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*Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe pays homage to Buddha Image at the eastern prayer hall of Nanmyaybontha Sandawyar Sanda Muni Pagoda in Mandalay.—MNA*



## Senior General Than Shwe inspects foundries in Mandalay Industrial Zone-2, calls for improvement of quality of products

YANGON, 26 Dec — Chairman of State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe yesterday inspected foundries of Mandalay Tawwin Industry Co Ltd in the Industrial Zone-2 in Mandalay.

During the tour of inspection, he was accompa-

nied by Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann, Members of SPDC 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 (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and

Development Council Commander of the Central Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw, Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye, the ministers, deputy ministers, Mayor of Mandalay City and departmental officials.

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*Senior General Than Shwe and party inspect all-round renovation of Maha Lawka Marazein Kuthodaw Pagoda in Mandalay.— MNA*

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

**PERSPECTIVES**

Monday, 27 December, 2005

**The Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadanabon) for long-term interests of the nation**

The government is raising the momentum of regional development work with the intention of paving the way for the development of the entire Union and the long-term interests of the national peoples. As the transport sector plays a pivotal role in our efforts for socio-economic progress of the people, measures are being taken to improve the transport infrastructure. Only with improvement in transport, will there be frequent contacts and, consequently, close friendship among the national peoples. Moreover, transportation of regional products will be easy and smooth and it will contribute to regional development a lot. Therefore, the government is constructing networks of roads and bridges the length and breadth of the nation.

Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe, accompanied by responsible officials, visited the construction sites of the Myitnge-Htonbo-PyinOoLwin dual shortcut road and the Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadanabon) and gave guidance on construction work. At the briefing hall of the Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadanabon) project site, Head of State Senior General Than Shwe said that the bridge should be built in such a way that it meets the set standard and is durable.

It is to meet the need of increased traffic that the Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadanabon) linking Mandalay and Sagaing is being built. It is a reinforced concrete bridge with a four-lane motor road and 5,614 feet long. It is being constructed by engineers of Public Works simultaneously on both sides of the Ayeyawady river. About 824 metres out of 1126 metres of iron frames needed have been installed up to now. The work on the construction of the approach road on Mandalay side is cent per cent complete and that on Sagaing side is nearing its completion.

We would like to call on engineers and construction workers to build the bridge in accordance with the guidance by the Head of State in order that it is durable and can serve the long-term interests of the nation and the people.



*In memory of late parents, Daw Thuang Thuang Win of Room No. 102, Building No. F, Thazin Min Housing Estate, Thumngalar Street, Thingangyun Township, recently donates K 100,000 to Hninzigon Home for the Aged through Joint-Treasurer U Maung Maung Gyi. — H*

**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 attends opening ceremony of delivery room in Dagon Myothit (South) Township**

YANGON, 26 Dec — Under the arrangement of Yangon East District Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee, the opening ceremony of the delivery room of Dagon Myothit (South) Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association took place in front of the building of the association in Ward 54, Dagon Myothit (South) Township this morning attended by the Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Lt-Gen Myint Swe and wife Chairperson of Yangon Division MCWSC Daw Khin Thet Htay.

Daw Khin Thet Htay formally opened the delivery room.

Next, Commander Lt-Gen Myint Swe unveiled the signboard of the room. The commander and wife and guests viewed round the room and herbal plant garden of Township MCWA.

Chairperson Daw Khin Thet Htay made a speech at the hall of Township MCWA. The wellwishers then donated K 9.2 million to Township MCWA through the commander and wife. The delivery room is a two-storey building and it measures 40 feet by 30. Thanks to its opening, it is convenient for the expectant mothers of the Township and will also contribute towards the health care services for the women and children of the Township.—MNA



*Commander Lt-Gen Myint Swe pressing the button to unveil the signboard of the delivery room. MNA*

**MEB opens banking course**

YANGON, 26 Dec — Myanma Economic Bank of the Ministry of Finance and Revenue opened its banking course No 1/2005 for assistant managers at MEB Branch No 1 here today.

Speaking on the occasion, Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun said that as the trainees are to discharge duties as the leaders of township branch banks, they should be skilled in their work and should be a good leader always cordial to the customers.

They should work in accord with rules and regulations to the best of their ability, he noted.

Also present were



Deputy Minister for F&R Col Hla Thein Swe, Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar U Kyaw Kyaw Maung, Managing Director of MEB U Myat Maw, officials and course instructors.

Seventy-one trainees are attending the seven-week course.

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*Maj-Gen Hla Tun addresses the banking services course No 1/2005 for assistant managers. — MNA*

**Fourth AGM of Myanmar Info-Tech Corporation Ltd on 28 Dec**

YANGON, 26 Dec— The fourth Annual General Meeting of Myanmar Info-Tech Corporation Ltd will be held on 28 December at Myanmar Info-Tech Corporation Ltd in Hline Campus here. Invitation cards have been delivered in advance, it is learnt.

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Tourists ride an elephant to a Christmas day party through the centre of Khao Lak, in Thailand's Phang Nga Province, nearly 110 km (68 miles) north of the resort island of Phuket on 25 Dec, 2005.

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## Putin signs Gazprom share liberalization documents

Moscow, 25 Dec—Russian President Vladimir Putin signed documents on Friday to open up share trading in Gazprom, the world's largest gas producer, moving the firm a step closer to becoming the top global emerging markets stock.

Both houses of Parliament have already voted to widen access to Gazprom shares and to scrap the current system under which foreigners are allowed to buy only a small portion of Western-proxy shares.

After the documents are published and come into force Gazprom is expected to send a formal application to large bourses to obtain a full listing.

"This is a key event for our stock market," First Deputy Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev, who is also Gazprom's chairman, said in comments shown on state television. "We have no longer stocks on our market which circulate under special, strange rules," he said.

Circulation has so far been limited to four bourses, excluding the country's top MICEX exchange, while foreigners were allowed to trade only Western-proxy shares and their ownership in the firm was also limited to 20 per cent.

The rules were put in place in the mid-1990s on fears that the state might lose control over the strategic enterprise.

MNA/Reuters

## Iraqis want us out, US general says

WASHINGTON, 26 Dec—The top US military commander admitted on Sunday that Iraqis wanted US and other foreign troops to leave the country "as soon as possible", and said US troop levels in Iraq were now being re-assessed on a monthly basis.

The admission by Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Marine General Peter Pace followed a decision by the Pentagon to reduce its presence in Iraq by two army brigades, which amounts to about 7000 soldiers.

"Understandably, Iraqis themselves would prefer to have coalition forces leave their country as soon as possible," General Pace said in a Christmas Day interview on the Fox News Sunday show. "They don't want us to leave tomorrow, but they do want us to leave as soon as possible."

Some US foreign policy experts have expressed concern that a new Iraqi

government emerging from the 15 December parliamentary elections could ask American and other coalition troops to leave, but officials have dismissed that forecast as unrealistic.

However, an opinion

survey conducted in Iraq in October and November by ABC News and a pool of other US and foreign media outlets showed that despite some improvements in security and living standards, US military operations in the

country were increasingly unpopular. Two-thirds of those polled said they opposed the presence of US and coalition forces in Iraq, up 14 points from a similar survey taken in February 2004.

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## 2,168 US soldiers killed in Iraq

WASHINGTON, 25 Dec—As of Sunday, 25 December, 2005, at least 2,168 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 1,696 died as a result of hostile action, according to the military's numbers. The figures include five military civilians.

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

The British military has reported 98 deaths; Italy, 27; Ukraine, 18; Poland, 17; Bulgaria, 13; Spain, 11; Slovakia, three; Denmark, El Salvador, Estonia, Netherlands, Thailand, two each; Hungary, Kazakhstan, Latvia one death each.

Internet

## Five die in German fire on Christmas eve

BERLIN, 25 Dec—Five people, including two young brothers, were killed in an apartment fire in a working class district of the western German city of Cologne early on Saturday, police said.

Police said four of the victims, including brothers aged five and seven, and their father, were from Congo. The boys' mother waved to firefighters from a balcony for help. She and her two-year-old son were taken to hospital with injuries.

The authorities said they could not say whether the victims were from the Democratic Republic of Congo or Congo Republic.

Police said the fire began on the second floor of the nine-storey building shortly before 2 am (0100 GMT) and spread to the fourth floor where most of the victims were found. They said they believed it was not an arson attack, but they were still trying to determine the cause.

An elderly German couple lived in the second-floor apartment where the blaze began. Aged about 70, both were taken to hospital with severe injuries. The man later died. Nine other people were taken to hospital with injuries. — MNA/Reuters

## Eight foreigners die in Azeri plane crash

BAKU, 25 Dec—Eight foreigners were among 23 people who died in a plane crash in Azerbaijan, officials said on Saturday.

The Antonov An-140 aircraft, bound for the Kazakh city of Aktau, disappeared from radar screens soon after take-off from the Azeri capital Baku on Friday night.

"There are eight citizens of foreign states among the dead," a Baku Airport official, who declined to be named, told Reuters. A police official said the crash was believed to have been caused by technical problems and ruled out the possibility of a terrorist attack. The airport official said the foreigners were an Australian, a Turk, a

Georgian, four Kazakhs and a British citizen.

MNA/Reuters

## Heavy snowfall affects normal life in far-western Nepal

KATHMANDU, 25 Dec—The normal life in the far-western region of Nepal has been affected by a heavy snowfall in the last two days, local government offices said on Saturday.

"The snowfall has affected the normal life of the people in Doti, Dadeldhura, Baitadi and Darchula districts, some 800 kilometres west of Kathmandu," the Far-Western Regional Administration Office said in a Press statement.

"This is the biggest snowfall in the last 40 years," the statement quoted local people as saying.

Dozens of vehicles and hundreds of passengers have been stranded following the heavy rain and snowfall at Hagulte Lek area of local Bhimdatta Highway of Dadeldhura District, the statement noted.

Temperature has drastically dropped due to the snowfall and it has been hard for the stranded passengers to find shelter and food, the statement noted, adding, "a snowfall of more than half metre in thickness was measured at the Doti District headquarters and heavy snowfall continued there and nearby areas."

