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## Always safeguard national policies

National policies to be embraced and implemented by successive generations of all the national people of the Union have already been laid down with aims at perpetuation of the future Union and promotion of the interests of the Union by the entire national people of the Union. Non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty are national convictions and national concepts of all national races of the Union, and accordingly these convictions and concepts are the most important national policies that must always be safeguarded by all Union nationals.

**Senior General Than Shwe**  
**Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council**  
**Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services**  
 (From the message sent to the 52nd Anniversary Union Day)



## Senior General Than Shwe sends felicitations to Iran

YANGON, 11 Feb — Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Seyed Mohammad Khatami, President of the Islamic Republic of Iran, on the occasion of the National Day of the Islamic Republic of Iran, which falls on 11 February 2005. — MNA

It is necessary to place emphasis on extended farmlands and double cropping with the use of high yield paddy strains and fertilizers for ensuring township-wise and region-wise food sufficiency.

## Local farmers urged to grow rubber for long-term benefit

### Secretary-1 inspects regional development in Kengtung



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein meets with local farmers and officials at Phanwein Village, Yanlaw Village-tract in Kengtung Township. —MNA

YANGON, 10 Feb — Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, accompanied by ministers, the deputy minister for Home Affairs, officials of the State Peace and De-

velopment Council Office and departmental heads, left here by air on 8 February morning and arrived in Kengtung, Shan State (East), at 11 am.

The Secretary-1 and party were welcomed

at Kengtung Airport by Chairman of Shan State (East) Peace and Development Council Commander of Triangle Region Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw, (See page 6)

## Secretary-1 inspects arrangements for 58th Anniversary Union Day Dinner

YANGON, 10 Feb — Accompanied by responsible officials, Chairman of Central Committee for Observance of the 58th Anniversary Union Day 2005 State Peace and Development Council Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein this evening inspected arrangements for hosting a dinner and the full-dress rehearsal of the traditional culture troupes for the 58th Anniversary Union Day in the Presidential House on Ahlon Road.

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and party were welcomed at the Presidential House by Chairman of the Management Committee for Observance of the 58th Anniversary Union Day Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, members of the central committee, the management committee and departmental officials.

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein looked into

the arrangements for the dinner to mark the 58th Anniversary Union Day and gave necessary instructions to the officials.

Afterwards, the Secretary-1 saw over the rehearsal performance of the cultural troupes for the Union Day Dinner.

Next, the Secretary-1 cordially greeted members of the cultural troupes.

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

**PERSPECTIVES**

Friday, 11 February, 2005

**Safeguard development infrastructures**

The Tatmadaw Government took urgent measures to build peace and security as soon as it assumed responsibilities of the State. Then, it laid down the border area development plan, the 24-region development plan and the five rural development tasks and has been implementing them.

As a result, the entire national people are now able to enjoy the fruits of development endeavours by the government.

As universities and colleges of computer studies and technological universities and colleges have been built all over the nation, the youths of various national races are now able to pursue education on computer and technology in their own regions.

As a gesture of hailing the 58th anniversary of Union Day, the main building of the Government Computer College (Kengtung) was inaugurated in Kengtung in Shan State (East) on 9 February.

Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, also Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee, said in his address at the opening ceremony that, as the government was executing State duties conscientiously, it was necessary for the local people to serve the interests of the nation, of their respective regions and of their own in cooperation with the government. Only then would there be constant national development and the entire national people always be able to share the fruits of development equally, he added.

Remote border areas were once behind other regions of the Union in development. It was due to the lack of peace and security and because the colonialists tried to set the national brethren against one another.

However, as the government has succeeded in reconsolidating the national unity, border areas are now able to enjoy development. Take Shan State (East) for instance. It has now a new airport, a 200-bed hospital staffed with qualified doctors and installed with modern equipment, a degree college, a technical college and a computer college.

We would like to call on the entire national people to safeguard such development infrastructures as roads and bridges, airports, hospitals, universities and colleges built by the government in their respective regions so that they can last longer and serve the long-term interests of the nation.

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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

**Secretary-General of USDA meets executives in Mon State**

YANGON, 10 Feb — Secretary-General of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo met executives and members of Mon State and Mawlamyine Township USDAs at Thanlwin Hall of Mon State USDA on 7 February afternoon.

During the meeting with the members, the Secretary-General urged them to work harder for stability of the state, strengthening the citizens' economy and promotion of national education building with trust and conviction, to render assistance for the requirements of the local people, and to be equipped with goodwill and a positive attitude in contributing to regional development tasks.

After the members had presented reports on future tasks and requirements, the secretary-general attended to the needs and provided cash assistance to be spent in regional development tasks. — MNA

**Development affairs tasks inspected in Kengtung**

YANGON, 10 Feb — Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt arrived at Kengtung on 8 February and heard the reports on development affairs by officials of Kengtung Township Development Affairs Committee and gave necessary instructions.

The Minister proceeded to Kengtung Township Border Areas and Nationalities Youths

Development Training Centre and inspected the learning of the trainees, hostels and plantations of the training centre.

On arrival at the Vocational Training Centre for Women, the minister inspected learning of the trainees. Yesterday morning, he looked into construction of Myitta Road and tarring tasks being carried out by Kengtung Township DAD and gave instructions on meeting the set standards.

The road is 2,900 ft

**MYANMAR GAZETTE**

YANGON, 10 Feb — The State Peace and Development Council has appointed the following persons as heads of service organizations shown against each from the date they assume charge of their duties.

Name	Appointment
(a) U Kyaw Myint Oo	Rector
Rector	Dagon University
Toungoo University	Higher Education
Higher Education	Department
Department	(Lower Myanmar)
(Lower Myanmar)	Ministry of
Ministry of Education	Education

(b) U Kyaw Ye Tun	Rector
Rector	Toungoo University
Kalay University	Higher Education
Higher Education	Department
Department	(Lower Myanmar)
(Upper Myanmar)	Ministry of
Ministry of Education	Education

(c) U Khin Maung Tin	Principal
Principal	Shwebo Degree
Bhamo	College
Degree College	Higher Education
Higher Education	Department
Department	(Upper Myanmar)
(Upper Myanmar)	Ministry of Education
Ministry of Education	

The State Peace and Development Council has appointed General Manager U Tun Hlaing of Mandalay International Airport of the Ministry of Transport as Director-General of the Department of Civil Aviation of the same ministry on probation from the date he assumes charge of his duties.

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long and 12 ft wide and the State contributed K 1.4 million to the road construction.

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**New tube-well put into service in Yesaygo**

YANGON, 10 Feb — Hailing the 58th Anniversary Union Day, Director-General Col Myo Myint of the Progress of Border Areas and National Races Department attended the opening ceremony of a tube-well in Myenigon Village, Yesaygo Township, Magway Division, on 5 February.

Present on the occasion were Director of Magway Division Development Affairs Committee U Nyo Win Myint, departmental officials and local people.

The tube-well, 2-inch diameter and 270 feet depth, can pump 960 gallons of water per hour. It cost over K 0.95 million in 2004-2005 financial year. As a result of sinking the tube-well, 96 houses of 545 people and nearby villages will have access to clean water.

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Minister for PBANRDA Col Thein Nyunt inspects repaving Myitta Road in Kengtung Township on 9-2-2005. — PBANRDA

**Union Day delegates visit downtown Yangon**

YANGON, 10 Feb — The Union Day delegates from states and divisions, who are going to attend the ceremony of the Union Day and dinner, led by Chairman of the Accommodation Subcommittee for Observing the 58th Anniversary Union Day Commandant of No

1 Transit Centre Lt-Col Tin Kyaing went on an excursion of downtown Yangon this morning.

While they were paying homage to the Lawka Chantha Abhaya Labha Muni Buddha Image, chairman of the pagoda board of trustees U Shein Aung Bo explained

salient points on the pagoda. The delegates donated cash to the pagoda. They viewed white elephants on Mindhama Hill. They observed the exhibits at the Drugs Elimination Museum. They later rehearsed dance.

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# China to surpass US economically by 2025

WASHINGTON, 9 Feb— China's unprecedented rise, fuelled by foreign investment and technology, has put the Asian giant on a path to surpass the United States economically by 2025, the author of a new book on China said on Tuesday.

US pressure on Chinese authorities to revalue the yuan currency will bring only a brief respite from the fusion of cheap-but-skilled labour, imported technology and economies of scale that make China so competitive, said Oded Shenkar.

His book *The Chinese Century*, represents neither a China-bashing book nor the 1980s Japan as Number One genre, the Ohio State University business management professor said.

"The rise of China is a watershed," Shenkar told *Reuters* in an interview. "I compare it to the rise of the United States in the late 19th Century."

Britain, the leading power of that era, did not take its former American colony

seriously despite the geopolitical implications of the US emergence. China aims to regain the world preeminence it had before the modern era, he said.

More than becoming a new Japan, "China will be overtaking the United States between 2020 and 2025," Shenkar said. The Israeli-born researcher said he put China's emergence as the world economic power about two decades earlier than most analysts by measuring purchasing power rather than nominal figures to measure output and growth.

"I believe first of all that the Chinese economy is actually larger than the numbers would suggest," he said.

MNA/Reuters



Businessmen wait at the crossing in front of a branch office of Japan's megabank Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group Inc in Tokyo on 10 Feb, 2005.

INTERNET

## Cambodian garment exports up in 2004

PHNOM PENH, 10 Feb— Cambodia's garment exports increased in 2004, local media reported on Wednesday. The value of garments exported last year was 1.95 billion US dollars, up 24 per cent from 1.57 billion US dollars in 2003, *The Cambodia Daily* quoted Commerce Ministry Secretary of State Sok Siphana as saying.

Cambodian Investment Board figures showed that approved direct investment increased in the garment sector in 2004, despite total approved investments in Cambodia declining during the year.

According to the board, 55 projects, ranging from hotels to tobacco factories, were approved in 2004, promising to bring 216 million US dollars in fixed assets. That compares with 47 projects in 2003 bring 251 million US dollars in fixed assets.—MNA/Xinhua

## India has potential to win bigger offshoring contracts

LONDON, 10 Feb— India, already on top of a list of leading outsourcing destination, has the potential to win even bigger offshoring projects, according to CEO Briefing, a report written by the Economist Intelligence Unit.

"India and China are already the leading destinations for offshoring, and have the potential to win an even bigger share of offshoring projects if they address remaining weaknesses in their business environments," said Daniel Franklin, editorial director

of the Economist Intelligence Unit.

The report, which includes a new ranking of 60 global offshoring environments and a survey of 500 senior executives, concludes that companies will redistribute more service functions to Asia and Eastern Europe over

the next three years.

India tops the new ranking followed by China and Czech Republic. Singapore is in the fourth place followed by Poland, Canada, Hong Kong, Hungary, Philippines and Thailand. USA is in the 20th place and Britain 29th. According to its key

findings, Asia increases its offshoring dominance.

The ranking shows India to be by far the most attractive offshoring destination, owing to a large number of English-speaking graduates, very low labour costs and its developed legal system.

MNA/PTI

## 1,453 US troops killed since beginning of Iraq war

WASHINGTON, 9 Feb— As of Wednesday, 9 February 2005, at least 1,453 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 1,110 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 Wednesday.

