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A great number of medicines of Myanmar origin will emerge if medical scientists can find out potent medicinal plants used by forefathers

All the Tatmadaw's endeavours are for Our Three Main National Causes



Senior General Than Shwe addresses the graduation parade of the 7th Intake of the Defence Services Medical Academy. — MNA

YANGON, 28 Dec —

The following is a translation of the address delivered by Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe at the graduation parade of the 7th Intake of the Defence Services Medical Academy:

I will now tell you what you should know at the graduation parade of the 7th Intake of Defence Services Medical Academy.

The academy's aim is to produce good Tatmadaw medical officers endowed
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Excerpts

- As you are the gallant soldiers of the medical corps you are fully equipped with physical and mental ability for battle victory and the medical practitioners who will further glorify the Tatmadaw's prestige.
- You must have the fighting spirit. You should have the ability to show your courage in accord with the motto — charge bravely, fight with valour and crush the enemy daringly.
- Military doctors are to serve the interest of the people by taking care of health of rural people while they are in far-flung areas.
- Efforts are to be made for raising of rural socio-economic life while implementing the five rural development tasks.

Senior General Than Shwe delivers address at graduation parade of 7th Intake of DSMA

YANGON, 28 Dec — The graduation parade of the 7th Intake of Defence Services Medical Academy was held at the parade ground of the DSMA here today, with an address by Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe.

Also present on the occasion were Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence, Prime Minister General Soe Win, Secretary-1 of

the State Peace and Development Council Adjutant General Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Members of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win, Quartermaster-General Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Chief of Armed Forces Training Lt-Gen Aung Htwe and Lt-Gen Tin Aye of the Ministry of Defence, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat

Hein, Commander of Yangon Command Lt-Gen Myint Swe, ministers, Military Appointment General Maj-Gen Hsan Hsint, Judge Advocate-General Maj-Gen Soe Maung, Inspector-General of Defence Services Maj-Gen Thein Htaik, senior military officers and directors of the Ministry of Defence, deputy ministers, Commandant of DSMA Brig-Gen Min Thein and
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The graduation parade of the 7th Intake of the Defence Services Medical Academy in progress. — MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Strive for the National Convention to be a success

The Tatmadaw Government is making every endeavour to build a peaceful, modern and discipline-flourishing democracy desired by the national peoples in accordance with the seven-point Road Map for the future of the nation. The Road Map is designed to achieve two of the four political objectives the Tatmadaw Government is translating into reality — emergence of a new enduring State Constitution and building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution.

The National Convention, the first and most important stage of the seven-point policy programme, is being convened by the government, the people and the Tatmadaw in the interests of the nation. The meeting No. 10/2005 of the National Convention Convening Commission was held in the Anawrahta Yeiktha at Nyaungnabin Camp in Hmawby Township on the morning of 27 December and it was attended by the Chairman of the Commission Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein.

In his address at the meeting, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein said that the National Convention had been held for about a month and that it had been making progress due to the systematic measures taken by the NCCC, the Work Committee and the Management Committee and the delegates to the National Convention taking part in it with national awareness.

Now the eight delegate groups are discussing and making suggestions regarding the findings by the Work Committee Chairman about connections between the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, the Pyithu Hluttaw, the Amyotha Hluttaw, the Region and State Hluttaws to be included in the legislative sector of the State Constitution and they are about to finish compiling packages of suggestions to be read out at the plenary meetings.

The NCCC will have to make sure that discussions on the laying down of basic principles and detailed basic principles are in accordance with the objectives of the National Convention. Everything is going smoothly as the Management Committee and sub-committees are systematically and carefully carrying out their tasks. The National Convention is a noble work of nation-building. It represents the entire national peoples and reflects the wishes of the people and the national essence. Delegates from all walks of life and political parties are holding discussions and laying down the foundations of the future state. We believe that all those concerned will continue working till the National Convention is a total success.

Radios donated to libraries in Kayan Township

YANGON, 28 Dec — Wellwishers donated radios to self-reliant libraries in Kayan Township, Yangon South District, on 26 December.

At the donation ceremony held at the Kayan Township Information and Public Relations Department, on behalf of wellwishers, Daw Yi Yi Lwin of the township IPRD handed over 16 radios to responsible persons of village libraries.

They also discussed the sustainable development of self-reliant libraries in the township.

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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

4th AGM of MITC held



CPT Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw addresses the 4th Annual General Meeting of Myanmar Info-Tech Corporation Ltd for 2004-2005. —MNA

YANGON, 28 Dec — Myanmar Info-Tech Corporation Ltd held its 4th Annual General Meeting 2004-05 this morning at Myanmar Info-Tech building in Hline Township with an address by Chairman of e-National Task Force Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw.

It was attended by members of e-National Task Force, chairman and members of Board of Directors of Myanmar Info-Tech Corporation Ltd, share hold-

ers and guests.

Chairman of Myanmar Info-Tech Corporation Ltd U Thein Oo presided over the meeting.

At the meeting, officials read out the report of the board of directors, the financial report and the audit report.

The annual general meeting ended with concluding remarks by the meeting chairman.

MNA

Soe Kyaw Naing leads second day events of Professional Golfers



YANGON, 28 Dec — The fourth leg of Air Bagan Myanmar Golf Tour 2005-06 organized by Myanmar PGA and Myanmar Golf Federation and mainly sponsored by Air Bagan Ltd continued today at Bagan Resort Golf Club in NyaungU Township, Mandalay Division.

After the 18-hole events, Soe Kyaw Naing of Srixon leads the Professional Golfers events with 138 strokes. The runner up was Zaw Zin Win of Srixon with 141 strokes. Hla Myo of Srixon followed the runner up with 142 strokes.

Kyaw Thiha leads the amateur events with 150 strokes and Naing Naing Lin, Aung Win (Monywa) and Tun Kyaw Moe finished the runners-up behind the

leader with 151 strokes each. Htay Aung Htay took the third place with 154 strokes.

In the second day's amateur events, Derek Htet Doe scored an ace from 157 yards at the 4th hole while playing with golf ball Bridgestone No-1 using Maruman Iron No-9. His rivals at the time were Ye Aung and Tun Tun.

The main sponsor of the Golf Tour is Air Bagan and official bank is KBZ Bank Ltd.

The co-sponsors are Myanmar Brewery Ltd, Myanmar Treasure Resort Hotel, Aureum Palace Hotel Resort, Srixon, Jade Land Myanmar Co.Ltd, Kachin Golfers Group, Max Myanmar Co.Ltd, London, Imperial Jade Drinking Water and Bagan Resort Golf Club and Han Event Management.

The Golf Tour continues tomorrow at the same venue. — MNA

Talks on Myanmar woman writers held

YANGON, 28 Dec — Talks on Myanmar woman writers organized by social and cultural working committee under the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation, took place at No 1 BEHS in Kamayut Township on 22 December.

Leader of the working committee Daw Sandar Aung made an opening speech and Prof Daw Khin Swe Myint of Myanmar Department of Yangon University gave a talk on Myanmar woman writers.

MNA

Hole-in-one

YANGON, 28 Dec — Executive Research Officer U Thet Wai of MOGE scored an ace from 173 yards using Titleist Nxt Tour No-4 ball at the hole No 3 while playing together with partners Prof Khin Maung Win (Liver), Prof Khin Maung Aye (Heart Operation) and U Phone Thaw Aye at Panhlaing Golf Course on 25 December morning.

MNA



Myanmar selected golfer Zaw Zin Win tees off a ball from hole No 1 at Air Bagan Golf Tour.

MGF

Russia, OPEC vow to enhance cooperation in energy security

Moscow, 27 Dec—Russia and the Organization of Petroleum-Exporting Countries (OPEC) pledged on Monday to enhance their dialogue aimed at ensuring market stability and energy security.

During talks with visiting OPEC President Sheikh Ahmad Fahad Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, who is also Kuwait's Energy Minister, Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov hailed Russia's cooperation with Kuwait and OPEC and expressed the hope that cooperation with OPEC "will help reach balanced agreements, which meet the interests of both energy producers and consumers."

Energy security will figure high on the agenda of the upcoming summit

of the Group of Eight (G-8) industrialized countries as Russia takes over the G-8 presidency on 1 January, Lavrov said.

Russia is the world's second-largest crude oil producer and exporter and the number-one gas producer and exporter.

At a meeting with Industry and Energy Minister Viktor Khristenko, where Russia and OPEC set up the framework of their energy dialogue, Sheikh Ahmad said an enhanced dialogue

among producers, in particular between Russia and OPEC, "will benefit globally both producers and consumers, contribute immensely to market stability and improve energy security."

"It will assure consumers, especially those in developing countries with rising demand, of assured and reliable oil and gas supplies to fuel their economic development in the twenty first century," he said.—MNA/Xinhua



Chinese fishermen throw fish into the sky during the celebration of a winter fishing festival at Chagan Lake in northeast China's Jilin Province, on 27 Dec, 2005. — INTERNET

Vietnam strives to curb population growth

HANOI, 27 Dec— Vietnam has targeted to lower its birth rate by 0.04 per cent in 2006 so that the country's population will stand at nearly 84.2 million in the year, local newspaper *Vietnam News* reported on Monday.

To this end, Vietnam is focusing on developing campaigns to strengthen family planning services nationwide, especially in regions with high birth rates, and high percentages of families having three children. It is also paying more attention to underprivileged children who are prone to sexual abuse.

Over the past two years, Vietnam has poured 67.3 billion Vietnamese dong

(VND) (over 4.2 million US dollars) into campaigns on expanding family planning services which have reached 75.6 per cent of its population of more than 83 million.

Over four million local people used contraception in the first 11 months of 2005, ahead the year's target, said the report.

