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### The State Peace and Development Council

#### The Law Amending the Transfer of Immoveable Property Restriction Law

(The State Peace and Development Council Law No. 1/2005)

The 4th Waxing Day of Pyatho 1366 ME  
(13<sup>th</sup> January, 2005)

The State Peace and Development Council hereby enacts the following Law:-

1. This Law shall be called the Law Amending the Transfer of Immoveable Property Restriction Law.
2. The expression "Executive Committee of the Township People's Council" contained in section 8 and section 9 of the Transfer of Immoveable Property Restriction Law shall be substituted by the expression "Township Registration Committee".
3. Section 10 of the Transfer of Immoveable Property Restriction Law shall be substituted as follows:-  
"10. The relevant Township Registration Committee shall investigate in accordance with the procedures as to whether or not there is failure to register the immoveable property under section 8 or section 9, whether or not there is correctness in registration and whether or not there is concealment and submit its findings to the District Administrative Officer."
4. Section 13 of the Transfer of Immoveable Property Restriction Law shall be substituted as follows:-  
"13. If any person who is responsible for registering immoveable property under section 8 or section 9 fails to register or wilfully makes false statement in registration or makes concealment, he shall, on conviction be punished with imprisonment for a minimum term of one year to a maximum term of three years, and the immoveable property involved in the offence shall also be confiscated."

(Sd) Than Shwe  
Senior General  
Chairman

The State Peace and Development Council

### 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

## Ayeyawady Div nearly meets monsoon paddy cultivation target of 3.6m acres

YANGON, 13 Jan — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Soe Thein observed summer paddy and winter crops in Nyaungdon, Pantanaw and Kyaunggon townships in Ayeyawady Division on 11 January.

Accompanied by Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Soe

Naing, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and Vice-Admiral Soe Thein met with farmers in Zeechaung village in Kyaunggon Township. After making arrangements for the farmers to exceed the summer paddy target, they inspected the two kinds of manual water pumps that can lift 2,500 gallons per hour and 3,800 gallons per hour, and summer paddy fields.

Kyaunggon Township has harvested 103,823 acres of monsoon paddy out of a total sown acreage

of 106,027 acres. It has cultivated 15,200 acres of summer paddy against the target of 53,630 acres.

Ayeyawady Division put 3,508,291 acres of land under monsoon paddy, and harvested 3,430,082 acres to this date. It has cultivated over 640,000 acres of summer paddy, and the target is 1,731,545 acres.

The division has cultivated 1,454,012 acres of beans and pulses exceeding the target of 1,424,760 acres; 67,345 acres of chili against the target of 55,000 acres; 83,484 acres of vegetables exceeding the target of 66,992 acres. It has cultivated 2,050,575 acres of winter crops against the target of 2,084,242 acres. At Chaungwa village in Ngapudaw Township, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party they presented relief aids to natural disaster victims of nine villages in the townships. The aids were donated by the Government and social organizations.

Commander Maj-Gen Soe Naing spoke words of encouragement. Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than presented cloths and personal items, Vice-Admiral Soe Thein 68 bags of rice, and the commander cloths and other materials worth K 2,305,000 to victims of Kyaukkalat, Mageecho, Ahsinchaing, Meda-aing, Zeetaung, Aukkon, Bondawpyi, Thechaung and Silaung villages.

The Myanmar Red Cross Society presented K 2,300,000, 230 bags of rice and other relief aids; the  
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Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and Vice-Admiral Soe Thein view the manual water pump manufactured by Pathen Industrial Zone at Zeechaung Village-tract of Kyaunggon Township.— MNA

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**PERSPECTIVES**

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**Knowledge of history, the key to a better future**

The history of a nation is its memory of the past and, if a nation knows nothing of its history, it can be said that it has lost its identity. The knowledge of history of our nation can give us the vision to possess national pride.

Only when we know when the races of Myanmar, their cultures and their sovereign nation came into being and how they have survived changes will we be able to feel genuine national prestige and integrity. Well-known Myanmar historians in different ages have written historical treatises on Myanmar full of things and events that we Myanmar people should take pride in and cherish. Therefore, it is very important for Myanmar nationals to study history of their own nation and for Myanmar historians to write the history of Myanmar correctly, precisely and objectively.

The Myanmar Historical Commission held a paper-reading session in commemoration of its golden jubilee on 12 January and the opening ceremony was attended by Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein. In his address on the occasion, the Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee said that the Myanmar Historical Commission had been flourishing without experiencing any generation gaps. Members of the Commission today were once students of the founding members and worked together with them. Myanmar had experienced many changes and challenges in the past 50 years and the members had been able to respond to them from the positive point of view while strictly adhering to the academic norms and professional ethics.

The Myanmar Historical Commission was founded in 1955. The majority of its members are professors and their knowledge and research are up to the international level. The MHC has given priority to collecting reliable evidence. Every open season, its members copy stone and ink inscriptions, study and photograph new findings and microfilm treatises and historical records. They sometimes visit libraries and archives abroad to copy records on Myanmar.

We would like to call on our esteemed Myanmar historians to conduct a constant research on the history of our nation and urge all the national people to study it so that they will become citizens equipped with national spirit, feelings and ambitions and be able to build a better future.

MNA

**Myanmar Tong Tah Trade Fair at Yangon Trade Centre**

YANGON, 13 Jan—With the permission of the Ministry of Commerce, the Myanmar Tong Tah Trade Fair will be held at Yangon Trade Centre on Upper Pazundaung Street here from 26 to 30 January. The fair will house a large number of booths displaying stationery, automobiles, perfumes, agricultural implements, pumps, construction tools, farm implements, automobiles polishes, rust stain removers, lawn mowers, different kinds of glues, saws, aluminium ladders, generators, locks, room decorations, photocopiers and laser printers. In addition to entertainment programmes, the fair will also organize an art competition. Contestants may contact the company or dial 298128 or 295613 on 24 January latest.

**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

**Organizing Management Committee discusses observance of Union Day with full political essence**



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe addresses the meeting of Management Committee for Organizing the 58th Anniversary Union Day.— MNA

YANGON, 13 Jan — The Management Committee for Organizing the 58th Anniversary Union Day held its first coordination meeting at Pyithu Hluttaw Building on Pyay Road, here, this afternoon.

Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council and Commander of Yangon Command, also chairman of the Management Committee recalled

that the coordination meeting on observance of the Union Day (2005) was held on 5 January and at that meeting the Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein pointed out that the Union Day is to be observed in accord with its objectives and political essence.

Maj-Gen Myint Swe noted that the State Peace and Development Council has formed the

management committee together with 13 subcommittees for successful holding of the Union Day. And, he pointed out that all the subcommittees are to take care of the convenience of Union Day delegates while in Yangon.

Director-General U Myint Thein of Pyithu Hluttaw Office reported on duties assigned to 13 subcommittees and management matters for the Union Day. Next, offi-

cial of the respective subcommittees submitted their reports. In his concluding remarks, Maj-Gen Myint Swe urged all to harmoniously see that the Union Day is observed on a grand scale.

Also present at the meeting were members of the management committee, deputy ministers, the deputy auditor-general, the vice-mayor, the deputy commander of Yangon Command and officials. — MNA

**Information minister receives Chairman of Shin Satellite**

YANGON, 13 Jan—Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan received Chairman of Shin Satellite Co Ltd of Thailand Dr Nong Luck Phinainitisart and party at the ministry on Theinbyu Road this morning.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aung Thein, heads of departments and enterprises under the ministry and the head of office. Matters on cooperation in information were discussed. — MNA



Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan receives Chairman of Shin Satellite Co Ltd of Thailand Dr Nong Luck Phinainitisart and party.— MNA

**MPGA & MGF President's Trophy Golf Tourney goes on**

YANGON, 13 Jan — Zaw Paing Oo (Srixon) who took the third position yesterday overtook all the players in the second round of the professional golfers division this morning after firing 144 strokes in the two-day total.

The Myanmar PGA and Myanmar Golf Federation President's Trophy Golf Tournament continued for the second day at Hanthawady Golf Course. Min Naing (Srixon) put his

place behind the leader with 145 strokes.

In the men's amateur golfers division, Naing Naing Lin and Nay Lin Tun tied with 148 strokes. Their runners-up were Thein Zaw Myint with 149 and Zaw Zin Win with 150.

After the first round of the women's handicap 0-18 golfers division, Khin Thu Thu led her class with 69 strokes in nett total, followed by Htaik Htaik and Aye Aye Hsan with 72

each. The third round of

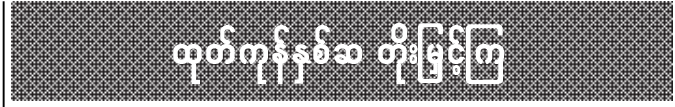
the tournament continues tomorrow.— MNA



Zaw Paing Oo (Srixon) taking part in MPGA & MGF President's Trophy Golf Tournament.— MGF



Chinese workers work on an export order at a clothing factory in Suzhou, East China's Jiangsu Province on 12 Jan, 2005. — INTERNET



## China hopes closer economic ties with Latin America

**BEIJING, 12 Jan—** China wants to further develop economic and trade cooperation with Latin American countries on the basis of mutual benefit, said a Foreign Ministry spokesman here on Tuesday.

Chinese Vice-President Zeng Qinghong will attend the opening ceremony of the first China-Caribbean Economic Cooperation and Trade Forum, held in the Jamaican capital Kingston on 2 February, said Kong Quan at a regular briefing.

China attaches great importance on the economic ties with Latin America, acknowledged Kong. From January to November last year, the total trade volume between China and Latin America reached 36.4 billion US dollars, up 50 per cent year

on year. President Hu Jintao's visit to four Latin American countries at the end of last year further boosted the economic relations between the two sides. So far, China has become the fourth biggest trade partner of Latin America, said Kong.— *MNA/Xinhua*

## China's senior legislator meets S Korea, Iceland delegations

**BEIJING, 12 Jan—** Wang Zhaoguo, vice-chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress (NPC), China's top legislature, met here Tuesday separately with a delegation of youth assembly members from South Korea and an Iceland parliamentary delegation.

While meeting with the South Korea delegation led by Kim Hyuk Kyu, member of South Korea National Assembly, Wang said communications between young people of the two countries constitute an important part of the relationship between China and South Korea.

Therefore, to enhance multi-form and multi-level exchanges between young people is of significance for deepening mutual understanding and friendship between them and for promoting the friendly and cooperative relationship between the two countries, he said.

"I hope the young statesmen of South Korea and the Communist Youth League of China will further expand communications in the future, so as to make greater contributions to build an all-round cooperative

partner relationship between the two countries and to push forward a long-term, healthy and steady progress for the bilateral ties," he said.

South Korea delegation paid the visit at the invitation of the Central Committee of Communist Youth League of China.

During meeting with the Iceland delegation, Wang told the guests that China and Iceland have no conflict of fundamental interests and the two sides share extensive common interests and common grounds in keeping world peace and realizing a coordinated development of economy, society and environment.

China attaches importance to developing ties with Iceland and appreciates the Iceland's one China policy, he said. — *MNA/Xinhua*

## Philippine Govt to speed up project implementation

**MANILA, 12 Jan—** The Philippine Government is taking concrete steps to ensure the accelerated and efficient implementation of development projects, especially those funded by foreign loans, a senior government official said on Tuesday.

Philippine Press Secretary and Presidential Spokesman Ignacio Bunye made the assurance after the Philippines and Japan agreed to cancel more than 16 billion pesos (30.8 billion Japanese yen or 285.71 million US dollars) worth of loans from the Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) for six infrastructure projects due to lack of local counter-part funding.

The Presidential Palace disclosed the cancellation of the loans during the meeting Monday between President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo and Japanese Finance Minister Sadakazu Tanigaki at the palace.

The cancellation of the loan was mutually agreed by both governments to enhance measures for a faster and more efficient utilization of the foreign loans, Bunye explained. "The government will now concentrate on the implementation of very doable projects," Bunye said.

He admitted, however, the need for government to raise funds to implement development projects urgently needed to improve the lives of the people.

*MNA/Xinhua*

## Japan eyes production of smaller fourth-generation spy satellite

**TOKYO, 12 Jan—** Japan will start research in fiscal 2005 on scaling down the size of its spy satellites to enhance their manoeuvre ability, aiming to launch a small fourth-generation satellite by around fiscal 2010.

According to *Kyodo News*, the move shows that Japan wants to improve the capabilities of its satellites in taking photos of the nuclear facilities in North Korea.