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, 1,315 US military members have died, according to AP's count. That includes at least 1,001 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's numbers.—Internet

## Sydney to host 2007 APEC leaders' meeting

CANBERRA, 10 Feb— Australian Prime Minister John Howard announced here on Wednesday that the 2007 Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) leaders meeting will be held in Sydney.

"This will be, although in aggregate numbers not the largest assembly of world leaders in Australia's history, but in terms of the weight and influence ... it will certainly be the most significant international meeting to have been hosted by Australia," he said.

The meeting, which attracts some of the world's most important leaders including China, Japan, Russia and the United States, is likely to be held in September, according to Howard. He said other meetings associated with the APEC meeting would be spread in other

Australian cities "as much as possible". Howard said it was the quality of Sydney's facilities that led him to choose Sydney for the main meeting. The annual APEC leaders' meeting is to be held in Busan in South Korea for 2005 and Vietnam in 2006.—MNA/Xinhua



A man pushes his bicycle through a checkpoint leading into the heavily guarded city of Fallujah, Iraq, on 6 Feb, 2005.—INTERNET

## Crashed British C-130 in Iraq likely attacked, US general says

WASHINGTON, 9 Feb— A senior US general said he believes that the 30 January crash of a British C-130 aircraft in Iraq was due to an attack rather than a technical problem with the aircraft.

Lieutenant General Lance Smith, deputy commander of the US Central Command in Iraq, emphasized that it was his personal impression, and not the result of an ongoing enquiry into the incident, which killed nine members of the Royal Air Force and another soldier.

"I personally believe that there may have been hostile action or something that happened inside the aircraft, but

I don't think it was mechanical in nature," Smith told reporters at the Pentagon.

Smith said that the Royal Air Force transport plane could have been victim of small-arms fire, or even "a lucky shot from an RPG", or rocket-propelled grenade. "I don't believe that the airplane went down from a (shoulder-fired) missile," he said.

The cause of the crash of the C-130 Hercules plane just northwest of Baghdad on 30 January, which resulted in Britain's largest single-day loss of life since it helped launch the Iraq war in March 2003, is still being investigated.

Internet

# Union Flag relayed to Thanlyin



Students waving miniature flags to welcome the Union Flag on board Union Boat.— MNA

YANGON, 10 Feb—The Union Flag that spent overnight in Dagon Myothit (South) Township was conveyed to Thanlyin Township in Yangon South District this morning.

Yangon East District Peace and Development Council Chairman Lt-Col Maung Maung Shein took the flag out of the bowl and handed it over to the Union Flag conveying team led by Yangon East District Union President Daw Mar Mar Thein.

Next, the flag was handed over to the team led by Yangon East District

Maternal and Child Welfare Association President Daw Nwe Ni Kyaw and then to the team led by District Union Solidarity and Development Association executive U Aung Kyaw Moe, and then to Lt-Col Maung Maung Shein.

Flanked by four Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) and police officers and damsels of national races, Lt-Col Maung Maung Shein carried the flag and handed it over to Yangon South District PDC Chairman Lt-Col Aung Pyae, who planted it in the silver bowl on board the

Union Boat. The flag was conveyed to Thanlyin Township through Thingan-gyun Township. The flag was handed over to the team led by Yangon South District USDA Joint-Secretary U Tint Khaing

handed it over to the team led by District PDC member Deputy Commissioner of the District General Administration Department U Win Shein, who then handed it over to Lt-Col Aung Pyae at the entrance



Yangon South PDC Chairman Lt-Col Aung Pyae and local people salute the Union Flag.— MNA

## Ceremony to hoist Union Flag to be telecast live

YANGON, 10 Feb — A ceremony to hoist the Union Flag on the 58th Anniversary Union Day which falls on 12 February will be held in People's Square. Programme of holding the Union Day will be telecast live starting 7 am on that day by Myanmar Radio and Television. — MNA

then to the team led by Township PDC Chairman U Tin Htay.

U Tin Htay carried the flag to the archway of Thiha Dipa sports ground and

then to the sports ground. Flanked by four officers and damsels of national races, Lt-Col Aung Pyae carried the flag and planted it in the silver bowl in the ground. Those present saluted the

flag while the Defence Service (Navy) military band was playing the national anthem.

The sports ground was teeming with the people who saluted the flag and

visited booths of respective ministries.

In the evening, Myawady anyeint troupe entertained the people with the programmes.

MNA

## Baby show contest held

YANGON, 10 Feb—Mingala Taungnyunt Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association conducted a baby show contest to hail the 58th

Anniversary Union Day at the Myanmar Medical Association in Yangon East District this morning.

It was attended by Yangon Division MCWA

Supervisory Committee President Daw Khin Thet Htay spoke on the occasion. Township MCWA President Daw Nan Htwe Khaing submitted 200 membership applications to the Supervisory Committee president.

Officials gave away prizes to the winners.

Next, wellwishers made cash donations to be used for weekly giving of tonics to elderly persons, feeding nutritious foods to the children, giving free medical treatments to the patients being affected by cataract, and providing cash assistance to the needy students.

The Township MCWA president donated K 100,000 to the Supervisory Committee. — MNA



Patron of Yangon Division Supervisory Committee for MCWA Daw Khin Thet Htay accepts K 200,000 donated by U Tun Myint-Daw Aye Aye Nyunt.— MNA

## Ceremony to honour Union Day and to support National Convention in Gangaw District

YANGON, 10 Feb — A ceremony to honour the Union Day and to support the National Convention was held at Yoneshe village, Gangaw Township, Gangaw District, Magway Division on 6 February morning.

Present on the occasion were local people, members of Women's Affairs Organization, Maternal and Child Welfare Association, War Veterans Organization, Red Cross Society, Auxiliary Fire Brigade and township and ward USDAs in the district numbering over 1,850.

During the ceremony, Secretary of Gangaw Dis-

trict USDA U Aung Myint presided over the meeting. Member of Gangaw Township USDA Daw Kyi Kyi Aye acted as MC and Executive of Gangaw Township USDA, co-MC.

After members of the USDA had sung songs to honour the ceremony, those present saluted the State Flag. Next, the meeting chairman delivered an address on the occasion. Executive of Htilin USDA Daw Nu Nu Aung then presented reports on honouring the Union Day, Executive of Gangaw Township USDA U Hla Thauang Win on supporting the National Convention and Ex-

ecutive of Gangaw District USDA Daw San San Myint on measures taken for rural development tasks.

Afterwards, Executive of Magway Division USDA U Aung Min presented cash donation K 2.5 million to Joint-Secretary of Gangaw District USDA U Bo Htwe and Secretary of Saw Township USDA U Htay Maung seconded the three motions.

The meeting chairman sought the approval of the attendees. The mass rally hailed the Union Day and supported the National Convention unanimously and it ended with the chanting of slogans.—MNA

## Hailing the 58th Anniversary Union Day:

Let us seek out and destroy all kinds of destructive enemies

- \* Beloved youths  
All young brother of same blood.
- \* Our land, our abode  
Is abundant in natural resources  
Teak, Inn, Pyinkadoe and other woods  
Food cereals and precious stones  
And mineral you call Black Gold.
- \* Our scenery, in our land  
Sometimes golden, sometimes emerald  
The green and gold, fields create the scene  
A land of gold unmatched.
- \* The Myanmar race  
Tops in religion, all hilltops have spires  
There's tunneling inside mountains  
Bridges are built across rivers  
Dams and embankments are aplenty  
I'd like Bagan Golden Era, King Anawrahta  
And King Kyansittha to see all these.
- \* So developed is our land  
That with avarice, burning with passion  
Steeped in greed, this alien hunter  
And internal axe-handles, with deep dirty thoughts  
Despicable whenever seen  
All kinds of destructive danger  
Let us seek out and destroy them.

U Aung Mon (MA) (Trs)





Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein views full-dress rehearsals dances of traditional cultural troupe. (News on page 1)—MNA



The panel of chairmen seen at the rally to honour Union Day and support National Convention in Khatcho Village of Waingmaw Township.—MNA

Local people marching to the rally to honour Union Day and support National Convention in Khatcho Village of Waingmaw Township.—MNA

**Government achieving...**

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Khorn Nu, member of Waingmaw Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw Tin Oo and U Aye Tun of Khatcho Village. First, all the partici-

pants saluted the State Flag.

Next, Meeting Chairman Secretary of Myitkyina District USDA U Nyan Thein said that the Panglong Agreement signed by the national race leaders on 12 February 1947 had led the nation to free herself from under the yoke of colonialists, that occupied the nation for more than 100 years. As the national races are living in unity and amity under the sovereign power of the nation, they will have to safeguard the Union with the spirit of unity to help one another and to ensure peace, stability and progress in the nation. The Government is achieving success in its national development drive as it always keeps in the fore the national policy — non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty. It is the duty of all the national

people to ward off all attempts to harm Union Spirit and national unity. The Government is in the process of materializing the seven-point Road Map for emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed discipline-flourishing democratic state. It will continue to implement the remaining steps of the Road Map after the

**The Government will continue to implement the remaining steps of the Road Map after the successful conclusion of the National Convention.**

successful conclusion of the National Convention. If the so-called democracy activists, dreaming of a democratic system that is unsuitable for the nation, at home and abroad will take part in the task with positive attitude, the task of materializing the Road Map will become faster.

The members of the USDA and other social organizations will have to take part in the task of materializing the seven-point Road Map, the main driving force towards reaching a peaceful, modern and developed discipline-flourishing democratic state. The Government has been implementing the border areas and national races development project, the 24-zone development projects and the rural tasks for progress of all the regions of the Union. Waingmaw Township USDA Secretary U Min Kyi submitted matters to honour the Union Day.

Next, Myitkyina District USDA Secretary U Nyunt Win presented reports to support the National Convention. Afterwards, Myitkyina District USDA Joint-Secretary U Soe Min briefed those present on rural development tasks in the district. He said that Myitkyina Township USDA contributed towards development of the education, health, transport and power sectors. Myitkyina District USDA Joint-Secretary U Soe Min handed over the documents relating to donation of 500 roofing sheets for Sanka Village BEMS (Branch) to Waingmaw Township Education Officer U Bawm Yein and school equipment to Myitkyina District Education Officer U Win Pe.

Waingmaw Township USDA Organizer Daw Ei Ei Shwe seconded motions calling for honouring the Union Day and supporting the National Convention and rural development tasks. Later, the meeting chairman sought the approvals to honour the Union Day and support the National Convention in conjunction and rural development tasks.

**FM sends felicitations to his Iranian counterpart**

YANGON, 11 Feb — On the occasion of the National Day of the Islamic Republic of Iran, which falls on 11 February 2005, U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Dr Kamal Kharrazi, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran. —MNA



Myitkyina District USDA Joint-Secretary U Soe Min.—MNA



Myitkyina Township USDA Secretary U Nyunt Win.—MNA



Waingmaw Township USDA Secretary U Min Kyi.—MNA



Waingmaw Township USDA Organizer Daw Ei Ei Shwe.—MNA

**Putao District commemorates Union Day, hails National Convention**

YANGON, 10 Feb — A ceremony to commemorate the Union Day and to support the National Convention took place in the compound of KaungHmuLon Pagoda in Machanbaw Township, Putao District, Kachin State, on 7 February.

