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## Strengthen national unity

Our Myanmar nationals, while fighting for the independence of the nation with anti-colonialists sentiment, Union Spirit and nationalism, managed to strengthen national unity at the Panglong Conference which was held by the leaders of national races on 12 February 1947. As a result, Myanma independence was regained on 4 January 1948, and the nation has become an independent Union standing tall in the world.

**Senior General Than Shwe**  
**Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council**  
**Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services**  
 (From the message sent to the 54th Anniversary Union Day)



## Senior General Than Shwe inspects site of Sittoung Bridge (Mopalín), tasks of Kataik Dam Project in Mon State

YANGON, 6 Jan — Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-

of Sittoung Bridge (Mopalín) construction project of Public Works near Sittoung model vil-

lage in Kyaikto Township. Member of the State Peace and Devel-

opment Council Lt-Gen Maung Bo, Chairman of Mon State Peace and Development Council Com-

mander of South-East Command Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung, Chairman of Bago Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Southern Command Maj-Gen Ko Ko, Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Myint Thein and officials welcomed the Senior General and party.

First, Senior General Than Shwe viewed the plot for construction of the bridge, Sittoung River and its environs. Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun reported on geographical condition of the plot for the bridge, functions and facts about the bridge. Managing Director U Han Zaw of Public Works reported on endurance of the bridges.

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**The upper structure of the Sittoung Bridge (Mopalín) will be of steel frame and the lower, of reinforced concrete piles. The main bridge will be 1,365 feet long and the whole bridge in length will be 2,392.7 feet.**

Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe, accompanied by Members of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann, Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and Lt-Gen Tin Aye, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, the ministers, senior military officers and officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, left here by car for Mon State at 8.15 am on 4 January.

At 10 am, the Senior General and party arrived at the briefing hall



Senior General Than Shwe views the site for construction of Sittoung Bridge (Mopalín) near Sittoung Model Village in Kyaikto Township.—MNA

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

# PERSPECTIVES

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## Make efforts for upkeep of infrastructures for development of the Union

To ensure that all the regions in the Union enjoy equitable prosperity, the government is building infrastructures in all spheres with the aim of narrowing the development gap between one region and the other and raising the living standard of the national people.

In this process, the Tatmadaw government has relied on its own strength as well as on that of the people and service personnel. Now, the combined and harmonious efforts of the State, the people and the Tatmadaw have resulted in the emergence of much-needed infrastructures.

The country's economy has grown to a certain extent. So has the technology. With these achievements in hand, measures are being taken to construct bridges, small, medium and large. Now, the Tatmadaw government has written a success story in its history by inaugurating a historic as well as largest bridge which was constructed through an accumulation of experience and technology. As the longest and largest in Myanmar, the Thanlwin Bridge (Mawlamyine) spanning the Thanlwin River in Mawlamyine, Mon State, was commissioned into service on 5 February this year as a gesture of hailing the 58th Anniversary of Union Day.

State Peace and Development Council Chairman and also Defence Services Commander-in-Chief Senior General Than Shwe himself graced the opening ceremony with his attendance and extended greetings. He said the government is doing everything it can to bring prosperity to all regions of the Union; and that it is necessary for every citizen to maintain the State-owned properties as if these were theirs.

Apart from various kinds of bridges, there is a network of roads linking the east with the west and the north with the south. As a result, businesses are thriving everywhere in Myanmar.

The goal of the country and the people is the emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed nation. And the government is establishing basic infrastructures for national development. These infrastructures are to be used.

Among the completed bridges, the Thanlwin Bridge (Mawlamyine) is the longest and largest one in Myanmar with 11,575 feet in length. Now, it will speed up the momentum of regional development and raise the socio-economic life of the local people. All in all, the onus is on the entire national people to maintain the development infrastructures and ensure their long-term use.

## Organizational set-up of MWF explained in Bago Division (West)

YANGON, 6 Feb — The organizational set-up of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation was explained in Bago Division (West) at the meeting hall of Bago Division Peace and Development Council (West) on 2 February morning.

Present on the occasion were Patron of Bago Division (West) Organization for Women's Affairs Daw Naing Naing Maw and members, members of Pyay and Thayawady District and Township Organizations, and guests.

Daw Naing Naing Maw extended greetings and Additional Commissioner of Bago Division (West) General Administration Department U Pe Thant explained the organizational set-up of the federation. Next, those present took part in the discussions and U Pe Thant gave concluding remarks.

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## 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

## CEC member inspects regional development tasks in Kayah State

YANGON, 6 Feb — USDA CEC Member Brig-Gen Thein Aung attended the opening ceremonies of a rural telephone exchange and a gravel road hailing the 58th Anniversary Union Day in Dimawhso and Loikaw townships respectively.

Yesterday morning, CEC member Brig-Gen Thein Aung went to Loikaw Township Myoma Mingala Pariyatti Monastery and made cash donations to the monastery. Next, he attended the opening of Basic Education High School in Nanmaikhon village in Dimawhso Township and heard the reports on the tasks of



CEC member Brig-Gen Thein Aung speaking at opening ceremony of the rural telephone exchange in Model 6th-Mile Village of Dimawhso Township.— MNA

education sector in Kayah State.

Afterwards, Brig-Gen Thein Aung and wellwishers donated cash for repairing school through the headmaster.

On arrival at Model Sixth-Mile Village in Dimawhso Township, he attended the opening ceremony of rural telephone exchange hailing the 58th Anniversary

Union Day. Similarly, Brig-Gen Thein Aung also attended the opening ceremony of Htayhgalya-Bado gravel road measuring 5,400 ft and 12 ft. MNA

## Second Leprosy Elimination Day held

YANGON, 6 Feb — A ceremony to commemorate Second

Leprosy Elimination Day was held at the hall of Institute of Nursing

(Yangon) this morning, with an address by Deputy Minister for

Health Dr Mya Oo.

Also present on the occasion were directors-general, deputy directors-general, rectors, medical superintendents, directors, officials of WHO resident representative's office and JICA, chairmen of social organizations, matrons and nurses and guests.

After the ceremony, the deputy minister and party viewed around educational booths of leprosy elimination. — MNA



The second Leprosy Elimination Day in progress at Institute of Nursing (Yangon).— MNA

## Water supply signboard put up to hail Union Day

YANGON, 6 Feb — As a gesture hailing the 58th Anniversary Union Day, a ceremony to put up a signboard to mark supply of potable water took place at Pwintbyu on 4 February.

Present on the occasion were Director-Gen-

eral of Development Affairs Department Col Myo Myint, the Secretary of Magway Division Peace and Development Council, departmental officials at division, district and township levels, members of social organizations and local people.

First, the director-general and the chairman of Minbu District PDC formally unveiled the signboard. During the ceremony, the director-general delivered an address.

Next, locals U Aung Naing and U Sein Hlaing expressed thanks.

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The signboard to mark supply of potable water for rural people in Pwintbyu Township, Magway Division.— DAD

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## China from Marco Polo travelogue becomes prosperous again

**BEIJING, 5 Feb—** Marco Polo described China as a prosperous nation in his record of his 13th Century visit, and, after seven centuries, it has become prosperous again, said Piergiorgio Togni, general manager of the Italian State Tourist Board (ENIT), during the first Italian tourism promotion in China.

In 1275, Marco Polo arrived in Beijing, the then capital of the Yuan Dynasty (1271-1368). When he returned home, he wrote the famous travel account, depicting the wealth of Beijing, Hangzhou and Quanzhou and attracted the attention of the West.

Historians said the account is an important masterpiece of West-East exchanges. Even the difference between Chinese noodles and Italian macaroni can be found in the book.

Today Chinese people are not only the producers of silk and porcelain as described by Polo, but also export refrigerators and TV sets to the world, among others.

Polo's story expanded the worldview of Europeans in the middle

ages, while his offspring saw China as a prosperous ancient nation.

Beijing is once again one of the metropolitan cities in the world. Taizhou, Yangzhou, Nanjing, Zhenjiang and Suzhou, which also impressed Polo, have grown into new manufacturing and hi-tech centres. China's trade volume is third in the world.

Polo endured much hardship on his way, while today roads and air connections make travel very easy. "Marco Polo became rich after his trip to China, while today his hometown people wait for the generous consumption of Chinese travellers," said Giacomo Chiappori, board of director of ENIT.

He said after the European Union became

an approved destination for Chinese travellers last September, more than 4,100 Beijing tourists have visited Italy, with 1,000 visas issued on average every month. More than 300,000 Chinese tourists went to Italy last year, many of whom went to Venice, Polo's hometown.

In order to welcome Chinese tourists, many Italian travel agencies hire Chinese employees, and the Chinese language can also be seen in scenic spots, said Wu Di, ENIT representative in China.

MNA/Xinhua



This 28 January 2005 file picture shows Japanese youth search for jobs at Young Hellowork at Shibuya, known as the "Town of youth" in Tokyo.

INTERNET

## Toyota expects fresh record annual profit

**TOKYO, 5 Feb—** Toyota Motor Corp is expected to reap a record-high fiscal year profit for the second consecutive year after the top Japanese carmaker announced a net profit of 296.53 billion yen (2.85 billion US dollars) in the fourth quarter of 2004.

The quarterly profit, up 3.5 per cent from a year before, helped to push the April-December net profit to 880.57 billion yen (8.47 billion US dollars).

Toyota garnered a group net profit of 1.16 trillion yen (11.15 billion dollars) in fiscal 2003 which ended on March 31, making itself the first Japanese company to exceed the one trillion yen landmark.

For the same three-month period, Toyota posted an operating profit

of 422.90 billion yen (4.07 billion US dollars), up 5.3 per cent, and a 5.9-per cent rise in sales to 4.64 trillion yen (44.62 billion US dollars).

The company said measures on cutting cost helped to drive down negative impacts, including stronger yen and rising material prices.

In addition, brisk sales in domestic market as well as in the United States and Europe also were credited with the profit boom.

