strongly as we support India, Brazil and Japan as candidates for permanent membership in the UN Security Council, if a decision on enlarging the UN Security Council is made."

and can help restore order in the Middle East. "I do not think that the road map has reached a deadlock and the quartet of international mediators has exhausted its potential," Lavrov said in the interview, which was posted on the Foreign Ministry's web site on Monday. He recalled his trip to Israel three weeks ago and said "there is a sound ground to hope that the peace process will resume and Israel will prepare to withdraw from

the Gaza Strip." "This pullout should not represent a process outside the road map. Rather, it should create an environment for the next stages envisioned in the road map to be started by the Palestinians and Israel with the support of the quartet—Egypt, Jordan and other Arab nations," Lavrov said. In the interview Lavrov also pointed out that his country is to develop relations with a wide range of countries in the world. *MNA/Xinhua*

### Italian President says global warning system for tsunami needed

ROME, 4 Jan — A global warning system could have lowered the catastrophic death toll from the recent Asian tsunami, Italian President Carlo Azeglio Ciampi said on Monday.

Ciampi was speaking in Italian southern city Positano after meeting with Marilu' Atanasio, a shopkeeper who was among the lucky few to emerge from the incoming wall of water at Phuket, Thailand, on 26 December.

"From what the lady told me, the tidal wave struck two hours after the earthquake. If there had been an effective global warning system, it would have been enough to climb the nearby hills to save yourself," Ciampi told reporters.

Most of the 18 verified Italian dead lost their lives in Phuket and in Sri Lanka.

The two locations are also where the majority of the 570 missing Italians are being sought. *MNA/Xinhua*

### Russian Customs contribute over \$40b to treasury in 2004

Moscow, 4 Jan— Russian Customs contributed a total of 1.217 trillion rubles (about 43.94 billion US dollars) to the state treasury in 2004, exceeding the fixed target by 2.5 per cent, *ITAR-TASS* news agency quoted the Press service of the Federal Customs Service (FTC) as saying on Monday. A FTC Press service official said the Customs devoted some 170 million US dollars to the federal treasury every day, adding that Customs revenue made up 40 per cent of budget revenue and almost 8 per cent of the gross domestic product.

According to the Press service, the increase in Customs revenue was mainly due to the improvement of import administration procedures, following the introduction of the new Customs Code which "established entirely new relations between business and Customs".

The new Customs Code in 2004 included the adoption of 15 government resolutions and the enactment of 95 department regulations, which helped boost trade and increase Customs revenue, the Press service said. In the first 10 months of 2004, the value of exports and imports increased 31 per cent compared with the same period of last year. *MNA/Xinhua*

### Annan starts reshuffle of senior UN management

UNITED NATIONS, 4 Jan — UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan on Monday appointed Mark Malloch Brown, administrator of the UN Development Programme (UNDP), as his new chief of staff in what he said was part of a planned reshuffle of the world body's management.

Annan announced the appointment at a Press conference at the UN headquarters in New York, presenting his new top aide as "immensely capable leader and manager".

Brown will start on 19 January to take the place of the 70-year-old Pakistani, Iqbal Riza, who will soon retire after having served as chief of Annan's Cabinet for seven years.

His request for retirement was accepted by Annan last December.

Annan said Brown will assist him and Deputy Secretary-General Louise Frechette in improving and overhauling the management of the United Nations as well as organizing a global summit in September to mark the 60th anniversary of the UN's birth.

"Mark Malloch Brown's management success at UNDP is already driving far-reaching change and, together with his policy and communications

skills and wide knowledge of the UN system, makes him my ideal right hand man at a time like this," he stressed.

Brown, a 51-year-old Briton, will continue to head UNDP until his replacement is named.

The UN chief said that he believed Brown's new posting will not have any

"negative impact" on the UN relief operations in countries hit by the Indian Ocean tsunami.

Brown had been vice-president for external affairs of the World Bank since January 1996 before taking the post of UNDP administrator in July 1999. *MNA/Xinhua*

### Italian researchers turn tomato leftovers into plastic bags

ROME, 4 Jan — Italian researchers said on Monday that they had found a way of converting tomato waste into non-polluting plastic bags.

Researchers at the biomolecular chemical division of the Italian National Research Council (CNR) in southern city Pozzuoli near Naples are working on the project, which could have far-reaching effects.