Present on the occasion were executives and organizers of the Union Solidarity and Development Associations of Putao and Machanbaw Townships, members of the Maternal and Child Welfare Association and the War Veterans Organization, the auxiliary fire brigade and the red cross brigade, and local people totalling over 920. U Phone Yi Min, secretary of Putao District USDA, presided over the mass rally. Daw Moe Thanda Win and Daw Thida Phone Maw emceed the rally. U Phone Yi

Min spoke on the occasion. U Kwam Wa Naw Aung, executive of Machanbaw Township USDA, tabled a motion commemorating the Union Day; and Daw Shi Ko Heh, a motion hailing the National Convention. U Dein Khan Dawi, executive of Putao District USDA, gave an account of rural development tasks being carried out in the district.

Next, cash and kind were donated for the tasks for supply of electricity as well as for repair and construction of roads and bridges in rural areas. Later, U Yani, executive of Putao Township USDA, seconded the motions, which drew unanimous approval from the audience.

The rally then approved the three motions and it came to an end successfully.—MNA

## The 58<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Union Day objectives

- For all national races to safeguard the national policy— non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty
- To keep the Union spirit ever alive and dynamic among the national people
- For all national people to defend and safeguard the Union for its perpetual existence
- To prevent, through national solidarity, the danger of internal and external destructive elements undermining peace and stability of the State and national development, and
- For all national races to make concerted efforts for successful implementation of the seven-point future policy programme

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senior military officers and officials.

Accompanied by the commander and officials, the Secretary-1 and party proceeded to the construction site of the office of Shan State (East) Organization for Women's Affairs and inspected it.

At Kengtung Degree College, Principal U Aung Nyunt and Vice-Principal U Chit Swe reported to the Secretary-1 on academic and management



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein offers provisions to a Sayadaw from a monastery in Kengtung.— MNA

ture hall.

In the afternoon, Chairman of National Health Committee Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and party went to Kengtung General Hospital (200-bed) where they were welcomed by Additional Head of Shan State Health Department Dr U Myint Aung, Medical Superintendent Dr U Kyi Soe, doctors and officials.

They oversaw wards of the hospital and com-

5,420 acres of land in Kengtung District alone and arrangements for putting land under summer paddy in Shan State (East) to meet the target of 20,000 acres.

Speaking on the occasion, the Secretary-1 said that Shweyinaye paddy strain is suitable for the region and it can yield over 100 baskets per acre. In the past, Shan State (East) cultivated 13,000 acres of



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein oversees mango, pineapple and lime plantations of the camp commandant's office of Triangle Region Command.— MNA



NHC Chairman Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein inspects Kengtung General Hospital (200-bed).— MNA

matters and construction of the lecture halls. Minister for Education U Than Aung gave a supplementary report.

After hearing the reports, the Secretary-1 gave instructions on nurturing qualified persons on whom the State can rely and construction of the buildings for admitting an annual increase of students in accord with the master plan of the degree college. He inspected the construction site of the two-storey lec-

forted patients. The Secretary-1 instructed officials to uplift health care standard of the local people and control seasonal diseases.

In Phanwein Village of Yanlaw Village-tract in Kengtung Township, the Secretary-1 met with local farmers. Shan State Manager of Myanmar Agriculture Service U Aye Thein reported on cultivation of over 14,000 acres of summer paddy in Shan State (East) in 2004-2005, growing of summer paddy on

summer paddy, but now there are over 20,000 acres. It is necessary to place emphasis on extended farmlands and cultivation of double cropping with the use of high yield paddy strains and fertilizers for ensuring township-wise food sufficiency. In this regard, cultivation tasks are to be carried out by various ways, considering the increasing rate of population.

Apart from basic needs of the people, efforts are to be made for meeting social requirements. Therefore, tasks for single cropping must be exerted on double and triple cropping so as to earn surplus income. In addition, manageable scale of livestock breeding should be undertaken. Furthermore, the farmers are to grow export item rubber for their long-term benefit, and local authorities are to give necessary assistance to them.

The Secretary-1 and party inspected crops plantation of the camp commandant's office of Triangle Region Command.

A total of 1,788 acres of rubber plantation being grown by local entrepreneurs are thriving in Monglat Village of Kengtung Township.

On 9 February morning, the Secretary-1 attended the ceremony to donate provisions to Pariyatti monasteries in Kengtung, at Sasana Beikman in Kengtung. The Secretary-1 and party offered rice and alms to the Sayadaws. At the ceremony, 100 bags of rice, 10 containers of edible oil and provisions were donated to the monasteries.

Next, the Secretary-1 and party left Kengtung and arrived back here in the afternoon.

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Thriving rubber plantation of a private entrepreneur seen in Monglat Village-tract in Kengtung Township.—MNA



## Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presents Union Shield to Mandalay Division Team

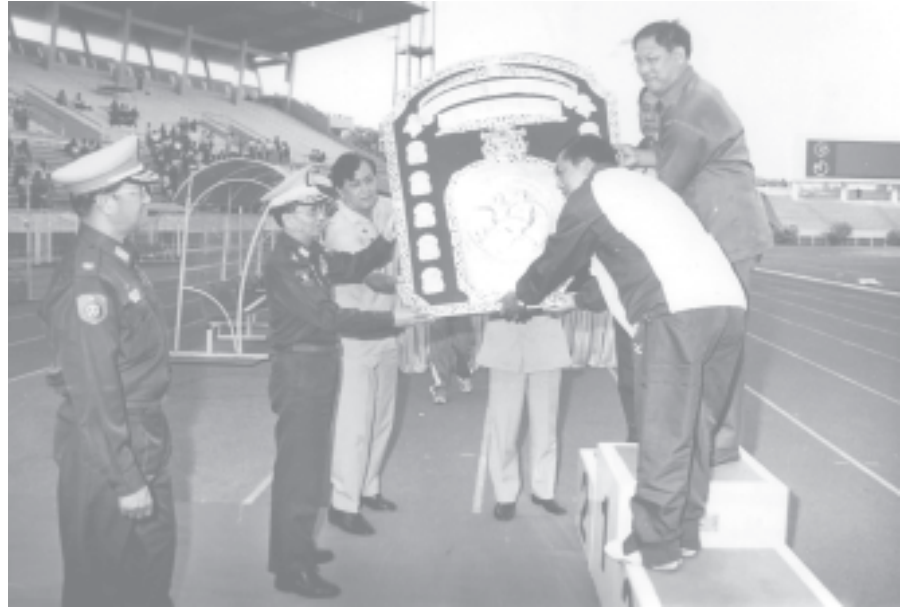
YANGON, 10 Feb — The final football match for Golden Jubilee Inter-State and Division Football Tournament (Men) and its prize presentation ceremony took place at Youth Training Camp (Thuwunna) this evening.

Present on the occasion were Chairman of Myanmar National Olympic Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Members of the SPDC Lt-Gen Ye Myint and Lt-Gen Aung Htwe of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint, officials of the Ministry of Sports, members of panel of patrons of Myanmar Women's Sports Federation, officials of Myanmar Football Federation, football-

ers and fans.

In the final event, Mandalay Division football team beat Shan State (South) 2-1. After the event, General Secretary of MFF U Tin Aung presented a prize for man of the match in the event to Aung Aung of Mandalay Division. Deputy Director-General of Sports and Physical Education Department U Thein Aung presented the third prize to Sagaing Division and the second to Shan State (South). General Secretary of MOC Director-General of SPED U Thauung Htaik also presented prizes to best players.

Next, Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint presented consolation prize K 1 million to fourth prize winning team Mon State, K 1.5 million to third prize winning team



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presents shield to Mandalay Division team in the 50th Inter-State/Division Football Tournament.— MNA

Sagaing Division, K 2 million to second prize winning team Shan State (South) and gold medals

to individual players of Mandalay Division, the champion team.

Afterwards, Secre-

tary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein presented the Union Shield

together with cash of honour K 2.5 million to officials of Mandalay Division. — MNA

## Nanattaw Overpass put into...

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enabling the motherland to stay in touch with the global nations, and raising the social and living standards of the people. As a result, the entire nation has seen remarkable progress in the agriculture, industrial, education, health, meat and fish, for-

sults of significant development in diversified areas due to the active participation of the Yangonites in the nation-building undertakings.

He quoted the Head of State as giving guidance that smooth transport plays an indispensable role in the improvement



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe addresses opening of Nanattaw Overpass.— MNA

**The government is therefore taking measures for convenience of the travellers and passengers by means of extended construction of roads, and building of overpasses at the level crossings.**

estry, roads and bridges, rail transportation, air and water transport, communication, electric power, technological, border areas development, and information sectors. Similarly, Yangon Division has enjoyed fruitful re-

of the economic, social and management sectors and further cementing the unity among the national races. It is needed to ensure fine transport links inside and outside a region for its progress. With the economic develop-

ment of the world nations, the economically strategic regions become more and more populous and the roads have to cope with increasing traffic, resulting in frequent traffic jams. So they have to seek ways and means of their own to overcome such problems. Yangon City, the capital of Myanmar, also has to address similar cases.

The government is therefore taking measures for convenience of the travellers and passengers by means of extended construction of roads, and building of overpasses at the level crossings. In conclusion, he expressed gratitude to service personnel of the Myanma Railway who were engaged in the project. Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min also delivered an address.

The project was launched on 2 November 2004 and completed on 2 February 2005. The reinforced concrete facility is 581 feet long and 56 feet wide with a 48-foot-wide motorway and two walkways on it. It can withstand 60-ton loads and its clearance area is 15 feet high.

The facility was illuminated at nights of on the eve and the opening day.

MNA

## Appointment of Ambassador agreed on

YANGON, 11 Feb — The Government of the Union of Myanmar has agreed to the proposed appointment of Mr Ihor Humennyi as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Ukraine to the Union of Myanmar, in succession to Mr Rostislav Mitrofanovich Bilodid.

Mr Ihor Humennyi was born in 1956. He graduated from Kyiv State University in 1979. He served with the State Committee of Statistics of Ukraine from 1979 to 1990 and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine and the Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the

United Nations in New York from 1990 to 1998. Subsequently from 1998 to 2002, he served as Head of the Department for Financial Management, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine. He was appointed Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Ukraine to the Kingdom of Thailand in 2004.

Mr Ihor Humennyi is concurrently accredited as the Ambassador of Ukraine to the Union of Myanmar, and will reside in Bangkok. He is married and has two daughters.

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Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe, ministers, mayor and party pose for documentary photo after opening Nanattaw Overpass. — MNA

**AIDS is a national concern.**

## Hundred fruits from a common stem—Our Union



Thanks to the endeavours of the Myanmar national races, the country has the shining periods in her history. History has seen the emergence of the First Myanmar Empire in Bagan period, the Second Myanmar Empire in Toungoo period and the Third Myanmar Empire in Konboug period. All were powerful and strong empires, endowed with three strengths — the strength of unity, the economic strength and the military might. During the periods, the national races strictly adhered to the moral conduct and possessed strong national spirit.

The people were able to ward off all the enemies

of the nation coming from abroad or within the nation. The people also had the amazing strength to rebuild the nation whenever it had faced deterioration. The victories of the people throughout the history stand witness to the fact.

