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Senior General Than Shwe inspects progress of Paunglaung Multi-purpose Dam Project, Upper Paunglaung and Nancho Hydel Power Projects in Pyinmana



(Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Chairman of Bago Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Southern Command Maj-Gen Ko Ko, the ministers, senior military officers, and officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, the Senior General arrived at

Paunglaung Multi-purpose Dam by helicopter at 9.15 am today.

The Senior General and party were welcomed by Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo, Deputy Minister for Electric Power U Myo Myint and officials.

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Built on Paunglaung River, Paunglaung Multi-purpose Dam Project has been installed with four 70-megawatt turbines at the underground power station to generate 280 megawatts

Senior General Than Shwe inspects Paunglaung underground power station in Pyinmana.— MNA

YANGON, 21 Dec — Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe inspected Paunglaung Multi-purpose Dam Project in Pyinmana Township today.

Accompanied by Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann, Members of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint, Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and Lt-Gen Tin Aye, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, Commander-in-Chief



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

PERSPECTIVES

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Bagan golden palace: the pride of posterity

Myanmar people have stood tall in the world with their culture, traditions and customs dating back thousands of years. The government of Myanmar is building the nation according to the four political, four economic and four social objectives. Out of the four social objectives, special priority has been given to "uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation of and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character". And efforts are being made in accordance with the guidance by the Head of State for preservation of ancient cultural heritage.

Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe on 17 December visited the Bagan Archaeological Zone in NyaungU in Mandalay Division and inspected the Nanmyint Tower and the construction site of Arimaddanapura Bagan golden palace of King Anawrahta. In his meeting with responsible officials at the construction site, Senior General Than Shwe said that, in building Arimaddanapura Bagan golden palace, it was important to obtain firm historical evidence and carry out construction work systematically and that the purpose of the construction of the palace was to reinvigorate patriotic spirit in posterity.

In accordance with the guidance by Head of State Senior General Than Shwe on the location of the palace of King Anawrahta and reconstruction of the palace, the palace site was excavated with firm evidence. The reconstruction of Arimaddanapura Bagan golden palace is now being carried out by Myanmar architects.

The Nanmyint Tower with thirteen storeys is 198 ft high and 54 ft wide can stand against strong wind and earthquake. On the ground floor, there are kitchens, a business centre and souvenir shops, on the first floor Myanmar handicraft shops, on the second floor a cinema and a coffee shop, a seminar room and a conference room and on the third floor a viewing deck. The rooms from the fourth to seventh floors can be rented as offices. The eighth floor has the rest rooms, the ninth and tenth floors have restaurants. There is another viewing deck on the 11th floor and Construction work of the tower began on 27 April, 2003 and it took two years and nine months to complete. Moreover, the Nanmyint Hotel is being built.

We would like to urge architects and construction workers to build the Bagan golden palace according to historical records and in such a grand way that posterity can be proud of it and their own nation and race.

Chinese delegation arrives

YANGON, 21 Dec — A Chinese delegation led by Mr Liu Zhengming, Director-General of the Department of Treaty and Law of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China, arrived here by air this afternoon to attend the 6th Meeting on the Implementation of the Myanmar-China Border Areas Management and Cooperation Agreement.

The Chinese delegation was welcomed at the airport by Director-General U Nyan Lin of the Political Department and officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and staff of the Chinese Embassy.

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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

Commander Lt-Gen Myint Swe, Yangon Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Linn, Chairman of Yangon West District Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Kyaw Tint and officials formally open the centenary celebration of Theingyi Market on 17 December.

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Cash & kind and health care service given to 109 disabled children

YANGON, 21 Dec — As part of health care services, Yangon Division Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee held the ceremony to provide assistance for disabled children at Yankin Education College in Yankin Township this morning.

Chairperson of Yangon Division MCWSC Daw Khin Thet Htay explained health care for disabled children in Yangon Division and work to be done.

Next, the Chairperson accepted 14,000 membership applications handed over by Yangon East District MCWSC Daw Nan Shwe Yin.

The cash donation for the disabled children followed. Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Lt-Gen Myint Swe accepted K 1 million, four wheel chairs and 10 pairs of crutches donated by Managing Director U Aung Myat of Mother Trading & Construction Co Ltd; K 1 million by Managing Director U Khin Maung Aye of KMA Co Ltd; K 560,000 for four wheel chairs by Myanmar Oil

Dealers Association; stationery worth K 387,000 by Managing Director U Thein Aung of Aung Myitta Co Ltd; 23 pairs of glasses worth K 200,000 by U Zaw Naing-Daw Khin Mar Swe; K 200,070 by U Thein Maung-Daw Pa Pa (Sandi Traditional Medicine); and 109 dozens of exercise books worth K 120,000 by Managing Director U Thein Tun of Unicolor exercise book industry.

Afterwards, the commander presented wheel chairs, crutches and stationery to disabled children Ma Sithu Aung, Maung Thet Aung, Maung Min Ko Ko and Ma Htoo Htoo Wai.

Chairperson Daw Khin Thet Htay also gave away crutches, other assistance and stationery to 13 disabled children.

After the ceremony, Chairperson Daw Khin Thet Htay and party viewed health care services being provided by physicians, specialists and health staff for disabled children at the college.

Today's donation to 109 disabled children from Yangon East District amounted to K 4,067,070. — MNA

USDA Joint Secretary-General receives Chairman of Nippon Foundation



USDA Joint Secretary-General U Zaw Min meets Mr Yohei Sasakawa and party. — MNA

YANGON, 21 Dec — Joint Secretary-General of the Union Solidarity and Development Association U Zaw Min received Chairman of Nippon Foundation Mr Yohei Sasakawa at the association headquarters on University Avenue in Bahan Township this morning.

Also present at the call were officials of the headquarters.

Joint Secretary-General U Zaw Min explained the history of the association, the aims, and participation in development tasks of the nation, and answered the queries.

Next, U Zaw Min and Mr Yohei Sasakawa exchanged souvenirs and posed for the documentary photo.

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Namibian President says China a "friend indeed"

BELING, 20 Dec—President Hifikepuno Pohamba of the Republic of Namibia praised China as a true friend of Namibia in an interview with *Xinhua* here on Monday evening.

China and Namibia enjoy an excellent relationship based on a long-term friendship forged prior to Namibia's independence in 1990 and has been strengthened since then, said Pohamba.

"A friend in need is a friend indeed", Pohamba used a traditional saying to describe the long-term friendship with China.

China stood firm and provided political, material and diplomatic support to Namibian people who

struggled for freedom and independence, Pohamba said adding, "China was a true friend of Namibia during our time of serious need." He appreciates assistance China provided to Namibia as well as other South African countries for their economic development.

"We have worked together closely and will keep working together with China," he said. Pohamba kicked off his China visit on last Friday in Hainan,

China's southernmost island province where he visited a free trade zone and showed great interest in local state-owned farm's irrigation technology.

His current China tour, the first since he assumed his country's presidency in March, also brought him to Chongqing, China's southwestern municipality. "There are many things to see and to learn," Pohamba said referring to his trip to the two "impressive" cities.—MNA/Xinhua



A plane flies over a construction site of Airport Terminal 2 in Pudong International Airport in Shanghai recently. —INTERNET



A truck, part of a US army supply convoy, burns in Baghdad, Iraq, on 20 Dec, 2005, after the convoy was attacked. —INTERNET

Five US soldiers plead guilty to detainee abuse

BAGHDAD, 20 Dec—Five US Army Rangers court-martialled over charges of detainee abuse in Iraq have pleaded guilty and been given punishments varying from 30 days to six months in confinement, the military said on Monday.

Two of the soldiers would receive a bad conduct discharge over the charges, which resulted from an investigation into allegations of abuse that took place on 7 September, a statement said. It said the sentences were passed at courts-martial completed between 8 and 13 December.

In November, the military said five soldiers from the 75th Ranger Regiment had been charged after allegations they had punched and kicked Iraqi detainees and hit them with a broomstick on 7 September in Baghdad, between arresting them and taking them to prison.

It was not immediately clear whether Monday's statement described the outcome of the November charges. —MNA/Reuters

Morales slams US drug policies

COCHABAMBA (Bolivia), 20 Dec—Evo Morales, who won Bolivia's presidential election on vows to end a US campaign against coca growing, stepped up his criticism of American anti-drug policies on Monday, accusing Washington of using drug fighting efforts to militarize the region.

In his first news conference since claiming victory on Sunday Morales — who took a surprisingly strong majority and will be Bolivia's first Indian leader — insisted he was opposed to drugs but disputed Washington's methods. "The fight against drug trafficking is a false pretext for the United States to install

military bases and we're not in agreement," he told reporters.

"We support an effective fight against drugs. Neither cocaine or drug trafficking are part of the Bolivian culture," he said in his stronghold of Cochabamba as the first official results from Sunday's vote trickled in.

Washington considers Morales, who first rose to

power as the leader of the country's coca leaf farmers, an enemy in its anti-drug fight in Bolivia, the third biggest cocaine producer after Colombia and Peru.