The snow along the 17-kilometres section of the local highway from Syaule to Gahira was almost two metres thick, the statement quoted Tek Bahadur Bohra, a driver who returned from Hagulte of Dadeldhura District, as saying.— MNA/Xinhua



A US soldier runs beside a US tank after it was hit by a roadside bomb in Baghdad on 25 Dec, 2005.—INTERNET

## SCO should work out unified criteria for countering terrorism

**ALMA ATA, 25 Dec—** The Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) should further strengthen cooperation in cutting off fund sources of terrorist activities to fight international terrorism effectively, an SCO official said on Friday.

Vyacheslav Kasymov, chairman of the executive commission of the SCO Regional Anti-Terrorism Structure (RATS), made the remarks at a meeting of law enforcement authorities and financial institutions of SCO members, according to reports from the Uzbek capital of Tashkent.

Any terrorist group's ability to carry out sabotage acts relies on an unblocked fund channel and the amount of money it has acquired, he said.

International terrorist organizations are continuing to diversify and conceal their fund channels and this calls for further cooperation and coordination in anti-terrorist operations, he added.

One of the important tasks of SCO members is to strengthen cooperation in probing how terrorist groups use their money, and in launching a joint investigation on financial institutions, non-governmental organizations and

charity groups which provide funds for them, Kasymov said.

He said SCO members should work out unified criteria for countering terrorism, enhance information and experience exchanges, and boost communication and coordination with other international organizations and relevant countries.

The SCO, a regional

organization founded in June 2001, groups China, Russia, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan.

RATS, headquartered in Tashkent, was opened in June 2004 with a mission to strengthen coordination between SCO member states and other international groups in combating terrorism, separatism and extremism.—MNA/Xinhua

### Four US soldiers killed in western Iraq

**FALLUJAH, 25 Dec—** Four US soldiers were killed when their vehicle was run over by an Iraqi truck outside Iraq's western flashpoint city of Fallujah early on Saturday, a police source told Xinhua.

"An Iraqi truck ran over a US Humvee parking near a checkpoint at the southern entrance of Fallujah, killing four US soldiers aboard," the source said on condition of anonymity.

It was not clear whether the Iraqi truck driver premeditatedly hit the US Humvee, the source added. The US military did not confirm the incident yet. The Sunni-dominated Fallujah, some 50 kilometres west of Baghdad, has witnessed sporadic guerilla attacks against the US and Iraqi Government forces despite US-Iraqi military operations in the city to stem out violence.

MNA/Xinhua

### More Asians searched after London bombing

**LONDON, 25 Dec—** The number of Asian and Black people being searched in London streets by police increased more than 12 fold after the 7 July bombings, *The Guardian* newspaper reported on Saturday.

In the two months after three underground trains and a bus were bombed, more than 10,000 people were stopped and searched by the Metropolitan police under the anti-terroract. However, none of the searches resulted in an arrest or a charge related to terrorism. Police figures indicated that Asian people were already

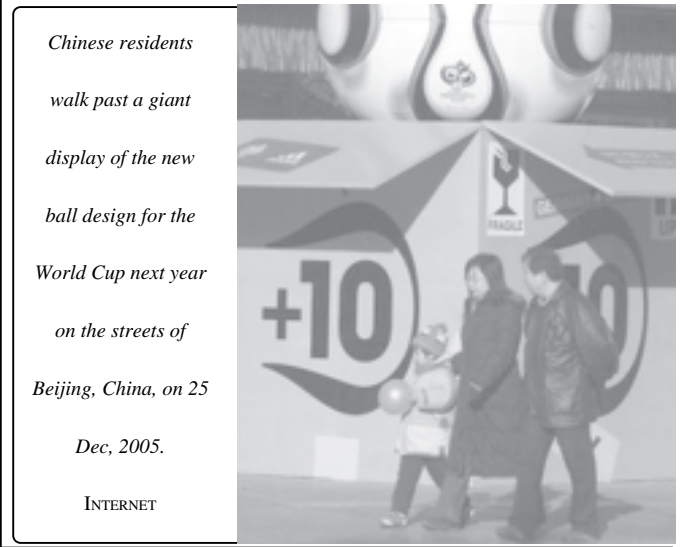
more likely than their White fellow Londoners to be stopped even before the terrorist attacks, but the bombings made them more vulnerable.

According to Metropolitan Police figures, 2,405 Asian and Black people were stopped while walking, compared with 196 last year. The increase

is more than twice the rise recorded by the police for White people searched in the two months after the attacks.

The Terrorism Act 2000 allows a police officer to search someone in a vehicle or who is walking if it is believed necessary to prevent terrorism.

Between 7 July and



*Chinese residents walk past a giant display of the new ball design for the World Cup next year on the streets of Beijing, China, on 25 Dec, 2005.*  
INTERNET

### Mother of abandoned newborn British baby found

**LONDON, 25 Dec—** Police said on Saturday they had found the mother of a newborn baby girl who had been abandoned naked in a street in southwestern England.

The baby, named "Angel" by staff at the hospital where she is being treated, was

thought to be just a few hours old when she was discovered at the back of a house in Yeovil on Friday evening.

"My neighbour phoned me to and said to come back because the police were in my garden because they found a baby on the wall at the back of my garden, no clothes on—stark naked," Lorraine Pennell told BBC television.

"They think that somebody's just had the baby and put it there."

After a search by officers, the mother of the girl was found safe and well, officers said.

"Police, in conjunction with a number

of other relevant agencies and organizations, will now be making sure that both mother and baby get all the expert attention and assistance they need," a Somerset police spokesman said.

MNA/Reuters

### 35 injured in bus accident in western Nepal

**KATHMANDU, 26 Dec—** More than 35 people were injured in a bus accident in western Nepal Saturday evening, local police office said Sunday.

"More than 34 students and a teacher were injured when a bus skidded off the road at Dhikur Pokhari Village of Kaski District, some 200 kilometres west of Kathmandu," District Police Office said in a Press statement.

The accident occurred when the bus, carrying picnicking students from Aarukharka Mahendra Secondary School of neighbouring Shyangha District, skidded 50 metres down from the local Bhupi Sherchan Highway, the statement said.

All of the injured are undergoing treatment at Western Regional Hospital of Pokhara City in the district, the statement noted, adding two injured students are in critical conditions while other victims are out of danger.

MNA/Xinhua

### Two 101st Airborne soldiers killed in Iraq in bombing

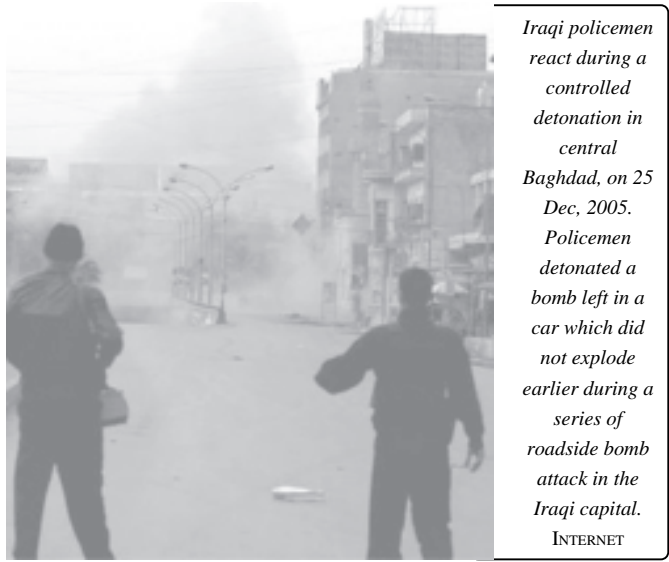
**FORT CAMPBELL, 26 Dec—** Two soldiers with the 101st Airborne Division were killed by a bomb while patrolling on foot in Baghdad, the Army said.

First Lt Benjamin T Britt, 24, of Wheeler, Texas, and Spc William Lopez-Feliciano, 33, of Quebradillas, Puerto Rico, died in the bombing on Thursday. The bomb was an improvised explosive device, the Army said.

The two soldiers were with B Company, 1st Battalion, 502nd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team. Britt joined the Army in May of 2004 and arrived at Fort Campbell, Ky, a year later. He is survived by his parents, David and Mary Britt of Wheeler.

Lopez-Feliciano joined in December of 1997 and arrived at Fort Campbell October 2005. He is survived by his wife, Digna Lopez-Rodriguez and his parents, Jose Lopez and Haidee Feliciano, both of Quebradillas, Puerto Rico.

Internet



*Iraqi policemen react during a controlled detonation in central Baghdad, on 25 Dec, 2005. Policemen detonated a bomb left in a car which did not explode earlier during a series of roadside bomb attack in the Iraqi capital.*  
INTERNET

## Russia wants to help Iran enrich uranium

Moscow, 26 Dec — Moscow told Iran on Saturday it remained ready to build a joint venture plant to enrich uranium in Russia, just days after an EU diplomat said Teheran had dismissed the compromise plan at talks in Vienna.

The plan, which would allow Teheran to establish a civilian nuclear energy programme but transfer enrichment to Russia, is aimed at ending a stalemate between Iran and the West over Teheran's nuclear programmes.

"The Russian Embassy in Teheran gave to the Iranian side an official note saying that the previous Russian proposal of the creation ... of a joint Russian-Iranian company to enrich uranium remains in force," the Foreign Ministry said.

"The proposal is Russia's input in looking for a mutually acceptable

decision to settle the problem of the Iranian nuclear programme via political and diplomatic methods," it said on its web site [www.mid.ru](http://www.mid.ru).

The West suspects Teheran of seeking to develop nuclear weapons under the cover of a civilian programme. Iran denies that, saying it wants only to generate electricity and that it has the right to carry out enrichment on its own soil. European powers Britain, Germany and France last Wednesday reopened talks with Iran in Vienna and said the dialogue would resume in January, halting a spiral

into confrontation.

Iranian delegate Mohammad Mehdi Akhonzadeh said his side urged the EU3 to "act on the proposition that enrichment will be conducted inside" the Islamic republic. Any other option, he said, was "unacceptable" and "an insult" to Iranian sovereignty.