At the conclusion of the Myanmar Affairs and

**Table B**

Subject	1988	12-2-05	Progress
Extended livestock breeding	7234000	10596000	3362000
<b>Extended acres of fish and prawn breeding</b>			
- acres of fish farming	101.20	416.51	315.310
- paddy plus fish	-	1375	1375
- number*	-	.275	.275
<b>- fingerling production</b>			
- production*	-	49.028	49.028
- fish released*	-	49.028	49.028
fish released into Ayeyawady river*	-	47.553	47.553

\*million

**Per acre yield (basket)  
Gross production (basket) (thousand)**

Subject	1988	12-2-05	Progress
<b>Land resource</b>			
- sown acreage	2722030	2774770	52740
- acres of vacant and virgin land	432708	208685	-
<b>Irrigation</b>			
- dam, lake, reservoir, canal	12	49	37
- completed works	12	42	30
- works under implementaton	-	5	5
- works to be done	-	2	2
- river water pumping tasks	-	51	51
- completed works	-	44	44
- tasks under implementation	-	4	4
- tasks to be carried out	-	2	2
- damming creeks	-	171	171
- underground water pump	-	1294	1294
- Benefited acre	185885	625579	439694
<b>Thriving double crops</b>	638127	1765721	1127594
<b>Extended paddy cultivation</b>			
- acres of monsoon paddy	304521	593484	288963
- per acre yield*	55.41	69.25	13.84
- acres of summer paddy	-	151623	151623
- per acre yield*	55.41	85.07	29.66
- gross production	13328	53147	39819
- food sufficiency	-	71%	71%
beans and pulses (acre)	367770	1719597	1351827
progress in cotton plantation	95922	333313	237391
progress in sugarcane plantation	489	16091	15602
progress in rubber plantation	70043	86155	16112
<b>Edible oil crops</b>			
- groundnut	314773	371038	56265
- sesame	1033374	1270467	237093
- sunflower	35387	485732	450345
- mustard	152	1516	1364
- niger	4007	22185	18178

### Hailing the 58th Anniversary Union Day:

## Magway Division marching to new golden land of unity and amity

*Thiha Aung*

**Table C**  
Forest conservation

Subject	* Square mile		
	1988	12-2-05	Progress
Reserved forest*	3880	3940	60
Protected public forest*	-	371	371
Natural area*	215.10	215.10	-
<b>Setting up of forest (acre)</b>	6338	199260	192922
- teak special plantation (acre)	-	24000	24000
- acres of commercial plantation	3438	45420	41982
- acres of village plantation	600	49215	48615
- acres of industrial plantation	2300	18100	15800
- acres of watershed plantation	-	62525	62525
- acres of Thitseite plantation	-	1500	1500
<b>Tree planting of community movement</b>	0.57	41.23	40.66

International Studies course on 3 July 2004, Head of State Senior General Than Shwe said, "We can clearly know all the significant events of the nation and her main requirements if we study her past, observe her present-day events and foresee her future. If a citizen takes part in the task of attending to the nation's needs in person, with constructive attitude, while knowing all the events occurred or are occurring in the country, we

**Table D**  
Greening Tasks

Subject	1988	12-2-05	Progress
<b>Setting up plantations (acre)</b>	-	100135	100135
- firewood plantation	-	51790	51790
- watershed plantation	-	29800	29800
- mountain range plantation	-	7325	7325
- other plantation	-	9660	9660
- research plantation	-	160	160
- Thitseite plantation	-	1400	1400
<b>Natural forest conservation (acre)</b>			
- stove	-	194308	194308
- briquette	-	33207	33207
- agricultural waste (ton)	-	113728	113728
<b>Water works</b>			
- pond	-	510	510
- silt-prevented dam	-	297	297
- underground water	-	26	26
<b>Shwepon Hill greening work (acre)</b>	-	1600	1600

Magway Division proudly declares that unity is strength.

### Magway Division

Located in the central part of the nation, Magway Division is sharing a common land border with Sagaing Division in the north, Mandalay Division in the east, Bago Division in the south, and Chin and Rakhine states in the west. The 17,306-square-mile division is home to various national

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The nation has been achieving success after success, with the united strength of the Government, the Tatmadaw and the people, in entering a new age, with bright prospects. Since its assumption of the State duties, the Tatmadaw has been giving priority to building agricultural, transport and communication, education and health infrastructures required for the national modernization and development drive. As the country is witnessing infrastructure development in every sector, she is in the process of generating more electricity and producing extra oil to further raise her dignity.

During his visit to Magway Division on 22 December 2004, Head of State Senior General Than Shwe gave guidance, say-

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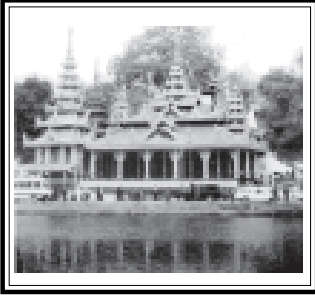
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# Development in Magway Division after 1988



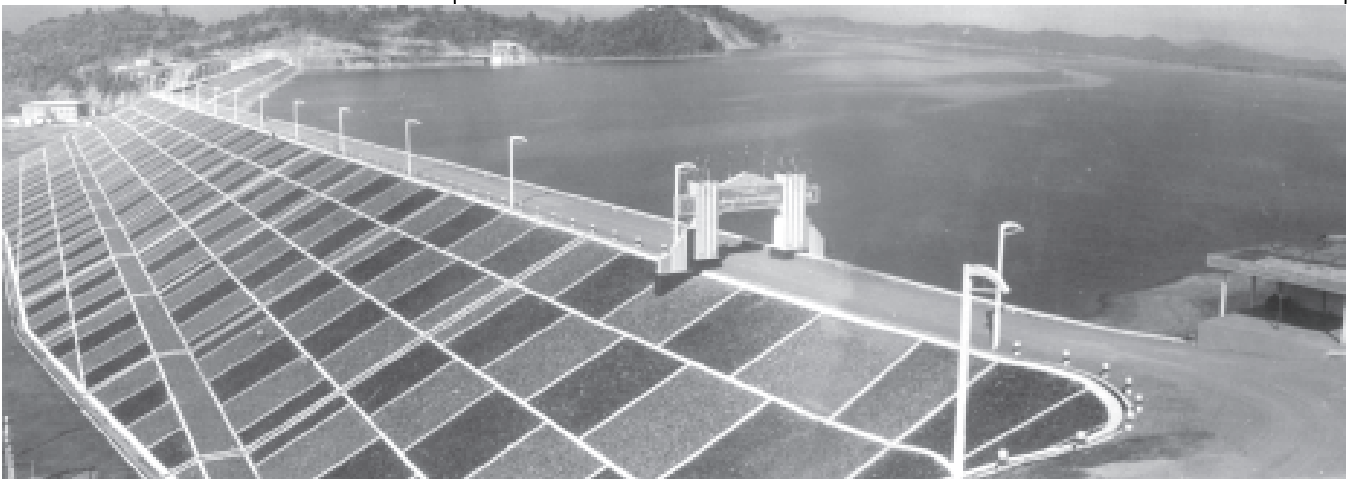
*Students in Magway Institute of Medicine have an opportunity to pursue their education through satellite system.*  
MYANMA ALIN

*Ayeyawady Bridge (Magway) is 8989 feet long and lies on Magway-Minbu road spanning the River Ayeyawady in Magway Township, Magway Division.*  
MYANMA ALIN

## Hailing the 58th Anniversary Union Day



*Mone Creek multipurpose dam, 200 feet high and 6490 feet long, is located about two miles to the north of Sedoktara in Minbu District, Magway Division.— MYANMA ALIN*



## Magway Division marching to...

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Three new dams in the division — the Kinbuntaung in Taungwingyi Township, the Salepakhanne in Chauk Township, and the Duringabo in Aunglan Township — now irrigating 20,800 acres of land in 1991. The Government has been building more dams in the division including Bokchaung Dam in Myothit Township, Pwetha Dam in Aunglan Township, Theechauk Dam in Pauk Township and Myaingchaung Dam in Myaing Township in 1992, Gazunma Dam in Seikphyu Township and Taungkhayan Dam in Gangaw Township in 1993, Hsinchaung Dam in Yesagyo Township in 1994, Natmauk Diversion Dam and Natmauk Dam in Natmauk Township in 1995, Bangon Dam in Taungwingyi Township in 1996, Yaw Creek Dam 2 in Pauk Township in 1997, Hsadan Dam in Myothit Township and Mann Creek Dam in Ngaphe Township in 1998, Ngamin Dam in Taungwingyi Township in 1999, and South Yama Dam in Myaing Township in 2000. Kyetmauk and Leti dams in Myaing Township, Yanpe Dam in Taungwingyi Township, Sunchaung and Palin dams in Myothit Township, Salin Dam in Salin Township, Naga Dam in Yenangyoung Township, Kyauktaga Dam in Natmauk Township and Bwetgyi Dam in Aunglan Township are also helping develop the agricultural sector of the division.

Mone Creek Multipurpose Dam, commissioned into service on 29 December 2003, is the 33rd dam built by the Government. The facility is generating electricity and supplying cool and clean water for the division. As the dam is irrigating over 100,000

acres of crops year-round, the people of Magway are striving to double their crop production as they now have adequate amount of water supply which is the most important requirement for them.

And there are more. The four dams under construction — one each in Pwintbyu, Kanma, Gangaw and Sedoktara townships — will irrigate over 22,000 acres of land, and Myakhetaung Dam and a series of weirs on Yaw Creek will come out soon to add irrigation capacity of the division. The facilities will bear fruits till posterity.

Dams, waterworks and other water supply projects have helped increase sown

**Table F**

Subject	1988	12.2.05	Progress
post office	132	148	16
telegraph office	29	34	5
facsimile	-	55	55
computer telegraph	-	9	9
<b>telephone service</b>			
- telephone office	23	72	49
- number of line	3400	17752	14352
- exchange	23	60	37
- direct line	2579	16080	13501
- auto/carrier telephone	2579	15672	13093
- DECT phone	-	408	408
- telephone density*	0.90	3.17	2.27
<b>microwave station</b>	7	29	22
<b>rural telephone exchange</b>	-	12	12
e-mail, Internet	-	7	7
<b>Satellite station</b>			
-VSAT	-	1	1

**Extension of line number (under implementation)**—1.Mying (500), 2.Gangaw(500),

acreage and per acre yield of the division. As farmers can grow rice in the region, its food production can now fulfil 71 per cent of local consumption, up from only 50 per cent in the past. Magway Division, renowned as the edible oil bowl of Myanmar, is extending cultivation of other crops. Table A has more about the agricultural developments of the division coming out as another reliable region of the nation.

**Livestock and fisheries**  
**“Assistance will have to be provided to farmers to raise livestock as their income will increase only if they can run livestock farms in addition to**

**Table G**

Subject	1988	12-2-05	Progress
electricity consumption maximum load*	317.898 63.850	527.457 89.420	209.559 25.570
<b>Increase of generating power</b>			
- implemented project	-	1	1
- installed generator	-	75.000	75.000
- natural gas power station	3	3	-
- diesel power plant	45	26	national grid
<b>present capacity of generator*</b>	112.065	179.083	67.018

**the main job of cultivation.”** It is one of the many guidance, the Head of State has given for national development. At present the livestock and fisheries industry is helping raise the income of the local people. The division is now raising over 10.6 million heads of livestock, up from 7.2 million heads in the past. Fish farms have increased four times than that in the past.