The current spy satellites, launched in fiscal 2002, weigh about two tons, and their weight makes it difficult for them to turn quickly enough to take photos in a short period of time, but the smaller satellite, expected to be around 1.2 tons through use of weight-saving materials, would be able to shoot faster.

The current satellites orbit Earth at a speed of 29,000 kilometres per hour along a north-south direction and can take photos of North Korea once every two days for only several minutes, *Kyodo* said.

The Japanese Government plans to launch second-generation spy satellites in fiscal 2005 and 2006 whose intelligence-gathering capabilities are almost identical to those of the existing pair of satellites.

In fiscal 2009, a third-generation satellite whose intelligence-gathering capability is much stronger than the current pair will be sent into space.

The slimmed-down fourth-generation version would be launched in fiscal 2010 to 2011 and be able to check whether a parked aircraft has missiles mounted and what kinds of vehicles are entering and leaving military bases.— *MNA/Xinhua*

## Dangerous skies over Iraq

**BALAD, 12 Jan—**The *C-130* transport is often called a flying truck, and that has never been truer than right now, reports CBS News National Security Correspondent David Martin.

The Air Force is flying in as many as 800 tons of cargo a day into Iraq – up more than a third since November. Every ton in the air is a ton that doesn't have to be hauled by truck over Iraq's dangerous roads. Reducing the number of truck convoys is one way to reduce the number of Americans killed or wounded by roadside bombs and ambushes, which is why the US military is relying more and more on airlift to supply the 150,000 troops in Iraq.

"Missions seem more critical than they did before," said Capt Kurt Kresmer, as he prepared to fly one of those missions.

More critical and more dangerous: a *C-130* makes an inviting target for the guerrillas.

"They're obviously watching us fly in and out," said Kresmer. "Their tactics have changed. They're trying to get up small arms fire to hit us."

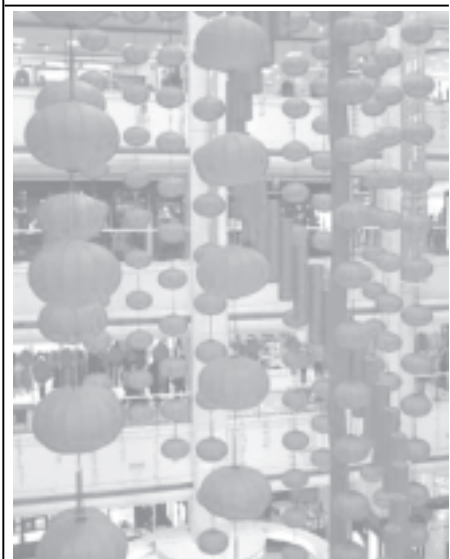
Today's mission is carrying equipment and soldiers from Kuwait into Balad, one of the airfields *C-130* crews like the least.

"I still get butterflies in my stomach going into certain places," said Airman Ian Hughes, a cargo handler on today's mission.

Every member of the crew who can afford to take his eyes off the instruments keeps a lookout for ground fire.

With clear skies, it's a good day for flying. But does that make it a safe day for flying?

"It's a good point. The clearer it is the easier it is to see us," Kresmer said.— *Internet*



A department store is decorated with red lanterns for the upcoming Spring Festival in Nanjing, East China's Jiangsu Province on 2 Jan, 2005. As the Spring Festival draws near, sales of department stores in Chinese cities are picking up.— *INTERNET*

## Indonesia struggles to exit from list of non-cooperative countries

**JAKARTA, 12 Jan** — Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono would seek support from foreign countries to help Indonesia exit from the list of non-cooperative countries and territories in combating money laundering, a minister said on Tuesday.

“President would send letters to several head of states of several foreign countries, ... to explain the position of Indonesia and expect to exit Indonesia from the list of non-cooperative countries on the upcoming meeting Financial Action Task Force on Money Laundering in February,” the State Secretary Minister Yusril Isha Mahendra said at the State Palace.

The minister said that President Susilo would send the letters to the head of states of the United States, Australia, Japan, New Zealand, and others.

Through the letters, President Susilo would explain the efforts which had already been taken by Indonesia in

eradicating the crime, Mahendra said.

The minister argued that many countries, which never take any action on this crime, were not included into the list of the non-cooperative countries. “This is not fair,...this is the time for the President to take diplomatic action to settle this problem, in addition to technical effort and legal procedure,” he said.

Mahendra said that the listing of Indonesia in the list had resulted in high cost and slow financial transaction.

Indonesia has been listed in the non-cooperative countries in combating money laundering since June 2001.

MNA/Xinhua

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## Japan to provide extra \$60m in aid to Palestinians

**TOKYO, 12 Jan**— Japan will extend an additional 60 million US dollars in financial and humanitarian aid to the Palestinian Authority following Sunday’s election to choose a new Palestinian leader, *Kyodo News* reported on Monday.

This will bring the total amount of Japan’s assistance to the Palestinian Authority in fiscal 2004 to March 31 to about 90 million dollars, more than double that for fiscal 2003 and matching the previous record high set in fiscal 1996, the report said.

Mahmoud Abbas, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization, declared victory in Sunday’s election to choose a successor to the late Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat.

Japan will dispatch Foreign Minister Nobutaka Machimura from later this week to next for talks with Abbas. During the trip, Machimura will also meet with Israeli leaders.

Japan’s additional assistance and Machimura’s tour appear intended to heighten Japan’s profile in the Middle East and help win Japan a permanent seat on the UN Security Council, political analysts here said.

MNA/Xinhua

## China to send 10,000 doctors to assist rural medical service

**BEIJING, 12 Jan** — China is planning to send about 10,000 doctors from cities to assist medical care service in rural areas in three years, according to the Ministry of Health.

Dispatch of the doctors will begin before the end of June this year, a senior ministry official told the annual national health work conference convened here on Monday.

The project, called “Ten Thousand Doctors Assisting Rural Medical Care”, aims to improve the treatment capability of rural hospitals and provide farmers with timely, inexpensive and convenient medical care and treatment, said executive Vice-Minister of Health Gao Qiang.

As part of the project, this year about 600 county-level hospitals in the comparatively under-developed central-and-western regions will get doctors from city hospitals.

They will treat patients, teach and train local medical staff, and offer advice on hospital management.

The project will be jointly funded by the central and local governments, said Gao.

MNA/Xinhua



Bangladeshi cattle vendors wait with their imported camels for buyers at a market in Dhaka, on 11 Jan, 2005.—INTERNET

## Air route linking Kunming, Kuala Lumpur to open mid-January

**KUNMING, 12 Jan** — Weekly flights connecting Kuala Lumpur, capital of Malaysia, and Kunming, capital of southwestern Yunnan Province is due to open in the middle of this month, said sources with the Malaysia Airlines Co Ltd (MA).

According to the airline, the route will be open in mid January with flights available Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday both in Kunming and Kuala Lumpur.

The weekly flight will use *Airbus 330-220*, one of the most advanced airliners in the world.

With more and more communications between southwestern China and Malaysia, many overseas tourists would like to choose Malaysia as the transfer station for their tour to Yunnan.

MNA/Xinhua

## Badawi congratulates Abbas on victory in presidential election

**KUALA LUMPUR, 12 Jan**— Malaysian Prime Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi Tuesday congratulated Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) Chairman Mahmoud Abbas on his victory in the Palestinian presidential election.

The Prime Minister said Abbas’ election as head of the Palestinian Authority in place of Yasser Arafat, who died last November, showed that the Palestinians wanted him to lead them.

“We hope that he will succeed in all his endeavours and negotiations to bring peace to Palestine and also to create peace in Palestine-Israel relations on the understanding of mutual respect between the two countries,” he said when asked to comment on Abbas’ landslide victory in the election on Sunday.

He was speaking to reporters after launching a courtesy and noble values campaign organized by the Culture, Arts and Heritage Ministry, here.

Abdullah said that as chairman of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (IOC), he believed that the IOC members would welcome Abbas’ election.

“We hope that the IOC countries will also continue with their commitment to help the Palestinian struggle, as is the IOC’s policy,” he said.

This was because of the big challenge that Abbas would face in continuing with Arafat’s efforts to bring freedom and peace to Palestine, he said.

MNA/Xinhua

## Three killed in Iraq ambush

**BAGHDAD, 12 Jan**—Guerillas ambushed a convoy of American and Iraqi forces in the northern city of Mosul, detonating a roadside bomb and firing from a mosque in an attack that killed three Iraqi National Guardsmen, the US military said Wednesday.

The troops were bringing heaters and other supplies to a school when they came under attack, a military statement said. The convoy was first hit with a roadside bomb and then sprayed with gunfire from a nearby mosque.

Internet



German Formula 1 driver Ralf Schumacher tests the new Toyota formula one racing car (TF105) for the 2005 season during a private training session at Jerez racetrack.—INTERNET

Drive safely



The LG Group headquarters in Seoul, South Korea's LG Electronics said it has developed a cell phone that can play games with realistic three-dimensional graphics at the world's fastest computing capabilities.—INTERNET

## China becomes world No 3 trading power

**BEIJING, 12 Jan — China registered a 35.7 per cent surge in foreign trade last year, with a total volume of 1.15 trillion US dollars, dubbing the world's third largest trading power after the United States and Germany, Wednesday's China Daily reported.**

According to the Ministry of Commerce, exports last year ballooned to 593.4 billion US dollars, reflecting a year-on-year increase of 35.4 per cent. Imports rose 36 per cent to 561.4 billion US dollars.

The yearly surplus came to 32 billion US dollars, compared with 25.5 billion US dollars in the previous year.

"China's imports rose

sharply in the first half of the year," Fan Ying, a professor with Beijing's Foreign Affairs University, was quoted as saying. "Blistering fixed-asset investments in certain sectors such as steel, real estate and construction have demand for raw materials soaring."

In April, the Chinese Government launched efforts to clamp down on overheated investment in

selected sectors such as steel, alumina and cement.

Credit tightening and scrutiny over approval of land deals soon cooled down the investment spree and placed the growth of imports at a reasonable level.

"Chinese companies and individuals have been able to receive trading rights through registering since July 2004," Fan was cited. — MNA/Xinhua

## Shanghai Port sees sharp rise in foreign trade

**SHANGHAI, 12 Jan —** The foreign trade handling capacity of Shanghai Port in 2004 reached 158 million tons, 22.1 per cent higher than in 2003, said sources with the Shanghai Port Administration on Tuesday. Of the total foreign trade volume handled at Shanghai Port, export trade volume increased by 25.8 per cent compared with that of 2003.

The Shanghai Port, one of the biggest ports in East China, exported mainly to the US and Europe.

In 2004, export trade handled at Shanghai Port on the US route was as much as 11.8 million tons, 35.2 per cent higher than that of 2003. Trade on the European route reached 10.6 million tons, 19.1 per cent higher than 2003.

Among all the trade volume handled at the Shanghai Port in 2004, the container trade volume reached 14.55 million standard containers, a rise of 29 per cent over 2003.

The Shanghai Port saw 33 international container sea routes newly open in 2004 including 21 ocean routes to Europe, North America, Middle East and Australia.

So far, the Shanghai Port has forged its business relations with more than 500 ports and harbours in more than 200 countries around the world. It has attracted more than 60 shipping companies both from home and overseas to join in its shipping business with an average of 1,716 regular ships departing each month including 827 from overseas.

MNA/Xinhua

## Madagascan President meets Chinese FM

**TANANARIVE, 12 Jan —** Madagascan President Marc Ravalomanana met with visiting Chinese Foreign Minister Li Zhaoxing on Tuesday to ensure the realization of agreed programmes.

During the meeting, Li Zhaoxing said China will faithfully fulfill agreements reached by the two countries when President Ravalomanana visited China last year including the construction of an international conference centre, a cement factory and the exploitation of mineral resources.

Ravalomanana expressed his appreciation for the long term support from China and said he is glad to see the smooth progress of the agreed programmes between the two countries.

MNA/Xinhua

## Indonesia welcomes Paris Club's promise of debt moratorium

**PARIS, 12 Jan — Indonesia on Tuesday welcomed the promise of a debt moratorium from the Paris Club of government creditors, but said it also needed more donations rather than new loans to cope with the aftermath of the Asian disaster.**

Foreign Minister Hassan Wirajuda made his comments after arriving in the French capital for a meeting of the Paris Club set for Wednesday, which is set to freeze repayments of Asian countries badly hit by the disaster.