MNA/Reuters



Local residents collect water from an ice-hole on small river on the outskirts of Khabarovsk, Russia, on 25 Dec, 2005. —INTERNET

### US soldiers kill three Iraqis north of Baghdad

TIKRIT, 26 Dec — The US troops killed three Iraqis in a raid on suspect guerillas in Dhuluiyah

Town north of Baghdad, an Iraqi-US liaison office in Tikrit said in a statement on Sunday.

The statement gave no further details about the incident.

A source from Dhuluiyah police told Xinhua that after the US troops stormed several houses late last night, they informed the police in the town of three bodies in one of the houses.

MNA/Reuters

### Baghdad car bombs wound soldiers, police

BAGHDAD, 26 Dec — Two lunchtime car bombs hit Iraqi Army and police patrols in central Baghdad on Sunday, wounding seven people, police said.

One parked car detonated as an Army patrol drove by, wounding three soldiers and a civilian in the city centre. Around the same time, a vehicle parked in eastern Baghdad blasted a police patrol, wounding three officers.

A lull in violence around the December 15 parliamentary election has been broken in recent days. — MNA/Reuters

### China condemns US comments about Hong Kong

SHANGHAI, 26 Dec — China has accused the United States of interfering in its internal affairs, criticizing it for comments calling for Hong Kong to speed up political reforms and allow direct elections.

"Affairs concerning Hong Kong ... are China's internal affairs leaving no room for foreign interference," the official Xinhua news agency late on Friday quoted Foreign Ministry spokesman Qin Gang as saying.

"The US side has once and again made rash

comments on Hong Kong affairs for quite a period of time, violating the principle of non-interference in other countries' internal affairs."

The remarks came after a US State Department spokesman reiterated earlier comments from Washington

calling for an early timetable for Hong Kong to adopt universal suffrage.

Hong Kong also put out its own response that appeared directed at the comments from Washington.

"We would not wish any foreign governments

to give the impression that they were meddling in Hong Kong's affairs," the Hong Kong Government said in a statement on Friday.

Earlier this week, pro-democracy lawmakers in Hong Kong voted against a controversial election reform package, dealing a blow to the city's leader, Donald Tsang, who argued that the package was a major step toward democracy.

China regularly defends its right to determine affairs in Hong Kong and neighbouring Macao, former colonies that have since been returned to the Mainland but are run by semi-autonomous governments.

Free-wheeling Hong Kong, a major financial centre, still cannot directly elect its leader or the entire legislative chamber and residents have staged large street protests demanding votes for all.

MNA/Reuters



Xinhua News Agency released this photo on 24 Dec, 2005, shows a gas station on big fire in the west of Baghdad, capital city of Iraq on Friday night, 23 Dec, 2005. Two gunmen attacked Friday fuel tanks of the gas station causing explosion and big fire. —INTERNET

### Mild quake jolts Indonesia's Nisa

JAKARTA, 26 Dec — An earthquake measuring 4.6 on the Richter Scale jolted Nias Island, North Sumatra, at 09:49 am local time on Sunday, nearly two hours before Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono arrived in the island to attend Christmas celebration.

"The tremor that rocked the northern part of the island lasted for about 10 seconds," spokesman of the Meteorology and Geophysics Agency (BMG) in Jakarta, Andri Setiadi, was quoted by official news agency Antara as saying. — MNA/Xinhua

### Car accident kills five, injures four in south Germany

BERLIN, 26 Dec — A crashed car burst into flames in a tunnel in the southern German state of Baden-Wuerttemberg on Sunday, killing all its five passengers and injuring four others, local police said.

The car first crashed against the tunnel wall and then collided with another car coming from the opposite direction before finally slamming into the wall and bursting into flames. Its five passengers, all killed in the accident, were young people aged between 18 and 23. — MNA/Xinhua

### At least three injured in explosion in Bangladesh

DHAKA, 26 Dec — At least three people were injured Sunday in an explosion at a trade fair in the Bangladeshi capital, police said.

The blast occurred near a gate to the Dhaka Trade Fair and police investigators said on condition of anonymity that it might have been caused by a small homemade bomb.

Visitors queued up to enter the annual event when the explosion rattled the capital city where authorities tightened security at churches across the country for Christmas. — MNA/Xinhua

### Train crash kills four as snowstorms hit Japan

TOKYO, 26 Dec — An express train running behind schedule during blustery wintry weather derailed in northern Japan, killing four people and injured 33, police said on Monday, and it was unclear if others remained trapped in the wreckage.

The train left the tracks and crashed into a farm building after apparently encountering high winds as it crossed a bridge over a river in Yamagata Prefecture late on Sunday.

"It felt as though I was lifted from my seat, and then everything went black," one survivor told state broadcaster NHK. "The wind was terrible, there was rain at the windows and flashes of lightning," he added. — MNA/Reuters

# Border areas witness sustained progress

## Development of border areas in the time of the Tatmadaw government

### Development of communication sector in border areas

Soon after the Union of Myanmar regained independence and re-stored sovereignty, peace and tranquillity in the country deteriorated due to the wedge driven by colonialists among national brethren. As a con-

sequence of lack of peace and stability, regions in the country lagged behind in development. Especially, remote border areas had suffered this evil consequence most in com-



An auto-exchange station in Panglong region, Loilem District, Shan State (South).

### Development of communication sector in border areas

Sr	Subject	1988	2005	Progress
1	Post office	-	52	52
2	Telegraph office	-	44	44
3	Telephone station	-	85	85
4	Telephone exchange	-	40	40

parison with other regions of the country. Moreover, telegraph or post offices were nearly non-existent in these regions.

Therefore, the Tatmadaw government, after making peace with national race armed groups, has been accelerating momentum of border area development drives since 1989.

With the establishment of telegraph offices, post offices and telephone

offices in border areas, national people living there have been able to communicate each other conveniently. Communication stations have been built not only in major cities of border areas but also in hilly regions.

The table shows development of the communication sector in border areas in the time of the Tatmadaw government.

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### Schools equipped with hygienic canteens awarded

YANGON, 26 Dec — A ceremony to honour the Basic Education Schools equipped with the hygienic canteens in the area of Yangon City Development Committee took place at YCDC this morning attended by Yangon Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin.

Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin made a speech.

Next, the Mayor, Deputy Minister for Education Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min and officials presented prizes to 26 basic education schools.

Headmaster U Kyaw Kyaw of Dagon Township No 1 BEHS expressed thanks and the ceremony ended.

Also present on the occasion were the officials of YCDC, the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Education, and the headmasters and headmistresses.

MNA

Yangon Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin presents prize to Dagon Township BEHS No 1. — MNA



### Minister for L&F meets Chinese guests

YANGON, 26 Dec — Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein met with Director-General Mr Yang Zhimin of Yunnan Province Agriculture Department of the People's Republic of China and 21 farming and fisheries entrepreneurs at Myanmar Fisheries Federation here today.

They discussed cooperation in border areas animal husbandry, fish and meat sector of the two nations, and development of farming, production and trade.

Officials of the Ministry of L&F were also present.

In the afternoon, the Yunnan delegation met with officials of the ministry and discussed animal diseases control and development of the livestock breeding. — MNA

## Foundry of Mandalay Tawin Industry Co Ltd ...

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Mandalay and inspected extended construction of the southern archway of the pagoda.

Next, they paid homage to the Buddha Image at the southern prayer hall and made cash donation at the pagoda.

Afterwards, the Senior General inspected maintenance of stone inscriptions at the pagoda and all-round renovation of the pagoda.

In the precinct of the pagoda, there are 829 stone inscriptions of the Buddha's teachings (Sutta, Vinaya and Abhidhamma) and one record stone inscription. They are famous in the world as the World's largest book. The stone inscription and over 100-year-old star flower trees attracted 33,000 tourists and researchers last year.

Afterwards, Senior

General Than Shwe and party went to Nanmyaybontha Sandawyar Sanda Muni Pagoda and inspected all-round renovation of the pagoda. Next, they paid homage to the Buddha Image at the eastern prayer hall and inspected religious stone inscriptions donated by Hermit U Khanti.

At the pagoda, Senior General Than Shwe donated cash to the fund of the pagoda through the Pagoda board of trustees. Senior General Than Shwe and party proceeded to Mandalay Hill and also paid homage to Sutaungpyai Pagoda at the hill and made cash donation.

At the hill, Senior General Than Shwe enjoyed the scenery of Mandalay and greening of Mandalay Hill and inspected the renovation of the pagoda.

Afterwards, Senior General Than Shwe and party went to Maha Thakya Marazein Kyaukdawgyi Pagoda and made cash donation.

They arrived back here this evening by Tatmadaw aircraft. The Senior General went on a tour of Kachin State, Mandalay Division and Magway Division from 11 to 26 December.

During the inspection tour, he inspected the development tasks of human resources, construction of airports and bridges, regional development tasks, hotel and recreation, health care tasks, preservation tasks of cultural heritage, dam projects, environmental conservation tasks and industrial development tasks and gave guidance on the tasks.

He also met with departmental officials, members of the Tatmadaw and their families during the tour.

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*Senior General Than Shwe presents donations for the funds of Mandalay Hill Hsutaungpyi Pagoda through the Pagoda Board of Trustees.*

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*Senior General Than Shwe enjoys the scenic view of Mandalay city from Mandalay Hill.*

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## Culture Minister receives Vietnamese guests



Vice-Chairman Mr Pham Van Chuong and party call on Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Kyi Aung. — MNA

YANGON, 26 Dec — Head of Vietnamese Goodwill delegation Vice-Chairman Mr Pham Van Chuong of Vietnamese Friendship Association and party called on Minis-

ter for Culture Maj-Gen Kyi Aung at the ministry here this morning.