\* For 1000 People

**Table H**

Subject	1988	12.2.05	Progress
<b>Upgrading industrial power</b>			
- Industrial Zones	-	2	2
- works	-	329	329
- private industries	932	2115	1183
- cottage industries	-	168	168
State-owned industries	38	64	26

**Table I**

Subject	1988	12.2.05	Progress
<b>Oil field (inland)</b>	10	13	3
- Gaspipeline (mile)	52.30	348.52	296.22
- crude oil production (barrel)	-	3027292	3027292
- gas production (cubic feet)	-	10382.41	10382.41

**project without fail for the people to enjoy its benefits till posterity.”**

In the past, Magway Division could be called a dry region receiving less amount of rain annually because of the mountain ranges barring the monsoon winds to reach it. Now the division is covered by the Thirteen-District Greening Project. The Tables C and D show the development of the division's regional greening project due to the harmonious progress of the for-

ern bank of Ayeyawady Division had few roads in the past. For the west bank the matter of good transport was out of the question.

The Government has built the 97-mile-seven furlong Pakokku-Pauk-Kyaukhtu-Mindat road and the 112-mile-seven-furlong Seikphyu-Saw-

Kyaukhtu-Mindat road both reaching Chin State, the 140-mile Pakokku-Pauk-Htilin-Gangaw road in the division, the 28-mile Taungwingyi-Myothit-Natmauk road, the 62-mile-four-furlong Magway-Natmauk-Pyawbwe road reaching Mandalay Division. It has also upgraded the Magway-Taungwingyi-Kyaukpadaung-Meiktila road. The division now has 1,742 miles and five furlongs of roads including 985 miles and six furlongs

**Table J**

Subject	1988	12-2-05	Progress
<b>Basic education</b>			
- number of schools	3394	3942	548
- multimedia classroom	-	99	99
- e-Learning Centre	-	41	41
- number of teachers	15661	21789	6128
- number of students	471132	638611	167479
- KG enrolment	65.77%	95.46%	29.69%
- adult literacy rate	85.88%	95.00%	9.12%
<b>School dropout rate</b>			
- primary school level	43.6%	16.18%	(-)27.42%
- middle school level	39.18%	17.25%	(-)21.93%
<b>Higher education</b>			
- arts & science university	-	2	2
- degree college	1	1	-
- education college	2	2	-
- e-Learning centre	-	45	45
- academic programmes	8	53	45
- number of teachers	240	593	353
- number of students	3488	59769	56281
<b>- Human resource development centre</b>	-	3	3

Concerning the matter, Head of State Senior General Than Shwe has given the following guidance:

**“As the Nine-District Greening Project is a special project, it cannot be implemented with ordinary efforts. Serious attention and energetic efforts are needed. We will not lose our precious resources only if we see the project as a national task. Otherwise, the land will become uninhabitable in 50 years. In this context, the Government will implement the**

estry sector and the fish and meat sector.

**Road and transport sector**

Water flows from higher ground to lower place.

The efforts of the people of the Union have reached all the backward places of the nation including those in Magway Division. The Government has built many bridges in the division. Although it is located in the central part of the nation, only some areas have good transport. Even the regions of the division lying on the east-

of tarred roads.

In the past, Innwa Bridge was the lone bridge on Ayeyawady River. Now it has sister bridges — the Bala Min Htin in Myitkyina, the Nawade in Pyay, the Anawrahta in Chauk, and the Ayeyawady Bridge (Magway) in Magway.

Of the 12 over 180-foot bridges built by the Government in Magway Division, four are covered by special projects. They are: the 300-foot Launggat Creek Bridge on Kale-Gangaw road in Gangaw

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**Table-E**

Subject	1988	12-2-05	Progress
<b>Railways</b>			
- miles	94.42	429.58	335.16
- miles of railroad	99.60	456.75	357.15
- passenger	1916800	2043700	126900
- miles of passenger transport	142274.3	146149.8	3875.5
- tons of cargo	22800	53900	31100
- miles cargo transport	2802.9	10375.3	7572.4
- stations	21	102	81
<b>Airways</b>			
- Airports	9	12	3
- above 5000 ft runway	-	3	3
- under 5000 ft runway	9	9	-
<b>Motor road</b>	1308/0	1742/5	434/5
- tarred road	503/0	985/6	482/6
- gravel road	95/0	234/6	139/6
<b>Bridge</b>			
- above 180 feet long	20	37	17
- lower 180 feet long	324	413	89



## Magway Division marching to...

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Township and the 500-foot Shwechaung Bridge on Pathein-Monywa road in Ahtet Minhla Township, and the two Ayeyawady River bridges — the 5,192-foot Anawrahta Bridge on Chauk-Seikphyu road in Chauk and the 8,989-foot Ayeyawady Bridge (Magway) in Magway.

Now, on Pathein-Monywa Road in Sagu Township is Mann Creek Bridge; Kale-Gangaw Road in Gangaw Township, Tawwin Bridge; Pauk-Kyaukhtu Road in Kyaukhtu Township, Natho Bridge; Gangaw-Haka Road, Myitha Bridge; Seikbyu-Kandwin-Pakokku Road in Seikbyu Township, Yaw Creek Bridge; Minhla-Kani-Minbu-Salin-Tanyaung Road in Minbu Township, Nwetame Bridge; and Salin-Pwintbyu Road in Pwintbyu Township, Mone Creek Bridge.

Bwetkyi Bridge (Aunglan) and Mone Creek Bridge (Pwintbyu) are under construction. Pauk Bridge-1 (Ohndaw), Pauk Bridge-2 (Yaypya) and Daungnay Creek Bridge projects will be implemented soon.

The bridges in Magway Division are contributing towards regional develop-

ment absolutely relies on national unity. With speedy construction tasks, the nation is now on the path to development. And with the achievement in the electric power and energy sectors, the region has prospects for industrial development.

The government organized industries and enterprises into Yenan-gyoung and Pakokku Industrial Zones. The former is made up of 82 enterprises with a total investment of K 118.25 million and an annual turnover of more than K 170 million. The latter comprises 247 enterprises with a total

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Subject	1988	12-2-05	Progress
<b>upgrading of hospital health units</b>	56	66	10
<b>health staff</b>	184	192	8
- doctors	1627	2828	1201
- nurses	187	424	237
- health staff	229	804	575
- midwives	151	159	8
- skilled staff	834	1002	168
- township health assistant	16	35	19
- health assistant-1	-	5	5
- health assistant	-	25	25
- supervisor (1)/(2)	123	146	23
<b>traditional medicine</b>	87	228	141
- traditional medicine hospital	-	1	1
- traditional medicine dispensary	7	18	11
<b>Training school</b>	-	2	2
- nursing training school	-	1	-
- midwifery school	-	2	2
<b>Universities</b>	-	1	1
- Medical Institute	-	1	1
- Institute of Community Health	-	200	200
- faculty members	-	3687	3687
- students	-	-	-

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Table M

Subject	1988	12-2-05	Progress
<b>Urban development</b>			
- urban road miles	237/7	454/1	216/2
- miles of tarred road	50/3	123/3	83/0
- miles of gravelled road	46/3	51/7	5/4
- miles of granite road	11/7	19/4	7/5
- earthen road	129/2	259/3	130/1
<b>Water supply task</b>			
- Town in which tasks to be done	25	8	17
- completed work	7	17	10
<b>Rural development</b>			
- Rural road	654/5	2549/0	1894/3
- tarred road	12/6	61/3	48/5
- gravelled road	93/2	224/1	130/7
- granite road	272/5	220/0	upgrading
- earthen road	276/0	2043/4	1767/4
<b>Water supply tasks</b>			
- village in which tasks to be done	1469	177	1292
- completed work	-	1773	1773
- rural housing	-	149	149

greek college and two education colleges. The number of higher education students has risen to nearly 60,000, up from 3,488 in the past. In addition, it has established the Institute of Agriculture, the Cooperative Training School and the Youths Development Training Centre. Table J shows progress of the education sector.

### Science and Technology

The development of the region contributes towards that of the national. The new generation youths will have to shoulder the national-defence and nation-building duties. The youths born around 1988 can now grab the opportunities that their ancestors had never enjoyed. Table K compares the science and technology sector in 1988 and that of present.

### Health

The government is taking steps for better health care concerns for enabling the entire people to enjoy fitness and longevity and to be free from diseases. It is taking preventive measures against diseases especially malaria, tuberculosis and AIDS, giving medical treatments and raising the health standard of local people in Magway Division.

The government has built a teaching hospital and a 200-bed specialist hospital in the region. Now, there are two 100-bed hospitals, six 50-bed hospitals, five 25-bed hospitals, 11 16-bed hospitals and 11 station hospitals numbering 66, accounting for 10 more hospitals in the region.

A total of 237 specialists and assistant surgeons and 1,201 health staff have been appointed in these medical facilities. Seven health care centres, a tradi-

tional medicine hospital and 18 dispensaries have emerged in the region.

The government has constructed an institute of medicine and a university of primary health in Magway with a view to producing physicians and medical experts. Table L reveals an increase in the number of the health staff and medical facilities of the region.

### Development affairs

The urban and rural development sector is making progress in parallel with economic, education and health sectors of the region. The length of roads has increased to 454 miles and one furlong including more than 123 miles of tarred roads. The five rural development tasks are in full swing in the region. The length of rural roads has risen to 2,549 miles.

The water supply project has thoroughly covered 17 out of 25 towns so far. The government is also implementing the fresh water project effectively for supply of water to the villages in the division. Up to now, the project has benefited 1,292 out of 1,469 villages. Table M indicates progress of roads and water supply projects in Magway Division.

### Information and public relations

The government is also realizing the information sector for local people to enhance their knowledge power. The sector has enlightened the people to a certain degree and serves as a better bridge between the government and the people. Table N shows the progress of the mass media of the region.

(Translation: TMT+ TTA + MS)

tended exploration of mineral deposits in the region.

### Energy

The government has upgraded the 10 oilfields and discovered three more oilfields. They are Ayadaw, Chauk, Lanywa, Yenan-gyoung, Mann, Yayanma, Htauksharpin, Kanni, Petpe, Kyaukhhwet, Letpanto, Thagyidaung and Sabei oilfields. Table I represents the progress of the energy sector of the region.

### Education

The government is upgrading Magway to the capital of the central Myanmar and Pakokku to the capital of the regions on west bank of the Ayeyawady River. Magway Division has become famous for its better education standard. The Ministry of Education has opened 548 basic education schools with 6,128 teachers. More than 600,000 students go to these education facilities. It has also opened two arts and science universities, a de-

Table N

Subject	1988	12-2-05	Progress
- TV retransmission station	1	3	2
- IPRD offices	-	25	25
- IPRD libraries	10	25	15
- departmental libraries	-	25	25
- rural library	-	1420	1420
- e-library	-	4	4
- sub-printing house (Magway)	-	1	1

ment. The regions on the west bank of Ayeyawady River that lagged behind in development will be able to stay in touch with the regions on the east bank of the river before long.