French President Jacques Chirac reiterated his support for a debt

moratorium after talks with Wirajuda and Washington also promised its support at Wednesday's meeting.

"We are perfectly grateful for the efforts made to relieve our debt in the form of a moratorium, but it is obvious that we would also appreciate receiving dona-

tions rather than new credits," Wirajuda said after talks with French Foreign Minister Michel Barnier.

Indonesia said on Monday it expected Western creditors to allow it to freeze up to 30 trillion rupiah (3.2 billion US dollars) in debt repayments through 2006 to deal with

the disaster.

That would amount to about a third of its 8.8 billion US dollars in scheduled repayments over the next two years to the group of sovereign creditors.

Wirajuda said after talks with British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw that "many other schemes" could be considered in addition to a moratorium. He did not elaborate.

Finance Minister Jusuf Anwar has denied his government is seeking a debt refinancing or restructuring.

White House spokesman Scott McClellan said the immediate focus for helping countries hit by the disaster was urgent humanitarian assistance but Washington realized some countries may not be able to make debt payments now.

MNA/Reuters

## Costa Rica declares national emergency because of flooding

**SAN JOSE, 13 Jan — Costa Rica declared a national emergency on Tuesday because of flooding along the Central American nation's Caribbean coast which has killed at least two people and forced the evacuation of 7,500 others.**

Heavy rains since the weekend have sent water overflowing from rivers and floods have damaged 12 bridges and roads.

President Abel Pacheco signed a decree to free up funds to aid those who were evacuated and pay for rebuilding work.

Rescue workers have reported two dead to date, with another five missing, and about 7,500 people have been sent

to churches and other shelters since the flooding began.

Rescue workers have been unable to reach some of the affected towns, including indigenous reserves around Alta Talamanca.

The flooding has damaged banana plantations but has not affected coffee-growing areas of Costa Rica, a major grower in Central America.

MNA/Reuters

## Tally shows surge in Iraq car bombings under interim government

**BAGHDAD, 12 Jan — Car bombs echo across Baghdad and a constellation of cities around Iraq nearly every day, inflicting slaughter and billowing oily smoke, a reminder to all who see or hear them that the country's guerrillas can strike almost anywhere.**

Vehicles packed with explosives, often detonated by suicide attackers, have become one of the attack's most lethal weapons. An Associated Press tally shows there have been at least 181 of them since Iraq's interim government took over 28 June — just a handful at first but surging to a rate of one or more a day in recent months.

Those bombs killed about 1,000 people, both Iraqis and Americans, and wounded twice as many. The tally found that 68 bombings were suicide

attacks and the rest were detonated by other means. Most involved cars, but some used trucks and even motorcycles.

Less common before June, car bombs have become part of a punishing psychological campaign that has made almost everyone here feel unsafe. They have been used to assassinate Iraqi leaders, attack troop and police convoys, penetrate US armored vehicles being rushed to the country and, seemingly, simply to spread terror.

Internet



A US soldiers evacuates on his shoulder a wounded Iraqi soldier into a Stryker vehicle moments after a roadside bomb was blown up by guerrillas targeting a joint US and Iraqi military convoy in the northern city of Mosul, 370 km from Baghdad recently.—INTERNET

**Two feared dead as helicopter crashes in Washington**

WASHINGTON, 13 Jan— Authorities resumed their search Tuesday morning for the third crew member of a crashed medical evacuation helicopter in the Potomac River in Washington, DC.

The *Life Evac* helicopter, which had two pilots and a crew member on board, crashed into the river shortly after 11:00pm local time on Monday.

Firefighters and police rescued one man from the water and recovered a body shortly after the crash, news reports said, but the third crew member, feared to be dead, has yet to be found. The survivor was found in the water clinging to the tail section of the craft, according to a spokesman for the DC Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department. The survivor was now at the Washington Hospital Centre. *Life Evac* specializes in transporting patients from one medical facility to another. Authorities said it was returning from the Washington Hospital Centre to its base in Stafford County, Virginia. No patient was on board at the time.

MNA/Xinhua



*Icicles hang from a rope stretched from a wharf for pleasure boats at the Han River which flows through the middle of Seoul. —INTERNET*

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**Six bodies pulled from mud, debris of California landslide**

LA CONCHITA, 13 Jan — Rescuers who pulled six bodies from the mud and debris of a huge southern California landslide said on Tuesday that 13 people might still be trapped under the rubble.

As heavy rain gave way to clear weather, emergency crews dug mostly by hand a full day after the disaster, racing against the hardening of the massive pack of mud to find spaces where survivors might be found.

But rescue teams reported hearing no sign of life since detecting a faint scratching or tapping noise under the 30-foot

mound early on Tuesday.

"This is still a rescue operation. We have not given up hope on any of the people," said Ventura County Fire Chief Bob Roper. "This is tedious work. But it has to be done by hand."

Crews were using dogs trained to sniff out the living and the dead. Roper said the search for survivors would go on as

long as they continued to find spaces big enough to shelter a person.

At least 12 people were killed in the storms that have hit California since late last week. Meteorologists said the storms were particularly damaging because they struck back-to-back in an area that could not absorb that much water.

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**Indonesia, Singapore set to boost aviation links to promote tourism**

JAKARTA, 13 Jan— In an apparent effort to boost the number of foreign tourists visiting the archipelago, Indonesian and Singaporean governments have agreed to cooperate on tourism and establish more aviation links.

Minister of Transportation Hatta Radjasa said that the two governments hoped to increase the number of flights from China, India and the Middle East into Indonesia, which would be promoted as a joint destination along with Singapore.

"We need to enlarge our seat capacity in order to boost tourist arrivals,"

Hatta was quoted Wednesday by *The Jakarta Post* newspaper as saying.

He made the remarks after a meeting with his Singaporean counterpart Yeo Cheow Tong on Tuesday.

Meanwhile, State Minister of Culture and Tourism Jero Wacik said currently there were only about eight million seats available per year in flights

from abroad. "That brings some five million tourists (annually)."

To reach the government's target to bring in six million foreign holidaymakers to the country this year, the capacity should reach 12 million seats annually, he added.

Yeo said that under this programme, the number of flights from Sin-

gapore to cities currently served by Singapore Airlines, such as Jakarta, Denpasar, Medan and Surabaya, would be extended. "We'll be looking into adding a few more cities, which will broaden the horizon of tourism products in Indonesia," he said, without specifying the targets.

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**Singapore President to visit Thailand**

BANGKOK, 13 Jan — Singaporean President SR Nathan will visit Thailand next week as an official guest of the Thai King Bhumibol Adulyadej and Her Majesty Queen Sirikit, reported the *Thai News Agency* (TNA) on Wednesday.

The Singaporean President will stay in the Thai capital of Bangkok on Monday and Tuesday, when he is scheduled to meet with the Thai King.

Then, Nathan and his wife will fly to northern Thailand to view a project of the Thai royal family.

The leader of Singapore is also scheduled to travel to Thailand's disaster-hit south to mourn victims of the disaster, *TNA* quoted Thailand's foreign spokesperson Sphasak Phuanketkeow as saying.

MNA/Xinhua

**"CUP" cards accepted in Singapore**

SINGAPORE, 13 Jan — Credit and debit cards issued by member banks of the China UnionPay (CUP) are accepted in Singapore now for purchases and cash withdrawal.

CUP cardholders may access about 800 ATMs with the logo of the Network for Electronic Transfers Singapore (NETS) and withdraw Singapore dollars equivalent up to 5,000 yuan RMB daily. They may also pay for purchases, accommodations and transportation with their cards through POS devices in the city state.

At the launching ceremony on Tuesday, Poh Mui Hoon, Chief Executive Officer of NETS, CUP's Singapore counterpart, said the deal will provide NETS, as well as its merchants and shareholder banks with access to more than 30 million cardholders, which is almost 75 times greater than the entire local market.

"NETS is proud to be facilitating a new service to Singapore merchants in a groundbreaking deal that will make Singapore the first country in the world to accept China bank cards for purchases and cash withdrawals outside their home country," said Poh.

The launch of CUP card acquiring in Singapore is the first time for bankcard issued by domestic Chinese banks to be used out of Chinese territory in true sense, according to Xu Luode, director-general of Payment Department of the People's Bank of China.

The CUP initiated its card services in Hong Kong and Macao Special Administrative Regions in January and September last year respectively.

NETS is now working closely with CUP to further develop their arrangements so that NETS cards can be accepted in China by the end of the second quarter of this year. — MNA/Xinhua

**Sri Lanka grateful to China for help**

GENEVA, 13 Jan — Sri Lanka is grateful to China for its generous help in the aftermath of the fatal disaster, the country's Finance Minister Sarath Amunugama said on Tuesday.

"We are very happy with China's donations and contributions. Sri Lanka will fully recover with the help from the international community," he told *Xinhua*.

He described China's assistance as timely and efficient.

Amunugama, who is here for an international donors' conference, said emergency relief has completed and that the aid efforts now have entered the phase of rehabilitation and reconstruction.

"Our current needs are focused on health and sanitation needs and social and environmental protection followed by rehabilitation of the affected communities and economic recovery," he added.

Amunugama urged the international community to provide more help and assured that all donations to Sri Lanka will be used efficiently.

He also thanked all

donor nations for manifesting a unique sense of human solidarity in face of the disaster.

The donors' conference, held under the auspices of the United

Nations, drew more than 250 representatives from donor nations, disaster-affected countries and international and regional organizations.

MNA/Xinhua



*Workers puts up a billboard for the movie 'Woh Tera Naam Tha' (In Your Name) early last year, one of the last films to feature veteran Bollywood star Amrish Puri who has died at age 72 after suffering a brain haemorrhage.*

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# “Is that so, Maung Ka Lu?” “It’s more than that.”

## Maung Ka Lu

**Grandpa:** Where have you been Maung Ka Lu? Long time no see.

**Maung Ka Lu:** As usual Grandpa. I was visiting some places and towns to study the political and public life situation, while on business.

**Grandpa:** You are talking big. What have you seen? Tell me please.

**Lu:** I have witnessed peace, stability and progress in all the places I have visited, no loopholes. Every major town has institutions of higher learning. Many hospitals have been extended, and a large number of road, bridge, dam and river water pumping projects are visible signs of progress in every region. You also will see them on TV.

**Grandpa:** What we are seeing and hearing with our own eyes and ears are the prevalence of peace and stability and all-round developments in the whole nation during the period of 16 years.

**Lu:** Thanks to the united efforts of the Tatmadaw Government and the people and the amity between them, the nation has achieved peace and progress to that degree, despite the subversive attempts of the destructionists at home and abroad and the sanctions of the neo-colonialists trying to invade other nations and interfere in the latter’s affairs after finding fault with them. Our internal strength is the force that is able to crush every enemy, and win victories again and again.

**Grandpa:** The people have joined hands with the Tatmadaw since the independence struggle. They have also discharged the national duty of safeguarding the independence hand in hand. The events during the 16-year period and the nation’s sound foundations at present stand witness to the fact that in no way the destructionists from inside and outside the nation can destroy the combined strength of the people and the Tatmadaw.

**Lu:** I used to listen to or read the reports of some foreign media with destructive attitude, and have come to know their attempts to instigate Myanmar people, with a lot of fabrications.

**Grandpa:** Tell me what you have learned.

**Lu:** Those media and their owner neo-colonialists are talking a lot about democracy every day, and yet they are committing the most undemocratic acts. They use democracy as an excuse whenever they are going to invade a country coveting her oil or trying to replace its legitimate government, which never yields to its influence in view of its own national cause, with a puppet government.

**Grandpa:** Correct! We have witnessed the neo-colonialists’ acts of creating commotion and insurgency in a country to remove the government they dislike, and if necessary they launch an armed invasion against it with false excuses. If they disapprove a government elected by mil-

lions of public votes, they demand its resignation even a thousand people take to the street. Sometimes, they pour millions of dollars for the candidate in their favour to win the election. If their man wins the election, they brand it as a fair one, and if he loses, they try to annul the election, saying there was vote rigging.

**Lu:** Every nation should have its own sovereignty, and must be free from all forms of interferences and intrusions. It should have the right to serve the people’s interest in accord with the majority’s wish. They are international norms and also the standards of human civilization included in the UN Charter. They are also the freedom, democracy and human rights of human beings. We are unhappy to see the interferences and aggressions violating the norms.

