

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

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Their Sein attends opening ceremony of School Family Day 2006-07

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Jan — The opening ceremony of School Family Day 2006-07 of the Ministry of Education was held at Nay Pyi Taw No 1 Basic Education High School here this morning, attended by Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Their Sein.

It was also attended by Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Wai Lwin, members of

the documentary photos of the activities of basic education and higher education sector, teaching aids created by the students and demonstration of computer skill in educational development booth displayed at the hall of the gym.

Later, they also observed musical entertainment and skill demonstrations of School Family Day 2006-07.

At the concert, students of No 3 Basic Educa-

tion Department sang the song entitled “*Pinnyar Phyo Wai Doh Myanmarpyay*” and two deaf students from Dagon Township Basic Education High School No 3 performed a dance. The ceremony came to an end while students from Dagon Township Basic Education High School No 3 sang the song entitled ‘Eternal Pyidaungsu’.

After the ceremony, the Secretary-1 cordially greeted guests and students. — MNA



MEC Chairman Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Their Sein attends opening ceremony of School Family Day for 2006-07 academic year. — MNA

MEC, the ministers, the chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board, the deputy ministers, senior military officers, the director-general of SPDC Office and departmental heads, the Japanese Ambassador, President Daw Than Than Nwe of Myanmar Women’s Affairs Federation, President Daw Khin Khin Win of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association and responsible persons, departmental officials, the education officers of Pynmana District and Pynmana, Lewe and Tatkon Townships, the headmasters and students and guests.

Firstly, 14 students from states and divisions formally opened the ceremony held in front of the gymnasium of the school.

Next, the Secretary-1 and party viewed round



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

PERSPECTIVES

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Hlaing Chaung Dam for cultivation and greening

Sagaing Division has vast fertile land and it is the division that paddy, cotton, sugarcane, beans and pulses and oil crops thrive well. Cultivation of crops can be extended as sufficient water is now available in the arid zone.

Hlaing Chaung Dam was inaugurated in Pale Township, Sagaing Division, recently. It is the 193rd one to be opened in the time of the Tatmadaw government and the 22nd dam for Sagaing Division.

The dam will irrigate over 1,000 acres of cultivable land. The five-mile long main canal and seven-mile long distributory canals will irrigate over 1,000 acres of monsoon paddy, 1,000 acres of gram and 500 acres of summer paddy in two village-tracts in the township after opening of the dam.

Now there is water for agricultural purpose and clean water for the people in the arid zone as the government has been implementing irrigation projects and underground water tapping projects. Surrounding areas in the region have become green and pleasant. In the past farmers grew a single crop for which the outcome was uncertain. Nowadays double-cropping and mixed-cropping can be undertaken extensively.

Dams in the Sagaing Division irrigate over 300,000 acres of cultivable land. The newly-inaugurated Hlaing Chaung Dam contributes towards an increase in cultivation acreage, earning more income for farmers while conserving the watershed areas and greening the region.

I&P Deputy Minister meets with Division/District/Township officers in Mandalay, Sagaing

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Jan — Deputy Minister for Immigration and Population Brig-Gen Win Sein attended the concluding ceremony of Special Refresher Course No 26 for Basic Education Teachers at the Central Institute of Civil Service (Upper Myanmar) in PyinOoLwin, on 29 December morning.

Later, the minister met with Division/District/Township officers of Immigration and National Registration Departments. He also met with officers and service personnel of Monywa, Sagaing and Shwebo Districts on 30 December and Meiktila and Yamethin Districts on 31 December.

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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

MWAF gives educative talks

YANGON, 6 Jan — Head of Organizing Department of the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation Dr Daw Nyunt Nyunt Oo together with Chairperson of Sagaing Division Women's Affairs Organization Daw Mya Myint Thu and members of division, district and township WAOs paid respects to 52 older persons of Kyaukmyet Village, Salingyi Township, on 29 December.

Next, they donated cash, medicines and blankets worth K 300,000 to the aged. Afterwards educative talks were given to the local women about the salient points of MWAF in Kyaukmyet Village.

Afterwards, Leader of Health Sub-working Group of Sagaing Division WAO paediatrician Dr Daw Myint Myint Thein gave lectures on HIV/AIDS and its preventive measures and



Head of Organizing Department of MWAF Dr Daw Nyunt Nyunt Oo and members provide uniforms to local women of Kyaukmyet Village in Salingyi Township.—MNA

IP Yi Yi Than on case and penalty on human trafficking.

Next, Dr Daw Nyunt Nyunt Oo presented uniforms donated by MWAF to members and books to the village library. Afterwards, she accepted 350 membership applications

presented by the chairperson of Sagaing Division WAO.

Membership cards and brooches were presented to members of Kyaukmyet Village WAO and 130 packets of iodized salt and Hman Cho traditional medicine boxes to the local

people. Next, round-table discussions were held with women of the village.

Afterwards, Dr Daw Nyunt Nyunt Oo presented school uniforms and stationery to 62 students at Basic Education Primary School in Kyaukmyet Village.

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Naing Naing Lin, Bo Bo emerge champions in professional, amateur divisions of MPGA & MGF President Cup 2007

YANGON, 5 Jan — Naing Naing Lin clinched the title in the professional golfers division and Bo Bo in the men's amateur golfers division of the Myanmar PGA and Myanmar Golf Federation President Cup 2007 held at Hanthawady Golf and Country Club at Hsemainggon in Bago Township this evening.

After the fourth and final round, prizes were presented to the winners.

Executive of MGF U Shwe Tun Hlaing awarded daily best scorer awards to the winners in the professional and men's amateur divisions.

Director of the club Lt-Col Lay Myint (Retd) gave first, second and third prizes to So Hyun Cho who fired 216 strokes in total, Myint Myint Thein (Forestry) 222 and Lee Hyun Jin 228 in the women's amateur handicap division respectively, and the first prize went to Miss You Park who

shot 230 strokes in gross total in the women's amateur scratch division.

Vice-Chairman of Air Bagan Ltd U Zaw Min handed the first prize to Bo Bo who scored 292 strokes in total, the second prize to Kyaw Thiha 299 and the third prize to Aung Win (Monywa) 299 in the men's amateur golfers division.

MPGA and MGF President Maj-Gen Win



Hlaing (Retd) awarded the first prize to Naing Naing Lin (KM Golf Centre) who fired 283 strokes in total in the professional golfers division, the second prize to Thein Zaw Myint (KM Golf

Centre) with 288 and the third prize to Soe Kyaw Naing (Srixon) with 290. The President also presented gifts to the director of the golf club.

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Winners of Myanmar PGA and MGF President Cup Golf Tournament seen with officials after prize-presentation ceremony.— MGF

China's eco growth presents opportunity for Latin America

SANTIAGO, 5 Jan — China's economic growth presents an opportunity for Latin America, said a report of UN Economic Commission for Latin America and Caribbean (ECLAC) on Wednesday.

The report said China became the fourth-largest economy in the world in 2005, replacing Britain and that China's share of the world trade volume has jumped from 1 per cent to 6 per cent in less than 20 years.

China has been the primary target of anti-dumping cases in recent years, the report pointed out, adding that many

emerging economies harboured bias against China over its strong competitive edge from low labour costs, with some even blaming China for their poor exporting

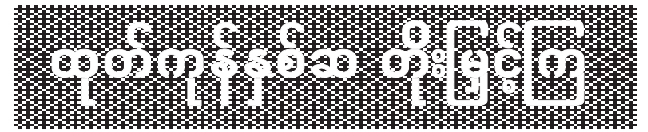
performance.