Vietnam plans to pour some 3.5 trillion VND (220.1 million dollars) into curbing population

growth and improving population quality from 2006 to 2010. The money will be mainly used to ensure that each couple to have no more than two children in each family so that the population will remain stable at around 88 million by 2010.

MNA/Xinhua

Iran says does not need permission for nuclear work

KABUL, 27 Dec— Iran is ready to discuss its nuclear programme with any country, but that does not mean it is asking for permission for access to nuclear technology, Iran's Foreign Minister said on Monday.

Iran's right to peaceful nuclear technology was supported by "many countries of the world",

Manouchehr Mottaki told a news conference during a one-day visit to the Afghan capital, Kabul.

"We do not accept global nuclear 'apartheid' and scientific 'apartheid'," Mottaki said.

Iran was ready to discuss its programme. "But that does not mean that we are waiting for any

country's permission for the right of the Iranian nation and the Islamic Republic to enjoy nuclear technology," he said.

Iran insists on its right to produce enriched uranium, vital for nuclear power plants or bombs, but swears its goal is solely to fuel an energy-hungry economy.

MNA/Reuters

One killed, five wounded in Toronto shooting

OTTAWA, 27 Dec—At least six people were shot Monday on a busy downtown street in Canada's bustling commercial city of Toronto, leaving one dead and two others fatally wounded.

Shots that rang out from a passing BMW killed one instantly and wounded five at about 5:15 pm local time on Yonge Street near the popular Eaton Centre shopping mall, which was crowded with Boxing Day shoppers, local media reported.

Four were taken to hospital and another person suffered minor injuries that did not require hospital treatment, witnesses said. A report by Canadian Press said one of the wounded was an off-duty police officer who was shot in the leg.

Two suspects were arrested and at least one firearm was seized a short time later at a nearby subway station, police said. Police could not immediately confirm whether the victims were targeted or injured by random gunfire.

"Someone said they were shot and everyone went to the back of the store," said Magnolia Sandoval, an employee at a camera store.

Another witness said he saw two men in a BMW leaning out the windows and firing shots.

Emergency vehicles were crowded around the scene, which was cordoned off with yellow police tape.

MNA/Xinhua



Iraqi firemen hose down a road after a series of car bomb attacks in central Baghdad, on 26 Dec, 2005. Four car bombs went off in quick succession across Baghdad. —INTERNET

Two US soldiers killed in Baghdad on Christmas Day

BAGHDAD, 27 Dec— Two US soldiers were killed on Sunday, the Christmas Day, in separate roadside bomb attacks targeting at US military convoys in Baghdad, the US military said on Monday.

A soldier assigned to Task Force Baghdad was killed when an improvised explosive device detonated near his patrol in Baghdad on Sunday, the US military said in a statement.

Another soldier from Task Force Baghdad died of wounds sustained in a roadside bomb blast in Baghdad on Sunday, the military said in a separate statement.— MNA/Xinhua

Four injured in roadside explosion in N Afghanistan

KABUL, 27 Dec—At least two Dutch soldiers and two Afghan citizens were injured in a roadside explosion in the northern Afghan province of Baghlano on Monday morning, said an Afghan official.

"At around 11 am this morning, the roadside bomb went off in the Baghlan City when several foreign vehicles passing by," Baghlan Governor Mohammad Alam Rasikh told *Xinhua*.

Those vehicles are belonging to the Provincial Reconstruction Team, and the investigation is underway, he said.

Taliban's spokesperson Doctor Hanif has claimed the responsibility for the attack.

MNA/Xinhua



People skate on the skating rink at the former coking plant Zollverein in Essen, western Germany, on 27 Dec, 2005. Until 29 Jan, 2006 people can skate on the artificial ice at the UNESCO World Cultural Heritage Site, where formerly coal was made to coke at more than 1000 degrees Celsius.—INTERNET

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China, Turkey vow to cement cooperation in public security

BEIJING, 27 Dec— Chinese State Councillor Zhou Yongkang met here on Monday with visiting Turkish Police Department Chief Gokhan Aydiner, calling for the two sides to strengthen cooperation in public security.

Zhou said that China's Ministry of Public Security and Turkish Interior Ministry have witnessed steady and effective cooperation, appreciating Turkey's position of not allowing any separatist activities against China.

China hopes that

Turkish police forces will continue to take measures to contain the secessionist activities against China and better protect the life and property of Chinese citizens in Turkey, Zhou said.

Aydiner expressed the hope that Turkey will improve the exchanges

and cooperation with China in fields such as anti-terrorism.

Aydiner was here to attend the second joint working group meeting between China's Ministry of Public Security and Turkish Interior Ministry.

MNA/Xinhua

Fireworks shop blast kills at least four in Venezuela

CARACAS (Venezuela), 27 Dec —At least four people were killed on Monday when a fireworks shop exploded in an eastern Venezuelan city amid booming fireworks sales for year-end festivities, rescue workers said.

Civil protection agency director Antonio Rivero said up to four other people were also feared dead, but firefighters could not immediately reach the area as fire raged on in the shop that also sold guns and ammunition.

He said they had managed to control most of the fire that spread

through the busy district in the city of Ciudad Guayana in Bolivar State after the blast, but not in the gun shop.

"There are cartridges there which pose a threat

to firefighters, who cannot complete the search for bodies right now. We understand that between four and eight people have died," Rivero said.

MNA/Reuters

Armed police to patrol 24 hours in London streets

LONDON, 27 Dec— Up to 200 extra armed police officers are to be deployed on the streets of London in response to rising gun crime and the shooting dead of a police woman in Bradford, northern England.

Under plans being drawn up by Scotland Yard, armed police units will be on patrol around the clock in trouble spots in the capital.

The changes would see the Metropolitan Police's firearms unit expanding from 700 to 900, the *Independent* newspaper reported on Monday.

The proposed increase follows an internal review at the Metropolitan Police. This was sparked partly by the shooting dead of Sharon Beshenivsky, an unarmed officer who was murdered after going to deal with a robbery in Bradford in November.

Ian Blair, Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, is also concerned about the continuing rise

in gun crime, which rose by 5 per cent in the past year in London.

Steve House, head of Metropolitan Police's central operations, which include the firearms unit, said: "We want firearms officers to be specialists. We are looking to see whether it should expand to a permanent armed presence in the boroughs."

Gun crime in London has increased by 5.3 per cent — up from 195 offenses to 3,903 — in the year up to November 2005 compared to the same period in 2004.

MNA/Xinhua

Two Iraqi soldiers killed south of Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 27 Dec— Mortar rounds landed at a military base in Baghdad on Sunday, killing two Iraqi soldiers, police source told *Xinhua*.

"This morning mortar rounds hit the gate of the base, about 30 kilometres south of Baghdad, wounding another nine, including three soldiers and six civilians," the source said.

In the same morning, a civilian worker from the Interior Ministry was killed by gunmen on his way to work in west of Baghdad.

MNA/Xinhua

Tsunami early-warning siren tested in Aceh

BANDA ACEH (Indonesia), 27 Dec— The tsunami early-warning siren, part of the tsunami early-warning system, was first tested here on Monday by President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono in Aceh Province, which was worst hit by the 26 December tsunami. The test of the device was carried out during the first year remembrance ceremony of the tsunami in Ulee Lheue Village, one of the seriously damaged areas in the provincial capital of Banda Aceh.

"This siren will alert the residents of the probability of impending disasters," Head of Aceh and Nias Reconstruction and Rehabilitation Agency (BRR) Kuntoro Mangkusubroto said in a Press release.

MNA/Xinhua

13 Iraqis wounded in car bomb attacks in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 27 Dec— Thirteen Iraqis were wounded in two separate car bomb attacks against Iraqi security forces in Baghdad on Monday, an Interior Ministry source told *Xinhua*.

"An explosive-laden car parking by the side of the Maghrib Street in central Baghdad hit a police patrol at about 10:40 am (0740 GMT), wounding five civilians and two policemen," the source said on condition of anonymity.

Earlier, the source said there were two car bombs involved in the blast.

Elsewhere in southern

Baghdad, another car bomb struck a police commando convoy at about 10:45 am (0745 GMT) in the Karrada District, the source said.

The attack wounded five civilians and a police

commando member, the source added.

The blast also led to some damages to several shops and buildings nearby, he said.

MNA/Xinhua

Iranian riot policemen march during a military parade in Teheran recently. The United States has imposed sanctions against nine companies from China, India and Austria for supplying Iran with military equipment and technology, the State Department said.

INTERNET



US investigators probe into X'mas shooting

WASHINGTON, 27 Dec— US police is investigating the motive of a man who killed four people and himself on the Christmas Day near Washington DC.

Police in the Fairfax County, Virginia, said Monday that the shooter had a history of mental problems, but they are still trying to determine

his motive for the rampage, according to reports of CNN.

On the Christmas Day Nathan W Cheatham, a Fairfax resident, shot his mother to death in the driveway of her home.

He then drove to the home of an acquaintance and killed three people there before turning the gun on himself.

Cheatham, 27, had been arrested on several occasions by Fairfax County police for what they described as minor infractions.

Before the shooting, he had been living with his mother for at least two weeks.

MNA/Xinhua

Susilo says Acehnese face golden chance for new life

BANDA ACEH, 27 Dec — Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono said here on Monday that the peace agreement between the government and the separatist Free Aceh Movement (GAM) gave an opportunity for the Acehnese to begin their new life with brighter future.

"It gives the Acehnese a golden chance to start a new life of dignity and reconciliation under a special autonomy within Indonesia," the President said during his speech at the one year commemoration of the tsunami disaster in one of the most seriously damaged area, Ulee Lheue Village, in Banda Aceh, capital of the province.

The settlement of the nearly three-decade conflict in Aceh was an example of how a new hope for peace could emerge upon the destruction by the tsunami last December.