**Grandpa:** The Myanmar people have already known all the facts you have just said. That is why they see the expatriate radio stations — RFA and DVB — and the propaganda media — BBC and VOA — the tools of neo-colonialists. Superficially, it seems that programmes of the radio stations are worth listening. But after listening to their programmes carefully, we come to know that their aims are just to dominate, destroy and exploit our nation.

**Lu:** See, they are trying to exaggerate the news about some changes in the high level officials of the nation from their point of view. They accuse the present State leadership as hard-liners, who will do nothing to install democracy in the country.

**Grandpa:** It is their job. In Myanmar, the Tatmadaw, founded for freedom struggle, has been a national force safeguarding independence and serving the public interest, with patriotic spirit. It is so decisive in crushing all the alien intrusions and enemies of the people. The Tatmadaw should not be weak or gentle in handling such matters.

**Lu:** I agree with you Grandpa. The Tatmadaw is never reluctant or weak in such circumstances. It is always decisive and energetic.

**Grandpa:** The Tatmadaw is always gentle and cordial in extending international relations and in its relationship with the people. If someone says the Tatmadaw as a hard-line force for its decisive efforts to repulse all the destructive elements trying to destroy the nation and drag it to fall under alien domination, let him say it. The Tatmadaw does not need to be polite or gentle in dealing with the perpetrators attempting to cause unrest and push the nation into a quagmire of subjugation. I think that the neo-colonialists and their minions are calling the Tatmadaw a hard-line force for its decisive acts to crush the enemies of the nation.

**Lu:** Yes, Myanmar has never practised any form of aggressive relations policy since regaining independence. Its international relations stance has won the world-wide applause. Myanmar has been actively carrying out the task of the global family under the banner of the UN while adhering to its five principles of active and independent foreign policy and extending cordially relations with world nations. Myanmar are living in accord with the teachings of the religion and traditions and culture. Thus, both the entire people and the Tatmadaw formed with sons and daughters of the people are gentle and polite.

**Grandpa:** By the way, the Tatmadaw Government is able to restore internal peace the successive governments of the past eras had failed to do so despite their efforts. It is the result of the true goodwill of the Tatmadaw Government. As the Tatmadaw is the Armed Forces, its duty is to root out the internal insurgency. But its gentle stance to hold negotiations with the brethren with sincere goodwill, to restore peace through peaceful endeavours to solve the problem among the families of the Union, while discarding the option of rooting out the armed conflicts, bear good fruits.

**Lu:** The State Peace and Development Council has been able to implement the national development projects, the past successive governments had failed to do so, due to certain circumstances. The accomplishment is the result of the Tatmadaw’s goodwill and wish to see people enjoying peace and stability, a developing environment, and economic and social progress.

**Grandpa:** In other words, it is the fruits of the gentle and civilized efforts of the Tatmadaw.

**Lu:** The Head of State’s guidance for progress of all the parts of the nation is also reflects the goodwill to serve the people’s interest. It will continue to carry out the task of materializing the seven-point Road Map and working together with nationalities for the development of Myanmar, because it is a national requirement. If the nation does not fall into the nation-destruction trap under the guise of soft-line policy, the neo-colonialists will brand Myanmar as a hard-line country. We don’t need to bother with them. Because they are of the group to destroy other nations and even the world.

**Grandpa:** Is that so, Maung Ka Lu?

**Lu:** It’s more than that.

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## FAO to help improve information on inland fisheries

YANGON, 13 Jan — Myanmar and FAO signed the project agreement on addressing the quality of information on inland fisheries at the Fisheries Department here today.

The FAO-sponsored two-year project covers Myanmar, Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia and the Philippines for systematic exploitation of

inland water resources, long-term stability of the fishing industries, and conservation of biodiversity and environment in the countries.

Director-General of FD U Than Tun and

Resident Representative of FAO Mr Tang Zhen Ping signed the agreement in the presence of Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein.

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*Fisheries Department Director-General U Than Tun and FAO Resident Representative Mr Tang Zhen Ping exchange notes in the presence of Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein.— L&F*



## 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

### Ayeyawady Div nearly meets ...

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UNICEF, relief aids; Ayeyashwewa Co, K 1 million; Nwaypathin Co, K 4 million; and World Vision rice, oil and clothes to the villagers.

Donations on that day included 562 bags of rice, 228 viss of oil, K 9,605,000, clothes, mosquito-nets and other relief aids. Speaking on the occasion, Lt-Gen Khin

Maung Than said that he and officials visited the region to give encouragement and relief aids to tsunami victims. Soon after the occurrence of tsunami, the commander, Minister for Social Wel-



Vice-Admiral Soe Thein presents bags of rice to victims of massive tide in Ngapudaw Township.— MNA

### UDNR students to visit Yangon

YANGON, 12 Jan — Officials held a meeting at Pyithu Hluttaw here yesterday to make arrangements for the Yangon visit of the students of the four-year BED course No 36 of the University for Development of National Races.

Speaking at the meeting, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and De-

velopment Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe said that the UDNR is an institution that helps strengthen the national unity. The participants approved the minutes of the previous meeting of the Management Committee for the Study Tour Programme held on 22 December. Members of the

committee presented the accomplishments of the body, followed by a general round of discussions.

Maj-Gen Myint Swe, the chairman of the committee, made arrangements for the study tour. The committee was formed with senior military officers and heads of department.

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### Armed Forces Day colour photo contest to be held

YANGON, 13 Jan— The Work Committee for Organizing 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day 2005 Commemorative Literary and Colour Photo Competition will hold the Colour Photo Contest. Photo enthusiasts can send up to four entries for each title. The size of the print photo entry should measure 10" by 12" and above. As those who won first, second and third prizes in the previous contests will be categorized into separate groups, it means that there are many chances of winning prizes

for those who have not yet won any prizes.

Data and caption regarding the photo should be provided on a separate sheet of paper and enclosed. If there are any models in the photo, their consent will be needed.

The entry photo must be a never-before-published work and prize-winning work in local and foreign photo competitions. The entry photos taken by digital camera will not be considered. Winners standing first, second and third will be awarded in Yangon on 27

March 2005, when the 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day will be observed.

Consolation prizes will also be presented to winners at the 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day ceremonies to be held at the respective military commands and LIDs concerned. The entry photos should be sent to U Tun Min, Director, Information and Public Relations Department, No 22/24, Pansodan Street, here, not later than 14 February 2005.

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Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than provides relief items donated by the government and wellwishers to victims from nine tsunami-hit villages in Ngapudaw Township.— MNA

fare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Sein Htwa and officials went to the disaster-hit areas by helicopter and provided relief aids to the victims. Helping the victims with family spirit is a fine tradition of the nation. Thus, the local people should not need to worry about anything. They will have to grow 10 major crops, three kinds of perennial crops and three species of new crops more than the target acre. In addition to fish and prawn farming, they should also conduct poultry farming on manageable scale. In this way, they can increase the per capita income and rural economy.

In Hainggyi Island,

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party met with departmental personnel. Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than said that harmonious efforts are needed to develop the town to have modern characteristics. Officials should tour down to the grassroots in their drive to meet the coming year's monsoon paddy cultivation target of 3.6 million acres, which is 100,000 acres more than the present year.

As rubber fetches good prices at the markets, officials should make arrangements to extend rubber plantation up to 50,000 acres.

Three means should be applied in growing

pepper. Departmental personnel should carry out their tasks correctly and swiftly.

At the model farm of the regional battalion, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party inspected cultivation of coconut, pepper and other crops. They attended the ceremony to open a new building of Kyonku village basic education high school in Ngapudaw Township. Afterwards, they met with departmental personnel. In Ngapudaw, they inspected the Township Hospital and visited the patients and presented them financial assistance. They arrived back here in the evening.

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### Press conference on 1st SEA Archery C'ship held

YANGON, 13 Jan—A press conference on the first SEA Archery Championship took place at the Myanmar Archery Federation in Kyaikkasan sports ground here this afternoon.

It was attended by Vice-President of Asian Archery Federation President of South-East Asian Archery Federation Mr San Gun Kosavinta and

officials, Vice-President of AAF President of Myanmar Archery Federation Dr Khin Shwe, Chairman of the panel of judges Mr Frankie Hoong and members, members of Myanmar Foreign Correspondents Club, responsible persons of the News and Periodicals Enterprise and guests.

The MAF President briefed those present on

Myanmar's successful hosting of the championship, awarding prizes, selecting the best archer, and efforts to achieve greater success in Myanmar's archery and to win medals in World Olympic Archery events. The President of SEAF and officials replied to the queries raised by those present.

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Dr Khin Shwe meets journalists at the press conference on First SEA Archery Championships.— MNA



## UN Secretary-General sends felicitations to Senior General Than Shwe

YANGON, 13 Jan— *The following is a message of felicitations from Kofi Annan, Secretary-General of the United Nations, to Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council, on the occasion of the 57th Anniversary Independence Day of the Union of Myanmar.*

It gives me great pleasure to extend to you and to the government and people of Myanmar my warmest congratulations on the occasion of the Independence Day.

This is a crucial year in the life of our United Nations, a year in which we mark the 60th Anniversary of the organization and conduct a five-year review of the Millennium Declaration adopted in 2000 by all the world's countries as a blueprint for building a better world in the 21st century. I hope that member states will respond to the occasion with vision, goodwill and courage, and be ready to take far-reaching measures to adapt and renew the United Nations.

Change and Renewal are of course constant processes in any living institution. But I see this year as more that I see as a rare opportunity to come up with collective answer to threats that have come so starkly into focus over the past few years, such as global terrorism and the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, and the enduring global challenges of poverty, hunger and disease.

As we pursue our shared mission, it is heartening to know that the United Nations can count on the continued leadership, commitment and support of Myanmar.

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

## Manuscripts invited to Myittasanyay Magazine

YANGON, 13 Jan — The coordination meeting for publishing Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association's Myittasanyay Magazine, Volume 4, No 4, was held at the meeting hall of MMCWA (Centre) on 6 January.

Writers may send their manuscripts for the magazine to Dr Daw Tin Lin Myint (Editor-in-Charge), Vice-President of MMCWA, at the corner of Thanthuma Road and Parami Road in South Okkalapa Township, not later than 7 February. — MNA

## Co-ord meeting on holding 58th Anniversary Union Day held

YANGON, 13 Jan — The coordination meeting of Dinner and Entertainment Subcommittee for holding the 58th Anniversary Union Day 2005, was held at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Culture this afternoon.

Present on the occasion were Chairman of the Subcommittee Deputy Minister for Culture Brig-Gen Soe Win Maung and subcommittee members, artistes, officials of Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayon and Myanmar Music Asiayon and departmental officials.

At the meeting, the deputy minister made a speech.

Afterwards, Secretary of the subcommittee Director-General of Fine Arts Department U Kyaw Win reported on organizing the subcommittee, and those present and subcommittee members took part in the discussions for entertainment programmes and general affairs of the Union Day.

Next, the deputy minister gave concluding remarks.

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Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe presents cash assistance to an official who will discharge duties in Cocogyun Township. — YANGON COMMAND

## Commander meets staff assigned to Cocogyun

YANGON, 13 Jan — Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe met with departmental personnel who will discharge duties in Cocogyun Island at the meeting hall of Myanma Five Star Line Thakayta Township today. He said that soon they will be transported to the island by MV Haka of Myanma Five Star Line to discharge duties there. Of the 45 townships of Yangon Division, Cocogyun Township is located farthest from Yangon, he said. But thanks to the efforts of the officials concerned to narrow the development gap, the island has seen progress in all sectors, he added.

When officials inspected the

Cocogyun after the earthquake jolted on 26 December, they found no significant damage on the island, he said, urging them to do their best for the development of the township.

An official introduced the 27 departmental personnel to the commander individually. The commander presented K 259,500 for 173 government employees of the island, K 54,000 for the 27 departmental personnel who are assigned to the township and K 69,000 for passengers through the officials. Also present were No 1 Military Region Commander Brig-Gen Myo Myint, Managing Director MFSL U Khin Maung Kyi, Secretary of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Myint Kyi and officials. — MNA

## Education Minister receives MD of Toyota Foundation

YANGON, 13 Jan— Minister for Education U Than Aung received Director (Management) and Managing Director of Toyota Foundation Mr Norio Kanie visiting here to attend the Myanmar Historical Commission Golden Jubilee In-

ternational Conference, at the Diamond Jubilee Hall on Pyay Road this morning.