MNA/Xinhua

## More US and other casualties in Iraq

**BAGHDAD, 6 Feb—** Two US soldiers and four Iraqi policemen were killed in various incidents in different parts of Iraq late Friday and early Saturday.

A US army statement said the American casualties occurred when roadside bombs exploded near an army convoy near Biji, about 125 miles (200 kilometers) north of Baghdad Friday night.

Two soldiers were killed and five others wounded in the blast.

Iraqi security sources said four the police officers died and 10 others were injured in an explosion that cut through their convoy in a suburb of the southern Iraqi city of Basra early Saturday.

The Shiite-populated Basra, which is controlled by some 12,000 British troops, has been relatively calm recently.

Police officers were reportedly also targeted in attacks by guerillas armed with automatic guns in various parts of Baghdad, but no other casualties were reported.

Internet

## Over 300,000 Chinese servicemen donate blood every year

**BEIJING, 5 Feb—** More than 300,000 members of the Chinese People's Liberation Army and the Chinese People's Armed Police donate blood each year to help ensure blood supply in hospitals across the country, according to the military headquarters.

The military said leading blood-donation groups have been set up at all units at the regiment

level and above, and regional blood donation management committees have been established in areas where troops are stationed.

Meanwhile, emergency blood donation plans have been worked out by these military units, and many of these volunteers donate 400 millimetres or more of their blood annually.

MNA/Xinhua



A man looks at the price tag for a Proton Gen2 car in a showroom in Kuala Lumpur on 6 Feb, 2005.

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## 1,447 of US troops killed since beginning of Iraq war

**WASHINGTON, 6 Feb—** As of Saturday, 5 Feb, 2005, at least 1,447 members of the US military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count. At least 1,105 died as a result of hostile action, the Defence Department said. The figures include four military civilians.

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

The British military has reported 86 deaths; Italy, 20; Poland, 16; Ukraine, 16; Spain, 11; Bulgaria, seven; Slovakia,

three; Estonia, Thailand and the Netherlands, two each; and Denmark, El Salvador, Hungary, Latvia and Kazakhstan one death each.

Since 1 May, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq

had ended, 1,309 US military members have died, according to AP's count.

That includes at least 996 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's numbers.

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**The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago.  
The second best time is now.**

## Middle Easterners do not believe in American-style democracy

TEHERAN, 4 Feb—Iran denied on Thursday US President George W Bush's repeated charge that it is pursuing nuclear arms, describing accusations in his State of the Union address as "baseless", official news agency IRNA said.

In his speech on Wednesday, Bush called Iran the "world's primary state sponsor of terror" and again accused it of seeking to develop atomic weapons.

"These claims have no basis," IRNA quoted Foreign Minister Spokesman Hamid Reza Asefi as saying.

Bush's remarks enraged Iran's conservative state-controlled media. State television accused Bush of trying to capture Middle East oil under the pretext of promoting democracy in the region.

"All their slogans are tricks to dominate the oil resources of this region and other strategic areas. Why is Bush only interested in promoting democracy in oil-rich region?" asked one radio commentator.

Washington accuses Teheran of having a covert weapons programme, but Iran says its nuclear facilities would only be used for peaceful power generation.

The European Union is also keeping a close watch on Iran's nuclear programme, although it does

not publicly accuse the country of pursuing weapons. Germany, France and Britain, acting for the EU, are trying to persuade Iran to scrap processes that could be used to make atomic bombs in return for a package of incentives including trade deals and help with a civilian nuclear programme.

Iran's state television accused Washington of inconsistency in its approach to atomic weapons development in the region.

"Such remarks show America's double standards. Why are they silent about Israel's nuclear arsenals?" state television said.

Showing pictures of civilians killed in neighbouring Iraq, state television demanded Washington rethink policies which it said were creating anger in the Middle East.

"Middle Easterners have experienced America's support for democracy. They do not believe in American-style democracy," it said.—MNA/Reuters

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## China, Japan should start talks on free trade pact

TOKYO, 4 Feb—China and Japan should start talks on a free trade pact, China's ambassador to Japan Wang Yi was quoted as saying on Thursday, a remark made against the background of a surge in bilateral trade despite chilly political ties.

Japan, keen not to lose ground to China, has been stepping up its pursuit of regional and bilateral free trade agreements (FTA) and is in talks with Malaysia, Thailand, the Philippines and South Korea.

Japan signed an agreement with Mexico last September on only its second FTA and the first to include politically sensitive farm products.

"The scale of trade between China and Japan is expanding. Liberalizing trade will have mutual benefits and have a large positive effect for the Japa-

nese economy," Wang was quoted by Kyodo news agency as telling a business seminar in Kobe in western Japan.

"China is taking a positive attitude towards an FTA with Japan," Wang was quoted as saying. "It is necessary for China and Japan to start FTA negotiations," Wang said.

The Japanese Government has been taking a cautious stance on the possibility of an FTA with China due to issues related to intellectual property rights, Kyodo said.

MNA/Reuters



Gold bars specially issued for the 2008 Beijing Olympics are displayed in a shopping centre in Beijing on 4 Feb, 2005. The gold bars, different in colour and theme, represent the five-ring Olympic logo. Each set of gold bars includes four 99.99 per cent pure gold bars weighing 50g, 100g, 500g and 1kg respectively. — INTERNET

## Uzbek-Chinese ties develop smoothly

TASHKENT, 4 Feb—Relations between Uzbekistan and China have been developing steadily in politics, economy and culture, Uzbekistan Foreign Minister Sodyk Safayev said here Thursday.

During an interview with a delegation of Chinese journalists, Safayev said his country and China signed scores of agreements on cooperation during Chinese President Hu Jintao's visit to Uzbekistan last June, elevating bilateral ties to a new level. As a big country, China plays a special role in the world and represents a crucial factor in maintaining security and stability in Central Asia, he said.

The two countries have identical or similar views on international and regional issues, Safayev said. The minister reiterated the country's adherence to the one-China policy and its willingness to have close cooperation with Beijing in jointly combating separatism, religious extremism and international terrorism.

He said national interest is at the core of Uzbekistan's foreign policy and that its priority is to safeguard stability and security in the region and to maintain economic relations with all other countries.

MNA/Xinhua

## Italian seized in Iraq, vote counting continues

BAGHDAD, 4 Feb—Gunmen kidnapped an Italian journalist in Baghdad on Friday, the latest in a series of brazen abductions but the first since Iraq's election.

Giuliana Sgrena, a journalist with communist Rome newspaper Il Manifesto, was snatched from the street as she conducted interviews near Baghdad University. Gunmen pulled up alongside her vehicle, forced her driver and an Iraqi journalist out at gunpoint and drove off with Sgrena, police sources said.

Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi said Italy was already working to negotiate her release.

The kidnapping comes just five days after Iraq held a historic election and amid evidence of a decline in militant attacks since the vote, when millions of Iraqis faced down guerilla threats to cast their ballots.

Radio journalist Barbara Schiavulli said she was speaking to Sgrena on the telephone as she was being abducted. — MNA/Reuters

## Russian PM meets Chinese State Councillor

MOSCOW, 4 Feb—Russian Prime Minister Mikhail Fradkov met with visiting Chinese State Councillor Tang Jiaxuan in the government building here on Thursday.

At the meeting Tang said that China, paying high attention to the development of the Chinese-Russian strategic and co-operation partnership, wants to fully increase the mutually-beneficial cooperation with Russia in every sphere.

China hopes for a breakthrough made by the two sides in some key fields of cooperation, including economy and trade, the energy sector, science and technology and investment, said Tang.

He also noted that both China and Russia should make full use of the governmental and non-governmental ways to well open the markets, enlarge the

trade scale and create perfect trade structures in order to achieve the goal that the volume of bilateral trade would reach 60-80 billion US dollars in 2010.

Fradkov, for his part, expressing satisfaction with the recent-year development of the Russian-Chinese relations, said Russia attaches importance to deepen the real cooperation with China in all fields, and agreed to make the fields of economy and trade, the energy sector as main co-operation projects of the two countries.

The Russian Premier said that Russia will carry out the accords reached by the two sides during the

9th regular meeting of the two premiers in 2004, provide favourable conditions to promote economy and trade and investment communication between the two countries, and make every effort to realize the trade goal set by Russia and China.

Tang arrived in Moscow on February 1 for a four-day visit. During the visit he also had a meeting with Russian Security Council Secretary Igor Ivanov on crucial international issues and the problem of regional security. They created and used the Chinese-Russian consultative system of state security.

MNA/Xinhua



Chinese acrobats from Dalian, China perform their acrobatic ballet during the celebration of the Mines Lantern Festival 2005 near Kuala Lumpur on 4 Feb, 2005. This event is part of Chinese New Year celebrations.—INTERNET

## Matters coordinated to upgrade Yangon Kandawgyi Gardens and Zoo

YANGON, 6 Feb — A coordination meeting of the committee for all-round upgrading of Yangon Kandawgyi Gardens and Zoo took place at the Agricultural Museum on Myaypadetha Island this afternoon, with an address by Committee Chairman Yangon Division Peace and Devolvement Coun-

cil Chairman Yangon Command Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe.

At the meeting, Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa, Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen Aye Myint Kyu, Deputy Minister for Science and Technology U Kyaw Soe, directors general and officials reported on thier

respective sectors for the upgrading of Yangon Kandawgyi Gardens and Zoo. Next, the commander gave necessary instructions. The commander and Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin inspected the upgrading tasks in the garden and left necessary instructions.

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Chinese Ambassador Mr Li Jinjun greets Chief of Staff (Navy) Capt Nyan Tun and wife at the reception to mark Chinese New Year on 6-2-2005—MNA

## Yangon West District holds mass rally to honour Union Day, support National Convention

YANGON, 6 Feb— Yangon West District held a mass rally to hon-

our the Union Day and support the National Convention in Sethsan

Village, Kyimyindine Township, Yagon Division, this morning.