Researcher Barbara Nicolaus, who came up with the idea, said that she and her team had discovered how to make biodegradable plastic bags using the polysaccharides found in tomatoes.

She explained that during tomato processing, 40 per cent of the raw material ends up as waste in the form of skin and seeds.

By extracting and purifying the polysaccharide content in this waste, an exciting range of environmentally friendly products could be obtained - including bags and plastic wrapping, she said.

"Tomato waste can become an important economic resource," Nicolaus said, noting that Italy was one of Europe's top tomato growers, with annual production of up to 6.1 million tons. She stressed that the discovery would reduce waste disposal and costs and eliminate the environmental problems associated with plastic carriers. *MNA/Xinhua*

### France sends two ships for relief mission in north Indonesia

PARIS, 4 Jan — Two French Navy ships left for Indonesia Tuesday for relief missions and are expected to arrive on 10 January with 700 persons on board, French Defence Ministry announced Monday.

The helicopter carrier *Jeanne d'Arc* and the anti-submarine frigate *Georges Leygues* were to leave from Djibouti, it said.

The *Jeanne d'Arc* will carry 4 light helicopters and 2 transport helicopter Puma and some 60 engineers, as well as 6,000 food rations, 800 tons of water and water treatment equipment, 5 tons of medicine and field medical posts, said the colonel Gerard Dubois of French staff. "The destination of this mission is north Indonesia," he said, adding that the precise destination was to be unveiled later in coordination with other countries that also sent military means to the place. — *MNA/Xinhua*



Participants display their works during the first national calligraphy contest of the new year in Tokyo on 5 Jan, 2005. A total of 3,500 participants took part in the annual event. — INTERNET

## Santos Deny Robinho to join Real

RIO DE JANEIRO, 5 Jan— Brazilian champions Santos have denied reports that forward Robinho is to join Real Madrid. "This does not exist," president Marcelo Teixeira told the club's official website after reports the 20-year-old could follow coach Vanderlei Luxemburgo to the nine-times European champions.

"I repeat that Robinho will continue at Santos. We, the player, his father and his agent, Wagner Ribeiro, had a meeting recently and the commitment was confirmed."

Although Robinho has a contract with the club until January 2008, speculation has been mounting over his future after his mother was kidnapped in November and held captive for 40 days.

He had already been linked with a possible move to Real Madrid before his mother was kidnapped. She was released on December 17.

Luxemburgo, who led Santos to the Brazilian title last month, was named as Real coach last Thursday.

MNA/Reuters



Manchester City's Shaun Wright-Phillips (R) celebrates his goal surrounded by despairing Arsenal players during a Premiership match at Highbury in north London, on 4 Jan, 2005. — INTERNET

## Arsenal's chances of retaining title depend on Chelsea

LONDON, 5 Jan— Manager Arsene Wenger admitted Arsenal's 1-1 draw with Manchester City on Tuesday meant the league champions' chances of retaining the title depend on Chelsea suffering a dip in form.

Chelsea, bidding for their first title in 50 years, went seven points clear at the top of the Premier League after beating Middlesbrough 2-0, their fifth successive victory without conceding a goal.

Wenger said Arsenal's London rivals, beaten only once this season, clearly had the upper hand with 16 games remaining. "We will try and keep as close as we can and take advantage if they have a bad period," the French coach told reporters.

"We lost two points tonight but it would be criminal to give up and say they have won the title, in football things change quickly.

"However, at the moment they don't look vulnerable - the only chance we have is for us to come back and we want to give as much as we can in every game. This is a job for strong men."

Arsenal were in danger of losing their first home league match since May 2003 when Shaun Wright-Phillips, stepson of former Arsenal striker Ian Wright, put City ahead with a scorching shot from outside the penalty area after 31 minutes.

With four young players in the side, captain and midfielder Patrick Vieira off-form and striker Thierry Henry prone to over-elaboration, Arsenal looked disjointed during the first half before finding their rhythm in the second period.

Henry's clever overhead kick set up Swedish midfielder Freddie Ljungberg

for a headed equalizer with 15 minutes left. Dutchman Robin van Persie struck the woodwork late on with a free kick and also hit a sliding left foot volley narrowly over the bar for the home side.