Present on the occasion were Director-General U Kyaw Win of Department of Archaeology,

Rector U Tin Soe of the University of Culture (Yangon), Deputy Director-General U Myint Kyaing of Department of Cultural Institute and officials.—MNA

## Visiting Deputy Commander Lt-Gen Gui Quanzhi of Chengdu Military Area Command of PRC visits Defence Services Museum

YANGON, 26 Dec— The visiting Deputy Commander Lt-Gen Gui Quanzhi of Chengdu Military Area Command of the People's Republic of China and party, accompanied by

officials concerned, this afternoon visited the Defence Services Museum on Shwedagon Pagoda Road where they were welcomed by Lt-Col Zaw Win of the museum and officials.

After observing booths of the museum, the visiting Deputy Commander Lt-Gen Gui Quanzhi and party signed in the visitors' book and left the venue.

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Deputy Commander Lt-Gen Gui Quanzhi of Chengdu Military Area Command of PRC and party at Defence Services Museum. — MNA

# Why National Convention was suspended temporarily in 1996?

*Kaytu Nilar*

Now, Myanmar has a bright future. She will soon be able to stand tall among the world nations as a peaceful, modern and developed nation with discipline-flourishing democracy. The great expectation is running high in the hearts of the national people that there will emerge an enduring State Constitution that can guarantee perpetual existence of the Union of Myanmar.

On the morning of 9 January 1993, the Conference Hall in the compound of the President's Residence on Ahlon Road in Yangon, where the National Convention was held, stood magnificently under the snow, and the delegates were wearing smiles on their faces with peaceful minds.

The National Convention was convened from 9 to 11 January. During the meetings, the chairman of the National Convention Convening Work Committee explained matters on the headings of the constitutions of some world nations and neighbouring countries to choose suitable headings for laying down basic principles for drafting an enduring State constitution. The National Convention went into recess from 12 to 31 January to assess the discussions at respective parties.

The plenary meeting of the National Convention was convened at Saya San Hall on Kyaikkasan Grounds in Yangon from 1 to 26 February and from 3 to 24 March 1993. Similarly, plenary meetings of the National Convention were held in the central meeting hall in the compound of the President's Residence from 3 to 7 April and from 7 June to 16 September.

Those meetings selected five members for the National Convention Convening Work Committee, formed a panel of chairmen comprising five representatives each from the eight delegate groups, and a panel of alternate chairmen comprising nine members to supervise the sessions of the National Convention, and laid down 104 basic principles based on 22 proposals submitted by the eight delegate groups.

Then, the National Convention was adjourned until 17 January 1994. It resumed on 18 January at the central meeting hall in the compound of the President's Residence. On the occasion, the chairman said, "The time has come for all national brethren to join hands and strive together to bring full and complete peace and tranquillity to the entire country that we love and build it up to become a developed modern nation. So, at such a time when efforts are being made with priority for organization to achieve

the peak of political solidarity for the State, all national races, and all organizations, inclusive of the National Convention delegates, are urged to give utmost priority only to the interests of the State, without placing their individual or group interests in the fore. In the National Convention, discussions are to be held on the headings 'State Structure' and 'Head of State'. In this regard, it is required to discuss detailed requirements chapter-wise in harmony with the basic principles without losing sight of them". In conclusion, he urged the delegates to keep the six objectives always in mind and strive for the emergence of the State Constitution fully endowed with them, and especially, to discuss and coordinate matters to get good ideas and thoughts for the State, drawing from their rich store of wisdom to further enliven the essence of the already coordinated and obtained 104 basic principles to serve as base in formulating the State Constitution.

The eight delegate groups held group-wise discussions from 21 January to 21 March 1994 for submission of proposals regarding the headings 'State', 'State Structure' and 'Head of State' and compiled papers.

A total of 53 proposals including those submitted group-wise and individually were read out at the National Convention plenary session held from 23 March to 9 April 1994 at the central meeting hall of the President's Residence.

The National Convention was adjourned from 10 April until 1 September, and resumed on 2 September 1994 and went on till 7 April 1995. During the time, proposals on matters for designating self-administered divisions or self-administered areas to be included in formulating the State Constitution were compiled, submitted and read out. Then, the National Convention was adjourned till 23 October 1995 to compile the findings of the panel of alternate chairmen regarding the proposals submitted group-wise. And it was announced that the National Convention would resume on 24 October.

In this way, the National Convention held from 1993 to 1996 unanimously laid down the 104 basic principles for writing a State Constitution. Moreover, the detailed basic principles on the seven sectors had been laid down.

Therefore, it can be said that being equipped with the family spirit with which national brethren wished to live together and without attachment to parties and personal grudges, the delegates carried out national duty to frame an enduring State Constitution to enable the motherland to exist as a peaceful, modern

**Now, the delegates are holding discussions at the ongoing National Convention for the adoption of the basic principles and detailed basic principles in formulating the State Constitution. By studying these basic principles and detailed basic principles, one can envisage the future of the nation in form and essence. Articles on the National Convention will be inserted in the newspapers daily for enabling the people to visualize the future of the nation in form and essence.**

and developed nation with flourishing discipline as long as the world exists.

Throughout the National Convention, all the delegates submitted proposals, made suggestions, and coordinated with each other based on the desire of respective groups through frank discussions. That not only was a testament to the brighter future of the nation but also enhanced national solidarity.

With reference to the successful convening of the National Convention, Head of State Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe, at the 50th Anniversary Armed Forces Day Parade (1995), said:

**"I'm sure you've already known that a constitution is essential for a nation. And such a constitution must be the one that is acceptable to the entire national people and truly beneficial to the nation concerned. That is why the delegates representing various political forces are today doing their utmost at the National Convention for the emergence of an enduring State Constitution. So, you have to be convinced that the successful convening of the National Convention represents a characteristic of national unity".**

On 10 July 1995, restrictions on ex-general secretary of the National League for Democracy Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, were lifted; she was placed under restrictions according to Section 10 (B) of the Law Protecting the State from Dangers of Destructive Elements. However, she held a press conference on 11 July and asked which was to be chosen, dialogue or utter devastation. She meant if the government did not hold a dialogue with her, the nation would encounter absolute devastation. In fact, the former general secretary of the National League for Democracy made a threat that she would destroy the nation and people through various ways if the government refused to hold a dialogue with her.

In that regard, there needed to scrutinize her attitude to find out if it was because of her reliance on external elements to make such a threat. On 12, 14 and 24 July, she also held press meets and said that she did not like the ongoing National Convention; that there needed to make many changes; that changes were a must; that the NLD was an organization that

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existed legally; that it could not be said that NLD lacked unity; that there were differences of opinions; that U Aung Shwe and some members had been attending the National Convention right from the start; and that she did not agree to their attending of the National Convention.

In reality, it was irresponsible remarks of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi to present her attitude as if it had been the stance of National League for Democracy because she had been already removed as general secretary, and the affairs of the party were no longer her concerns. However, it was rather strange that NLD EC neither stopped nor took action against a person who had been removed from the party, for her words of personal attitude representing the party.

Within one year after the restrictions on her were lifted, she met with foreign diplomats for more than 90 times, visited various foreign diplomats for more than 40 times, and received foreign correspondents and media for more than 170 times.

Similarly, US Ambassador to UN Madeleine Albright on 9 September 1995 morning before her departure from Myanmar, paid a visit to her. In meeting with correspondents at the airport that afternoon, she said she would like to see a meeting between the government and Daw Aung San Suu Kyi. The 10th September issue of Bangkok Post daily cited the words of the US Ambassador to UN saying that the Myanmar government should not delay the programme for a dialogue, and the sooner the dialogue would be held, the better it would be.

In an interview with a Japanese news agency, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi irresponsibly said that she would issue an announcement on the National Convention. It was apparent that she was resorting to various ways to interfere in and manipulate the internal affairs of Myanmar placing reliance on external elements at the instigation of certain foreign countries. In addition, she dissuaded the international community from making investments in Myanmar, providing assistance including ODA from Japan, and for the ASEAN countries not to deal with the nation. Such acts were nothing but to harm the interests of the nation and the people.

The plenary session of the National Convention resumed on 28 November 1995 at the central meeting hall in the compound of the President's Residence with the attendance of 631 out of 677 delegates.

**The meeting chairman on the occasion said that the National Convention was making a headway with the participation of the delegates; that there needed patience and cooperation as the government was paving the way for the multi-party democracy system gently; and that he urged them to join hands as they did at the previous meetings.**

The people simply believed that the entire delegates would continue to hold discussions at the plenary session of the National Convention to be held on 29 November.

However, their expectations did not come true. They were disappointed when they read the 29-

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11-1995 issue that carried the release issued by the National Convention Convening Commission regarding the activities of the NLD delegates to the National Convention.

According to the statement issued, their acts were as follows:

The National League for Democracy sent a letter with negative criticism under the signature of its chairman to the chairman of the National Convention Convening Work Committee on 27 November 1995. The following day, they again sought a reply to their comment from the Work Committee. Besides, in the letter they sent on 28 November 1995, they said that their delegates would no longer attend the National Convention with an excuse that in his speech the chairman of the National Convention Convening Commission did not mention anything about the dialogue they desired.

With regard to the stance of the NLD, the newspapers carried the comments on the acts of the NLD by the National Convention Convening Commission as follows:

**“The National League for Democracy made several demands such as to annul the basic principles laid down by the National Convention as they did not meet with their desire, to lay down the principles they liked, and to replace the NC delegates with their handpicked persons, with the aim of holding dialogue as they wished by laying down new procedures in the National Convention. In view of their demands, it was found that they did these acts on purpose to turn the good results gained through systematic coordination on their head”.**

And it said that the repeated demands of so-called leaders of the NLD for a dialogue was indeed unnecessary with the intention of dominating the government; that they took another step to deal a devastating blow to the National Convention as their demand was not fulfilled; that the attitude and stand of the NLD were just for their own interests, not for the State, and so it showed a total disregard for the national interest; and that together with delegate groups of political parties exclusive of NLD, representatives-elect exclusive of NLD representatives-elect, delegate group of national races, delegate group of peasants, delegate group of workers, delegate group of intellectuals and intelligentsia, delegate group of State service personnel, and other invited persons, the National Convention would go on as scheduled to maintain the already-achieved momentum.

Therefore, the National Convention Convening Commission had to revoke 86 NLD representatives as

NC delegates under para (48) of the procedures on convening the National Convention.

