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## Four political objectives

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

## Four economic objectives

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

## Four social objectives

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



*Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than inspects construction of Pyu Creek Multi-purpose Dam Project. — MNA*

## Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than inspects agricultural tasks, implementation of hydel power projects in Bago Division

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Jan — Shwegyin Township exceeded the target in cultivation of monsoon paddy and pulses and beans, and it has food and oil sufficiency, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than, member of the State Peace and Development Council, said at the meeting with departmental personnel and local people at Myawady Hall of Shwegyin Station on 2 January.

He stressed the need to boost the per-acre yield of paddy, beans and pulses and edible oil crops.

Furthermore, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than gave instructions on cultivation of rubber, raising of poultry and participation in rural development tasks.

At Shwegyin Hydel Power Project site, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than heard a report on facts about the project. Chairman of Bago Division PDC Commander of Southern Command Maj-Gen Ko Ko gave

a supplementary report.

Shwegyin Hydel Power Project is being implemented on Shwegyin Creek near Kyaukdaga Village, six miles from Shwegyin. The embankment will be 3,600 feet long and 40 feet high. The power station will be able to generate 75 megawatts.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than met with servicemen and family members at the hall of Shwegyin Station.

At Yenwe Multi-purpose Dam Project in Kyaukdaga Township, they inspected Yenwe Hydel Power Plant of the Ministry of Electric Power No 1.

On completion, the dam will benefit 118,500 acres of irrigated land and generate 25 megawatts.

They proceeded to the site of Olympic Co Ltd that is upgrading Yangon-Mandalay Union Highway

near Nyaungbintha Village of Pyu Township. Project Director U Ye Myint reported on extension of Nyaunglebin-Zeyawady section and upgrading tasks.

At Pyu Creek Multi-purpose Dam Project site in Pyu Township, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than heard reports on matters related to the dam and construction of the hydel power plant by officials.

Pyu Creek Multi-purpose Dam is located on Pyu Creek. The embankment is 10,020 feet long and 245 feet high. The dam can store 6,325 acre-feet of water and it can irrigate 100,000 acres of farmland and generate 40 megawatts.

Next, they also viewed tasks of Kanbawza Pathfinder Industry Ltd on extension of Yangon-Mandalay Union Highway. After inspecting the tasks, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than gave necessary instructions. — MNA

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

# PERSPECTIVES

Saturday, 6 January, 2007

## Try to become obliging nurses

The Defence Services Medical Services is engaged in the health care services of the Tatmadawmen who protect land, water and air territories of the State.

The Defence Services Institute of Nursing and Paramedical Science held the graduation parade of its 4th Intake at the parade ground of Defence Services Medical Academy on 2 January. The institute is producing nurses and paramedics who are endowed with physical and mental faculty for the national Tatmadaw that has been safeguarding Our Three Main National Causes.

Nursing could be carried out only by those who are equipped with compassion, sacrifices, noble mind, strong volition and hard work. Nurses play an important role in such rehabilitation tasks as disease prevention, imparting health knowledge, disease control and giving medical treatment.

The graduate nurses are to be imbued with spirit of sacrifice as they have to take care of those who sustain injuries in the battlefield as well as those who need further treatment for rehabilitation.

As the institute is running BSc degree courses for nursing, pharmacy, paramedical science (diagnosis, X-ray, physical treatment) and MSc degree course for nursing, the graduate nurses are to engage in the health care services for the people all the more.

Therefore, the Tatmadawmen who graduate from the institute are to serve the national interest to their utmost as qualified medics, while striving to become nurses who are endowed with physical and mental abilities.



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## Peoples' 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

## USDA SG meets members in Monywa

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Jan — Secretary-General of Union Solidarity and Development Association U Htay Oo met with executives and members of division, district and township USDAs in Monywa, Sagaing on 30 December.

At the meeting, Joint-Secretary of Division Dr Win Myint Aung reported to the Secretary General on social welfare activities of the association in the division.

The Secretary-General urged members of the association to carry out the future tasks of the association laid down at the general assembly of USDA. At the meeting, he also attended to the needs for the implementation of the tasks in the division. — MNA

## Basic Computer Course No 2/2006 concludes

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Jan — The concluding ceremony of Basic Computer Course No 2/2006 was held at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Immigration and Population here this morning, with an address by Deputy Minister for Immigration and Population Brig-Gen Win Sein.

It was also attended by Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint, departmental heads of the Ministries of SWRR and I&P and course instructors. The deputy minister awarded prizes to outstanding trainees and presented conclusion certificates to them.

A total of 30 trainees attended the eight-week course. — MNA

## MYANMAR GAZETTE

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Jan — The State Peace and Development Council has confirmed the following persons as heads of service organizations shown against each on expiry of the one-year probationary period.

Name	Appointment
(a) U Maung Maung Oo	Director-General Marine Administration Department
(b) U Maung Maung Nyein	Ministry of Transport Managing Director Myanmar Five Star Line
(c) Dr Nilar Thein	Ministry of Transport Rector Yangon University of Computer Studies Ministry of Science and Technology
(d) Dr Mya Oo	Director-General Higher Education Department (Upper Myanmar) Ministry of Education

The State Peace and Development Council has appointed Deputy Director-General U Hla Myint of the Training, Research and Foreign Languages Department under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as Director-General of the International Organizations and Economic Department under the same ministry on probation from the date he assumes charge of his duties. — MNA

## Educative talks on salient points of MWAF held in Myinmu

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Jan — Head of Organizing Department Dr Daw Nyunt Nyunt Oo of the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation and Chairperson of Sagaing Division Women's Affairs Organization Daw Mya Myint Thu gave an educative talk in Alakappa Village of Myinmu Township on 30 December.

Head of the Department Dr Daw Nyunt Nyunt Oo extended greetings and explained salient points of the MWAF.

Leader of the Sub-working Group on Health Affairs of Sagaing Division WAO Paediatrician Dr Daw Myint Myint Thein gave talks on prevention of HIV/AIDS and IP Daw Yi Yi Than of Monywa District Police Force on imprisonment for

trafficking in persons.

Next, the head of the department presented uniforms of the federation to members of Alakappa Village WAO, books to the village library and traditional medicines to the people.

Afterwards, Dr Daw Nyunt Nyunt Oo and Daw Mya Myint Thu accepted 1,500 membership applications. After giving membership cards and brooches to the members, they held the discussions cordially.

They viewed production of personal goods in Khinmon Village of ChaungU Township. While in ChaungU, the head of the department donated K 100,000 to the fund of the Ayeyeikmon (2) Women's School. — MNA



Head of Organizing Department of MWAF Dr Daw Nyunt Nyunt Oo gives educative talks to the local women in Alakappa village.—MNA

# Guinea Bissau President reiterates adherence to one-China policy

DAKAR, 4 Jan—Guinea Bissau is grateful for China's support and will continue to adhere to the one China policy and back China's reunification cause, Guinea Bissau President Joao Bernardo Vieira said on Wednesday.

According to reports reaching here from Bissau, the capital of Guinea Bissau, Vieira made the remarks in a meeting with visiting Chinese Foreign Minister Li Zhaoxing. During the meeting, Vieira recalled his state visit to China and participation in the Beijing Summit of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation two months ago. The Guinea Bissau-China friendship started in the years when Guinea Bissau strove for its independence, said Vieira. In the years that followed, China has offered valuable support to Guinea Bissau,

he said.

Li said that China has always attached great importance to its relations of friendship and cooperation with Guinea Bissau. Exchanges of high-level visits between the two have been frequent

since Vieira took office, he said. Cooperation between the two countries also has been fruitful in the fields of agriculture, health and infrastructure, he added. Li said that China appreciates Guinea Bissau's adherence to the

one China policy and thanks the Guinea Bissau congress for its adoption of a resolution last year which pledges commitment to the one China policy and support for China's reunification.

MNA/Xinhua



Tourists enjoy the beautiful rime scene at a park in Xingtai, north China's Hebei Province, on 3 Jan, 2007. —XINHUA

## Only six US cities adopt advanced communications systems after 9/11

NEW YORK, 4 Jan—Only six out of 75 US cities have adopted advanced emergency communications systems five years after the 11 September attacks, according to a survey to be released by the Homeland Security Department on Wednesday,

local media reported. New York City, which suffered worst in the terror attacks five years ago, has well-established systems but not the best, most advanced possible, the survey found. Thirteen cities score better than New York.

In the survey, communities were judged in three categories: operating procedures in place, use of communications systems and how effectively local governments have coordinated in preparation for a disaster.

The best ratings go to Washington; San Diego; Minneapolis-St Paul, Minnesota; Columbus, Ohio; Sioux Falls, South Dakota; and Laramie County, Wyoming. They were judged advanced in all three categories.

The lowest scores go to Chicago; Cleveland; Baton Rouge, Louisiana; Mandan, North Dakota; and American Samoa. They had reached the early implementation stage for only one category and intermediate grades in the other two categories. The report said all 75 cities surveyed have policies in place for helping their emergency workers communicate. But it also

found that formalized governance across regions has lagged.

Since the 11 September attacks, 2.9 billion dollars in federal grant money has been distributed to state and local first responders for the improvement of their emergency communications systems.

MNA/Xinhua

A general view of the BASF chemical plant, Seal Sands in Teesside northern England on 4 Jan, 2007. —INTERNET

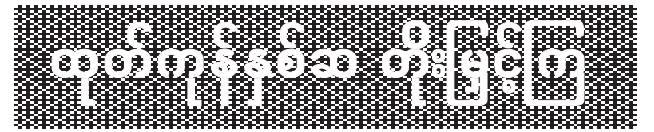
## Road death toll rises to 449 through New Year in Thailand

BANGKOK, 4 Jan — The number of those killed in road accidents during the first six of seven dangerous days of New Year holidays stand at 449, a Thai senior official announced Tuesday. Speaking in his capacity as the war room's executive, Interior Ministry's permanent secretary Pongphayom Wasaputi Wednesday said there were 509 road accidents on Tuesday in which 56 victims were killed and 576 others were injured.

Pongphayom blamed drunk driving for about 45 per cent of these accidents, while overspeeding was responsible for 19.45 per cent.

Of the accidents on Tuesday, 86.04 per cent involved motorcycles.

Between December 28 and January 2, there were 4,456 road accidents. The death toll was at 409 and the number of injured victims was at 4,943 during the period, which was higher than a similar period a year earlier. — MNA/Xinhua



Japan's oldest woman Yone Minagawa blows out candles on the birthday cake to celebrate her 114th birthday at a special elderly nursing home in the southern Japanese prefecture of Fukuoka on 4 Jan, 2007. —INTERNET

## Cambodian Boxkator practicers decrease in number

PHNOM PENH, 4 Jan—The number of practicers of the thousand-year-old Boxkator, or Cambodia's traditional martial arts, has been pared down to no more than 1,000 and extinction is almost in sight, local paper reported here on Wednesday. The Khmer Martial Arts Association has been trying to locate them all over the kingdom and the total number is expected to rise after the whole census is over, said *Sin Chew Daily*.