The US Government insists much of Bolivia's coca is processed into cocaine, but farmers say they grow the plant for traditional medicinal uses, herbal teas and

religious ceremonies.

According to UN statistics, Bolivia put 107 tons of cocaine on world markets last year. The United States spends 150 million US dollars a year on anti-drug efforts in Bolivia. Some analysts said the United States should move quickly to engage Morales and discuss ways to bridge their differences.

"I would hope that Morales' position would lead to the US taking a more realistic policy because if there's one thing we've learned in last 20 years is we can't stop the drug trade," said Nicolas Shumway, director of the Institute of Latin American Studies at the University of Texas, Austin.

"What I'm hoping is the US will listen to him and try and hear his concerns and not just try to impose a policy on Bolivia unilaterally," Shumway said. —MNA/Reuters

Bangladesh's manpower export declines

DHAKA, 20 Dec—High cost of migration coupled with reduction of international demands are thwarting the promotion of manpower export of Bangladesh. The country's

man power export to traditional markets like the Middle East countries is declining and an unhealthy competition among the recruiting agencies is increasing the cost of migration, *The Daily Star* reported on Sunday. A worker now pays 200,000 to 230,000 taka (3,077 to 3,538 US dollars) for a job of a cleaner in Saudi Arabia whereas the cost was 140,000 to 170,000 taka (2,153 to 2,615 dollars) only a few months ago. The crises

have been aggravated as the importing countries are now encouraging the employers to hire their own unemployed youths. The massive decline in Saudi demand has pushed down overall manpower export 15.45 per cent in 2005 compared to 2004. Malaysia, which had signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Bangladesh to hire its workers back in October 2003, reportedly shied away from the commitment. —MNA/Xinhua

Explosion kills two aboard Spanish warship

MADRID, 20 Dec—An accidental explosion on an ageing Spanish warship killed two sailors on Monday, the Defence Ministry said.

The Navy frigate *Extremadura* suffered an explosion in a pipe leading from her main boilers in the port of El Ferrol in north Spain, the ministry said in a statement.

Two sailors, aged 20 and 28, died in the explosion.

A number of sailors were also injured in the blast, the cause of which is under investigation. —MNA/Xinhua

2,157 US soldiers killed in Iraq

WASHINGTON, 20 Dec—As of Tuesday, 20 Dec, 2005, at least 2,157 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 1,692 died as a result of hostile action, according to the military's numbers. The figures include five military civilians.

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

Since 1 May, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 2,018 US military members have died, according to AP's count. That includes at least 1,583 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's numbers.

Since the start of US military operations in Iraq, 16,155 US service members have been wounded, according to a Defence Department tally on Tuesday. —Internet

Native town blending in with Mawlamyine Bridge

Khin Swe Myint (Myanmarsar)

For a long time, I have not gone back to Mawlamyine, my native town where various religious festivals are celebrated in the month of Tazaungmone such as pagoda festivals, Kathina robes offering ceremonies, meals offering ceremonies, offering of alms-food to members of the Buddhist Order, ceremonies to offer alms to monks by lot, and ceremonies to give feast in charity to all guests. We five sisters moved to other suitable regions in search of greener pastures. Even though we love our native town, we seldom pay a visit to it due to various reasons. Then, we never got together at home. Another reason why we could not get together at home was that we had to take a ferry boat across Thanlwin River if we wished to get to Mawlamyine from the bank of Mottama. I still remember that when I was a schoolgirl, we had to spend a lot of time and energy to get to the other bank.

Near the confluence of the Thanlwin River, by contrast, now is Mawlamyine Bridge that contributes towards smooth transport of the region,

For me, I am deeply convinced that the construction of bridges and roads not only contributes towards smooth transport but also makes commodity flow swift, thereby raising the economy of respective regions. Moreover, my heart is filled with delight and pleasure beyond words, and I simply believe such feelings will always be with me.

and I had never dreamt about the emergence of such a fine facility in the past. When I heard the good reputation of Mawlamyine Bridge, I organized my four sisters to pay a visit to our native town to take part in the Tazaungdaing festival. Then, we five sisters made arrangements to visit Mawlamyine.

When we, from the bridge, enjoyed the beauties of the Thanlwin River, Mawlamyine, Mottama and Balugyun regions, the Gaunghsegyun Pagoda, and the pagodas on the mountain range in the centre of the town, we were all overwhelmed with delight.

Just as we arrived in Mawlamyine, we were over-anxious to get home where we lived together with our grandparents, parents, aunts, and brothers totalling over 20 members. Our visit made the dwellers of the ward happy.

On the eve of Tazaungmone Full Moon Day, we served refreshments to all the guests including our relatives and old friends. On the Full Moon Day morning, we sisters and our husbands offered alms-food including cash donations to 250 members of the Sangha. We later visited the Kyaikthalan Pagoda and the Kyaikthok Pagoda, the two historic and the most ancient religious structures in Mawlamyine. And we made cash donations to the funds of the pagodas.

The purpose of our visit to Mawlamyine, inspired by the emergence of the Mawlamyine Bridge, was to perform meritorious deeds as far as we could in our native town to share the merits we gained with our late parents.

Our family members, together with old students of our late father, set up a trust fund to award outstanding students and to provide cash assistance for needy students in the basic education high school No 2 where my father served as a teacher

for more than three decades. I wish my father would say well-done for the generous donation we made.

We preserve a fine tradition of our grandparents and parents such as doing meritorious deeds and visiting the monasteries and the Sayadaws paying obeisance with a view to upholding the lineage of our ancestors.

Taking a long gaze with rapture at the magnificent Thanlwin Bridge from the lawns of the Attayan Hotel on the bank of the Thanlwin River, my sincere thanks went to those who had contributed towards the project.

While passing the mountain range in the city centre, we enjoyed impressive geographical features and ancient edifices of the native town alongside the beauty of the Mawlamyine Bridge.

With a serene beauty, Mawlamyine is situated near the confluence of the Thanlwin River and Attayan River with lush and green vegetation along with the buildings constructed seventy to a hundred years ago.

Thanks to the emergence of such a fine transport facility, we had a golden opportunity to hold a reunion with my family members, relatives and old friends, to enjoy ourselves and to repay the gratitude of our parents.

For me, I am deeply convinced that the construction of bridges and roads not only contributes towards smooth transport but also makes commodity flow swift, thereby raising the economy of respective regions. Moreover, my heart is filled with delight and pleasure beyond words, and I simply believe such feelings will always be with me.

Translation: MS



Members of Theingyi Market Welfare Committee celebrates the market's centenary on 18 December. — MNA

Theingyi Market holds its centenary

YANGON, 20 Dec — A and B Complexes of Theingyi Market here celebrated its centenary on 18 December.

Member of the Yangon City Develop-

ment Committee Col Hla Aye and members of the market welfare committee presented offertories to 100 Sayadaws and members of the Sangha to mark the centenary

celebration.

Sitagu Sayadaw Dr Ashin Nanissara delivered a sermon at the pandal where the centenary was celebrated.

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Kyet Shar Soon wins International Quality Crown Award 2005

YANGON, 21 Dec — Business Initiative Direction (Spain) presented International Quality Crown Award 2005 to KSS (Kyet Shar Soon) Co.Ltd in a ceremony held at Thistle Tower Hotel in London on 2 December. Managing Director U Tun Myint of KSS Co.Ltd accepted the award.

The company won the award as it has ensured

quality by achieving customer satisfaction together with positive business results, met the quality levels established in the company in accordance with the QC 100 points of quality, encouraged participation and teamwork for decision making, satisfied clients' needs and met their expectations, provided workforce with the tech-

nical infrastructures and economic means to achieve continuous improvement and respect for the environment, managed human resource to achieve maximum potential and heightened in-house awareness of the importance of concentrating on the most profitable areas of activity to achieve the best business result.

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Managing Director of KSS Co Ltd accepts the International Quality Crown Award 2005.

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Transport sector witnesses sustained progress

Development of transport in the time of the Tatmadaw government

Emerging railroads and stations across the country

Smooth and secure transport contributes much towards people's socio-economic development. Moreover it helps consolidate friendship among national brethren residing in various parts of the nation. Therefore, roads

and bridges as well as railroads are being built across the country to link one region and another.

Starting from 1989, the Tatmadaw government has been building new railroads in states and divisions with few railroads and

regions where there are no railroads. This is aimed at ensuring equitable development of every part of the country and smooth transportation. Tatmadawmen have been lending a helping hand to these endeavours.

Railroads are

Emerging railroads and stations across the country

Sr	Subject	1988	2005	Progress
1	Miles of railroad	1976.35	3042.39	1066.04
2	Miles of rail track	2793.86	3952.90	1159.04
3	Station	487	780	293
4	Major bridges on railroad	547	735	188
5	Small bridges on railroad	5103	8484	3381

being built not only in the plain regions but also

in the hilly ones like Shan State. Thanks to the emergence of Shwemyaung-Taunggyi-Saikkhaung-Namsam rail roads, goods from hilly regions can now be transported to the plains and vice versa.

Now, Ye-Dawei railroad is under construction with the aim of transporting goods from Taninthayi Division where natural resources are abundant.