Also present at the call were Deputy Ministers for Education U Myo Nyunt and Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min, MHC members and directors-general. —MNA

## Rural tube-well and road put into commission

YANGON, 13 Jan—Director-General of the Development Affairs Department under the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Myo Myint attended the opening of a rural tube-well and an urban tar road in Kawthoung, Taninthayi Division, on 11 January.

The inauguration of a four-inch tube-well was held in front of the basic education middle school in Semile village. Present were Director-General Col Myo Myint, Brig-Gen Khin Zaw Win of Kawthoung Station, Tactical Operations Commander Col Myint Tun, departmental officials, members of social

organizations and locals.

The 95-foot-deep tube-well, sunk with a fund of K 1,347,600 of Township Development Affairs Committee, can pump 1,200 gallons an hour.

Rural people in Semile village and nearby villages have enjoyed fresh water thanks to the water supply facility.

Next, Col Myo Myint and Col Myint Tun formally opened the Myayipale tar road. The three mile and three furlong long road was constructed at a cost of K 11,125,200 contributed by the Township DAC.

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Col Myo Myint and Col Myint Tun formally open Myayipale tar road. — H

## Lt-Gen Aung Htwe hoists Seinbudaw,...

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North-East Command, Shan State (North) Police Force Commander Police Col Win Naing, Lashio District Peace and Development Council Chairman Lt-Col Than Tun and Lt-Col Tin Win of the local station. The commander also gave away gifts to 12 employees of Myanmar Agriculture Service.

Next, Daw Khin Hnin Wai, wife of Lt-Gen Aung Htwe, Daw Khin Thant Zin, wife of Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing, and wives of senior military officers presented prizes to outstanding farmers.

Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Hla Myint awarded gifts to U Sai San Tun and U Sai Si who are winners in Excellent Performance in Agricultural Field (Third Class).

After the ceremony, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe and party viewed samples of Hsinshweli rice, Hsinshweli glutinous rice, sunflowers and soya bean and thriving 100 acres of Hsinshweli soya bean plantation in the Humon irrigated area.

At the ceremony, gifts worth K 15.8 million were presented to the outstanding employees and farmers.

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## Myanmar on top in 1st...

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members of the panel of judges, managers, coaches and archers of respective teams and guests.

Women's recurve team event (knockout), men's compound team event (knockout), Women's compound team event (knockout) and Women's recurve team event (knockout) were held.

The minister, Dr Khin Shwe and officials presented prizes and gifts to the winners.

The first prize for women's 70-metre compound team event went to Myanmar, the second to Vietnam; the first prize for women's compound team event (knockout) to Myanmar, and the second to Thailand; the first prize for men's 70-metre compound team to Myanmar, the second to Thailand, and the third to Myanmar (B); the first prize for men's compound team event (knockout) to Myanmar (A), the second to Thailand, and the third to Myanmar (B); the first prize for women's 70-me-



Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint presents prize to Myanmar team which stood first in men's compound team event. — MNA

tre recurve team event to Malaysia, the second to Indonesia, and the third to Myanmar; the first prize for women's recurve team event (knockout) to Malaysia, the second to Indonesia, and the third to Myanmar.

The first prize for men's 70-metre recurve team event went to Malaysia, the second to Indonesia, and the third to

Myanmar; and the first prize for men's recurve team event (play-off) went to Malaysia, the second to Indonesia, and the third to Myanmar.

Myanmar stood first with nine gold, five silver and 10 bronze; Malaysia second with seven gold, one silver and four bronze; and Indonesia third with six silver.

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## Three Energy Ministers visit...

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Managing Director Dr Su Yeong Yang of Daewoo International Corporation E&P Myanmar briefed the ministers on progress of drilling the wells Shwe-1 and Shwe-2 and work to be done for well Shwe-3 and others. The minister viewed round functions of the vessel.

The Frontier Duchess will drill 10,821 feet in well Shwe-3 and the drilling, and seismic tasks will be carried out within 53 days.

As Test Well Shwe-1 was

drilled at the block of Rakhine Offshore beginning January 2004, a total of 32 million cubic feet of natural gas per day could be pumped out from the well.

According to the seismic data, it is estimated that from 4 to 6 trillion cubic feet of natural gas can be produced from the Shwe area. Similarly, the plan is under way to drill about eight wells in Shwephyu and Ngwe areas of Block A-1 during this open season. It is expected to produce natural gas on a commercial scale with bright prospects.

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## Timber extraction camps inspected in Sagaing, Mandalay Division

YANGON, 12 Jan — Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung met Tamu District Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Win Zaw and officials at meeting hall of Tamu PDC office on 9 January and gave instructions to them on extraction of timber.

Next, the minister inspected Manmaw and Nankatate raft jetties in Tamu Township and Sawbwayeshin, Nankyi, 55th mile and Sonlmyaing jetties in Kale Township.

On the following day, the minister inspected No 123 Saw Mill in Kale and No 11 Saw Mill in Kyikon and 104-acre teak plantation. On arrival at Chaungma Nursery Garden, Kani Township, officials reported to the minister on forest conservation, plantation and nursery.

Afterwards, the minister inspected production of plywood in No 5 Plywood, Monywa on 11 January. Next, he looked into Yeposa Nursery Garden in ChaungU

and Ahmyetan Nursery Garden in Sagaing. On arrival at Kyaung Myat Wood Finished Products Factory in Sagaing Industrial Zone, he checked manufacturing of wood finished products.

During his inspection trip, he instructed officials concerned to strive for realizing target in planting trees, to conserve the forest, to boost production of goods, to minimize loss and wastage and to exceed the production target.

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Attorney-General U Aye Maung presents prize to an outstanding staff. — MNA

## Youth Training Centres in Lashio and Mandalay inspected

YANGON, 13 Jan — Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint, accompa-

nied by officials, inspected the youth training centre, Pre-Primary School No 1 and the Office of Additional Social

Welfare Department in Lashio on 10 January and gave necessary instructions to the officials on taking care of child and

elders, and the rehabilitation of drug addicts.

Afterwards, the deputy minister looked into Lashio Township Fire Brigade and left instructions for maintenance of fire engines, enhancing the abilities of the members of Fire Brigade and measures of preventing and putting out fire.

Next, the deputy minister inspected the youth training centre, the rehabilitation camp for drug users, Women's Vocational Training School and Pre-Primary School No 2 in Mandalay on 12 January and attended to the needs.

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Deputy Minister for SWRR Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint meets trainees of Mandalay Youth Training Centre. — SWD

## Cooperatives Minister visits booths of MCCPSF

YANGON, 13 Jan — Minister for Cooperatives Col Zaw Min viewed around the booths displayed for the seventh day at Myanmar Cooperative Centenary Products Show and Festival 2005 at Cooperative Commercial Centre (Saya San Plaza), Bahan Township, today.

The Minister was conducted around the booths by Director-General of the Cooperative Department Col Soe Win, Director-General of the Cottage Industries Department U Sein Than, Deputy General Manager of Cooperative Exports and Imports Enterprise U Saw Oo and officials.

A total of 282 salesrooms including the booths of States and Divisions Cooperatives Societies, the ministries and private salesrooms are kept open at the show.

It attracted about 90,000 people from 7 to 12 January.

During the festival, K 83.919 million could be sold from all salesrooms. — MNA

## Singapore President emphasizes foreign relations, security

SINGAPORE, 13 Jan — The Singapore Government attaches great significance to nurturing relations with other countries and maintaining national security, President SR Nathan said on Wednesday.

Addressing the opening of the second session of the 10th Parliament on Wednesday night, Nathan outlined the way forward for Singapore in areas such as foreign relations, national security, economic development and human resources.

Keeping good relations with other members of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) is of great importance to the government, while Singapore will cultivate ties with China, India as well as the developed countries to get growth momentum, the President noted.

"Transnational terrorism is the most immediate threat to our national security," said Nathan, adding that Singapore will strengthen its total defence including a strong Armed Forces to maintain a sustained and coordinated

response to the threat.

In terms of the internal affairs, economic growth is of top priority.

"We will maintain a pro-business strategy, so that the private sector, both large and small firms, can prosper, and generate wealth and jobs," the President said, noting that Singapore should ride on Asia's rapid economic development.

He also stressed the importance of education and training of the workforce and encouraged the post-independence generation to commit themselves to the country.

"Our way forward is to continue making Singapore a land of opportunity for our people, so that this will long be the place where talent, energy and vitality congregate," the President concluded.

MNA/Xinhua

## Fruits, vegetables can not protect against breast cancer

CHICAGO, 13 Jan — Diets rich in fruits and vegetables do not protect against breast cancer, while eating lots of red meat and having high blood sugar may raise the risks of other cancers, studies said on Tuesday.

Research linking diet and cancer can be tenuous at best, and the findings of a group of unrelated studies published in this week's issue of the *Journal of the American Medical Association* contained several caveats.

The largest such study to date, with more than 500,000 European participants and which began in 1992, concluded after a decade that fruits and vegetables did not protect women against breast cancer — contrary to some previous research.

"This absence of a protective association was observed among almost all of the participating countries," wrote study author Carla van Gils of the University Medical Centre, Utrecht, the Netherlands.

"This does not exclude the possibility that protective effects may be

observed for specific nutrients or in specific subgroups of women, such as those with a family history of breast cancer," she added.

Ultimately, analyzing an individual's genetic makeup may be the only way to determine the dietary components that can best lower cancer risk, researchers said. There are plenty of other reasons to consume fruits and vegetables, of course, with researchers noting they can

## Apple unveils new cheap PC, office software

LOS ANGELES, 13 Jan — Apple Computer Inc CEO Steve Jobs on Tuesday introduced a new budget PC, the size of a paperback book and a new software package after the company has been criticized for producing luxury items for decades.

During his keynote address at the Macworld Exp in San Francisco, Jobs promised the new computer, priced 499 dollars, would help further expand Apple's audience beyond the Mac faithful.

The new Mac Mini, expected to go on sale January 22, marks one of Apple's boldest moves yet to expand PC sales beyond a loyal but limited market.

Apple's iPod MP3 player and iTunes music store have led to a dramatic surge in revenue, but to date there has been little evidence that those products have done anything for its PC business.

The Mac Mini ships with the latest operating system, Mac OS X Panther, plus a collection of digital media applications. Smaller than even some standalone external computer drives, it has only a processor, hard drive and optical

drive. Users have to supply the monitor, mouse and keyboard.

Jobs noted that the package will settle long-standing complaints that Apple extracts too high a premium for its products.

"This is the most affordable Mac ever," he said. "People who are thinking of switching will have no more excuses."

Mac loyalists were confident the Mac Mini will bring Apple computing to a mass-market audience increasingly interested in Apple products because of the iPod, according to the ZD Net.

In addition, Jobs confirmed the new software package iWork will replace Microsoft Office in the Mac software market. The package includes Pages, a new word processing programme developed by Apple, and an updated version of Keynote, a slide show application Apple introduced two years ago.

MNA/Xinhua

## British mother wrongly convicted, jailed for killing babies

LONDON 13 Jan — A British mother wrongly convicted and jailed for killing her two cot death babies said on Tuesday she will be fighting for compensation after the government refused her claim.

Angela Cannings was sentenced to life in April 2002 for smothering her two young sons, but appeal judges quashed her conviction in December 2003 on the grounds that medical evidence used against her was unsafe.

Cannings, 41, who spent 18 months in jail, said the Home Office had rejected her claim in a letter and she would meet with Attorney General Lord Goldsmith next week to discuss her options.

"I personally feel that we should be compensated because it was something that happened to us that basically we didn't ask for in our lives," Cannings told BBC Radio. "Even a year on now, we are still traumatized by this whole situation."

Cannings, who lost her home and job as a result of the case, said during her time in prison a woman threw hot coffee over chest and she was verbally abused for committing a crime "that in a woman's prison is basically the lowest of the low".

The freed woman, who now lives in Cornwall with her husband and eight-year-old daughter, lost three children to "cot death" or Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) over a period of ten years—seven-week-old Jason, 18-week-old Matthew and thirteen-week-old Gemma—but during her trial for the murder of her two sons in 2002, paediatrician Professor Sir Roy Meadow gave evidence for the prosecution that three cot deaths was very rare.

Three senior appeal judges later discredited Meadow's evidence, saying it was possible the Cannings family may have suffered from a genetic disorder and warned that infanticide cases were unsafe if they relied purely on expert evidence.