"I was disappointed tonight as I expected to win. Ten out of 12 points (over the Christmas/New Year period) is not a disaster but Chelsea got 12," said Wenger.—MNA/Reuters

## Liverpool lifted to fifth by beating Norwich

LONDON, 4 Jan— Liverpool moved into the top five of the English Premier League after a 2-1 victory at relegation-threatened Norwich City on Monday.

Goals from Spanish forward Luis Garcia and Norwegian midfielder John Arne Risse within five minutes of each other in the second half of a lacklustre match were enough for Liverpool to move to 37 points, two ahead of Middlesbrough, who play league leaders Chelsea on Tuesday.

Ryan Jarvis scored his first Premier League goal in the 88th minute for Norwich who remain on 16 points in 17th place, just one point ahead of Crystal Palace, who host Aston Villa later on Monday. Garcia broke the deadlock in the 58th minute with a delicate first-time lob over Norwich goalkeeper Robert Green after a pinpoint 50-metre pass from Riise. —MNA/Xinhua

## Chelsea agree to take CSKA's Czech player on loan

PRAGUE, 5 Jan— English Premier League leaders Chelsea have agreed to take CSKA Moscow's Czech midfielder Jiri Jarosik on loan, Czech news agency CTK said on Tuesday.

The 27-year-old must pass a medical before joining Chelsea until the end of the season and the contract would give coach Jose Mourinho an option to sign the player, the agency said.

Chelsea refused to comment. Mourinho has said he may bring in a midfielder on loan during the January transfer window after Scott Parker was ruled out for two months with a broken foot. CSKA bought Jarosik from Sparta

Prague in 2003 and had said they wanted to keep the player for their UEFA Cup campaign.

The Czech international will not be able to play for Chelsea in the Champions League after playing for CSKA against the London side in the competition earlier this season.

Jarosik will join Czech national goalkeeper Petr Cech at Stamford Bridge.—MNA/Reuters

## Spurs denied shock Premier League victory at Man United

LONDON, 5 Jan— Tottenham Hotspur were denied a shock Premier League victory at Manchester United when a huge error by a linesman deprived them of a last-minute winner at Old Trafford on Tuesday.

With the teams level at 0-0, Spurs midfielder Pedro Mendes launched an ambitious looping shot from 45 metres which was spilled by United goalkeeper Roy Carroll at least a metre over his own line.

Carroll desperately scrambled the ball away and the referee allowed play to continue as linesman Ray Lewis failed to signal that it had crossed the line.

The incident overshadowed a match in which United were frustrated by a disciplined Spurs defensive performance as they slipped 11 points behind leaders Chelsea.

"I can understand it but it's still a disgrace if you are playing football in 2005 and there is so much technology in the world," Spurs coach Martin Jol told Sky Sports.

"I am very happy with a draw but obviously it would have been nice to win at Old Trafford."

United dominated the first half and nearly broke the deadlock with a neat shot on the turn by striker Alan Smith which was brilliantly turned away by Spurs goalkeeper Paul Robinson.

Winger Cristiano Ronaldo headed narrowly over the bar from a corner and captain Roy Keane's meaty volley flew just wide as United were left to rue the absence of injured strikers Ruud van Nistelrooy and Louis Saha and the

suspended Wayne Rooney.

The hosts also lost in-form winger Ryan Giggs to injury in the first half but continued to pour forward, coming closest to scoring on the hour when Spurs defender Noe Pamarot turned a cross against his own post.

Tottenham rarely threatened Carroll's goal but played neat passing football through midfield and striker Robbie Keane shot just over the bar shortly before Mendes's ambitious effort.

MNA/Reuters

## South American U20 soccer c'hips to begin in Colombia

BOGOTA, 4 Jan— South American Under-20 soccer championships will open on January 13 at the Colombian city of Armenia, according to sport sources on Monday.

The participating teams are divided into two groups: Group A with Argentina, Bolivia, Colombia, Peru and Venezuela, and Group B consisting of Uruguay, Brazil, Chile, Ecuador and Paraguay.

In addition to Armenia, the championships will also be held at the cities of Manizales and Pereira, from January 13 to February 6.

The first four teams of the championships will qualify for the U20 World Cup in June in the Netherlands.