Present on the occasion were Secretaries, Joint Secretaries and

members of USDAs from the district, townships and villages, mem-

bers of USDAs Executive Daw Zin Zin Myo Tun acted as co-MC.

When the presiding chairman announced the rally open those present saluted the State Flag.

Ahlon Township USDA Executive Daw Pyon Pyon Maw presented matters on honouring the Union Day, Lamadaw Township USDA Executive Daw Kay Min Kahlar on supporting the National Convention and Kyimyindine Township USDA Secretary U Myint Lwin on regional development tasks in the district.

Yangon West District USDA Executive U Myint Hsaung seconded three motions tabled by three representatives.

Next, documents on tasks carried out in the district, documents on education, documentary on health and K 10 million for rural development tasks were presented.

All those present on the occasion unanimously approved the motion hailing the Union Day and supporting the National Convention and rural development tasks.

The meeting ended with the chanting of the slogans.

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Ceremony to hail the Union Day and support the National Convention in progress in Yangon West District—MNA

## Myaungmya District hails Union Day, supports National Convention

YANGON, 6 Feb— Myaungmya District held a mass rally to honour the Union Day and support the National Convention in Kanyin Kaing Village, Myaungmya Township, Ayeyawady Division, this morning.

Present on the occasion were secretaries and members of Union Solidarity and Development Associations from the district, townships and villages, members of War Veterans Organiza-

tion, Women's Affairs Committees, Maternal and Child Welfare Associations, Red Cross and Auxiliary Fire Brigades and local people numbering over 5,500.

Myaungmya District USDA Secretary Dr Htay Naing presided over the mass rally together with Myaungmya Township WVO Chairman Lt-Col Nay Win (Retd), Myaungmya District MCWA Secretary Dr Hla Hla Win, Myaungmya

District Women Affairs Committee Joint Secretary Daw Hla Myint and villages-elder U Man Seik.

Executive of Myaungmya Township USDA Daw Pan Ei Myint acted as MC and member Daw Htay Htay Yi as Co-MC.

The moment the presiding chairman announced the start of the rally, those present saluted the State Flag.

Next, Myaungmya

District USDA Secretary Dr Htay Naing made an opening speech.

Myaungmya District MCWA member Daw May Thida Aung reported on matters related to honouring the Union Day, Myaungmya Township USDA Executive Daw Khin Myo Myat on matters related to supporting the National Convention and Myaungmya Township USDA Secretary U Pyon Cho on work carried out for regional development in Myaungmya District.

Next, Secretary of Gatsu Village USDA Mahn Win Myint seconded three motions tabled by three representatives.

The meeting hailed the National Day, supported the National Convention and rural development tasks in the district. The mass rally came to an end with the chanting of the slogans.

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Ceremony to hail the Union Day and support the National Convention in progress in Myaungmya District. —MNA

## Dolphin Restaurant opens

YANGON, 6 Feb — The Dolphin Restaurant was opened in the Education Zone of Kandawgyi Gardens this morning.

Yangon Division Peace and Devolvement Council Chairman Yangon Command Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe and Yangon City Devolvement Committee Chairman Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin attended the opening ceremony.

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## Senior General Than Shwe inspects site of Sittoung Bridge...

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Lt-Gen Thiha  
Thura Tin Aung Myint

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and Minister for Energy  
Brig-Gen Lun Thi, on  
supply of fuel for the



Senior General Than Shwe inspects construction of Kataik Dam in Kataik Village of Paung Township.—MNA

Oo and Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi, Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min and Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha gave supplementary reports.

After hearing the reports, Senior General Than Shwe gave guidance on arrangements to be made for construction of the bridge so as to have safe endurance for transportation of loaded-vehicles which carry gravel and cement and timely completion of the tasks.

Sittoung Bridge (Mopalin) will be built at a distance of four miles downstream of the Sittoung Bridge. The new one will have 28 feet wide motor road.

The present Sittoung Bridge is an

from the main bridge. As the bridge is no longer suitable for the loaded-vehicles, arrangements are being made for construction of a new one.

The upper structure of the Sittoung Bridge (Mokpalin) will be of steel frame and the lower, of reinforced concrete piles. The main bridge will be 1,365 feet long and the whole bridge will be 2,392.7 feet in length.

At 3.15 pm, the Senior General and party proceeded to the site of Kataik Dam Project being implemented by Construction-6 of Irrigation Department of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, on Kataik Creek, two miles from Kataik Village of Paung Township.

They were welcomed there by Minister for Agriculture and Irri-

gation Maj-Gen Htay Oo briefed the Senior General and party on the location of the dam, progress of works and its benefited area.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo reported on annual rainfall of Mon State including Paung Township,

project.

In response, Senior General Than Shwe gave guidance on timely completion of the tasks with might and main and feasibility study on water sources to be conducted for irrigation facilities.

Next, the Senior General and party oversaw progress of Kataik Dam project.

The dam, 5,200 feet long and 134 feet high, will be an earth one. The dam can store 56,000 acre-feet of water. On completion, the

dam can irrigate 10,000 acres of farmland.

After viewing the tasks at the dam project, Senior General Than Shwe and party left for Mawlamyine by car over Thanlwin Bridge (Mawlamyine).

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## 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



Senior General Than Shwe hears reports on implementation of Kataik Dam Project presented by Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo.—MNA



Senior General Than Shwe and party pay homage to the Kyaikmayaw Pagoda. — MNA

## Senior General Than Shwe pays...

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Mawlamyine and arrived Kyaikmaraw where they inspected development undertakings.

On arrival at Hsutaungpyi Pagoda in Kyaikmaraw, Senior General Than Shwe and party were welcomed by members of the Pagoda Board of

Trustees and officials.

Next, Senior General Than Shwe and party paid homage to Hsutaungpyi Pagoda and made cash donations towards the funds of the pagoda.

Afterwards, Senior General Than Shwe and party viewed round renovation work being carried out at the pagoda.

At the office of the Pagoda Board of Trustees, member of the State Peace and Development Coun-

cil Lt-Gen Maung Bo reported on renovation of the pagoda with the aid of documentary photos.

After giving necessary instructions, Senior General Than Shwe signed in the visitors' book.

Later, Senior General Than Shwe and party left Kyaikmaraw by car and inspected Kyaikmaraw-Kyauktalon motor road and Mudon-Mawlamyine motor road and their environs.

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## Collective participation of entire national people central to implementing every phase of Road Map Union Day hailed, National Convention supported in Shan State (North)

YANGON, 6 Feb — A ceremony to hail the Union Day and to support the National Convention took place at Mongli village, Hsenwi township, Lashio district, Shan State (North), this morning.

The mass rally attracted 2,600 people from all walks of life.

Lashio District Union Solidarity and Development Association Secretary Dr La Sai presided over the rally. Lashio Township USDA Executive Daw Nan San Twam Kham and Mongli Village USDA Organizer

Daw Nan Kyein Kham acted as masters of ceremonies.

The rally started with an address of the chairman. He said it is necessary for the entire national people to adhere to Our Three Main National Causes. Now is the time when the seven-point Road Map is being implemented to ensure a smooth transition to a peaceful, modern, developing democratic nation.

As the first phase of the Road Map, the National Convention will resume on 17 February.

The collective participation of the entire national people is needed for implementing every phase of the Road Map. Now, all the people across the country are holding rallies in support of the National Convention.

As is known to all, efforts are being made to ensure equitable development in all regions by implementing the border area development project, the 24-zone development project, and the five-point rural development project. Later, he called upon those present on the occasion to hail the Un-



USDA members and local people marching to Mongli village BEMS — MNA

ion Day and to support the National Convention unanimously. Next, U Sai

Sein Aung, secretary of Mongyai Township USDA, proposed a mo-

tion to hail the Union Day.

Later, Daw Nan Khin Hmwe, joint secretary of Tantyan Township USDA, proposed a motion in support of the National Convention.

Sai Ko Sein, Pankham Village USDA Organizer of Mongli Village-tract, Hsenwi Township, submitted reports to the rally that Shweli hydel power plant is being built in Namhkam Township and it will generate 400 megawatt of electricity so as to supply power to the region.

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A ceremony to hail the Union Day and support the National Convention in progress in Lashio District. —MNA

## Hundred fruits from a common stem—Our Union



Shan State with a total area of 60,155 square miles is situated in eastern part of Myanmar. Kachin, Kokang, Taungyo, Danu, Palaung, PaO, Bamar, Lihsu, Wa, Ahkar and Intha are residing in Shan State together with Shan nationals. At present, as the population of Shan State is about 5,263,000 the population density is 88 in one square mile. Being the hilly region, its mountain ranges lying from north to south are about 3,000 feet average in height. Some mountains are as high as over 7,000 feet. There are also Heho, Hsipaw and Kengtung plains among mountain ranges.

Head of State Senior General Than Shwe during his inspection tour of Shan State in April 2002 had given guidance, saying that education, health, economy

**Table B**

Subject	1988	12-2-05	Progress
Reserved forest*	3404	10174	6770
Protected public forest*	-	463	463
Natural area*	300.04	475.20	175.16
<b>Setting up of forest (acre)</b>	<b>9962</b>	<b>150324</b>	<b>140362</b>
- acres of commercial plantation	2280	50751	48471
- acres of village plantation	3481	44961	41480
- acres of industrial plantation	600	12155	11555
- acres of watershed plantation	3601	42457	38856
- acres of Thitsent plantation	-	3550	3550

of Shan State lagged behind in development due to lack of security and peace and there had been armed insurgency in the region. In the time of the Tatmadaw government efforts have been made for prevalence of peace and regional development. Border areas of Shan State are contiguous to those of neighbouring nations. This being the case, it is needed to catch up with them in terms of education, health and economic sectors. Only when the national dignity

### Hailing the 58th Anniversary Union Day:

# Shan State marching to new golden land of unity and amity

*Thiha Aung*

**Table C**

Subject	1988	12-2-05	Progress
<b>Motor road</b>	<b>4077/0</b>	<b>4530/0</b>	<b>453/0</b>
- tarred road	1459/0	1848/7	389/7
- gravel road	781/0	809/3	28/3
- hard road	700/0	857/2	157/2
<b>Bridge</b>			
- above 180 feet long	24	39	15
- lower 180 feet long	655	967	312
<b>Railways</b>			
- miles	168.25	468.72	300.47
- miles of railroad	186.55	501.63	315.08
- passenger	1495900	1594800	98900
- miles of passenger transport	84205.5	86499.1	2293.6
- tons of cargo	58000	72300	14300
- miles cargo transport	6174.5	11111.1	4936.6
- stations	25	95	70
<b>Airways</b>			
- Airports	15	15	-
- above 5000 ft runway	4	6	2
- under 5000 ft runway	11	9	upgrading

thriving. The per-acre yield of summer paddy has increased up to about 100 baskets. There has been self-sufficiency in rice in the region as paddy production has doubled.