Their decision prompted Lord Goldsmith to launch a review in January 2004 of 258 convictions, which all involved the possibility of cot death.—MNA/Reuters

## Chinese, Portuguese pledge to develop all-round relations

BELING, 13 Jan — Chinese and Portuguese presidents pledged here Wednesday that the two countries will promote exchanges and cooperation in various fields and at all levels for the full growth of bilateral ties in the new century.

Chinese President Hu Jintao said in his talks with visiting Portuguese President Jorge Sampaio that the Sino-Portuguese relations witnessed smooth development since the establishment of the diplomatic ties in 1979. Such ties has ushered into a new phase after the two countries successfully resolved the Macao issue through friendly consultations at the end of last century.

In recent years, the two countries have witnessed even frequent exchanges and contacts with steadily increasing trade and investment and sound cooperation in international affairs, Hu noted.

Hu expressed his appreciation to Portugal's support to the one-China policy and China reunification cause, and thanked the country's endeavor to promote Sino-Portuguese and China-European relations.

Sampaio said that the smooth return of Macao to China five years ago provided a strategic opportunity for the two countries to enhance friendly cooperation. He reiterated that the steady development of ties with China and the adherence to the one-China policy constitute an important parts of Portugal's foreign policy.

To further promote the all-round growth of China-Portugal ties, Hu said

that China is willing to make concerted efforts with Portugal for the maintenance of high-level visits and contacts, the enhancement of the friendly exchanges among the parliaments and political parties, and the closer consultation and cooperation between the foreign ministries and other governmental departments so as to deepen mutual political trust.

China would expand the economic and trade cooperation with Portugal and support the Chinese and Portuguese companies to explore new ways and means to undertake mutually beneficial cooperation, Hu said.

Moreover, Hu suggested China and Portugal to further expand the exchanges and cooperation in the fields of higher education, science and technology and judicature by supporting language education in Chinese and Portuguese, increasing the number of students studying in the other country, jointly hosting cultural and sports event and setting up joint laboratories.

China and Portugal should further enhance coordination and cooperation in international affairs for the maintenance of world peace and stability and the promotion of common development, Hu said.

MNA/Xinhua

An employee of Samsung shows the new "SCH-S310" mobile phone at the company's headquarter in Seoul.

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Algeria, Spain to build new gas pipeline

ALGIERS, 12 Jan — Algeria and Spain will build a 747 kilometre-long gas pipeline linking the two countries, Algerian Energy and Mines Minister Chakib Khelil said Tuesday.

Upon completion in 2007, the pipeline will pump 1 billion cubic metres of Algerian gas to Spain every year.

The pipeline, whose construction will cost 600 million euros (787 million US dollars), has a capacity of 8 billion cubic metres per year.

Construction of the pipeline, 200 kilometres of which will be underwater, is expected to begin in July.

Spanish Industry, Commerce and Tourism Minister Jose Montilla noted that the new pipeline will guarantee gas supply to his country.

Spain has a robust demand for natural gas which may increase by 17 per cent in the coming years. Consumption reached 24 billion cubic metres last year, Montilla added.

Algerian natural gas is currently delivered by land-based pipelines to Tunisia and Morocco, and then exported to Europe through underwater channels.—MNA/Xinhua

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Albania to destroy chemical weapons

TIRANA, 12 Jan — Albania will destroy a decades-old stockpile of chemical weapons within two years, using 18.3 million US dollars of funding pledged by the United States, Defence Minister Pandeli Majko said on Tuesday.

Albania declared the 16 tons of chemical agents in 2003 and officials told Reuters they had been discussing with Washington since then how best to prevent them falling into the wrong hands, and finally to destroy them.

Albania is expected to take possession of a specially-built incinerator next year to begin destroying the stockpile.

Claesen D Wyckoff, head of the US State Department's Defence Threat Reduction Agency, said he would visit the site near the capital Tirana where the chemicals, identified as mustard gas, lewisite and adamsite, are stored.

US officials have been quoted as saying the warfare chemicals had been kept with little or no protection for more than a decade.

But the Albanian authorities, who have so far allowed only a Washington Post reporter to visit the site, insist the agents were guarded "as well as the state treasury".

MNA/Reuters

30-foot mound of mud dug to search people in California

LA CONCHITA (California), 12 Jan — Southern California rescue workers dug into a 30-foot (nine-metre) mound of mud and debris on Tuesday searching for as many as 27 people who may have been buried amid homes crushed by a landslide unleashed by a week of heavy rain.

Three men were confirmed killed on Monday after the steep hillside above the seaside hamlet of La Conchita collapsed in a torrent of mud, trees and rocks that deluged the four-block area about 80 miles north of Los

Angeles. From 20 to 27 people remain missing and could be buried in the muddy wreckage, including three young girls and two teenagers, officials and residents said.

Rescue workers who were forced to pull back for several hours overnight due to fears of a second mudslide returned in the predawn hours to drop microphones and fiber-optic cameras into crevices in the wreckage.

By morning, as the skies finally began to clear, 75 emergency

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Landslide kills at least 3 children in Mexico

MEXICO CITY, 12 Jan — Landslides killed at least three children early Tuesday morning following heavy rains in the northeastern Mexican state of Baja California.

Local authorities confirmed the deaths of the children occurred in the San Antonio de los Buenos District of west Tijuana. The civil security office of Tijuana said a five-year-old child died at home when a landslide crushed his house. But his mother and brother are safe.

A nine-year-old girl and her teenager sister were found dead at their home after the landslides devastated the area together with floods, said Jose Rosas, a technical coordinator of the office. — MNA/Xinhua

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Putin says Russian, Turkish trade to reach \$15b in 2005

Moscow, 12 Jan — Russian President Vladimir Putin said Tuesday that he agrees with the prediction of visiting Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan that trade volume between the two countries could reach 15 billion US dollars in 2005.

"I agree with the prognoses that the trade turnover could reach 15 billion dollars in a nearest time," Putin said during his talks with Erdogan at his residence outside Moscow, the ITAR-TASS news agency reported.

ITAR-TASS said the two's meeting would focus on bilateral economic

cooperation and international issues of common concern.

Erdogan, who arrived here Monday for a three-day visit, was also to meet with business representatives and to attend the opening of a Turkish trade centre in Moscow.

Russia and Turkey recently played up the promise of economic cooperation. Trade volume between the two countries rose to 10 billion dollars in 2004, with Russia as the second trade partner of Turkey, according to the ITAR-TASS. Erdogan said bilateral trade could reach 15 billion dollars in 2005. — MNA/Xinhua

Locust swarms in Guinea-Bissau threaten vital cashew crop

LUANDA, 12 Jan — Locust swarms that invaded the capital of Guinea-Bissau last week still remain out of control and threaten this year's cashew nut crop, the country's main export, a Bissau Government official has said, according to reports reaching here from Bissau on Tuesday.

Guinea-Bissau's Government Spokesman Filomeno Lobo de Pina was quoted as saying on Monday that the government still has insufficient means to combat the locust threat, which began in December as the crop devouring insects arrived from Senegal and Gambia. Prime Minister Carlos Gomes Junior visited the northern and eastern regions of the country last week to see at first

hand the devastation already caused by the locusts, calling for international assistance to combat the insect swarms.

Huge clouds of locusts arrived in Bissau Friday, panicking residents and raising concern that this year's cashew harvest will be wiped out by the insects. The capital lies in the heart of Guinea's cashew nut growing area.

Many cashew and mango plantations have already been destroyed by the locusts and the vital cashew plants are especially vulnerable at the moment as they are flowering. Lobo da Pina, also the Minister of Media and Parliamentary Affairs, said there were unconfirmed reports the locusts had reached the southern region of Quinara.

MNA/Xinhua

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Climate change major factor of world's serious droughts

LOS ANGELES, 12 Jan—Rising global temperatures appear to be a major factor in the growing reach of some of the world's most serious droughts in the last three decades, US scientists said Tuesday.

The percentage of the Earth's land area stricken by serious drought more than doubled from 1970s to early 2000s, according to a new analysis by scientists with the US National Centre for Atmospheric Research (NCAR).

Aiguo Dai, a NCAR researcher, is due to present the latest findings Wednesday at the American Meteorological Society (AMS) annual meeting in San Diego, California. The work is also published in the December issue of the Journal of Hydrometeorology.

Dai and his colleagues found that the fraction of global land experiencing

very dry conditions rose from about 10-15 per cent in early 1970s to about 30 per cent by 2002. Almost half of that change is due to rising temperatures rather than decreases in rainfall or snowfall, according to Dai.

"These results point to increased risk of droughts as human activity contributes to global warming," Dai said in a NCAR Press release.

Even as drought has expanded across the Earth's land areas, the amount of water vapour in the air has increased over the past few decades. Average global precipitation has also risen slightly.

However, surface air temperatures over global land areas have increased sharply since 1970s, and the large warming increases the tendency for moisture to evaporate from land areas.

Together, the overall area experiencing either very dry or very wet conditions could occupy a greater fraction of the Earth's land areas in a warmer world, said Dai.

The warming-led drying has occurred over most land areas since 1970s with the largest effects in northern middle and high latitudes. In contrast, rainfall deficits alone were the main fac-

tor behind expansion of dry soils in Africa's Sahel and East Asia.

Though most of the Northern Hemisphere has shown a drying trend in recent decades, the United States was becoming wetter overall during the past 50 years, Dai's research found. The trend is especially notable between the Rocky Mountains and the Mississippi River.

Other parts of the world showing a wetter trend include Argentina and parts of western Australia. These trends are related more to increased precipitation than to temperature.

MNA/Xinhua

Venezuela says OPEC can cut oil production

CARACAS (Venezuela), 12 Jan—OPEC could cut oil production at its next meeting at the end of this month if needed to defend global crude prices, Venezuelan Oil Minister Rafael Ramirez said on Tuesday.

"At this moment we have a price that is comfortable both for consumers and for us. We believe it is going to stay that way," Ramirez told reporters at Miraflores Presidential Palace in Caracas.

"There is a position among some of our (OPEC) colleagues that favours a cut. That could be the case. We are going to evaluate that," he said.

OPEC's next scheduled meeting is in Vienna on January 30.

Ramirez said OPEC (Organization of Petro-

leum-Exporting Countries) members were currently pumping around one million barrels per day above the cartel's official quotas and that the group could reduce this over-production rather than cut its quotas.

Oil prices held well above 45 US dollars a barrel on Tuesday as cold weather loomed in the eastern US and supply problems hurt big producers. Opinion on a possible cut in January is so far mixed among OPEC members.

MNA/Reuters



A model walks the runway for the 'Maria Bonita' Autumn-Winter 2005 collection at the Modern Art Museum, in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on 11 Jan, 2005.—INTERNET

Chinese exhibition industry faces problems

BELING, 12 Jan—Gao Yan, vice chairwoman of the China Council for the Promotion of International Trade, China's top exhibition organizer, told an international forum that Chinese exhibitions are lacking overseas participation.

According to a latest survey of the 1,064 exhibitions held in 42 key exposition centres in China, the overseas participant companies and visitors were about 9 per cent and 0.44 per cent respectively.

Meanwhile, Chinese exhibition industry has relatively small annual sales volume, which was some 8 billion yuan (0.97 billion US dollars) in 2004, accounting for only 0.3 per cent of the global total.

However, Chinese exhibition market continues to attract foreign organiz-

ers. China has a small share in the global exhibition market, but it has a great potential, said Vincent Gerard, managing director of the Global Association of the Exhibition Industry.

Jochen Witt, president and Chief Executive Officer of KoeInmesse GmbH, leading German exhibition organizer, said that China is and will be the key market of the company, especially after his company successfully cooperated with Chinese partners in the sector.

MNA/Xinhua

3,800 people in Japan suspected of "stomach flu" virus infection

TOKYO, 12 Jan—A total of 3,851 people, mainly in homes for the elderly, have shown symptoms of "stomach flu" in Japan since December, while 14 of them have died after suffering diarrhoea, vomiting and other symptoms of the inflammation, according to a Kyodo News tally released on Tuesday.

Of the suspected cases, noroviruses, known to cause stomach flu, or gastroenteritis, in humans, have been detected in 582 people, or 15 per cent of the total.

The outbreak of the illness, which involves inflammation of the stom-

ach and intestine, is not limited to homes for the elderly, as 1,761 cases have also been suspected at schools, kindergartens and hospitals.