MNA/Xinhua



Chelsea's Didier Drogha (2nd L) forces his way past Middlesbrough's Doriva (L) during Premiership football at Stamford Bridge in London. Drogha's first-half double fired Chelsea to a 2-0 win on a night that could prove decisive in the title race.—INTERNET



### Nigeria upgrades Lagos airport to serve as W African air hub

ABUJA, 5 Jan — Nigeria's main gateway Murtala Muhammed International Airport (MMIA) in Lagos, the nation's commercial capital, is being upgraded to serve as a hub for the West African sub-region, the official *News Agency of Nigeria* reported on Monday.

Nigerian Aviation Minister Malam Isa Yuguda was quoted as saying that the Lagos international airport "is being promoted for a hub status in the region and we are currently putting in place the necessary machinery to achieve that objective."

He also said the facilities at the airport were being upgraded to meet international standards.

The Nigerian Ministry of Aviation, he said "is assiduously working toward achieving this goal by striving to make the aviation industry in Nigeria the best in Africa and Murtala Muhammed International Airport, Lagos, a hub in the region," citing that the airport constitutes about 80 per cent of Nigeria's aviation traffic.

He added that 75 per cent of aviation revenue was also generated from the Lagos Airport and that about 90 per cent foreign investment potential travel through the airport.

Yuguda said his ministry and the Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria had adopted a number of measures to make the airport more user-friendly and secured to attract investment opportunities.

The Nigerian Government has also made greater efforts to establish industrial development zones at the Murtala Muhammed International Airport, Nnamdi Azikiwe International and Port Harcourt International Airport (PHIA).

"Also, efforts are underway to develop properties that will attract economic benefit from the proximity of MMIA and PHIA to major harbours and tenants who require commercial, industrial, office and retail accommodation near the airports," he said.

Nigeria has 20 airports, which are located across the country, with four of them, namely Murtala Muhammed International Airport in Lagos, Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport in Abuja, Port Harcourt International Airport and Malam Aminu Kano International Airport in Kano having international status.

MNA/Xinhua

### US construction spending drops 0.4% in November

WASHINGTON, 5 Jan — Construction spending in the United States decreased 0.4 per cent in November, registering the first drop since January 2004, the Commerce Department reported on Monday.

The performance defied economists who were expecting a 0.5 per cent rise in construction spending. But the 1.01-trillion-dollar spending on an annualized basis in November was quite healthy.

Revised data showed that October's construction spending rose by 0.3 per cent, stronger than a flat reading previously estimated.

In November, spending by private builders on residential buildings dropped by 0.4 per cent, compared with a dip of 0.1 per cent in the previous month. The decrease of 0.4 per cent was the largest since January 2002.

At the same time, private builders trimmed spending on commercial projects, including hotels and motels and office buildings, by 1.2 per cent. In October, their spending on commercial projects was flat.

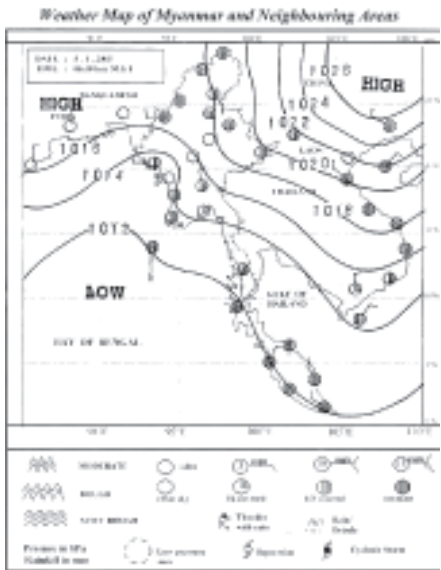
Spending by the government on big public works projects, however, rose by 0.4 per cent in

November, following a 1.6-per-cent rise in the previous month.

Though mortgage rates rose in the beginning of 2004, they fell back and have remained relatively low. For all of 2004, rates on benchmark 30-year mortgages averaged 5.84 per cent, second only to last year's 5.83 per cent, the lowest annual rate in Freddie Mac's record-keeping. — MNA/Xinhua

