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### Four political objectives

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

### Four economic objectives

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

### Four social objectives

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



Senior General Than Shwe observes participation of golfers at Defence Services Commander-in-Chief's Trophy Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) Golf Tournament for 2004-2005.—MNA

## Senior General Than Shwe enjoys Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) Golf Tournament

YANGON, 9 Jan — The Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) Golf Tournament for Defence Services Commander-in-Chief's Trophy 2004-2005 commenced yesterday morning at the Tatmadaw Golf Course in Mingaladon Township.

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

Present at the opening ceremony were Vice-Chairman of the

State Peace and Development Council, Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, and Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe

Mann of the Ministry of Defence, Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win, State Peace and Development Council Secretary-1 and Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thein Sein, SPDC members Lt-Gen Ye Myint, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than,

Lt-Gen Maung Bo of the Ministry of Defence, Quartermaster-General Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, and Lt-Gen Tin Aye of the Ministry of Defence, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Yangon Division PDC Chairman and Yangon Command Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe, the ministers, senior military officers, and golfers from 15 teams. Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party cordially greeted the golfers.

Next, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, General Thura Shwe Mann, Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, and Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein opened the golf tournament by teeing off golf balls. Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and General Thura Shwe Mann, Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win and Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein, and SPDC (See page 8)



Vice-Senior General Maung Aye cordially greets golfers at the opening of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief's Trophy Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) Golf Tournament for 2004-2005.—MNA

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As mixed farming of coffee and shade trees can be formed itself into a small forest in a short time, the MFE laid down a motto "Grow coffee to establish a forest". Before 1997, the deforestation of trees in the watershed areas around the PyinOoLwin Kandawgyi Lake cause a decrease in the volume of water flowing into the lake. Now, coffee and shade trees are thriving in the watershed areas and the water flow into the lake has improved with normal weather conditions.

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

# PERSPECTIVES

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## More irrigation facilities for adequate water supply

Myanmar is a country possessing fertile soil favourable for agriculture. It also has vacant and virgin lands, not to mention a vast area of cultivable land. An adequate supply of irrigation water for all the areas of farmland will surely raise the socio-economic life of rural people.

With this end in view, the government is taking necessary measures to ensure an adequate supply of irrigation water by exploring water resources with the application of modern methods. Besides, efforts are being exerted on construction of irrigation facilities across the country, depending on the topographical condition of the regions where such projects exist. Now, a total of 169 irrigation facilities have been completed.

Apart from dams and reservoirs projects, 271 river water-pumping projects were undertaken. As a result, over two million acres of farmland all over the country have been fed with irrigation water. The Yazagyo, Malenattaung, Madan, Wagadok, and Myittha reservoir projects, and the Ngamoyeik sluice gate project are now being implemented in view of the supply of more irrigation water.

The Yazagyo reservoir is of earthen type, and it will be constructed on Nerinzaya Creek, two miles north of Yazagyo village, Kalay township, Sagaing Division. It will supply water to 6,500 acres of farmland.

Located on Malenattaung Creek, about eight miles northeast of Singu township, PyinOoLwin district, Mandalay Division, the Malenattaung dam project will be able to supply 10,000 acres of farmland.

The Madan dam project is being implemented on Madan Creek near Nanwinkyin village, Lewe township, Mandalay Division, and it will irrigate 8,000 acres of farmland.

The Ngamoyeik sluice gate project is being carried out on Ngamoyeik Creek near Sitpintaung village, Dagon Myothit (East) township, Yangon Division. The sluice gate is of concrete-reinforced type. The project will supply irrigation water to over 5,800 acres of summer paddy on an annual basis with the use of pumps. Furthermore, the project will prevent the inflow of sea waters to farmland by shutting the sluice gate in summer.

The Myittha dam project is located on Myittha Creek near Pyintha village, Gangaw township, Magway Division. The project will irrigate some 12,000 acres of farmland and will generate some 40 megawatts of electricity.

All in all, it is necessary for officials concerned to make relentless efforts to successfully implement the reservoirs and sluice gates projects that will enable local farmers to have an adequate supply of irrigation water. And the local people, on their part, are also responsible for the upkeep of these irrigation facilities.



### Myanmar ICT Week, 2005

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Myanmar ICT Development Corporation

21-27 January 2005

MICT Park

Yangon, Myanmar.

## 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

## 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

*DRY DAY: Dry Day Inspection Teams check Tatmadaw and departmental vehicles at main points of Yangon city today. Chairman of Dry Day Supervisory Committee Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint and members supervise the functions of the dry day inspection teams.—MNA*



## Doha-Yangon-Doha scheduled flight services inaugurated

YANGON, 9 Jan — A ceremony to inaugurate the scheduled flight services between Yangon, the capital of Myanmar, and Doha, the City of the State of Qatar by Qatar Airways was held at Yangon International Airport yesterday evening, attended by Deputy Minister for Transport Col Nyan Tun Aung, Officer on Special Duty at the Ministry of Transport Acting Director-General (Attached) of the Department of Civil Aviation Brig-Gen Myo Tin, Senior Manager of Qatar Airways Mr Ali Al Rais of Qatar Airways, departmental heads of the Ministry of Transport and officials of Qatar Airways.

Qatar Airways will run four weekly services on its new scheduled Doha-Yangon-Doha flight with the flight leaving Doha and landing at Yangon on every Tuesday and Saturday at



*The opening ceremony of Doha-Yangon-Doha flight of Qatar Airways in progress.—MNA*

17.50 hours and on every Monday and Thursday at 06.05 hours. The types of aircraft utilized are Airbus A319-133, A320-200 and A321-200.

This Qatar Airways scheduled services are being launched under the rights provided in the Myanmar-Qatar Air Services Agreement which is drafted and initiated by the representatives of the two countries in 1996 and fi-

## Shwethingan to be offered to Maha Wizaya Pagoda

YANGON, 9 Jan— Shwethingan (gold foils) will be offered to Maha Wizaya Pagoda in 2005 and donations may be made for the project.

Donations may be made at the rate: one gold foil for 100 kyats (100 gold foils for 10,000 kyats).

Moreover, each of encircling Zedis on first upper terrace costs K 500,000, each of encircling Zedis on second upper terrace K 400,000 and each of encircling Zedis on third upper terrace K 300,000.

The names of wellwishers will be inscribed.

Contact may be

made to the chairman of Maha Wizaya Pagoda Board of Trustees, Dhamma Rakkhita Hill, Shwedagon Pagoda Road, Tel 01-371268, to member of the pagoda board of trustees (work), Tel 01-371264, to the donation sections in the precinct of the pagoda, to the chairman of all private bus lines control committee (highways), Aungmingala Bus Terminal, North Okkalapa, Tel 01-639455 (ext) 291/323 and to the chairman of all private bus lines control committee (Yangon Division), Thingangyun Township, Tel 01-541903.

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nally signed by authorized persons from the two countries, in Yangon on 24 November 2004 upon getting approval from the respective Governments for the development of tourism between the two countries.

It is also learnt that the inaugural flight landed this evening at 05.10 pm. The type of aircraft Airbus A 319-133 Flight Number QR 630 carried 110 passen-

gers from Doha for Yangon and departed Yangon at 06.40 pm carrying 94 Doha-bound passengers.

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# China gives green light for tripartite auto joint venture

**BEIJING, 9 Jan**—Ford Motor Co has announced that the Chinese Government has approved its new car joint venture with its Japanese unit Mazda and China's Changian Motor Corp.

The new venture, to be located in Nanning, capital of East China's Jinagsu Province, will have an initial annual manufacturing capacity of 160,000 cars, which could be expanded to as many as 200,000 units. Ford said in a statement.

Mazda, in which Ford has a 33.4-percent stake, will have an equity stake in the new venture, Ford said, without elaborating.

Initial investment in the new venture will amount to about 482 million US dollars, China Daily quoted sources from Chang'an as saying on Saturday.

The new venture will use Mazda's manufacturing process as blueprint to produce a number of Ford and Mazda vehicles, Ford said.

"With Mazda joining in this new project, we expand our ongoing cooperation that has us building vehicles together on four continents (America,

Europe, Asia and Africa). BY using a combination of Mazda's manufacturing expertise and Chang'an's deep knowledge of China, we will all benefit." Mark Schulz, Ford's executive vice-president, was cited by the newspaper as saying. The new venture is part of Ford's plan to invest more than one billion dollars in China announced in October 2003 and will be the second plant of the US giant's existing joint venture with Chang'an in southwestern Chongqing Municipality.

Ford's total sales in China, including those of its affiliates Mazda, Volvo, Land Rover and Jaguar, more than doubled last year's from 2003, the newspaper said.

But Ford lags far behind rivals, such as Volkswagen and General Motors by sales in the Chinese auto market.

MNA/Xinhua

# Kunming is Malaysia Airlines' 7th destination in China

**KUALA LUMPUR, 8 Jan** — National carrier, Malaysia Airlines (MAS) Saturday announced the commencement of three times weekly direct services between Kuala Lumpur and Kunming, China, next week.

In a statement Saturday it said that effective 15 Jan, MAS' flight MH352 departs Kuala Lumpur at 0910 hours every Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday and arrives in Kunming at 1235 hours the same day.

The flight departs Kunming at 1355 hours and arrives in Kuala Lumpur at 1730 hours the same day.

A two-class configuration Airbus A330-200 aircraft with 187 Economy Class seats and 42 Golden Club Class seats will be deployed for this new

service, providing a total weekly capacity of 687 seats in each direction.

MAS said that Kunming becomes MAS' 7th scheduled services destination in China after Hong Kong, Guangzhou, Beijing, Shanghai, Xiamen and Chengdu.

MAS added that the introduction of the new link was in line with the carrier's continued efforts to strengthen its market presence in China.

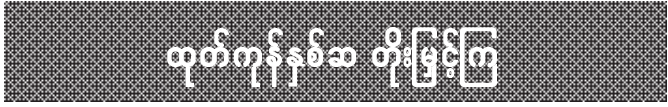
In conjunction with the launch, MAS is offering various Golden Holidays packages from Kuala

Lumpur to Kunming, namely 4 days/3 nights Discover Kunming, 5 days/4 nights Mysteries of Kunming Tour, 8 days/7 nights Kunming Heritage Tour/Kunming Amazing Tour, 4 days/3 nights Kunming Exclusive/Free & Easy, with prices from as low as RM1,356 per person on twin-share basis. MAS said that reservations and enquires could be made at Malaysia Airline's free-toll number 1-300-88-3000 or at MAS' website [www.malaysiaairlines.com](http://www.malaysiaairlines.com).