Kyodo News compiled the tally based on reports from the nation's 47 prefectural governments

about suspected group infections or food poisoning cases, following reports earlier this month that at least seven elderly people in a public care home died after developing similar symptoms in Hiroshima Prefecture.

Noroviruses are a

group of viruses known to cause food poisoning in winter. Nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea, light fever and stomach cramps are among the known symptoms that appear after one or two days of infection. The virus is mainly contracted orally.—MNA/Xinhua

BBC sells magazine "Eve" to Haymarket Publications

LONDON, 12 Jan—The BBC, Britain's publicly funded broadcaster, has sold its women's magazine Eve to Haymarket Publications as part of a sell-off of non-core activities.

The deal, whose terms were not disclosed, will transfer the 150,000-circulation glossy and all of its staff to Haymarket starting with the April issue.

The BBC announced in December it would cut its workforce by 10 per cent and seek the sale or partnership of several support divisions. The move to shed assets that fall out-

side its core radio and television broadcasting activities comes amid a continuing government review of the BBC's governing charter.

MNA/Reuters

Brazil to build 15 new hydroelectric plants

RIO DE JANEIRO, 12 Jan—Brazil plans to build 15 hydroelectric plants in 2005, Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva said Tuesday.

During the inauguration of the first phase of the Monte Claro hydroelectric plant in Rio Grande do Sul, Lula said the new infrastructure will represent a 4.4-per-cent increase in the country's generation capacity for this year.

He added that the proposed plants will bring 1,670 direct jobs and 3,200 indirect jobs to the country. "This inauguration occurs at a time when the country has a new model for the electricity sector and more guarantee for investors, which will assure we will have the energy needed to sustain our development," said Lula.

MNA/Xinhua

Largest shopping festival in Mideast opens in UAE

ABU DHABI, 13 Jan—The 10th Dubai Shopping Festival (DSF) in the United Arab Emirates (UAE), the largest retail festival in the Middle East region, kicked off on Wednesday, the official WAM news agency reported.

The DSF is to run for 32 days from January 12 to February 12, which is poised to draw an increasing number of foreign visitors as well as local residents.

MNA/Xinhua



A flock of geese walk along a flooded street next to the Ohio River, on 11 Jan, 2005, in New Richmond, Ohio. The river crested at 57 feet, about five feet above flood stage, and is receding.—INTERNET

## SPORTS

**Bergougnoux leads Lyon to 2-0 win in Sochaux**

PARIS, 13 Jan— Olympique Lyon striker Bryan Bergougnoux, starting his first Ligue 1 game, beat Sochaux 2-0 in their first league match of the new year on Wednesday.

Bergougnoux, who has mainly been used as a substitute, opened the scoring after six minutes on his 22nd birthday.

Mali midfielder Mahamadou Diarra made it two shortly before the break, before Lyon's impeccable defence, led by Brazilian Cris, took over in the second half and helped preserve their unbeaten record with their 11th victory of the season. Lyon have 42 points, six ahead of second-placed Lille, who suffered their first home loss on Tuesday when they were beaten 2-1 by Olympique Marseille.

Bergougnoux can now boast an unusual record. He has started three games this season, one each in the League Cup, Champions League and now Ligue 1 and scored in each.

Nantes, under new coach Serge Le Dizet, were held to a goalless draw in Bastia while Istres, managed by Xavier Gravelaine and Jean-Louis Gasset, lost to Monaco 1-0 with Souleymane Camara scoring the only goal in the 16th minute. —MNA/Reuters

**Athletic Bilbao, Numancia suffer narrow defeats against opponents**

MADRID, 13 Jan— Primera Liga sides Athletic Bilbao and Numancia suffered narrow defeats against lower ranked opponents in the first legs of their third round King's Cup ties on Wednesday.

Bilbao, who have won the competition 23 times, slumped to a 2-1 defeat away to Third Division Lanzarote, while Primera Liga basement side Numancia were beaten 1-0 at Second Division promotion hopefuls Elche. In the only all-Primera Liga tie of the round Osasuna put themselves on course for a place in the quarterfinals with a 2-0 win over Getafe.

Atletico Madrid bounced back from their 3-0 defeat against city rivals Real Madrid in the league on Sunday with a 3-1 win over Third Division Lorca.

Atletico took the lead on the stroke of half-time when midfielder Antonio Lopez netted with a superbly struck free kick from 22 metres out, but their modest opponents equalized with an even better goal 18 minutes after the break.

Brazilian midfielder Alejandro picked

up the ball on the edge of his own area, raced to the other end and unleashed an unstoppable shot that smashed against the underside of the bar and across the line.

The visitors responded by stepping up a gear and regained the lead 10 minutes before time when defender Pablo Ibanez fired in a powerful header from a corner.

New signing Jesper Gronkjaer capped an impressive performance by setting up his side's final goal with a perfect pass to the feet of striker Braulio to finish off from close range to make it 3-1 three minutes from time.

Real Betis beat Mirandes by the same scoreline, but were given a scare when the Third Division side took the lead in the first minute of the second half with a spectacular free kick from skipper Rodri. —MNA/Reuters

**Inter eases into Italian Cup quarterfinals**

ROME, 13 Jan— A second half hat-trick by Obafemi Martins propelled Inter Milan into the quarterfinals of the Italian Cup on Wednesday, as they beat Bologna 3-1 to seal a 6-2 win on aggregate.

Eager to protect their 3-1 lead from the first leg of their third round tie, Inter came under pressure when Jonatan Binotto put Bologna ahead at the start of the second half. Martins, however, equalized 10 minutes later when he fired home a rebound from an Alvaro Recoba shot that had hit the post.

The 20-year-old sealed victory when he ran on to a Dejan Stankovic pass and tucked the ball past the keeper in the 82nd minute before he completed his hat-trick three minutes later when he jinked past his marker and fired into the net.

Inter will face the winner of Thursday's tie between Atalanta and Juventus in the quarterfinals. Atalanta hold a 2-0 lead after the first leg.

In an earlier match on Wednesday, Fiorentina brushed aside Parma 3-0 to complete a 5-0 aggregate win.

The six-times former winners took the lead in the 54th minute when striker Enrico Fantini dragged down a long ball before firing past goalie Gianluca Bertini.

Parma failed to react and midway through the half Enzo Maresca doubled the visitors' advantage with a perfectly-flighted lob that left Bertini flat-footed.

Defender Christian Maggio knocked in a third from close range 10 minutes

from time after a shot by striker Javier Portillo deflected into his path.

Fiorentina will meet the winner of Thursday's tie between Siena and AS Roma. Later on Wednesday, AC Milan take a 2-1 lead into their game against Palermo. —MNA/Reuters



Nigerian striker Obafemi Martins, seen here in 2004, scored a superb second-half hat-trick as Inter Milan joined Fiorentina in the quarter-finals of the Italian Cup with a 3-1 victory at Bologna. —INTERNET

**Man Utd earns 0-0 draw at Chelsea in League Cup**

LONDON, 13 Jan— Manchester United restored some of their battered pride as they held rampant Premier League leaders Chelsea to a 0-0 draw in the first leg of the League Cup semifinal at Stamford Bridge on Wednesday.



Chelsea's Joe Cole (R) vies for the ball with Manchester United's Gabriel Heinze during the first leg of the League Cup semi-finals at Stamford Bridge in London. —INTERNET

United manager Alex Ferguson issued a rare apology on Saturday after he sent out a second string side that was held to an embarrassing 0-0 draw by minor league Exeter City in the FA Cup third round at Old Trafford.

But there was little chance of a repeat of that insipid performance as Ferguson recalled Wayne Rooney and fit-again Louis Saha up front and restored

Cristiano Ronaldo to the right flank along with several other first-choice players.

Rooney twice went close to giving United the lead in a pulsating first half but it was Chelsea, missing suspended Dutch winger Arjen Robben, who carved out the best chances with dangerous forward Damien Duff and midfielder Joe Cole in form.

Duff fired one early dipping shot narrowly over while Frank Lampard, back after serving a one-match suspension, went the wrong side of the post with a glancing header midway through the opening period. Duff was involved again minutes later when his volley was turned into the net by Eidur Gudjohnsen only for the Icelandic forward's effort to be ruled out for offside.

Mourinho threw on Didier Drogba for Gudjohnsen at halftime and the Ivory Coast striker almost broke the deadlock with a deflected shot that keeper Tim Howard struggled to keep out.

Lampard then looked to have broken through but his low shot was cleared off the line by United's Argentine defender Gabriel Heinze.

Mourinho added more firepower in the 67th minute when Mateja Kezman replaced limping midfielder Tiago but United, who have not lost at the semifinal stage of a domestic cup competition for 30 years, refused to buckle.

MNA/Reuters

**Federer opens with victory in Kooyong Classic**

MELBOURNE, 13 Jan— World number one Roger Federer oozed confidence as he warmed up for the defence of his Australian Open crown with a 5-7, 6-1, 6-4 victory over French Open champion Gaston Gaudio in the Kooyong Classic on Wednesday.

The Swiss clinched his 22nd consecutive win to join Andre Agassi, Tim Henman and Andy Roddick as victors on day one of the eight-man event.

Having flown in from Qatar after winning his first title of the season last Saturday, Federer was a little slow getting into his stride but once he did, Gaudio had no answer.

"I could definitely have served better but all in all I'm happy with the match," Federer said.

"For me it's important not to really play well from the start. I hope I really play well in the last match of the tournament.

"I'm trying out some things by taking some chances so maybe these are things that make matches closer but it's still important that I end up winning the matches."

Agassi, who will be bidding for a fifth Australian Open crown when the hardcourt Grand Slam gets underway on Monday, looked lean and confident in his first match for over two months as he

beat Olympic champion Nicolas Massu 6-1, 7-6.

"I felt pretty good," Agassi said. "I liked the way the match played out... and maybe excluding a few second serve returns, I felt like I was doing most things pretty darn well for the first match."

Henman was barely tested in his 6-1, 7-5 victory over Argentine

David Nalbandian.

The Briton raced through the first set and although he was broken when serving for the match at 5-4 in the second, he won the next two games to ease to victory.

Despite his win, Henman said the back injury that dogged him in 2004 had troubled him over the holiday period.

MNA/Reuters

**Osasuna takes place in last eight of King's Cup**

MADRID, 13 Jan— Osasuna put themselves on course for a place in the last eight of the King's Cup with a 2-0 win over Getafe in the first leg of the only all-Primera Liga tie in the third round on Wednesday.

Inaki Munoz opened the scoring in the 72nd minute when he beat keeper Sergio Aragonese with an angled header following a Pablo Garcia corner. Fellow midfielder Moha added a second 12 minutes later when he fired home from point-blank range.

Real Betis were given a scare by Third Division opponents Mirandes who took the lead in the first minute of the second half thanks to a spectacular free kick from skipper Rodri.

But the Andalucians hit back with two quick goals midway through the second half before running out 3-1 winners.

Edu nodded in after a corner in the 75th minute and fellow striker Ricardo Oliveira looped a header over the keeper a little over a minute later to make it 2-1.

MNA/Reuters

### Commerce officials say Indian exports grow 23%

NEW DELHI, 13 Jan — India's exports are estimated to have grown by 23 per cent to 53 billion US dollars during the first nine months of this fiscal, even as an 88-billion-US-dollar target has been set for the next Fiscal Year 2005-06, the Indo-Asian News Service quoted Commerce Ministry officials as saying Tuesday.

The surge in India's exports and the double-digit growth rate during the first nine months of the current fiscal has been sustained despite an appreciation of the rupee, which makes the dollar rate of exports costlier, officials added.

The detailed trade statistics by the Directorate-General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics would be released Wednesday, the officials said, adding that gems and jewellery, engineering goods, ores and minerals showed high growth.

Besides, petroleum, chemicals, project goods, cereals except rice, plantations, textiles, jute manufactures, cashew including cashew nut shell, oil meals, leather and meat also registered impressive increases.

Officials said Commerce Minister Kamal Nath had set a target of 88 billion US dollars in exports for the next fiscal and accordingly directed the ministry to interact with concerned export promotion councils to fix sector-wise projections.

These projections have also been sought over another three fiscal years, keeping in view the medium-term export targets of 104 billion US dollars in 2006-07, 125 billion US dollars in 2007-08 and 150 billion US dollars in 2008-09, officials added.

Strategies to unlock the potential of agricultural exports from India would also be worked out.

MNA/Xinhua

### Constructions to begin late this year on Three Gorges Project ship lift

WUHAN, 13 Jan — The China Yangtze River Three Gorges Project Development Corporation announced Wednesday that they will begin construction work for a ship lift in fall 2005.