### Asleep in Jesus Saw Maurice Zan 82 years

Saw Maurice Zan, 82 years, youngest son of U Kyaw Dun Zan + Daw Gay Cho, beloved husband of (Naw Rebecca), beloved father of Saw Moses Ku + (Sakura), Naw Deanna Zan + Maw Lay Poo Nyo, Saw Aung Thwet + Naw Lily Toe, Naw Theresa Zan + Saw Billy Myint Aung, Saw Maxwell Zan, beloved grandfather of Amethyst Poo Nyo, Hazel Poo Nyo, Saw Nagathwee @ Ju Ju, Saw Hser Say Wah @ Bo Leh, Saw Matthew @ Kooloo, Saw Eh Hsoe @ Ei Tone, Naw Kitura, Saw Adam @ Gay Gay, Saw Pa Saw Htee was called to his heavenly home on 5-1-2005 at 7:30 am at his residence 23, U Loo Nee Street, Kyimyindine, Yangon. The funeral service will be at Thu Htay Gone Church at 9:00 am on 7-1-2005 and thence to Wayway Kayin Baptist Christian Cemetery for entombment.



### WEATHER

Wednesday, 5 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 (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Kachin and Shan States, lower Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions and (3°C) to (4°C) below normal in Bago, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and about normal in the remaining areas. The significant night temperatures were Pinlaung (2°C), Namhsam (3°C) and Haka (4°C).

Maximum temperature on 4-1-2005 was 93°F. Minimum temperature on 5-1-2005 was 55°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 5-1-2005 was 78%. Total sunshine hours on 4-1-2005 was (8) hours approx. Rainfalls on 5-1-2005 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 8 mph from Northwest at (11:40) hours MST on 4-1-2005.

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

**Forecast valid until evening of 6-1-2005:** Weather will be partly cloudy to cloudy in Kachin State, upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions and generally fair in the remaining areas.

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

**Outlook for subsequent two days:** Generally fair weather in the whole country.

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 6-1-2005:** Generally fair weather.

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 6-1-2005:** Fine weather.



Thursday, 6 January  
Tune in today:

- 8.30 am Brief news
- 8.35 am Music: Endless love
- 8.40 am Perspectives
- 8.45 am Music: - Can't get you out of my world
- 8.50 am National news/Slogan
- 9.00 am Music: I'll be there for you
- 9.05 am International news
- 9.10 am Music: I keep it to myself
- 1.30 pm News/Slogan
- 1.40 pm Lunch time music -Everyday -Secret -Because you loved me -I need to know
- 9.00 pm Independence Day Talk -Uplifting of Education standard in Ayeeyawady Division-Maubin University
- 9.10 pm Article
- 9.20 pm Aspect of Myanmar -Shwe Hin Tha Hotel
- 9.40 pm Favourite songs chosen by music lovers -You and I -Yes, you do -I love you baby
- 9.45 pm News/Slogan
- 10.00 pm PEL



Thursday, 6 January  
View on today:

- 7:00 am 1. Recitation of Parittas by Sayadaw U Ottamathara
- 7:25 am 2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am 3. Morning news
- 7:40 am 4. Nice and sweet song
- 7:50 am 5. Dance of National Races
- 8:05 am 6. အရေပြေညှိ
- 8:10 am 7. Dances Variety
- 8:20 am 8. ကျောင်းပြပေးကိတ်တား
- 8:30 am 9. International news

- 8:45 am 10. Let's go
- 4:00 pm 1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm 2. Song to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm 3. English to Everyday Use
- 4:45 pm 4. Musical Programme
- 5:00 pm 5. အဝေးသင်တန်း သင်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ -တစ်ယခုစီ (သင်ခန်းစာ)
- 5:15 pm 6. Cute Little Dancers
- 5:30 pm 7. "နင်းကြည့်စမ်းပါ" မင်းအုပ်စိုး၊ ညီဘွား၊ ခင်မိုးဝိုင် ခါရိုက်တာ-မင်းအုပ်စိုး
- 5:40 pm 8. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစကား
- 5:55 pm 9. Musical Programme
- 6:05 pm 10. နိုင်ငံအဝန်း သစ်တောစွမ်းမြင်