However, the report said China's enormous domestic market presents an opportunity to many countries, adding that Latin American countries will continue to benefit from China's economic growth and its ever-expanding domestic demand. Brazil's exports to China has quadrupled over the past four years, it added.

Meanwhile, the ECLAC stressed that there is no direct trade competition between China and Latin America in the US market.

China's trade increase has little impact on Paraguay, Venezuela, Bolivia and Panama and China is a net importer of raw materials while Latin America is rich in natural resources.

MNA/Xinhua



Pastry cooks prepare a twenty-tiered cake as part of a celebration of the New Year on a square in Wuhu, east China's Anhui Province, on 3 Jan, 2007. The six-metre-tall cake was made with 11,280 eggs, 610 kilos of milk, 175 kilos of flour and 216 kilos of oil, and was decorated with 9,999 roses. —XINHUA



A Chinese woman walks past the logo for Google outside its office in Beijing, China, on Friday, 5 Jan, 2007.—INTERNET

Three killed, one injured in plane crash in N Canada

OTTAWA, 5 Jan—Three people were killed and one person was seriously injured after a small plane crashed Wednesday night in northern Canada, police said Thursday.

The wreckage of the single-engine Cessna 185 was discovered Thursday

by military search aircraft near Blatchford Lake Lodge south of Yellowknife, capital city of Northwest Territories, provincial police said.

The plane was reported missing on Wednesday en route from Yellowknife to the Lodge when the pilot

radioed that he was trying to land because of poor visibility.

Temperatures in the area overnight went down to around minus 16 degrees at the time of the accident, whose cause is under investigation.

MNA/Xinhua

11 hospitalized after chemical leak in Britain

LONDON, 5 Jan — Eleven people are receiving treatment in hospital on Thursday after a toxic chemical leak from the BASF plant in Britain, Sky news reported.

Three were suffering from serious burns from a substance called HMD, which was released from the factory in Billingham, Teesside, said the report.

HMD causes burns and skin irritation. Fire and

ambulance crews were sent to the plant after the alarm was raised at 9:28 am (0928 GMT).

According to an earlier Sky report, over 30 people had been injured, most of whom were treated at the

site. The report quoted an ambulance service spokesperson as saying that there were 37 people injured. There had been no comment on the cause of the leak.

MNA/Xinhua

Macedonian President vows to retain country's name

TIRANA, 6 Jan — Macedonian President Branko Crvenkovski said on Friday that his country will hold fast to its current name of Macedonia, and will not make any concession to Greece in the future talks over the issue.

"We will remain firm on our position that the constitutional name of Macedonia has to be applied at home and abroad," news reports reaching here from Skopje quoted him as saying. — MNA/Xinhua

An Indonesian soldier uses binoculars during a search and rescue operation for the missing Adam Air jetliner in Limboro in Majene, west Sulawesi, Indonesia, on 5 Jan, 2007.
INTERNET

Expert says US foreign policy increases terror threat in Asia

SINGAPORE, 5 Jan—The US foreign policy has increased the level of terrorism in Asia, said a terrorism expert here Thursday.

"The US invasion of Iraq has increased the threat of terrorism very significantly. As the United States withdraws from Iraq, the threat will grow and will become more

significant," Rohan Gunaratna, head of International Centre for Political Violence and Terrorism Research, was quoted by Channel NewsAsia as saying.

He called for increased international investment in Iraq to stabilize Iraq, "because terrorist ideologies are also influencing a number of terrorist groups

and extremism groups based in Asia", he said at the Regional Outlook Forum organized by the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies. The report said that participants also agreed that terrorist cells in Southeast Asia are more influenced by international events overseas rather than in their own backyard.

MNA/Xinhua



UN chief congratulates Margaret Chan on taking over WHO

UNITED NATIONS, 5 Jan — UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon on Thursday congratulated Margaret Chan on her formally taking over the World Health Organization (WHO).

The Secretary-General extended his "warmest congratulations to Dr Margaret Chan as she takes office as director-general of the World Health Organization", said a statement issued by UN Spokesperson

Michele Montas.

"He wishes her every courage and success as she prepares to carry on WHO's vital mission," the statement said.

Ban welcomed Chan's "visionary intention of judging the performance

of WHO by two key indicators: improvements in the health of the people of Africa and in the health of women", it said.

He said that he agrees fully with the new WHO head that "as a health organization for the whole world, the work of WHO must touch the lives of everyone, everywhere — but that it must focus its attention on those in the greatest need", it added.

MNA/Xinhua

26 more die in cold wave in northern Bangladesh

DHAKA, 6 Jan — At least 26 more people have died in cold wave in northern districts of Bangladesh where the mercury fell to 5 degrees Celsius at night, local news agency UNB reported Thursday.

This raised the death toll to 41 in the current cold spell that paralyzed normal life in the northern districts where the sun is enveloped by fog most part of the day.

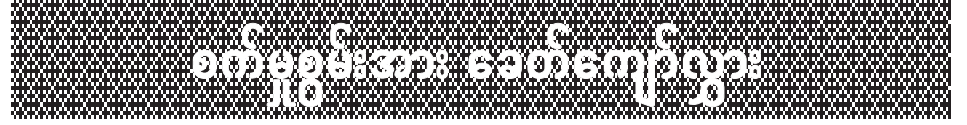
The weather office in Dhaka forecast on Thursday that the situation is likely to worsen in next two days before slight improvement. The mercury may come down further to 4 degrees Celsius at places of far north.

It said winter crops like potato and wheat will be affected in the absence of rains. Crop fields would require irrigation.

Scores of people suffering from Rota virus, asthma, cough, diarrhoea and fever have reported to hospital.

Poor people suffering from extreme cold have thronged in front of offices of the district commissioner and United Nations organizations demanding blankets. Many came from remote villages have returned in frustration.

MNA/Xinhua



Armed policemen wearing camouflage coats take aim amid chilly weather during an anti-terrorism drill in Yinchuan, Northwest Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region on 4 Jan, 2007. The maneuver was aimed at enhancing the unit's bad-weather-tackling, high-technology utilization and emergency response capabilities. —XINHUA

Bicycle sales hit annual record last year

CANBERRA, 6 Jan — Bicycle sales hit an annual record of almost 1.3 million in Australia last year, outpacing car sales.

Bicycle sales in Australia totalled 1,273,781 for their fifth straight year of million-plus sales, more than 32 percent ahead of the motor vehicle sales' total of 962,521 in 2006, according to the Cycling

Promotion Fund (CPF), Australia's peak bicycle promotional body.

CPF spokesman Ian Christie said in a statement released on Thursday that Australians are using bikes not just for recreation but

increasingly as their preferred form of day-to-day transport.

"There is an emerging trend towards people using bikes as their official company-supplied vehicle in place of the traditional company car," he said.

"Some of Australia's biggest corporations now have bicycle fleets, and when you add in

government organizations, we now know of at least 50 organizations which operate fleets of bikes," he said.

Christie said record sales were across all market segments from everyday recreational bikes and children's bikes right through to high-end road and competition bicycles.

MNA/Xinhua

China plans to expand rural road network next year

BEIJING, 5 Jan — A total length of 300,000 kilometres of rural road in China will be built and upgraded in 2007

to facilitate local transport, according to the communications authority.