Meanwhile, the association has been carrying out some programmes to promote the national treasure and draw more investment to develop it into fashion

sports. One of the association's projects was the First Khmer Boxkator Tournament held in September, 2006, when 307 boxers and coaches from 23 Fight Clubs in nine provinces and cities exchanged fists in honour of the long-cherished gem of sports.

The association also tried to train teenagers into professional fighters in preparation for weekly or monthly league matches, which are yet to be started as soon as sponsors are in place. Boxkator can be traced to thousand years ago, when warriors invented it for self-defence. It can be practised with bare fists, clubs or knives. — MNA/Xinhua



# Indian PM seeks reverse brain drain

CHIDAMBARAM (Tamil Nadu), 4 Jan— Seeking reverse brain drain, Prime Minister Manmohan Singh Wednesday suggested tapping the vast pool of knowledge in the Indian scientific community abroad and introduction of international peer review in research laboratories.

“The global Indian diaspora is a vast pool of knowledge that we must tap, especially in the sciences. We must try and attract the best and brightest of our scientists abroad to return home and participate in the adventure of building a knowledge-based economy here”, he said inaugurating the 94th Indian Science Congress in this temple town.

Singh said many bright young Indian scientists working abroad in advanced fields of research wish to come home for varying periods of time and “we must fully exploit the potential of this

reverse brain drain”.

He said India’s visa regime, employment procedures and remuneration systems, especially in universities and government institutions, must change and respond to facilitate this. “Our mindset must change

too...”, he added.

Expressing concern over declining standards in scientific research work, the Prime Minister proposed introduction of a system of international peer review in the research labs.

MNA/PTI

*Japanese tourists participate in a cooking class at the Korean Court Cuisine Hall, the hall for experiencing traditional culinary culture, at the Korea House in Seoul on 4 Jan, 2007.*

INTERNET



## US soldier killed in bomb attack in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 4 Jan — An American soldier was killed in south of Baghdad when a roadside bomb struck his patrol, the military said on Wednesday.

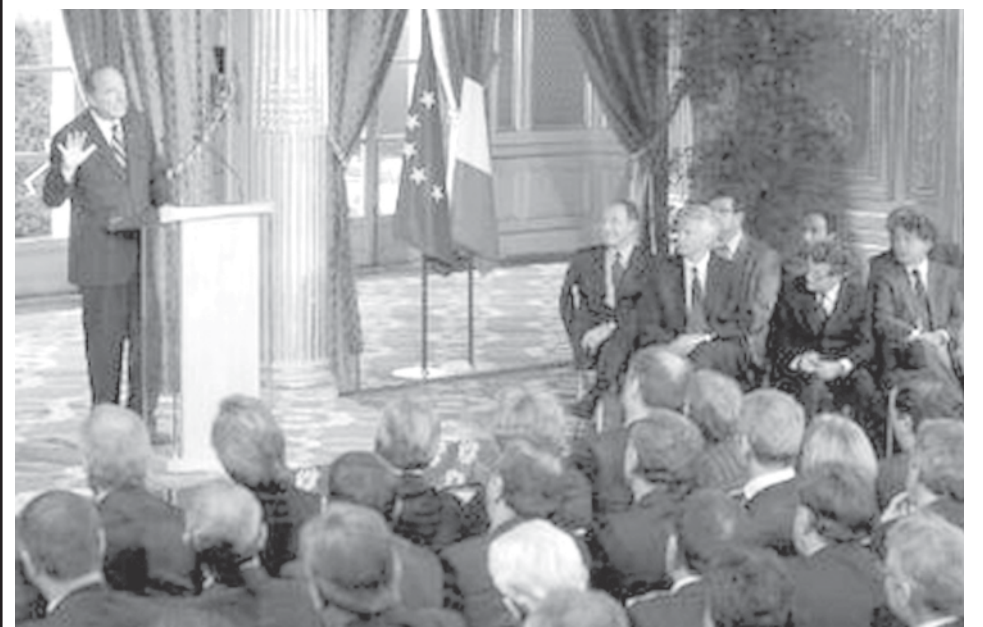
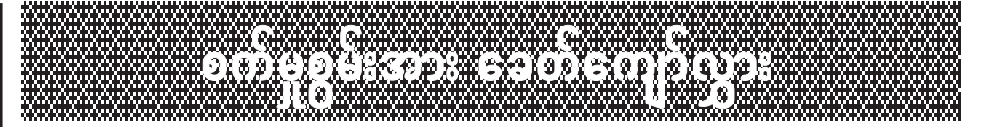
The soldier, assigned to Multinational Division — Baghdad, was killed when his patrol was hit by a roadside bomb during an operation, the military said in a statement.

The latest death is the first US casualty in 2007 and brings the death toll of US soldiers killed in Iraq since March 2003 to about 3,004, according to media count based on Pentagon figures.

MNA/Xinhua

*Clothing, musical instruments and other belongings of singer Whitney Houston, seen here in 2006, will go on the auction block in New Jersey next week so the storage company that has kept them for years can be paid.*

INTERNET



*France’s President Jacques Chirac gives his New Year address to unions, associations and business representatives at the Elysee Palace in Paris on 4 Jan, 2007. —INTERNET*

## Mystery clears off over deserted barges beached in Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR, 4 Jan—Mystery clouding over the beached barges along the east coast of Peninsula Malaysia has been cleared off, local newspaper reported Wednesday.

The Singapore-owned vessels drifted away from a tugboat, *MT Kappa*, during a thunderstorm about 210 nautical miles off Kuala Terengganu last Wednesday.

According to reports of the *New Straits Times* (NST), the two newly bought barges were in the process of being towed to the city republic when the cable linking them to the tugboat snapped.

The vessels eventually landed at the beach about 20 kilometres from Rompin, Pahang State, on Sunday, causing a stir among local villagers and police as they were completely deserted with neither staff or cargo aboard. Pacific Ocean Engineering and Trading Company Pte Ltd of Singapore, owner of the vessels, has appointed a local agent, Terus Maju Logistic, to salvage the barges, said the NST report.

MNA/Xinhua

## Blair picks friend for UN post, accused of cronyism

LONDON, 4 Jan—The appointment of Prime Minister Tony Blair’s holiday companion to a key UN post has triggered a political row in Britain with the Labour leader’s detractors accusing him of cronyism.

Sir John Holmes, who had served in the High Commission in Delhi and is Britain’s ambassador to Paris, is to become the UN’s emergency relief coordinator, responsible for providing international aid to the most devastated regions.

It is one of the UN’s top jobs, making Sir John the most senior British official at the organization.

However, the appointment, to be announced in the next few days, has embroiled Blair in a new row as many government officials are unhappy with the choice, *The Times* daily reported.

Sir John is a personal friend and holiday companion who has limited experience in emergency relief work compared with his predecessors, they say.

“He has no prior experience, no relevant knowledge of the issues. He’s a Tony Crony. They go on holiday together.

It’s a shocking way to do things,” a government official was quoted as saying.

Blair has been accused of cronyism before, notably when he appointed Lord Irvine of Lairg, his former employer, as Lord Chancellor.

Sir John, who used to be Blair’s principal private secretary, has twice hosted the Blair family on private holidays after Blair appointed him Ambassador to Portugal.

Defending the appointment, a senior government source said Sir John served in the High Commission in Delhi where he oversaw reform of Britain’s aid programme in India and that he helped to negotiate the Good Friday agreement in Northern Ireland.

MNA/PTI

## S Korea's 'IT' exports rise 10% in 2006

SEOUL, 4 Jan — South Korea's exports of information technology (IT) products grew 10.8 per cent in 2006 from the previous year and will keep rising in 2007, the Ministry of Information and Communication said on Wednesday.

South Korea exported

a total of 113.4 billion US dollars' worth of IT goods in 2006, while the imports of IT products grew 9.1 per cent year-on-year to 58.9 billion US dollars last year, the ministry said in a report.

The expansion of IT exports was mainly led by the increase of

semiconductors and display panels consumption in overseas market, which jumped 16.8 per cent and 65.5 per cent year-on-year respectively, said the ministry.

The ministry forecast that IT exports will grow 12.0 per cent to 127 billion US dollars in 2007, saying that South Korea's mobile phones, semiconductors and display products are expected to lead the industry.

MNA/Xinhua



A computer generated image of a Boeing 787-8 jet. India's biggest domestic airline, Jet Airways Ltd, said on 2 Jan 2006, it had purchased 10 Boeing 787-8 aircraft to support its international operations.—INTERNET



Women dressed in ceremonial kimonos pose in front of a stock quotation board at Tokyo Stock Exchange's (TSE) new year opening ceremony in Tokyo on 4 Jan, 2007. The Nikkei average rose 0.74 per cent on Thursday, the first trading day of 2007.—INTERNET

## Cambodia to get \$31m donation for fighting malaria

PHNOM PENH, 4 Jan — The Global Fund has approved to donate 31 million US dollars for Cambodia to fight against malaria from 2008 to 2012, a senior Cambodian official said on Wednesday.

Doung Socheat, director of National Centre for Parasitology, Entomology and Malaria Control, told Xinhua by phone here that the part of the fund will be used

by Ministry of Women's Affairs and Veterans for educating women about malaria and gender.

Part of the fund will be used by Ministry of National Defence to take care of soldiers living in malaria-affected areas, and part of it will be used to fight against fake malaria medicines, buy bed nets and medicines for poor people, and promote awareness for prevention of malaria, said Socheat.

The fund will be handed over to the health

NGOs which are involved in malaria programmes, he added.

In 2006, malaria was found on some 70,000 Cambodians and over 240 of them died, said Socheat, adding that the infection rate was down by more than 1 per cent from 2005. The victims were usually men from 15 to 49 years old, who went into deep forests for logging, land clearing and crop planting to support their families, he said.

MNA/Xinhua

## India's Jet Airways to buy 10 aircraft from Boeing

MUMBAI, 3 Jan — Jet Airways Tuesday said it will buy 10 aircraft from US-based aerospace major Boeing to expand its international operations.

The company informed the Mumbai Stock Exchange it has signed an agreement with US-based The Boeing Company for acquisition of 10 Boeing 787-8 series aircraft, subject to regulatory approvals.

Boeing would deliver the aircraft between July 2011 and December 2012.