- မင်းလန်းစော့ညှိ
- 6:15 pm 11. မူလနိဗ္ဗာန်သံသွယ် ဆိုကြစမ်း
- 6:30 pm 12. Evening news
- 7:00 pm 13. Weather report
- 7:05 pm 14. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတတ်လမ်းတွဲ "လူရွက်လူကောင်း" (အပိုင်း-၄၃)
- 7:30 pm 15. Musical Programme
- 7:40 pm 16. အရေပြေအခြားအာတာ ဓနိရုညကြော နိုင်ငံရေး နိဂုံးရုစု "ဆွေရောင်လွန်းသည့်နိဂုံးအားကစား" (အပိုင်း-၁)
- 8:00 pm 17. News
- 18. International news
- 19. Weather report
- 20. မြန်မာ့လုပ်ရင် "ငါ့သုတမ်းပါ-ပေတကုံးမိန့်မ" (အပိုင်း-၁) ရန်အောင်၊ လွင်မိုး၊ မေသန်းနု၊ ထက်ထက်မိုးညို၊ ခင်စော့ညီညီတို့ ခါရိုက်တာ-ပန်းမျိုးမိုး
- 21. The next day's programme

## Foreign Heads of State send felicitations to Senior General Than Shwe

YANGON, 6 Jan — *The following are messages of felicitations from Foreign Heads of State sent to Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council on the occasion of the 57th Anniversary Independence Day of the Union of Myanmar.*

**From Mr Vladimir V Putin, President of the Russian Federation  
Esteemed Mr Chairman,**

Accept sincere congratulations on the National Day of the Union of Myanmar—the Independence Day.

I am confident that the relations of friendship, existing between Russia and Myanmar, will be further successfully developed for the benefit of the peoples of our two countries, in the interest of peace and security.

I wish you happiness and good health, well-being and prosperity to the people of Myanmar.

**From Mr Jacques Chirac, President of the French Republic**

On the occasion of the National Day of the

Union of Myanmar, I have the pleasure to convey my heartfelt wishes to the people of Myanmar.

May the links between our two people further intensify in the future.

**From Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland**

I have much pleasure in sending to the people of Myanmar my congratulations on the celebrations of your National Day together with my best wishes for their prosperity and happiness.

**From Maumoon Abdul Gayoom, President of the Republic of Maldives  
Excellency,**

On behalf of the Government and the people of Maldives and on my own behalf, I wish to convey warm greetings and sincere good wishes to Your Excellency, the Government and the people of Myanmar, on the occasion of Myanmar's Independence Day.

Please accept my best wishes for your good health and well-being, and for the continued progress and prosperity of the people of Myanmar.

(See page 9)

### 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

## Minister attends ceremony to mark successful opening of basic food shops and groceries in Tharkayta Township

YANGON, 5 Jan—Hailing the centenary of Myanmar Cooperatives, a ceremony to mark the successful opening of basic food shops and groceries in Tharkayta Township was held at No 1 Basic Education High School in the township this morning, attended by Minister for Cooperatives Col Zaw Min.

Chairman of Yangon Division General Economic Enterprise Cooperatives Syndicate U Ye Aung reported on activities of Yangon Division General Economic Enterprise Cooperative Societies and Chairman of Tharkayta Township General Economic Enterprise Coopera-



Minister Col Zaw Min formally unveils signboard of the Super Market.—MNA

tives Syndicate U Hla Kyi on functions of the cooperative societies.

Next, the minister visited basic cooperative shops in the township.

The minister and officials went to Cooperative Commercial Centre (Saya San Plaza) at the corner of University Avenue and Saya San Road in Bahan

Township where a ceremony to mark the centenary of Myanmar Cooperatives to be held.

Director-General of Cooperative Department Col

Soe Win and Chairman of the cooperative society formally opened super market of Myaseinshin General Economic Cooperatives Society Ltd.

The minister formally unveiled the signboard of the super market.

The minister and party inspected booths at the Saya San Plaza.—MNA



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

## Independence Day Exhibition continues

YANGON, 5 Jan—The 57th Anniversary Independence Day Exhibition organized by the 57th Anniversary Independence Day Information Subcommittee and the Exhibition Subcommittee continued for the third day at the Tatmadaw Convention Hall on U Wisara Road here today.

The exhibition was crowded with members of social organizations, students, monks and the peo-

ple including Chairman of the Subcommittee Deputy Minister for Information Brig-Gen Aung Thein and members. Officials presented prizes to winners in the Teaching Contest with Audio Language Lab of Soft Guide Computer Co and Computer Quiz of University of Computer Studies.

The Photograph of Head of State Senior General Than Shwe and his guidance on independ-

ence, the 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, that on nation-building endeavours and others.

The exhibition continues until 11 January. Admission is free.

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