In the time of the Tatmadaw Government, a railroad linking Magway Division and the western regions came into being. It is 146-mile-long ChaungU-Pakokku-Gangaw-Kale railroad section. Soon, the extension of the railroad will be completed from ChaungU to Kyaw, then from Kale to Yaymyetni, and then to the scheduled region. The facility has

short time. Table E shows the progress of the transport sector of Magway Division.

**Communication** The region has also achieved cumulative development in the communication sector. Table F indicates the progress of its communication sector.

### Electric power

The government is also taking measures for further development of the region through the electric power sector. It implemented the Mone Creek Multi-purpose Dam Project. Table G depicts the progress of the electric power sector.

### Industry

The national develop-

ment absolutely relies on national unity. With speedy construction tasks, the nation is now on the path to development. And with the achievement in the electric power and energy sectors, the region has prospects for industrial development.

The number of private factories has increased to 2,115. The region has got 168 cottage industries in total along with 64 State-run factories. Table H reflects the region's industrial progress.

### Mining and minerals

After 1988, the region has been able to explore a coal deposit and a limestone deposit. So far, the region has produced 1,407.37 metric tons of coal and 35,094.80 metric tons of industrial limestone. Efforts are now being made for ex-

## Astronomers reports outcast star zooming out of Milky Way

WASHINGTON, 9 Feb— An outcast star is zooming out of the Milky Way, the first ever seen escaping the galaxy, astronomers reported on Tuesday.

The star is heading for the emptiness of intergalactic space after being ejected from the heart of the Milky Way following a close encounter with a black hole, said Warren Brown, an astronomer at the Harvard-Smithsonian Centre for Astrophysics.

The outcast is going so fast — over 1.5 million miles per hour — that

astronomers believe it was lobbed out of the galaxy by the tremendous force of a black hole thought to sit at the Milky Way's centre. That speed is about twice the velocity needed to escape the galaxy's grip, Brown said by telephone.

"We have never before seen a star moving fast enough to completely escape the confines of our galaxy," he said. "We're tempted to call it the outcast star because it was forcefully tossed from its home."

The star used to be

part of a binary pair, waltzing with its companion star close to the rim of the black hole. In this case, "close" is a relative term; the actual distance was probably about 50 times the 93 million-mile (150 million-kilometre) distance between Earth and the sun.

As the two stars twirled around each other, they were pulled faster and faster toward the edge of the black hole, one of those monster drains in space whose gravity is so strong that nothing, not even light, can escape once it is

consumed.

While the companion star was captured by the black hole, the outcast continued on its whirling path around its edge.

Objects go faster the closer they get to black holes and this star was probably moving at extraordinary speed, perhaps as high as 20 million miles per hour. That very speed, coupled with the speed of its twirling, sent the outcast zooming toward the edge of the Milky Way and beyond.

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Yachtswoman Ellen MacArthur celebrates in Falmouth after completing her record-breaking solo non-stop round-the-world voyage. —INTERNET

## Englishwoman breaks solo round-the-world yachting record

LONDON, 9 Feb— Englishwoman Ellen MacArthur braved bad weather and other hardships to establish a solo around-the-world sailing record on Monday.

The 28-year-old completed the 42,000 kilometres circumnavigation at 10:29 p.m. (2229 GMT) Monday by crossing an imaginary finish line between Ushant, France, and the Lizard Peninsula in Cornwall on the south coast of England aboard her 23 metres long trimaran *B&Q*.

Her total journey time was 71 days, 14 hours, 18 minutes and 33 seconds.

It broke the record set by Frenchwoman Francis Joyon — 72 days, 22 hours, 54 minutes and 22 seconds, in February 2004 — by 1 day, 8 hours and 35 minutes.

The previous world mark was 93 days, 3 hours and 57 minutes, set by Michel Desjoyeaux in the 2000-01 around-the-world Vendee Globe race, in a 18-metre monohulls.

"I don't think until I see faces again that it's really going to sink in," she said on her web site. "It's been an absolutely unbelievable journey both physically and mentally. I'm absolutely overjoyed."

Later, she told her control team that she never thought she would break Joyon's record on the first try. "I feel absolutely exhausted but I'm elated to be here," she said. "The whole voyage has been very draining, and there's a lot of things going round in my head. But it's great that I can finally switch my brain off and relax in the company of others which I've really missed."

MacArthur's record will need to be ratified by the World Speed Sailing Records Council, whose official, Claude Breton, watched *B&Q* cross the line from the Ushant lighthouse.—MNA/Xinhua

## Bahraini oil signs \$1b deal to upgrade refinery

ABU DHABI, 9 Feb— The government-owned Bahrain Petroleum Company (Bapco) on Monday signed a financing package worth 1.011 billion US dollars with a number of banks for the upgrading of the country's sole oil refinery, the *Arab News* reported on Tuesday.

The package included 370 million dollars from the commercial facility, 330 million dollars from the Islamic lease facility and 311 million dollars of tranche guaranteed by Japan Bank for International Cooperation and Nippon Export Credit Agency.

Banks involved in the financing include BNP Paribas, HSBC Bank, Mizho Bank, Arab Banking Corporation, Gulf International Bank, National Bank of Bahrain, Kuwait Finance House, Dubai Islamic Bank and Arab Petroleum Investment Corporation, said the daily.

The financing is based on a commodity structured scheme which relies on both Bapco's corporate strength and strong sovereign support, said Sheikh Issa bin Ali al-Khalifa, Bahraini Oil Minister and Bapco's Chairman.

The money will be used for the upgrading of the Bahraini oil refinery as Japanese oil engineering company JGCC Corporation has been awarded the construction contract of a new hydrocracker unit with a capacity of 40,000 barrels per day (bpd) to produce low sulfur diesel.

MNA/Xinhua

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## US scientists develop nano-sized probes to see tumour

LOS ANGELES, 9 Feb— US researchers said on Monday they have successfully used nano-sized particles embedded with bright, light-emitting molecules to visualize a tumour more than one centimetre below the skin surface.

A team of chemists, bioengineers and medical researchers based at the University of Pennsylvania and the University of Minnesota has lodged fluorescent materials called porphyrins within the surface of a polymersome, a cell-like vesicle, to image a tumour within a living rodent.

Their findings, appearing in the online early edition of the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Science*, represent a proof of principle for the use of emissive polymersomes to

target and visualize tumours, the researchers said.

"We have shown that the dispersion of thousands of brightly emissive multiporphyrin fluorophores within the polymersome membrane can be used to optically image tissue structures deep below the skin with the potential to go even deeper," said Michael J. Therien, professor of chemistry at the University of Pennsylvania who led the study.

"It should also be possible to use an emissive polymersome vesicle to transport therapeutics directly to a tumour, enabling us to actually see if chemotherapy is really going to its intended target."

This work takes advantage of years of effort focused on the design of highly

fluorescent compounds.

Polymersomes, which were developed in the mid-1990s, function much like the bilayered membranes of living cells. Whereas cell membranes are created from a double layer of fatty phospholipid chains, a polymersome is comprised of two layers of synthetic co-polymers.

Like a living cell, the polymersome membrane has a hydrophobic core. The study has shown that the fluorophores evenly disperse within this core, giving rise to an nanometer-sized light-emitting structure.

The polymers are also larger than phospholipids, so that there is enough space for the fluorophores, which are larger than the average molecule that is found inside cell membranes, the researchers said.

MNA/Xinhua

## Survey shows 34% of S Africans seriously poor

JOHANNESBURG, 9 Feb— Thirty-four percent of South Africans live in serious poverty, making poverty alleviation a critical priority for the country, a survey has found.

Of this 34 per cent, 12 per cent are experiencing "extreme hardship" and the worst hit are farm dwellers and those living in urban squatter shacks, according to Research Surveys, a research and marketing company.

A total of 3,504 South African adults were interviewed face-to-face about issues such as the provision of basic services, access to telecommunications and transport, and adequacy of nutrition.

Farm workers living in quarters in rural areas were found to be the worst hit, with an unacceptably high average score of 93

per cent, local newspaper *The Citizen* said on Tuesday.

They were closely followed by urban squatter shack dwellers at 77 per cent, and those living in rural villages at 73 per cent.

While Blacks living in the townships and in informal areas score an overall average of 47 per cent, those living in the former White suburbs score only 8 per cent, the survey found.

Another research, conducted by the University of South Africa, also suggested that South Africa is among the most unequal societies in the world because income distribution is heavily skewed, with a concentration of wealth in a small number of hands.

MNA/Xinhua



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### 104 confirmed dead in jetliner crash in Afghanistan

KABUL, 10 Feb — Afghan top security officials confirmed Tuesday evening that 104 people, including at least 12 foreigner passengers, aboard the Afghan plane that crashed last Thursday in a mountainous area were dead.

"After reviewing the crash site, the troops found no one survived the incident," Defence Minister Abdul Rahim Wardak told the Press here.

The ill-fated Boeing 737 with 96 passengers and eight crew members, six of whom were Russians, hit a mountain and crashed near the Kabul Airport when a snow-storm swept the capital area.

Troops of Afghan National Army in conjunction with international peacekeepers located the wreckage of the passenger jet on Saturday afternoon but have yet to begin recovering the victims' remains.

The cause of the crash was not revealed yet, nor the whereabouts of the black box which is the only key to the details of the accident. —MNA/Xinhua

### Govt to put in 31.5b rupees to re-shape Mumbai like Shanghai

MUMBAI, 10 Feb — The Maharashtra Government of India's western state has drawn ambitious plans, totalling 31.5 billion rupees, to refurbish Mumbai into an international city like Shanghai, Chief Minister Vilasrao Deshmukh said here on Tuesday.

The centre has offered to provide 100 billion rupees help to the various projects drawn for making the city another Shanghai, Deshmukh told PTI in an interview on the occasion of completion of 100 days of the Democratic Front government.

The 100 billion rupees assistance promised by the centre would be received in 20 billion rupees annual grant for five years, he said.

The projects planned to give the metropolis a facelift include Mumbai-Metro rail link, Trans-Harbour project, Ring Railway project and Wadala Truck Terminus project, removing encroachments, beautification of international airport at Mumbai, Mumbai-Urban In-frastructural project and upgradation of King Edward Memorial Hospital, he said.

The state government has also urged the centre to make provision for Mumbai in the Union Budget,

Deshmukh said.

The main focus of these projects would be to showcase Mumbai and provide the city with modern infrastructure to match with international standards, Deshmukh said.

To a question what would the state do if the help from the centre did not arrive, Deshmukh said, "we will go on but with centre's help, the projects are expected to be expedited".

The Chief Minister said converting Mumbai into Shanghai was the dream of Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and he would personally ensure that the funds came in from the centre for this purpose.

"Mumbai gave the country one-third revenue by way of taxes and hence it becomes the duty of all the people to develop this city which has given so much to India all these years", he said. —MNA/PTI

### Paralysed man to make world record bid racing wheelchair

SINGAPORE, 10 Feb — A man paralysed from the waist down is making a world record bid by racing his wheelchair in seven marathons in 70 days in seven continents, including a stretch in Antarctica, Singapore media reported on Wednesday.

William Tan, a 48-year-old doctor, flies from Singapore on Saturday to Africa for the first of the 26-mile marathons and then to the Antarctic, Argentina, Italy, China, Australia and the US city of Boston, the Straits Times

reported. Tan, who became paralysed at age two after contracting polio, has trained by doing 450 push-ups a day and racing his wheelchair over icy slopes in an indoor snow-making facility in tropical Singapore to gear up for the

Antarctic leg.