In building new railroads, bridges large and small are also being built and along with the emergence of new

railroads, stations have also been built in every region. In 1988, there were only 2700 miles of rail track but at present there are nearly 4000 miles of rail track and thus it can be said that nearly 1200 miles of rail track have been added in the time of the Tatmadaw government. The table provides the readers with increasing facts and figures of stations, bridges and railroads in the time of the Tatmadaw government.

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The opening of Mongseik-Kaungsai railroad section on Shwemyaung-Namsam railroad in Shan State (South) on 20-3-2004.

Jordanian Embassy driver abducted in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 20 Dec—A Jordanian embassy driver was kidnapped as he left his home in Baghdad on Tuesday, Iraqi police and Jordan's state news agency said.

Gunmen in three cars pulled up at the Jordanian's home in the south of the Iraqi capital and seized Mahmoud Saadat, who was described by Jordan's Petra news agency as a driver for the embassy and by police as the ambassador's personal driver.

Jordanian diplomats in Baghdad declined to comment but Petra said officials were in contact with Iraqi authorities to begin efforts to rescue the missing employee. Several Arab

diplomats and embassy workers have been kidnapped and killed in recent months by Islamist militants, worsening the already frosty relations between Iraq's US-backed Shiite-led government and Sunni-dominated Arab states. Egypt's envoy and two Algerian diplomats were killed in July after being abducted by al Qaeda in Iraq, led by Jordanian Abu Musab al-Zarqawi. The group said last month it had killed two Moroccan embassy staff who were also abducted. — Internet

US seizes counterfeit Tamiflu drug

SAN FRANCISCO, 20 Dec—US authorities have seized 51 packages of counterfeit Tamiflu, a drug that can be used to treat potentially deadly Avian flu, a Customs service spokeswoman said on Monday.

Agents seized the shipments at a US airmail facility in South San Francisco in an operation that began in late November and anticipate more coming into the United States by mail, said Roxanne Hercules, a spokeswoman for the US Customs and Border

Protection service. "It's our expectation that we would probably see more," said Hercules, noting the substances seized by federal agents had only trace elements of Tamiflu. The substances had been ordered over the Internet and shipped from Asia, Hercules said, but

gave no more details. Tamiflu, manufactured by Roche is being stockpiled worldwide amid fears of a flu pandemic. Doctors believe the drug would help to control H5N1 avian influenza, more widely known as bird flu.

MNA/Reuters

The day the term of Region or State Hluttaw comes into force is that of the Pyithu Hluttaw

YANGON, 21 Dec— *The following is the clarification made by National Convention Convening Work Committee Chairman U Aung Toe on detailed basic principles for legislation of Region or State Hluttaws to be included in the judicial sector in formulating State Constitution at the plenary session of the National Convention held on 15 December.*

I have discussed the adoption of detailed basic principles regarding the legislative functions of the Pyithu Hluttaw and the Amyotha Hluttaw. Now, I would like to make clarification to the legislative functions of region and state Hluttaws. First and foremost, I will deal with matters on the first regular sessions of region and state Hluttaws.

The National Convention has adopted detailed basic principles for formation of Region or State Hluttaws. In the detailed basic principles, it is said that the tenure of Region or State Hluttaws is the same as that of the Pyithu Hluttaw. There is also a detailed basic principle that says on the day the tenure of Pyithu Hluttaw is over, that of Region or State Hluttaws ends. According to this detailed basic principle, on the day the tenure of the Pyithu Hluttaw comes into force, that of Region or State Hluttaws comes into force. So, in fixing the tenure of Region or State Hluttaws, the first regular session should be convened on the day the tenure of Region or State Hluttaws comes into effect.

According to the detailed basic principles adopted for the executive formation, matters on nomination and judgment of the members for formation of bodies at region or state level including region and state governments with the permission of respective Region or State Hluttaws, will be discussed at the first regular session of respective Region or State Hluttaw. It is required to convene respective first regular sessions of region and state Hluttaws as soon as possible just after the tenure of the Hluttaw has come into effect. And we will have to take time if it is needed for the convening of sessions with respect to the formation of the bodies at region or state level of seven regions and seven states. I think it would be appropriate if respective first regular sessions of region and state Hluttaws begin in 15 days after the commencement of the tenure of those Hluttaws.

Therefore, in regard to the convening of respective first regular sessions of region and state Hluttaws, discussions are to be held and proposals to be submitted to assess the fact that the detailed basic principle:

- “(a) **The day the term of Region or State Hluttaw comes into force is that of the Pyithu Hluttaw.**
- (b) **The first regular session of Region or State Hluttaw shall be convened within 15 days after the commencement of the term of the Hluttaw.**”

should be adopted or not.

I would like to continue my explanations on an organ or person to whom the responsibility for convening the first regular sessions of region and state Hluttaws should be distributed.

In connection with the sessions of the Pyithu Hluttaw and the Amyotha Hluttaw, I have discussed investing with duties for convening the first regular session after the Constitution has come into effect as

well as the first regular sessions of the People’s Hluttaw and the Amyotha Hluttaw in the next terms. I have also dealt with matter on a detailed basic principle should be adopted that the State Peace and Development Council shall convene the first regular sessions of the Pyithu Hluttaw and the Amyotha Hluttaw after the Constitution has come into force. And respective Hluttaw chairmen, who will have to carry on their responsibilities according to the Constitution, should convene the first regular sessions of the Pyithu Hluttaw and the Amyotha Hluttaw for the next terms.

A similar principle should be adopted for region and state Hluttaws. The State Peace and Development Council, a governing body, that has to exercise the three forms of State’s sovereignty under various circumstances. Hence, the State Peace and Development Council shall convene the first regular sessions of region and state Hluttaws after the State Constitution has come into force.

One of the detailed basic principles adopted for legislative formation said that the Speaker and the Deputy Speaker of Region or State Hluttaws shall discharge their duties until the first sessions for the next term take place. According to that detailed basic principle, after the expiry of the term, the present Hluttaw Speaker shall convene the first regular session for the next term.

In relation to the convening of the first regular sessions of region and state Hluttaws, discussions are to be held and suggestions to be made to assess the fact that the detailed basic principle:

- “(a) **The State Peace and Development Council shall convene the first regular session of Region or State Hluttaws after the Constitution has come into force.**
- (b) **The Speaker of Region or State Hluttaw who continues to perform his duties in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution shall convene the first regular session for the next terms of Region or State Hluttaw.**”

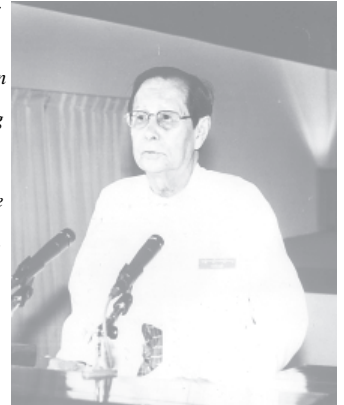
should be adopted or not.

I also would like to explain matters for the adoption of the detailed basic principles for members of region Hluttaws and state Hluttaws to take oaths at the first regular session.

I explained in the section on the Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw that Hluttaws of world nations practise members’ taking of oaths in respective Hluttaws. And it is also found that in the nations that form state level legislative bodies, members of state Hluttaws will have to take oaths in respective Hluttaws. So, for Myanmar, a similar detailed basic principle should be adopted for the members of future region and state Hluttaws. A detailed basic principle has been adopted that a Hluttaw representative shall be elected as speaker at the first regular session in the tenure of region and state Hluttaws. So, it should be designated that representatives of region and state Hluttaws shall swear oaths in the presence of the chairman of the first Hluttaw regular session.

The members of region and state Hluttaws who failed to attend the first regular session for various reasons shall take oaths at the session they attend first. Respective Hluttaw speakers would have been

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elected by that time, so the taking of oaths should be held before the Hluttaw speaker.

This being the case, as regards the taking of oaths by members of Region or State Hluttaw, discussions are to be held and suggestions to be made to assess the fact that the detailed basic principle

- “(a) **Members of Region or State Hluttaws shall take oaths before the chairman of Region or State Hluttaw at the first regular session of Region or State Hluttaw.**
- (b) **Members of Region or State Hluttaw who have not taken oaths, shall take oath before the Speaker of the Hluttaw at the session of the Region or State Hluttaw they first attend.**”

should be adopted or not.

I would like to deal with matters as to how many times regular sessions of region and state Hluttaws should be convened in a year.

It is learnt that many nations have fixed how many times legislative bodies should convene regular sessions annually. And there is difference among world nations in the number of regular Hluttaw sessions held in a year.

It was prescribed in respective sectors of the 1947 Constitution that respective state councils had to hold the conference at least once in a year, and the interval between the last meeting of a conference of a state council and the first session of the next conference shall not exceed 12 months. Article 133 of the 1974 Constitution said that the People’s Council at different levels shall hold meetings as prescribed by law. Article 42 of the People’s Council Law said that regular meeting of state and region People’s Councils should be held two times a year without fail, and the interval between two regular sessions shall not exceed eight months.