A glut of ferries and bridges will also be revamped in order to better protect the local areas from natural disasters, according to the Communications Minister Li Shenglin.

The Ministry of Communications will continue to invest heavily in extending the road notably in the west and central regions, and improve the efficiency of the fund using, he said.

About 260,000 kilometres of roads have recently been built or upgraded in rural areas, dramatically improving local transport for 30 million people living in 30,000 villages, according to the ministry.

MNA/Xinhua



Members of the Cirque du Soleil perform their show 'Alegria' at the Royal Albert Hall in west London on 4 Jan, 2007. The originally French-Canadian based dance and performance act returns to London for its eleventh year, and has been seen by over seven million people worldwide. —INTERNET



A boy participates in a rice pounding event at a Tokyo pachinko parlor's annual new year celebration on Thursday, 4 Jan, 2007. Freshly pounded rice cakes were offered in stew to passersby. —INTERNET

Ford to quit US minivan market

WASHINGTON, 5 Jan — Ford Motor will abandon the minivan market in the United States by discontinuing its Freestar model and instead seek to bolster output of two new so-called crossover vehicles, the *Bloomberg News* reported on Wednesday.

Ford decided not to resume Freestar production at its plant in Oakville, Ontario, which was halted 15 November, the report quoted a Ford spokeswoman Anne Marie Gattari as saying.

“Demand for minivans has really decreased, while crossover demand has gone up,” she said. “Once we saw what demand for Edge and MKX was, it was the right business decision not to resume production.”

MNA/Xinhua

More highways to be constructed in N-W China

URUMQI, 5 Jan — Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, northwest China, will see 657 kilometres of new highways during the 11th Five-Year Plan period (2006-2010), local sources said.

Construction has started on two highways that will be included in the east-west trunk road, which starts from Lianyungang, a port city on China's east coast, and ends at Horgos, a Customs post on the border with Kazakhstan, according to the regional bureau of communications. The costs of the two highways, totalling 307 kilometres, will be shared by the central government and Xinjiang autonomous regional government.

They will cover the Xingxingxia-Turpan and Sayram Lake-Horgos sections of the Lianyungang-Horgos Highway.

Other new highways will include the link between Korla and Kuqa, both in the northern Tarim Basin, southern Xinjiang, and the expressway between the

Qingshui River and Yining, a city near Kazakhstan border. Xinjiang, which covers a sixth of China, is the largest Chinese region in terms of landmass and is known for its unique

landscapes. However, due to a lack of highways, travel in this remote region is difficult. The construction is expected to open up Xinjiang's hinterlands.

MNA/Xinhua



Chinese cyclists ride past heavy traffic on a foggy day in Beijing, China, on 4 Jan, 2007. Once the kingdom of bicycles, China is rapidly ditching the manual workhorse for high powered automobiles which are adding to the urban pollution.—INTERNET

No clues found in missing Indonesian plane

JAKARTA, 5 Jan — All efforts to find the Adam Air missing air plane over South Sulawesi since Monday have so far not yielded any results, Indonesian Transportation Minister Hatta Radjasa

said Wednesday.

The Indonesian Air Force has assigned a Boeing 737-200 and a Navy Nomad aircraft scouring the waters off Makassar, the Madjene Region and a mountainous area in Tanatoraja District from Tuesday to Wednesday, but found no clues to the missing plane's whereabouts, Antara news agency quoted Radjasa as saying at Makassar's Hasanuddin Airport.

MNA/Xinhua

Vietnam aims bigger export revenues in 2007

HANOI, 5 Jan — Vietnam's Trade Ministry has eyed export revenues of 47.54 billion US dollars this year, higher than the target set by the country's top legislature and government, the local newspaper *Vietnam Economic Times* reported Thursday.

The National Assembly of Vietnam, the country's highest legislative body, and the government have recently eyed export revenues of 46.5 billion dollars this year, up from 39.6 billion last year. However, the ministry said the figure should be 47.54 billion dollars, including nearly 8.89 billion dollars from exportation of farm products and 19.12 billion dollars from that of industrial items.

According to the ministry, in 2007, Vietnam could earn 3.75 billion dollars from

exporting seafood, 1.4 billion dollars from rice, 1.15 billion dollars from coffee, 1.37 billion dollars from rubber, 300 million dollars from fruits and vegetables, 7.9 billion dollars from crude oil, 450 million dollars from coal, 7.12 billion dollars from garments and textiles, 4.1 billion dollars from footwear, 2.45 billion dollars from electronics and computer parts, 2.6 billion dollars from woodwork, and 700 million dollars from handicrafts.

MNA/Xinhua

Singapore to help Indonesia locate missing Air plane

SINGAPORE, 5 Jan — Singapore is assisting Indonesia to locate the Adam Air plane that went missing over Sulawesi Monday, the Defence Ministry said here Wednesday.

The Singapore Air Force deployed a Fokker-50 aircraft Wednesday to help Indonesia with its search and locate operations. Indonesia and Singapore have helped each other in search and locate operations in the past, according to the ministry.

An Adam Air Boeing 737-400 plane with 102 people aboard was missing on Monday afternoon. After initial reports that its wreckage had been found turned out to be false, Indonesian rescuers launched new sea, land and air searches on Wednesday for the plane. — MNA/Xinhua



A Singapore Air Force Fokker-50 aircraft flies over an Adam Air aircraft at Makassar Airport on Indonesia's Sulawesi Island on 4 Jan, 2007 during a joint operation to search for a missing plane. Aircraft from Singapore on Thursday joined Indonesia's search for a plane that disappeared in bad weather with 102 people aboard four days ago.—INTERNET



A fisherman sits inside a plastic tent as he catches fish on Lake Belye (The White Lake) outside Russia's Siberian city of Kemerovo on 3 Jan, 2007. Winter fishing is a popular activity for Russians, who have started to celebrate the New Year.—INTERNET

Another ship sinks in Indonesian water

JAKARTA, 5 Jan — Another ship has sunk as it was hit by high waves in the waters of East Nusa Tenggara Province in Indonesia, killing one of its four crew members, the Antara news agency reported Wednesday.

The cargo ship sank Tuesday, but a search and rescue team could locate it only Wednesday, Antara quoted Sentianus Medi, an official responsible for disaster in East Nusa Tenggara Province, as saying.

“Search and rescue team saved three

crew members and found the body of a dead crew member,” the official said.

A fishing boat also went on missing in the waters last Saturday, one of the fishermen found dead.

Bad weather was blamed over several other ship accidents, including the *Senopati Nusantara* with 628 passengers on board, which sank after being pounded by heavy waves for more than 10 hours as it neared the end of a two-day journey from Kalimantan Island to Central Java.

MNA/Xinhua

China, Macedonia to boost economic cooperation

TIRANA, 5 Jan— China and Macedonia signed on Thursday an agreement on economic and technical cooperation to strengthen ties between the two countries, news reaching here from Skopje reported.

Dong Chunfeng, the newly-appointed Chinese Ambassador to Macedonia, and Vera Rafajlovska, Macedonian Economy Minister, on behalf of respective government, inked the agreement, under which China will grant an aid worth 2 million euros (2.44 million dollars) to Macedonia.

Dong said that China would like to do what it could to help Macedonia's efforts in building its economy and society, hoping that the bilateral relations between the two countries can be lifted onto a new level.

"The government of the People's Republic of China attaches great importance to furthering the ties with Macedonia and it remains committed to stepping up the economic cooperation on the basis of equality and mutual benefits," Dong said.