Internet



*Iraqi police officers inspect the bullet-riddled car of Majid Hellal al-Tamimi, a municipal council member, after he came under attack in Basra, on 8 Jan, 2005. —INTERNET*



# 2004 ninth warmest year and 7th driest year on HK record

**HONG KONG, 9 Jan**—In Hong Kong, 2004 was the ninth warmest year and the 17th driest year on record, a government Press release said here Friday.

The annual mean temperature was 23.4 degrees, 0.4 degree above normal.

In June, 2004, the rain-bearing monsoon trough spent less time near the South China coast, resulting in more sunshine and hence higher temperatures in Hong Kong.

This made June 2004 the eighth hottest June on record. The northeast monsoon was also weak

during the last two months of the year, giving rise to above-normal temperatures in Hong Kong in these two months.

Three tropical cyclones affected Hong Kong this year—about half the normal figure. Most of the tropical cyclones originating from the western North Pacific moved north or northeast on approaching Luzon and Taiwan and did not enter the South China

Sea. They therefore failed to bring the usual rainfall to Hong Kong.

The monsoon trough also brought less than normal rainfall to Hong Kong in May and June. And 2004 was the 17th driest year in Hong Kong since records began in 1884. The annual rainfall of 1,738.6 millimetres was 475.7 millimetres or about 21 per cent below normal.

MNA/Xinhua



*An Air China plane at Beijing airport on 9 Jan, 2005.—INTERNET*

# 1,351 US troops killed since beginning of Iraq war

**WASHINGTON, 8 Jan**—As of Saturday, 8 Jan, 2005, at least 1,351 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 1,056 died as a result of hostile action, the Defence Department said. The figures include three military civilians.

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

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, 1,213 US military members have died, according to AP's count. That includes at least 947 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's numbers.

Internet

# French President welcomes birth of 1.3 billionth Chinese citizen

**PARIS, 9 Jan** — French President Jacques Chirac on Friday extended his wishes of "happiness and success" to the 1.3 billionth Chinese citizen, a little boy born two days ago.

"I extend all my wishes of happiness and success to this little boy," Chirac said in a traditional ceremony of New Year good wishes to the Press.

The birth of the boy officially declared to be the 1.3 billionth Chinese citizen at 12:02 Thursday

morning (Beijing time) in a hospital in Beijing.

More than three decades ago, the Chinese Government adopted a family planning policy to rein in the country's runaway growth in population.

Demographers hold that if it were not for the

policy, the 1.3-billion population would have come in China four years earlier.

MNA/Xinhua

## Drive safely

## India may sign CEPA with Korea

**NEW DELHI, 7 Jan** — Korea has expressed interest in investing in infrastructure development in India and the two countries might also sign a Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement to boost bilateral trade. A joint study group has been constituted for the purpose.

In a recent meeting with Minister of Commerce and Industry Kamal Nath, Korean Vice Minister for Commerce and Industry Hwuan-Eik-Cho expressed his country's intention to participate in the infrastructure development in India, especially in the urban transport and construction sectors, an official release said here to-

day. Nath said the economic indicators of India were good with the exports registering a growth of 24 per cent despite higher oil prices and strengthening of rupee.

He also said that Korean companies like LG and Samsung had become household names in India. —MNA/PTI

## China to hold Conf on Occupational Respiratory Diseases

**BEIJING, 8 Jan** — China's Health Ministry announced here Friday that the 10th International Conference on Occupational Respiratory Diseases will be held in Beijing from 19 to 22 April

Su Zhi, a senior official of the ministry said more than 1,000 participants from 40 countries and regions will attend the conference, during which they will discuss such subjects as diagnosis and treatment of occupational respiratory diseases, health monitoring for people exposed to respiratory disease threats and management of dangerous factors in working environment.

China is one of the countries facing serious conditions of occupational diseases. "About 200 mil-

lion Chinese are threatened by occupational diseases," Su said.

Su said China has reported a total of 580,000 pneumoconiosis cases since the 1950s.

Pneumoconiosis, an occupational respiratory diseases, is caused by long-term inhalation of dust, especially mineral or metallic dust.

"The real figure could be over one million, since many miners didn't have regular medical checkup and so were not covered within the report," he said.

Su said the Chinese

Government is working hard to reverse the bad situation with cross-departmental efforts in recent years. "We hope to take the opportunity to exchange experiences with other countries and improve our ability to prevent and treat occupational diseases."

The congress was initiated by the International Labour Organization (ILO) in 1930.

The 10th congress will be co-sponsored by the Chinese Health Ministry and the ILO.

MNA/Xinhua

## Birmingham plans new stadium to build

**LONDON, 8 Jan** — English Premier League club Birmingham City are in talks over a move to a new stadium with a capacity of 50,000 seaters.

The club's chief executive Karren Brady said in a statement on Friday that they were currently in discussions with Birmingham City Council about the possibility of a new 50,000-seater stadium being built by Las Vegas Sands Inc with themselves as

anchor tenants.

City said the project was subject to Birnham being granted a regional casino licence. The statement did not say where the new stadium would be built.

Birmingham, 13th in the standings with 26 points from 22 matches,

have played at St Andrew's since 1906. Birmingham City announced pre-tax profits of 5.6 million pounds (10.51 million US dollars) for the year ended 31 August 2004 on Friday, up from 3.5 million for the same period in 2003. — MNA/Xinhua



An Iraqi boy finds his way among the rubble of a destroyed house following an overnight air strike in a village near the city of Mosul, on 8 Jan, 2005.

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## Sino-Russian trade booms in 2004

**HARBIN, 9 Jan** — Economic cooperation between China and Russia developed rapidly in 2004, with trade hitting the record 20 billion US dollars, said a senior commerce official.

Speaking at a trade cooperation conference on Friday, Vice-Minister of Commerce Zhang Zhigang said China has finished market access negotiations with Russia this year, a necessary step for Russia's entry into the WTO. According to the agreement reached in the

negotiations, Russia will impose less taxes on Chinese goods and will further open its market in Sino-Russian trade.

Zhang said a number of famous Chinese companies have successfully entered the Russian market. China's biggest TV manufacturer TCL sells

more than 400,000 sets in Russia every year, while the Guangdong-based DVD and phone maker Bubugao Corporation has achieved an annual sale of 100 million US dollars in recent years. By the end of 2004, the Ministry of Commerce approved more than 680-million-US-dollar investment to Russia, while Russia's investment in China has also amounted to 450 million US dollars.

"Based on mutual trust in politics, the two nations are starting high-speed economic and trade development," said Zhang, who said it was of great importance to consolidate and promote the strategic partnership between China and Russia.

The bilateral trade will grow to 60 billion to 80 billion US dollars by 2010, the official said.

MNA/Xinhua



Dave Clemons from Intel Corporation in Santa Clara, Calif., uses a Nikon D2X digital camera to demonstrate the digital imaging power of an undisclosed new Intel computer processor capable of 64 bit instructions, at the Consumer Electronics Show at the Las Vegas Convention Center, Las Vegas, on 7 Jan, 2005. — INTERNET

## 14 killed as US warplane mistakenly drops bomb in N Iraq

**AAYTHA, 9 Jan** — A US warplane mistakenly bombed a house in northern Iraq on Saturday, killing several people in an attack likely to inflame anti-American anger ahead of controversial elections due at the end of the month.

Furious residents of the village of Aaytha, south of the city of Mosul, said the airstrike flattened a villa and killed 14 civilians.

Reuters television pictures showed 14 freshly dug graves after the bombing in the early hours of Saturday.

The US military said at least five people died after an F-16 warplane dropped a 500-pound bomb on the wrong target.

"The house was not the intended target for the airstrike. The intended target was another

location nearby," the US Army said. It added that it "deeply regrets the loss of possibly innocent lives" and that an investigation was under way. Iraqi anger over civilian casualties in Iraq has dented US efforts to get the country behind the elections.

Many Sunni Arab leaders say violence in Sunni areas will make fair elections impossible, and plan to boycott the polls. Large numbers of Sunni Arab Iraqis say they are simply too scared to vote.

Guerilla groups — mainly comprising Sunni former members of Saddam Hussein's regime, nationalist Iraqis wanting foreign troops to leave, and foreign Arab fighters with links to al-Qaeda — are waging a deadly campaign to derail the polls.

MNA/Xinhua

## Guangdong Province sends medical teams to rural area

**GUANGZHOU, 9 Jan** — South China's Guangdong Province has sent 19 medical teams to its rural area, providing medical services to local residents.

The teams, composed of 114 medical workers, will give free medical treatment to the villagers of the province's remote and poverty-stricken parts and will donate medicine and medical equipment to local medical stations. The teams will offer training to local medical workers through lectures and demonstrations.

They will also distribute pamphlets on health and sanitation knowledge to locals. Dr Xiao Xin from Huaqiao Hospital, attached to Jinan University, has taken part in such activities several times. "This kind of activities will, in a real sense, incarnate our work ethic of healing the sick and rescuing the dying," he said.

According to the provincial government, Guangdong will send nearly 1,000 more medical workers to the rural areas before the middle of this month.

MNA/Xinhua



## Japan, India set trade-talk deadline

NEW DELHI (Kyodo), 9 Jan — Japan and India agreed Thursday to conclude their working-level talks on bilateral economic ties in one year.

Trade Minister Shoichi Nakagawa made the announcement at a news conference after meeting in New Delhi with Indian Commerce and Industry Minister Kamal

Nath. The conclusion of the dialogue could lead to the start of negotiations in 2006 on concluding an FTA, they said.

Nakagawa proposed launching the dialogue

during his last visit to India in August. The talks are aimed at boosting sluggish trade and investment between the two countries, Japanese officials said.

Internet

## GM's sales in China outpace market in 2004

SHANGHAI, 9 Jan — General Motors' sales in China grew 27 percent last year, little more than half the pace it set in 2003 but outstripping estimates for 2004 growth for the world's fourth-largest vehicle market.

The world's top auto maker, which is closing on market leader Volkswagen AG, said on Thursday it expected a "positive" 2005 and planned to unveil more than 10 new or upgraded vehicles in China.

The country yielded about a fifth of GM's global earnings in the third quarter, but analysts warn the outlook may be clouded by the market's stubborn weakness and price wars that picked up in mid 2004.

Car sales in China are expected to have grown just 10 to 15 percent in 2004, after almost doubling to some 2 million units in 2003, hit by government-ordered credit curbs intended to slow an economy in danger of overheating.

"Price cuts will be the common trend this year," said analyst Gu Qing at Haitong Securities. "Sales have reached a plateau — there is not going to be the strong growth that was seen in previous years."