"Let us be known from here on, the future of Aceh is not a future of blood and tears, but the future of swear and fortune," he said in front of the representatives of 54 countries and some 500

Acehnese.

The GAM had waged a guerrilla war since 1976. After the tsunami last year, both sides agreed to bring the settlement of the conflict to the negotiation table. Over 200,000 people were killed after tidal waves struck coastal areas of the province.

On 15 August, the two sides signed their peace pact in Helsinki, Finland. Under the peace deal,

GAM agreed to give up their pursuit for an independent state in Aceh and the government in return allowed them to form a political party to have a say in regional issues.

By the end of December, GAM had handed over all their weapons and the government withdrawn a lot of soldiers and police from the province.

MNA/Xinhua



Chinese special police take part in an exercise at a training base in Xiamen, in east China's Fujian Province, on 27 Dec, 2005. The 100-member-team, established in July, is tasked to deal with emergencies in the city. —INTERNET

Spain's Defence Chief unhurt in plane accident

MADRID, 27 Dec — Spanish Defence Minister Jose Bono emerged unhurt on Sunday after his plane overshot the runway when landing in the southern Bosnian city of Mostar, a Defence Ministry spokesman said on Monday.

None of the 59 people on board was reported injured when the C-130 Hercules transport plane landed 200 metres off the airstrip.

Most of the passengers were Bono's aides and Spanish journalists, said the spokesman who blamed bad weather for the accident.

MNA/Xinhua

Hundreds gather in northern Malaysia to mark tsunami

KUALA LUMPUR, 27 Dec — Hundreds of people, including foreign tourists, gathered at several beaches in Penang, the island state in northern Malaysia, to mark the tsunami that hit the areas on the same day one year ago.

A group of priests from a local temple led over a hundred devotees in prayers. The families and friends of the tsunami victims and survivors, lighting up candles and scattering flowers into the sea, also joined them at the Pasir Panjang beach on the island. On the occasion, a tourist from Sweden told local reporters there that he just wanted to pray and hoped the

disaster would not happen again.

A disastrous tsunami, which was triggered by a strong earthquake off Indonesia's Sumatra Island, struck a dozen countries around the Indian Ocean on 26 December 2004, including Malaysia, leaving more than 200,000 people dead across the region.

MNA/Xinhua

Two car bombs hit police patrols in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 27 Dec — Two car bombs blew off near police patrols in two separate incidents in Baghdad on Monday, killing an Iraqi civilian and wounding four other people including two policemen, a police source said.

"An explosive-laden car parking by the road struck a police patrol at about 9:45 am (0645 GMT) in al-Karrada District in southern Baghdad," Captain Ahmed Abdullah told

Xinhua.

Two policemen and one civilian were wounded in the blast, Abdullah said.

In a separate incident, another booby-trapped car parking at the al-Shareka Intersection in central Baghdad went off at about 10:00 am (0700 GMT) when a police patrol was passing by," Abdullah said.

A civilian was killed by the blast and another wounded, he added.

MNA/Xinhua

Policemen killed in guerilla attack northeast of Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 27 Dec — Five policemen were killed in a guerilla attack on a police checkpoint northeast of Baghdad early on Monday, according to reports reaching here.

The early morning attack took place in Buhriz, some 60 kilometres northeast of the capital Baghdad, as guerillas sprayed fire on a police checkpoint.

Five policemen were killed and at least three others injured in the fierce attack.

About six guerillas were also killed in the following exchange of fire with the police.

MNA/Xinhua

Bar fire kills 26, injures eight in south China city

GUANGZHOU, 26 Dec — Twenty-six people were confirmed dead and eight others injured when a bar caught fire on the night of Christmas in Zhongshan City, Guangdong Province, local police said on Monday.

All of the wounded are hospitalized. The fire broke out at around 11:00 Sunday night on Wenkang Road in Tanzhou Town of Zhongshan City, and was extinguished in 10 minutes. The cause of the fire is under investigation. — MNA/Xinhua

Train hits Finnish dog sleigh, two Italian teens dead

HELSINKI, 27 Dec — A train hit a dog sleigh in northern Finland on Monday, killing two Italian teenagers, a Lapland rescue official said.

The two, a 14-year-old boy and an 18-year-old girl, were killed instantly when the train hit their sleigh at a level crossing about 40 kilometres (25 miles) from the Arctic Circle, regional fire chief Harri Paldanius told Reuters. The two were part of a group of 18 Italian tourists on a dog sleigh safari in Korpikyla, about 780 kilometres (485 miles) north of the capital Helsinki. None of the others was hurt. — MNA/Reuters

Road accidents kill 22 in Venezuela

CARACAS, 27 Dec — A total of 318 road accidents happened in Venezuela on Christmas Day, causing 22 deaths, authorities said on Monday.

According to a report released by Venezuela's Land Transportation Direction, most of the accidents were caused by carelessness, speeding and drunk-driving. About 100 people were injured in the accidents. At the top of the list was the central state of Aragua with 32 injured, followed by the western states of Lara with 28 and Zulia with 21.

There were also 43 fires in Caracas at the weekend, with most happening on Christmas Eve. No serious injuries were reported. — MNA/Xinhua

65 kilos of heroin seized in Albania over past four months

TIRANA, 27 Dec — The Albanian police announced Monday that it had seized 65 kilos of heroin, and arrested 28 suspects in the course of its multi-nation backed, anti-drug raids over the past four months.

With the cooperation of its neighbours: Greece, Italy, Germany, Turkey and Macedonia, Albania launched 12 operations against drug-trafficking from 12 September to 15 December.

MNA/Xinhua



US soldiers secure the area after a US tank was hit and damaged by a roadside bomb in Baghdad, on 25 Dec, 2005. —INTERNET

Ngamoeyeik Water Purifying Plant

Reporter Than Swe (Pabedan)



A cluster of tanks under construction to settle sediments carried along the intake canal of the Yangon City Water Supply Project (Ngamoeyeik).

As a gesture of hailing the National Convention, the inauguration of the Ngamoeyeik Water Purifying Plant of the Yangon City Water Supply Project undertaken by Yangon City Development Committee took place in the compound of the project near Ahtayu Village in Hmawby Township, Yangon Division, on 23 December morning.

Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein graced the occasion and unveiled the stone inscription of the facility. Chairman of Yangon Division PDC Commander of Yangon Command Lt-Gen Myint Swe, and Chair-

man of YCDC Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin formally opened the signboard of the facility.

The population of Yangon City is increasing year after year, so the YCDC had to make efforts to supply sufficient clean water to the city. The SPDC formed a committee for supply of water from Ngamoeyeik Reservoir to the capital on 7 May 2004. So, the YCDC launched Clean Water Supply Project (Ngamoeyeik) for Yangon City.

Firstly, a 6.1-mile-long intake canal had to be constructed linking with the main canal of the reservoir. The intake structure has three sluice gates from which 140 million gallons of water

can be supplied daily. They are designed to supply more water than that amount if necessary.

The engineers of the YCDC had to overcome many difficulties and natural barriers to build the intake canal from the project to the compound of Ahtayu Water Supply Project in Hmawby Township through creeks, ravines and valleys. The Ngamoeyeik Creek is about 12 feet deep even in summer. So, the engineers had to dam the creek to build two 15-foot-wide spillways and laid two 255-foot-long and 76-inch-diameter steel pipelines on the bed of the creek.

The water supplied from the intake canal to the project is purified un-

der various procedures to supply clean water to Yangon City, including four 110-kilowatt water pumps, four 800-kilowatt water pumps and many concrete, earthen and stone-filled tanks to settle sediments carried along the intake canal of the Yangon City Water Supply Project (Ngamoeyeik).

For the first stage, the water purifying plant of the Yangon City Water Supply Project (Ngamoeyeik) is supplying 45 million gallons of clean water to the city daily, and it is targeted to supply 45 million more clean water to the city daily in 2006, and 45 million more clean water in 2007. In the past a total of 95 million gallons of potable water was sup-

plied to the city a day. So, upon completion of the project, the amount of clean water to be supplied to the city will reach 230 million gallons.

In implementing the project, estimating, drawing designs, procedures and creating technological designs meeting the standards set were led by Head of Department Dr Tun Than Tun and supervised by heads of department U Zaw Win and U Thaug Yin and adviser U Toe Hlaing. And Deputy Head of Department U Sein Win provided close supervision in carrying out urban construction and technical, industrial and electrical work and laying the pipelines. And Assistant Head of Department U Kan Myint,

Heads of Division U Win Aung, U Hla Tun, U Myo Thant, U Myo Thein, Heads of Section U Than Han, U San Myint, and Head of Division U Ne Win drew designs.

The YCDC made an investment of over K 3.6 billion in the project to supply clean water for the Yangonites.

The Myanmar national engineers, architects, geologists are worthy of praise as they took part in the project with the effective use of technologies including international level water purifying methods to supply Yangon City with clean water that meets international standards.

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Two 76-inch-diameter steel pipelines being laid to build an intake canal on the bed of the Ngamoeyeik Creek.

Winter fishing on N-E China lake listed in "Guinness Records"

CHANGCHUN, 28 Dec — More than 360 people took part in traditional winter fishing on Chagan Lake in northeastern part of Jilin Province on Tuesday, setting a new record in *Guinness Records* for its scale.

Yi De, a representative from the Shanghai Great World *Guinness Book of Records* centre, granted a certificate to the government of Qian Gorlos Mongolian Autonomous County, where the lake is located. The traditional winter fishing requires close cooperation among fishermen, who arrange themselves in groups of sixty.

Six groups took part in Tuesday's

fishing, harvesting of more than 4,000 kilos of fish, according to the county government.