Rafajlovska said that Macedonia highly appreciated the economic aid, hailing the Chinese

help as sending charcoal in snowy weather.

"This is another indicator of successful bilateral cooperation between the two countries," Rafajlovska said, adding this is the second grant agreement between China and Macedonia. The

first one was signed in September 2004.

Rafajlovska also expressed her satisfaction with the amicable bilateral relations between the two countries, and invited Chinese companies to invest in Macedonia.

MNA/Xinhua



Contortionist 'Captain Frodo,' from Norway, squeezes his body through tennis rackets in the Spiegel tent during a media call for La Clique in Sydney, on 4 Jan, 2007, one of the many attractions in the three-week-long Sydney Festival.—INTERNET



Chinese President Hu Jintao (R) shakes hand with Iran's top nuclear negotiator Ali Larijani at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, on 5 Jan, 2007. Hu Jintao on Friday urged Iran to give a "serious response" to Resolution 1737 adopted by the United Nations Security Council last December to promote a "long-term, comprehensive and proper" resolution of the nuclear issue.—XINHUA

Chirac calls for "exchange rate policy" within EU

PARIS, 5 Jan — French President Jacques Chirac on Wednesday appealed the European Union to develop "an exchange rate policy" taking globalization into account.

"The European Union can no longer be the only continental body which does not make use of any of the economic, industrial and monetary policy instruments," said Chirac in his speech to

the representatives of labour organizations, associations and employers. "It is time for EU to exercise its economic sovereignty by coming up with a fixed exchange rate policy and redrafting its competition policy in order to respond to the challenges posed

by globalization," said the President.

Chirac also called for an "aggressive" European economic policy, asking EU to "recapture its economic destiny by giving back economic priority to the community on which the union was founded".—MNA/Xinhua

Hungarian airline flights delayed by bomb threat

BUDAPEST, 5 Jan — An Alban passenger threatened to explode a bomb at Budapest's Ferihegy International Airport on Thursday, delaying two flights of Malev Hungarian Airlines, spokesperson Krisztina Nemeth said.

The man tried to board the wrong plane and threatened to blow up the airport on realizing the mistake, after airline personnel were reticent to delay departures because of the error. The passenger had been scheduled to fly to Tirana, Albania and instead attempted to board a flight to Kiev, Ukraine.

Nemeth said airport personnel had tried to warn the man that he was approaching the wrong flight, but he broke through security gates.—MNA/Xinhua

365 illegal fishing boats caught in Australian waters in 2006

CANBERRA, 5 Jan — A record 365 illegal foreign fishing boats were caught in Australia's northern waters last year, said Fisheries Minister Eric Abetz in a statement on Thursday.

The figure represents a big increase over the 281 vessels apprehended in 2005. There were 40 per cent fewer illegal foreign fishers spotted in Australia's northern waters than in 2005, according to

the minister.

And for the first time since 2004, there has been a reduction in the number of illegal foreign fishing vessels found there, he said.

There were 1,000 fewer illegal fishing boats

sighted in the traditional peak months of October and November and most of the boats tended to be smaller and capable of poaching less fish, he said.

He attributed the success to the federal government's tough policy to apprehend and destroy illegal fighting boats. —MNA/Xinhua



Students show off their works of calligraphy in a New Year writing contest in Tokyo on 5 Jan, 2007. About 3,500 calligraphers, who qualified in regional competitions throughout Japan, took part in the contest.—INTERNET

Man arrested in Bangkok for bomb hoax

BANGKOK, 5 Jan — Thai police arrested a 30-year-old man in Bangkok Thursday for making a false bomb alarm, Thai media reported.

Police arrested Prapasorn Pornsurin Thursday noon after he made a 191 emergency call on Wednesday night to tell false information about a bomb having been planted at the Tha Phra District police station in Bangkok to be detonated at 9pm (1400GMT) Wednesday, English-language newspaper *Bangkok Post* reported on its website Thursday.

Bomb squads were deployed to the

police station to search for the explosives, but found no bomb. Police said Prapasorn made the call from his cell phone, which was traced by 191 operation and led to his arrest.

Prapasorn allegedly confessed that he made the call because he was drunk and because he personally was dissatisfied with the September 19 coup as it deposed former prime minister Thaksin Shinawatra, whom he supported. He also disliked the current government's decision to abolish the low-cost health care scheme initiated by the Thaksin administration, the report said.—MNA/Xinhua

Hlaing Chaung Dam to help Pale Township enjoy better life

Article by Kyaw Sein: photos by Aung Than (Mingala Taungnyunt)

The Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation has been constructing small and medium irrigation facilities for boosting agricultural production and greening the region concerned, and one of them is the Hlaing Chaung m that was constructed near Nwe Inn Village in Pale Township, Sagaing Division, and inaugurated on 31 December 2006.

Western Monywa District of Sagaing Division is constituted with Kani, Salingyi, Yinmabin and Pale townships. North Yama Dam in Pale Township irrigates 12,000 acres of arable lands. Upon completion, the Hlaing Chaung Dam will benefit 1,000 more acres.

And on completion, the North Yama supporting dam will contribute towards extended cultivation of more than 5,000 acres. At present, Pale Township enjoys about 98 per cent of rice sufficiency, and its



Now, our township has cultivated monsoon paddy cent per cent. (Pale Township Peace and Development Council Chairman U Naing Aye)

rice security will meet cent per cent when the Hlaing Chaung and Yama dam projects are completed.

Assistant Director U Yee of Construction-4 of the Irrigation Department said that with irrigation facilities and a moderate amount of rainfall, Pale Township has enjoyed food security. In the regions where the Hlaingchaung and Yama dams are located, the plain areas are put under paddy and hilly areas, under monsoon and cold season crops. Carrying out the triple-cropping pattern, Pale Township will enjoy regional development in the near future. The purpose of the North Yama supporting dam is to irrigate cultivable lands and generate 250 megawatts annually. So, the region's industries will make greater progress, he said.

With a catchment area of 15 square miles, the region gets an average annual rainfall of 37.85 inches. So, the project was launched in 2005-2006 to construct an earth dam to benefit some 1,000 acres.

In an interview about progress of cultivation of

cold seasons for 2006-2007, Township Peace and Development Council Chairman U Naing Aye said that the region was then pursuing the targets of putting 1,500 acres under summer paddy, 54,515 acres under beans and pulses, 26,747 acres under edible oil crops, 160 acres under kitchen crops, 13,300 acres under other crops, and 1,415 acres under long staple cotton for the year 2006; that so far, summer paddy had not been cultivated yet. It had cultivated 53,297 acres of



I'm very pleased with the dam because I never expected that our region would be facilitated with the one like this. (Farmer U Tin Ngwe)

beans and pulses, 86,864 acres of edible oil crops, 29 acres of kitchen crops, 12,340 acres of other crops, 9,531 acres of other cereal crops, and 1,415 acres of long staple cotton. Progress of cultivation of monsoon paddy was 45,860 acres or 107.82 per cent.

We farmers have enjoyed healthy prices in selling our agricultural produce.

(Farmer U Soe Thein)



A local farmer U Soe Thein of Nwe Inn Village said that he was pleased with better transport the region had enjoyed due to the dam project. He said he believed that with irrigation water, the region would be able to carry out extensive cultivation of crops. Due to the better transportation, the region's agricultural produce was sold at healthy prices and the farmers were doing well in business, he said.