The company did not disclose the financial details of the agreement. However, sources said the deal could be valued at about 1.5-2 billion US dollars. Under the agreement, Jet has the option to substitute other models of Boeing aircraft.

MNA/PTI

## S Korea's auto sales rise 11.5% in 2006

SEOUL, 4 Jan — The auto sales of South Korea's five biggest automakers, led by Hyundai Motor Co., rose 11.5 per cent in 2006 from a year ago on strong exports, the South Korea's Yonhap news agency said Tuesday.

According to Yonhap, sales of South Korean automobiles at home and

abroad last year totalled 5.81 million units in 2006, compared with 5.21 million in 2005, despite the strong local currency, labour strikes and higher oil prices.

Domestic sales gained 1.9 per cent to 1.15 million units, while exports climbed 14.2 per cent to 4.66 million units, the report said.

Hyundai Motor, which controls more than half of the South Korean auto market, sold a total of 2.66 million units in 2006, up 5.1 per cent from a year earlier, with domestic sales up 1.8 per cent to 581,092 units and exports higher by 6.1 per cent to 2,082,906 units.

MNA/Xinhua



NTT DoCoMo mobile phones. Japanese mobile phone giant NTT DoCoMo plans to launch a high-speed, low-cost data communications service in 2010 that is capable of showing high-quality video, a news report said.—INTERNET

## Bad weather hampers search of Indonesian missing plane

JAKARTA, 4 Jan — An Indonesian Air Force surveillance plane was forced to stop the search of a missing passenger plane Wednesday amid heavy rains and windstorm above

Sulawesi Island and made an unscheduled

landing in East Kalimantan.

The plane was sent to search for a Boeing 737-400 believed to have crashed Monday with 102 people onboard.

"The surveillance plane was forced to halt the search due to bad

weather," Air Force spokesman First Marshal Daryatmo was quoted by the national Antara news agency as saying.

"We will resume the search immediately when the weather is conducive."

MNA/Xinhua



A man dressed as a snowman poses in front of a snow sculpture for the upcoming China Harbin international ice and snow festival in Harbin, northeastern China's Heilongjiang Province, on 3 Jan, 2007.—INTERNET



**China's Margaret Chan, left, new Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO), is welcomed by Anders Nordstroem, right, of Sweden, acting Director-General of the WHO, on Chans first day in office of the World Health Organization, WHO headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, on 4 Jan, 2007.—INTERNET**

## Indian bank plans to set up branch in Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR, 4 Jan — India's fifth-biggest lender, Bank of Baroda, is expected to set up its branch office in Kuala Lumpur this year, local newspaper reported Wednesday.

Bank of Baroda plans to submit its application to Malaysia's central bank and is expected to see its full-fledged subsidiary here by mid-2007, the *New Straits Times* reported.

The banking subsi-

diary will be a joint venture between Bank of Baroda and two other Indian commercial banks, namely, Bank of Maharashtra and Oriental Bank of Commerce, Chairman and Managing director of Bank of Baroda Anil K Khandewal said.

Proposed stake share among the three banks will be 40:30:30 with Bank of Baroda having a majority stake, Khandewal told the English daily in an interview.

The three banks have decided to jointly come into the country as the partnership allows them to spread the risk as well as share the 300-million-ringgit (83.33-million-US-dollar) capital requirement.

Khandewal said the subsidiary, targeting small and medium-sized enterprises in the country, will initially offer commercial banking, international trade finance, loan syndication services and remittance services.

Bank of Baroda currently has a representative office in Kuala Lumpur. It is reported to have some 60 offices in 21 countries and regions.

MNA/Xinhua

*A mother and her son tie sacred lots to a tree for good luck at the start of business in the new year at Kanda Myojin Shrine in Tokyo on 4 Jan, 2007.*

INTERNET

## Eight killed, 17 injured in N Philippine road accident

MANILA, 4 Jan — At least eight people were killed while 17 others injured as the victims' jeep hit a trailer-truck in La Union Province, the northern Philippines, before dawn Wednesday, police said.

Initial police reports indicated that the mishap occurred at 4 am at Bauang Town in La Union, 250 kilometres north of Manila, as the passengers, mostly youths, were on their way home to La Trinidad in Benguet.

Superintendent Pedro Ubaldo Jr, Bauang police director, cited initial witnesses' testimonies indicating the jeep was speeding and "crisscrossing" before hitting the trailer truck. "The youths came from La Trinidad at 6 pm of Tuesday for night swimming at a resort.

MNA/Xinhua



## Student shot dead at Washington State school

LOS ANGELES, 4 Jan — A student was shot on Wednesday morning at a high school in Tacoma of Washington State in the northwest of the United States and died later on the way to hospital, the FoxTV reported.

The attacker was a young person who brought a gun to the

school, police were quoted as saying.

The motive behind the attack remained unknown.

Police were searching for the attacker and another person involved in the attack, said the report. The victim was a male student, district spokeswoman Patty Holmgren was quoted as saying.

Police responded to the school shortly after the 7:30 am shooting and evacuated students while searching the building, police spokesman Mark Fulghum was quoted as saying.

Classes were cancelled for the rest of the day at the Foss High School.

MNA/Xinhua

## Two mountaineers freeze to death in central Turkey

JAKARA, 4 Jan — Two mountaineers froze to death after they were stranded by heavy snowfall on Mt Demirkazik in Turkey's central province of Nigde, the semi-official *Anatolia* news agency reported on Tuesday.

The rescue teams, which were looking for

six people who were trapped due to heavy snowfall on Monday, found the bodies of the two slain mountaineers on 3,400-metre-high area of the mountain, Camardi sub-governor Tolga Polat was quoted as saying.

Polat added that the rescue teams had reached

another two mountaineers who were in a safe area and would brought them down the mountain as soon as possible.

Meanwhile, two of them were rescued, *Anatolia* said, adding that one of them was injured and the other was in good condition.

MNA/Xinhua

## Fiat Auto sales jump 14%

ROME, 4 Jan — Italian industrial group Fiat Auto new car sales in Italy jumped 14 per cent last year, over 2005, allowing it to increase its market share in one year from 27.97 per cent to 30.73

per cent.

Italian auto market sources said Fiat group sales in December rose 0.93 per cent over the same month in 2005, bringing its market share for the month to 30.32 per cent,

down from 31.13 per cent in November.

New car sales in general fell 2.55 per cent last month, over December 2005, but were up 3.74 per cent for 2006 over the previous year.

MNA/Xinhua



*Photo taken on 4 Jan, 2007 shows the beautiful scenery of the Huangshan Mountains after a snow. The first snow in the Huangshan Mountains, located in Huangshan city, east China's Anhui Province, came Wednesday night, making the famous mountain in China even more fascinating.—XINHUA*

HAILING THE 59TH ANNIVERSARY INDEPENDENCE DAY

# The duty of all the people of an independent nation

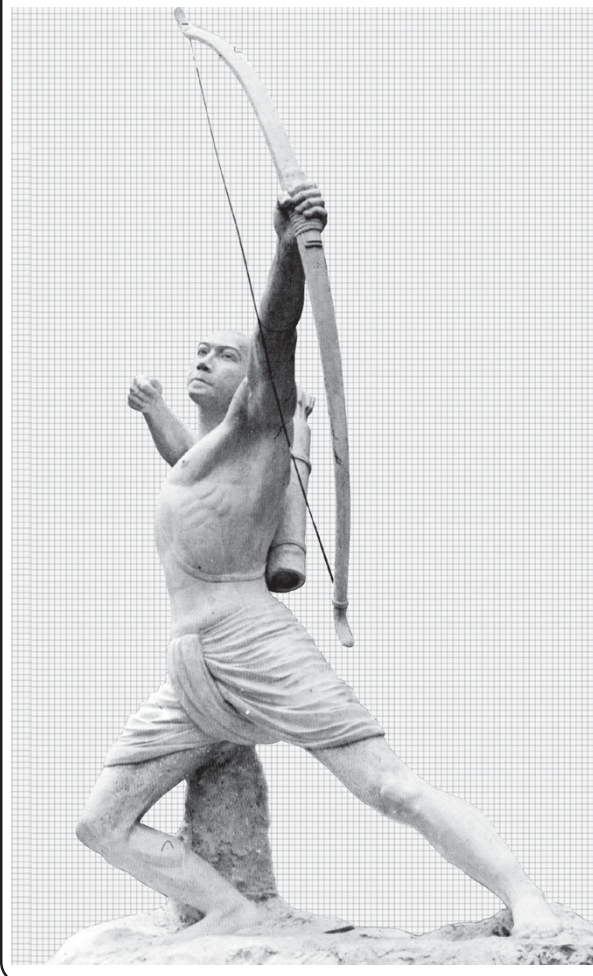
*Aung Moe San*

Myanmar had to live under colonialist rule for over a hundred years, and during the World War II, it fell under Fascist rule for three full years. But with unyielding spirit, patriotism and pride, the Myanmar national races launched waves of battles against the occupiers. In other words, they launched the independence struggle for over 100 years during which the nation was under subjugation.

The forcible occupation of the nation was followed by the colonialist administration of all economic, political, military, education and culture sectors. Not even a single Myanmar was allowed to participate in the colonialist administrative machinery. However, the colonialists were not able to destroy the national spirit of Myanmar people. YMBA, GCBA, Saya San-led Uprising, Doh Bamar Asiayon, Uprising in the year 1300 ME, the Thirty Comrades and Anti-Fascist and People's Freedom League emerged one after another throughout the different stages of national liberation struggle till independence was regained on 4 January 1948. Thanks to patriotism-based national politics and unity, Myanmar and her people can now stand as an independent nation and people. National politics restored national unity that was the driving force behind the regaining of independence and sovereignty.

Instead of rebuilding the nation with national unity after the restoration of independence, there broke out internal armed conflicts resulting from factional, personal, racial and ideological prejudices fueled by colonialist acts to cause dissension and alien instigation. The parliamentary democracy system met its end 14 years after the restoration of independence due to deteriorating of national politics and national unity, the cause deeply rooted in factional, personal, racial and ideological prejudices. **The Tatmadaw that always kept in the fore the national politics had to safeguard independence and sovereignty for their perpetuation. The AFPFL government transferred the State power to the Caretaker Government of the Tatmadaw as it was on the verge of solving its intra-party problems through violent instead of political means. The Tatmadaw discharged the national political duty and held a new election. But when the Pa-hta-sa government that won the election faced the near-disintegration of the Union that sprang from the federal policy, the Tatmadaw had to take over the State duties again because of the unavoidable circumstances. The Tatmadaw was just**

## Cherish the Independence, safeguard it at risk to lives



### safeguarding the Union from falling apart and the sovereignty from being encroached on.

As anarchy ruled the unrest that broke out in 1988 in the time of the Burma Socialist Programme Party, the nation was in total disarray and disunity. And when the foreign interferences appeared in the wake of the worsening national situation, the Tatmadaw had to assume the State duty again, placing in the fore Our Three Main National Causes — non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of the national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty. It began to implement the market economy and democracy in accord with the public wish.