Winter fishing on ice-covered Chagan Lake dates back to the Liao and Jin dynasties from 10th Century to the 13th Century. Emperors at that time used to come to the lake to fishing and hold fish head banquets.

MNA/Xinhua

"Magic Mountain" to present world's largest ice cream cake

BEIJING, 28 Dec — The children's play "Magic Mountain" will debut in the Chinese Spring Festival (Lunar New Year) and present the children with the world's largest ice cream cake.

Meng Jinghui, director of the play said here Tuesday that the cake would have the image of the play's major charac-

ter, "Bear Paipai", as its cover. The cake, designed as a square 4.8 metres in length, three metres in width, and one metre in height, will refresh the current *Guinness World Records* for the largest ice cream cake. It will be eight tons in weight, 2.5 tons more than the current *Guinness* holder, made in 2004 in the United States.

The local manufacturer, known for its Baxy ice cream brand, said a cake of such a big size and made of pure milk is very difficult to make, transport and store. The manufacturer will put 792 pieces of ice cream bricks together inside the "mountain", and 12 professionals will decorate it.

MNA/Xinhua

Border areas witness sustained progress

Development of border areas in the time of the Tatmadaw government

Narcotic drugs elimination gains accelerated momentum in border areas

Neither poppy fields thrived nor narcotic drugs were produced on the soil of Myanmar in the past, but as an evil legacy of colonialists, poppy cultivation has taken root in the country. Successive governments of the country tried to solve the problems of narcotic drugs but to no avail due to lack of regional stability. As a result of making peace with national race armed groups, peace prevails in border areas and measures to eliminate narcotic drugs have been taken effectively in the time of the Tatmadaw government. Myanmar is committed never to give up fight against the danger posed by narcotic drugs and she is carrying out the



The ceremony to destroy poppy seeds was held in Pinlaung, Shan State (South) on 2 June 2002.

Success achieved in fight against narcotic drugs in border areas

Sr	Subject	1988	2005	Progress
1	Projected township	-	51	51
2	Village tract	-	1469	1469
3	Destruction of poppy field (acre)	211	164965	164754
4	Handing over of poppy seeds (pyi)	-	100257	100257
5	Number of destruction of drug	-	52	52
6	Cultivation of poppy substitute-crops (acre)	-	1430153	1430153

tasks with own internal strength. Starting from 1999, the 15-year drug elimination plan has been laid down and is being implemented with accelerated momentum. To tackle the drug menace, the Tatmadaw government is taking measures such as law enforcement, growing poppy-substitute crops, establishing agricultural and livestock breeding farms, providing medical treatment, rehabilitation and disseminating knowledge. Thus, Myanmar has achieved marked success in combating the menace of drugs and has gained momentum. People living in border areas also have abandoned the illegal cultivation of poppy on their own volition. Moreover, drug free zones have been established in the regions where poppy was grown in the past. As border areas develop, narcotic drugs are in the wane. The table shows success achieved in combating the drug menace in the time of the Tatmadaw government.

Sino-Cambodian relations to be further strengthened

PHNOM PENH, 28 Dec — Cambodian King Norodom Sihamoni said on Tuesday that he will continue to push forward and strengthen the all-around traditional relationship between Cambodia and China.

The King made the remarks during meeting with Hu Qianwen, the outgoing Chinese ambassador to Cambodia.

Citing China as Cambodia's best-friendly country, King Sihamoni said he will follow his father's will to spare no efforts to develop and consolidate the traditional friendship between Cambodia and China.

"I have the special and brotherly affection for China and the Chinese peo-

ple when I was very young. Our Royal family, our government and our people will never forget the sincere and selfless assistance and support from China," the King said.

He expressed his belief that the traditional relations between Cambodia and China will pass on generation to generation.

Meanwhile, the monarch highly valued the efforts made by Ambassador Hu Qianwen on promoting Cambodia's stability and development, as well as the contribution on enhancing the friendship relations between the two countries during his tenure of office here.

MNA/Xinhua

Singapore to hold exercise against bomb attacks

SINGAPORE, 28 Dec — Singapore will hold an exercise against multiple bomb attacks on the public transport network during one of the first two weekends of next month, Channel NewsAsia report said Tuesday.

The exercise, which involves more than 20 civil emergency agencies such as the Singapore Civil Defence Force, will be held with the public not knowing the exact date, time and venues in advance. Aiming to test these agencies' readiness to respond to simultaneous bomb attacks, the exercise is expected to enhance the public's understanding of instructions to be shared with them in such situations.

A series of attacks will be simulated at four Mass Rapid Transit (MRT) stations and a bus interchange, including an explosion inside a train in a tunnel, an explosion at a train platform, a chemical attack at a train station, as well as an explosion on a double-decker bus.

Temporary blackout, MRT station closures and MRT train disruptions are expected during the exercise, said the report, adding that passengers involved will be guided out of such emergency situations. The exercise will be Singapore's latest step in strengthening security measures in the public transport sector after the London blasts occurred in July this year. — MNA/Xinhua



prejudices. And because of the falling apart of nation solidarity, the Union faced the danger of disintegration several times. If the Union breaks up, the nation will lose her sovereignty.

In this regard, the Tatmadaw has been safeguarding Our Three Main National Causes — non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty — for perpetuity of the nation.

Senior General Than Shwe takes the salute of the companies of the graduating cadets of the 7th Intake of the Defence Services Medical Academy.

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national re-consolidation, 17 major national race armed groups and a number of minor armed groups returned to the legal fold. It has been conducting regional development undertakings the whole nation with greater momentum because of the prevalence of peace and stability in all places.

All the Tatmadaw's endeavours are for Our Three Main National

good morale and discipline, loyalty and unity. As you are the gallant soldiers of the medical corps you are fully equipped with physical and mental ability for battle victory and the medical practitioners who will further glorify the Tatmadaw's prestige.

You have already undergone military training as a platoon commander. So you must

duties should always study military science alongside medical science to understand and know all kinds of medicines and medical studies of the age.

It is found that some nations of the world apply western medical science and upgrade their traditional medical science with the use of modern technique. They try to prove the potency

Possess full physical and mental ability to safeguard Our Three Main National Causes. Physical and mental ability are the qualifications that have interrelations. The physical ability of the Tatmadaw is combat skill. Mental ability includes good morale and discipline, loyalty and unity. As you are the gallant soldiers of the medical corps you are fully equipped with physical and mental ability for battle victory and the medical practitioners who will further glorify the Tatmadaw's prestige.



A great number of medicines of ...

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with brilliant physical and mental ability to safeguard Our Three Main National Causes.

Over 100 national races have been living in harmony in our nation since yore. Like the 100 fruits that bore from single stem they are living in all the parts of the nation with the Myanmar spirit. Our land is formed with mountain ranges high enough to pose as transport barriers, great rivers flowing from north to south and river basins. Because of poor transport, contacts between national races living closely to one another were difficult in the past. In some regions, language and customs were different between a village lying on one hill and another lying on the adjacent hill.

When the nation was under foreign subjugation, she suffered from the divide-and-rule policy for many years. Lack of education pro-

motion programmes made the national people believe the deceptions to be true. As the colonialists granted independence unwillingly, they created a blood bath among the nationalities. As predicted by the colonialists, the national unity fell apart due to racial, regional and ideological

Soon after taking over the State duties, the Tatmadaw first launched the border areas and national races development programmes. It has built a network of roads and bridges the length and breadth of the nation for ensuring smooth transport in all directions. Thanks to its efforts for

Causes.

You need to have full physical and mental ability to safeguard Our Three Main National Causes. Physical and mental ability are the qualifications that have interrelations. The physical ability of the Tatmadaw is combat skill. Mental ability includes

have the ability to lead a platoon in a battle as the infantrymen do. You must have the fighting spirit. You should have the ability to show your courage in accord with the motto — charge bravely, fight with valour and crush the enemy daringly.

You who are going to serve the national defence

of the ingredients scientifically and can remove their side effects. The potency of the medicine has improved due to research and development. Oriental medicines are produced from natural plants. Some medicinal herbs are not found everywhere and they

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Senior General Than Shwe inspects the companies of the graduating cadets of the 7th Intake of the Defence Services Medical Academy. — MNA





Senior General Than Shwe presents the best cadet award to cadet Kyaw Zeya Linn. — MNA



Senior General Than Shwe presents the Excellence in study award to cadet Aung Zaw Htet. — MNA



Senior General Than Shwe presents the Excellence in training award to cadet Naing Swe Oo.—MNA

A great number of medicines of ...

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grow only in one particular country like

a great number of medicines of Myanmar origin will emerge.

Quantum touch theory based on Quantum Theory is now being used

to investigate unexplored, valuable technologies in other fields as theories found by scientists can be applied in various technologies.

You military doctors are to serve the interest of the people by taking care of health of rural people while they reach far-flung areas. Some seventy per cent of

carry out the tasks for longevity of the people and for everybody to be free from diseases with nationalistic spirit.

Education and prevention are the most important in promotion of health.

Moreover, longevity is concerned with socio-economic life. So, you are to make efforts

development tasks.