Farmer U Tin Ngwe of Pyawbye Kyin North Village said that in the past they had to rely on rainfall

The Hlaing Chaung Dam will ensure cent per cent food sufficiency of Pale Township. (Assistant Director U Yee)



to cultivate crops. He said that he believed when the dam project was completed, paddy and other crops would grow well and the people would lead a convenient life and enjoy food security. He said he was pleased with the irrigation facility, for which he had never expected. In the past, for the region, the agricultural sector was not much to depend on due to low amount of annual rainfall. He expressed his pleasure for the fact that the region would be able to cultivate both paddy and other crops effectively. He said that it was good news that on completion, the dam would also generate electricity for the region. So, the region would enjoy sufficient irrigation water, electricity and food security in the near future, he said.

Ma Thwe Thwe Win of Pyawbwe Kyin Village, a first year student of the University of Distance Education, said that she was a boarding student. She found it difficult to go to Monywa to attend classes because there was no road leading to the town. Thanks to the construction of the dam, the region had been served roads and local people had enjoyed better transport, she added.

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Now, I no longer need to walk on muddy path and I can take a bus to go to university. So, it is convenient for me to pursue education. (First Year Student Ma Thwe Thwe Win)



The outfall tower of the Hlaing Chaung Dam in Pale Township, Sagaing Division.



Chairman of MEC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen

Thein Sein views computer skill demonstration of the students.

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Students cut the ribbon to open School Family Day for 2006-07 academic year.

(News on page 1). — MNA

Electric Power No 2 Minister meets Korean guests

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Jan — Minister for Electric Power No 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint received General Manager Mr Kim Jong Hwa and party of Korea Electric Power Corporation, Republic of Korea at the minister's office here yesterday morning.

Present also were Director-General Dr Thein Tun of Department of Electric Power, Managing Director Dr San Oo of Myanma Electric Power Enterprise and Managing Director U Tin Aung of Electric Power Supply Enterprise.

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Outstanding students awarded, cash donated to Kayan Township Association (Yangon)

YANGON, 6 Jan — the students of Kayan Township who passed the 2005-06 matriculation exam with distinctions in conjunction with a cash donation ceremony at the office of Myanmar Fisheries Federation here this morning.



Patron of Kayan Township Association (Yangon) Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein accepts cash donation from a wellwisher.—MNA

Patron of the association Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein spoke on the occasion and presented prizes to the outstanding students. Next, the minister and officials accepted cash donations for the association and presented certificates of honour to the donors.

A total of 70 distinction winners were awarded and today's cash donations amounted to K 46.83 million.

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Minister inspects laying of concrete on Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadanabon)

YANGON, 6 Jan — Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun and officials of Public Works inspected paving of Mandalay-Sagaing-Shwebo Road and road on Mandalay bank of Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadanabon) Construction

Project yesterday. Senior Engineer U Win Tin reported on construction of approach road and laying of concrete on approach bridge.

The minister inspected laying of pre-stressed concrete on the bridge on both Mandalay and Sagaing

banks and installation of railing on the walkway.

The minister fulfilled the requirements asked by Deputy Senior Engineers U Htay Myint and U San Win. The laying of concrete has been completed by two-third.

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Winners of ASEAN quiz for December 2006 of Radio Myanmar, Maung Yaw Hsat of Kutkai who stood first, Maung Wai Phyto Aung of Kanyaw village in Mon State second, Ma Hnin Hnin Htwe of Sangyaung Township third, Maung Able Soe Htut of Kyimyindine Township fourth.—MNA

Myanmar has been standing tall among the world ...

(from page 16)

Thanks to concerted efforts of the State, the Tatmadaw and the people, prevailing peace and stability and sector-wise progress can be witnessed in the entire nation. Furthermore, they are striving for achieving more progress in the political, economic and social sectors. All the people have the ultimate aim, the noble and correct principle based on the patriotic spirit, and the genuine programme. Due to implementing the tasks, all can see the future image for the State and all the people.

USDA has formed with the well-qualified youths who are equipped with true patriotism, firm conviction and concepts in order to take part in nation-building endeavours. Members of USDA from different regions are working together with the whole people of the nation. In addition, upholding the pledge, duties and responsibilities and objectives of the association, they redouble their efforts to build a new nation and are to overcome the obstacles and impediments to the nation's development with unyielding spirit. They are also taking part in region-wise development tasks to get closer cooperation of local people. Members of USDA has increased in number year by year and stand strong among the citizens as a national force.

To be able to more effectively carry out regional development tasks each and every member of the association needs to be highly qualified. This being so, since its birth, the association has been conducting training courses for its members in order that they can be highly qualified and can serve the interest of local people all the more and can actively take part in nation-building endeavours.

At the advanced management courses, subjects on high conviction, good citizen, proper leadership, serving the national interest through unity, national politics, changes and developments in the nation were taught. Members of the association are being trained with the aim of carrying out national development tasks more effectively, of acquiring the active participation of the people in nation-building endeavours, of enabling them to correctly assess prevailing situations and be disciplined and morally upright.

Myanmar had been standing tall among the world community as an independent and sovereign nation under its own monarchs for years countable by the thousand. The colonialists occupied the nation after waging three aggressive wars. Although the country was under alien subjugation there arose nationalistic spirit and fervour among the people. Based on nationalism and Union Spirit, the people were able to regain independence. The entire national people including members of the association are to protect and safeguard the nation for its perpetuation.

Although the independence was regained, there

Khanaung rural health care centre opens in Kyauktan

YANGON, 6 Jan — Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win attended a ceremony to hand over a new Khanaung rural health care centre in Kyauktan Township this morning and made a speech.

The commander inspected building of Koedatgyi Pagoda in Mingalon Village and donated provisions to the Sayadaw of Koedatgyi Monastery. In opening of Khanaung rural health care centre, the commander made a speech. Later, a responsible person handed over the documents on the new building to Head of Division Health Department Dr Hla Myint.

Commander Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win donated K 1 million to the new health care centre.

Thereafter, the commander gave Newcastle disease vaccine to the chickens in Khanaung Village. The commander inspected pea and sunflower plantations in the village and stressed the need for meeting targeted acres. The commander met with departmental officials, members of social organizations and townelders at the office of Tada General Administration Department and heard reports on region-wise development.



Commander Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win donates K 1 million to Khanaung rural health care centre.—MNA

The commander called for regional development, smooth transportation and rule of law and the meeting ended. — MNA

emerged splits among parties and among groups in a party due to ism, egotism, personal attachment and party attachment in the course of Myanmar history. All the people should draw lessons from the past.

At present, it is in the process of building a new and modern nation. Each and every member of the association is to strive together with the people for successful realization of the national objectives. At the same time, the seven-step Road Map has been laid down and is being implemented for perpetuation of sovereignty. The National Convention is in progress to lay down the fundamental principles that are a prerequisite for emergence of an enduring State constitution. All the association members are to actively participating in the drive for successful realization of the seven-step Road Map by doing their bit.

The majority of the citizens are rural people, and rural regions are the fundamental zones of the nation. Therefore, the government has laid down and is implementing the 24 special development zones project and the five rural development tasks to bring about equitable development across the nation. Members of the association are to engage in the drive for power supply to rural regions and establishment of rural libraries including the five rural development tasks.

To boost the per acre yield of crops, they are to strive together with local authorities, departmental officials

and farmers. The per acre yield of paddy has increased to over 100 baskets from about 40 baskets, due to cooperative efforts.