According to the above-mentioned facts, it was found that the NLD had been shouting the campaign for the flourishing of democracy in the nation, but it, in fact, is just a party completely under the domination of an individual and foreign countries. It was testified by the fact that the decision and acts of the central executive committee, which had decided to attend the NC and hold discussions, were brought to an end due to the attitude of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi alone who had been already dismissed from the party.

In other words, the central executive committee has no authority nor the right to represent the party. The one who has the power to the highest degree and the right to represent the party is the so-called general secretary of NLD. In fact, the National League for Democracy is just a tool of the so-called general secretary of the NLD.

The attitude and deeds of the lady who monopolized and manipulated the NLD has indicated that she is just a handle of an axe dancing to the tune of the West bloc.

In 1995 when the sessions of the National Convention were being held successively to lay down basic principles and detailed basic principles to draw a State Constitution, the NLD walked out of the National Convention of its own accord. In consequence, the convening of the National Convention and the drive for the political development had to be suspended temporarily. The NLD's turning back to the National Convention represents its stance that it has put in the fore its self-interest and the attitude of an individual and the wishes of the West bloc, while ignoring the national affairs and national interests.

**The State Constitution would have been completed and the multi-party democracy system would have been translated into reality by now had the NLD cooperated with positive attitude in the tasks in the interests of the nation and the people. However, due to the acts of the NLD, the political development of Myanmar has been delayed unnecessarily.**

Whatever it may be, the government, the people and the Tatmadaw will continue to make efforts in concert to achieve the national goal — emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed nation with discipline-flourishing democracy.

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# Meetings of National Convention delegate groups held

YANGON, 26 Dec — Meetings of National Convention delegate groups took place in designated meeting halls at Nyaungnnapin Camp in Hmawby township here this morning.

### Delegate group of political parties

The meeting of the delegate group of political parties was held at

ment Party and U Nyi Palot of Wa National Development Party read their parties' proposal papers on legislative matters of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, Pyithu Hluttaw, Amyotha Hluttaw and Region or State Hluttaw that will be included in the drafting of the State constitution. Later, U Saw Philip gave con-

acted as master of ceremonies and Assistant Director Daw Mi Mi Shein as co-MC.

Next, U San Tha Aung delivered an opening speech. At the meeting, U Thein Tun of Ingapu township constituency-2 of National Unity Party, independent representative-elect U Tin Win of Kyaiklat



U Saw Philip (a) Philip Hsam of Wa National Development Party presides over the meeting of the delegate group of political parties.—MNA



U San Tha Aung of Mro (a) Khami National Solidarity Organization presides over the meeting of the delegate group of representatives-elect. — MNA

township constituency-1, U Thein Kyi of Taungdingyi township constituency-1, U Tin Tun Maung of Mingaladon township constituency-2 and U Tin Win of Kyaiklat township constituency-2 read their proposal papers on legislative matters of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, Pyithu Hluttaw, Amyotha Hluttaw and

Work Committee acted as master of ceremonies and Assistant Director U Tin Maung Oo as co-MC.

Next, U Maung Hla delivered an opening speech.

At the meeting, U Shi Thee of Sagaing Division, Daw San San Htay of Ayeyawady Division, U Pyay Lay of Chin State, Daw Aye

Region-2 presided over the meeting together with U Aung Kham Hti of Shan State (South) Special Region-6 and Vice Chairman U Sai Aung Tun of Myanmar History Commission. Deputy Director U Aung Kyi of Work Group-10 of National Convention Convening Work Committee acted as master of ceremonies and Assis-

meeting hall-1. U Saw Philip of Wa National Development Party presided over the meeting. Deputy Director U Khin Maung Phyu of Work Group-3 of National Convention Convening Work Committee acted as master of ceremonies and Assistant Director U Khin Sein as co-MC. Next, U Saw Philip delivered an opening speech.

cluding remarks.

### Delegate group of representatives-elect

The meeting of the delegate group of representatives-elect was held at meeting hall-2. U San Tha Aung of Mro (or) Khami National Solidarity Organization presided over the meeting together with U Law Sin Kwan of Kokang Democracy and Unity Party and U Yaw Aye Hla of Lahu National Development Party. Deputy Director U Maung Maung Phyu Tint of Work Group-4 of National Convention Convening Work Committee



Alternate Chairman U Maung Hla (a) U Hla Myint of Taninthayi Division delivers an introductory speech at the meeting of the delegate group of national races.—MNA



At the meeting, U Tun Yi of National Unity Party, U Mann Tin Maung (a) U Mann Myo Nyunt of Union Kayin League, U Kya Shi of Lahu National Develop-

ment Party and U Nyi Palot of Wa National Development Party read their parties' proposal papers on legislative matters of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, Pyithu Hluttaw, Amyotha Hluttaw and Region or State Hluttaw that will be included in the drafting of the State constitution. Later, U Saw Philip gave con-

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### Delegate group of national races

The meeting of the delegate group of national races was held at Pyidaungsu Hall. U Maung Hla (a) U Hla Myint of Taninthayi Division presided over the meeting together with U Kyaw Din (a) U Htay Ral of Kayah State and Duwa Zok Doung of Shan State (North).

Deputy Director U Than Tun of Work Group-5 of National Convention Convening

### Delegate group of other invited persons

The meeting of the delegate group of other invited persons was held at meeting hall-8. Dr Ma Nan Tuja of Kachin State Special



Alternate Chairman Dr Ma Nan Tuja of Kachin State Special Region-2 addresses the meeting of other invited persons.—MNA

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## Deputy Commander Lt-Gen Gui Quanzhi and party tour Mandalay, Bagan, Lashio

YANGON, 26 Dec— The visiting Deputy Commander Lt-Gen Gui Quanzhi of Chengdu Military Area Command of the People's Republic of China and party, accompanied by Col San Aye Hla of the Ministry of Defence, Defence Attaché Senior Colonel Ma Shoudong of Chinese Embassy and officials, left here on 23 December afternoon by special Tatmadaw aircraft and arrived at Mandalay International Airport at 2.50 pm.

They were welcomed there by Deputy Commander of Central Command Brig-Gen Nay Win and senior military officers.

### Mandalay

The visiting Deputy Commander Lt-Gen Gui Quanzhi and party proceeded to Myanan Sankyaw Shwe Nandaw where they were welcomed by the Director of Archaeological Department who conducted round the guests.

On arrival at the Hsutaungpyi Pagoda on Mandalay Hill, the guests offered flowers, water, light to the pagoda.

Next, they arrived at the Mahamuni Buddha Image and offered gold foils and cash.

In the evening, the guests attended a dinner hosted at Mandalay Hill Resort Hotel by the



Visiting Deputy Commander Lt-Gen Gui Quanzhi and party visit Myanan Sankyaw Shwe Nandaw. —MNA

Deputy Commander of Central Command.

In the 24 December afternoon, the visiting guests left Mandalay and arrived at NyaungU Airport at 1.40 pm.

### Bagan

They visited Shwesi-gon Pagoda and Dhammayangyi Pagoda in Bagan Archaeological Zone and made cash donation.

Next, they enjoyed scenery of Bagan Archaeological Zone from the view point of Nanmyint Tower.

At 4.50 pm, they looked into U Ba Nyein Lacquerware and Bagan Archaeological Museum where they were briefed by officials.

In the evening, Deputy Commander Lt-Gen Gui Quanzhi and party were hosted a dinner at the Tatmadaw

Guest House by Chairman of Magway Division PDC Col Phone Maw Shwe.

Yesterday morning, the guests visited Arnanda Pagoda and inspected Bagan Shwe Nandaw construction project, where they were briefed on construction tasks by officials concerned.

After that, they proceeded to Lashio, Shan State (North).

### Lashio

On arrival at Lashio airport, they were welcomed by Chairman of Shan State (North) PDC Commander of North-East Command Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing and senior military officers. Accompanied by Commander Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing, the guests arrived at the 100-acre plantation and the 1,000-

acre model plantation of the command and looked into the agricultural work and fish breeding tasks.

Afterwards, they visited Maha Muni Buddha image and Yandaing Aung Hsutaungpyi Pagoda in Lashio and made cash donations.

They then visited the Shweli Home of the Aged in Lashio and made cash donations there.

In the evening, the Chinese guests attended a dinner hosted on the lawns of the command by Commander Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing.

This morning, the guests left Lashio and they were seen off at the airport by Commander Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing, Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Hla Myint and officials.

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## Cash, relief items provided for Myeik fire victims

YANGON, 26 Dec — A ceremony to contribute cash and relief items to the fire victims of Myeik, Taninthayi Division took place at Shwetaung Monestary in Myeik yesterday morning. It was attended by Chairman of Taninthayi Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Coastal Region Command Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe and wife Daw Tin Tin Nwe, Patron of Taninthayi Division Women's Affairs Organization, social organizations and wellwishers.

Commander Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe spoke and provided cash and kind for the fire victims.

Next, Family of the commander and wife also contributed school uniforms and clothes worth K 510,200 and other wellwishers provided food, medicine, stationery, school uniforms, household items and clothes for the victims.

At cash donation ceremony, Coastal Region Command, the companies and wellwishers donated K 8.6 million to Relief and Resettlement Committee.

Commander Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe honoured Division Firebrigade members who engaged in putting out the fire, which broke out in Tatpyin Ward presenting with K 1 million.

After hearing reports on resettlement of the victims, the commander attended to the needs and the ceremony ended.

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## Newly paved street opened in Pyay

YANGON, 26 Dec — A newly paved Pyiyadana Street in Muyabin Ward, Pyay, was commissioned into service on 18 December hailing the 58th Anniversary Independence Day.

Present were Chairman of Bago Division (West) Peace and Development Council Brig-Gen Hla Min, officials, local people and guests.

Officials of the Pyay Township Development Affairs Committee explained that the 12 feet wide and 1,250 feet long street was built at a cost of over K 5 million.

Commemorative pennants were presented to Brig-Gen Hla Min and officials. Brig-Gen Hla Min and party inspected the street.