Kaukkwe Dam in Lashio Township, Myogyi Dam in Ywangan Township and Wanpon Dam in Namhsam Township are under construction and arrangements are being made for implementing the Kengkham Dam project plus one river water pumping project. Progress in agriculture sector may be seen in Table A.

#### Livestock and fisheries

Livestock breeding undertakings in Shan State have doubled when compared with that in 1988. In the past, altogether 3.7 million heads of animals were bred but now about 8.8 million heads of animals are being bred for development of the meat sector. Being a plateau, progress has been made in fishery sector. In the past, there

**Table A** Gross production— basket (thousand)

Subject	1988	12-2-05	Progress
<b>Land resource</b>			
- sown acreage	2314243	2539148	224905
- acres of vacant and virgin land	6292285	5648376	643909
<b>Irrigation</b>			
- dam, lake, reservoir, canal	18	24	6
- river water pumping tasks	-	1	1
- damming creeks	-	569	569
- Benefited acre	61855	242222	180367
<b>Thriving double crops</b>	<b>169837</b>	<b>461745</b>	<b>291908</b>
<b>Extended paddy cultivation</b>			
- acres of monsoon paddy	834176	1197077	362901
- per acre yield*	49.11	67.89	18.78
- acres of summer paddy	-	70737	70737
- per acre yield*	-	99.51	99.51
- gross production	40212	87793	47581
- food sufficiency	-	112.5	112.5
- beans and pulses (acre)	54919	343727	288808
- cotton (acre)	1379	2584	1205
- sugar (acre)	16659	51468	34809
- maize (acre)	82619	288669	206050
- backwheat (acre)	-	10406	10406
- rubber (acre)	-	9468	9468
- tea (acre)	137021	173190	36169
- coffee (acre)	10427	14426	3999
<b>Edible Oil crop (acre)</b>			
- Groundnut	58385	93317	24932
- sesame	16929	32580	15651
- sunflower	11315	18728	7413
- mustard	5125	11902	6777

and the national forces are strong will the future of the State be bright.

Since its assumption of the State responsibility the Tatmadaw government with the participation of the people has been forging national solidarity while building development infrastructures in states and divisions. It has been able to bring armed insurgency to an end. As a result, 17 armed groups have returned to the legal fold and

#### Per-acre yield— basket

**Table D**

Subject	1988	12-2-05	Progress
post office	101	153	52
telegraph office	31	88	57
facsimile	1	115	114
computer telegraph	-	14	14
<b>telephone service</b>			
- telephone office	27	121	94
- number of line	3075	29627	26552
- exchange	27	96	69
- direct line	2871	24819	21948
- auto/carrier telephone	2871	23768	20897
- telephone density*	0.78	4.80	4.02
<b>microwave station</b>	2	47	45
<b>rural telephone exchange</b>	-	25	25
<b>e-mail/internet</b>	-	6	6
<b>local satellite station</b>			
- DOMSAT	-	1	1
- VSAT	-	5	5
- iPSTAR	-	4	4

**Other auto-exchange projects**— 1. Namhsan (south) with 500 lines; 2. Kunhing with 400 lines; 3. Hsenwi with 500 lines; 4. Lashio (extension) with 500 lines

are now joining hands with the government in nation-building endeavours. With combined efforts of the Tatmadaw and national race leaders unprecedented progress has been made in Shan State. Progress made past and present in Shan

development of agriculture of Shan State Zawgi Dam in Yaksawk Township and Humon Dam in Lashio Township were built. At the same time, hybrid paddy suits to the region were grown and they are now

were 205.69 acres of fish breeding ponds but there are now 1,842.13 acres of fish breeding ponds or eight times.

In 1988, only 678,000 fish were distributed but

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#### Consumption unit (millions)

**Table E** \*megawatt

Subject	1988	12.2.05	Progress
electricity consumption	24.285	186.372	162.087
maximum load*	5.310	46.720	41.410
<b>Increase of generating power</b>			
- implemented project	3	15	12
- large-scale (above-10 megawatt)	-	2	2
- medium-scale (1-10 megawatt)	1	5	4
- small-scale (1 megawatt)	2	8	6
- implementing project	-	2	2
- large-scale (above-10 megawatt)	-	2	2
- coal-power plant	-	1	1
- diesel-power plant	111	173	62
<b>present capacity of generator*</b>	12.404	233.957	221.553
<b>future capacity of generator*</b>	12.404	687.957	675.583

\* Heavy Hydrel Power Project to be implemented Tahsan (Thanlwin) 7110 megawatt (large-scale)





# Development in Shan State after 1988

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*Maternity ward built in Lashio People's Hospital in Lashio, Shan State (North) provides better health care services to the local public. — MYANMA ALIN*



*Magnificent Panglong University in Panglong, Loilem District, Shan State (South).  
MYANMA ALIN*



*The left photo stands witness to the fact that Mongla in the border region in Shan State (East) has developed significantly.  
MYANMA ALIN*

## Shan State marching to...

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2.1 million fish are now being distributed.

### Forest conservation

Measures are being taken for development of the forest sector in Shan State to keep pace with development of agriculture and livestock breeding. As efforts are being made for development of agriculture, meat and forest sectors the area of protected public forest and natural forest has been on the increase. In 1988, the government in cooperation with the people had been able to grow only over 500,000 saplings but in the time of the Tatmadaw government over 47 million saplings have been planted. Extended establishment of forest plantations is being launched with added momentum.

Catchment areas were extended for greening of the environs of Inlay Lake and preservation of rivers and creeks. The forest sector of Shan State covers commercial plantations, plantations for village use, plantations for industrial raw materials and Thitseint plantations.

### Transport sector

The government is making efforts in all seriousness for ensuring better transport in states and divisions while striving for improvement of socio-economic life of the entire national people. There were only Mandalay-Nawngkhio-Kyaukse-Lashio route and Meiktila-Thazi-Shwenyaung route as gateways of Shan State in 1988. People in the region had to rely mainly on rail transportation as there were only two modes of transport—motor road and railroads. Shan State marked by a series of rivers and creeks has mountains and forests in abundance. These natural barriers prevent national brethren to get closer but remain distant. The Tatmadaw Government, on its part, is determined to overcome these barriers.

In the time of the Tatmadaw government a network of roads and bridges were built and upgraded in Shan State. As a result, the Hsipaw-Namlan-Panketu road and the Yaksawk-Kyaukse-Nawngkhio road linking directly to Shan State (North) and Shan State (South) have emerged. Moreover, the Hanmyintmo-Myogyi-Ywangan road and

the Pinlaung-Pyinmana road linking Mandalay Division and Shan State have also emerged. Local people in Shan State has now been enjoying the fruits of better transport.

A total of 453 miles of

**Table G**

Subject	1988	12-2-05	Progress
<b>Basic education</b>			
- number of schools	4392	4676	1184
- multimedia classroom	-	150	150
- e-Learning Centre	-	79	79
- number of teachers	11399	23056	11657
- number of students	347878	661726	313848
- KG enrolment	66.61%	95.5%	28.89%
- adult literacy rate	47.34%	88.30%	40.96%
<b>School dropout rate</b>			
- primary school level	44.58%	17.97%	(-) 26.61%
- middle school level	42.27%	12.35%	(-) 29.92%
<b>Higher education</b>			
- arts & science university	-	2	2
- degree college	1	2	1
- education college	1	1	-
- e-Learning centre	-	83	83
- academic programmes	16	88	72
- number of teachers	170	636	466
- number of students	2983	24230	21247
<b>Human resource development centre</b>	-	4	4

motor roads including 390 miles long tarred roads were built in Shan State. In the past, there were only two major bridges—the Kunlong Bridge and the Takaw Bridge but in the time of the Tatmadaw government the Thanlwin Bridge (Takaw-et) and the Thanlwin Bridge (Tahsan) were added. In addition, special bridge projects—Nanming bridge in Kunlong Township, Matlan bridge in Laikha Township and Langkhio bridge in Lingkhio Township were also constructed.

Tarpa bridge (Kutkai), Dokhtawady Bridge (Nawngkhio), Shweli bridge (Namkham) and Hsataw bridge (Mongkai) are under construction. Arrangements are being made for construction of Shweli bridge (Myithson) in Momeik Township.

In the past, the length of railroads was only 168.25 miles but it has now doubled. The 101.92-mile Aungban-Pinlaung-Loikaw railroad, the 37.50-mile Shwenyaung-Yaksawk railroad and the 165.06-mile Shwenyaung-Namhsan railroad have contributed much to ensuring better transport in the region.

Moreover, the number of airport at which Jet aircraft can land and take off has increased from four to six. The Lashio-Muse railroad, the ASEAN highway

and the Asian highway will soon emerge in Shan State.

Table C shows progress made in the transport sector.

### Communications

The government is making all-out efforts for development of the communications sector of Shan State. At a time when information and communications are

consume nine times of electricity.