Future region and state Hluttaws will focus on legislative and financial matters, and the matter for which approval should be sought from region or state governments. So, it would be appropriate if regular session is held at least once a year. If a principle is adopted that regular session shall be convened at least once a year, there would be no difficulties in holding regular sessions as regular session can be convened more than one time if necessary. The interval between two regular sessions should not be more than 12 months so that there could be no disputes in fixing the longest interval between two

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The Speaker of the Region or State Hluttaw shall convene the regular session of the Region or State Hluttaw at least once a year

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regular sessions to be held in a year. The responsibility for convening sessions should be assigned to the head of Hluttaw or the speaker of Hluttaw.

Therefore, in relation to how many times Region or State Hluttaws should convene regular session at least in a year, discussions are to be held and suggestions to be made to assess the fact that the detailed basic principle:

“The Speaker of the Region or State Hluttaw shall convene the regular session of the Region or State Hluttaw at least once a year. The interval between two regular sessions shall not exceed 12 months.”

should be adopted or not. I would like to go on my explanation about the detailed basic principles to be adopted to carry out matters at the sessions of region and state Hluttaws.

I clarified in presenting functions of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw that State President or Head of State has the right to deliver speeches or send messages to Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw with regard to the situation of the State or the policy of the government. It is required that State President should have the right to address or to send messages at Region or State Hluttaw level if necessary. If so, it can enhance relations between the Head of State and region or state level Hluttaws. Moreover, State President can have an opportunity to let respective Hluttaws know State policies and attitude regarding a region or state. So, a detailed basic principle should be adopted to put on record the addresses delivered and to read messages sent by State President to Hluttaw sessions.

A speaker of a Region or State Hluttaw may send a message to another Region or State Hluttaw, or to Hluttaw sessions through Speakers of respective Region or State Hluttaw. Such messages should be put on record and read at Hluttaw sessions.

According to the detailed basic principles adopted for executive formation, the chief ministers of regions or states are representatives of those regions or states. The chief ministers of respective regions or states have the right to deliver speeches at Hluttaws. Only then, can the chief ministers let Hluttaws know the policies of respective region or state governments and situations of respective regions or states, and he can also inform the people of respective regions or states through Hluttaws.

As the major task of Hluttaws is legislation, Region or State Hluttaws will have to deal with or approve, at the sessions of Region or State Hluttaws, the bills submitted by region or state level bodies formed in conformity with the Constitution or members of respective Hluttaws. Thus, submission, discussing, and approval of bills should be designated as the matters to be carried out at the sessions of Region or State Hluttaws. I will further clarify matters relating to submission and approval of bills in respective sections.

In the Constitution and existing laws, there might be matters prescribed that region and state Hluttaws have to carry out. The matters to be carried out in line with the provisions in the Constitution and an existing law are to come up for discussion at the sessions of Region or State Hluttaws.

For this reason, there should be a principle that the matters Region or State Hluttaws shall carry out in line with the provisions prescribed in the laws of the Constitution as well as in the an existing law are to be dealt with at the Hluttaw sessions.

And there might be a matter to be submitted to Region or State Hluttaws according to the Constitution or a law. A detailed basic principle has been adopted that committees and bodies shall be formed if matters on legislation and national races need to be submitted to Region or State Hluttaws. When committees and bodies have been conformed in conformity with that detailed basic principle, they will have to submit reports. So, discussing, assessing and recording the reports should be designated as the work to be carried out in Hluttaw sessions.

Submission of a proposal, and discussing and deciding the approval if there is a support, are a task to be carried out in Hluttaw sessions. Proposals are submitted to Hluttaws under various reasons. There needs a proposal for submission of a bill. Proposals will have to be put forward if the government wants to have a tasks carried out and Hluttaw sessions need to be put off. So, submission of a proposal by Hluttaw representatives and the dealing with of the proposal at Hluttaws if there is a support should be designated as a matter to be carried out in region and state Hluttaws.

In the nations constituted with regions or states, representatives of respective Hluttaws raise queries in Hluttaws to let Region or State Hluttaws know the situations happening in a region or state, and the drive of the government or a government department. Members representing respective region or state level bodies formed in accordance with the constitution have to reply to the questions of Hluttaw representatives at the Hluttaw sessions. Methods and rules prescribed for asking and replying to the questions are prescribed in detail in Hluttaw Laws and Acts. So, the raising of queries and replying of questions should be designated as a matter to be carried out in the sessions of Region or State Hluttaw.

Speakers of Region or State Hluttaws are responsible for supervising the sessions of respective Hluttaws in conformity to the laws. So, there should be a principle that the matters that have been approved by the Hluttaw speaker shall come up in Hluttaw sessions.

In connection with the matters to be carried out in region and state Hluttaws, the following points are to be under discussion so as to assess the fact that the detailed basic principles on

“The following matters are carried out at the session of the Region or State Hluttaw.

- (a) **Recording the address delivered by the Union President.**
- (b) **Reading out and recording messages sent by the President and other messages permitted by the Speaker.**
- (c) **Recording the address delivered by region or state chief minister.**
- (d) **Submitting, discussing and making decision on a bill.**
- (e) **Discussing and deciding the matters the Region or State Hluttaw shall implement in accordance with provisions of the Constitution and the ex-**

isting laws.

- (f) **Discussing, deciding and recording the reports presented to the Region or State Hluttaw.**
- (g) **Submitting proposals, holding discussions and making decisions.**
- (h) **Raising questions and giving replies.**
- (i) **Implementing matters permitted by Speaker of Region or State Hluttaw.”**

should be adopted or not.

I would like to explain matters on the convening of a special or emergency sessions apart from regular sessions of Region or State Hluttaws.

In the 1947 Constitution it is said that Speakers of respective states had the power to convene sessions of state councils. During the time regular sessions are not being held in future region and state Hluttaws, special sessions and emergency sessions should be convened if necessary to submit and grapple with cases promptly or in emergency in the interest of the State and people. And the responsibility to convene special or emergency sessions should be assigned to the speakers of Hluttaws.

There might be a situation in which chief minister, also the head of region or state, has to submit a matter to be resolved promptly in the interest of respective regions or states, to Hluttaw. A detailed basic principle should be adopted that if the chief minister informs, the Hluttaw Speaker shall convene a special or emergency when Hluttaw is not in regular session.

Members of Region or State Hluttaws should have the right to call for a Hluttaw session if they wish to submit a bill or a case, that must be resolved promptly and in emergency for regions or states, to Hluttaw when regular sessions are not being held. However, it is found that the minimum number of Hluttaw members who have access to that right should be fixed. It would be proper that a principle is adopted that respective Hluttaw shall convene a special session if one-fourth of the total number of Region or State Hluttaw members are making a call. The Hluttaw speaker shall be invested with the responsibility to convene such a session.

As regards the convening of a special session or emergency session in Region or State Hluttaws, discussions are to be held and proposals to be submitted so as to decide that the detailed basic principle:

- “(a) Speaker of respective Region or State Hluttaw can convene special session or emergency session of Region or State Hluttaws if necessary.**
- (b) Speaker of respective Region or State Hluttaw shall convene a special or emergency session of Hluttaw as soon as possible when the Region or State Chief Minister informs to do so.**
- (c) Speaker of respective Region or State Hluttaws shall convene a special session of region or state as soon as possible if at least one-fourth of the Region or State Hluttaw members ask to convene it.”**

should be adopted or not.

Paunglaung Hydel Power Station is the most modern and greatest among the ones built by the State. Afterwards, Upper Paunglaung Hydel Power Project is also being implemented, and relating to it, the arrangements are being made to build Nancho Hydel Power Project.



Senior General Than Shwe inspects spillway of Paunglaung Multi-purpose Dam Project.
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Senior General Than Shwe inspects...

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At the briefing hall, Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo reported on facts about the dam project, construction of the main embankment and spillway, progress in building the diversion dam near the dam and benefited acres.

Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo continued to brief the Senior General and party on implementation of Chaungmange Dam Project in Lewe Township and progress of tasks.

Deputy Minister for Electric Power
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Senior General Than Shwe inspects...

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U Myo Myint also reported to the Senior General on facts about the Paunglaung Hydel Power Project, and the underground power station equipped with four 70-megawatt turbines.

He submitted reports on the main facts related to construction of Upper Paunglaung Hydel Power Project on Paunglaung River, 26 miles east of Pyinmana, generating of electricity at Upper Paunglaung Hydel Power Project to be installed with two 70-megawatt turbines, supply of water to Paunglaung Dam, installation of power lines, progress of the project tasks, and matters concerning Nancho Hydel power project that can produce 48 megawatts.

In response, Senior General Than Shwe gave guidance on extended cultivation of paddy in the region with the use of irrigation facilities, and efforts to be made for completion of the Upper Paunglaung and Nancho Hydel Power Projects as soon as possible.

Senior General Than Shwe and party

Senior General Than Shwe inspects spillway of Paunglaung Multi-purpose Dam Project.

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inspected the water storage and the spillway from the main dam. Next, the Senior General and party looked into the underground power station.