In conclusion, I urge you to discharge medical duty of Defence Services as well as defence duty, to study modern wars from the points of view of military science and medical science, to participate in national health care services and to preserve the twelve traditions of the



Daw Kyaing Kyaing, wife of Senior General Than Shwe, attends graduation parade of the 7th Intake of the Defence Services Medical Academy. — MNA



Daw Mya Mya San, wife of Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, attends graduation parade of 7th Intake of the Defence Services Medical Academy.—MNA

Myanmar. If medical scientists find out potent medicinal plants which have been used by forefathers in successive eras,

Quantum Theory first introduced by scientist Einstein of 20th century was applied only in the field of physics.

in medical field. In spite of the discovery of Quantum Theory, it can be applied a hundred years later. You comrades are

the population of the country live in rural areas. Therefore, you are to

for raising of rural socio-economic life while implementing the five rural

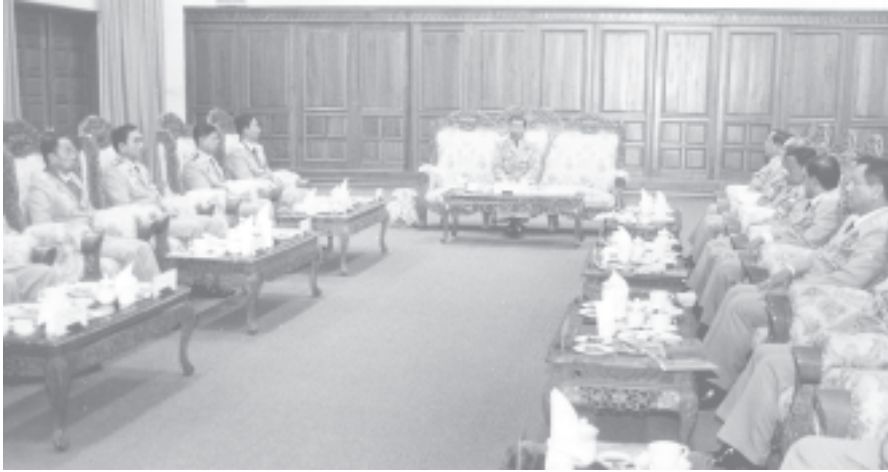
Tatmadaw at the risk of the life.

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The three outstanding cadets and their parents. — MNA

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Senior General Than Shwe gives encouragement to three outstanding cadets and families at the reception hall of DSMA. —MNA

Senior General Than Shwe delivers address...

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senior military officers, parents and relatives of the cadets and guests.

Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe took the salute of the cadet battalions. Next, the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services inspected the graduate

cadet battalions. Afterwards, the graduate cadet battalions marched past the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services.

The Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services presented Best Cadet Award to Cadet Kyaw Zeya Linn, Excellence in Training Award to Cadet Naing Swe Oo and Excellence in Study Award to Cadet Aung Zaw Htet.

Next, Commander-in-Chief of Defence

Services Senior General Than Shwe delivered an address at the graduation parade.

(The speech of the Senior General is reported separately.)

The Senior General took the salute of the cadet battalions and left.

After the graduation parade, Senior General Than Shwe met with three outstanding cadets and their parents at the hall of the main building of DSMA.

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Those in attendance at the graduation parade of the 7th Intake of DSMA.

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Thongwa Sluice Gate...

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Gate Project and officials concerned, members of Union Solidarity and Development Association, Women's Affairs Organizations, Maternal and Child Welfare Association, War Veteran Organization, Red Cross Society, Auxiliary Fire Brigade and local people numbering over 3000.

First, Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo made a speech on the occasion, saying that Thongwa Sluice Gate had been built and commissioned into service so that it would not only help boost agricultural services in Kayan, Thongwa and Thanlyin Townships but also contribute much towards socio-economic life of local peasants and their families. When implementing all-round development tasks in the State with the leadership of Head of State Senior General Than Shwe, newly-built Thongwa Sluice Gate set a record as the 181st irrigation facility for raising agricultural sector. Only if agro-based economy increased could other related economy and social sectors make

progress in harmony. As a result, concerted efforts were being made

for a boost in region-wise agricultural production. In doing so, Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation was rendering necessary assistance to local peasants to increase per acre yield, to extend land reclamation, to promote crop-cultivation capacity, to use quality strains in combination with advanced agricultural technologies and to reduce cost of agricultural production and to minimize wastage and losses.

At the same time, local peasants were given encouragement to produce marketable crops and assistance to convert a system of agricultural mechanization. Now, 11 dams and 6 sluice gates located in Yangon Division were benefiting over 274,000 acres of farmlands due to the efforts made in a short period. Irrigated acreage amounted to 19 per cent of over 28 million of net acreage in the entire nation through 181 irrigation facilities. Such benefits which were condu-

cive to pragmatic arrangements made by the Government to increase economic and living standards of the citizens. Yangon Division was making efforts to boost crops production.

Local peasants are to make efforts for maintenance of Thongwa Sluice Gate, he stressed.

Next, Secretary of Thongwa Township USDA Dr Myint Thein expressed thanks to the State Peace and Development Council for building Thongwa Sluice Gate.

Afterwards, the minister and the chairman of Thongwa Township PDC formally opened the sluice gate and they together with the local people posed for a documentary photo. After that, they cordially greeted the local people. Officials concerned gave supplementary reports to the minister. In connection with the reports, the minister fulfilled the requirements.

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Thongwa Sluice Gate near Ywathit village, Thongwa Township, Yangon South District. — A&I

Britons split over building of nuclear power stations

LONDON, 28 Dec — About half of Britons agree that no new nuclear power stations should be built in Britain, said an on-line poll commissioned by the *Guardian* newspaper on Tuesday.

The poll conducted in mid-December on some 1,000 people aged above 18 years old and published by the *Guardian* on Tuesday finds that while ministers are considering whether to restart Britain's controversial atomic power programme to meet growing energy demand as North Sea crude oil output declines coupled with rising fuel prices, 48 per cent of people oppose expanding nuclear energy, whereas 45 per cent support it.

However, there are sharp gender differences as 57 per cent of men and 33 per cent of women are for new nuclear power stations, whereas 57 per cent of women and 39 per cent of men are against.

About 19 per cent of Britain's electricity is generated by its 14 nuclear power stations, but it is expected to drop to seven per cent by 2020 as older reactors will be switched off. British Prime Minister Tony Blair announced last month a review of Britain's energy policies and a report is expected in the summer.

Nuclear supporters say renewable energy sources cannot fill the energy gap and reactors do not produce greenhouse gases. Opponents, however, believe that nuclear power is expensive, disposal of radioactive waste remains unresolved, and that significant carbon dioxide emissions are produced in the building and mining of uranium fuel. — MNA/Xinhua

Meeting on National Level Programme and Cooperation for children held



Minister Maj-Gen Sein Htwa addressing coordination meeting.

SOCIAL WELFARE

YANGON, 28 Dec — The Union Solidarity and Development Association, Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation and Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association held a coordination meeting on National Level Programme and Cooperation for Children to lay down work procedures at the meeting hall of Social Welfare Department on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road in Mayangon Township this afternoon.

Present on the occasion were Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Sein Htwa,

Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint, the director-general of Social Welfare Department, officials concerned from Health Planning Department, Education Planning and Training Department and Development Affairs Department and invited guests from USDA, MAAF and MCWA.

First, Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Sein Htwa made a speech on the occasion. Director-General of Social Welfare Department U Sit Myaing discussed the matters on national level programme

and work procedures.

Next, officials concerned presented reports on health and nutrition, environmental cleanliness, availability of safe drinking water, education, early childhood development and caring for children. After officials had replied to the queries raised by the USDA, MAAF and MCWA laid down future tasks on early childhood development and cooperative measures for caring for children.

After that, the minister made concluding remarks and the meeting came to an end.

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Olympics to provide 1.82 million jobs in Beijing

BEIJING, 28 Dec — Olympics factor is expected to provide 1.82 million job opportunities in the Chinese capital, which will host the global

sports event in 2008, *Beijing Morning Post* quoted a recent report as saying. The jobs will be created between 2004 and 2008, according to a just-

released research report on investment in the 2008 Olympics and the economic development in Beijing.

The Olympics factor will add 0.8 percentage points to Beijing's average annual GDP growth during the five-year period, the report predicted. To host the 2008 Olympics, Beijing has launched a new round of infrastructure construction and is building an Olympic sports and culture zone to embrace an Olympic park and 17 gymnasiums. It is estimated that Beijing has pumped 220 billion yuan (some 27 billion US dollars) into infrastructure development projects during the 2001-2005 period, a growth of nearly 60 per cent from the 138.3 billion yuan (17.1 billion US dollars) for the 1996-2000 period.

MNA/Xinhua



In memory of late Dr U Myint Thein and late daughter Ma Thi Thi Myint, Daw Khin Myo Hla and family members of Room No. 7, Building No. 278, Ward 2, Yankin Township, donated recently K 100,000 to funds of Hninzigon Home for the Aged through Joint Treasurer U Maung Maung Gyi. — H

Energy Minister calls for use of renewable sources

YANGON, 28 Dec — Energy Minister Brig-Gen Lun Thi urged to teach a subject on use of the renewable energy sources and technologies at schools in rural areas where energy sources could not be accessed easily. In his opening address at the opening ceremony of BIMSTEC NRSE Project Interactive Meeting on strengthening education infrastructure and improving access to education using the renewable energy technologies held at Grand Plaza Parkroyal Hotel, this morning, the minister said that oil and natural gas prices have increased and the world experiences the deterioration of environment because of the use of these

energy sources.

He also pointed out that proper use of the renewable energy sources

was also attended by Deputy Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Than Htay, Deputy Minister for



Minister Brig-Gen Lun Thi and ambassadors of the member countries of BIMSTEC and officials. — MNA

has beneficial effects on sustainable development of social and economic sectors.

Education Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min, ambassadors of the member countries of BIMSTEC and officials.