In the past, there were three hydel power plants in Shan State—the 0.3 megawatt Nanhkam small-scale hydel plant, 0.192 megawatt Muse small-scale hydel plant and 1.2 megawatt Tatgyi medium-scale hydel power plant. At present, there are

12 small- and medium-scale hydel power plants. There are the Namhmyaw, the Namhsaung Ngaung, the Pakyethaw, the Namhsaung Chaung, the Zawgyi-1, the Zawgyi-2, the Namshan Chaung, the Namhtok, the Meipan, the Mongla, the Namlap and the Silu. Shweli hydel power plant to generate 400 megawatt in Shan State (North) and Kengtawng hydel power plant to generate 54 megawatt in Shan State (South) are under implementation. Arrangements are being made for implementing Tahsan (Thanlwin) hydel power project in Shan State to generate 7,110 megawatt.

Table E compares figures in 1988 and the present.

### Industry

In building the nation into a modern and developed one, the government based on agriculture and industry is striving for the Union to become an industrialized nation. In the process, priority is being given

to development of private industrial sector.

Therefore, Taunggyi (Ayethaya) Industrial Zone in Shan State has emerged. With the investment of K 637.59 million, the industrial zone has 670 industries and K 1,112.03 million of production value. With the assistance of the government, it is in the process of establishing modern foundries and mould shops like Mandalay and Monywa industrial zones. Table F shows progress at present compared with that in 1988.

### Mining and mineral resources

Gem lands and mining blocks in Shan State have been extended after 1988. As a result, 36,330 carats of gems and 244.56 troy ounces of gold could be exploited. Mining and mineral sector of Shan State is making progress to the extent that 143,067 metric tons of coal, 3,040 metric tons of lime for industrial use, 403 metric tons of lime for decoration, 756 metric tons of lead zinc ore, 1,348.6 metric tons of zinc ore, 107,743 ounces of refined silver, 1,875 metric tons of pure lead, 4,247 metric tons of refined lead and 2,210 metric tons of baryte could be mined.

### Education

The government is making efforts for improvement of Shan State's education sector to be able to face the challenges of Knowledge Age. There are 1,184 basic education schools with 11,657 teachers in Shan State. Altogether 661,726 students are pursuing education at the schools. In the higher education sector, there are two arts & science universities, one arts & science degree college and one education

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**Table H**

Subject	1988	12-2-05	Progress
<b>Government Technological Colleges</b>			
- GTC (Ayethaya)	-	4	4
- course numbers	-	1	1
- GTC (Kengtung)	3	9	6
- course numbers	-	1	1
- GTC (Panglong)	-	4	4
- course numbers	-	1	1
- GTC (Lashio)	-	4	4
- course numbers	-	1	1
- number of teachers	50	325	275
- students (graduate)	2126	5558	3432
- present students	-	2092	2092
<b>Government Computer Colleges</b>			
- GCC (Taunggyi)	-	4	4
- course numbers	-	1	1
- GCC (Kengtung)	-	30	30
- course numbers	-	1	1
- GCC (Lashio)	-	4	4
- course numbers	-	1	1
- GTC (Panglong)	-	4	4
- course numbers	-	1	1
- number of teachers	-	86	86
- students (graduate)	-	406	406
- present students	-	1065	1065
Technical High School (Taunggyi)	-	1	1

making progress, systematic steps are being taken for development of communications sector of states and divisions to enable the nation to stand tall among the global nations.

Table D indicates comparison of figures in the past and present.

### Electric power

Electric power plays a key role in boosting the national economy. Shan State consumed only 24 megawatt of electricity in 1988. In the time of the Tatmadaw government measures were taken so that Shan State can

**Table I**

Subject	1988	12-2-05	Progress
<b>upgrading of hospital</b>	87	136	49
- specialist hospital	1	1	-
- 200-bed	3	4	1
- 150-bed	1	1	1
- 100-bed	5	2	upgrading
- 50-bed	2	8	6
- 25-bed	8	27	19
- 16-bed	35	15	upgrading
- station hospital	32	75	43
<b>health units</b>	174	210	36
- rural health unit	114	149	35
<b>health staff</b>	1850	3824	1974
- doctors	313	756	443
- nurses	556	1387	831
- health staff	136	172	36
- midwives	678	953	275
- skilled staff	22	49	27
- township health assistant	-	14	14
- health assistant-1	-	50	50
- health assistant	91	141	50
- supervisor (1)/(2)	54	302	248
<b>traditional medicine</b>			
- traditional medicine hospital	-	1	1
- traditional medicine dispensary	6	23	17
<b>nurse training school</b>			
- nursing training school	1	3	2
- midwifery training school	1	1	-

**Table F**

Subject	1988	12.2.05	Progress
<b>Upgrading industrial power</b>			
- Industrial Zone (Taunggyi/Ayethaya)	-	1	1
- works	-	670	670
- private industries	846	3439	2593
- cottage industries	-	35	35
State-owned industries	22	42	20

## Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than inspects development of Shwethaungyan region

YANGON, 6 Feb — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Soe Naing and local authorities, arrived at Marine Science Research and Training Camp of Patheingyi University at Magyi Beach in Shwethaungyan, Patheingyi Township, on 4 February.

Professor U Hla Tint reported on research works of the Marine Science Department and its functions.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than inspected breeding of 18,000 sea prawn in the pond at the camp and hatchery.

At Shwethaungyan Basic Education High School, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than looked into progress of construction of the new building. Next, he met with

departmental personnel and local people at Shwethaungyan Hall of the town. Executive Officer of Shwethaungyan Town U Aung Swe submitted reports on matters related to the town. The commander gave a supplementary report on development of Shwethaungyan.

At Shwethaungyan Police Station, Ayeyawady Division Police Station Police Col Than Tun and officials briefed him on tasks being carried out. Afterwards, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than met with local people at Wetthay Village BEPS and attended to the requirements.

Similarly, he joined teachers and local people at BEHS (Branch) in Ohnchaung Village of Thegon Village-tract. He fulfilled the requirements of the local people.

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## Collective participation...

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With regard to the transport sector, he said that there was only Kunlong suspension bridge crossing Thanlwin River in Shan State (North) in the past. Now, Namhting Bridge and Nyinaung Bridge have been built for better transport of the local people. And, Tarpa suspension bridge across Thanlwin River and Dokhtawady River Bridge are under construction.

The organizer presented his report covering development of road transport, water supply, education, health and agriculture sectors in Lashio District. Furthermore, he said that Mongli Village, his native place, has been upgraded to the model village and that local people of 200 households enjoy facilities of



Those presiding over the ceremony to hail the Union Day and support the National Convention.—MNA

Aye handed over the documents related to construction of 60 basic education schools to District Education Officer



Tanyan township USDA Joint-Secretary Daw Nan Khin Hmwe.—MNA

Daw San San Myint and the documents concerning 58 health facilities to Head of District Health

Department Dr Thin Thin Hlaing.

U Ja Bo Shi of New



Mongyai township USDA Secretary U Sai Sein Aung.—MNA

Mongli Village accepted the documents related to development of Mongli Village from U Sai Tun Aye. Similarly, District IPRD Officer U Maung

Maung Ohn accepted books for village libraries.



Lashio district USDA Secretary Dr La Sai.—MNA

Before concluding the ceremony, all the participants approved to honour the Union Day and support the National Convention and regional development tasks.—MNA



Lashio township USDA Executive U Zin Han Tang Gyi.—MNA

tubewells, BEMS worth K 40 million, the rural health unit worth K 6 million and a hydel power plant worth K 6.5 million.

Lashio Township USDA Executive U Zin Han Tang Gyi seconded motions of three representatives.

Lashio District USDA Joint Secretary U Sai Tun



Lashio township USDA Executive Daw Nan San Twan Kham acts as MC together with Mongli village USDA organizer Daw Nan Kyein Kham as co-MC.—MNA

## POEM

### Hailing the 58th Anniversary Union Day:

#### Clear Water From Chin Shwe Haw

- \* Past Kunlong, get to Chin Shwe Haw  
Invited by intimate friends  
Arrived there with peace of mind  
At wintry time that invites prose.
- \* To the north lies Pachehaw  
With new hydro-electric power  
Electrification lights up whole new town  
Greyish to the south is the Namting  
The mountain ridges go up and down  
Inviting scene to the east  
Across the border is the Namphahaw  
A bridge spans it to their land  
Right behind on the west  
Kunlong can be seen slightly  
The scene is truly breath-taking.
- \* In Kokang language  
A translation is made  
"Chin" means clear  
"Shwe" is water  
And "Haw" is spout  
The rendition is surely lovely  
Town where clear water spouts.  
It's named ChinShweHaw.
- \* O... Silvery mist, wafted by the breeze  
Buckwheat in bloom among greenery  
On way to Laukkai back and forth  
No tiredness but joy in ChinShweHaw  
Happily rested if for just a while  
Tranquility in area because there's peace  
Fragrant and fresh, goodwill flowers  
Those bloomed in that place  
Let the water be clear forever.  
Let it fit the town's name.  
Let it last eternally.  
Myinmu Maung Naing Moe (Trs.)

## Maungtaw District hails Union Day, supports National Convention

YANGON 6 Feb — Maungtaw District USDA members and local people held a mass rally to honour the Union Day and the National Convention in Magyigon Village in Maungtaw Township on 4 February.

Maungtaw District USDA Secretary U Tun Hla Sein presided over the meeting.

The moment the meeting chairman announced the start of the rally, those present saluted the State Flag.

The meeting chairman extended greetings. Next, Maungtaw Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association executive Daw Nu Nu Yi submitted the report on hailing the Union Day, Member of Organization for Maungtaw District Women's Affairs Daw Ta Ta supporting the National Convention and Buthidaung USDA Secretary U Khin Ba Thaung regional development tasks in the district.

Afterwards, Rakhine State USDA Secretary U Oo Kyaw Yin presented K 500,000 of the association to U Maung Tin Nyunt for carrying out regional development tasks in the district. The Secretary of Rakhine State USDA donated journals and magazines for Magyigon Village library.