Paunglaung Multi-purpose Dam Project was implemented on Paunglaung River near Kyitaung-Khawma Village, 10 miles east of Pyinmana.

The tasks of the project were undertaken by Construction-5 of the Irrigation Department of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation and the Hydroelectric Power Department of the Ministry of Electric Power sector-wise.

As a result of constructing the dam on Paunglaung River, Paunglaung Multi-purpose Dam Project could be implemented for installation of the four 70-megawatt turbines at the underground power station to generate 280 megawatts, the protection of Paunglaung river flooding to some extent and the supply of irrigation water to 35,000 acres of land. Paunglaung Multi-purpose Dam Project was inaugurated on 25 March 2005.

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The aerial view of the Paunglaung Multi-purpose Dam.— MNA





Prime Minister General Soe Win inspects spare parts necessary for manufacturing of bicycles at bicycle factory (Kyaukse). — MNA



Prime Minister General Soe Win looks into finished high heat duty fire bricks displayed on the stand at High Heat Duty Fire Brick Factory (Kyaukse). — MNA

Prime Minister General Soe Win attends opening...

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 construction of the factory. He said there are 17 factories including the present one. Out of them, 12 factories use pyro-processing. The factory can produce 2,500 tons of bricks annually.

Managing Director U Soe Yi said the factory was built at a cost of K 1,737.81 million in cooperation with China National Building Materials and Equipment Import



Member of Kyaukse Township USDA U Kyaw Than expresses his gratitude for opening the factory. — MNA

and Export Corporation (CBMEC) of China.

Next, member of Kyaukse Township

Union Solidarity and Development Association U Kyaw Than expressed his gratitude for building High Heat Duty Fire Brick Factory.

Afterwards, Prime Minister General Soe Win and President Madam Fang Fang of China National Building Material Equipment Corporation (CBMEC) exchanged souvenirs to mark the opening of the factory.

Minister U Aung Thuang presented bonus to Chinese and Myanmar engineers and staff who participated in building the factory.

After an inspection of the factory, the Prime Minister gave instructions on meeting the production target, manufacturing of quality asbestos and streamlining of operating ratio.

Later, the Prime Minister and party looked into finished asbestos in the factory.

The newly-opened High Heat Duty Fire

Brick Factory is located at a place of five miles and two furlongs, east of Kyaukse and it was built on a 49.97-acre plot.

use of local raw materials, to increase local technicians regarding the production of the bricks, to produce quality bricks

ing provided to 7 state-owned cement factories and four private ones in the country. Danyingon factory

and private factories.

On arrival at Bicycle Factory (Kyaukse) of Myanmar General and Maintenance Industries



Managing Director of MCI U Soe Yi, Chairman of Kyaukse District PDC Lt-Col Tin Ohn and President of CBMEC Madam Fang Fang cut a ribbon to open High Heat Duty Fire Brick Factory (Kyaukse). — MNA

The purpose of opening the factory is to reduce brick imports from abroad by producing high heat duty fire bricks at home to save foreign exchange, to manufacture the bricks by the efficient

similar to ones being used not only at cement factories but also at departments and enterprises and to generate job opportunities.

Moreover, high heat duty fire bricks are be-

produces 1,800 tons of high heat duty fire bricks per year. Kyaukse factory is expected to produce 2,500 tons totalling 4,300 in a year and that will provide the requirements to state-owned

under the Ministry of Industry-1, the Prime Minister and the ministers inspected spare parts necessary for manufacturing of bicycles and gave necessary instructions and bicycles for children and electric ones.

Upon arrival at sewing machine factory (Kyaukse), the Prime Minister and party oversaw quality test on sewing machines and their test run. During the inspection, the factory manager briefed them on strong and weak points in production of sewing machines.

Regarding the reports, the Prime Minister gave instructions on strenuous efforts to be made for producing of sewing machines at full capacity and inspected production of shuttle casing and spare parts.



High Heat Duty Fire Brick Factory of Myanmar Ceramics Industries under Ministry of Industry-1 is located in Kyaukse. — MNA

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Secretary-1 Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thein Sein presents trophy to Yangon Command team in Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) Football Tournament

YANGON, 21 Dec — A ceremony to present prizes to winners of the 44th Defence Services Commander-in-Chief's Trophy Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) Football Tournament was held at Youth Training Centre (Thuwunna), here, this afternoon.

On behalf of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, Chairman of Defence Services Sports and Physical Education Management Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thein Sein presented the trophy to the first prize-winning team.

Among the spectators were Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Lt-Gen Myint Swe, Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint, senior military officers, military attachés of foreign missions, officials of the Ministry of Sports, Tatmadawmen and family members.

In the final match, Yangon Command team beat Camp Commandant's Office team 1-0. At the prize presentation ceremony, Brig-Gen Zin Yaw of the Commander-in-Chief (Air)'s Office gave away individual prizes to players of second prize winning Camp Commandant's Office of the Ministry of Defence and third prize winning No 11 LID.

Chief of Staff (Navy) Commodore Nyan Tun presented individual prizes to first prize winning



Lt-Gen Thein Sein awards trophy to first prize-winning Yangon Command team. — MNA

Yangon Command team. Commander Lt-Gen Myint Swe awarded best player awards for respective places to the winners and fairplay award to No 11 LID team. On behalf of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence

Services, Secretary-1 Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thein Sein presented Defence Services Commander-in-Chief's Trophy and a small trophy to Yangon Command team. — MNA

National Convention Convening Commission...



NCCC Secretary Information Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan clarifies the tasks carried out and future tasks. — MNA



NCC Management Committee Chairman Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung clarifies the tasks being carried out and future plans. — MNA

vention. Now the work groups are giving suggestions and compiling reports on the matter. The reports will be read out at the plenary session of the Convention.

At a time when the delegations are discharging their own duties, the National Convention Convening Commission, the National Convention Convening Work Committee and the National Convention Convening Management Committee will have to continue their own work. Matters in connection with the Convention can be presented to the Secretary-1 not only at a

meeting but also at every time.

Secretary of NCCC Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan explained accomplishments and future programmes, Work Committee Chairman Chief Justice U Aung Toe the work programmes and Management Committee Chairman Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung arrangements for convenience of the delegates.

Other participants including Vice-Chairman of the National Convention Convening Commission Minister for Electric Power Maj-Gen Tin Htut,

commission members, Vice-Chairman of the Work Committee Attorney-General U Aye Maung and members, Vice-Chairmen of Management Committee Maj-Gen Than Htay of the Ministry of Defence and Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen Aye Myint Kyu and members also took part in the discussions at the meeting emceed by NCCC Joint Secretary-2 Director-General of Pyithu Hluttaw Office U Myint Thein.

The Secretary-1 gave the concluding remarks. — MNA

(from page 16) Hluttaws. The study of the Work Committee Chairman concerning the task was presented at the Con-

Meeting of delegates group of intellectuals and intelligentsia held

YANGON, 21 Dec—The delegates group of intellectuals and intelligentsia, a National Convention group, met at the meeting hall-6 in Nyaungnabin Camp, Hmawby Township, Yangon Division, commencing at 9 am today.

Chairman of the Myanmar Academy of Technological Science Dr U Thein Oo Po Saw presided over the meeting together with Professor (Head of Department) Surgeon Dr Thein Nyunt (Nyunt Wai, Katha) and Head of Office U Hla Myint of the Ministry of Rail Transportation. Deputy Director U Than Win of the work group-8 of the National Convention Convening Work Committee acted as MC and Assistant Director U Nyein Myint as co-MC.

Of 56 delegates who have the right to attend the meeting, 55 were present.

Regarding the legislative functions of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, the Pyithu Hluttaw and the Amyotha Hluttaw to be included in the legislative section in formulating the State Constitution, Deputy Chief Engineer (Electrical) U Aung Thein of Public

Works read the proposals to be submitted by the delegates group of intellectuals and intelligentsia on detailed basic principles that should be adopted for the legislative functions of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, and Professor (Head of Department) Daw Mya Mya Win of Yangon East University on detailed basic principles that should be adopted for the legislative

functions of the Pyithu Hluttaw and the Amyotha Hluttaw.

The delegates gave advice and made suggestions about the proposals.

The meeting chairman delivered concluding remarks.

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Meeting Chairman Dr U Thein Oo Po Saw delivers an opening speech. — MNA

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Court rules British tycoon “responsible” for killing

LONDON, 20 Dec— A London High Court judge ruled on Monday that property tycoon Nicholas Van Hoogstraten, cleared on appeal of the manslaughter of a business rival, was responsible for ordering the killing.

Hoogstraten was jailed for 10 years in 2002 for the manslaughter of businessman Mohammed Sabir Raja, 62, who was shot dead with a sawn-off shotgun and then stabbed on his doorstep in July 1999.

But just over a year later he was cleared after the Court of Appeal ruled the conviction was unsafe and that Hoogstraten had only intended that Raja should be frightened.

The two hitmen, David Croke and Robert Knapp,

who prosecutors had said were hired by 60-year-old Hoogstraten, are each serving life sentences for the murder.

Justice Lightman’s ruling on Monday paves the way for four forthcoming civil cases, in which the family of the murdered man are suing Hoogstraten for damages, to continue.