The marathon record is held by able-bodied Briton Tim Rogers who ran seven in seven continents in 99 days in 1999, according to The Guinness Book of World Records.

Tan, a neuroscientist, is aiming to raise (914,600 US dollars) for the treatment of childhood cancer.

"I have a soft spot for children," he said.

MNA/Reuters



Child performers appear to float in the air as a crowd looks on at Beijing's Dongyue Temple on the second day of Chinese New Year on 10 Feb, 2005. —INTERNET

### Six crew missing in Icelandic cargo ship sinking

STOCKHOLM, 10 Feb — Six crew are missing after an Icelandic cargo ship loaded with almost 2,000 tons of steel sank off the Faroe Islands in the North Atlantic on Tuesday, the shipping company said.

A sea rescue helicopter from the Faroe Islands, part of Denmark, saved five crew members, Samskip said in a statement on its Internet web site. "Six crew members are still missing and the authorities from Faroe Islands are leading a search."

MNA/Reuters



Model walks the runway for the Bill Blass Fall 2005 Collection on 8 Feb, 2005 in New York.

INTERNET

### 46 drivers expected to compete in Tanzanian motor rally

DAR-ES-SALAAM, 10 Feb — Forty-six drivers from seven countries are expected to compete in this year's African Rally Championship to be flagged off on Saturday in Dar-es-Salaam, according to the rally coordinator.

The Tanzanian rally has been recognized by the Federation of International Automobile, the world's governing body of motor sports, and is the first event this year on the African motor rallying calendar. Tanzania last held a continental rally-

ing event in 1977.

Coordinator Arif Ahmed told reporters that the rally drivers would come from Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe and hosts Tanzania.

The drivers who have so far confirmed participa-

tion include such continental rallying heavyweights as 2004 African Rally Championship champions Muna Singh/David Sihoka from Zambia and championship runners-up Rudy Cantanhede/David Israel from Burundi.

MNA/Xinhua

### Heavy rains claim nine lives in north India

NEW DELHI, 10 Feb — Nine people have been killed and seven others injured as heavy rains and hailstorm lashed parts of northern Indian state of Uttar Pradesh, the Press Trust of India quoted local police as saying Tuesday.

Three people were killed in Mirzapur District Monday, while two each were killed in Sonbhadra and Jaunpur districts, said the police, adding that one each perished in the down-pour in Varanasi and Chandauli districts.

Seven persons were injured across the region and they were admitted to hospitals.

MNA/Xinhua

### Taxi accident kills 10 in South Africa

JOHANNESBURG, 10 Feb — Ten occupants of a minibus taxi died and five were critically injured on Tuesday when the vehicle hit a truck head-on between Kriel and Ogies, about 150 kilometres east to Johannesburg.

South African police spokesman Adie Khoabane said initial information indicated that the truck driver was trying to overtake two other trucks on the bend when it hit the oncoming taxi.

Among the dead was the taxi driver. No one in the coal-carrying mine truck was injured, said a report of the SAPA news agency.

About 1,000 people were killed in minibus-

taxi-involved accidents in South Africa last year, the Transport Department said in the mid December. The minibuses are a primary mode of transportation for millions of South Africans every day. —MNA/Xinhua

## SPORTS

**First kickboxing tournament kicks off in Kuwait**

KUWAIT CITY, 10 Feb — The first Kickboxing Tournament, organized by Kuwait Kickboxing Committee, will start on Friday in Qadesiyah Sports Club as part of HalaFebruary activities.

Rapporteur of the Kickboxing Committee Mohammad Dashti said the tournament will continue until Monday, in which 65 players representing all sport clubs are participating.

Kickboxing is a modern martial art from Korea that is characterized by its fast, high, and spinning kicks. The game combines boxing with gloves and kicking. — MNA/Xinhua

**Spain demolish San Marino 5-0 in World Cup qualifier**

ALMERIA (Spain), 10 Feb — Spain eased their way to an unspectacular but productive 5-0 victory at home to part-timers San Marino in a Group Seven World Cup qualifier on Wednesday.

Despite monopolizing possession throughout, Spain failed to take full advantage of their domination and would have claimed a far more emphatic win had it not been for some wasteful finishing from their strikers.

The victory lifted Spain into second place in the group with eight points from four games, two points behind leaders Serbia & Montenegro and ahead of Lithuania on goal difference. The modest team from the tiny republic in northern Italy held out for a quarter of an hour before the busy Joaquin opened the scoring.

The San Marino defence were wrong-footed by a deflected pass from Xavi and the Real Betis winger sent a firm right-foot shot skidding inside the far post from the edge of the area.

But while Spain gorged themselves on the

possession, they frequently got in each other's way in their enthusiasm to push forward and were kept at bay by the crowded San Marino defence.

Just as they were beginning to get frustrated, Espanyol midfielder Ivan de la Pena, given his first call-up to the senior side at the age of 28, set up Fernando Torres with a delightful through pass.

The Atletico Madrid striker checked past a defender and had enough time to look up and place his shot out of reach of Gasperoni.

The third came a little easier, the outstanding Joaquin wafting in a perfect cross from the right and Raul looping a close-range header over the keeper and into the net two minutes before the break to take his tally to 41 goals in 82 games.— MNA/Reuters

**US outclass Trinidad and Tobago 2-1**

PORT OF SPAIN (Trinidad), 10 Feb — The United States outclassed Trinidad and Tobago 2-1 thanks to first-half goals from Eddie Johnson and Eddie Lewis as they began the final round of CONCACAF World Cup qualifiers on Wednesday.

The 20-year-old Johnson scored on the half-hour mark in only his fourth international appearance, while Lewis struck the eventual winner just after the break to clinch the points as the teams opened the 10-game final group qualifying stage.

The US win, secured by a world class performance from keeper Kasey Keller, stretched their unbeaten run to 32 matches against regional competition and 14 versus all opponents.

After a subdued first half, Trinidad played with more purpose in the second period but only had substitute Angus Eve's 89th-minute consolation goal to show for the efforts.

The US had nearly grabbed an early lead when Pablo Mastroeni hit a 40-metre dipping shot that forced goalkeeper Shaka Hislop to push the ball over the bar.

Johnson then opened the scoring when he ran unmarked into the area to nod home a Steve Cherundolo cross from 15 metres giving Hislop no chance. It was his sixth goal for the US and all of them have come in qualifying matches.

The visitors enjoyed the run of play for much of the opening half and dominated the midfield exchanges but Trinidad got on top later in the match as the US wilted in humid conditions.

Keller demonstrated why he remains the US number one as he was called on



US player Steven Cherundolo (L) fights for the ball against Trinidad and Tobago's Marlon Rojas during their World Cup qualifying match at the Queen's Park Oval in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, on 9 Feb, 2005.—INTERNET

several times to deny Trinidad.

In the sixth minute, Keller went high to his right to thwart a header from Dwight Yorke, making his first appearance in a qualifier since 2001. Yorke was again foiled by Keller in the 34th minute when he deflected a low effort by the striker.

After 53 minutes Leslie Fitzpatrick was put through on his own only for Keller to make a brilliant stop as he deflected the ball and Yorke could only fire the loose ball over the bar.

MNA/Reuters

**Greece beat Denmark 2-1**

ATHENS, 10 Feb — Angelos Basinas scored Greece's winner from the penalty spot as the European champions beat Denmark 2-1 to breathe new life into their World Cup qualifying hopes on Wednesday.

Greece captain Theodoros Zagorakis, who was playing despite a fever, gave the hosts the lead after 25 minutes with his first international goal in his 101st appearance at Karaiskaki stadium.

Midfielder Basinas converted from the spot in the 32nd minute to make it 2-0 before the Danes pulled one back in the dying seconds of the first half through Dennis Rommedahl.

The victory before a 33,000 capacity crowd lifted Greece into second place in Group Two on eight points from five games, two points clear of Denmark, Turkey and Albania. Group leaders Ukraine have 14 points from six games.

Greece attacked from the start and almost went in front in the eighth minute when Zisis Vryzas' low drive flew just wide of Danish goalkeeper Thomas Sorensen's left post.

Giorgos Karagounis could have scored four minutes later when curled his free kick over the wall but Sorensen diverted the ball to safety.

Zagorakis, busy in a tight Greek midfield before being replaced at halftime, made the breakthrough when he smashed home a free kick from 25 metres out.

Seven minutes later Thomas Gravesen pulled Stelios Giannakopoulos down inside the box and referee Pierluigi Collina awarded a

penalty. Basinas' high drive left Sorensen no chance.

The Danes, who went close with a powerful shot by Thomas Gravesen in the 42nd minute, pegged back the hosts seconds from the halftime whistle when Rommedahl headed the ball in after a fumble by Greek keeper Antonis Nikopolidis.

MNA/Reuters



Denmark's Jon Dahl Thomasson (R) is challenged by Angelos Basinas of Greece during their World Cup European Zone Group Two qualifying soccer match in Athens' Karaiskaki stadium on 9 Feb, 2005.—INTERNET

**South Korea beat Kuwait in World Cup qualifier**

SEOUL, 10 Feb — South Korea defeated Kuwait 2-0 in World Cup Asian Zone qualifier on Wednesday. Striker Lee Dong-gook netted the first goal into the left corner only 23 minutes into the game.

And after several failed South Korean shots at the net, PSV Eindhoven's Lee Yong-pyo came through to add one more goal in the second half.

The victory is South Korea's first win after a four game losing streak.

South Korea put on a good display dominating their opponents throughout the game despite the chilly conditions at the Seoul World Cup Stadium in western Seoul. Group A rivals Saudi Arabia and Uzbekistan played to a 1-1 draw in Tashkent Wednesday, putting South Korea ahead in group qualifiers for the 2006 FIFA World Cup.

South Korea will take on Saudi Arabia on March 25 in Damman, Saudi Arabia

for their second game in the qualifying league. Uzbekistan and Kuwait will have a match the same day in Kuwait.

Top two teams from the group will directly qualify for the World Cup in Germany. — MNA/Xinhua



Lee Dong-gook (L) of South Korea dribbles past Ali Asel of Kuwait during their 2006 FIFA World Cup Asian Qualifying match in Seoul, on 9 Feb 2005. South Korea won 2-0.

INTERNET

**Japan beat N Korea in World Cup qualifier**

SAITAMA (Japan), 10 Feb — Substitute Masashi Oguro snatched an injury-time winner as Japan beat North Korea 2-1 in the first match of the final round of Asian 2006 World Cup qualifiers on Wednesday.

Oguro stabbed home from close range to give Japan a fortuitous victory after the Group B game in Saitama looked to be heading for a draw.

Japan took the lead in the fourth minute when Mitsuo Ogasawara curled in a free kick from 25 metres following North Korea captain Ri Myong-sam's trip on Brazilian-born Alex.

North Korea equalized

after 61 minutes when substitute Nam Song-chol smashed home a left-foot shot from an acute angle that beat goalkeeper Yoshikatsu Kawaguchi at his near post.

The match was played amid tight security because of fears that bitter political divisions between two countries could spill over.

Japan had mobilized over 4,000 police and security officials but the crowd of 59,000 respectfully applauded the North Korean national anthem before the match.