Maungtaw District USDA Executive U Khin Maung Hla seconded the motion of the three representatives.

The meeting ended with chants of slogans after above mentioned proposals.—MNA

# CNOOC expects 19% growth in oil production in 2005

**BEIJING, 5 Feb**—The China National Offshore Oil Corporation (CNOOC) expects to put nine newly-developed offshore oil projects into operation this year, targeting a 19-per-cent increase in crude production from 2004.

According to CNOOC president Fu Chengyu, some 16 offshore oil projects are expected to begin operation between 2005 and 2006, nine of which are expected to be completed by the end of this year. CNOOC's investment in offshore oil development project is budgeted at about 2.2 billion US dollars this year, a 33-per-cent increase from 2004, and the exploration budget is expected to hit 260 million US dollars, Fu said.

The offshore oil giant is planning to explore mainly in new offshore areas as well as in deep-water blocks for more potential reserves.

Fu said CNOOC's projected net offshore oil production this year is about 141 to 146 million barrels of oil equivalent (BOE), a 19-per-cent increase over

the 118 to 123 million BOE in 2004.

He also said the company's Indonesian unit is expected to gain a net entitlement volume of about 19 million BOE. Yang Hua, the company's CEO, said CNOOC will "strive to maintain a competitive cost structure" and "take all necessary measures to ease upward pressure". CNOOC will further implement its aggressive gas development strategy this year, Fu said, adding that it will maintain the status of leading gas supplier in the country's coastal areas and play a major role in the country's LNG import.

In 2004, the corporation completed the purchasing of a continental shelf gas project in Australia and increased its share holding in a gas project in Indonesia.

MNA/Xinhua

## Indonesia to raise fuel prices soon

**JAKARTA, 5 Feb**—The Indonesian Government will raise fuel prices by up to 30 per cent in the first quarter of this year in a bid to lower the fuel subsidy.

To limit the inflationary impact, Bank Indonesia, the central bank, has indicated it will raise interest rates or absorb the circulation of base money.

"The first quarter of this year is the best time for us to increase fuel prices.... We are still considering if a 30-per-cent hike is suitable at the moment," State Minister for National Development Planning Sri Mulyani Indrawati was quoted Friday by *The Jakarta Post* newspaper as saying.

"The sooner the better... The government has been burdened by the costly fuel subsidy, which has soared due to the jump in global oil prices," she said.

The government allocated a whopping around 6.6 billion US dollars for the fuel subsidy last year because of rising global oil prices, against an initial projection of 1.6 billion dollars. In comparison, eight billion US dollars was allocated for development spending last year.

The fuel subsidy has been set at about 2.1 billion US dollars for 2005, but with global oil prices showing little sign of declining that figure is expected to rise unless the government begins to lift the fuel subsidy.

MNA/Xinhua

## Japan confirms first case of human variant of BSE

**TOKYO, 5 Feb**—Japan on Friday confirmed its first case of the human variant of mad cow disease, a fatal brain disease thought to be contracted by eating infected beef.

The Health Ministry said in a statement that a man had died last December after contracting variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (vCJD).

More than 140 people have died worldwide from definitive or probable vCJD after eating meat contaminated with bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE).

Britain has been the worst hit by mad cow disease, formally known as bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) and thought to be transmitted among animals via feed containing bovine brains or spinal cord.

Cases of vCJD have also been reported in France, Canada, Ireland,

Italy and the United States, according to the World Health Organization.

The deceased man spent about a month in Britain around 1990, *Kyodo* news said, quoting the Health Ministry. Scientists estimate the incubation period for vCJD as 10 to 20 years.

Around seven million animals had been slaughtered in Britain by the end of June 2004 under a scheme aimed at preventing the spread of the infection. Japan has reported 14 cases of BSE and banned imports of Canadian beef in May 2003 and of US beef in December 2003 after cases of mad cow disease in those countries.—MNA/Reuters

## Kenya expresses optimism to meet UN education target

**NAIROBI, 5 Feb**—The Kenyan Government on Friday expressed optimism that it would hit the education target of the UN Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) within the next five years.

Kenyan Education Minister George Saitoti said he was more than certain the country would meet the UN education target by 2015 as agreed by world leaders five years ago if donors deliver some 181 million US dollars pledged at the end of a two-week assessment mission and remove too much restrictions on any form of financial assistance.

"We are almost there. A number of children are in school and even though we are not able to achieve gender parity, we have managed to invest more in the education sector and we will now reassess ourselves at the end of the year," Saitoti said.

The donors' assessment mission,

which met in Nairobi for two weeks to evaluate the East African nation's education needs and chart the way forward, made a 26-point recommendation, urging all education bodies in the country to give clear objectives.

"Each programme should have clear objectives and purposes overall and each specific investment item should be made to help meet the goals," the donors, which include key international financial institutions, said in its recommendations.

The donors countries, including Britain and Canada, have pledged to increase funding to Kenya to enable the nation improve on the quality of education and science training.—MNA/Xinhua



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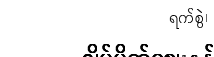
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## Afghan crashed plane makes no contact with Pakistan

**ISLAMABAD, 5 Feb**—Pakistan's Aviation said on Friday that the Afghan crashed passenger plane had not contacted any control tower in Pakistan.

An Afghan passenger jet with 104 passengers and crew members on board was missing on Thursday and confirmed to have crashed Friday afternoon after it failed to land at Kabul Airport and an official from Kam Air was quoted as saying that the plane was diverted to Pakistan due to bad weather.

"No plane entered Pakistani air space," Deputy Director of Pakistan Civil Aviation Abid Rao told the local Geo television. Rao said no plane has sought permission of landing from any control tower. Company official Fedayi said the plane was diverted to the Pakistani city of Peshawar.

MNA/Xinhua

### ပြည်ထောင်စုမြန်မာနိုင်ငံတော်

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### ချိပ်ပိတ်ဈေးနှုန်းလွှာများ၏အကြောင်း

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## China to continue fishing ban on largest freshwater lake

**NANCHANG, 5 Feb**—China will continue its spring fishing ban on Poyang Lake, the country's largest freshwater lake, to improve its ecosystem and protect depleting fish resources.

This year's ban, the 18th on the lake in east China's Jiangxi Province, will last from 20 March to 20 June, said Qian Xin'e, who heads the provincial fishing affairs administration, on Friday.

Qian's administration will join hands with the local public security, water resources management, industry and commerce and law enforcement authorities to clear the lake of fishing boats and nets during the three-month ban.

Officials will be on 24-hour patrol along the embankments and all citizens are encouraged to dial a local hotline if illegal fishing activities are detected, said Qian.

The 330,000-hectare Poyang Lake launched the first fishing ban in 1987. It was the first body of water in China to ban fishing in spring to increase fish stock.

According to the Ministry of Agriculture, a fishing ban on the upper reaches of the Yangtze River, China's longest, started on 1 February and will last until 30 April. On the lower reaches, a ban will be in effect from 1 April to 30 June.

MNA/Xinhua

## National goal of all citizens:...

(from page 16)

As a saying goes, "Blood is thicker than water", national brethren warded off any danger detrimental to the Union at the risk of their lives, blood and sweat. On 12 February 1947, all the national races built the Union spirit and solidarity firmly in Panglong and it was designated as a significant day of the people. The country was under servitude for over 100 years and it became independent in the world due to the unity of the people.

The government is implementing the tasks

as agriculture, livestock breeding, irrigation networks, forestry and mineral sectors in accord with the requirements of the regions.

He elaborated on construction of 681 bridges and 196 dams, opening of 40,505 basic education schools, launching of school enrollment project on school-going children and increased number of colleges and universities throughout the country.

He said the national goal of all the citizens is emergence of a peaceful modern developed disci-

Panglong Conference was very important for the country to regain her independence. The leaders of the nation have been serving the interest of the nation and its people and the Union Day is observed every year. He said the meeting highly values the Union Day with fine traditions.

Afterwards, Executive of Dimawhso Township USDA Daw Nyay Moh tabled a motion hailing the National Convention.

He spoke at length on instability, lagging behind development due to the misunderstanding among



Members of USDA, and social organizations and local people marching to Kandahaywun Park. — MNA

for national development upholding Our Three Main National Causes—non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty. The government undertook the tasks for development of border areas and national races, the basic foundations for national solidarity laying down the special projects. Development tasks were

pline-flourishing democratic nation. The seven-point Road Map is the future of the State and the policy of the people.

In conclusion, he urged all the national

the national races, reconsolidation of national solidarity, laying down seven-point Road Map on establishment of a discipline-flourishing democratic nation and



Dimawhso township USDA Executive Daw Nyay Moh.— MNA



Shardaw township USDA Joint-Secretary U Ye Win. —MNA

to hail the 58th Anniversary Union Day, to safeguard the perpetuation of the Union, to take part in the respective roles for successful implementation of the seven-point Road Map, to support the National Convention and he also urged USDA members to participate in national and rural development tasks.

Next, Executive of Loikaw Township USDA U Khin Maung Nyo said national race leaders gathered in Panglong and built the Union spirit and national solidarity spirit. The

successful holding of the National Convention.

Regarding the rural development tasks being carried out in Loikaw District, District USDA Joint-Secretary U Sein Pan said the State is striving its utmost to develop human resources through education sector. Loikaw University, Government Computer College and Government Technological College have been opened in the district. The first convocation of Loikaw University was held on 22 January 2005 and 25 youths graduated with arts and science de-



The panel of chairmen presiding over the ceremony to honour the Union Day and support the National Convention. — MNA

greens. In cooperation with the local people, the District USDA gave help in building nine new school buildings of primary schools in the district. And plans are also under way to renovate the existing schools and to build more in the district.