GM sold 492,014 units, up 27.2 percent, while sales from its Shanghai GM joint venture — which makes Buick sedans primarily — climbed 25.7 percent to 252,869 units in 2004. GM's 2003 sales growth in China was 46 percent.

"Last year, China's vehicle market moved from a state of unusually high growth to a state of steady and sustained growth," GM's China chief, Phil Murtaugh, said in a statement. "We remain confident in the overall prospect of China and expect 2005 to be another positive year."

Market share rose to about 9.3 percent at the end of 2004 from 8.5 percent at the end of 2003, it added. Volkswagen is estimated to have commanded a quarter of the market in 2004, but that falls to about 13 percent if all vehicles from trucks to buses are included.

But executives and analysts say demand —

wrecked in part by Beijing's clampdown on easy car loans — may not begin to recover until the second half of 2005 at the earliest as customers look forward to more price cuts and greater ease of imports this year.

In June, Volkswagen cut prices in China by up to 11.7 percent, a month after GM offered 11 per cent discounts.

GM said it could not rule out more price cuts.

"We do not plan to use price as our primary tool to compete in the market," said GM spokeswoman Daphne Zheng. "But we will be fully prepared to respond to any major changes in the marketplace." — Internet

## Beijing to restrict construction in 2005

BEIJING, 9 Jan — The Municipal Government of Beijing will restrain the structure and scale of real estate development in the city in 2005, according to a senior municipal official.

"It's necessary to restrict those areas which have blind and excessive construction," said Ding Xiangyang, director of the Beijing Municipal Commission of Development and Reform, on Thursday.

The municipal government will impose strict limitations on the construction of office buildings, apartments, hotels and big shopping malls inside the Third Ring Road, Ding said.

The government will also control land supply and increase commercial housings of middling quality to maintain a steady real estate market, Ding added. — MNA/Xinhua



Japanese fans view South Korean soap opera star actor Bae Yong-Joon's portraits in Seoul. — INTERNET

## China's V-P urges mechanism for migrant workers to get paid on time

TIANJIN, 9 Jan — Chinese Vice-Premier Zeng Peiyan Thursday advocated building and improving a long-term work mechanism to guarantee migrant workers are paid on time and pledged to intensify efforts of retrieving defaulted construction funds for construction companies from local governments.

In his speech at a forum held here by the State Council, or the central Chinese Government, Zeng said a total of 33.1 billion yuan (about 4 billion US dollars) of salary in arrears has been retrieved and given back to migrant workers so far, 98.4 per cent of the total defaulted amount.

Zeng said that construction companies could not default workers' salaries in the future, and governments at all levels should intensify supervision of the construction market.

"Construction companies found to default workers' salaries in the future will have poor

credit records, will have a hard time to get market entrance approval next time and will face legal responsibility," Zeng said.

Zeng said after the goal of helping migrant workers get back pay was achieved, the government should help construction companies get construction funds owed to them by local governments. The budgets for local governments will be adjusted to help them pay back defaulted construction funds.

He said fixed assets investment will be cooled down in 2005, which will help prevent future salary defaults.

China has 140 million

migrant workers. A large proportion of them are working in the construction sector.

In October 2003, Premier Wen Jiabao helped Xiong Deming, a 42-year-old country woman from an outlying village of Chongqing Municipality, retrieve her husband's defaulted salary after she made a complaint while Wen was conducting a surprise inspection of Xiong's Longquan Village of Yunyang County, Chongqing.

Since then, a year-long campaign was launched in China to help migrant workers regain their wages in arrears.

MNA/Xinhua

## Two new regulations issued for Chinese commercial banks

BEIJING, 9 Jan — China's banking authorities have issued two new risk management and internal control regulations for commercial banks in order to urge them to operate more efficiently and securely.

Both regulations are based on the Framework for Internal Control Systems in Banking Organization and relevant risk management guidelines designed by the Basel Committee, according to a Press release issued on Friday by the China Banking Regulatory Commission (CBRC).

The regulation on the assessment of the internal control system in the commercial banks, effective from February 1 this year, builds up a new framework to assess the efficiency of the internal control scheme of the commercial banks with

updated standards and models that comply with international conventions, *China Daily* reported on Saturday.

The other regulation issued on Friday is a guideline on commercial banks' market risk management, the newspaper said.

The new rule clarifies that domestic commercial banks have to guarantee efficient monitoring on the board and top management behaviour, scientific procedures for risk management as well as independent external audit and effective internal controls.

The CBRC will thoroughly check on all the business activities, management and supporting systems of the domestic banks, including their headquarters and local branches, and give an assessment according to the new models.

Regulators will adopt relevant measures to deal with the problems discovered in the internal control system of the banks, such as suspension of certain businesses and even the dismissal of the responsible executives.

MNA/Xinhua



A US Marine from Lima Company passes a leveled house on patrol in the devastated city of Fallujah on 8 Jan, 2005.

INTERNET

## Children aged 0-6 in China taller than those of a decade ago

**BEIJING, 9 Jan**—A new survey shows that children aged 0-6 in some Chinese cities are at least two centimetres taller than those of ten years ago.

The survey outcome on health status of Chinese children aged 0-6, was officially released Friday by the Women and Children Work Committee under the State Council, or the central government.

The survey shows that boys aged 18 months, 3.5 years, 4 years, 4.5 years, 5 years and 5.5 years are each taller than those of ten years ago.

The survey says the average height

of Chinese boys aged 4.5 is 110.2 centimetres, 3.1 centimetres taller than the counterpart ten years ago.

The average height of five-year-old Chinese girls is 112.7 centimetres, 2.7 centimetres taller than those of ten years ago. Chinese babies under one year old are 0.5 kilos heavier than those of ten years ago, and children aged 1-6 weigh, on average, around 1.5 kilos more.

MNA/Xinhua

## Putin has telephone conversation with Polish President

**Moscow, 9 Jan** — Russian President Vladimir Putin Saturday had a telephone conversation with his Polish counterpart Aleksander Kwasniewski to discuss cooperation between the two countries, according to the Russian media.

In the conversation the two heads of state focused on preparation work for the upcoming celebrations marking the 60th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz Concentration Camp. The Presidents exchanged views on certain aspects related to bilateral and

international interaction, the *Istar-Tass* said.

Not long ago, when defending Russia's foreign policy in the annual news conference in Moscow on 23 December, Putin accused the West of using double standards to pressure Russia's allies in other former Soviet

republics.

In his criticism of the West, Putin named Polish President Kwasniewski, who was quoted as saying that "Russia without Ukraine is better than Russia with Ukraine" for the United States, noting that the remark meant that Washington is seeking to isolate Russia.

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## Tibetan language web site opens in N-W China

**XINING, 9 Jan** — A Tibetan language web site on Tibetan culture and progress in areas inhabited by Tibetan people opened recently in Qinghai Province, a multi-ethnic area in northwest China.

The web site, [www.qh-tibetan.com](http://www.qh-tibetan.com), was launched by the Qinghai News Network, a key media organ in Qinghai, where 842,000 Tibetan people, or 19.6 per cent of Qinghai's total population, live for generations.

It provides access to more than 100 columns in nine categories including environment protection, tourism, Tibetan literature, Tibetan medicine and Tibetan Buddhism.

MNA/Xinhua



A greater flamingo (*Phoenicopterus ruber ruber*) is mirrored as he takes a bath in the zoo in Dresden, eastern Germany on 7 Jan, 2005.—INTERNET



## S Korea eager to attract more foreign research institutes

**SEOUL, 9 Jan**—The government plans to attract more global research institutes to open branches in South Korea, in a bid to help boost the country's technology development, government officials said Sunday.

The government has more than doubled the budget for attracting leading research institutes this year, said the officials at the Ministry of Science and Technology.

Internet



Workers of a thermoelectricity factory unload counterfeit cigarettes confiscated by local police before destroying them in Xuchang city, central China's Henan Province on 7 Jan, 2005.—INTERNET

## Crude oil prices drop on warmer weather expectations

**NEW YORK, 9 Jan** — Crude oil prices fell slightly on Friday as traders speculated that warm weather ahead might reduce fuel demand in the northeast US.

On the New York Mercantile Exchange, oil futures for February delivery fell 13 cents to end at 45.43 dollars per barrel. Meanwhile, at London's International Petroleum Exchange the February Brent rose 33 cents to settle at 43.18 dollars.

Weather Derivatives Inc, an America's forecast

group, said Friday that temperatures would surpass the seasonal average by 12.7 degrees Fahrenheit (7 Celsius) in the Northeast, where demand for heating fuel might be 37 per cent below normal in the coming week. Warmer weather forecasts offset some impacts of output cuts

from the Organization of Petroleum-Exporting Countries.

According to a Bloomberg's weekly survey, about 42 per cent of respondents predicted oil prices would fall, while about 24 per cent expected a rise, and 34 per cent said prices would be flat.

MNA/Xinhua

## Iraq guerillas boost power of explosives

**BAGHDAD, 9 Jan**—Guerillas in Iraq have been using more powerful makeshift bombs in the past two weeks, including a recent roadside attack that killed seven US troops in an armoured vehicle, a Pentagon military official has said.

"We've noticed in the recent couple of weeks that the IEDs (improvised explosive devices) are all being built more powerfully, with more explosive effort in a smaller number of IEDs," Army Brigadier General David Rodriguez told reporters at a Pentagon briefing on Iraq.

"That trend has occurred over the last two weeks," he added about the new tactic. "It is mainly in the Sunni triangle."

There are "a lower number of IEDs, but they have been more powerful," Brig Gen Rodriguez said, noting that a powerful explosion in north-west Baghdad on Thursday took the lives of seven American troops in an armoured Bradley fighting vehicle.

Internet

## US deserters flee to Canada to avoid service in Iraq

**WASHINGTON, 9 Jan**—American Army soldiers are deserting and fleeing to Canada rather than fight in Iraq, rekindling memories of the thousands of draft-dodgers who flooded north to avoid service in Vietnam.

An estimated 5,500 men and women have deserted since the invasion of Iraq, reflecting Washington's growing problems with troop morale.

Jeremy Hinzman, 26, from South Dakota, who deserted from the 82nd Airborne, is among those who, to the disgust of Pentagon officials, have applied for refugee status in Canada.

The United States Army treats deserters as common criminals, posting them on "wanted"

lists with the FBI, state police forces and the Department of Home Security border patrols.

Hinzman said last week: "This is a criminal war and any act of violence in an unjustified conflict is an atrocity. I signed a contract for four years, and I was totally willing to fulfil it. Just not in combat arms jobs."