The 17 national race armed groups that opposed the past successive governments returned to the legal fold because of realizing the Tatmadaw government's endeavours to develop the nation through the national politics. The entire nation including the remote areas are thus witnessing progress. The government is now in the process of

implementing the seven-step Road Map. The National Convention, the first step of the Road Map that represents national unity, has been laying foundation for the discipline-flourishing democratic state.

On the other hand, some global powers and their minions are opposing all the nation-building endeavours with negative views. They climbed on the bandwagon to impose economic sanctions against Myanmar and cut off all technological and humanitarian aids and soft loans to her. In addition, their ultimate conspiracy was to persuade the UN Security Council to take action against Myanmar.

At this time, all the people will have to ward off the outside interferences to make Myanmar an alien minion, with national unity based on nationalistic fervour. And in unity, they will have to safeguard independence and sovereignty regained sacrificing lots of blood, sweat and lives of the national races.

The Independence Declaration of Myanmar urged the Myanmar people to nurture their true patriotism, stating that the Union of Myanmar was a significant land blessed with everything; that it was the land of noble teachings; that it had an abundant supply of rich aboveground and underground natural resources; that on the noble land lived Shan, Kachin, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Bamar, Rakhine in unity for thousands of years; that the national people lived with their own independence and glory during the times from Tagaung and Srikestra to Bagan, Myinsaing, Sagaing, Pinya and Inwa till Konboun and Mandalay eras.

Independence is the prestige for every race and nation in this world. No race will ever wish to live as a minion or under colonialist enslavement. Independence covers political, economic, social and cultural freedom. The three organs of power — the legislation, the executive and the judiciary — must be in the hands of the people of an independent nation. The opposite of freedom is enslavement and unjust alien interferences.

The verses of a poem says "You cannot stop birds flying overhead"; "But you can stop them from nesting in your hair". Citing those verses as an example, I would like to say that the task of implementing the following objectives of the 59th Anniversary Independence Day is the duty of all.

- **All the national people to join hands forever for safeguarding the national independence and sovereignty of the State;**
- **All the national people to collectively safeguard non-disintegration of the Union and non-disintegration of national solidarity;**
- **All the national people to make concerted efforts for the emergence of an enduring constitution and building of a new, modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation; and**
- **All the national people to work in concert for the success of the seven-step Road Map of the State with Union Spirit and the patriotic spirit.**

(Translation: TMT)

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# Foreign Heads of State send felicitations

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Jan— *The following are messages of felicitations sent to Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, from foreign Heads of State on the occasion of the 59th Anniversary of the Independence Day.*

**From Norodom Sihamoni, King of Cambodia**

Your Excellency Mr Chairman,

On the auspicious celebration of the 59th Anniversary of the Independence Day of the Union of Myanmar, I have the honour to present to Your Excellency, on behalf of the Cambodian People and on my own behalf, my warmest congratulations and best wishes for Your good health and happiness, as well as for the peace, progress and prosperity of the valiant People of the Union of Myanmar.

I am confident that the ties of longstanding friendship uniting our two brotherly Peoples and the fruitful cooperation existing between our two Countries will continue to strengthen and develop.

Please accept, Your Excellency Mr Chairman, the assurances of my highest consideration.

**From Mr Choummaly Sayasone, President of the Lao People's Democratic Republic**

Your Excellency,

On the occasion of the 59th Anniversary of the National Day of the Union of Myanmar, on behalf of the people of the Lao People's Democratic Republic and on my own behalf, I would like to extend my warmest congratulations and best wishes

to Your Excellency and through Your Excellency to entire people of Myanmar.

I extremely rejoice to note that the traditional friendly relations and cooperation between our two countries and peoples have been developed in various fields, bringing concrete benefit to the peoples of our two countries.

I am strongly convinced that with our bilateral joint efforts, the friendly relations and close trustful cooperation will be continuously strengthened and enhanced for our mutual benefit, contributing to the cause of peace, stability and prosperity in the region as well as in the world.

I would like to take this auspicious occasion to wish Your Excellency good health, happiness and wish for the continued progress and prosperity of the people of Myanmar.

Please, accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

**From Mr Nguyen Minh Triet, President of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam**

On behalf of the State and people of Viet Nam and in my own name, I have the great honour to convey to Your Excellency and the people of Myanmar the warmest congratulations on the occasion of the 59th anniversary of the Independence Day of the Union of Myanmar.

May the people of Myanmar continue to record greater achievement in the cause of building and developing a prosperous country, wealthy and

happy people.

May the traditional relation of friendship and multifaceted cooperation between the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam and the Union of Myanmar be unceasingly strengthened and developed in the interest of the peoples of our two countries and for peace, cooperation and development in South East Asia and the world at large.

I wish Your Excellency the best of health and happiness and please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

**From Madame Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, President of the Philippines**

Excellency,

On behalf of the Government of the Philippines and the Filipino People, allow me to convey my heartfelt greetings to Your Excellency and to the people of Myanmar as you celebrate the 59th Anniversary of your Independence.

Philippines-Myanmar friendship has flourished in recent years, as we expanded our cooperation in areas that mutually benefit our peoples.

As we work together towards the achievement of our collective goal of one ASEAN Community, the Philippines also reaffirms its support for Myanmar's determination to achieve greater unity, democracy and prosperity for its country and peoples.

Accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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## Progress in construction of North Yama Supporting Dam inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Jan — Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo inspected construction of the main embankment, the spillway and the lower structure of North Yama Supporting Dam Project being undertaken by Irrigation Department near Aingma village of Pale Township in Monywa District, Sagaing Division on 31 December.

Director U Victor and Director-General U Kyaw San Win reported on progress of the dam.

The minister urged officials to carry out the development of the region, boost agricultural products and reclaim highland farmlands at the steep slopes of the hills.

On completion, North Yama Supporting Dam can store surplus water of North Yama Dam. The supporting dam will supply water to 120,000 acres of land all the year round.

The minister inspected dredging drains

for proper flow of water from Yaymyetgyi Lake in Sagaing Township.

In addition, the minister met with members of Agriculture Coordination Committee of Mandalay District and gave necessary instructions. — MNA

## No casualties on New Year's Eve in Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Jan — There was no casualties on New Year's Eve (on 31 December) in Myanmar as authorities monitored the new year activities and people took safety precautions.

New Year's Eve parties were held on 31 December night at Mya Yeik Nyo, Yuzana Garden, Hotel Nikko Hotels in Yangon and were

organized in capital towns of states and divisions systematically.

Yangon had not suffered road casualties in New Year's Eve.

Authorities concerned closely supervised New Year's Eve parties which were organized in accordance with Myanmar traditional culture across the country and people also took safety measures. — MNA



Maj-Gen Htay Oo inspects construction of North Yama Supporting Dam Project in Pale Township. — A&I



## LPDR's Vice-President sends felicitations

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Jan— *Mr Bounnhang Vorachith, Vice-President of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, sent a message of felicitations to Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, on the occasion of the 59th Anniversary of the Independence Day. The following is the full text of the message:*

**Your Excellency,**

On the occasion of the 59th Anniversary of the National Day of the Union of Myanmar, I have a great pleasure to extend to Your Excellency my warmest congratulations and best wishes. I am very pleased to note that the friendly relations of good neighbourliness between our two countries have been continuously enhanced thus bringing the tangible benefits to the people's of our two countries. I be-

lieve that our good existing traditional relations, close cooperation and mutual trust will be further strengthened and enhanced in the years to come.

I would like to take this auspicious opportunity to convey my best wishes for Your Excellency's good health, happiness and for the civilization and prosperity of the Union of Myanmar.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration. — MNA

## Foreign Heads of State, Government send felicitations

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Jan— *The following are messages of felicitations sent to General Soe Win, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, from foreign Heads of State, Government on the occasion of the 59th Anniversary of the Independence Day.*

**From Samdech Hun Sen, Prime Minister of the Royal Government of Cambodia Excellency,**

On the auspicious occasion of the 59th Anniversary of the Independence Day of the Union of Myanmar, on behalf of the Royal Government and people of Cambodia, I have the great pleasure to express my warmest congratulations to Your Excellency and best wishes of happiness and prosperity to the people of Myanmar.

I strongly believe that the excellent traditional relations of friendship and cooperation existing between our two countries continue to further strengthen and develop in the years to come for the mutual interests of our two peoples as well as for strong solidarity within the ASEAN family.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

**From Mr Bouasone Bouphavanh, Prime Minister of the Lao People's Democratic Republic Your Excellency,**

On the occasion of the 59th Anniversary of the National Day of the Union of Myanmar, on behalf of the Government and people of the Lao People's Democratic Republic and on my own behalf, I would like to extend my warmest congratulations and best

wishes to Your Excellency and through Your Excellency to the Government and entire people of Myanmar.

I am very delighted to note that the friendly relations of good neighbourliness and fruitfulness between the two countries have been continuously enhanced and developed. I am confident that with our joint efforts, traditional relations will be further enhanced for the mutual interests of our peoples as well as for the cohesiveness and prosperity of the ASEAN family.

I would like to take this auspicious opportunity to wish Your Excellency and entire people of Myanmar good health and success in the social-economic development, making the Union of Myanmar further prospered.

Please, accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

**From Mr Nguyen Tan Dung, Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam**

On behalf of the Government and people of Viet Nam, I have the honour to convey to Your Excellency and the Government and people of Myanmar the warmest congratulation on the occasion of the 59th anniversary of the Independence Day of the Union of Myanmar.

We are very glad at the important achievements recorded by the people of Myanmar in the recent time and sincerely wish the people of Myanmar continue to obtain greater achievement in time to come.

I am pleased to see the excellent development of the traditional relations friendship and multifaceted cooperation between Viet Nam and Myanmar in the past time and I am confident that with the joint efforts of our two Governments and peoples, the relations between our two countries shall be unceasingly strengthened and developed in the interests of our two people and for peace, stability, cooperation, prosperity and development in South-east Asia and the world over.

I wish Your Excellency the best of health and happiness and please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

**From Madame Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, President of the Philippines Excellency,**

I wish to convey my warmest felicitations to Your Excellency and to the Government and people of Myanmar as you celebrate the 59th Anniversary of the Independence of the Union of Myanmar.