Looking to the health sector, he said, five rural health centres have been opened in the villages of Loikaw township, one rural dispensary in Phruso township and another one



Loikaw District USDA Joint-Secretary U Sein Pan. —MNA

in Dimawhso township. The association gave cash assistance to the needy people for their medical treatment. It is also giv-

ing a hand to community welfare services such as blood donations and fund-raising for construction of a home for the aged in Kayah State.

Tarred and gravel roads and bridges were constructed and the existing ones repaired in the district for the betterment of transport sector. U



Loikaw District USDA Secretary U Myint Thein.— MNA

Sein Pan added that six rural telephone exchanges were constructed in Loikaw district and another one is under construction in Dimawhso. A 20-KW hydel power station has been built in Loikaw township and one

10-KW hydel power station is being built in Dimawhso township. Next, he urged those present to support the USDA which is implementing the rural development work side by side with the people.

Afterwards, Kayah State USDA Joint-Secretary U Lu Ye Pho Lu presented K 2 million for rural development, K 2 million for power supply and K 1 million for the rural dispensary to District USDA Executive U Soe Ye. Next, Shadaw Township USDA Joint-Secretary U Ye Win tabled a motion, calling on those present to honour the Union Day and support the National Convention and rural development tasks being carried out by the USDA.

Later, the presiding chairman passed resolutions of the rally after seeking the approval of those present, and the rally came to an end with the chanting of the slogans.—MNA

## Monywa District people, USDA members honour Union Day, support National Convention

YANGON, 6 Feb — Monywa District held a mass rally to honour the Union Day and support the National Convention in Aungchantha Village, Chaung-U Township in Sagaing Division on 5 February. Present on the occasion were members and organizers of the USDA from the District, Townships and Villages, members of War Veterans Organization Committee, Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association, Red Cross and Auxiliary Fire Brigade and local people numbering over 4,800. Monywa District USDA Secretary U Kan Nyunt presided over the meeting

together with member of Monywa Township WVO U Kyi Shwin, President of Monywa District OWA Daw Ah Mar, Chairperson of Chaung-U Township MCWA Daw Nan Tin Tin Nwe and Townselder Dr Nyunt Win. The moment presiding Chairman announced the start of the rally, those present saluted the State Flag. The chairman of the meeting extended greetings. Monywa Township WVO member U Chit Oo tabled motions on hailing the Union Day, Townselder Dr Nyunt Thein on supporting the National Convention and member of Butalin Township Daw Nu Nu Yi rural development tasks in the district.

Chaung-U Township USDA Secretary Dr Hla Sein seconded the motions of the three representatives.

Afterwards, Monywa District USDA Joint Secretary U Khin Maung San donated 1,000 books for establishing libraries in rural regions through Deputy Head Daw Thuang Thuang Win of Monywa District Information and Public Relations Department. Next, Aungchantha Village USDA Secretary U Myint Thuang handed over 15,000 membership applications. Later, the meeting chairman passed resolutions of the rally after seeking unanimous approval of those present. The rally ended with chanting of slogans.

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Loikaw township USDA Executive U Khin Maung Nyo. — MNA

carried out in various parts of the country after 24 major development zones were established.

In efforts to enhance socio-economic life of the country, the government laid down systematic plans on infrastructures on roads, bridges, energy and communications and economic infrastructures such

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**Davenport, Sharapova make final of Pan Pacific Open**

TOKYO, 6 Feb — Top seed American Lindsay Davenport will meet second seed Russian Maria Sharapova in the final of the Pan Pacific Open as both scored identical semifinal victories here on Saturday.

Top-ranked Davenport beat US Open champion Svetlana Kuznetsova of Russia 6-1 and 7-6, (7-2) while Sharapova eliminated local favourite Shinobu Asagoe 6-1 and 7-6, (7-3) at Tokyo's Metropolitan Gymnasium.

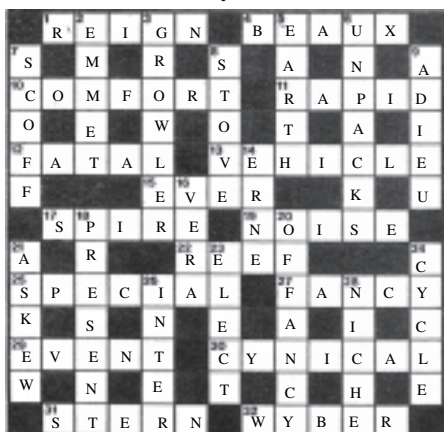
After an easy first set, Davenport exchanged with the third seed error for error before she lept to a 4-0 lead in the tiebreak.

In the first semifinal, Japan's Asagoe, who beat Russian Elena Dementieva in the quarters, lost all three of her service games in the opening set.

Wimbledon champion Sharapova was sharp from the beginning and breezed through the set using strong serves and crisp ground strokes.

MNA/Xinhua

**Answers to Yesterday's Crossword Puzzle**



**Victory over Arsenal launches Man UTD on chase of Chelsea**

MANCHESTER (England), 5 Feb — Manchester United's epic midweek win over Arsenal has launched them on a chase of runaway Premier League leaders Chelsea, manager Alex Ferguson said on Friday.

United's 4-2 victory at Highbury on Tuesday took Ferguson's side into second place and, according to the rival managers, made them Chelsea's sole rivals for the title.

It is a tall order, nevertheless, with United, who meet Birmingham City at Old Trafford on Saturday 11 points behind Chelsea.

"I don't think we needed that (win at Arsenal) to emphasize the form we're in. We are in great form and there is a confidence and determination about the place," Ferguson told a news conference.

"What I think it does is take us a stride forward

from Arsenal in terms of opportunity to win the league, and that was the situation before the game.

"Both managers said whoever won had a chance and whoever lost was out of it and I think that's exactly right. We just hope that Chelsea drop points, and if they do we're ready to go in there."

Ferguson has classed the Highbury match among the best Premier League games ever, adding on Friday: "To get that drama, intensity and excitement into one football match was amazing.

"It had a level of football which you won't match many times and I think that's due to the 22

players on the pitch. They raised the bar and it was a fantastic game.

"We've now done the double over Liverpool and Arsenal and that's no mean feat. I don't know if we've done that before in the premier division in the one season."

United are without striker Alan Smith, midfielder Darren Fletcher and defender Mikael Silvestre for Saturday's match.

Silvestre starts a three-match ban for his dismissal at Arsenal, while Smith faces a further two weeks out after a setback in his recovery from an ankle injury and Fletcher has a hamstring strain.

MNA/Reuters



Spurs's Mido heads the ball to score in his first match for the Spurs during their Premiership football match against Portsmouth at Tottenham Hotspur's grounds in London.

INTERNET

**Heineken Classic golf tourney**

SYDNEY, 6 Feb — Australian left-hander Nick O'Hern shot a flawless round of eight-under-par 63 to grab the outright lead after the third round of the Heineken Classic at Royal Melbourne on Saturday.

O'Hern ignored the pain of a leg injury that has been troubling him for two months to birdie three of the last seven holes and finish the day at 14-under 199, leading by a shot from fellow Australians Craig Parry and Jarrod Lyle.

South Africa's defending champion Ernie Els was tied with Brett Rumford at 11-under while overnight leaders Peter Lonard and Colin Montgomerie slipped back in the field.

O'Hern, 33, underwent surgery to his right knee in December and has been suffering pain in his left leg which he has been favouring.

"It hasn't affected my swing. Walking was the problem," O'hern said.

O'Hern drained eight birdies without dropping a shot on Saturday to record the best round of the tournament so far and head into the final round leading by a stroke.

"I've played better and shot worse," he said. "I just putted beautifully and if you can putt well around

here you are going to shoot a good score."

Parry birdied the last three holes in a round of 65 while Lyle, who was diagnosed with leukaemia as a teenager six years ago but made a full recovery, shot 66 for the second day running.

Lyle, 23, eagled the par-five second hole and got to 14-under with a birdie at 12 but dropped a shot on the 14th to finish the day just one off the pace.

"I've never been in this position before," said Lyle, playing in just his sixth professional tournament. "To come out here and shoot five-under today was pleasing because I didn't really know what to expect.

Els, chasing his fourth successive win in

Australia's richest golf tournament, also eagled the second hole in a round of 66.

He finished the day tied with Rumford in fourth place and still in contention to win.

The in-form local Lonard, one of two joint overnight leaders, finished at 10-under after a round of 70 while Britain's Montgomerie slipped back to eight-under after a round of 72.

Els also had a mixed day day, with his eagle, six birdies and three bogeys.

"My game's not far off but it's just a little frustrating when I'm getting myself in position and I make a couple of mistakes," Els said.

MNA/Reuters

**Olympique Lyon demolish Toulouse 4-0**

PARIS, 6 Feb — Champions Olympique Lyon opened up a seven-point lead in the Ligue 1 title race when they demolished Toulouse 4-0 on Saturday after second-placed Lille were held to their third consecutive draw by Sochaux.

Playmaker Juninho slotted home two free kicks for Lyon, including a 30-metre effort in the second minute, while midfielders Florent Malouda and Bryan Bergougnoux scored a goal apiece to seal victory.

Lyon, in a class of their own throughout the game, now have 52 points from 25 matches, their biggest lead since they took over at the top in October.

"We played a great match tonight," said Lyon coach Paul Le Guen. "We showed no weaknesses, it was a highly deserved success. Now we are going to try to take some rest before next week's (French Cup) match."

"We knew that they were very strong but we didn't really realize what that meant," said Toulouse captain Christophe

Revault. "Now we know."

The evening may turn out to be the turning point of the season as Lyon look for a fourth consecutive title after Lille failed to score at home against Sochaux. The team from northern France, still second in the table, tried everything to find the net but the visitors hung on to take a point. "Sochaux came here with the aim of defending and snatching a point. We certainly deserved a better outcome," said a disappointed Lille coach Claude Puel.

MNA/Reuters

**Feyenoord crush Graafschap to record first league win**

BRUSSELS, 6 Feb — Feyenoord thrashed Graafschap Doetinchem 7-2 to record their first league win since December 5 in the Dutch First Division on Friday.