He said: "At that point a light went off in my head. I was told in basic training that if I'm given an illegal or immoral order, it is my

duty to disobey it. I feel that invading Iraq is an illegal and immoral thing to do."

Pte Brandon Hughey, 19, who deserted from the 1st Cavalry Division at Fort Hood, Texas, said that he had volunteered because the army offered to pay his college fees. He began training soon after the invasion of Iraq but became disillusioned when no weapons of mass destruction were found.

Internet



# Thriving private-run coffee farms in PyinOoLwin

*PyinOoLwin Chit Swe*

Today, more than half of the world population consume coffee daily, establishing a coffee culture. And the world coffee trade transaction is increasing day by day while coffee-growing nations are exerting modern agricultural methods for further boosting per acre yield of coffee.

Myanmar is one of the nations that are making efforts to become large-scale coffee producers.

The first-ever coffee farm in Myanmar was launched on the 700-acre Shan Mountain Coffee Estate by Mr George

Pwetaung coffee farm 47 years, many coffee plants in these farms are still yielding coffee beans.

During his tour of PyinOoLwin in 1998, the Head of State gave guidance on initiation of private investments in the coffee farming.

Upholding the guidance, the Myanmar Farms Enterprise under the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, in coordination with the Settlement and Land Records Department under the Ministry of Forestry, provided 20-year grant land allotments for private entrepreneurs in Kandawgyi, Pwetaung,

in Indaw Kyaukgu region in Yaksawk Township, Shan State (South).

In 2003-2004, the 100-acre Ngu Shweli coffee farm established in 1997 produced 110 tons of coffee beans; 99.5-acre Shwe Pazun coffee farm, 21.5 tons; and 250-acre Green Land coffee farm, 150 tons. Owner of Ngu Shwe Wah coffee farm U Kyaw Sein was a jade entrepreneur in the past. He gave up it and threw himself into the coffee farming on 100 acres. Now, the lucrative business is showing a healthy profit. So, he has extended the farming acre-

for the year 2004.

As mixed farming of coffee and shade trees can be formed itself into a small forest in a short time, the MFE laid down a motto "Grow coffee to establish a forest". Before 1997, the deforestation of trees in the watershed areas around the PyinOoLwin Kandawgyi Lake cause a decrease in the volume of water flowing into the lake. Now, coffee and shade trees are thriving in the watershed areas and the water flow into the lake has improved with normal weather conditions.

Only the coffee plants grown under shade trees can yield quality beans with sweet flavour and good taste. The MFE sends responsible officials to Tea and Coffee World Cup held annually to present Myanmar coffee to the world, and to attract appreciative attention of international community.

As a result, Myanmar exported 1,186.36 tons of coffee in 2003-2004 and 373.6 tons in the early months of 2004-2005 coffee season. It has been targeted to export more than 2,000 tons of coffee in 2004-2005.

During this year's coffee season, coffee merchants unprecedentedly scrambled for purchase of coffee produced in PyinOoLwin region at the price of 180 kyats a small basket. A thriving coffee plant yields two to three small baskets of coffee. So, a farm of 100,000 coffee plants can show a profit of 40 million to 50 million kyats a year.

With a view to

contributing towards national economic development, the Myanmar Farms Enterprise is thus reclaiming land in the regions where coffee thrives well, disbursing loans, distributing qual-

ity coffee strain and conducting demonstrations of agricultural methods in the interests of private entrepreneurs who take interest in coffee farming.

(Translation: MS) Myanmar Alin: 9-1-2005



Ripe coffee beans in Ngu Shwe Wah coffee farm of U Kyaw Sein.

Shand, a Scottish businessman, at Chaunggwe Village in Nawngkhio Township near PyinOoLwin in 1930. He first put 400 out of the 700 acres under Arabica strain coffee. In 1948, BT brother U Ba Tu bought that coffee farm and then it became popular under the name of Chaunggwe coffee farm. With the product, he extended his business by marketing coffee powder. The BT Brother Brand coffee powder gradually became popular across the nation and U Ba Tu and his brothers could earn a lot of income through the coffee industry.

Later, the demand exceeded the supply of coffee powder produced from the output of the farm, so he had to establish another 60-acre coffee farm in Pwetaung Village near PyinOoLwin, which was later well-known as Pwetaung coffee farm.

Although the Chaunggwe coffee farm is 70 years old and the

Doekwin and Nawngkhio regions in PyinOoLwin Township. It also gave them a guarantee that it would extend the 20-year grant when it expired.

The Myanmar Farms Enterprise established a coffee division in PyinOoLwin in 1997. So far, the MFE has given land allotments of 23,162.15 acres to four groups of 322 coffee entrepreneurs, and has reclaimed 31,225 acres for Htoo Trading Co, Kambawza Co, Eden Co and Shwe Than Lwin Co

age to 200 acres. Following the agricultural methods adopted by the MFE, he carried out mixed farming of coffee and silver oak, Kathit (*Erythrina arborescens*) and Macadamia. Now, Ngu Shwe Wah coffee farm has more than 5,000 shade trees and 242,000 coffee plants. Therefore, the Central Committee for Organizing World Food Day (2004) commemorative ceremony presented him the prize for outstanding performance in coffee farming



Thriving coffee plants in Ngu Shwe Wah coffee farm of U Kyaw Sein.

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- \* နံနက် ၉:၀၀ နာရီမှ ၁၁:၀၀ ထိ - စာတုဗေဒ
- \* နေ့လယ် ၁၁:၀၀ နာရီမှ ၁၃:၃၀ ထိ - ဘောဂဗေဒ
- \* နေ့လယ် ၁၁:၃၀ နာရီမှ ၁၃:၀၀ ထိ - ဓေတ္တရုပ်နားချိန်
- \* နေ့လယ် ၁၃:၀၀ နာရီမှ ၁၅:၅၀ ထိ - ရူပဗေဒ

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**၂၆-၁-၂၀၀၅ (ဗုဒ္ဓဟူးနေ့)**

- \* နံနက် ၉:၀၀ နာရီမှ ၁၀:၄၅ ထိ - သမိုင်း
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- \* နေ့လယ် ၁၁:၃၀ နာရီမှ ၁၃:၀၀ ထိ - ဓေတ္တရုပ်နားချိန်
- \* နေ့လယ် ၁၃:၀၀ နာရီမှ ၁၄:၃၀ ထိ - ပထဝီဝင်

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**၂၇-၁-၂၀၀၅ (ကြာသပတေးနေ့)**

- \* အမျိုးနှင့် အမျိုးစောင်တရား
- ပထမနှစ် အထူးပြုအားလုံး၊ နေ့ကျောင်းသား/ကျောင်းသူများ
- \* ပုဂံခေတ်လူ့အဖွဲ့အစည်း
- တတိယနှစ် မြန်မာစာအထူးပြုကျောင်းသား/ကျောင်းသူများ
- \* Translation Studies
- မဟာဝိဇ္ဇာအရည်အချင်းစစ် အင်္ဂလိပ်စာအထူးပြု
- \* Psycholinguistics
- ဒုတိယနှစ်မဟာဝိဇ္ဇာ အင်္ဂလိပ်စာအထူးပြု

**၂၈-၁-၂၀၀၅ (သောကြာနေ့)**

- \* ဖုန်အကြောင်းသိကောင်းစရာ
- အများပြည်သူများ
- \* Soaps and Detergents (Soaps)
- တတိယနှစ်ကုန်ထုတ် စာတုဗေဒ/စာတုဗေဒအထူးပြု

ကျောင်းသား/ကျောင်းသူများ၊ အများပြည်သူများ။

**နံနက် ၉:၀၀ နာရီမှ ၁၆:၀၀ နာရီထိ**

**၂၉-၁-၂၀၀၅ (စနေနေ့)**

- \* အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ကျောင်းသား/ကျောင်းသူများအတွက် သင်ခန်းစာများ

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- \* အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ကျောင်းသား/ကျောင်းသူများအတွက် သင်ခန်းစာများ

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- \* နံနက် ၉:၀၀ နာရီမှ ၁၀:၂၅ ထိ - မြန်မာစာ
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- \* နေ့လယ် ၁၁:၁၀ နာရီမှ ၁၂:၀၀ ထိ - သင်္ချာ
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- \* နေ့လယ် ၁၃:၀၀ နာရီမှ ၁၅:၃၀ ထိ - ဇီဝဗေဒ

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**Senior General Than Shwe enjoys...**

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members and ministers took part in the tournament in pair. The day-one competition was 18 holes.

Today, the second and last day of the tournament, Senior General Than Shwe arrived at the golf course, where he inspected the shops selling golf gear, foodstuff, books and leatherware. He also watched Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party playing golf in the competition.

In the evening, the

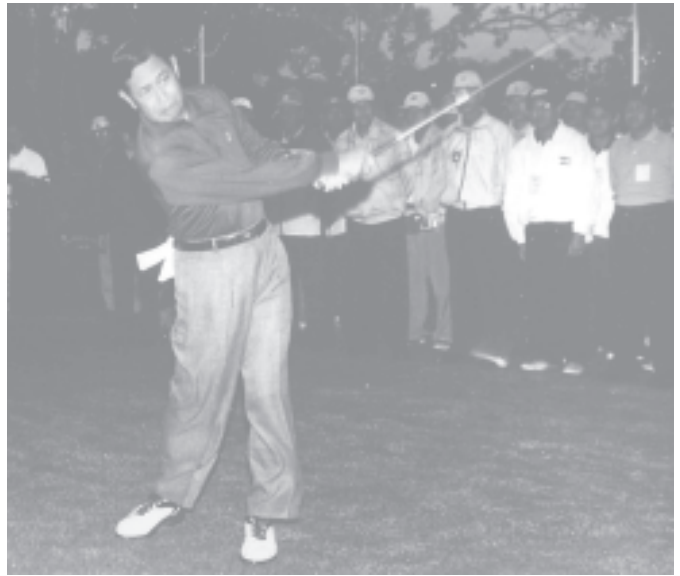
Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Soe Thein presented third prize to the Coastal Region Command team, second prize to the Commander-in-Chief (Air)'s Office team, and first prize to the Eastern Command team in the handicap event.

Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein presented third prize to the South-West Command team, second prize to the Yangon Command team, and first prize to the Commander-

Htaik of the Eastern Command team at the single handicap event.