It is our hope that the friendly relations between the Philippines and the Union of Myanmar will be strengthened even further under our Joint Commission for Bilateral Cooperation and Policy Consultations as we look forward to the implementation of our agreed initiatives for the mutual benefit of our countries and peoples.

As the Philippines and Myanmar work together to build one ASEAN Community with our ASEAN brothers, we are confident that we shall soon move closer to our goal of achieving regional development and economic progress for all.

Accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration. — MNA

## Meeting on combating bird flu and World pandemic flu held

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Jan — A work coordination meeting on combating bird flu and World pandemic flu that may infect human took place at the Ministry of Health, here, yesterday.

Deputy Minister Dr Mya Oo made a speech, saying that preventive measures are to be taken against the diseases and educative talks are given to the public. In addition, responsive measures to the diseases need be taken, he

added.

Next, Deputy Director of Health Department Dr Soe Lwin Nyein clarified bird flu and World pandemic flu and Deputy Director of the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries Dr Daw Tin Aye Kyi discussed ruling out of rampant bird flu.

Later, round table discussion followed and the meeting ended with the concluding remarks of the deputy minister.—MNA



**Deputy Minister Dr Mya Oo speaks at meeting on combating bird flu and World pandemic flu.—HEALTH**

## 52nd Soccer Tournament on 7-29 January

YANGON, 5 Jan — The 52nd Inter State and Division Men's Soccer Tournament will be held here from 7 to 29 January.

First round-rubin matches will be held at Youth Training Camp (Thuwunna), Salin Sports Ground in Kyimyindine Township, Aung San Stadium, and Padomma Sports Ground in Sangyoung Township.

The quarterfinal and semifinal of the tournament will be organized from 21 to 29 January at Aung San Stadium.

MNA

## Nine quit Gyobingauk Township NLD

YANGON, 5 Jan — Executive of Gyobingauk Township National League for Democracy in Bago Division (West) U Aye Ko Ko resigned from the party on 25 May, members U Kyi Aung and U Myint Cho of Sibinkauk village on 26 July, Daw Phyu of Leinpinkwin Taungsu village on 28 July, U Mya Kyaing of Kankalay village on 1 August, U Thet Khaing of Anaukaung Ward on 22 August and U Sein Win, U Hla Thaug and U Myint Oo of Bantbwaygon Village on 25 August. They quit the party of their own accord sending their resignations to NLD Headquarters and authorities concerned.

The resignation letters to Gyobingauk Township Multi-Party Democracy General Election Subcommittee, they said they quit the party of their own volition as they lost interest and faith in the NLD and its leaders due to the fact that the party had never served the interest of the State and the people and had been on a collision course with the government.

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# Found Happening Project Show

*Article by Maung Maung Myint Swe;  
photos by Ko Ko Soe Nyunt (NLM)*

“Personally, all the events we face every day through five senses are worth considering. If we constantly do so and if creation of a replica as an art work is called found object, the presentation of events as they really are should be

Shar Nyo achieved success in captivating the people by displaying the art works he has created, on a motorcade around Yangon City.

Ten stainless steel replicas including an overpass, Ferris wheel,

They move into the people and the images of the works become to permeate the people. Then, there will be people’s reaction to the sculptures”, he said.

He was right. I noticed that along the route, the works drew the attention of the people, some were gazing at the works, some expressing their views, and some having a look at the works in amazement. Surely, they were influenced by the unusual presentation one way or another.

Along the route, a photo each featuring an

with visitors. There, the works were also attracting the views and comments from the art lovers.

“They were displayed in a single place in the past. But, now I have presented this programme to help the people know that the arts are not limited and enjoy the happening sculptures”. His words were in conformity with the views of the enthusiasts.

On the return



*A replica of a clock tower built by Shar Nyo.*



*If creation of a replica as an art work is called found object, the presentation of events as they really are should be “found happening”.*  
(Shar Nyo)



“found happening,” said actor Shar Nyo at the opening of the Found Happening Project Show at the National Museum on Pyay Road in Yangon on the morning of 1 January.

The ceremony was graced by the presence of officials, invited guests and media men. Chairman of the Myanmar Artists and Artisans Asiayon (Central) U Thaug Han delivered an introductory speech.

bus-stop, independence monument, high-rise building, lamp-post, Nan Myint Tower and clock tower were conveyed on ten automobiles for public study from the National Museum to the National Races Village through Phoneyi Street, Maha Bandoola Street, Yamonna Street and Shukhintha Street.

“When the sculptures are displayed on a motorcade, the styles of the works change somewhat.

**They were displayed in a single place in the past. But, now I have presented this programme to help the people know that the arts are not limited and enjoy the happening sculptures.**



*The opening of the Found Happening Project Show in progress at the National Museum.*

journey, the motorcade left the National Museum through Thakayta Roundabout, Ayeyawun Street, Thanthumar Street, Shwegondaing, U Wisara Road and Dhamma Ceti Road. “That is the first-ever presentation of art works in a different way. I am proud of the different and attractive presentation of art works a member of the Myanmar Artists and Artisan Asiayon created”, said Chairman U Thaug Han.

Anyhow, Shar Nyo achieved success in his Found Happening Project.

**Translation: MS**  
*Myanma Alin: 4-1-2007*



*Stainless steel replica of a Ferris wheel created by actor Shar Nyo.*

expression of Shar Nyo’s personal idea was distributed to the people enjoying the works. So, it was like an explanation that helped the enthusiasts understand what sort of creation the works were.

The presentation programme stopped for a while at the National Races Village in Thakayta, and there the works were shown for public study.

It was a holiday, so the National Races Village was crowded



*Replica of bus-stop created by actor Shar Nyo.*

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*(Continued from yesterday)*

80. U Tin Oo, merchant, No 55/6, Pagoda Road, Labutta Township, Ayeyawady Division
81. U Nay Win, agent of Myanmar Insurance, No 927/5, Aungthukha Road, Labutta Township, Ayeyawady Division
82. U Htay Aung, shopkeeper, Yuwa Road, Mingon Ward, Myittha, Mandalay Division
83. U Zayya, press worker, Block 247, East Thirihema, Chanayethazan Township, Mandalay Division
84. U Kyaw Lin, Assistant Supervisor, Factory and Vehicle Department, Yangon City Development Committee
85. U Kyaw Kyaw (a) U Maung Bo, Head of Auxiliary Fire Brigade, No 4/46, Tharaphi Road, Ward 4, Laikha, Shan State
86. Daw San Kyi, farm worker, Nyaungphyu Sakhan, Myintmo Road, Taunggyi, Shan State
87. U Zaw Lwin, Jewellery Industry, No 16/189, Merchant Road, Toungoo, Bago Division
88. U Win Hlaing, worker, Township Inland Freight Handling Committee Office, Lanmadaw Township, Ministry of Labour
89. U Sein Tint, Crops Brokerage, Minte-Eikin, Block 100, Aungmyethazan Township, Mandalay Division
90. U Win Maung, Supervisor-III (Bridge), Cargo Division, Myanmar Port Authority, Ministry of Transport
91. U Aung Hsan, Toe Shwe Myittar Sculpture Workshop, No 17, Tower Clock Wing, Maha Muni Buddha Image, Mandalay Division
92. U Wai Wai Aung, locomotive driver-IV, Mahlagon Diesel Locomotive Shed, Myanmar Railways, Mingala Taungnyunt Township, Ministry of Rail Transportation
93. Daw Yin Yin Aye, No 7, 34th Street, Zaydan Ward, Zaydan Group, Kyaukse, Mandalay Division
94. U Vidhura, monk, Moegaung Monastery, Three-storey Building, Chanayethazan Township, Mandalay Division
95. U Nyan Win, trishaw, No 621, Hemazala Ward, Chanayethazan Township, Mandalay Division
96. U Nyunt Aung, Directorate of Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems, Ministry of Transport
97. Daw Khin Ohn Myint, Senior Typist, Geological Survey and Minerals Exploration Department, Ministry of Mines
98. U Kyaw Win, plumber-4, Myanmar Railways, Civil Engineering Department, Junior Engineer (1) Office, Mandalay, Ministry of Rail Transportation
99. U Khin Win, coxswain-5, Waterway Division (Rivermouth), Inland Water Transport, Ministry of Transport
100. U Thein Tun, Captain (III), Inland Water Transport, Ministry of Transport
101. U Aye Lwin, worker, Township Inland Freight Handling Committee Office, Mandalay, Ministry of Labour
102. Ashin Gandhasara, monk, Sasana Nugga Monastery, Dhammikayama Monastery, Kyunlon Okshaung Ward, Chanmyathazi Township, Mandalay Division
103. U Soe Tint, Sub-Assistant Supervisor (Station Clerk), Economic Division, Myanmar Railways, Ministry of Rail Transportation
104. U Tin Win, communication grade-IV, Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications, Telegraph Office, Thayet, Magway Division, Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs
105. La-117454, Constable Aung Gyi, Development Affairs Police Force (Yangon), Ministry of Home Affairs
106. U Myo Thein, saw mechanic, No 2 Furniture Factory, Ministry of Forestry
107. Air/2111 Major Maung Maung Kyaw, Airforce Ordnance Depot, Aircraft Assembling and Repairing Base, Ministry of Defence
108. U Than Hsaung, technician-5 (carriage), Carriage Workshop, Myanmar Railways, Ministry of Rail Transportation
109. U Aung Zaw, Branch Clerk, Political Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
110. Ashin Neminda, monk, Sasana Nugga Monastery, Dhammikayama Monastery, Kyunlon Okshaung Ward, Chanmyathazi Township, Mandalay Division
111. U Khin Htoo, shopkeeper, No 69, Wayon Road, Tayoksu, Hsandaw Ward, Pyay, Bago Division (West)
112. Daw Than Than Win, industrial management-3, No 1 Gas Plant, Myanmar Paper and Chemical Industries, Ministry of Industry-1
113. U Kyaw Myint, communication grade-III, Transport Division, Myanmar Railways, Ministry of Rail Transportation
114. Daw Moe Moe Htay, production technician-4, Mayangon Tower Factory, Ministry of Industry-1
115. U Kyaw Myint, head of section, Myanmar Pharmaceutical Factory, Myanmar Pharmaceutical Industries, Ministry of Industry-1
116. U Maung Maung Than, Communication (4) (Post Office), Division Communication Station (Post Office), Yangon, Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications, Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs
117. Army (507713) Sergeant Thein Hlaing, Directorate of Military Engineers, Ministry of Defence
118. U Mya Thein, Assistant Director, Energy Planning Department, Ministry of Energy
119. U Win Aung, Production Technician (3), Soap Factory No (1), Myanmar Pharmaceutical Industries, Ministry of Industry-1
120. U Kyaw Win Naing, Section In Charge, No 2 Soap Factory, Myanmar Pharmaceutical Industries, Ministry of Industry-1
121. U Myo Thwin, Branch Clerk, Water Supply and Sanitation Planning Division, Department of Human Settlement and Housing Department, Ministry of Construction
122. U Wunna Sami, Monk, Maha Dabayin Monastery, Punnawady Monastery, 86th Street, between 18th and 19th Street, Aungmye Thazan Township, Mandalay Division
123. U Myint Thein, Deputy Head of Laboratory, Theinseik Station Hospital, Thaton, Mon State, Ministry of Health
124. U Tin Myint, Technician (5), Civil Engineering Department, Myitkyina, Myanmar Railways, Ministry of Rail Transportation
125. U Saw Win, Senior Typist, Paleik Textile Factory, Ministry of Industry-1
126. U Mya Thein, Technician (3), Paleik Textile Factory, Ministry of Industry-1
127. U Kyaw Hsan, Production Technician (4), Paleik Textile Factory, Ministry of Industry-1
128. U Aung Htay, Driver (5), Assistant Director (1) Office, Construction-2, Mandalay, Ministry of Electric Power No (1)
129. Daw Thida Hlaing, Demonstrator (Botany), University of Medicine (2), Yangon, Ministry of Health
130. Daw San San Nwe, Production Technical (5), Diamond Soft Drink and Ice Factory, Ministry of Industry-1
131. U Kyaw Win, Production Technician (3), No 2 Soft Factory, Panida Street, Ministry of Industry-1
132. U Myo Lwin, Worker (Candle), No-1 Oil Refinery (Thanlyin), Ministry of Energy
133. U Po Htoo, Group In Charge (Grade III) Electric/Industry, Pyapon Township Electrical Engineering Office, Myanmar Electric Power Enterprise, Ministry of Electric Power No (2)
134. U Myint Ko, Engineer, Surveyor, KTM Construction Group, Circular Road, Mula Shwedagar Kwetthit, near Shwe Kyaukka Pagoda, Pyay, Bago Division (West)
135. Daw Htay Htay Win Tun, Branch Clerk, Myanmar Cotton and Sericulture Enterprise, Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation
136. U Myo Thant, Worker, Myanmar Agriculture Service, Yangon North District Office (Insein), Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation
137. Daw Hla Hla Wai, Worker, No 3 Furniture Factory, Myanmar Timber Enterprise, Ministry of Forestry