The judge had been asked to decide whether, in the eyes of the law Hoogstraten "was party to the murder of Mr Raja".

He unequivocally ruled that Van Hoogstraten had been involved even though the evidence had been insufficient for his manslaughter conviction to be upheld by the criminal courts. Civil courts require less burden of proof than criminal courts.

Lightman said he was "satisfied on the balance of probabilities" that Hoogstraten recruited two "highly dangerous thugs" to murder his rival in order to halt a High Court claim Raja was bringing against him.

He said Hoogstraten had later "boasted" about the killing.

"The evidence pointing to this conclusion is overwhelming," Lightman

"I am satisfied that the recruitment of the two thugs was for the purpose of murdering Mr Raja and not merely frightening or hurting him," Lightman said.

"Mr Raja had at all times shown himself resilient. Ready to resist threats and to complain to the police. Nothing less than murder would rid Mr van Hoogstraten of this thorn in his flesh."

Hoogstraten, who made his fortune by buying cheap properties with sitting tenants, forcing them to leave, and reselling at a big profit, was not at court and not represented by lawyers.

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Bank of Italy chief resigns

ROME, 20 Dec— Bank of Italy Governor Antonio Fazio, who is under investigation by Italian prosecutors for insider trading in Milan, resigned on Monday, the Bank of Italy said.

In a statement, Fazio said he was resigning "in the supreme interest of the country and the Bank of Italy."

He added his decision has been taken "independently and with a clear conscience."

The move came on the eve of an emergency Cabinet meeting to discuss ways of forcing the central banker to step down.

Milanese prosecutors have been investigating Fazio's role in the Banca Popolare Italiana's (BPI)

failed takeover war with Dutch bank ABN Amro Holding NV for Banca Antonveneta SPA. The prosecutors are also reportedly investigating Fazio for insider trading in connection with the case.

Fazio's reputation was badly tarnished after published transcripts of wiretaps ordered by magistrates appeared to show that he and his wife worked behind the scenes to help BPI against Dutch rival ABN Amro.

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Kashmiri boatmen trade vegetables at floating market, on a cold morning, in Srinagar, on 21 Dec, 2005. At least 27 people have died due to bitterly cold weather that has hit northern India in the past week, officials said.— INTERNET

Brazil’s farm sector disappointed by WTO deal

SAO PAULO (Brazil), 20 Dec— Brazil's agricultural sector expressed disappointment and skepticism over a global trade deal reached in Hong Kong this weekend, despite agreement among 149 nations to end farm export subsidies by 2013.

Ministers at the talks also pledged to open rich countries' markets a bit to poorer nations and expressed relief that talks had not ended in failure as in the World Trade Organization (WTO)

conferences in Seattle in 1999 and Cancun, Mexico, in 2003.

But even participating ministers described the Hong Kong pact as disappointing and had doubts that the four-year-

old talks, known as the Doha free trade round, would be settled as scheduled by the end of next year.

"Developing countries and poor countries have economies that rely on

agriculture," said Rui Polidoro Pinto, president of the cooperative federation Fecoagro in Brazil's southern grain and ranching state of Rio Grande do Sul.

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Face-lifting campaign launched to protect damaged Great Wall

BEIJING, 20 Dec—Great Wall protectors have launched a face-lifting campaign to clean up marks left by tourists, but they admitted the damaged wall cannot be repaired for the moment.

"The wall looks like newspaper in the sun. Nearly every piece of brick on the Badaling section of the Great Wall has carvings," said Zheng Yan of China Great Wall Society.

About five million Chinese and foreign tourists visit the Badaling section of the Great Wall every year, according to official statistics. Many of them carve or write their names, or words like "I have toured the Great Wall", on its bricks.

As early in 2003, the World Monument Fund included the Great Wall in its 2004 list of the "World's 100 Most Endangered Sites".

Dong Yaohui, vice chairman of China Great Wall Society, almost forgot to recount the history of the Great Wall to a foreign head of state while he saw the latter's daughter touched marks of visitors' names on the

bricks in curiosity.

"I felt ashamed and did not know how to explain the ugly marks," said Dong.

Other practices, including the improper use of the Great Wall for tourism and climbing sections that have not been approved open to visitors

are also threatening the relic. The public has been condemning such practices and authorities are taking measures to better protect the Great Wall and arouse protection awareness.

In order to better protection of the Great Wall, especially the

Badaling section, the China Great Wall Society and the administration commission of the Badaling section sponsored in early November a campaign soliciting suggestions on how to clean the wall without damaging it.

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Nissan Motors Co Chief Operating Officer Toshiyuki Shiga poses next to the company's new sedan 'Bluebird Sylphy' at an unveiling in Tokyo, on 21 Dec, 2005. The car went on sale on Wednesday in Japan priced between 1,785,000 yen (\$15,248) and 2,310,000 yen (\$19,734). —INTERNET

South Africans to have high tech Christmas

JOHANNESBURG, 20 Dec—South Africans are having a high-tech Christmas as retailers make merry through the increase in sales of electronic goods, some of which have plummeted in price.

Topping the list are music systems, plasma-screen television sets, mp3 players, including the Apple iPod, and the new Playstation, among other digital attractions.

Retailers expect to rake in 45 billion rand (about 7 billion US dollars) in sales over December, according to local paper *Sunday Independent*.

In addition, computer prices have come down dramatically, ensuring that one can pay as little as 4,000 rand for a laptop that would have cost more than double that a year ago. A premium-brand home computer with software that cost 14,000 rand two years ago is now selling for 4,000 rand.

Television plasma screens, which cost a minimum of 20,000 rand and up to 50,000 rand a year ago, depending on the size of the screen, can now be obtained for less than 15,000 rand.

The prices of home-theatre systems and DVD players have also come down, ensuring that retailers are doing good business. A quality brand 72 centimetres television that once cost more than 5,000 rand is now selling for less than 1,800 rand.

Cellular telephones are also creating good business, in some instances because of special offers from Vodacom, MTN and Cell C, the big three service providers. With some contract options, consumers are given the option of a free video camera, Playstation, TV set or the opportunity to win a car.—MNA/Xinhua

UT-Starcom announces to turn from European technology of 3G to IPTV

BEIJING, 20 Dec—US telecom equipment maker UT-Starcom Inc announced last week to give up WCDMA, the European technology of the third mobile communication (3G), and turn to IPTV.

The *Beijing Morning Post* reported the news on Monday by quoting Wu Ying, president of UT-stardom, saying that the company is making adjustments to its development strategy, especially 3G.

"UT-Starcom has not and would not give up 3G," Wu said in response to the report that his company planned to give up 3G.

However, owing to the change of the market and China's delay of issuing 3G licence, UT-Starcom will focus on

technologies with obvious advantages which could bring direct profits to the company, such as CDMA2000, Wu said.

MNA/Xinhua

Danish mountain climber sets seven summits record

STOCKHOLM, 20 Dec—Soeren Gudman of Denmark has climbed the highest peaks on the seven continents faster than anyone else, *Ritzau* news bureau reported on Monday.

Gudman became not only the first Dane to complete the Seven Summits challenge last week, he also did it faster than anyone else.

According to *Ritzau*, Gudman completed the feat of ascending the highest mountains on the seven continents last Wednesday, as he reached the summit of Antarctica's Mount Vinson.

Gudman, a 44-year-old engineer, began his quest 194 days earlier, reaching the summit of Mt Everest on 4 June. On 2 July, he ascended Alaska's Mt McKinley. Europe's highest peak, Mt Elbrus in Russia, fell on 24 July. The next high point came on 5 September, when he topped Australia's Kosciusko.

Twenty-five days later, on 30 September, he was looking out from Africa's highest peak Mt. Kilimanjaro. After ascending Aconcagua in Argentina less than a month later, on 26 October, only Mt Vinson remained.—MNA/Xinhua

France vows to fight digital piracy

PARIS, 20 Dec—French Culture Minister Renaud Donnedieu de Vabres said on Monday that a bill on copyright protection would be examined by Parliament to make "good balance" for protecting cultural works from widespread piracy.

"Totally free culture on the Internet is deceiving, because remunerating creators is not only legitimate, it is also necessary for the renewal of creativity and cultural diversity," he told a news conference. He said the law bill was only aimed at people "who profit financially" from illegal copying and that individuals who ignore copyright by downloading commercial files for free from peer-to-peer or other Internet sites would be subject to a "graded" enforcement procedure that would see them first sent a warning letter or e-mail to stop the activity.

Many consumer groups have called for a model under which users pay for the right to make non-commercial copies from whatever source.

The draft law is to be debated first at the lower house of the French Parliament Tuesday and Wednesday before being sent to the Upper House.

MNA/Xinhua



A man watches an electronic stock indicator as the Japanese stocks rose with the main index briefly topping 16,000 points for the first time in more than five years in downtown Tokyo, on 21 Dec, 2005. —INTERNET

SPORTS

Mainz beat Kaiserslautern on penalties in German Cup

FRANKFURT, 21 Dec— Mainz beat fellow Bundesliga strugglers Kaiserslautern 4-3 on penalties on Tuesday to reach the quarter-finals of the German Cup.