Lt-Gen Aung Htwe presented awards to Maj Than Htaik of Eastern Command who stood third with 163 strokes, Lt Maung Maung Myint of the Commander-in-Chief (Navy)'s Office who stood second with 162 and Lt Zaw Min of the Commander-in-Chief (Navy)'s Office who stood first with 159 in the scratch event.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than presented prizes to those with highest points in Pa, Birdie and Eagle; Lt-Gen Maung Bo, the best win-



*Vice-Senior General Maung Aye tees off the ball in opening Defence Services Commander-in-Chief's Trophy Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) Golf Tournament.—MNA*



*General Thura Shwe Mann opens Defence Services Commander-in-Chief's Trophy Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) Golf Tournament by teeing off the ball.—MNA*

prize-presentation was held. Present were Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, General Thura Shwe Mann, Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein, senior military officers and others.

Commander-in-

Chief's Office (Navy) team at the scratch event.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint presented third prize to Major Than Oo of the Yangon Command team, second prize to Lt-Col Min Zaw of the Eastern Command team, and first prize to Major Than



*Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win taking part in the Commander-in-Chief's Trophy Golf Tournament.—MNA*

Win also presented other prizes to winners. On behalf of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, Secretary-1 Adjutant General Lt-Gen Thein Sein presented the championship

shields to the Commander-in-Chief (Navy)'s Office which stood first with total strokes of 656 in the scratch event and the

ior General Maung Aye and party cordially greeted the golfers who participated in the golf tourney.

Next, Secretary-1



*Secretary-1 Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thein Sein tees off the ball in opening Defence Services Commander-in-Chief's Trophy Golf Tournament.—MNA*

Eastern Command which stood first with total strokes of 529 in the handicap event. After the ceremony, Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Sen-

ior of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein and party had a documentary photo taken together with athletes of Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Office and the Eastern Command that won championship trophies at the golf tourney.—MNA



*Secretary-1 Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thein Sein and party seen together with victorious golfers.—MNA*

**Dahkyaing Creek Bridge opens**

YANGON, 9 Jan — Dahkyaing Creek Bridge in Hlinebwe Township, Kayin State, which was constructed on self-reliant basis for better transport, was inaugurated on December 31. Hlinebwe Township Peace and Development Council Chairman U Aung San Tha and Kayin national U Saw Kya Inn formally opened the bridge.

The bridge made of wood with 180 feet in length and 10 feet in width cost K 12 million. — MNA



**Delivering of sermons commences for construction of monastery in France**

YANGON, 9 Jan — A ceremony was opened to start delivering sermons at Abhidhamma Dhamma Beikman on Bahan Road in Bahan Township on 3 January evening. It was organized by the committee for construction of Theravada Buddhist Missionary Monastery in Paris, France.

The ceremony was graced by the attendance of French Sayadaw Kyunnantha Ashin Nandasiri and Dhammazedi Sayadaw Ashin Kosalla. The Dhammazedi Sayadaw expressed thanks to wellwishers for their contributions for the construction of the monastery, and delivered a sermon to the congregation. Next, alms were offered to the Sayadaws.

Up to this date, the donations have amounted to over K 107.1 million and over 12000 FECs. Those wishing to donate can dial 09-8032692.

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Secretary-1 Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thein Sein presents championship trophy to Eastern Command team in handicap event.— MNA



Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Soe Thein presents first prize to Eastern Command team in team handicap event.—MNA



Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein presents first prize to Commander-in-Chief (Navy)'s Office team in team scratch event.— MNA

**Fish breeding camps inspected in Maubin**

YANGON, 9 Jan— Member of Organizing Committee of Myanmar War Veterans Organization Minister for Live-stock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein inspected fish breeding camp of MWVO (Headquarters)

in Mekyll Village in Nyaungdon-Maubin wetlands area yesterday. He gave instructions on quality control of the camps and solution of oxygen in the breeding camps. The minister inspected No 1 and No 2

fish breeding camps of Myangonmyint Economic Committee in Maubin Township. He also inspected fish breeding camp of the Ministry of Defence and fish breeding ponds of Annawahlwan Ltd.

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**Independence Day Exhibition continues**

YANGON, 9 Jan — The 57th Anniversary Independence Day Exhibition organized by the 57th Anniversary Independence Day Information Subcommittee and the Exhibition Staging Subcommittee continued for the seventh day today at the Tatmadaw Convention Hall on U Wisara Road in Dagon Township.

A total of 2,548 teachers and students of basic education schools, members of the Sangha

and people visited the exhibition. The Photograph of Head of State Senior General Than Shwe and his guidance on independence, 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, are put on display

in the exhibition. Students of six basic education high schools in Yangon Division took part in the computer quiz organized by Yangon University of Computer Studies and the teaching contest with audio language lab of Soft Guide Computer Co Ltd and BEHS No 2, Sangyoung Township won the first prize. The exhibition is kept open free of charge till 11 January from 9 am to 5 pm daily.

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Students visit Independence Day Exhibition.—MNA

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Lt-Gen Ye Myint presents prize to Maj Than Htaik of Eastern Command team who stood first in singles handicap event. (News on page 1)—MNA



Lt-Gen Aung Htwe presents first prize to Lt Zaw Min of Commander-in-Chief (Navy)'s Office team in singles scratch event. (News on page 1)—MNA

## Commander attends opening of laterite road, cash donation ceremony

YANGON, 9 Jan — Ceremonies to put into service Minye Kyawswa Laterite Road in No 1 War Veteran Model Village and to donate cash for repair of BEHS were held at the respective places in Dagon Myothit (South) Township this morning.

The opening ceremony of the laterite road were attended by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Maj-Gen Aung Thein of the Ministry of Defence, Deputy Minister for Industry-2 Lt-Col Khin Maung Kyaw, Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa, Director-General Col Aung Win of the Department for Human Settlement and Housing Development and officials cut the ribbon to open the road.

Maj-Gen Myint Swe paid obeisance to Bhaddanta Paññasiha, Presiding Nayaka of Thiri Gonway Dhamma Beikman Monastery in the village.

At the cash donation ceremony for the BEHS,

Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Maj-Gen Aung Thein, Lt-Col Khin Maung Kyaw and Col Maung Pa accepted K 100,000 each for the school donated by YCDC, DHSHD and Defence Services Records Office; K 300,000 by the Directorate of Resettlement; K 1 million by Than Myan Thu Bus Line Control Committee; K 500,000 by the Village Peace and Development Council; K 200,000 by the group comprising teachers and students of the BEHS and Lt-Col Win Thaw.

The Commander and party inspected completion of the concrete road linking Bayintnaung Road and No 2 Highway.

They proceeded to Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Township and met with officials and entrepreneurs at the office of Fish Paste and Dried Fish Processing Project site of YCDC near Thayetpingyoung Village. After the meeting, he inspected construction of buildings at the project site.—MNA

In his discussions, the minister said the government has laid down the seven-point Road Map and is implementing it for emergence of a peaceful modern developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation, the national goal, based on customs of Myanmar people in accord with the basic facts on history of Myanmar. The government has to continue to undertake the tasks step by step for restoration of genuine discipline-flourishing democratic system after successful holding of the national convention in accord with the seven-point Road Map, he added.

He spoke on making arrangements for conducting summer courses for promotion of qualifications of the members of USDA and computer course and embroidery course and morale course for youth in the two townships, fire preventive measures and cooperation with the people.

The minister then cordially met USDA members.

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## USDA Secretariat member meets...

(from page 16)

The minister met secretary, executives, organizers and members of Mingala Taungnyunt Township USDA.

He said it is necessary to carry out the tasks for rural development with three strengths—people, wellwishers and the government.

He spoke of the need for members of USDA to actively participate in the tasks. Secretary of Pazundaung Township USDA U Sonny and Secretary of Mingala Taungnyunt USDA U Kyaw Yi reported on work done in the townships. The minister presented textbooks for monastic education school, No 13 and No 15 Basic Education Primary Schools in Mahlwagon railway ward and notebooks and calendars for township USAs.



USDA Secretariat Member Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan meets local people in Kalazugyi Village of Hlinethaya Township.—MNA

## Roads, bridges opened to mark 57th Anniversary Independence Day

YANGON, 9 Jan — As a gesture hailing the 57th Anniversary Independence Day, No 2 Aungmyitta road built by Inndaw Township Development Affairs Committee was opened by Chairman of Inndaw Township PDC U Khin Maung Lay and Engineer in-charge U Myint Than on 31st December.

The road is 420 feet long and 12 feet wide, which was contributed by the township development committee and local people.

Similarly, Ngabatai bridge in Danubyu Township was opened by Chairman Township PDC U Tint Lwin and Executive Officer of Township Development Affairs Committee U Aung Myint Htay on 5th January. The bridge is 150 feet long and 14 feet wide, which was contributed by the township development committee and local people and made the local people to be convenient in travel.

Likewise, a new tar road in Mahlaing Township, Mandalay Division was opened by Chairman of Meiktila District PDC Lt-Col Kyaw Kyaw Oo on 3rd January. The road is two miles and two furlongs long and 18 feet wide, which was constructed at a cost of K 40 million. Wellwishers U Tu Maung and Daw Htar Htar Aye donated K 250,000 to Htanbinkan village basic primary school, K 3.8 million to post-primary school and K 81 million to Aungmyay Yadana monastery.

Similarly, Pawsanmway road in Bokalay Township, Ayeyawady Division was opened by Chairman of Township PDC U Win Myint and Executive Officer of Township DAC U Than Win. The road is 653 feet long and 12 feet wide, which was contributed by the Township DAC and the local people.—MNA

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# Functions of Archaeology Department inspected in Pyay, Mindon

YANGON, 9 Jan — Rebuilding of the walls with Arahats statues situated near Po Thein Dan Village of Shwedaung Township were inspected on 7 January by Deputy Minister for Culture Brig-Gen Soe Win Maung.

At Srikestra Archaeological Training School in Pyay Township, the deputy minister heard reports on construction of the school by officials. After that, he made an inspection tour of renovating the roads to ancient buildings such as Yahanta Cave Bawbawgyi Pagoda, Bebegu Pagoda, Laymyethna Temple and the tomb of Queen Beikthanoe.

On 8 January, he inspected ancient



Historic artifacts collected in Mindon Township. — CULTURE

buildings of Maha Thamaya Ordination Hall, Minpongu, Mingala Lake and Hsinbyu Lake in Mindon. He attended the ceremony to hand over

artifacts from Mindon Township to the Ministry of Culture, at the meeting hall of the township authorities. The Deputy Minister presented K 1.5

million to those who handed over the artifacts through officials concerned through the chairman of Township Peace and Development Council.

The artifacts handed over to the Ministry of Culture were fossils, stone weapons, the votive tablet of Pyu Age, Pyu woman statue, Pyu ornamental ear-plug and gold beads, Buddha images, the cap and plate made of bronze, pots made of glaze and earth, various sizes of bricks of Pyu and Bagan ages, bronzed scales, earth pipes, ancient lacquer food carrier and parts of pot totalling 178 pieces of 74 kinds.