The inaugural meeting

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၁။	Nifedipine Tablet 10 mg	Linfen Pharmaceutical Factory Shanxi	China
၂။	Dueron Injection 2 ml (Inj. of Vit. B-1, B-6, B-12 fortified with Nicotinamide & dl-Panthenol)	Dueful Laboratories Pvt Ltd	India
၃။	Chlorpromazine Hydrochloride Tablet 50 gm	ဖော်ပြထားခြင်း မရှိပါ	China
၄။	Pangesic Injection (Diclofenac Sodium I. P 25 mg/ml)	Systochem Laboratories Ltd	India
၅။	Pexizin Tablets (Cetirizine Hydrochloride BP 10 mg)	Uni-Pex Pharmaceuticals Pvt. Ltd	India

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- (ဃ) 40 Ton Aircon 1 Set
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- (ခ) Air Conditioner (Split Type, 1.5 HP) 3 Nos
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Sri Lankan Tamil fishermen collect small fish from a fishing net at Polikandy fishing village in Jaffna, northern Sri Lanka, on 20 Dec, 2005.
INTERNET

Floods in Congo Republic leave thousands homeless

BRAZZAVILLE, 27 Dec— Rain storms, floods and mudslides have left thousands of people homeless in the Congo Republic capital Brazzaville, local officials said on Monday.

A young boy was reported killed during heavy rain at the weekend which caused extensive

damage to homes in poor, heavily populated districts north of the city.

"My children and I were forced to flee and leave everything in the house," 42-year-old market trader Philomene Itoua, who spent Christmas at the home of a friend along with her three small daughters, told Reuters.

In Maman Mbouale District houses built illegally on hillsides were swept away by a mudslide which trapped some

residents in their houses for hours until they could be rescued by neighbours, residents said.

Flood waters rose as high as 4 metres (yards) in another part of town, Mpila, where some residents said they only escaped with their lives by climbing onto the roofs of houses. Residents said the district was subject to regular flooding which was exacerbated by a lack of storm drains.

MNA/Reuters

China delivers more activated carbon to Russia

KHABAROVSK (Russia), 27 Dec— Some 400 tons of activated carbon were delivered to this Far Eastern city on Monday by China to help tackle the toxic slick floating down the Songhua River.

It was part of the second batch of 1,000 tons of activated carbon China has promised to send to Russia. The remaining 600 tons will arrive soon, Fan Xianrong, Chinese Consul General in Khabarovsk, told Xinhua after the hand-over ceremony.—MNA/Xinhua

China starts building second largest hydropower station

XILUODU (YUNNAN PROVINCE), 27 Dec— China on Monday started building its second largest hydroelectric power project in the upper reaches of the Yangtze River.

Xiluodu Hydropower Station, the first of four hydropower stations on the Jinsha River, is a major west-to-east electricity transmission project and an important move to develop China's resource-rich but poor western region.

Located in Xiluodu Gorge between Yongshan county of Yunnan Province and Leibo county of Sichuan Province, the project is designed to generate 12.6 million kilowatts of electricity, next only to the Three Gorges Project on the Yangtze.

Electricity generated at Xiluodu station will foster industrial and economic growth in eastern and central China regions.

The station is expected to stem the turbulent Jinsha River in November 2007, and first generating unit will be installed in June 2012.

The entire project will be completed in 2015 and will cost 50.34 billion yuan (6.2 billion US dollars) of static investment.

Besides power generation and water storage, the project is also designed

to prevent flood on the unruly Jinsha River, block sand, protect the local environment and facilitate water traffic in the lower reaches of the river.

"The project is launched after three years of preparations in terms of technical planning, environmental protection, water protection, and the relocation of over 7,000 residents in the construction area," said Li Yong'an, general manager of China Three Gorges Project Corporation, the prime contractor of the construction project.

MNA/Xinhua

California draws lessons from South Asia tsunami

LOS ANGELES, 27 Dec— California, the most populated US state along the Pacific coast, has learned much from the South Asia tsunami last year in making improvements to its tsunami warning system, officials said Monday on the first anniversary of the Indian Ocean disaster.

Following last year's tsunami in South Asia, which killed some 200,000 people, state and federal agencies in California evaluated the existing tsunami warning system and made recommendations for change, according to a report released by the San Francisco-based Bay City News service.

The present warning system has the US Geological Survey working closely with two regional National Oceanic and Atmospheric

Administration warning centres.

Warnings are supposed to be issued by the NOAA after the USGS records any huge earthquakes that have potentials to trigger tsunamis, according to a USGS spokesman.

An earthquake centred near the US West Coast with a magnitude 7.0 or higher could potentially generate a tsunami, said Paul Whitmore, director of the West Coast and Alaska Tsunami Warning Centre.

If a tsunami warning is merited, the centre sends one to state emergency agencies, weather forecasters, the US Coast Guard and US military, so the warning can be forwarded to local emergency offices to carry out, the official said.

Once the NOAA issues the warning, it is up to local emergency service agencies to get the word out to residents, Whitmore said, noting that there is no uniform system for broadcasting the warning.

MNA/Xinhua

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Study shows how alcohol damages bones

NEW YORK, 27 Dec—Bone loss is an often-overlooked consequence of heavy drinking, but recent research has illuminated how alcohol takes a toll on the bones, according to a new report.

In a review of cell, animal and human studies, Dr Dennis A Chakkalakal of the Omaha VA Medical Centre in Nebraska describes how heavy drinking leads to bone loss, higher risk of fractures and slower healing of bone breaks. The main problem appears to be that alcohol inhibits the normal formation of new bone, Chakkalakal reports in the journal *Alcoholism Clinical & Experimental Research*. Though excessive drinking has been shown to promote bone thinning and fractures, some studies have suggested that moderate drinking may actually help protect bone mass—possibly because small amounts of alcohol promote new bone formation.

The opposite appears true of high amounts of alcohol, according to Chakkalakal's review.

Throughout adulthood, bone undergoes a process of "remodelling," whereby

cells called osteoblasts break down small portions of old bone, and cells called osteoblasts from new bone. In healthy, younger adults, this process is usually balanced, so that bone mass is maintained.

Too much alcohol, however, appears to inhibit osteoblasts from doing their job, and heavy drinkers may start to lose bone

mass in just a few years, according to Chakkalakal. The potential for bone loss climbs in tandem with drinking, evidence shows, but it's not clear where the risk threshold lies. Most studies on alcohol and bone loss have defined "heavy" drinking as roughly six or more drinks per day. But the review point out, there's

some evidence that bone loss is a risk for people who have closer to three or more drinks a day.

Though many people know about the damage heavy drinking can inflict on the liver, far fewer know about the effects on bone, according to Dr Terrence M Donohue Jr also of the Omaha VA Medical Centre.— MNA/Reuters



A South African diver sporting a Santa Claus outfit feeds fish at Africa's largest marine theme park the UShaka Marine World in Durban recently.

INTERNET

Milk thistle ineffective for liver disease

NEW YORK, 27 Dec — Milk thistle, an herbal remedy used worldwide for liver disease, does not appear to be effective, and there is not enough evidence to conclude that it is safe, an international team of researchers has concluded.

"We can't see beneficial effects, we can't exclude harmful effects, and in order to know more we need to do more randomized trials to find out they actually help," Dr. Christian Gluud of Copenhagen University Hospital in Denmark, the study's lead author, told *Reuters Health*.

The market for milk thistle is enormous, Gluud noted, given that as many as one billion people around the world have liver disease due to alcoholism or hepatitis B or C. It could even be larger, he added, because some people may decide to take milk thistle for prevention.

Gluud and his colleagues reviewed 13 clinical trials of milk thistle for liver disease due to alcoholism or hepatitis B or C. The gold standard for clinical trials is for them to be placebo-controlled and double-blind, meaning neither patients nor the study administrators know

whether a patient is taking the real drug or placebo. Just six of the trials analyzed met this standard.

As they report in the *American Journal of Gastroenterology*, the researchers found no effect of milk thistle versus placebo on mortality rates or liver disease complications. While the remedy appeared to

reduce death from liver-related causes when all data was included, an analysis limited to the best-quality studies found no effect.

No increased risk of adverse events was seen with milk thistle, but this does not necessarily mean the remedy is harmless, Gluud said. Even the highest-quality

clinical trials, he noted, can miss catching potential harm from drugs.

According to Gluud, herbal remedies should be held to the same standards as conventional medicine. Sellers of such remedies must be required, he said, to have good evidence for any claims they make.

MNA/Reuters

Wild giant pandas number 1,206 in Sichuan

CHENGDU, 27 Dec— The number of giant pandas in the wild totalled 1,206 in southwestern China's Sichuan Province, according to the provincial forestry bureau.

The number of giant pandas in captivity climbed to 146, making up 77 per cent of the national total, and 76 per cent of giant panda communities are in this region, said Yang Dongsheng, director of the bureau.

Yang attributed the number growth of giant pandas in the wild to effective protection on the proven habitat, now covering an area of 177 square kilometres in the province, 77 per cent of the total in the country.

Thanks to scientists' artificial fertilization technologies, a hundred percent of artificially-bred baby pandas have survived in the Panda Research Centre in Wolong over the past six years, including 20 since the beginning of this year.

MNA/Xinhua

World's unique female orchestra to debut in China

KUNMING, 27 Dec— Ladies First, the sole female symphony orchestra in the world, will launch its first concert in China next week, a New Year's gift for the Chinese audience, sponsor of the performance said.

The Ladies First Symphony Orchestra from Germany will debut the New Year's concert on Monday in this capital of southwest China's Yunnan Province, according to the Kunming branch of the China Minsheng Banking Corporation.

During the concert, the musicians will play various musical instruments, sing, dance and declaim in the fascinating stage sceneries and lighting, which is expected to entertain the audience.

The band kicked off its China tour in the north-eastern Jilin Province. They will also visit Shanghai, Hangzhou, Suzhou,

and some other cities.

The ladies will give a concert in Shanghai on New Year's Eve, celebrating the coming of 2006.

The 60-member orchestra consists of women only and has made domestic and international concert tours since 2001. The ladies accompanied the famous rock band YES in their European tour in the year.