**Ye Thura Medal**

1. Thant Zin Oo (Ma-17737), Firefighter (late), Fire Services Department, Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement

**Ye Thurein Medal**

1. U Se Nay, Gardening, Netchaung Village, Danaw Village-tract, Pantanaw Township, Ayeyawady Division
2. U San Maung, Carpenter, Netchaung Village, Danaw Village-tract, Pantanaw Township, Ayeyawady Division
3. U Gibarar, self-employee, Netchaung Village, Danaw Village-tract, Pantanaw Township, Ayeyawady Division
4. U Jaw Sein, Farmer, Netchaung Village, Danaw Village-tract, Pantanaw Township, Ayeyawady Division

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**Secretary-1**

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**27 rescued from Indonesian sunken ferry**

JAKARTA, 4 Jan — The Indonesian rescue team Wednesday found 27 passengers of a ferry that sank off Java Island on Friday while the fate of some 400 others remains unknown, local media reports said.

Fifteen survivors, aged between 14 and 50 years old, saved themselves with lifebuoys before being found off Madura Island east of Java at 07:00 am (0000 GMT), the national Antara news agency reported, quoting a local legislative member as saying.

MNA/Xinhua

**India may sign \$12.5b LNG deal with Australia**

NEW DELHI, 4 Jan—India is likely to sign a 12.5-billion-US-dollar deal with Australia in the next two-three months to import 2.5 million tons per annum of liquefied natural gas (LNG) for 25 years beginning mid-2010.

"We have concluded most of the agreements... a formal agreement can be signed as early as March-end," Petroleum Secretary MS Srinivasan told reporters here.

Petronet LNG Ltd will import 2.5 million tons of LNG from Chevron-operated Gorgon Project.

Chevron Australia has a mandate to sign a sale deal with Petronet by June 30 but a formal agreement can be inked within next 60 days, he said.

Petronet LNG Ltd, a company promoted by Oil and Natural Gas Corp, Indian Oil Corp, GAIL (India) and Bharat Petroleum Corp, will import LNG from the Gorgon project at its under-construction Kochi terminal in Kerala. "Supplies will begin around mid-2010," he said but refused to give the price at which the LNG will be imported.

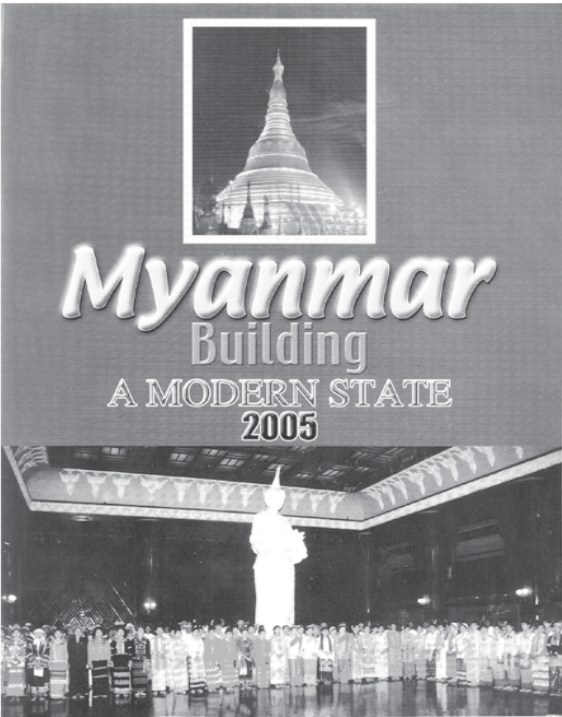
Sources, however, said the deal is worth around 12.5 billion US dollars.

The Gorgon Project plans to develop the Greater Gorgon gas fields, located about 130 kilometres off the north-west coast of Western Australia. The Greater Gorgon gas fields contain resources of about 40 trillion cubic feet of gas, Australia's largest known undeveloped gas resource.

Chevron is operator of the Project with a 50-per-cent interest, with ExxonMobil and Shell each holding 25 per cent.

The project involves building two trains capable of producing a total of 10 million tons per annum of LNG. About three shipments a week are expected to leave a dedicated LNG loading jetty. — MNA/PTI

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**LG to show dual HD DVD/Blu-ray player**



*South Korean pedestrians walk past a logo of LG Electronics in Seoul. South Korea's LG Electronics has said it plans to sell the world's first DVD player capable of playing rival high-definition DVD formats.—INTERNET*

SAN FRANCISCO, 4 Jan — LG Electronics plans to shortly put on sale a high-definition video disc player compatible with both the HD DVD and Blu-ray Disc standards, it said Thursday.

The player will be unveiled at next week's Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas and will go on sale in the US in early 2007, LG said. No further details of the player were immediately available.

The availability of a player compatible with both formats could do a lot to kick-start the high-definition

movie disc market. To date consumers have taken a dim view to the format battle and most have stayed away from the incompatible technologies.

Both are based on blue-lasers to achieve a storage capacity several times that of existing DVDs. Combined with advanced video compression systems they offer enough space to store movies in high-definition.

Blu-ray Disc is backed by Sony and Matsushita Electric Industrial Co (Panasonic) along with a long list of electronics makers and achieves a capacity of 25GB on a single-sided disc. HD DVD's main backer is Toshiba and the format also has broad support in Hollywood. A single-sided HD DVD disc can store 15GB of data. In comparison a DVD manages 4.7GB.

LG initially supported just Blu-ray Disc but at this year's Cebit show in Germany it confirmed it was also developing an HD DVD drive.

Later in the year Samsung Electronics said it was also considering development of a dual-format drive.

Quietly researching the addition of HD DVD technology to existing Blu-ray Disc drives is easy for most backers of the format. HD DVD is supported by the DVD Forum, the standards body behind DVD and to which most Blu-ray Disc backers are already members. That means HD DVD technology has been available to them since the format was first adopted several years ago. —Internet

**New hope for breast cancer patients**

NEW DELHI, 4 Jan—Women affected by breast cancer have new hope in the form of a nano-technology-based drug that promises early identification and effective treatment of the disease.

"Researchers have been working on finding new ways and discovering new technologies that could help patients fight breast cancer. Nano-technology is the latest, which could bring a revolution," Harsh Dua, senior consultant in the Oncology Department at the

Apollo Hospital, told PTI.

He said researchers in India have been working on this technology and have now been able to develop a drug that is "more effective and comparatively more safer". The drug is a "nanoparticle formulation of the anti-cancer drug paclitaxel", he said and it promises to offer new hope to thousands of breast cancer patients.

In India, the widely reported cancer is the cervical cancer (1,40,000 annually), followed by

cancers of the breast (80,000) and mouth (70,000). The drug would be injected into the patient during treatment, Dua said. Due to nanoparticles in the drug, it shows preference for the tumour cell and chinks its own course. This helps because the other good cells are not affected and thus there are no side-effects," he said.

He said the drug circulates in the blood and shows quick response that helps a patient recover

while they go through the six cycles of chemotherapy.

The oncologist, who has been actively involved in the work, claimed the drug could be used to target any kind of cancer, but could prove more effective to combat breast cancer. "The drugs that are in the market currently have lot of side-effects like affecting the cardiac, damaging the nerve and depressing the blood count. But this drug has no such side-effects," said Dua.— MNA/PTI

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Panasonic event crew members work to create a beach scene as they set up a display for the 2007 International CES (Consumer Electronics Show) at the Las Vegas Convention Centre in Las Vegas, Nevada, on 3 Jan, 2007. This year's show, which is from 8-11 January, is expected to draw over 150,000 attendees and host more than 1.7 million sq ft in exhibit space.—INTERNET

## 1,792 species of plants in Nepal used as medicine

KATHMANDU, 4 Jan— Of the estimated 7,000 plants found in Nepal, 1,792 species were found to have been used in traditional and modern medicine in one way or the other, the national news agency RSS reported on Wednesday.

According to a book on different species of plants jointly written by Sushimaranjan Baral and Puran Prasad Kurmi, 1,557 species are found in the wild, 235 species are cultivated.

At Tuesday's book release ceremony here, Minister of State for Forest and Soil Conservation

Dilendra Prasad Badu said the medicinal plants used in traditional medicine should be preserved and should be registered in order to export such herbs in the international market.