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# Agricultural, development tasks in Yangon East District looked into

YANGON, 9 Jan — AS Hlegu Township is located in the Greening of 30-mile Radius of Yangon International Airport all the year round, lands are to be put under summer and monsoon paddy, edible oil crops, pulses and beans on a commercial scale and river water pumping tasks are to be carried out on a managerial scale, said Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council and Commander of Yangon Command, on his inspection tour of agricultural and regional development in townships of Yangon North and East

districts this morning.

In Malit Village-tract of Hlegu Township, he inspected water supply functions of Malit river pumping project, cultivation of paddy in the model plot and thriving vegetable plantations.

Maj-Gen Myint Swe saw over 360 acres of summer paddy and land preparations for agricultural purpose in Yegyaw Village. He concluded his tour in Dagon Myothit (East) Township after inspecting progress in construction of Sitpintaung Pagoda Road measuring 6,600 feet long and 12 feet wide in Sitpintaung Ward.

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# Site for No 4 Fertilizer Plant checked in Hmawby

YANGON, 9 Jan — Accompanied by officials, Deputy Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Than Htay inspected the site for construction of No 4 Fertilizer Plant in Myaungdaga region of Hmawby Township this morning.

After hearing reports on the area of the plot, arrangements for building the embankment, land preparation and bank erosion, he

inspected survey tasks.

The Deputy Minister who is also USDA CEC member met with township level officials, educational staff, the Secretary and executives of the Township USDA at the Taikkyi Township USDA Office. He explained nation-building endeavours and future tasks and presented cash assistance for the education sector.

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Deputy Minister for Culture Brig-Gen Soe Win Maung accepts artifacts from Mindon Township Peace and Development Council Chairman U Min Swe. — CULTURE

# Myanma Cooperatives Centenary Products Show and Festival continues

YANGON, 9 Jan — Myanma Cooperatives Centenary Products Show and Festival 2005 continued for the third day at Cooperatives Commercial Centre (Sayasan Plaza), Bahan Township today and it was teeming with visitors.

At the festival, agreements of states and divisions cooperative

unions, cooperatives unions and traders, cooperatives export and import enterprise and overseas traders were signed at the sub-committee for commodities exchange and contract signing on 7th and 8th January. Contract value was at K 101.56 million. It displayed wood items, local products

manufactured from Mazin Industrial Products Cooperatives Society, mats, bamboo materials and local food from Ayeyawady Division, a variety of jade, local food, honey and medicines from Kachin State, moreover, personal goods, foodstuff and various kinds of clothing from the Ministry of Industry-1, coffee, jute, sugar and soft drinks, jam and furniture from the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation.

Myanmar 90-1 Star motorcycle manufactured from Yenangyoung Industrial Zone gained much popularity on the ground floor. It offered entertainment programmes to the visitors on the third floor.

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# Fifth Annual Research Seminar of Agriculturist Group on third day

YANGON, 9 Jan — The Fifth Annual Research Seminar of Agriculturist Group of Myanmar Academy of Agriculture, Forest, Livestock Breeding and Fishery Sciences continued for the third day at the meeting hall

of Myanma Agriculture Service this morning. Present were President of the Academy U Tin Hlaing, Vice-President Dr Myint Thein and members, departmental heads and resource persons.

Four resource

persons submitted their papers to the seminar in the morning session and another four persons read out their papers in the afternoon session. A total of 24 papers were submitted at the seminar.

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People seen at the booths of Myanma Cooperative Centenary Products Show and Festival 2005. — COOPERATIVE

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**US eco embargo against Cuba condemned**

VATICAN CITY, 9 Jan — Pope John Paul repeated his condemnation of the US economic embargo against Communist-ruled Cuba on Saturday, saying the island nation needed proper conditions for its development.

The Pope, who has spoken out against the embargo in the past, made his comments at a ceremony at which Havana's new ambassador to the Vatican presented his credentials.

"The Holy See strongly desires that obstacles which block free communication and exchange between the Cuban nation and part of the international community be overcome soon, thus reinforcing through respectful and open dialogue with everyone, the conditions necessary for real development," he said.

The Bush Administration intensified Washington's embargo against Cuba last year, restricting visits by Cuban emigres to their families.

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**Portable media players start to go mainstream**

LAS VEGAS, 9 Jan — Anyone attending the ongoing 2005 International Consumer Electronics Show (CES) can sense that a new entertainment product-portable media players (PMPs) — are starting to go mainstream.

It began with the founder of US software giant Microsoft Bill Gates, who introduced a slim-sized Samsung portable media players, with which the users can play MP3, review photos, and even watch movies anywhere at any time.

The PMPs, which first emerged in 2003, actually evolved from the more common digital audio devices, the MP3

players, but they add new functions of storing video and data.

By late 2004, at least six companies offered the PMPs, with ability to record directly from a TV or DVD player. About six CES exhibitors, including Archos, Datexx, NH Japan and Thomson, are showcasing their PMPs at the ongoing 2005 International CES, which runs January 6-9 in Las Vegas.

Three companies, Archos, Datexx and NH Japan, are offering the PMPs with TV time-sharing capability. Their devices enabled users to programme record times in advance so they do not have to be present when the device is recording a TV programme.

Some PMPs based on Microsoft's Portable Media Centre (PMC) platform do not have TV connections, and they aim directly at PC owners.

With the spread of broadband Internet, it becomes easier to download video into digital devices, thus helping push the sales of more portable video players. — MNA/Xinhua

**Report says US DVD sales hit record in 2004**

LAS VEGAS, 8 Jan— US consumers spent a record 21.2 billion US dollars renting and buying DVDs in 2004, according to a report issued Thursday by Digital Entertainment Group.

US DVD retail sales grew to 15.5 billion US dollars in 2004, an increase of 33 per cent over 2003. In addition, consumers spent 5.7 billion on renting DVDs, according to the report issued at the 2005 International Consumer Electronics Show, which opened in Las Vegas.

When VHS sales and rentals are included, the dollars spent on home video were up 9 per cent over last year. Consumers

spent a total of 24.5 billion dollars renting and buying DVD and VHS.

In the fourth quarter of 2004 alone, nearly 530 million DVDs shipped to retail, up 39 per cent from 2003. Throughout 2004, the total number of units shipped since launch was nearly four billion discs. There are currently some 29,000 DVD titles available across a wide variety of genres.

The report claimed 37 million DVD players were

sold in 2004 alone, bringing to 70 million the total number of US households that own DVD players.

Since launch, more than 127 million DVD players, including set-top and portable DVD players, Home-Theater-in-a-Box systems, TV/DVD and DVD/VCR combination players, have sold to consumers. Approximately 45 per cent of DVD owners now have more than one player.

MNA/Xinhua



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### Weak El Nino to affect weather for next three months

WASHINGTON, 7 Jan — A weak El Nino during the next three months will mean cooler and wetter weather in part of the US South and drier conditions in some areas of Indonesia, Africa and Australia, US government weather forecasters said on Thursday.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) said in its latest winter weather outlook that El Nino would also bring warmer-than-average temperatures to the US West and northern Plains.

While El Nino conditions will persist during the next three months, the forecasters said "there is considerable uncertainty concerning future developments" of the weather phenomena.

El Nino, which is Spanish for "the little boy," is an abnormal warming of water in the Pacific Ocean every three or so years that can wreak havoc with global weather patterns.

The weather agency said if warm-

ing in the Pacific Ocean strengthens and spreads east toward South America, parts of Ecuador and northern Peru could experience wetter-than-normal conditions in March and April.

Meanwhile, drier-than-average weather would develop in northern Brazil from February to April, NOAA said.

US government forecasters announced last October that a weak El Nino would influence US weather for several months.

El Ninos can affect crop production, commercial fishing, and energy consumption in countries around the world. — Internet

### Salt-loving microbes found in extreme environment

WASHINGTON, 7 Jan — Primitive bacteria thrive in extremely salty pockets of water at the bottom of the Mediterranean, European researchers reported on Thursday.

Their finding, published in the journal Science, adds to the number of extreme environments where life has been found, including extremely hot and cold regions and sulfur springs.

This in turn adds to arguments that life could exist outside the Earth, the researchers said.

The researchers, led by Paul van der Wielen

at the University of Groningen in the Netherlands, found what they describe as abundant colonies of microbes in the ancient salty pockets.

Found in the eastern Mediterranean, these relics of 6-million-year-old salty lakes have no oxygen and were thought to have no life.

"The Discovery Ba-

sin contains a brine that has the highest concentration of magnesium chloride found thus far in a marine environment; such concentrations are considered anathema to life," they wrote.

But the team found a wide variety of ancient bacteria and bacteria-like microbes including a class known as archaeobacteria. — Internet

### Pollution-eating bacteria gives up genetic secrets

WASHINGTON, 7 Jan — A pollution-eating bacteria first found in sewage sludge may have evolved its talents in response to human contamination of the environment, researchers said on Thursday.

They published the genetic sequence of the bug, called Dehalococcoides ethenogenes Strain 195, and said it showed some surprising flexibility.

"The genome sequence contributes greatly to the understanding of what makes this microbe tick and why its metabolic diet is so unusual," said Rekha Seshadri of The Institute for Genomic Research in Maryland, who helped lead the study.

D ethenogenes, discovered by a team at Cornell University in New York, is being used at 17 polluted sites in 10 states.

Different strains break down perchloroethylene or PCE, a chlorinated sol-

vent used for dry cleaning; trichloroethylene, used to clean metal parts; chlo-robenzenes, used to produce the now-banned pesticide DDT; and polychlorinated biphenyls or PCBs, compounds that were once used as coolants and lubricants in transformers.

"Because chlorinated solvents have polluted so many water sources, there is a pressing need for new techniques to clean up such pollutants," said John Heidelberg of The Institute for Genomic Research, who has helped decode the genomes of other pollution-eating bacteria including the radiation-loving Deinococcus radiodurans.

The researchers, in-

cluding teams at Cornell, Johns Hopkins University and Technical University in Berlin, found genes for 19 different reductive dehalogenases, enzymes that help D ethenogenes microbe "breathe" chlorinated solvents.

It has clusters of genes called mobile genetic elements, said Cornell professor of microbiology Stephen Zinder, who named the bacteria after it was found in a sewage treatment plant.

"Just by picking up these mobile genetic elements from other bacteria, Dehalococcoides strains seem able to adapt and to take advantage of opportunities as they present themselves," Zinder said in a statement.