Dirk Kuijt opened the scoring after four minutes before Graafschap defender Rene Bot equalized five minutes later. Romeo Castelen and Kuijt restored the lead to give Feyenoord a 3-1 lead at halftime, while Danko Lazovic scored two goals in the first seven minutes after the break to settle the match.

Nicky Hof's then scored his first goal for Feyenoord, while Kuijt completed his hat-trick before John van Beukering grabbed a consolation goal for Graafschap.

Feyenoord remain fourth with 35 points after 20 matches. PSV Eindhoven remain on top with 51 following their 4-1 win on Wednesday over RBC Roosendaal. AZ Alkmaar are second on 46 and travel to fifth placed Heerenveen on Saturday, while Ajax Amsterdam, third on 41, host Twente Enschede on Sunday.

In another match on Friday, Willem II climbed two spots to 11th after a 3-1 win over NEC Nijmegen.

MNA/Xinhua



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe passes through the tarred road in Kyauktan Township after its opening ceremony hailing 58th Anniversary Union Day.  
YANGON COMMAND

## Shan State marching to...

(from page 10)

college where 26,668 students are pursuing higher education. Markedly, primary school enrolment rate has increased up to 95.5 per cent.

Table G shows progress in 1988 and present.

### Science and technology

Development of science and technology is imperative in ensuring human resources development. To bring about harmonious development across Shan State, the government has designated and is implementing the four development regions—Taunggyi, Lashio, Kengtung and Panglong. One government technological college and one government computer college each were opened in those regions.

Progress figures are shown in Table H.

### Health

The government is striving for the entire national people to be free from diseases, to be healthy and fit, and to enjoy longevity. With this end in view, public health care services are being provided the whole Shan State.

Table I indicates progress.

### Urban and rural development

Unprecedented urban and rural development has been achieved in Shan State. In the past, the length of urban roads was 400 miles but it has now increased to 692 miles including 261 miles of tarred roads. The number of bridges in urban areas has topped 1,587. Water supply was facilitated to 30 towns out of 53. The length of rural roads has increased from 93 miles to 3,823 miles including 159 tarred roads with 896 bridges. A total of 1,341 water works were facilitated to 918 villages out

Table J

Subject	1988	12-2-05	Progress
Development regions	-	10	10
- Kokang region	-	1	1
- Wa region	-	1	1
- Shan region	-	1	1
- Kachin northeast region	-	1	1
- Palaung region	-	1	1
- Kengtung region	-	1	1
- Homein region	-	1	1
- Monehta/Monehta region	-	1	1
- Mawpha region	-	1	1
- Pa-O region	-	1	1
<b>Road/bridge</b>			
- miles of earth road	-	1802/7	1802/7
- miles of gravel road	-	1367/7	1367/7
- miles of tarred road	-	295/0	295/0
- miles of maintenance	-	2493/7	2493/7
- bridge (l/m/s)	-	21/125/1	21/125/1
<b>health</b>			
- hospital	-	37	37
- dispensary	-	63	63
- rural health unit	-	36	36
<b>education</b>			
- BEPS, BEMS, BEHS	-	412	412
- number of teachers	-	1551	1551
- number of students	-	48442	48442
<b>agriculture</b>			
- agricultural office	-	23	23
- agricultural camp	-	64	64
- dam	-	44	44
- canal	-	2	2
- tractor	-	9	9
- water works	-	5	5
- land reclamation	-	860.24	860.24
<b>forest</b>			
- reserved forest	-	6	6
- saw mill	-	12	12
- nursery	-	6	6
<b>livestock breeding</b>			
- livestock breeding farms	-	16	16
- veterinary office	-	25	25
- distribution of cow, donkey, sheep	-	83	83
<b>energy</b>			
- generator	-	138	138
- power-supplied town	-	88	88
- hydel-power supplied town.village	-	12	12
<b>public relations</b>			
- TV retransmission station	-	48	48
<b>mining</b>			
- ruby (carat)	-	249280.6	249280.6
- sapphire (piece)	-	507.70	507.70
<b>communication</b>			
- post office	-	28	28
- telegraph	-	19	19
- telephone work	-	54	54
<b>vocational courses</b>			
- number of teachers	-	36	36
- number of students	-	5530	5530
<b>youth development training school</b>			
- number of teachers	-	6	6
- number of student	-	3605	3605
<b>Expenditure</b>			
- development funds	-	26347.73	26347.73
- ministries	-	13678.99	13678.99
	-	9545.74	9545.74

\* vocational training schools— 1. Muse; 2. Lashio; 3. Kengtung; 4. Tachilek; 5. Monghsat  
\* youth development training schools— 1. Kunlong; 2. Tangyan; 3. Lashio; 4. Kengtung; 5. Lwemwe; 6. Panglong

Table K

Subject	1988	12-2-05	Progress
- TV retransmission station	1	71	70
- IPRD offices	-	72	72
- IPRD libraries	14	72	58
- departmental libraries	-	15	15
- rural library	-	697	697
- e-library	-	4	4
- sub-printing house (Sittway)	-	3	3

\* sub-printing houses— 1. Lashio; 2. Taunggyi; 3. Kengtung

of 2,780. **Border areas and national races development** Shan State, which lagged behind in development in successive eras, is making significant progress and it has been able to catch up with border areas of neighbouring countries.

This is the fruitful result of integrated and well-coordinated efforts of the Tatmadaw and national race leaders. Border areas and national races development project started in Shan State. When national race leaders joined hands with the Tatmadaw, ten border area development regions have emerged. The ten regions are now making more progress than other cities in the plains. The national race leaders realizing the genuine goodwill of the govern-

ment are actively engaged in regional development drive.

Table J shows tangible results of border area development.

### Information and public relations

Higher education standard and right concept of national people are essential for improvement of socio-economic life of the entire national people

and transforming the Union into a modern and developed one. The government is improving its information sector that serves as a bridge between the State and the people in Shan State in the drive towards reaching the golden land of unity and amity. Progress made in this field may be seen in Table K.

**Translation: (TS+TTA)**

*Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas*

**WEATHER**

**Sunday, 6 February, 2005**

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, weather has been fair in the whole country. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above normal Southern Shan, Kayah and Mon States, upper Sagaing, Bago and Taninthayi Divisions and about normal in remaining states and divisions. The significant night temperatures were Haka and Mogok (5°C) each, Namsam and PyinOoLwin (6°C) each.

Maximum temperature on 5-2-2005 was 97°F. Minimum temperature on 6-2-2005 was 61°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 6-2-2005 was 72%. Total sunshine hours on 5-2-2005 was (8.5) hours approx. Rainfalls on 6-2-2005 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 7 mph from Northwest at (14:10) hours MST on 5-2-2005.

**Bay inference:** Weather is generally fair in the Bay of Bengal.

**Forecast valid until evening of 7-2-2005:** Weather will be generally fair in the whole country.

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

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

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 7-2-2005:** Fair weather.

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 7-2-2005:** Fine weather.

**Radio Myanmar**

**Monday, 7 February**

**Tune in today:**

**8.30 am** Brief news

**8.35 am** Music: Listen to the radio

**8.40 am** Perspectives

**8.45 am** Music:  
- Sugar Sugar

**8.50 am** National news/Slogan

**9.00 am** Music: I love you because

**9.05 am** International news

**9.10 am** Music:  
- Come and see about me

**1.30 pm** News/Slogan

**1.40 pm** Lunchtime music  
- Music  
- Baby what about you  
- Now and forever

**9.00 pm** Spotlight on the star  
Talk:  
Lively dances of our nationalities

**9.10 pm** Article

**9.20 pm** Talk:  
Progressive Shan State

**9.35 pm** Vocal Gems

**9.45 pm** News/Slogan

**10.00 pm** PEL

**Four political objectives**

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

**Four economic objectives**

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

**Four social objectives**

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

**Senior General Than Shwe pays homage to Hsutaungpyi Pagoda in Kyaikmaraw**

YANGON, 6 Feb—

Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe, accompanied by members of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann, Lt-Gen Maung Bo, Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and Lt-Gen Tin Aye, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Chairman of Mon State Peace and Development Council Commander of South-East Command Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung, ministers, senior military officers and officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, on 5 February morning, left

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Senior General Than Shwe views all-round renovation of Buddha images at Kyaikmaraw Pagoda.— MNA

**National goal of all citizens: Emergence of a peaceful modern developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation  
Loikaw District holds mass rally to honour Union Day, support National Convention**



YANGON, 6 Feb — Loikaw District held a mass rally to honour the Union Day and support the National Convention in Kandahaywun Park in Loikaw, Kayah State yesterday morning.

Present on the occasion were members and

organizers of USDA from Loikaw district, townships and villages, nurses, members of social organizations, departmental officials, teachers, students and local people totalling 1,500.

Loikaw District USDA Secretary U Myint Thein

presided over the mass rally together with Loikaw District Maternal and Child Welfare Association Joint Secretary Daw Mya Kyin and Executive of Women's Affairs Organization Daw Kyi Khin May, War Veterans Organization member U Sein Min

and U Ko Ye of Chikal village in Loikaw Township. Loikaw Township USDA member Daw Maw Hsumya acted as MC and Dimawhso USDA member Daw Dorish Myat Su Mon as co-MC.

First, the presiding chairman declared the

rally open and those present saluted the State Flag.

Chairman of the meeting Secretary of Loikaw District USDA U Myint Thein delivered a speech. He said the Union of Myanmar is like a peaceful, pleasant home where national races have been living in unity drinking water from the same source. It is also like a garden with colourful flowers blooming in it.

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Ceremony to honour Union Day and support National Convention in progress in Loikaw.— MNA

**INSIDE**

Border areas of Shan State are contiguous to those of neighbouring nations. This being the case, it is needed to catch up with them in terms of education, health and economic sectors.

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