The ship lift, which is 120 metres by 18 metres by 3.5 metres, will be biggest of its kind in the world. Upon completion in 2009, it will be able to accommodate the passage of a passenger-cum-cargo ship with 3,000 dwt (dead weight tonnages) a time or a barge with 1,500 dwt a time, said corporate sources.

Ships passing through the Three Gorges Project, which is being built on the middle reaches of the Yangtze River, have used a ship lock there since June 2003. But the process takes three hours for a single trip.

When the ship lift is put in place, it will only take about 40 minutes for ships and boats to pass through the dam.

For the time being, Chinese and German experts are still working

on the designing of the ship lift that will be erected on the northern bank of the Yangtze River.

Launched in 1993, the Three Gorges Project is the biggest water control facility in the world. The mammoth project, which is also capable of power generation, will be constructed in three phases.

Preparations and actual construction in the first phase were carried out between 1993 and 1997. The Yangtze was dammed at the Three Gorges area for the first time on 8 November, 1997.

In accordance with an original plan, the Three Gorges Project, with a budget of 180 billion yuan (approximately 21.7 billion US dollars), will have 26 generators with a combined generating capacity amounting to 18.2 million kilowatts and be able to produce 84.7 billion kilowatt hours of hydro-electric power annually when it is completed in 2009.

MNA/Xinhua

### Paris remains tourists' favourite city in 2004

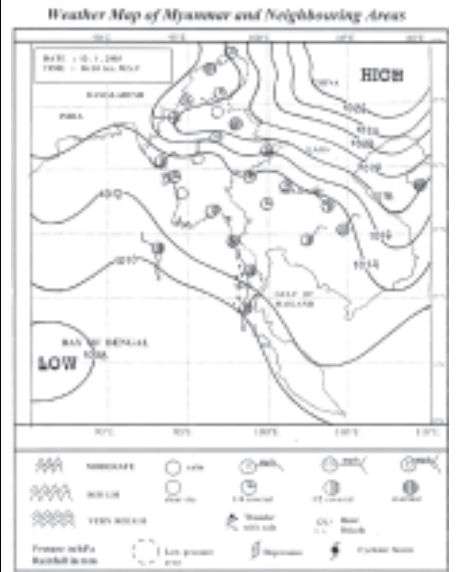
PARIS, 13 Jan — Paris received 25 million tourists in 2004, 500,000 more than 2003, and remains the favourite city in the world, the French Tourism Office announced Tuesday.

Tourism in France plays a very important role. After experiencing a stable development in 2003, the tourism industry increased by about 10 per cent in 2004 in terms of visitors received in hotels, the office said.

The office also pointed out that tourists from the United States and Japan rose by 10 per cent and 15 per cent respectively in 2004.

Paris hosted 272 international meetings, surpassing Vienna and Geneva which each hosted 188 in 2004.

The figures were released when Paris Mayor Bertrand Delanoë inaugurated the new headquarters of the Tourism Office in Paris. — MNA/Xinhua



### WEATHER

Thursday, 13 January, 2005

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, expect for isolated light rain in Mandalay Division, weather has been generally fair in the whole country. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below normal in Mandalay, Magway, Bago and Yangon Divisions, about normal in the remaining areas. The significant night temperatures were (2°C) each in Mindat, Hakha, PyinOoLwin and Moekok, (3°C) each in Pinlong and Heho.

Maximum temperature on 12-1-2005 was 89°F. Minimum temperature on 13-1-2005 was 56°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 13-1-2005 was 73%. Total sunshine hours on 12-1-2005 was (5.8) hours approx. Rainfalls on 13-1-2005 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 10 mph from Northwest at (15:30) hours MST on 12-1-2005.

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

**Forecast valid until evening of 14-1-2005:** Weather will be partly cloudy in Mandalay, 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:** Likelihood of slight decrease of night temperature are in upper Myanmar areas.

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 14-1-2005:** Partly cloudy.

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 14-1-2005:** Partly cloudy.

### Slovakia to receive Norwegian donation for regional projects


BRATISLAVA, 13 Jan — Slovakia is to receive 38 million euros from Norway to finance projects aimed to bridge social and economic gaps among its regions.

A Memorandum of Understanding governing the allocation of Norway's donation was signed on Tuesday by Slovak Deputy Premier Pal Csaky and Norwegian Foreign Ministry's State of Secretary Kim Traavik.

Csaky said the money will be used for projects focused on nine priorities, including cross-border cooperation, health care, education and support for minorities. Norway will disburse the funds under the financial mechanisms of the European economic area.

Institutions in certain sectors like hospitals will be able to bid for this fund, and so will self-governing regions.

MNA/Xinhua



**Friday, 14 January**  
View on today:

**7:00 am**

- ကျေးဇူးရှင် မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃမဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ရွက် အဘိဓမ္မာမဟာဂရုဋ္ဌာန၊ အဘိဓမ္မာအဂ္ဂမဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မဆရာတော်၊ တိပိဋက ရေစမ္မာဏ္ဍာဂါရိကာ၊ ဆရာတော် သဒ္ဓန္တ ပိဋိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ ဝရိတ်တရားတော်

**7:25 am**

- To be healthy exercise

**7:30 am**

- Morning news

**7:40 am**

- Nice and sweet song

**7:50 am**

- လူပိုရှားမိပြင် မိတ်ဖော်ရွှင်

**8:00 am**

- အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

**8:10 am**

- The Mirror Images of

The Musical Oldies

**8:20 am**

- တံငါတေး

**8:30 am**

- International news

**8:45 am**

- English for Everyday Use

**4:00 pm**

- Martial song

**4:15 pm**

- Song for uphold National Spirit

**4:30 pm**

- Demonstration Exercises for Correct Pronunciation

**4:45 pm**

- Musical programme

**5:00 pm**

- အဆေးသင် တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ - ဒုတိယနှစ် (ရုပ်စော) (ရုပ်စော)

**5:15 pm**

- Songs of national races

**5:30 pm**

- အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

**5:35 pm**

- ရည်စေ့စိန်ပန်း အားကစားအပြိုင်

5:45 pm

- ဂီတမဟာဗျူဟာ

**6:00 pm**

- မြန်မာစာ မြန်မာစကား

**6:10 pm**

- Discovery

**6:20 pm**

- Musical programme

**6:30 pm**

- Evening news

**7:00 pm**

- Weather report

**7:05 pm**

- နိုင်ငံခြားတော်လှမ်းတဲ့ "လူ့ချွန်လူကောင်း" (အပိုင်-၄၆)

**7:30 pm**

- Song of Yesteryear

**7:45 pm**

- "အထွတ်နှုန်းတောင်မြစ်စီးရောင်စေ့"

**8:00 pm**


- News

- International news

- Weather report

- Myanmar video feature: "တောင်ကင်ကိုခေါင်းတင်လို ဖျားလိုက်ချင်" (အပိုင်-၂) ခါရိုက်တာ - မောင်မောင်ဦး (စေးခိုင်)

- The next day's programme



**Friday, 14 January**  
Tune in today:

**8:30 am** Brief news

**8:35 am** Music:  
-Faith of the heart

**8:40 am** Perspectives

**8:45 am** Music:  
-Can't get you out of my mind

**8:50 am** National news/Slogan

**9:00 am** Music:  
-Come into my world

**9:05 am** International news

**9:10 am** Music  
- One for sorrow

**1:30 pm** News/Slogan

**1:40 pm** Lunchtime music  
-You just wait and see  
-Girl I'm gonna get you

**9:00 pm** World of music  
Song from Japan

**9:15 pm** Article/music

**9:25 pm** Music at your request  
-The gift  
-Goodbye's the hardest word

**9:45 pm** News/Slogan

**10:00 pm** PEL

## Colonel Muammar Al-Gadafi felicitates Senior General Than Shwe

*YANGON, 13 Jan—The following is a message of felicitations from Bro Colonel Muammar Al-Gadafi, Leader of the Great Al-Fateh Revolution Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, to Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council, on the occasion of the 57th Anniversary Independence Day of the Union of Myanmar.*

**On the occasion of the Independent Day of the Union of Myanmar, it gives me a great pleasure to convey to Your Excellency on my personal behalf and on behalf of the people of the Great Socialist People's Libya Arab Jamahiriya, my sincere congratulations and best wishes for Your Excellency's continuous good health and happiness and to the friendly people of the Union of Myanmar Progress and prosperity.—MNA**



*Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi, Bangladeshi State Minister for Energy and Mineral Resources Mr AKM Mosharraf Hossain and Indian Minister for Oil and Gas Mr Mani Shankar Aiyar view round functions of Frontier Duchess.— ENERGY*

## Three Energy Ministers visit drilling vessel

**YANGON, 13 Jan—** Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi together with Bangladeshi State Minister for Energy and Mineral Resources Mr AKM Mosharraf Hossain and Indian Minister for Oil and Natural Gas Mr Mani Shankar Aiyar this afternoon went on board the drilling vessel Frontier Duchess which will carry out drilling carry out at Well Shwe-3 of Oil Exploitation Block A-1 at Rakhine Offshore. *(See page 10)*

## Lt-Gen Aung Htwe hoists Seinbudaw, Hngetmyatnadaw, Htidaw atop Yanaungmyin Pagoda in Lashio

**YANGON, 13 Jan —** Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Aung Htwe of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Shan State (North) Peace and Development Council Commander of North-East Command Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing, Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint, departmental officials and donors, attended the ceremony to keep religious objects into the upper reliquary of Yanaungmyin Pagoda in Lashio, hoist Htidaw (umbrella) atop it and hold its consecration ceremony, on 11 January.

Lt-Gen Aung Htwe, Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing and party offered Buddha images, Seinbudaw (diamond bud), Hngetmyatnadaw (vane), tiers of the Htidaw (umbrella) and alms to the Sayadaws.

The commander presented gifts to Superintendent Engineer U Kyaw Min Thein and technicians. Lt-Gen Aung Htwe and party conveyed the Seinbudaw, Hngetmyatnadaw, tiers of the Htidaw and Buddha

images round the pagoda. At the auspicious time, Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing kept the Buddha images into the upper reliquary.

Lt-Gen Aung Htwe, the commander and the deputy minister hoisted tiers of the Htidaw, the Hngetmyatnadaw and Seinbudaw atop the pagoda.

They poured water to Bo tree in the precinct of the pagoda.

Accompanied by the commander and officials, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe proceeded to Hsinshweli Home for the Aged in Lashio. He accepted K155 million for the construction of the main building of the home and a three-apartment staff quarters donated by U Than Win and family, and presented a certificate of honour to him.

Honorary Patron and Founder of the Home Dr Kambawza Khin Hlaing handed over documents concerning the home to Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint. Dr Kambawza Khin Hlaing briefed them on the history of the home and arrangements for its dura-

bility. Lt-Gen Aung Htwe and wife donated cash and kind to 27 aged persons.

After that, they went to the plot in Yaybusan Village of Lashio Township where Hsinshweli high yield hybrid summer paddy strain will be cultivated by Shan State (North) Police Force. Police Col Win Naing and officials reported on preparations for cultivation of paddy. The commander gave a supplementary report. Lt-Gen Aung Htwe inspected preparations for cultivation task.

At the hall of Humon irrigated area, they attended the ceremony to honour those who participated in cultivation of Hsinshweli hybrid paddy strain.

Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Hla Myint briefed them on cultivation of Hsinshweli hybrid paddy strain and outstanding persons.

Lt-Gen Aung Htwe presented gifts to outstanding leaders of the agricultural supervisory committee Tactical Operations Commander Lt-Col Win Shein of *(See page 10)*

## Myanmar on top in 1st SEA Archery C'ships

**YANGON, 13 Jan—**The team-wise events of first SEA Archery Championships took place in conjunction with the prize-presentation ceremony at the Kyaikkasan grounds here this morning.

Among the spectators were Chairman of Myanmar

Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint, members of the Leading Panel of Patrons of Myanmar Women's Sports Federation, Director-General of the Sports and Physical Education Department U Thauing Htaik, Vice-President of Asian

Archery Federation President of South-East Asian Archery Federation Mr San Gun Kosavinta and officials, Vice-President of AAF President of Myanmar Archery Federation Dr Khin Shwe and executives. *(See page 10)*



*Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint, President of South-East Asian Archery Federation and prize winning teams salute the Myanmar flag—MNA*