Internet



A snowbound Union Pacific freight train receives assistance in Truckee, Calif, as consecutive snowstorms hit the Sierra Nevada range, on 8 Jan, 2005. — INTERNET

### Allergies up healthcare use by asthmatic children

NEW YORK, 7 JAN — Children with both asthma and hay fever (allergic rhinitis) incur greater asthma drug costs and are hospitalized more often than similar children who have just asthma, according to a new report.

Dr Vasilisa Sazonov Kocevar, from Merck and Co, Inc in Whitehouse Station, New Jersey, and colleagues analyzed data from 9522 asthmatic children in the UK to assess healthcare resource use. Of these subjects, 1879 had allergic rhinitis.

During the 12-month study period, the group with rhinitis had an

average of 4.4 general practitioner (GP) visits and a hospitalization rate of 1.4 percent, the investigators report in the medical journal Pediatrics. The asthma-only group averaged 3.4 doctor visits with a 0.5 percent hospitalization rate.

In addition, rhinitis was linked to an increase in asthma drug costs, regard-

less of asthma severity. "These results are consistent with those of two US studies," Kocevar's team notes.

The researchers conclude that the "coexistence of asthma and allergic rhinitis identifies a high-risk group of children that should be targeted for care."

Internet

### At least 14 killed in train crash in Italy

ROME, 8 Jan — The death toll in a crash between a passenger train and a freight train in a fog-bound area near Italian northern city Bologna on Friday has risen to at least 14, Italian rescue workers said.

The crash took place in the countryside of Bolognina di Crevalcore, some 25 kilometres north of Bologna, and involved

a passenger train traveling from Verona to Bologna and a freight train.

The freight train was carrying a load of steel

beams which rammed into the passenger train when it derailed, rail officials said.

MNA/Xinhua



In a photo released by the Ford Motor Co, the automaker's 2006, Ford Fusion is shown. — INTERNET

SPORTS

**Valencia extend unbeaten run to eight matches**

MADRID, 9 Jan— Champions Valencia extended their unbeaten run to eight matches after second-half strikes from Ruben Baraja and Mista helped them to a 2-1 win over city rivals Levante in the Primera Liga on Saturday.

Baraja put Valencia in front when he nodded home 10 minutes after the break and Mista doubled the home side's lead five minutes later after his close-range header was controversially ruled to have crossed the line.

Levante substitute Edwin Congo made for an exciting finish when he pulled a goal back 17 minutes from time but it was not enough to stop Valencia claiming the honours in the first league derby between the teams in 40 years.

The win took Claudio Ranieri's side within seven points of leaders Barcelona, who have a tricky fixture at Villarreal on Sunday.

Real Madrid, who make the short trip across the Spanish capital to play Atletico on Sunday, are three points further back in third.

Fourth-placed Sevilla missed the chance to consolidate their position in the upper reaches of the table when they were held to a 0-0 draw by unfancied Getafe.

The Andalucians, who have not lost at home this season, rarely threatened against their modest visitors who enjoyed the better of the match and were only denied a win by some outstanding goalkeeping from Esteban.

Athletic Bilbao spurned a chance to move into the European places as they were held to a 1-1 draw at bottom club Numancia.

Asier del Horno's first-half header was cancelled out when Luis Tevenet scored with a 30-metre drive after the break to earn the home side a valuable point.

MNA/Reuters

**Schnyder crowned at Australian women's hardcourt event**

CANBERRA, 9 Jan— Patty Schnyder of Switzerland outlast young Australian Samantha Stosur 1-6, 6-3, 7-5 on Saturday to win her ninth WTA singles title at Australian women's hardcourt event in Gold Coast.

It took the Swiss almost two hours to wrap up the title in the tense final.

The 20-year-old Stosur, playing in her first WTA final, saved two match points before left-hander Schnyder produced a thumping first serve which the Australian failed to get back into play.

Second seed Schnyder has used the Gold Coast tournament as a warm-up for the year's first Grand Slam Australian Open slated for January 17-30 in Melbourne, where she was a semifinalist last year.

MNA/Xinhua

**Angers beat Olympique Marseille 3-2 in French Cup**

PARIS, 9 Jan— Second Division Angers came from behind to snatch an upset 3-2 victory at troubled Olympique Marseille in the first round of the French Cup on Saturday.

Angers, who trailed 1-0 when international striker Steve Marlet scored for the hosts in the 11th minute, scored three times after the interval.

The visitors' goals all came within six minutes around the hour through defenders Christophe Dussart and Cyril Thereau, and striker Jocelyn Gourvennec.

Frederic Dehu reduced the deficit with a 72nd-minute header but it was not enough to rescue a lacklustre performance by the home side.

The result was a major setback for Marseille and could trigger another crisis at the club, record 11-times winners of the French Cup.

Marseille, fifth in the Ligue 1 standings, sacked coach Jose Anigo before the winter break because of poor results and replaced him with Philippe Troussier.

Unlike Marseille, Olympique Lyon and Monaco experienced a comfortable afternoon as they cruised into the second round at the expense of amateur opponents. Ligue 1 leaders Lyon, unbeaten in the league this season, won 2-0 at Fourth Division Viry Chatillon, and Monaco crushed Sixth Division Seyssinet-Pariset 7-0.

Lyon dominated from the start, opening the scoring through playmaker Juninho Pernambucano in the 27th minute before young striker Nilmar struck his side's second goal after the hour.

Lyon could have settled the match much earlier but took their foot off the pedal with a tough league match at Sochaux coming up on Tuesday.

Monaco scored four goals before the interval including a double by midfielder Souleymane Camara.

International defender Patrice Evra put the visitors in front in the 15th minute and Czech midfielder Plasil made it 2-0 in the 34th. Playmaker Mohamed Kallon scored two late goals to complete the rout.

MNA/Reuters

**Sevilla held to 0-0 draw by Getafe**

MADRID, 9 Jan— Sevilla missed a chance to move into second place in the Primera Liga when they were held to a 0-0 draw by unfancied Getafe on Saturday.

The Andalucians, who ended last year with an authoritative 1-0 win over Real Madrid and who have not lost at home this season, rarely threatened against their modest visitors who enjoyed the better of the match. Goalkeeper Esteban was Sevilla's outstanding player and had to produce several top class saves either side of the break to deny the visitors their first away win of the season.

Opposite number Francisco Sanchez Broto also pulled off a fine stop to turn a powerful Daniel Alves shot over the bar, but clear chances were few and far between in a disjointed match.

The result left Sevilla in fourth place, level on 32 points with Real Madrid, who visit Atletico on Sunday, and Valencia who also have a city derby against Levante later on Saturday.

League leaders Barcelona, who are 10 points clear of the chasing pack, travel to Villarreal on Sunday.

Athletic Bilbao spurned a chance to move into the European places as they were held to a 1-1 draw at bottom club Numancia.

Bilbao wing back Asier del Horno put the Basque side ahead on the stroke of halftime when he got in front of two defenders to head in a corner.

But Numancia equalized 20 minutes after the break as striker Luis Tevenet tried his luck from 30 metres and saw his shot skid off the icy surface and under Bilbao keeper Daniel Aranzubia. —MNA/Reuters

**Singapore upset Indonesia in first leg of Tiger Cup final**

KUALA LUMPUR, 9 Jan— Singapore beat 10-man Indonesia 3-1 in the first leg of the Tiger Cup final in Jakarta on Saturday.

The 1998 champions were already 2-0 up through Daniel Bennet and Khairul Amri when Indonesia had defender Mauly Lessy sent off in the 49th minute for punching. Bennet gave Singapore the perfect start when his 30-metre effort in the third minute took a deflection and looped into the net past Indonesian goalkeeper, Hendro Kartiko.

Indonesia coach Peter Withe, who won took Thailand to the Tiger Cup twice, urged his players forward and they were nearly rewarded when Kurniawan hit the post six minutes.

But Singapore took charge in the 39th minute when Amri converted a rebound after Kartiko could only parry Noh Alam Shah's effort.

Indonesia went further behind in the 68th minute when Agu Casmir tapped the ball into the net.

The home team grabbed a possible lifeline when Mahyadi Panggabean's injury-time free kick was deflected into the Singapore goal. The second leg is in Singapore on 16 January. —MNA/Reuters



Taylor Dent from the US hits a backhand during the final against Joachim Johansson from Sweden at the Australian Men's Hardcourt championships in Adelaide on 9 Jan, 2005. Johansson defeated Dent in straight sets 7-5 6-3.—INTERNET

**Dent cruises into Adelaide tennis tournament final**

CANBERRA, 9 Jan— American Taylor Dent advanced to the final of the Australian hardcourt championship in Adelaide with a crushing 6-1, 6-1 victory over Juan Ignacio Chela on Saturday.

Dent will meet Sweden's Joachim Johansson in the final in Adelaide after second seed Johansson survived a tense tiebreak to defeat Belgium's Olivier Rochus 6-1, 7-6 in their semifinal. Fifth seed Dent, who knocked out tournament top seed and home town favourite Lleyton Hewitt in Friday's quarterfinals, demolished Argentine fourth seed Chela with some powerful strokes.

World number 11 Johansson, the boyfriend of Hewitt's sister Jaslyn, received strong crowd support on Saturday.

The Adelaide tournament is a warm-up for the Australian Open starting in Melbourne on 17 January. MNA/Xinhua

**Answers to yesterday's Crossword Puzzle**

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Angers' midfielder Sebastien Grimaldi (L) is challenged by Marseille's forward Peguy Luyindula during their French Cup football match at the Velodrome Stadium in Marseille. Angers won 3-2.—INTERNET



# Philippines chosen to head UNSC anti-terrorism committee

MANILA, 9 Jan — The Philippines has been unanimously chosen to head the anti-terrorism committee of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC), a Philippine envoy said on Friday.

“Our selection acknowledges our role in the Security Council during our first year and presents the Philippines with a new challenge in its last year of membership,” Philippine Permanent Representative to the UN Lator Baja said.

The committee, created by UNSC Resolution 1566 on October 8 last year, is considered a “super committee”, which called for recommendations on “practical measures to be imposed upon individuals, groups or entities involved in or associated with terrorist activities.”

These measures include more effective procedures considered to be

appropriate for bringing these individuals, groups or entities to justice, and the prosecution or extradition, freezing of financial assets, preventing their movement through member states, and preventing their access to arms and related material.

The committee is also tasked to consider the possibility of establishing an international fund to compensate victims of terrorist acts and their families, Baja said. The Philippine enters its second and last year as a member of the UNSC. It was elected member of the 15-member body in November 2003.

MNA/Xinhua

# At least 7 killed in road mishap in southern Philippines

MANILA, 9 Jan — At least seven people were killed and 38 others hurt in a road mishap in the southern Philippines, police said Saturday.