A Chinese man surnamed Ding, who once watched their performance, said "the audiences were enthralled not only by the orchestra's superb performances but also by the beauty and charm of the performers".

MNA/Xinhua

Museum on bamboo slips, wooden tablets opens in central China

CHANGSHA, 27 Dec— China's first museum on bamboo slips and wooden tablets opened on Monday in Changsha, capital of central China's Hunan Province.

This museum, covering an area of two hectares, houses more than 100,000 bamboo slips and wooden tablets dating back over 1,700 years, which have been unearthed in downtown Changsha since October 1996. The slips and tablets, which were inscribed with characters, recorded in detail the political, economic, military, cultural and geographic information in the ancient Changsha prefecture which was under the rule

of Kingdom Wu (222 AD-280 AD), according to sources with the local government. Ancient Chinese wrote on either wood tablets or bamboo slips, and paper only began to be used in the late Eastern Han Period (25 AD-220 AD). To protect these precious cultural relics, the municipal government of Changsha allocated more than 78 million yuan (9.75 million US dollars) to build the museum.

MNA/Xinhua



Toyota Motor Corp President Katsuki Watanabe smiles as he introduces Japan's No 1 automaker's fully remodeled version of 'bB' compact vehicle during a press conference in Tokyo on Monday, 26 Dec, 2005.— INTERNET

SPORTS

Charisteas inspires Ajax to 3-2 win over Groningen

AMSTERDAM, 28 Dec—Greek international Angelos Charisteas scored twice to inspire Ajax Amsterdam to a 3-2 win over Groningen in the Dutch First Division on Tuesday.

Charisteas set up Markus Rosenberg for the opening goal in the seventh minute before he doubled the scoreline himself with a close range effort.

The Greek scored on the rebound to extend Ajax's lead to 3-0 after 67 minutes.

Although the visitors reduced the advantage with strikes from Glenn

Salmon and Yevgeny Levchenko, it was not enough to prevent Ajax from recording their fourth successive win in the league.

Ajax remain fourth in the standings with 30 points from 17 games. PSV Eindhoven top the league with 41 points, while AZ Alkmaar and Feyenoord both have 38. — MNA/Reuters



Real Madrid soccer star Robinho (R) of Brazil is tackled by Carlos Alberto during a solidarity soccer match in Sao Paulo on 26 Dec, 2005.—INTERNET

PSV beat NEC to move top after Alkmaar lose

AMSTERDAM, 27 Dec—PSV Eindhoven went three points clear at the top of the first division with a 2-0 win at NEC Nijmegen on Monday after Feyenoord saw off leaders AZ Alkmaar by the same score.

Ivorian Arouna Kone opened the scoring for PSV early on and DaMarcus Beasley nodded in a cross by Jason Culina at the far post to seal the win in the final minute.

PSV have 41 points after 17 matches, three more than second-placed AZ and Feyenoord in third. Ajax are fourth, 14 points behind the leaders, and host Groningen on Tuesday.

AZ slipped to second after Feyenoord

struck twice in the opening 10 minutes. Midfielder Patrick Paauwe opened the scoring after two minutes when set up a defence splitting combination with Dirk Kuijt. Five minutes later Paauwe connected with Jonathan de Guzman, who outplayed two defenders and doubled the lead.

MNA/Reuters

Newcastle's Taylor out for three months

LONDON, 28 Dec—Newcastle defender Steven Taylor is to undergo shoulder surgery that will keep him out of action for up to three months.

Taylor aggravated his shoulder injury on his return to action in Monday's 2-0 defeat at Liverpool. The England Under-21 international had been on the pitch just half an hour when he landed awkwardly after an aerial challenge with Fernando Morientes.

Boss Graeme Souness told the Newcastle Journal: "He will be out for up to three more months. We were hoping to get away with it but it didn't happen."

"Our worst fears are that he will be out for 12 weeks, he will need an operation to tighten it (his shoulder) up."

MNA/Xinhua

Suspended Sun Yingjie vows to run in 2008 Olympic Games

BEIJING, 28 Dec—Chinese star runner Sun Yingjie, who was suspended for two years for testing positive for banned drugs last October, said she will achieve good results in the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games.

Sun, world half marathon champion in 2004, has denied any wrongdoing following her surprise positive test results during the 10th Chinese National Games in Nanjing two months ago.

"I hope to run in the Beijing Olympics and prove my innocence with a good result," Sun said in her first interview with reporters in two months.

"The past two months is as long as 20 years for me," she said. "But after all this I have become more mature. I will train as hard as ever even though I am not allowed to run. They can only ban me from competitions but cannot ban me from training."

"The year of 2006 will be a new start for me."

Sun won a court battle earlier December against a former training partner she accused of spiking her drinks with the banned steroid androsterone. She was cleared by the court

of doping.

But the Chinese Athletics Association (CAA) decided that judicial ruling would not affect their final judgment.

MNA/Xinhua

Robinho, friends thrash Roberto Carlos' team 7-4

RIO DE JANEIRO, 28 Dec—Brazilian striker Robinho and his friends on Monday thrashed Roberto Carlos's team 7-4 in a charity game at Pacaembu Stadium in Sao Paulo.

Spectators were asked to each bring one kilos of goods, and an attendance of 25,000 means that 25 tons of assistance were collected for charity organizations.

Robinho, who scored on five times, while his Real Madrid teammate did not score. Gabriel of Spain's Malaga and musician Leandro scored the other goals for Robinho's team.

Real Madrid's Julio Baptista scored twice for Carlos' team, Carlos Alberto of Corinthians and indoors soccer player Falcao scored the other goals.

MNA/Xinhua

Maradona turns down offer to play in Fourth Division

BUENOS AIRES, 28 Dec—Soccer legend Diego Maradona on Tuesday turned down an offer to play for a Fourth Division club, saying he has many other things to do and does not want to show "disrespect to the game".

After receiving the offer from

Excursionistas, Maradona said: "I want to make it clear I am 45, and thank the offer with my heart, but I've got many other things to do."

Maradona said he would spend a vacation with his daughter Giannina starting on 3 January.

MNA/Xinhua

Navarra beats China 1-0 in friendly match

MADRID, 28 Dec—Spain's Navarra beat the visiting Chinese national team 1-0 in a soccer friendly on Monday.

Navarra, a team comprised of Spanish First Division players, scored the winner through Osasuna player Inaki Munoz at the 65th minute, remaining

undefeated in its brief history following the previous victories over Burkina Faso and Morocco.

Navarra had wasted many opportunities to score, including a penalty shot by Txiki 30 minutes into the match.

MNA/Xinhua

German relaunches auction for World Cup rubbish

BERLIN, 27 Dec—German decorator Matthias Blume said on Monday he had relaunched the bidding process for the name tags of the 32 World Cup finalists used in the televised draw after receiving bogus offers.

Blume, who found the slips of paper in a rubbish bag while cleaning up after the draw in Leipzig on December 9, said bidders must now register with passports before making offers.

"We had to cancel the auction because some of the bids were not serious," Blume told Reuters. "We've now taken steps to ensure there are only serious bids."

One bid of 120,000 euros (142,400 US dollars) turned out to be a prank, Blume said. He said the seven-day auction for the orange and white slip of paper reading "Germany", hosts for the 2006 World Cup, started on Monday and bids were at 15,000 euros.

Two further slips of paper would be offered each day, with "England" and "Australia" next in the Internet auction on

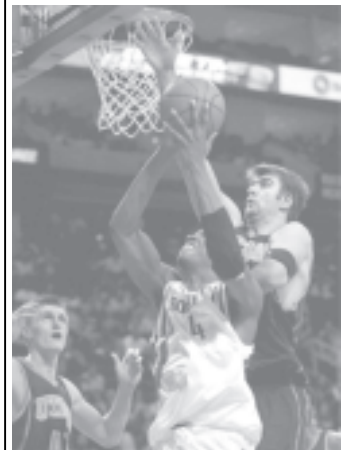
Tuesday. The auctions for the slips of paper would last 10 days, the 31-year-old said.

Soccer's governing body FIFA has challenged Blume's attempts to capitalize on the slips of paper.

"FIFA has sent a warning to the legal representatives of the person concerned and pointed out that this is a violation of FIFA's name rights and that the auction should be stopped," FIFA spokesman Andreas Herren said last week. "If that doesn't happen, we will have to look at further legal steps."

But Blume has hired a lawyer and said he was going ahead with the auction.

"The material was found in the rubbish bin by me and I'm the owner now," he said on Monday. — MNA/Reuters



Utah Jazz's Andrei Kirilenko, left, of Russia, looks on as teammate, Mehmet Okur, right, of Turkey, blocks Houston Rockets' Stromile Swift, centre, in the second half NBA action on 27 Dec, 2005, in Houston. The Jazz won 82-74.—INTERNET

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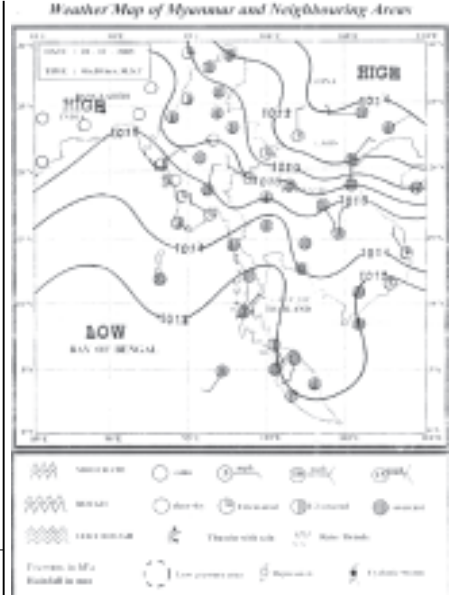
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WEATHER

Wednesday, 28 December, 2005

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, except for isolated light rain or thundershowers in upper Sagaing Division, weather has been generally fair in the whole country. Night temperatures were (3°C) below normal in Bago Division, (5°C) to (6°C) below normal in Chin and Kayin States, (3°C) above normal in Taninthayi Division, (5°C) to (6°C) above normal in Shan and Mon States and about normal in the remaining areas. The significant night temperatures were Hakha (1°C), Namsam and Heho (3°C) each. Maximum temperature on 27-12-2005 was 85°F. Minimum temperature on 28-12-2005 was 56°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hrs MST on 28-12-2005 was 83%. Total sunshine hours on 27-12-2005 was (7.1) hours approx.