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## Vietnamese guests call on Information Deputy Minister



Deputy Minister U Thein Sein meets Vice-Chairman Mr Pham Van Chuong of Vietnamese Goodwilldelegation.—MNA

YANGON, 26 Dec — Deputy Minister for Information U Thein Sein received Vietnamese Goodwill delegation led by Vice-Chairman Mr Pham Van Chuong Vietnamese Friendship Association at the ministry this afternoon.

Heads of department concerned and officials of the ministry were present on the occasion.

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## Myanmar and Chinese entrepreneurs hold business talks

YANGON, 26 Dec— Officials of Myanmar Pharmaceutical and Medical Equipment Entrepreneurs Association (MPMEEA) met a Chinese delegation led by Mr Wang Minghui of Yunan Baiyo Group on 22 December at Traders Hotel here.

Officials of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry were also present on the occasion.

The discussion between the two sides focused on matters relating to investment in Myanmar, industry, raw materials and production and trading of medicines.

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Russian girls decorate a sculpture made of snow during the Christmas and New Year celebrations in the Siberian city of Krasnoyarsk on 24 Dec, 2005.

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## Sri Lanka scours for rebels as diplomats rush in

**COLOMBO, 25 Dec— Troops combed Sri Lanka's northwest to root out suspected rebels on Saturday after a series of deadly ambushes raised fears of a return to civil war, as the island's main donors flew to meet the Tamil Tigers for an emergency briefing.**

Diplomats said donors would deliver a harsh message to the rebels after an upsurge of attacks on the military by suspected cadres culminated on Friday in an ambush on a

naval bus that killed 13 sailors in the deadliest incident since a 2002 truce.

Soldiers checked roadsides near the site of the attack in the military-

held northwestern district of Mannar for any more claymore fragmentation mines like the ones used on Friday. Rocket-propelled grenades were also used in the attack.

"We have taken certain actions to tighten security," said military spokesman Brigadier Prasad Samarasinghe. "We have done searches in the area where incidents have happened. In certain areas they are still going on."

"Search and clearance is being conducted along roads," he added. "There were no major incidents overnight. There was some small arms firing late in the Jaffna Peninsula overnight, but no casualties.

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## Nepal's maternal mortality rate among highest in world

**KATHMANDU, 25 Dec— Nepal has one of the highest maternal mortality in the world, 539 per 100,000 live births, a Nepali Government official said here on Saturday.**

"The violence had aggravated the problems, as a result of which the rate of child mortality and maternal mortality has increased tremendously," Ram Hari Aryal, joint secretary at the Ministry of Health and Population, said at a talk programme on "Armed Conflict and Women's Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights".

"Many women and children are deprived of essential drugs, health services, immunization, and basic necessities due to the insurgency," Rajshree Jha, associate professor of Obstetric and Gynecology Department at the Institute of Medicine of government-owned Tribhuvan University of Nepal, said at the function.

Everyday hundreds of women get molested, raped and tortured in Nepal, Jha noted, adding, "initially it used to be by

the anti-government guerillas of Nepal but now even the people who are supposed to provide security have been abusing them."

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## Ugandan district police commander stabbed to death

**KAMPALA, 25 Dec— The police commander of Uganda's western district of Nebbi was hacked to death on Friday by an unknown assailant, local Press reported on Saturday.**

Bonnie Zziwa was the second Ugandan senior police officer to fall victim to assailants in a month. In November, police officer James Habukiriro was gunned down by a soldier in Bukoto, a Kampala city suburb.

Zziwa was reportedly

killed near Stanbic Bank close to the police station while taking a man he had arrested in his compound to the police station on Friday.

Nebbi resident district commissioner Betty Adima emerged from a crisis meeting on Friday morning and announced that security

would be beefed up immediately in the district.

He told Press that details on the murder were still scanty.

"It is a terrible thing. We are still trying to get our hands on the whole matter," he said. Zziwa was transferred to Nebbi District two months ago.

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## Petroleum consumption increases in Thailand

**BANGKOK, 25 Dec— Thailand's overall consumption of petroleum products, excluding that in the petrochemical industry, increased by 3.2 per cent in the first 10 months of this year although demand for gasoline continued to drop, according to the country's petroleum giant, PTT Public Company Limited (PTT).**

During the January-October period, the country's demand for petroleum products, including oil and national gas, stood at 1.164 million barrels per day, a 3.2-per-cent increase from the same period of last year, PTT's Vice-President for Corporate Relations Saran Rangkasiri was quoted by the *Thai News Agency* as saying on Saturday.

Demand for oil totaled 722,700 barrels per day,

1.6-per-cent increase from the same period of last year, while demand for national gas rose to 441,600 barrels per day, a surge of 6.1 per cent, he said.

Among oil products, total consumption of gasoline alone dropped to 124,900 barrels per day, or 5.7 per cent on a year-on-year basis, while demand for diesel rose by 2.9 per cent on a year-on-year basis to 340,800 barrel per day, he said.

Demand for natural gas for vehicles jumped by 99.6 per cent during the period although its volume still stood at only 1,000 barrels per day, while consumption of Liquefied Petroleum Gas, a mixture of propane and butane gases primarily used for cooking but a number of public cars use it as an alternative fuel to gasoline or diesel, surged by 6.7 per cent to 73,200 barrels per day.

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## Colombia finds bomb materials near Uribe farm

**BOGOTA (Colombia), 25 Dec— Colombian soldiers found a bag of bombmaking materials, including 11 pounds (5 kilos) of C4 explosive, near the farm where President Alvaro Uribe was spending the night, a presidential spokesman said on Saturday.**

A neighbour warned the Army on Friday that there was a mysterious bag near the road that Uribe likes to jog on when he visits the farm, the spokesman said.

Uribe, a Washington ally who has been targeted for assassination many times by Marxist guerillas, left the farm, located in the northwest town of Monteria in Cordoba Province, on Saturday

morning. He planned to spend Christmas with his family at another farm he owns in his home province of Antioquia.

Officials declined to say who they think left the materials, which included wires and detonators, 440 yards (400 metres) from the farm and 33 yards (30 metres) from the road Uribe jogs along.

MNA/Reuters

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Chinese film house listed in "Guinness Book of World Records"

BEIJING, 25 Dec — A century-old cinema in Beijing was listed in the Guinness Book of World Records for having been screening films for a hundred years.

Shanghai Guinness Book of World Records centre declared the information on Friday.

Daguanlou Film House is acclaimed as the birthplace of Chinese film. One hundred years ago, Ren Qingtai, owner of a photo shop, produced and screened China's first film, featuring Beijing Opera performance, at the house.

In the past century, the movie house witnessed the earliest staging of Chinese silent films in 1905 and sound films in 1927.

In 1960, Daguanlou was renovated into the first cinema in Beijing for wide-screen Three-D films.

Daguanlou has been undergoing a thorough renovation to fully restore its original appearance featuring the archi-

ture of the Qing Dynasty (1368-1644).

Beijing's first association of film fans was set up at the film house on the same day.

The association plans to hold various activities at the cinema, including film premieres, film review exchanges, and meetings between fans and stars, in a bid to boost the century-old cinema.

MNA/Xinhua



Chinese visitors view ice and snow sculptures during an ice-snow sculpture exposition in Harbin, northeast China's Heilongjiang Province, on 25 Dec, 2005. The event is part of the city's annual ice-snow festival, planned to officially start from 5 January.—INTERNET

Malaysia to start trial use of biofuel on roads next year

KUALA LUMPUR, 26 Dec.— Malaysian state-owned diesel-powered transport vehicles, Army trucks and the plantation industry will begin to use biodiesel on a trial basis, local newspaper reported on Sunday.

Biofuel would make its debut in sectors under three ministries — Defence, Transport, and Plantation, the New Sunday Times said.

Plantation Industries and Commodities Minister Chin Fah Kui said that the move is a preparatory measure taken by the government before the "green oil" is fully commercialized and ready for general use from 1 January, 2007.

The year 2006 would be trial period to identify any problems with biofuel, he said. Selected public buses, taxis and Army trucks and four-wheel drive vehicles will use biofuel, while palm oil millers will feed their generators with the fuel to power their mills.

Malaysia started work on biodiesel two decades ago, but the idea for the country to use palm oil to power machines came not

very long ago when crude oil prices on the world market soared higher and higher. Malaysia is the world's leading producer of palm oil, which brings about 30 billion ringgit in revenues to the country a

year. Envisioning a rosy prospect for palm oil-based biofuel in the future, Malaysia's major plantation companies currently have acted quickly to draw up plans to venture into biofuel.—MNA/Xinhua



Baishiyao Dam on the North River is seen in this picture taken in Yingde, south China's Guangdong Province, on 22 Dec, 2005.

INTERNET

Iron ore deposits found on Qinghai-Tibet Plateau

CHENGDU, 25 Dec — China's newest geographic survey on the Qinghai-Tibet Plateau, dubbed as the Roof of the World, has led to finding of three large iron-rich ore deposits, a senior survey official said here on Saturday.

"Each of the three deposits boasts a potential reserve of more than 50 million tons, with that of the largest exceeding 100 million tons," said Zhang Hongtao, deputy director of the China Geological Survey Bureau.

China produced 29

per cent of world steel in 2004, but 90 per cent of the iron ore it needs has to be imported due to short of resources, which forced the country to accept a 71.5-per-cent rise in the iron ore price this spring.

The newly found iron ore deposits are ex-

pected to help ease domestic supply and boost the development of China's vast west region.

Zhang disclosed at a meeting on their survey results that the Qinghai-Tibet Plateau is also rich in oil resources, with potential reserve estimated at

more than 10 billion tons.

Widely recognized as the world's third pole, the Qinghai-Tibet Plateau covers an area of 1.52 million square kilometres, almost one sixth of China's territory.

MNA/Xinhua

South Pole explorer Vaughan dies at 100

ANCHORAGE (Alaska), 25 Dec.— Norman Vaughan, an adventurer whose eight-decade career spanned the early exploration of Antarctica to dog-mushing feats in his later years in Alaska, died at an Anchorage hospital on Friday, four days after his 100th birthday.