Officiating secretary at the Ministry of Forest and Soil Conservation, Udaya Raj Sharma said as many

herbs were on the verge of extinct due to climate change and irregular use, emphasis should be given to preserve them.

According to the RSS, the book also provides Nepal and English names of the plants used for medicinal purpose, as well as information on the geographical state, the pictorial and other medicinal qualities of the plants.

MNA/Xinhua

## Air crashes lowest number in 43 years

GENEVA, 4 Jan— Last year saw 156 air crashes, the lowest number in the past 43 years, a Geneva-based monitoring agency said on Tuesday.

In a statement, the Aircraft Crashes Record Office said last year's total of air crashes worldwide was 22 fewer than that of 2005, and was the lowest level since 1963. It added that the death toll of plane crashes was 1,292 in 2006, 11 per cent lower than in the previous year. According to the agency, North America saw the most crashes last year, accounting for 32 per cent of the total, followed by Africa with 18 per cent and Asia with 17 per cent. The deadliest accident happened on August 22, when a Tupolev-154 crashed in Ukraine, killing 170 people. The agency only monitored planes capable of carrying at least six people.

It said most air crashes last year involved smaller, propeller-powered planes, although large numbers of deaths are usually caused by large, jet-powered plane crashes. — MNA/Xinhua



A man walks along an ice sculpture modelled after the Great Wall of China for the upcoming the China Harbin international ice and snow festival in Harbin, northeastern China's Heilongjiang Province, on 4 Jan, 2007.—INTERNET

## International furniture show to be held in Milan

ROME, 4 Jan — The northern Italian city of Milan will host the international design and furniture exhibition "Salone del Mobile", from 18 to 23 April, 2007, Italian news agency ANSA reported Tuesday.

The exhibition is organized by the Italian federation of wood and furniture industries Federlegno-Arredo's company Comit.

The 24th edition of the international lighting show will be held during "Salone del Mobile". More than 500 companies are expected to take part in the international lighting show.

Italian wood and furniture sector generated a turnover of 37.9 billion euros (one euro equals about 1.32 US dollars) for 2006 compared to 36.9 billion euros for the previous year, according to preliminary data of the Italian federation of wood and furniture industries Federlegno-Arredo.

The sector's exports rose 4.5 per cent to 12.5 billion euros.

The wood furniture sector's imports increased by 13.3 per cent in 2006, ANSA said.

MNA/Xinhua

## British tourist lynched to death by Indian villagers

MUMBAI, 4 Jan— A British tourist was beaten up and hanged by locals at a village in Raigad District, 120 kilometres from here, for allegedly "making advances" towards a woman, a senior police official said Wednesday.

Stephen Bennett (40), a resident of Cheltenham in Gloucestershire, was beaten up with sticks and later hanged by locals in the Malsai Village of Roha taluka in the wee hours of 10 December, Inspector-General (Konkan Range) Satyapal Singh told PTI here Wednesday.

Though four persons were arrested in

connection with the case, mystery surrounds the murder as the Britisher was "in Roha for three days prior to his being killed", he said. "The purpose of his visit to Roha, not on tourist map, was not clear". According to him, Bennett, who was on a tourist visa to India, alighted from Mumbai-bound train enroute from Goa at Roha on 7 December.

Meanwhile, an investigating officer from the Roha police station told PTI that he was killed by villagers for allegedly misbehaving with a local woman in the wee hours when she had stepped out to

relieve herself.

"She complained to her husband who immediately started beating up the British man using sticks along with some others. He was later hanged to a mango tree in the village using a saree," said the official. The police is also ascertaining if the woman was acquainted to the tourist during his three-day stay and if her husband had killed him in rage, a senior official said.

Four people, including the woman's husband Ramesh Mene (38), Vithoba Mene (21), Nathuram Mohite (35) and Kashinath Marathe (40) were arrested and have been booked for murder while Raja Malusare and Ravindra Dalvi have been shown as wanted accused.

MNA/PTI



An undated photo of the Greek statue of Aphrodite acquired by the Getty museum in 1988. Officials at the Getty knew the famous statue was possibly stolen when they acquired it for a record \$18 million, the Los Angeles Times reported on 3 Jan, 2007.—INTERNET

# SPORTS

## OJ Simpson sees cash freed for unpublished book

WASHINGTON, 5 Jan — OJ Simpson Thursday saw his money frozen by a Los Angeles judge for his unpublished book which described how he would have carried out the murders of his ex-wife and her friend in 1994.

In November, it emerged Simpson was being paid for a book and television interview in which he would give an account of how Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman were murdered had he been the killer.

The former American

## AS Roma's Montella loaned to Fulham

ROME, 5 Jan — Italian soccer team AS Roma announced officially Thursday that it had loaned striker Vincenzo Montella to the London Premier League club Fulham for the remainder of the season.

Montella will be replaced in the Serie A side by Francesco Tavano, who underwent a physical exam in a Rome clinic on Thursday morning and then went to Roma's headquarters and training camp with his agent. — MNA/Xinhua

footballer was acquitted of the murders in 1995 but later ordered to pay 33.5 millions US dollars following a civil lawsuit brought by the victim's families. — MNA/Xinhua



Poland's Adam Malysz waits for his first trial jump of the third competition of the four-hills ski jumping tournament in Innsbruck, on 3 Jan, 2007.

INTERNET

## Ribery likely to leave Marseille at end of season

PARIS, 5 Jan — France international midfielder Franck Ribery said Thursday he might leave French club Marseille at season's end.

Marseille are currently lying sixth in the French league, 20 points off runaway leaders Lyon but only five points off second-placed Lens. — MNA/Xinhua

## Inter striker Recoba sidelined for 3 weeks

ROME, 5 Jan — Inter Milan striker Alvaro Recoba will be out of action for around three weeks due to an injured calf muscle, the Italian club said on Thursday.

The Uruguayan international, whose appearances this season have been mostly as a substitute, limped off during a 2-1 win over Atalanta on 23 December. He is expected to miss Serie A matches against Torino and Fiorentina, as well as the first leg of Inter's Italian Cup quarter-final against Empoli before returning to the team for Inter's away match against Sampdoria on 28 January.

MNA/Xinhua

## Romario returns to Vasco da Gama

RIO DE JANEIRO, 5 Jan — Brazilian soccer veteran Romario returned to Vasco da Gama and started training on Thursday. Romario, turning 40 this month, reported for medical tests and worked out lightly at the club in Rio where he rocketed to fame. Romario will get preferential treatment at Vasco, which he personally helped to finance when it teetered on the brink of bankruptcy a few years ago.

Romario helped lead the four-time Brazilian champions to the national title in 1989 and went on to star for Spain's FC Barcelona. He led Brazil to the World Cup championship in 1994, when he was named by FIFA the world's outstanding player. — MNA/Xinhua

## Brazil to play first soccer game against Portugal in 2007

RIO DE JANEIRO, 5 Jan — The Brazilian Football Confederation (CBF) confirmed on Thursday that the national team will play Portugal in their first game in 2007.

The match will be held on 6 February. The place has not been defined yet, but CBF stated that London was likely to host the event.

The last time that the two teams faced each other was in March 2003 at the Estadio das Antas arena, in the city of Porto, Portugal. The hosts won by 2-1, with goals by striker Pauleta and midfielder Deco. Ronaldinho converted a penalty for Brazil.

At the time, head coach Luiz Felipe Scolari was in the command of the Portuguese team.

Previously, he had led Brazil to their fifth World Cup title in the 2002 South Korea/Japan championship. In the World Cup in Germany, Scolari and the Portuguese got to the semifinals for the first time in 40 years, and finished fourth.

It will also be the first time that Brazil has played Portugal under head coach Dunga's command.

Since he took over the position, shortly after the Cup in 2006, the squad has played six friendly games, of which they won five against Argentina, Wales, Kuwait, Ecuador and Switzerland. They tied Norway in Dunga's inauguration match in August.

MNA/Xinhua



Germany's Martina Glagow (L-R) Kathrin Hitzler, Andrea Henkel and Kati Wilhelm pose on the winners podium after the women's 4x6 km relay in the Biathlon World Cup in the eastern German town of Oberhof on 3 Jan, 2007. France won ahead of Germany who placed second and China who finished third place. —INTERNET

## Ronaldo celebrates New Year with another Brazilian beauty

RIO DE JANEIRO, 5 Jan — Brazilian soccer superstar Ronaldo de Lima, who plays for Spanish soccer team Real Madrid, broke off with his model girlfriend Raica Oliveira before Christmas and celebrated the New Year with another Brazilian beauty, dentist Erika Abreu.

According to Brazilian newspaper *O Globo* on Thursday, the striker, known as Ronaldo, met Abreu, who looks a lot like Oliveira during a dentist's appointment to whiten his teeth during a visit to Rio de Janeiro.

MNA/Xinhua



Chiara Costazza, of Italy, passes a gate on her way to clock the seventh fastest time during the first run of an Alpine ski world Cup women's slalom on Mt. Sljeme just outside Zagreb, Croatia, on Thursday, 4 Jan, 2007. —INTERNET

## Nadal, Koubek make quarters at Chennai tennis

NEW DELHI, 5 Jan — Spanish world number two Rafael Nadal and Austrian Stefan Koubek made the quarterfinals of the Chennai Open tennis tournament on Thursday. Koubek dumped seventh-seeded Thai Paradorn Srichaphan 6-1 and 6-2 in 47 minutes, while top seed Nadal was stretched by Indian Karan Rastogi in the first set before winning 6-4, 6-1.

French Open champion Nadal sealed off the contest against his 480th ranked opponent in 84 minutes.

"It was a nice game for him, playing without pressure is a lot easier," said 20-year-old Nadal, "He had nothing to lose. I had to play hard in the first set."

Rastogi played deep and held his serve until Nadal broke him in the ninth game. Afterwards, Nadal wrapped up the second set in quick time with breaks in the third and fifth games. Nadal will next meet 106th ranked Italian Davide Sanguinetti, who defeated eighth-seeded Frenchman Nicolas Mahut 7-6, 3-6 and 6-3.

Koubek displayed powerful groundstrokes to dominate Paradorn, and will next meet fourth-seeded Frenchman Julien Benneteau, who beat Russian Igor Andreev 7-6 and 6-2. — MNA/Xinhua



Maria Sharapova of Russia waves to the audience after defeating Yan Zi of China during their quarter-final of the Champions Challenge tennis tournament in Hong Kong on 4 Jan, 2007. —INTERNET



Karan Rastogi of India returns a ball to Rafael Nadal of Spain at the Chennai Open tennis tournament in Chennai on 4 Jan, 2007. —INTERNET

# Singapore eco grows at 5.9% in fourth quarter

SINGAPORE, 5 Jan — The Singapore economy grew 5.9 per cent year-on-year in the fourth quarter, bringing the growth of whole year 2006 to 7.7 per cent, the Ministry of Trade and Industry (MTI) said Wednesday.