Germany midfielder Marco Engelhardt put Kaiserslautern ahead in the 29th minute with a powerful header from a Mihail Mikic cross, before the Brazilian Antonio da Silva equalized with a wonderful swerving free kick to force extra-time.

Kaiserslautern, who had Ervin Skela sent off in the 97th minute, looked well set in the penalty shoot-out when Mainz missed from their first two attempts but nerves then got the better of the home side.

Ferydoon Zandi, Halil Altintop and the 17-year-old Daniel Halfar all failed from the spot before Petr Ruman chipped into the centre of the goal with his side's sixth effort to give Mainz victory.

Arminia Bielefeld made it safely through against second division Unterhaching, winning 2-0 with early goals from Marcio Borges and Radomir Dalovic.

TSV 1860 Munich won an all-second division clash 3-1 in extra-time away to

Freiburg.

Freiburg were heading for victory with a Wilfried Sanou goal but China international Shao Jiayi grabbed an equaliser at the end of normal time and extra-time goals from Paul Agostino and Remo Meyer clinched victory for the visitors. Cup holders and Bundesliga leaders Bayern Munich are at home to second-placed Hamburg SV in the pick of the remaining five ties to be played on Wednesday.

MNA/Reuters

Barca beat Celta for 13th successive win

MADRID, 21 Dec — Cameroon striker Samuel Eto'o and newly-crowned World Player of the Year Ronaldinho inspired Barcelona to their 13th consecutive victory in all competitions on Tuesday after a 2-0 win over Celta Vigo in the Primera Liga.

Eto'o scored both goals, in the 38th and 57th minutes, to take his tally for the season to 17, with Brazilian playmaker Ronaldinho involved in the build up to both.

Celta made Barca work hard for the victory in a first half where they could easily have taken the lead, but it was Barca who finished the stronger with visiting keeper Esteban preventing the score from creeping higher.

Barca moved up to 40 points after 17 games, extending their lead at the top of the table to five points over second-placed Osasuna, who play Atletico Madrid at home on Thursday. The rest of this round's matches are played on Wednesday including third-placed Real Madrid's home tie with Racing

Santander.

The Primera Liga enters its winter break after this round of games.

Barcelona laid siege to Celta's goal early on with Ronaldinho showing few signs of suffering from being delayed in Switzerland overnight, after Monday's Player of the Year award ceremony.

As the home side piled forward in search of goals they left themselves open to counter-attacks, and in the 32nd-minute Celta's Brazilian striker Fernando Baiano pulled wide in the area and crashed a shot against Victor Valdes's far post.

Two minutes later another Barca attack floundered and Uruguayan midfielder Fabian Canobbio sent Baiano racing through to be denied in a one-on-one by Valdes.—MNA/Reuters

Man Utd, Wigan through to League Cup semis

LONDON, 21 Dec— Manchester United won 3-1 at Birmingham City to reach the League Cup semi-finals on Tuesday and Wigan Athletic continued their dream season by joining them courtesy of a 2-0 home victory over Bolton Wanderers.

Two goals for Louis Saha and one for Park Ji-sung gave United their comfortable success and a place in the last four for the second successive season, while two for Jason Roberts late in the first half sent Wigan into their first major semi-final in their first season in top flight football.

United, out of Europe and nine points adrift of Chelsea in the Premiership, fielded a strong side in a competition that has suddenly become an important part of their season.

They started well and Giuseppe Rossi hit the bar in an early attack but Bir-

mingham settled and held their own until halftime.

It all changed at the start of the second half, with the introduction of Wayne Rooney adding spark to the United attack.

The goals came from less familiar sources, however. Injury-ravaged French striker Saha slid in to convert a Cristiano Ronaldo cross two minutes after the restart and then turned provider as he set up Korea midfielder Park to shoot home his first goal for the club.

Saha, whose season began a month ago following a string of injuries, then smashed in the third in the 63 minute before

Jiri Jarosik headed a consolation for Birmingham in the 75th.

"I'm satisfied, I thought we played well," United manager Alex Ferguson told Sky Sports TV.

"I'm delighted for Park, he's been ever so close a few times and he deserved it."

Looking ahead to the semi-finals of a competition United have won only once, the Scot added: "When the opportunity is there you must take it."

"Last year I thought we were very unlucky against Chelsea. It depends on where we are, which team I will play in January, but we will certainly give it a good shot."

Wigan, who ended a run of five successive league defeats with a 3-0 win over Charlton on Saturday, continued their recovery with an impressive victory over a Bolton side fresh from beating Everton 4-0 in the league.

Roberts turned the match late in the first half, firing in the opening goal from 10 metres out after 40 minutes and doubling Wigan's tally with a similar effort five minutes later.

MNA/Reuters



Manchester United's Ji-sung Park, second right, scores despite the block of Birmingham City's Damien Johnson during their English League Cup soccer match at the St Andrew's Stadium, Birmingham, England, on 20 Dec, 2005.—INTERNET



Dallas Mavericks Dirk Nowitzki of Germany (R) misses a dunk attempt as Los Angeles Lakers Chris Mihm defends during the third quarter of NBA action in Los Angeles, on 20 Decs, 2005.—INTERNET

Laslandes double sends Bordeaux into last eight

PARIS, 21 Dec— Lilian Laslandes struck twice to help in-form Girondins Bordeaux beat Nantes 3-1 and reach the quarter-finals of the French League Cup on Tuesday. Colombian striker Edixon Perea headed home a cross from midfielder Alejandro Alonso in the 23rd minute and striker Laslandes beat goalkeeper Mickael Landreau from close range with seven minutes left in the first half.

It was the second match within four days between the two clubs after they drew 0-0 in a Ligue 1 match at the weekend.

The visitors, eager to repeat a good performance on the turf of their west coast rivals, reduced the deficit with a penalty by midfielder Mamadou Diall in the 67th minute.

Laslandes, only considered for the bench in the league matches, wrapped it with a stoppage time goal.

Nantes, who eliminated league leaders Olympique Lyon in penalty shootout in the previous round, had come close to equalising when defender Franck Signorino shot wide three minutes from time.

MNA/Reuters

Kenyan soccer coach pulls out of national team

NAIROBI, 21 Dec — Kenyan head Coach Jacob Mulee resigned on Monday after being re-appointed last week to take charge of the national team for the four-nation tournament which begins later this month in Egypt.

Mulee announced his withdrawal from the controversy-ridden team on Monday following an order from local club officials at Tusker FC who signed him last month.

The Tusker FC signed Mulee one month ago and a top official of the club said they do not want to be dragged into the controversy surrounding the national team. "We have consulted and have asked Mulee to pull out of the team. Tusker FC does not wish to be involved in the controversy," said club chairman Philip Omondi. Mulee was last week appointed Harambee Stars coach by a faction of the Kenya Football Federation (KFF) to lead the team to the LG Cup tournament in Egypt next month.

But his reappointment was resisted by another faction led by Moni Wekesa who insists that Mohamed Kheri will lead Stars to the tournament.

Wekesa, who is recognized by world's soccer governing body, FIFA, had dismissed the changes, terming them "illegal and inconsequential", telling the newly re-appointed coach to deal with the "right people" if he wanted to handle Harambee Stars.

MNA/Xinhua

Cuba launches verbal assault on top US diplomat

HAVANA, 21 Dec— Cuba launched a blistering verbal attack on the top US diplomat in Havana on Tuesday and on dissidents it accused him of organizing to overthrow the government.

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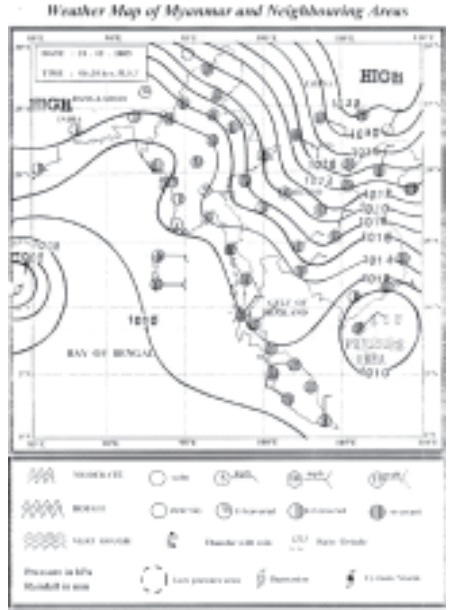
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A daily state-run television talk show dedicated its 90-minute broadcast to accusing US mission chief Michael Parmly, who arrived in the country in September, of being the new point man for the Bush Administration's declared goal of ousting President

Fidel Castro from power. "Michael Parmly has quickly begun to carry out his job as the ruthless guardian and springboard of the anti-Cuba Bush policy, having frequent contacts with his mercenaries, guiding them, supplying them and exhibiting them to the Press," programme moderator Randy Alonso said.

The United States and Cuba, bitter foes since President Fidel Castro led a revolution to power in 1959, do not have diplomatic relations but maintain lower-level Interests Sections in each others capitals.