As a young man, Vaughan left Harvard University to work as a dog handler and driver during Admiral Richard Byrd's 1928 expedition to the South Pole. He

later raced sled dogs in the 1932 Winter Olympics and used dog teams to recover downed Allied aircraft and crew members in Greenland during World War II.

Vaughan later moved to Alaska, where he competed in the famous Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race about a dozen times. He finished the 1,100-mile race six times, the last at age 85.

Vaughan also organized an annual tour along part of the Iditarod Trail that commemorates the delivery of diphtheria serum in 1925 to the

stricken city of Nome.

At 88, he scaled a 10,302-foot peak on Antarctica that was named for him by Byrd.

Vaughan became an Alaska icon and was often referred to as "Colonel Vaughan", in reference to his US Air Force years.

Vaughan "lived a lifetime of achievements that most people only dream about", said a statement released by Anchorage Mayor Mark Begich. "Colonel Vaughan is truly one of the most inspirational people we'll ever know."— MNA/Reuters

China turn out first batch of rails for fast train

CHENGDU, 25 Dec.— China's first 1,500 tons of rails that can accommodate trains travelling at 350 kilometres per hour rolled off the mill and have passed quality appraisal, experts said Saturday.

The rails, produced in the Panzhihua Iron and Steel Co, a major steel production base in Sichuan Province, southwest China, are each 100-metre long and weigh 60 kilos per metre, will soon be transported to Xi'an in neighbouring Shaanxi Province for the construction of a test fast train section, said experts with China's rail science research institutes, which conducted the quality test.

With China's rapid economic and social development, railway construction will enter of period of boom between now and 2020, when the total length of railways in operation across the country is expected to extend from 73,000 kilometres to 100,000 kilometres.

The Chinese-made rails for fast trains will help boost the construction of 11 high-speed passenger rail lines, according to industry insiders.—MNA/Xinhua

## SPORTS



A dome-shaped building is completed to be wrapped with a tarp that looks like a soccer ball on 24 Dec, 2005 in Shanghai, China. The ball wrapping starts officially today 24th Dec until 14 Jan, 2006 as a part of the Adidas' World Cup Soccer promotions.

INTERNET

## Kenya's female boxer wins WBF middleweight world title

NAIROBI, 26 Dec — Thousands of spectators on Saturday exploded into thunderous applause as Kenya's Conjestina Achieng easily stopped Argentine Guillermina Fernandez to lay hands on the World Boxing Federation (WBF) middleweight world title, local newspaper reported Sunday.

According to newspaper *The Sunday Standard*, the venue for the historic match that later turned into a mismatch was the Kenyatta International Conference Centre Plenary Hall in Nairobi where Kenya's first pro-boxing bout in post-independent Kenya was staged in 1983.

It took Achieng just 1 minute and 42 seconds to silence the Argentine after a flurry of punches that prompted coach Carlos

Herrera to throw in the towel.

Fans felt cheated by the Argentine's flair and pace as she at no time posed threat to the Kenyan glamour girl.

Guillermina did not look like a boxer and was backtracking all the way as if to shirk from Achieng's onslaught.

At first, Achieng played it cool but exploded with a series of devastating shots that slumped the Argentine to the canvass.

Guillermina survived the mandatory count and rose to her feet. Little did she know the deadly shots that were on the way.

A few seconds later, Achieng bombarded her opponent with swift left and right deliveries that sent her reeling on the ropes.

"It was just as I had predicted that she would kiss the canvass soon after the opening gong. I had trained for six months and I am now calling on the big girls of the middleweight to come forward and challenge me. They have been avoiding me all through but now their days are numbered," a jubilant Achieng said.

Achieng, who lost two of her titles early last month, said the WBF would open doors for bigger fights abroad.

She is planned to fight American Yvonne Reiss for the World Boxing Council world title in March in Nairobi.

MNA/Xinhua

## Di Stefano in serious condition

MADRID, 26 Dec — Real Madrid legend Alfredo Di Stefano, who led the Spanish giants to five consecutive European Cups between 1956 and 1960 and eight Spanish league, is in serious condition after suffering a heart attack.

Local reports said Sunday that Di Stefano, 79, is in need of by-pass surgery.

Di Stefano "is suffering from an acute heart condition with a ventricular malfunction requiring a by-pass", the hospital statement which appeared on Real Madrid's official website reported.

The dual European Footballer of the Year (1957/59) suffered the heart attack in the early hours of Saturday morning.—MNA/Xinhua

## German Toppmoeller becomes Georgia's national soccer team coach

MOSCOW, 26 Dec — German Klaus Toppmoeller will be Georgia's national soccer team coach for the next two years, Nodar Akhalkatsy, president of the Georgian soccer federation, said on Sunday.

The German would sign a formal contract within two weeks, Akhalkatsy told reporters.

Toppmoeller will replace caretaker coach Gaioz Darsadze, who quit following a poor World Cup qualifying campaign in which the Georgians finished second from bottom of European Group Two.

Toppmoeller, 54, has been out of work since October 2004 when he was

fired by Bundesliga club Hamburg SV after a string of poor results.

He was named German Coach of the Year in 2002 after leading Bayer Leverkusen to the Champions League finals, the German Cup and second place in the Bundesliga. But the next season proved to be disappointing and Toppmoeller was sacked by Leverkusen in February 2003.

MNA/Xinhua

## Vidic set for Manchester United move

LONDON, 26 Dec — Manchester United have agreed an undisclosed fee with Spartak Moscow for defender Nemanja Vidic, the Premier League club announced on its website.

The Serbia and Montenegro international is expected to complete the move when the transfer window opens on 1 January.

"Nemanja is a quick, aggressive centre-half and at 24 will be a terrific addition to the squad," United manager Alex Ferguson was quoted as saying on the club's website on Sunday.

Media reports suggest the fee to be around seven million pounds (12.14 million US dollars). Vidic was captain of his first club Red Star Belgrade before moving to Spartak in 2004.

The 24-year-old attracted interest from Serie A, and was reportedly also tracked by Arsenal and Liverpool.

MNA/Reuters

## Polar Star over Chinese basketball

BEIJING, 26 Dec — Chinese men's basketball team won the Asian championship and its women's Under-20 side took the best ever finish — a fourth place — in the world championships in 2005, neither of which, however, created much attention in the country.

Li Yuanwei, executive vice-president of the Chinese Basketball Association, said these achievements were the key to the Chinese basketball reform in the year of 2005. "I cannot imagine how many difficulties we would have met for the reform if we hadn't achieved those good results," said Li, also director of the Chinese Basketball Administration Centre. Li called the year of 2005 the "Executive Year" of the "Polar Star Project", which was launched in the 2005-06 season of the Chinese Basketball Association league (CBA) in November.

The project is aiming to create more space to the sports market, leaving less power to the governmental bureau.

A CBA Office is set up to take charge of the domestic leagues of men and

women, with the Swiss marketing company, Infront Ltd, entering to become the marketing agent of the leagues.

The CBA received at least 6.5 million US dollars annually from Infront, an amount which almost doubles the highest-paid contract for the league in the past decade.

The National Basketball Association (NBA) is vying against Infront for the promoting right of the Chinese national team for the next three years.

A basketball institution has been founded and a new website is on the wing. "The reform is to put the Chinese basketball on the right track, not just for some good results at the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games," Li said.

MNA/Xinhua



Gold medallist Fumie Suguri (L) of Japan waves to the audience with compatriots silver medallist Mao Asada (C) and bronze medallist Shizuka Arakawa during a victory run after winning the women's singles at Japan Figure Skating Championships 2005 in Tokyo, on 25 Dec, 2005.—INTERNET

## Preserved remains of dodos found in Mauritius

AMSTERDAM, 26 Dec — A mass grave of dodos, the famous flightless bird whose name became synonymous with stupidity, has been uncovered in Mauritius, scientists said. The rare find will enable researchers to discover more about what happened to the bird, native to the Indian Ocean Island, which became ex-

tinct in the late 17th century.

Scientists from the Dutch Natural History Museum in Leiden said the remains were at least 2,000 years old.

"This new find will allow for the first scientific research into and reconstruction of the world in which the dodo lived, before Western man landed

on Mauritius and wiped out the species," said a statement from the museum.

The dodo was discovered by Portuguese sailors in the late 16th century. Its lack of fear of humans, its plump size estimated at about 20 kilos and its inability to fly meant the bird became extinct by about 1680.

MNA/Reuters

# Fossil smuggling likely to face serious legal punishment

**BEIJING, 26 Dec — Smuggling of fossils of ancient vertebrate animals and ancient men is expected to face fixed-term imprisonment or even death penalty in China.**

China's top legislature on Saturday started to discuss a draft judicial interpretation on Criminal Law applications in

smuggling, destroying, illegal selling and transferring fossils of ancient vertebrate animals and ancient men.

The fossils will be put under protection as same as cultural relics in China, if the judicial interpretation is approved

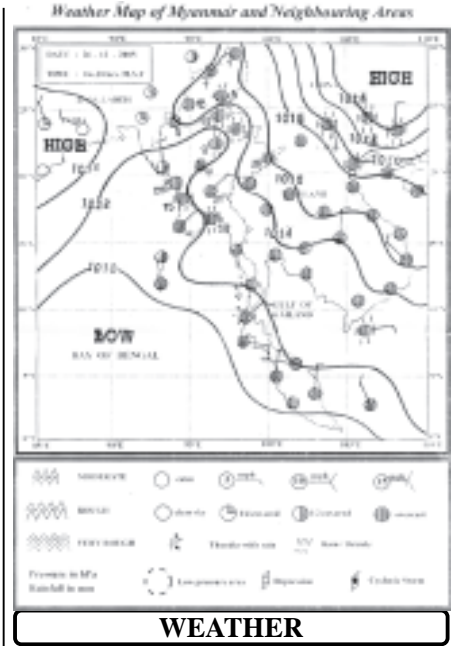
at the 19th session of the Standing Committee of the 10th National People's Congress (NPC), which is held here from 24 to 29 December.

The Criminal Law of China stipulates that smuggling, theft, destroying, illegal selling and transferring cultural relics will face imprisonment or even death penalty if the case is very serious.