Police said that a long-distanced bus was descending from a road in Pagadian City, Zamboanga, on Friday afternoon when its

brakes malfunctioned. The bus lost its brakes and smashed the rear of a 10-wheeled truck parked by the roadside, the police said.

Six of the victims died on the spot while the seventh, a woman, expired in hospital, it added.

MNA/Xinhua

# Kidnapped Spanish journalists released in Gaza

GAZA, 9 Jan — Two Spanish journalists were released Saturday after they were abducted by unknown Palestinian militants for two hours in the southern Gaza Strip town of Khan Yunis, Palestinian security sources said.

The two journalists, who work for the *El Pais* Spanish daily, were taken to unknown place by a group of militants, as they were visiting the refugee camp of Khan Yunis, said the sources.

Palestinian militants groups, affiliated to the mainstream Fatah movement and radical Hamas movement, denied responsibility for abducting the two journalists, saying they coordinated in looking for the journalists and the militants who abducted them in the area.

The two journalists were found later near a house in al Amal neighbourhood in the town of Khan Yunis, said the sources, adding they were then taken to the headquarters of the Palestinian preventive security in the area.

MNA/Xinhua

# Australia's top diplomat in Fiji attacked

MELBOURNE, 9 Jan — Australia's top diplomat in Fiji was assaulted while jogging in the capital Suva on Saturday and was badly injured, a foreign affairs spokeswoman said.

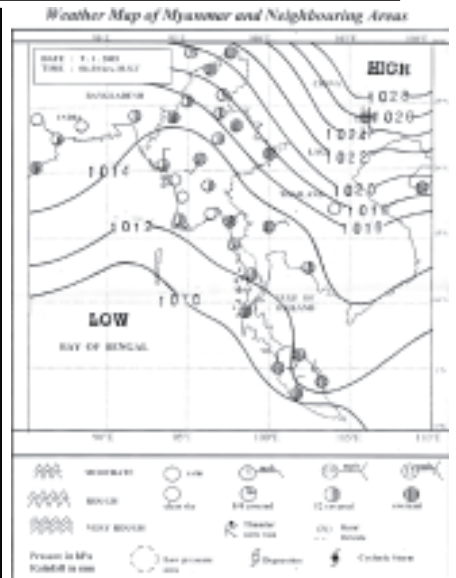
“The Australia High Commissioner to Fiji Jennifer Rawson was assaulted in Suva this morning. She is currently in hospital in Suva with serious injuries to her face,” the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade spokeswoman said.

A police investigation is underway into the incident which happened when Rawson was out on a regular morning jog.

The spokeswoman said no motive was

known for the attack, believed to be by one assailant. She said arrangements were being made for Rawson to be evacuated to Sydney for further treatment.

MNA/Reuters



## WEATHER

Sunday, 9 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) below normal in Chin State and Bago Division, (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Shan State, Mandalay and Taninthayi Divisions and about normal in the remaining areas. The significant night temperatures was (-1°C) in Hakha.

Maximum temperature on 8-1-2005 was 92°F. Minimum temperature on 9-1-2005 was 61°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 9-1-2005 was 74%. Total sunshine hours on 8-1-2005 was (6.8) hours approx. Rainfalls on 9-1-2005 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 12 mph from Southeast at (13:30) hours MST on 8-1-2005.

**Bay inference:** Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy in the Bay of Bengal.

**Forecast valid until evening of 10-1-2005:** Weather will be partly cloudy in Kachin and Rakhine States, upper Sagaing, Ayeyawady, Yangon 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 10-1-2005:** Partly cloudy.

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 10-1-2005:** Partly cloudy.

## Earthquake report

(Issued at 11:00 hours MST on today)

An earthquake of slight intensity (4.5) Richter Scale with its epicenter inside of Myanmar about (75) miles South of Kaba-Aye seismological observatory was recorded at (09) hrs (47) min (06) sec MST on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2005.

## Dr Daw Basant Kaur @ Mrs Zora Singh Age 87 year

Dr Daw Basant Kaur (SanYadanar Clinic) wife of (Mr Zora Singh) Naing Ngant Gon Yi Class II beloved mother of Mr Tony Singh (Ex Managing Director Joint Venture Corporation No 8 Ltd) and Mr Ceasar Singh expired peacefully on 6-1-2005 at her residence 18/20 Bothtaung Fourth Lane and was cremated on 7-1-2005.

Friends and relatives please accept this as the only intimation and the bereaved family wish to express their heartfelt gratitude to friends and relatives who attended the funeral.



Monday, 10 January

Tune in today:

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music: - I like you style
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music: - She's been good to me
- 8:50 am National news/Slogan
- 9:00 am Music: -Best friend
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Tell it to your heart
- 1:30 pm News/Slogan
- 1:40 pm Lunch time music - When you believe -Tell him
- 9:00 pm Spotlight on the star
- 9:10 pm Article
- 9:20 pm Special Talk "Kachin State" Vocal Gems
- 9:35 pm -The end of the world -Walking my way to you
- 9:45 pm News/Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL



Monday, 10 January View on today:

- 7:00 am 1. ကျေးဇူးရှင် မင်းကျွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃမဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ရွက် အဘိဓမ္မာပညာရှင်၊ အဘိဓမ္မာအဂ္ဂမဟာပညာရှင်၊ တိပိဋကဓရဓမ္မဘာဏ္ဍာဂါရုံ၊ ဆရာတော် ဘဒ္ဒန္တ ပိတိတ္ထသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ ဝရိတ်တရားတော်
- 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. Song of national races
- 8:05 am 6. Cute Little Dancers

- 8:20 am 7. ဗိုလ်မြတ်ထွန်းတံတား
- 8:30 am 8. International news
- 8:45 am 9. Grammar made easy
- 4:00 pm 1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm 2. Song to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm 3. Practice in Reading
- 4:45 pm 4. Musical programme
- 4:55 pm 5. အဝေးသင် တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ - ပထမနှစ် (ရုပ်စေ့အထူးပြု) (ရုပ်စေ့)
- 5:10 pm 6. Dance variety
- 5:25 pm 7. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစကား
- 5:35 pm 8. Songs and dances of national races
- 5:45 pm 9. Musical programme (The Radio Myanmar Modern Troupe)
- 6:00 pm 10. Industrial Achievement
- 6:10 pm 11. Discovery
- 6:15 pm 12. နိုင်ငံခြားကားထွန်းစာတံလမ်းတွဲ "ဓမ္မာကံမင်းဂုဏ်" (အပိုင်း-၅၇)
- 6:30 pm 13. Evening news
- 7:00 pm 14. Weather report
- 7:05 pm 15. ကမ္ဘာ့ဗဟိုဘဏ် ထိပ်သီးညွှတ်လမ်း (ပထမပန်း) ဖွင့်ပွဲအခမ်းအနား အစီအစဉ် (၂) (၉-၁၂-၂၀၀၄)
- 7:35 pm 16. အရပ်အခြားအသံ ဓနုရည်ကြာ နိုင်ငံစာပေ နိဂုံးရှု "ကျွန်းမာရေတက္ကသိုလ်" (အပိုင်း-၂၀)
- 8:00 pm 17. News
- 18. International news
- 19. Weather report
- 20. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတံလမ်းတွဲ "သံစဉ်ပွဲမျှင်သူ" (အပိုင်း-၂၀)
- 21. The next day's programme



Secretary-1 Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thein Sein presents championship trophy to Commander-in-Chief (Navy)'s Office team in scratch event. (News on page 1)—MNA

**The 58<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Union Day 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

**Dinner hosted to victorious sports teams of Yangon Command**

YANGON, 9 Jan—A dinner was hosted in honour of athletes from volleyball, hockey, tennis, wushu and rowing sports teams of Yangon Command which emerged champions at the 2004 Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services' Trophy Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) Sports Meets at the command yesterday evening, attended by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe and wife Daw Khin Thet Htay. Also present on the occasion were Principal of

the National Defence College Maj-Gen Moe Hein, Deputy Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Wai Lwin and wife, military region commanders and their wives, Secretary of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Myint Kyi and departmental officials and their wives, chairmen of the District Peace and Development Councils and their wives, senior military officers of Yangon Command and their wives, team managers, coaches, athletes, well-wishers and guests.

First, victorious sports teams handed over

championship trophies to the commander who presented cash awards to them.

Next, the commander made a speech.

Later, Managing Director of Mingalar Co Ltd U Zaw Min and Managing Director of American Vision Spectacles Co U Thein Hla presented K 500,000 each for sports teams of Yangon Command through the commander.

After the ceremony, Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe and wife Daw Khin Thet Htay hosted a dinner to athletes and guests who were present on the occasion.—MNA



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe accepts championship trophies from sports teams of Yangon Command.— YANGON COMMAND

**USDA Secretariat member meets USDA members in three townships**

YANGON, 9 Jan — Member of the Secretariat of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan met secretaries, executives, organizers and

members of USDAs in Hlinethaya, Mingala Taungnyunt and Pazundaung Townships and townsenders and discussed regional developments today.

In meeting with

departmental officials, secretaries, executives, organizers and members of Township USDA, the minister said he came to the township to learn communities welfare services and requirements. He

would like officials to report on the supply of pure drinking water in basic education schools, hospitals and wards and proper drainage with the help of the USDA.

Chairman of Township Peace and Development Council, departmental officials and secretary of Township USDA reported on communities welfare services and works undertaken for regional development. The minister then fulfilled the requirements.

In his discussions, the minister said the government has laid down the seven-point Road Map and is implementing it systematically for the emergence of a modern developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation. He

called for participation in successful implementation of rural development tasks, for cooperation in health, education, social affairs and fire preventive measures. He spoke of the need to prevent the danger of destructive elements undermining the success of the seven-point Road Map and successful holding of the National Convention at different levels in cooperation with the people.

The minister presented notebooks and calendars to members of Township USDA. He went to Kalargyizu Village in the township and inspected rural roads and lake for drinking water supply.

He met townsenders and local people and said the

government is undertaking five rural development tasks. Fruitful results will be achieved in a short time with the cooperation of the people, and the association will fulfil the requirements, he said.

Chairman of Village Peace and Development Council U Myint Thein reported on the requirements. The minister then fulfilled them in coordination with departments concerned.

The minister and Chairman of Township Peace and Development Council U Khin Thein presented K 100,000 and K 50,000 for repair of the lake.

Next, the minister cordially greeted local people.

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USDA Secretariat Member Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan presents exercise books to an official of Mingala Taungnyunt BEPS No 13.— MNA