North Korea fought back bravely after Ogasawara's early strike

and midfielder Mun In-guk's diving header forced a superb save from Kawaguchi six minutes into the second half.

Nam's equalizer was a just reward for North Korea's efforts, though substitute Naohiro Takahara squandered two gilt-edged chances to restore Japan's lead before Ogura's late winner.

The teams last met in a World Cup qualifier in Doha in 1993 which Japan won 3-0.

North Korea had vanished from the international scene after their shock appearance in the 1966 World Cup quarterfinals.

MNA/Reuters



### Spain considers Morocco as strategic market

MADRID, 10 Feb — Spanish Industry Minister Jose Montilla described Morocco on Tuesday as a "priority and strategic" market in view of the fast increase of trade between the two countries, according to local reports.

In a speech at the sessions on Investment Opportunities in Morocco, organized by the Association for Progress in Direction, Montilla said that in the first eleven months of 2004, 36.2 per cent of the Spanish exports to Africa went to Morocco, a growth of 15.5 per cent over the same period of the previous year.

Montilla added that 18 per cent of Morocco's exports were bound for Spain, the second largest buyer of Morocco's products in the world.

He also expressed his confidence that good political ties between the two nations will surely help improve their economic cooperation. — MNA/Xinhua

### Powerful earthquake jolts seabed near Vanuatu

CANBERRA (Australia), 10 Feb — A powerful earthquake rocked the Pacific seabed near Vanuatu early Wednesday, but there were no immediate reports of damage, geologists said. A Pacific warning network issued a bulletin saying the quake did not generate a tidal wave.

The 6.7-magnitude quake occurred at 1:48 a.m. (1448 GMT Tuesday) about 250 miles north-northwest of Vanuatu capital Port Vila, according to the web site of the US Geological Survey.

as Indonesia's Sumatra Island, Wednesday's temblor was not connected with the magnitude-9 quake that triggered Asia's devastating 26 December tidal wave, according to Geoscience Australia seismologist Cvetan Sinadinovski.

Although Vanuatu is on the same tectonic plate

MNA/AP

### Earthquake report

(Issued at 22:30 hours MST on Today)

An earthquake of slight intensity (2.3) Richter Scale with its epicenter about (11) miles South of Kaba-Aye seismological observatory was recorded at (21) hrs (39) min (00) sec MST on 10th February, 2005.

### Nigeria earned \$287m from cocoa exports in 2004

IBADAN (Nigeria), 10 Feb — Nigeria earned about 38 billion naira (about 287 million US dollars) from cocoa exports in 2004, said Chairperson of the National Cocoa Rebirth Committee Erelu Olusola Obada here on Wednesday.

Speaking at a ceremony to launch cocoa rebirth activities in Ibadan, capital of Nigeria's southwestern state of Oyo, Obada said 4 billion naira (about 30 million dollars) was also realized from the sale of cocoa products last year. Meanwhile, an exhibition displaying cocoa seedlings and cocoa products and related items for enhancing production of the crop, was also held in the capital city.

According to Obada, Nigeria's cocoa output would be increased by 600,000 tons in three years if the nationwide cocoa rebirth programme takes off successfully.

According to her, 50 per cent of the quantity will be consumed locally, while the remaining 50 per cent will be exported after being semi-processed into cocoa cake, butter and liquor, among others.

She said local consumption would be absorbed under the cocoa beverage for school children, a policy would be introduced soon by the Nigerian federal government. The deputy governor called on Nigerians, especially young, unemployed graduates to embrace the cocoa rebirth programme by engaging in the cultivation of cocoa with an assurance that the government would provide them with free cocoa seedlings.

Under the cocoa rebirth programme coordinated by the National Cocoa Development Committee, 14 states have been earmarked for accelerated cocoa development programme, including Adamawa, Taraba, Kogi, Osun, Ondo, Ekiti, Ogun, Oyo, Delta, Edo, Cross River, Akwa Ibom, Abia and Kwara.

Nigeria began cocoa rebirth activities in Ibadan, a leading cocoa production base in Nigeria, on Wednesday, with the exhibition of cocoa seedlings and related items for enhanced production of the crop. The cocoa rebirth activities would be rounded off with a lunching of the programme across the country on Friday by President Olusegun Obasanjo.

MNA/Xinhua

**WEATHER**

Thursday, 10 February, 2005

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been generally fair in the whole country. Night temperatures were (3°C) above normal Rakhine State, upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions, (3°C) to (4°C) below normal in Northern Shan and Kachin States, Bago and Yangon Divisions, (5°C) to (6°C) below normal in Chin and Eastern Shan States and about normal in remaining areas. The significant night temperatures were Haka (1°C), Lashio (2°C), Namhsam and Pinlaung (3°C) each and Heho (4°C).

Maximum temperature on 9-2-2005 was 100°F. Minimum temperature on 10-2-2005 was 59°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 10-2-2005 was 60%. Total sunshine hours on 9-2-2005 was (8.7) hours approx. Rainfalls on 10-2-2005 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 9 mph from Northwest at (15:30) hours MST on 9-2-2005.

**Bay inference:** Weather is generally fair in the Bay of Bengal. **Forecast valid until evening of 11-2-2005:** Weather will be partly cloudy in Kachin State and generally fair in the remaining areas. **State of the sea:** Seas will be slight to moderate in Myanmar waters.

**Outlook for subsequent two days:** Generally fair weather in the whole country. **Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 11-2-2005:** Fair weather.

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 11-2-2005:** Fair weather.

**Radio Myanmar**

**Friday, 11 February**

**Tune in today:**

**8.30 am** Brief news  
**8.35 am** Music:  
 -Mysterious time  
**8.40 am** Perspectives  
**8.45 am** Music: Jenny  
**8.50 am** National news/Slogan  
**9.00 am** Music:  
 -Give it up  
**9.05 am** International news  
**9.10 am** Music  
 -I'll be waiting there for you  
**1.30 pm** News/Slogan  
**1.40 pm** Lunch time music  
 -Kiss from a rose  
 -Look what love has done  
**9.00 pm** Special Radio Play  
**9.15 pm** Article/Music  
**9.25 pm** Music at your request  
 -Blue than blue  
 -Michael Johnson  
 -Heartache tonight  
 -Eagles  
 -Goodnight  
 -Suzy Boggurs  
**9.45 pm** News/Slogan  
**10.00 pm** PEL

**TV Myanmar**

**Friday, 11 February**

**View on today:**

**7:00 am**

- ကျေးဇူးရှင် မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံယမဟာ နာယကအရှင်အကျိုးတော်တော်ရည်၊ အဘိဓမ္မအဂ္ဂမဟာသဗ္ဗမ္မဇာတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘူတဂါရက၊ ဆရာတော် ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိမ္ဗသာရာ ဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

**7:25 am**

- To be healthy exercise

**7:30 am**

- Morning news

**7:40 am**

- Nice and sweet song

**7:50 am**

- လွင်လွင်ပြင်ပြင်စိတ်ပျော်ရွှင်

**8:00 am**

- The mirror images of the musical oldies

**8:10 am**

- (၅၈) နှစ်မြောက်ပြည့်တော်စုနေ့ ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်

**8:20 am**

- လေးဖန်တေး

**8:30 am**

- International news

**8:45 am**

- English for Everyday Use

**4:00 pm**

- Martial song

**4:15 pm**

- Songs to uphold National Spirit

**4:30 pm**

- (၅၈) နှစ်မြောက်ပြည့်တော်စုနေ့ ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်

**5:45 pm**

- အေးသင် တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ချမ်းမြသာကြားသင်ခန်းစာ -တတိယနှစ် (ဓာတုဗေဒအထူးပြု) (ဓာတုဗေဒ)

**5:00 pm**

- Song of national races

**5:15 pm**

- နည်းစနစ်မှန်မှန် အားကစားအပြိုင်

**5:30 pm**

- Songs of yesteryears

**5:45 pm**

- အမျိုးသားညီလာခံ ဂုဏ်ပြုတေး

**6:00 pm**

- Discovery

**6:05 pm**

- (၅၈) နှစ်မြောက်ပြည့်တော်စုနေ့ ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်

**6:15 pm**

- နှစ်(၆၀) ပြည့်တော်စုနေ့ စစ်ချီ၊ စစ်ရေး၊ တေးမြိုင်ပွဲ အကြောင်း သိကောင်းစရာ (အပိုင်း-၂)

**6:30 pm**

- Evening news

**7:00 pm**

- Weather report

**7:05 pm**

- နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုလမ်းဆွဲ "ရုစသောညီ" (အပိုင်း-၆)

**7:35 pm**

- ကား-ကားမီးယပ် ရုပ်ကံကံကရို ချော့ချော့ခန်း (အပိုင်း-၁)

**8:00 pm**

- News
- International news
- Weather report
- Myanmar Movie: "အချစ်သည်လေပြည့်" ချေး၊ နိုင်းဘိုဘို၊ မြိုးငွေရိုး၊ အခြားကားစင်၊ ဓမ္မိလိ၊ နဝရတ်၊ ဒါရိုက်တာ-ကိုအောင်မင်းသိမ်း
- The next day's programme

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

# Nanattaw Overpass put into service

YANGON, 10 Feb—The inauguration of Nanattaw Overpass constructed by the Myanmar Railways under the Ministry for Rail Transportation took place as a gesture of hailing the 58th Anniversary Union Day at the top of the facility at the junction of Baho and Nanattaw streets in Kamayut Township here this morning.

Present on the occasion were Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Chairman Yangon Command Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo, Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun, Minister for Cooperatives Col Zaw Min, Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung, Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min, Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe, Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi, Yangon City Development Committee Chairman Yangon Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, Deputy Minister for Rail Transportation U Pe Than, Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa, Managing Director of



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min and Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin open Nanattaw Overpass.— MNA



The newly-opened Nanattaw Overpass in Kamayut Township.— MNA

MR U Min Swe, departmental heads, officials, local authorities, locals and guests numbering more than 6,000.

Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe in his speech said that thanks to the overpass the people no longer need to wait while a train is passing the site.

The government is making all-out efforts in various sectors in its drive for transforming the nation into a peaceful, modern and developed one with the aim of  
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“The developments are the result of united and cooperative efforts of the Government and the people. And the national developments stand witness to the fact that unity is success. The Government, the people and the Tatmadaw should continue to safeguard and build the nation with harmonious efforts.”  
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# Government achieving success in national development drive as it always keeps in fore national policy

YANGON, 10 Feb—Ceremony to honour the Union Day and support the National Convention was held at the precinct of the monastery at Shwemokhtaw Pagoda in Khatcho Village, Waingmaw Township, Myitkyina District, on 6 February morning.

Present on the occasion were the secretary and executives of Kachin State USDA, secretaries and executives of Myitkyina, Waingmaw, Tanai, Chiphwe and Sawlaw Township USDAs, social organizations and local

people totalling over 1,500. Myitkyina District

USDA Secretary U Nyan Thein presided over the ceremony together with

members of the panel of chairmen Secretary of Waingmaw Township

War Veterans Organization U Maran Naw, member of the Waingmaw

Township Organization for Women’s Affairs Daw  
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Myitkyina District USDA Secretary U Nyan Thein speaking at the rally to honour Union Day and support National Convention in Khatcho Village of Waingmaw Township.— MNA