All the members are actively taking part in the sectors of education, health and social affairs and they are also urged to continue their active participation. As they are shouldering their duties in all parts of the country, they are able to know the prevailing conditions. All the people should be aware of the fact that acts of some organizations and persons from inside and outside the country ignoring the true situation can lead to harming the national interest. As is know to all that such destructive acts as instigation to cause instability of the State, levelling false accusations and blasting the innocent people and roads and bridges will only cause adverse effects on the nation. So, the members in cooperation with the people are to guard against such subversive acts. To sum up, the Secretary General said that all the members are to try to become good organizers of the association as well as active participants in the nation-building tasks by applying the knowledge and experience gained from the course, that they are to try to inculcate the true patriotic spirit into the people and that they are to organize the entire people to participate in the successful implementation of the seven-step Road Map. U Htay Oo greeted the trainees. A total of 200 trainees attended the four-week course. — MNA

Rubber Products Show opens at Insein Locomotive Shed

YANGON, 6 Jan — The Rubber Products

Show, organized by the Rubber Products and Rubber Technological Development Subcommittee under the Myanma Industrial Development Work Committee, took place at Insein Locomotive Shed in

Insein Township this morning.

Chairman of the Subcommittee Deputy Minister for Rail Transportation Thura U Thaug Lwin delivered an address. He said that now, local entrepreneurs are able to manufacture many items of rubber equipment imported in the past. As the rubber products are displayed at the show, customers and producers will have the opportunities to discuss manufacturing of better quality products.

The Rubber Products Show was opened by Chairman of the Subcommittee the Deputy Minister, the Chairman of Myanmar Engineering Society, and the Chairman of Myanma Industry Association.

The guests viewed rubber products, spare parts and machine parts of carriages and wagons being displayed at the shed. The show opens up to 12 January from 9 am to 4 pm daily.

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Deputy Minister Thura U Thaug Lwin views spare parts and machinery at Rubber Products Show.

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France to fund 160 archaeological missions in 2007

PARIS, 6 Jan — France will fund and undertake 160 archeological missions overseas in 2007, the Foreign Ministry has announced.

The total financial allocation to French archaeological expeditions overseas would reach 2.8 million euros (3.64 million US dollars) in 2007, Foreign Ministry spokesman Jean-Baptiste Mattei said on Thursday.

“From Central America to Laos passing by the Arabic Peninsula, 160 missions in 60 countries are at the moment funded through allocations made to heads of missions,” said Foreign Ministry spokesman Jean-Baptiste Mattei.

Of the 180 funding requests received, 160 were accepted of which five are new. Special attention was accorded to missions being conducted by French researchers in

Central America, in Mexico and Peru who were in close collaboration with local researchers, explained the spokesman.

MNA/Xinhua

Chinese tourists walk near the Louvre Museum in Paris, on Friday 5 Jan, 2007. The Louvre building and the Louvre pyramid are seen behind.—INTERNET



Romania, Bulgaria still attractive for investments

BUCHAREST, 6 Jan — Romania and Bulgaria remain attractive to foreign investors despite increasingly expensive assets in both countries, the *Rompres* news agency

reported on Friday.

During the two countries' preparations to join the European Union over the past half a decade, the prices of their assets have increased up to five

times, the report said, citing local and international analysts.

As both countries are now safely in the club to which they brought 30 million people, investors have started asking themselves whether it is time to start looking for greener pastures, it added.

Kingsmill Bond, from the strategy department of Deutsche Bank, said the prices of assets in Romania and Bulgaria already contained the benefits of the EU accession.

“These two markets are now among the most expensive emerging states in the world,” he said.

MNA/Xinhua

Exhibition held to mark 15th anniversary of Sino-Israeli dip relations

GIVATAYIM (Israel), 6 Jan — An exhibition of traditional Chinese paper cuts and photos was held here Thursday evening to mark the 15th anniversary of the establishment of Sino-Israeli diplomatic relations.

The exhibition, consisted of some 30 pieces of delicate paper cuts as well as photos, handicrafts and traditional Chinese food, brought forth China's unique folk art and inspiration to Israeli people.

Chen Yonglong, Chinese Ambassador to Israel, said that since China and Israel established diplomatic relations in 1992, bilateral trade and economic cooperation has enjoyed surprisingly high growth rate.

“Let's join our hands to push forward our friendly relations to a new height,” said the Chinese Ambassador, extending best wishes to the Israeli people.

Addressing the opening ceremony of the exhibition, Abraham, Mayor of Givatayim, expressed her admiration of the achievement China has made in its economic development and her appreciation of the traditional Chinese culture.—MNA/Xinhua

Beijing cuts passport processing to just 5 days

BEIJING, 6 Jan — Beijing residents can expect to receive a new passport within five working days of their applications, the city's exit and entry administration announced as the country's first passport law came into effect. The law, effective from 1 January, replaced a two-decade-old regulation governing passport management, aims to standardize the application, issuance and management of passports.

Under the old law, passports could take up to 30 days to arrive.

The law divides the passports into the categories of regular, diplomatic, and service passports. It stipulates that the processing of regular passports should take no longer than 15 days, except in remote regions where it could take up to

one month.

“Our staff have been working on office efficiency all these years and Beijing is now China's fastest passport issuer,” the *Beijing News* quoted Feng Chunling, deputy head of Beijing Exit and Entry Administration, as saying.

MNA/Xinhua



World Cup leader Andrea Henkel, Germany, is on her way to the second place during the women 7,5 km sprint World Cup biathlon race in Oberhof, eastern Germany, on Friday. — INTERNET

Powerful explosion rocks southern Philippine city

MANILA, 6 Jan — A powerful improvised bomb exploded Friday on a busy street in Cotabato City, southern Philippines, injuring one person, reported the *Philippine News Agency*.

Three improvised bombs were planted along the Makakua Street and two of them were disarmed by military bomb experts, said the report.

Police said the bomb that exploded at around 11:10 am local time (0310 GMT), wounded a still unidentified passerby who was rushed to hospital following the incident. The blast also shattered the glass panes of a nearby restaurant.

The bombs were stuffed inside an empty carton of sardines and left on the street where many fast food restaurants were located and many people were walking, said the police.

Police said they had received intelligence reports earlier saying bombings were being planned in three key areas in the South Central Mindanao Region that included the cities of General Santos and Tacurong, but Cotabato was not expected to be hit first.

Police also said local terror cells of either the Jemaah Islamiyah (JI) terrorist network or Abu Sayyaf rebels were behind the bomb attack, the first of its kind reported in the region this year.

Last year, at least 10 persons were killed and several others wounded in a wave of bombings carried out by both JI and Abu Sayyaf militants in the cities of Cotabato, General Santos, Tacurong and the town of Makilala in North Cotabato Province, all of them in Mindanao.

MNA/Xinhua



A recycling advisor throws a Christmas tree into a skip at the Lount Recycling and Household Waste Site in Leicestershire, central England, on 5 Jan, 2007.—INTERNET



Fireworks are displayed as people visit an ice sculpture at the China Harbin International Ice and Snow Festival in northeastern China's Heilongjiang Province, on 5 Jan, 2007.—INTERNET

Gene linked to childhood kidney cancer identified

WASHINGTON, 6 Jan— The US researchers have identified a new tumour suppressor gene that is mutated in Wilms tumour, the most common kidney cancer in children, *Journal Science* reported on Thursday.