“The Singapore economy continued to grow at a healthy pace,” said the MTI.

The estimated 5.9-per-cent growth in gross domestic product (GDP), followed 7.0 per cent in the third quarter, 8.0 per

cent in the second and 10.3 per cent in the first, according to the MTI.

The manufacturing sector is estimated to have grown at a slower pace of 7.3 per cent in the fourth quarter, partly due to weaker output in the

electronics and chemicals clusters. On the other hand, double-digit growths were seen in both the biomedical manufacturing and transport engineering clusters.

MNA/Xinhua



Deaf artists from the China Disabled People's Performing Art Troupe dance during a dress rehearsal for their show 'My Dream' in Madrid on 3 Jan, 2007. — INTERNET

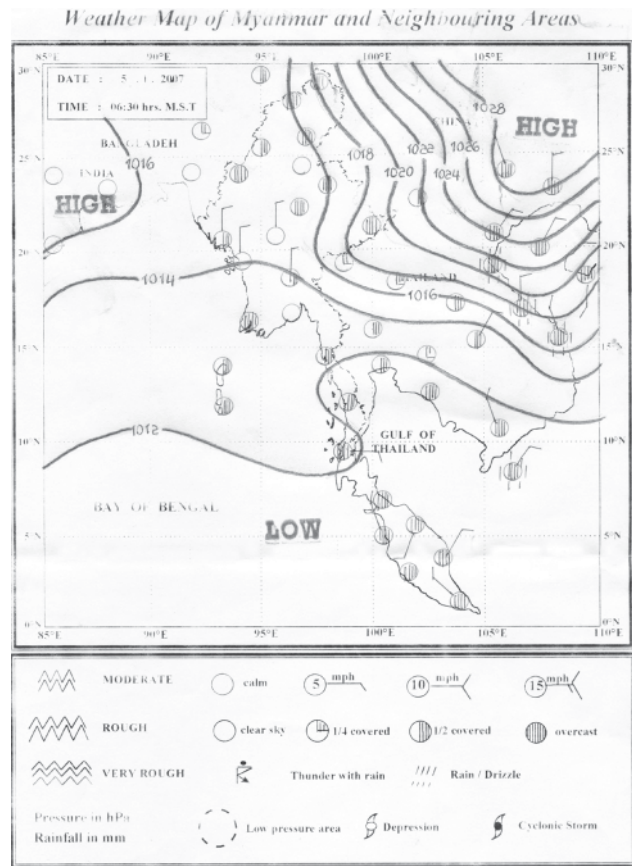
# Moderate quake jolts Indonesia's Sumatra Province

JAKARTA, 5 Jan — A 5.2 magnitude earthquake rocked Bengkulu Province in Indonesia's Sumatra Province on Thursday, no casualty reported, Meteorology and Geophysics Agency said here.

The quake struck at 07:06 am Jakarta Time at 163 kilometres southwest of Bengkulu City, the capital of the province, with epicentre at 33 kilometres under seabed, said Sutyono, an official of the agency.

Indonesian is laid on a vulnerable quake hit zone, where continental plates meet, causing frequent seismic and volcanic activity.

MNA/Xinhua



## WEATHER

**Friday, 5 January, 2007**  
**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, weather has been generally fair in the whole country. Night temperatures were (5°C) above normal in Kachin State, (3°C) above normal in Mandalay Division, (3°C) to (4°C) below normal in Chin, Rakhine and Kayin States, upper Sagaing and Yangon Divisions and about normal in the remaining areas. The significant night temperatures were Haka (-1°C), and Mogok (3°C).

Maximum temperature on 4-1-2007 was 90°F. Minimum temperature on 5-1-2007 was 61°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 5-1-2007 was 78%. Total sunshine hours on 4-1-2007 was (7.7) hours approx.

Rainfalls on 5-1-2007 were (nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2007 were (nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (8) mph from North at (10:30) hours MST on 4-1-2007.

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

**Forecast valid until evening of 6-1-2007:** Weather will be partly cloudy in Mon State, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and generally fair in the remaining states and divisions.

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

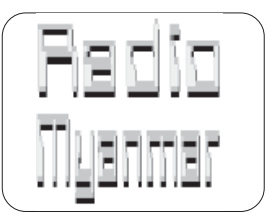
**Outlook for subsequent two days:** Likelihood of slight increase of night temperatures in the Southern Myanmar areas.

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 6-1-2007:** Fair weather.

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 6-1-2007:** Generally fair weather.

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 6-1-2007:** Fair weather.

**Weather outlook for second weekend of January 2006:** During the coming weekend, weather will be generally fair in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon and Mandalay Divisions.



Saturday, 6 January  
Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music: -Get real
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music: -So emotional
- 8:50 am National news/Slogan
- 9:00 am Music: -I wanna be with you
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music: -World of our own
- 1:30 pm News / Slogan
- 1:40 pm Music at your request/Lunch time music:
- 9:00 pm ASEAN news
- 9:10 pm Article
- 9:20 pm Myanmar Culture -Dr Khin Maung Nyunt
- 9:20 pm Souvenirs
- 9:45 pm News / Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL



Saturday, 6 January  
View on today

- 7:00 am
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- 7:25 am
  3. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am
  4. Morning news
- 7:40 am
  5. Nice and sweet song
- 7:55 am
  6. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:05 am
  7. ဝမ်းပုံရေလှောင်တံခွန်
- 8:10 am
  8. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:20 am
  9. Musical programme
- 8:30 am
  10. International news

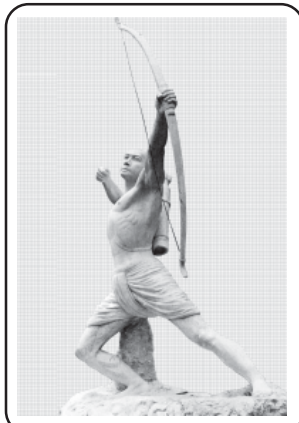
- 8:45 am
  11. Grammar made easy
- 11:00 am
  1. Martial song
- 11:15 am
  2. Musical programme
- 11:30 am
  3. News
- 11:40 am
  4. Games for children
- 12:05 pm
  5. Round up of the week's TV local news
- 1:05 pm
  6. ကြားမြင်သုတပြည့်ဝစေရာ စာပဒေသာ
- 1:15 pm
  7. “နှစ်မြှော့နတ်မိမယ်” (မင်းသူ၊ မိုးပြည့်ပြည့်မောင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-အောင်ကျော်ကျော်)
- 1:30 pm
  8. ကျေးပင်အက် ရေလှောင်တံခွန်
- 1:40 pm
  9. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 1:55 pm
  10. Dance of national races
- 2:10 pm
  11. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 2:20 pm
  12. “အန္တရာယ်ကင်းစေ ဘေးရှင်းစေ” (လှမင်း၊ ဟန်နီထွန်း) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-သက်တင်)
- 2:35 pm
  13. ပဗ္ဗဝတီတံခွန်
- 2:45 pm
  14. International news
- 4:00 pm
  1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm
  2. Song to uphold National Spirit

- 4:30 pm
  3. English for everyday use
- 4:40 pm
  4. အဆေးသင်တန်းသို့လှည့်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ -ဒုတိယနှစ်(အင်္ဂလိပ်စာအထူးပြု) (အင်္ဂလိပ်စာ)
- 4:55 pm
  5. မြူးမြူးကြွကြွ ယဉ်ကျေးမှုအက
- 5:10 pm
  6. Games for children
- 5:30 pm
  7. ရသပေါ်လွင် သရုပ်ဆောင်လွင်ပြင်
- 6:00 pm
  8. Evening news
- 6:30 pm
  9. Weather report
- 6:35 pm
  10. အလှူရှာမယ် လှူကမ္ဘာဝယ်
- 7:00 pm
  11. နိုင်ငံခြား ဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ကြယ်ကြွေရင်ရန်သံ” (အပိုင်း-၉)
- 7:45 pm
  12. အချုပ်အခြာအာဏာ ရွန်ရှည်ကြာခိုင်မာစေမှု ဒို့ရှေ့ရှု “စက်မှုအားနှင့်အညီ ရွှေနိုင်ငံသစ်တည်”
- 8:00 pm
  13. News
- 8:10 pm
  14. International news
- 8:20 pm
  15. Weather report
- 8:30 pm
  16. နိုင်ငံခြား ဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “လှပသောနေ့ရက်များ” (အပိုင်း-၁၃)
- 8:40 pm
  17. The next day's programme

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three organs of power — the legislation, the executive and the judiciary — must be in the hands of the people of an independent nation. The opposite of freedom is enslavement and unjust alien interferences.

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Nursing could be carried out only by those who are equipped with compassion, sacrifices, noble mind, strong volition and hardwork. Nurses play an important role in such rehabilitation tasks as disease prevention, imparting health knowledge, disease control and giving medical treatment.

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Along the route, a photo each featuring an expression of Shar Nyo's personal idea was distributed to the people enjoying the works. So, it was like an explanation that helped the enthusiasts understand what sort of creation the works were.

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# Electric Power No 2 Minister inspects Thakayta Gas Turbine



Minister for Electric Power No 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint inspects laying of gas pipeline. — MNA

YANGON, 5 Jan — Minister for Electric Power No 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint together with officials inspected replacement of machine parts at Thakayta Gas Turbine in order to operate at full capacity on 1 January and heard reports on substitution of filters, fuel nozzles, combustion liner and cross fire tube by Deputy Chief Engineer U Than Lwin and plant manager U Tun Hlaing.

Next, the minister and party inspected the quality of the machine parts and stressed the need

for the maintenance of the machines. He also urged them to complete the task in time.

Later, the minister and party inspected storing and distributing of natural gas storing/distribution centre under Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise at Kwayma in Thakayta Township and gave necessary instructions. — MNA

## Ngamoeyeik-Gyobyu pipelines connected

YANGON, 5 Jan — Under the supervision of Yangon Division Union Solidarity and Development Association, a ceremony to connect Ngamoeyeik pipeline and Gyobyu pipeline took place in Ward-A, Thingangyun Township, this morning.

Present at the ceremony were USDA CEC members Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin and Vice-Chairman Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa, Secretary of Yangon Division USDA U Aye Myint and local authorities. The mayor spoke on the occasion and the CEC members viewed the connection of pipelines in the ward. — MNA

Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin and Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa formally open water pipelines in Thingangyun Township connecting Ngamoeyeik and Gyobyu reservoirs. — MNA