An Jian, vice-director of the Commission of Legislative Affairs of the NPC Standing Committee, said that in judicial practice, there are different understandings on whether the provisions on cultural relics in the Criminal Law also apply to fossils of ancient vertebrate animals and ancient men.

Therefore, the Supreme People's Court and other related departments suggested the NPC Standing Committee make judicial interpretation on it, An said.

MNA/Xinhua



## WEATHER

Monday, 26 December, 2005

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Taninthayi Division, rain or thundershowers have been scattered in Rakhine and Mon States and widespread in the remaining areas. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Kachin and Rakhine States, lower Sagaing, Mandalay, Ayeyawady and Bago Divisions, (7°C) to (8°C) above normal in Shan, Kayah and Mon States and about normal in the remaining areas. The significant night temperature was Haka (4°C). The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Theinzayat (1.26) inches, Kengtung (1.18) inches, Katha (1.14) inches, Yangon (Mingaladon) (1.06) inches, Kanbulu (0.99) inch, Yangon (Kaba-Aye) and Thaton (0.90) inch each, Yangon (Central) (0.86) inch, Mogok, Taungoo and Kyaukpypu (0.83) inch each.

Maximum temperature on 25-12-2005 was 81°F. Minimum temperature on 26-12-2005 was 61°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hrs MST on 26-12-2005 was 96%. Total sunshine hours on 25-12-2005 was nil.

Rainfalls on 26-12-2005 were (1.06) inches at Mingaladon, (0.90) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.86) inch at central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2005 were (106.14) inches at Mingaladon, (105.43) inches at Kaba-Aye and (109.92) inches at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (15) mph from Northwest at (15:30) hours MST on 25-12-2005.

**Bay inference:** Weather is partly cloudy in the Andaman Sea and Southeast Bay and generally fair elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

**Forecast valid until evening of 27-12-2005:** Isolated rain or thundershowers are likely in Kachin and Chin States, upper Sagaing Division, scattered in Rakhine, Shan and Kayah States, lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (60%).

**State of the sea:** Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times Deltaic, Gulf of Mottama off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) to (40) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

**Outlook for subsequent two days:** Continuation of likelihood of rain or thundershowers in lower Myanmar areas.

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 27-12-2005:** Some rain. Degree of certainty is (80%). **Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 27-12-2005:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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- ၈။ စိုက်ပျိုးဖြစ်ထွန်းနေသော သီးနှံများတွင် ရာသီဥတုဖောက်ပြန်မှုကြောင့် ပိုးမွှားရောဂါကျရောက်၍ ပျက်စီးမှုမရှိအောင် ဂရုပြုကြည့်ရှုပြီး လိုအပ်ပါက မြန်မာစိုက်ပျိုးရေးလုပ်ငန်းနှင့် အမြန်ဆုံးဆက်သွယ်ဆောင်ရွက်ရန်။
- ၉။ တောင်သူလယ်သမားများအနေဖြင့် လိုအပ်သော အကူအညီများ ရှိပါက စီမံကိန်းတိုင်း၊ ခရိုင်၊ မြို့နယ်စိုက်ပျိုးရေးလုပ်ငန်း ညှိနှိုင်းမှုကော်မတီများနှင့် ဆက်သွယ်ဆောင်ရွက်ကြရန် နှိုးဆော်ပါသည်။

လယ်ယာစိုက်ပျိုးရေးနှင့် ဆည်မြောင်းဝန်ကြီးဌာန



### Tuesday, 27 December Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music: -Here & now
- 8:50 am National news & Slogan
- 9:00 am Music: -Life is so short
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music
- 1:30 pm News & Slogan
- 1:40 pm Lunch time music -Coming closer -Sing
- 9:00 pm English Speaking Course Level-II Unit(22)
- 9:10 pm Article/Music
- 9:25 pm Weekly sport reel
- 9:35 pm Music for your listening pleasure -Let it be me
- 9:45 pm News & Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL



### Tuesday, 27 December View on today

- 7:00 am 1. ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃာ မဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ချုပ်၊ အဘိဓမ္မမဟာရဋ္ဌဂုဗ္ဗ၊ အဘိဓမ္မအဂ္ဂမဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မဇောတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ မွေဘုရားဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော် ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်
- 7:25 am 2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am 3. Morning news
- 7:40 am 4. Nice and sweet song
- 7:50 am 5. တမ္ပာပန်းဥယျာဉ်
- 8:00 am 6. အထူးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:05 am 7. Song of yesteryears

- 8:15 am 8. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:20 am 9. မိုးယွန်းကြီးအင်းရေထိန်းတံခါး
- 8:30 am 10. International news
- 8:45 am 11. Let's Go
- 4:00 pm 1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm 2. Song to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 am 3. English for Everyday Use
- 4:40 am 4. အချိန်ပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 4:45 pm 5. အထူးသင်တန်းသို့လုပ်ညွှာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ ဝလမနစ် (ရွာပေဒေအထူးပြု) (ရွာပေဒေ)
- 5:00 pm 6. Dance of national race
- 5:05 pm 7. နံ့စားနားဆင်တေးဇာတ်ဝင်
- 5:15 pm 8. သားငါးဖွဲ့ပြီး ပြည်အကျိုး
- 5:25 pm 9. (၅၈)နှစ်ပြောက် လွတ်လပ်ရေးနေ့ ဝတ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်
- 5:35 pm 10. ဆိုကြမ်းဖျော်ကြမ်းမယ်
- 6:00 pm 11. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ရယ်ရင်ဆော့ပြေးပုရွက်ဆိတ်လေး" (အပိုင်း-၅၀)
- 6:30 pm 12. Evening news
- 7:00 pm 13. Weather report
- 7:05 pm 14. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "အချစ်လှေကားထစ်လေးများ" (အပိုင်း-၂၇)
- 7:35 pm 15. ရုလားနာမာနှင့် ဆေးနည်းဆေးပင်များ
- 7:45 pm 16. အချစ်အခြားအာကာ အစွန့်ရှည်ကြာ နိုင်မာစေမို့ ခိုရှေ့ရှု "မြောင်းလဲသစ်လွင် ယနေ့ ယုတ္တရေတိုးတက်မှုအစီအစဉ်"
- 8:00 pm 17. News
- 18. International news.
- 19. Weather report.
- 20. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်သူ့လက်ဆောင်" (အပိုင်း-၂၂)
- 21. 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

**Foundry of Mandalay Tawwin Industry Co Ltd receives order for 97 items of machinery from ministries and private industries**

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At the foundry shop, Senior General Than Shwe and party inspected machinery and parts of machinery produced by the foundry.

Chairman of Mandalay Tawwin Industry Co Ltd U Aung Win Khaing, officials and Secretary of the Industrial Development Committee reported on production of parts of machinery and agricultural implements.

Senior General Than Shwe and party went to Machine Shop-2 and inspected manufactured machinery and production of parts of machinery.

At the Forging Shop, Senior General Than Shwe urged officials concerned to make efforts for

improvement of quality of products and for production of high-tech machinery. He also called for collaborative efforts of industrialists for extended production of machines.

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Afterwards, Senior General Than Shwe and



Senior General Than Shwe inspects products of Mandalay Industrial Zone 2. — MNA

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party inspected upgrading of roads in Mandalay and beautifying tasks along the moat in a motorcade.

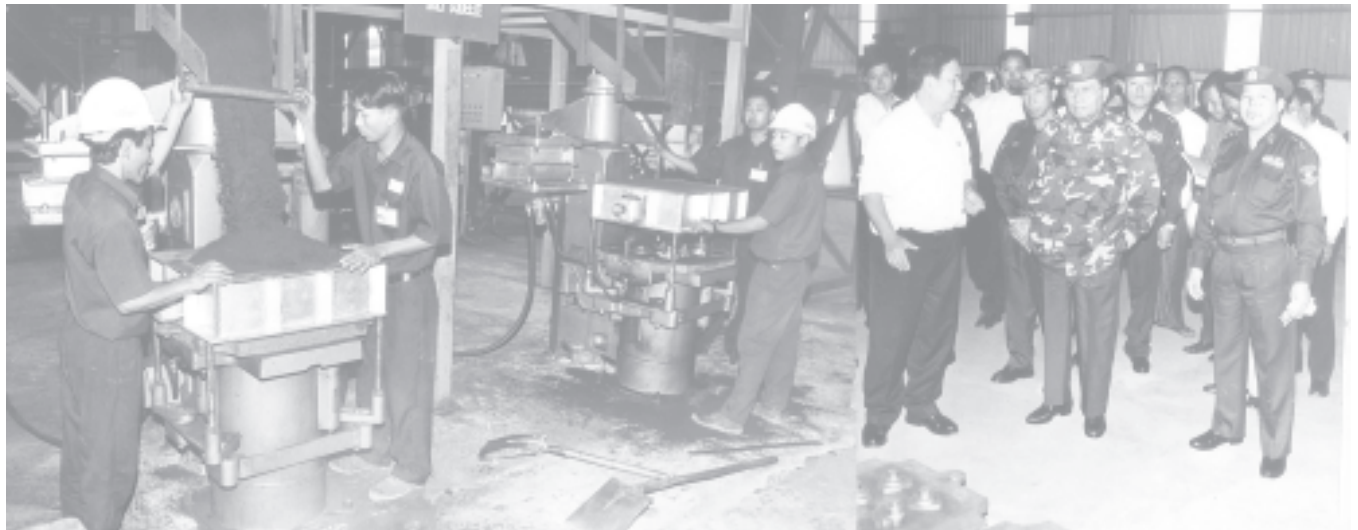
Senior General Than Shwe and party this morning arrived at Maha Lawka Marazein Kuthodaw Pagoda in (See page 7)

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*The State Constitution would have been completed and the multi-party democracy system would have been translated into reality by now had the NLD cooperated with positive attitude in the tasks in the interests of the nation and the people. However, due to the acts of the NLD, the political development of Myanmar has been delayed unnecessarily.*

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Senior General Than Shwe inspects production process of a foundry in Mandalay Industrial Zone 2. — MNA