Miguel Rivera and colleagues from Massachusetts General Hospital reported that about 30 per cent of Wilms tumour cases involve mutations in a gene called WTX.

Scientists in 1990 identified mutations in another gene, called WT1, linked to Wilms tumour, but it is implicated in only about 5 per cent of cases.

Massachusetts' research team looked at tumour samples from 82 patients to try to find further genetic

abnormalities linked to the disease. And finally they dug up the mutation in WTX.

The biological function of the protein encoded by WTX is not yet known, but the gene's location on the X chromosome is of particular interest.

Inactivation of most tumour suppressor genes requires two separate events or "hits", typically one copy, or "allele", of the gene is lost by deletion and the remaining allele acquires a disabling

mutation.

However, because humans carry only one functional allele of all X chromosome genes, the WTX tumour suppressor gene presumably requires only a single "hit" to incapacitate it.

This finding suggests that X chromosome genes may play more important roles in cancer than previously thought, researchers said.

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GM sales abroad top US results

WASHINGTON, 6 Jan — US automaker giant General Motors Corp sold more cars outside the United States than at home for the second year in a row in 2006, *The Wall Street Journal* reported on Friday.

The Detroit auto giant is expected late Friday to report global sales fell slightly last year, with most of the 80,000-vehicle sales decline coming from its core US market. It is also expected to say that 55 per cent of its 9.1 million-plus sales occurred abroad, said the report.—MNA/Xinhua

Russian lawmaker raps US arms sanction

MOSCOW, 6 Jan — A Russian lawmaker has lashed out at a US sanction on several Russian arms export companies, branding it "unfair", Russia's Ekho Moskvy radio reported on Friday.

"The American partners are once again acting superficially and with short sight," Konstantin Kosachev, chairman of the international Affairs Committee of the Parliament, told the station.

Kosachev's condemnation came in response to a two-year sanction slapped earlier this week by the Bush Administration on some Russian export companies, which are accused of exporting weapons to Syria, Iran and Venezuela.

MNA/Xinhua



Dancers from The Moscow Ballet perform 'The Nutcracker' at Palma de Mallorca's Auditorium on the Spanish island of Mallorca on 4 Jan, 2007.—INTERNET

Australia's motor vehicle sales near record level in 2006

CANBERRA, 6 Jan — Australia's car market scored second highest annual sales in 2006 despite high petrol prices.

Preliminary figures released by the Federal Chamber of Automotive Industries (FAI) on Thursday show that a total of 962,521 cars, trucks and buses were sold in

Australia in 2006.

The figure is 2.6 per cent down on the record of 988,269 set in 2005.

FAI Chief Executive Peter Sturrock

said in a statement that the result was excellent given the combined effects of interest rates and fuel prices.

"The rise and fall of fuel prices during 2006 was as unpredictable as it was dramatic and interest rate speculation created further uncertainty among consumers, so in those circumstances sales were encouragingly strong," he said.

Toyota was the best-selling brand in 2006 for the fourth year in a row with a 22.2-per-cent share of the total market.

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Nine-year-old sea lion Jonao holds a brush between his teeth to write a letter of wild boar in Chinese characters, in preparation for the new year at Hakkeijima Sea Paradise in Yokohama, suburban Tokyo recently.—INTERNET



Vietnam, Thailand agree to foster army cooperation

HANOI, 6 Jan— Leaders of the People's Army of Vietnam and the Royal Armed Forces of Thailand have agreed to strengthen friendly and cooperative ties between the two militaries in various fields, including training and sea patrols.

The supreme commander of the Thai Royal Armed Forces, General Boonsrang Niumpradit, and the Chief of General Staff of the People's Army of Vietnam, Lieutenant-General Nguyen Khac Nghien, agreed at their meeting in Hanoi capital on Thursday to beef up the cooperation in training, sea patrols, search and rescue of fishermen, sports competition and other issues of common concern, the *Vietnam News Agency* reported.

The two generals also briefed each other about the social, economic, national defence and security situation of their respective countries.

MNA/Xinhua



AirAsia stewardesses pose in front of the newly launched AirAsia X in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, on Friday, 5 Jan, 2007. Malaysian aviation tycoon Tony Fernandes on Friday launched a new long-haul budget airline named AirAsia X, which will start flying to destinations in China and Britain in July.—INTERNET

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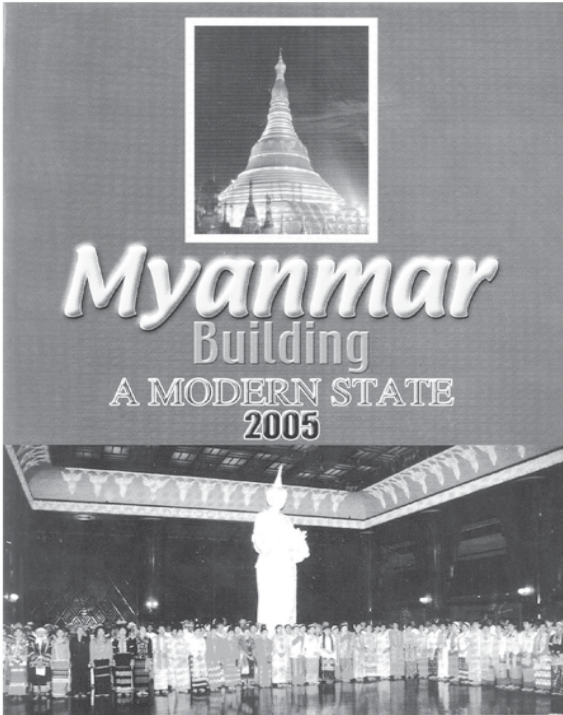
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Judges wigs on display in a shop window in London, on 5 Jan, 2007. The Lord Chief Justice of England and Wales is considering whether the horsehair wigs, deemed by some to be too arcane for modern justice should be scrapped.—INTERNET

India successfully tests unmanned aircraft

NEW DELHI, 5 Jan — India successfully tested a homemade pilotless target aircraft Wednesday from a defence base in west Indian state of Orissa, *Indo-Asian News Service* reported.

The target aircraft was tested from the integrated test range (ITR) at Chandipur in Balasore, 215 kilometres from the state capital Bhubaneswar, at around 12:35 local time (0705 GMT), ITR director A. Checker said.

The aircraft named *Lakshya* is a sub-sonic, reusable aerial target system which can be remote-controlled from the ground and used in training pilots.— *MNA/Xinhua*

China urges resumption of negotiations on Iranian N-issue

BEIJING, 5 Jan — China on Thursday called for an early resumption of negotiations on the Iranian nuclear issue, saying talks are the only way to reach an agreement.

“China has always maintained that dialogue and negotiations are the best way to resolve the Iranian nuclear issue,” Chinese State Councillor Tang Jiaxuan told Iran’s top nuclear negotiator Ali Larijani, who will be in China on Thursday and Friday as a special envoy

of Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad. Chinese President Hu Jintao is due to meet Larijani on Friday.

“The UN Security Council unanimously adopted Resolution 1737, which reflects the concerns of the international community about safeguarding non-proliferation,” said Tang.

The resolution adopted on December 23, 2006, imposed sanctions against Iran for its failure to

suspend its uranium enrichment programme. The resolution demands that Iran “suspend all enrichment-related and reprocessing activities, including research and development”, and “work on all heavy water-related projects”.

It also calls on all countries to impose a ban on trade with Iran in goods related to its nuclear programmes and ballistic missile delivery systems.