MNA/Reuters



WEATHER

Wednesday, 21 December, 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 (4°C) below normal in Rakhine and Chin States, lower Sagaing Division, (7°C) above normal in Mandalay Division and about normal in the remaining areas. The significant night temperature was Namsam (6°C).

Maximum temperature on 20-12-2005 was 88°F. Minimum temperature on 21-12-2005 was 56°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hrs MST on 21-12-2005 was 74%. Total sunshine hours on 20-12-2005 was (8.4) hours approx.

Rainfalls on 21-12-2005 were nil at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2005 were (103.62) inches at Mingaladon, (102.87) inches at Kaba-Aye and (107.44) inches at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (9) mph from East at (13:25) hours MST on 21-12-2005.

Bay inference: According to the observations at (06:30) hrs MST today, the tropical depression over Southwest Bay centred at about (270) miles Eastsoutheast of Chennai, India, and is forecast to move Northnortheast direction. Weather is cloudy in the Southwest Bay, West Central Bay and North Bay and partly cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Special Feature: According to the observations at (06:30) hrs MST today, yesterday's tropical depression over South China Sea has downgraded to low pressure area.

Forecast valid until evening of 22-12-2005: Likelihood of isolated rain in Kachin, Chin, Rakhine and Mon States, Taninthayi Division, partly cloudy in Shan State, upper Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions and generally fair in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%).

State of the sea: Strong Easterly winds with moderate to rough seas are likely at times off and along Gulf of Mottama, Mon-Taninthayi Coasts. Surface wind speed in strong wind may reach (35) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Decrease of night temperatures in eastern Myanmar areas. **Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 22-12-2005:** Partly cloudy. **Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 22-12-2005:** Partly cloudy.

"Storm News"

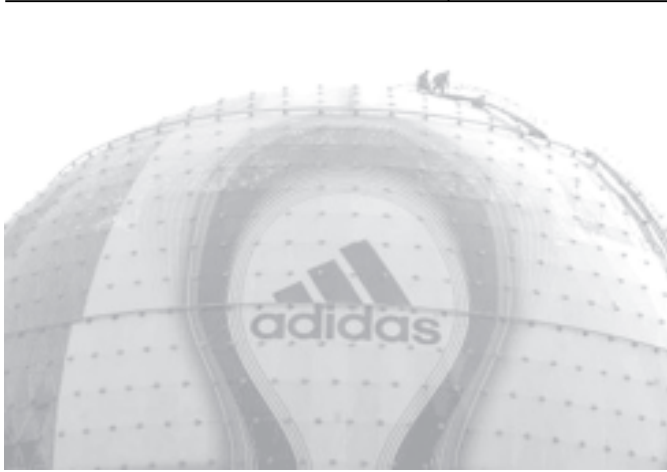
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According to the observations at (12:30) hrs MST today, yesterday's tropical depression over Southwest Bay is forecast to move Northeast ward. Under the influence of the depression, isolated to scattered rain is likely in Kachin, Chin and northern Rakhine States and upper Sagaing Division within next (48) hours, commencing noon today.

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A downtown shopping centre is decorated as a giant soccer ball in Shanghai, on 20 Dec, 2005. This ball is shaped as the official adidas Match Ball for the 2006 FIFA World Cup to be held in Germany. —INTERNET



Thursday, 22 December Tune in today

- 8.30 am Brief news
- 8.35 am Music: -X'mas song
- 8.40 am Perspectives
- 8.45 am Music: -White X'mas
- 8.50 am National news/Slogan
- 9:00 am Music: -Silver bell
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music
- 1:30 pm News / Slogan
- 1:40 pm Lunch time music: -Happy X'mas -Marry's Boy Child
- 9.00 pm Aspect of Myanmar
- 9.10 pm Article
- 9.20 pm Pourri
- 9.30 pm Favourite songs chosen by music lovers: -Sound of silence -We take the chance
- 9.45 pm News/Slogan
- 10.00 pm PEL

<p>Thursday, 22 December View on today</p> <p>7:00 am 1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Oattamathara</p> <p>7:25 am 2. To be healthy exercise</p> <p>7:30 am 3. Morning news</p> <p>7:40 am 4. Nice and sweet song</p> <p>7:55 am 5. Dance of the national races</p> <p>8:05 am 6. အရေးပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p>8:10 am 7. Dance variety</p> <p>8:15 am 8. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p>8:25 am 9. ဇာင်းကတော့ ရေလှော်တံ</p>	<p>8:30 am 10. International news</p> <p>8:45 am 11. Let's Go</p> <p>4:00 am 1. Martial song</p> <p>4:15 pm 2. Songs to uphold National Spirit</p> <p>4:30 pm 3. English for Everyday Use</p> <p>4:45 pm 4. Musical programme</p> <p>4:50 pm 5. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p>4:55 pm 6. အဝေးသင်တန်းသို့လ်ပညာရေးရပ်မြင်သကြား သင်ခန်းစာ -ခုတ်ယာဇံ (ရုပ်ဖေဒအထူးပြု) (ရုပ်ဖေဒ)</p> <p>5:10 pm 7. Cute little dancers</p> <p>5:25 pm 8. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p>5:30 pm 9. "စည်တမ်းလိုက်မှာ ဘေးကင်းမှာ" ကျော်ရဲအောင်ချစ်သူ၊ ဇော်ဝင်းမောင်၊ မောစို၊ လင်းစာနည်ဇော်၊ ဖွင့် (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ခင်ဇော်၊ မြင့်စိုး၊ ဝသ ရန်တုန်)</p>	<p>5:45 pm 10. မြန်မာစာမြန်မာစကား</p> <p>6:00 pm 11. Musical programme</p> <p>6:10 pm 12. အဝန်းပြေလေ့လာ သဘာဝ ငှက်ဥယျာဉ်မှာ</p> <p>6:30 pm 13. Evening news</p> <p>7:00 pm 14. Weather report</p> <p>7:05 pm 15. ရုပ်မြင်ရသတေးစုတယူ</p> <p>7:20 pm 16. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p>7:30 pm 17. Musical programme</p> <p>7:40 pm 18. ဝင်ငွေတိုး၍ဒေသစုံဖြိုးစေမည် ဆင်းရွှေလိ (အပိုင်း-၇)</p> <p>8:00 pm 19. News</p> <p>20. International news</p> <p>21. Weather report</p> <p>22. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "မခွဲအထွ" (အပိုင်း-၃၉) ဇာတ်သိမ်းပိုင်း</p> <p>23. The next day's programme</p>
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Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

Prime Minister General Soe Win attends opening of High Heat Duty Fire Brick Factory (Kyaukse)

YANGON, 21 Dec — The High Heat Duty Fire Brick Factory (Kyaukse) of Myanma Ceramics Industries of the Ministry of Industry-1 was opened in Kyaukse factory area five miles east of Kyaukse Township this morning, attended by Prime Minister General Soe Win.

Also present were Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw, the ministers, member of the Secretariat of the Union Solidarity and Development Association and CEC members, secretaries of Kyaukse District and Township USDAs and EC members, chairpersons of District

and Township Women's Affairs Organizations and members, departmental officials and members of social organizations.

Managing Director of Myanma Ceramics Industries U Soe Yi, Chairman of Kyaukse District Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Tin Ohn and President Madam Fang

Fang of China National Building Materials and Equipment Import and Export Corporation (CBMEC) formally opened the factory.

Next, Prime Minister General Soe Win formally unveiled the signboard of the factory. The Prime Minister and guests inspected the

machines, production process, electrical and laboratory equipment.

Minister U Aung Thaung reported on (See page 10)

The newly-opened High Heat Duty Fire Brick Factory is located at a distance of five miles east of Kyaukse and it was built on an area of 49.97 acres.



Prime Minister General Soe Win unveils the signboard of High Heat Duty Fire Brick Factory (Kyaukse) of Myanma Ceramics Industries. — MNA

National Convention Convening Commission, Work Committee, Management Committee meet

YANGON, 21 Dec — The National Convention Convening Commission, the National Convention Convening Work Committee and the National Convention Convening

Management Committee held a meeting at Nyaungnabin Camp in Hmawby Township, Yangon Division, this morning, with an address by Chairman of the NCCC

Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein.

The Secretary-1 said that the National Convention resumed on

5 December has entered the third week. Thanks to the harmonious efforts of the respective committees and subcommittees, the Convention has been doing all its work smoothly

and successfully. The task of the Convention has two parts. Concerning the completed part, the detailed basic principles for sharing executive and judicial power to be con-

tained in the constitution have been laid down successfully on 12 December.

The ongoing task covers the links between the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, the Pyithu Hluttaw, the Amyotha Hluttaw and the (See page 11)



NCCC Chairman Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein addresses meeting 11/2005 of National Convention Convening Commission, NCC Work Committee and NCC Management Committee. — MNA

INSIDE

Thanks to the emergence of such a fine transport facility, we had a golden opportunity to hold a reunion with my family members, relatives and old friends, to enjoy ourselves and to repay the gratitude of our parents.

KHIN SWE MYINT (MYANMARSAR)