Rainfalls on 28-12-2005 were nil at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2005 were (106.14) inches at Mingaladon, (105.47) inches at Kaba-Aye and (109.92) inches at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from Northwest at (12:20) hours MST on 27-12-2005.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 29-12-2005: Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers in Taninthayi Division, weather will be partly cloudy in Rakhine, Mon and Kayin States and Ayeyawady, Bago and Yangon Divisions and generally fair in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (40%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Decrease of night temperature in the upper Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 29-12-2005: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 29-12-2005: Partly cloudy

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- (က) စိုက်ထယ်ရေးရပြီး စေတနာ မိုး ရွာ၍မြေကြပ်သွားပါက မိုးပြတ်သည်နှင့်တစ်ပြိုင်နက်ပြန်လည်ထယ်ရေးပြင်ပေးရန်။
 - (ခ) ကြိုတင်ပြီးစေတနာ မိုး ရွာ၍အပေါ်ယံတင်း သွားပါက အပင်မပေါက်နိုင်ခြင်း၊ ရေဝပ်၍မျိုးပိုင်းပတ်ခြင်းများရှိနိုင်သဖြင့် နွားထွန်ဖြင့် ထိပ်ဖွင့်ပေးပါရန်။
 - (ဂ) အပင်ပေါက်ပြီးပြင်ဆင် မိုး ရွာ၍မြေကြပ်သွားပါက အပင်များကိုထိခိုက်နိုင်သဖြင့် မိုးပြတ်သည်နှင့်တစ်ပြိုင်နက် ကြားလှိုက်ပေးရန်။
 - (ဃ) ကြပ်ပင်ပေါက်များအား မျက်မြေပြတ်စစ်ဆေး၍ မျက်ခြင်းပင်သေပင်ဖျောက်ဖာထေးပေးရန်။
- အားသာချက်
- (က) အစိုဓါတ်လုံလောက်လောက်ရသဖြင့် မိုးပြတ်သည်နှင့်တစ်ပြိုင်နက် ထယ်ရေး၊ ထွန်ရေးဝင်၍ ကြိုသီးနှံအား ဆက်လက်စိုက်ပျိုးကြရန်။
 - (ခ) မြေထွင်းအစိုဓါတ် ပိုမိုရရှိသဖြင့် စားရရှိသဖြင့် ကြိုသီးနှံအား ယခင်နှစ်များထက် ပိုမိုစိုက်ပျိုးကြရန်။
 - (ဂ) အစိုဓါတ်လုံလောက်၍ ရေတင်စိုက်ရန်မလိုအပ်သဖြင့် ရေတင်စိုက်သက်သာပါမည်။
 - (ဃ) ယခင်အစိုဓါတ် အဆုတ်မြန်သော ကုန်းကျဒေသများတွင် ယခုအခါ အစိုဓါတ်လုံလောက်လောက်ဖြင့် ကြိုသီးနှံကို ပိုမိုတိုးချဲ့စိုက်ပျိုးကြရန်။
 - (င) လမိုင်းပြင်ပြီးစေတနာ အနေဖြင့် ယခုရွာသွန်းမိုးကြောင့် လမိုင်းအပင်ပေါက် ကောင်းမွန်ပါသဖြင့် အထွက်ကောင်းလမိုင်းများအဖြစ် ဆက်လက်ပြုစုသွားရန်။
 - (စ) လမိုင်းထားမည့်အကွက်များအနေဖြင့် ပင်ထောင်ကြအားချက်ခြင်းခတ်သိမ်း၍ ယခုအစိုဓါတ်ဖြင့် လမိုင်းပြုပြင်ပေးရန်။
 - (ဆ) မြေအစိုဓါတ်ကောင်းမွန်ပါသဖြင့် ရိုးမြန်ထိုး ပြန်လည်စိုက်ပျိုးရန်။
- လယ်ယာစိုက်ပျိုးရေးနှင့် ဆည်မြောင်းဝန်ကြီးဌာန မြန်မာ့ကြံ့လုပ်ငန်း



Thursday, 29 December Tune in today

- 8.30 am Brief news
- 8.35 am Music: Too late for goodbye ...JulianLennon
- 8.40 am Perspectives
- 8.45 am Music:
- 8.50 am National news / Slogan
- 9:00 am Music:
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music Turn back time... Aqua
- 1:30 pm News / Slogan
- 1:40 pm Lunch time music Mama ... Spice Girls
- 9:00 pm Aspects of Myanmar
- 9:10 pm Article
- 9:20 pm Pouri
- 9:30 pm Favourite songs chosen by music lovers -Sound of silence
- 9.45 pm News & Slogan
- 10.00 pm PEL



Thursday, 29 December View on today

- 7:00 am 1. ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃာမဟာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ချုပ်၊ အဘိဓမ္မမဟာရဋ္ဌဂုဏ္ဍ အဘိဓမ္မအဂ္ဂမဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မဇောတိ က၊ တီပီငူကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရီတ၊ ဆရာတော်ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ 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. Dance of national races
- 8:00 am 6. အချိန်ပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:05 am 7. Dance variety

- 8:20 am 8. ဖောင်းကတောရေလှောင်တံခွန်
- 8:30 am 9. International news
- 8:45 am 10. Let's Go
- 4:00 pm 1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm 2. Song to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm 3. English for Everyday Use
- 4:45 pm 4. Musical programme
- 5:00 am 5. အဆေးသင်တန်းသို့လုပ်ညွှန်ရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ -တတ်ယခင် (ရူပဗေဒ အထူးပြု) (ရူပဗေဒ)
- 5:15 pm 6. Cute little dancers
- 5:30 pm 7. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစကား
- 5:40 pm 8. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 5:45 pm 9. "အန္တရာယ်ကင်းစေ ဆေးရှင်းစေ" (လူမင်းဟန်နီထွန်း) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-သင်တင်)
- 6:00 pm 10. နိုင်ငံအဝန်း သစ်တောစွမ်းပြိုင်ပွဲစိမ်းလန်းစေရမည်
- 6:05 am 11. Musical programme
- 6:20 pm 12. ဝင်ထွေးစိုး ရှင်းစိုက်စို့
- 6:30 pm 13. Evening news
- 7:00 pm 14. Weather report
- 7:05 pm 15. ငယ်စဉ်အခါပညာရှာ
- 7:20 pm 16. (၅၀) နှစ်မြောက် လွတ်လပ်ရေးနေ့ ဝတ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်
- 7:35 pm 17. အချစ်အပြာအာတာရွန် ရည်ကြာ ခိုင်မာစေမူဒီရေရှ
- 8:00 pm 18. News
- 19. International news.
- 20. Weather report.
- 21. Myanmar Video Feature: "ခါး" (အပိုင်း-၂) ကျော်သူ၊ နေ့ထက်လင်း၊ မေသန်းန (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ခင်စောမျိုး)
- 22. မင်းကွန်း ဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး ဦးဝိစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ အရပ်အယံများအဖွဲ့အစည်း ဘာသာပွားများဖြင့်တရားတော်
- 23. 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

Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing attend the graduation dinner of 7th Intake of DSMA

YANGON, 28 Dec — Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing attended the dinner to mark the graduation of 7th intake of Defence Services Medical Academy held at the DSMA at 6 pm today.

Also present on the occasion were Vice-Chairman of State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San, State Peace and Development Council Member General Thura Shwe Mann and wife, Prime Minister General Soe Win and wife, SPDC Members Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than, Lt-Gen Maung Bo, Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe and Lt-Gen Tin Aye,



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Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein and their wives, Yangon Division PDC Chairman Yangon Commander Lt-Gen Myint Swe and wife, the ministers, the deputy ministers, military officers of Mingaladon Station, departmental heads, the rector of DSMA, professors and heads of departments, teachers, cadets and their parents and relatives. After dinner, artistes of Myawady Music Troupe, Myanma Music Asiayon and Myawady Anyeint Troupe entertained those present with songs and dances. MNA

Thongwa Sluice Gate commissioned into service

YANGON, 28 Dec — Implemented by Construction-6 of Irrigation Department under the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, 181st of its kind, Thongwa Sluice

Gate near Ywathit village, Thongwa Township, Yangon South District was inaugurated at the pavilion near the sluice gate this morning.

Present on the occa-

sion were Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo, Chairman of Yangon South District Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Aung Pyae, Chairman of

Thongwa Township PDC U Khin Maung Aye and members, Director-General of Irrigation Department U Kyaw San Win, Director-General of Water Resources Utilization

Department U Win Shwe, Deputy Director-General of Irrigation Department U Khin Zaw and directors, members of Coordination Committee for Yangon Division Agricul-

ture Service, engineers from Thongwa Sluice (See page 10)



Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo formally unveils the stone plaque of Thongwa Sluice Gate. — A&I

Academy awards presenting ceremony to be aired live

YANGON, 28 Dec— The Myanmar Motion Picture Enterprise under the Ministry of Information will hold the presenting of academy awards for 2004 at the National Indoor Stadium (1) in Thuwunna on 30 December commencing at 5 pm. The Myanmar Television will broadcast the ceremony live beginning 5 pm on that day. — MNA