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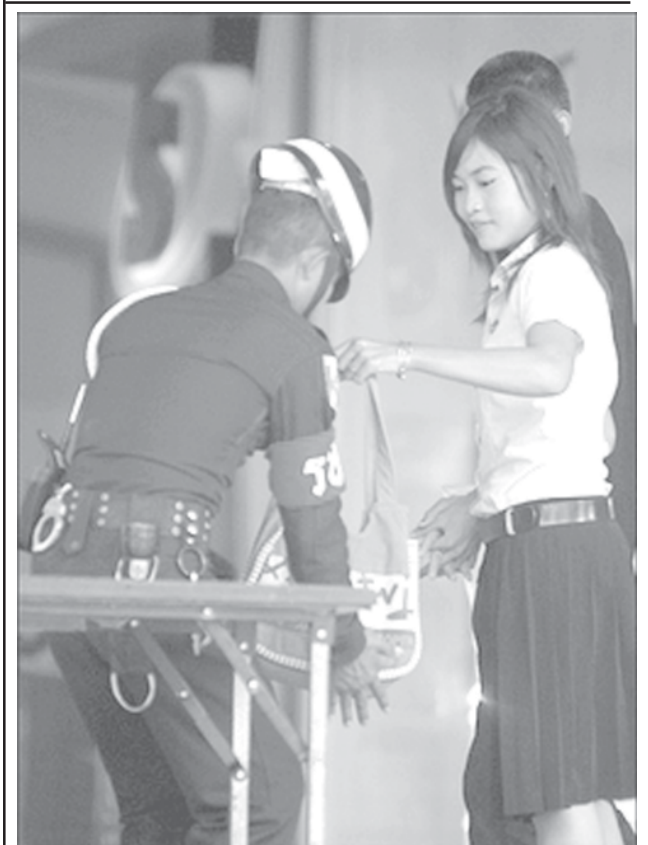
Bridge swept away by floods on Dar-Arusha highway in C Tanzania

DAR-ES-SALAAM, 5 Jan — Human and cargo traffic along the Dar-es-Salaam-Arusha highway has come to a standstill as one of the bridges on the highway was swept away on Wednesday by flash floods caused by heavy rains in central Tanzania.

Thousands of passengers and hundreds of motor vehicles have been stranded in the road section between the bridge and the town of Chalinze to the direction of Dar-es-Salaam, according to Thursday's local newspaper reports.

Morogoro regional authorities estimated that as many as 5,000 people might have been stranded by the broken bridge.

MNA/Xinhua



A Thai security guard checks a shopper's bag at the entrance of a supermarket in Bangkok recently.—INTERNET

UN criticizes Colombian rebels for civilian murders

BOGOTA, 5 Jan — The United Nations on Thursday criticized Colombia's rebels for the latter's attacks on civilians.

The UN specifically condemned murders of four civilians, including two community leaders — Yolanda Munoz Herrera and Jose Argemiro Mora Zapata — killed by the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) in El Cedro in northeastern Colombia.

“The United Nations reiterated to FARC that the international law bans attacks against civilians,” said a communique of the

UN's office in Colombia, citing the Geneva Convention. Louise Arbour, from the UN high commission for human rights, also called on FARC to “end the unacceptable practices of kidnapping, recruitment of child soldiers, sexual violence and acts of terrorism”.

The UN also expressed its worries over the emergence of some new paramilitaries in its report named *Violence, Crime and*

the *Illegal Trafficking of Guns*.

The Colombian police have detected 21 new paramilitary groups with more than 2,500 members.

The country has been locked in a four-decade long civil war, the longest in Latin America, in which government forces, leftist guerillas and far-right paramilitaries fight one another. The conflicts kill more than 3,000 people every year.— *MNA/Xinhua*

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Observer Jim Salge (L) cleans away built-up ice that was disabling a visiometer as interns Brent Antkowiak (C) and Jackie Johnson watch at the Mount Washington Observatory weather station on the summit of Mount Washington in New Hampshire on 3 Jan, 2007. The summit of Mount Washington is 6,288 feet above sea level and is home to a weather station that faces some of the most brutal weather conditions in the United States, at one time recording a 231 mile per hour wind gust that remains a world record for a land-based weather station. —INTERNET

Romania to build 2000-km of motorways during 2008-2018

BUCHAREST, 5 Jan — The government plans to open 200 kilometres of motorway per year during 2008-2018 to upgrade Romania's transportation system, Romania's Minister of Transport, Construction and Tourism Radu Berceanu said on Wednesday.

Currently, funding for Romania's motorways construction has primarily come from state budget or from European funds. For the new motorways, "we also need to use funds coming from other sources, such as commercial credits and a public-private partnership system", Berceanu said in an interview published by the local daily *Gandul*.

The government is also considering leasing as an option to raise funds, which will allow a high level of technical maintenance of the motorway, and the lease period may be 20-25 years, Berceanu said.

Meanwhile, Romania is struggling to hasten all required procedures for motorway construction from European funds, either non-repayable ones, or credits from the European financial institutions, said Berceanu.

"By speeding up this motorway programme we estimate to succeed to have more than 830 kilometres of motorway under construction in 2008. In case we maintain these programmes, we

hope that in the coming ten years we will have a transport infrastructure at the level of the European one," he said.

MNA/Xinhua

New interest rate mechanism to start operation in China

BEIJING, 5 Jan — A new interest rate indicator, called the Shanghai inter-bank offered rate (SHIBOR), will go into operation on 4 January, the central bank announced here Wednesday.

The mechanism, which will give the central bank real-time market information on interbank interest rates, may become a new benchmark for the money market, said the People's Bank of China (PBoC).

China's current benchmark interest rate, based on the deposit and loan interest rates of financial

institutions, is a controlled rate.

Where the previous benchmark rate system was based on buyback and knock-down prices, SHIBOR is based on the daily rate for all loans offered by sixteen major banks. The system is similar to London's LIBOR, which is the most widely used benchmark

for short-term interest rates in the international money market.

The central bank said the SHIBOR will consist of eight declaration products with maturities varying from overnight to one year. Sixteen commercial banks will be included in the price declaration group.

MNA/Xinhua

Cypriot police vow no mercy to drink-driving

NICOSIA, 5 Jan — Cypriot police have vowed no mercy to drink-driving as alcohol-related charges tripled in 2006, the *Cyprus Mail* reported on Wednesday.

Deputy chief of traffic police Angelos Karadjias warned that officers

would be showing zero tolerance to offending drivers.

The latest statistics showed that 4,232 people in the wine-producing country were charged in 2006 with driving under alcohol influence, compared with 1,470 in the

previous year, the report said.

The rise was partly due to a stricter limit of the blood-alcohol and a massive police crackdown on drink-driving which resulted in a 14.28-per-cent decrease in road deaths from 2005, it said.

According to the *Cyprus News Agency*, available figures showed that about one accident in four can be linked to alcohol, and at least 10,000 people are killed in alcohol-related road accidents in the EU every year.

Marcos Kyprianou, EU health commissioner from Cyprus, said on Wednesday that road accidents related to alcohol are a major cause of concern in Cyprus and in the EU in general.

MNA/Xinhua



Visitors view Sunseeker boats in the Excel centre in London's Docklands on the first day of the London Boat Show on 5 Jan, 2007. —INTERNET

Dead bird tested positive for H5 virus in Hong Kong

HONG KONG, 5 Jan — Hong Kong health authority announced Thursday that one of six bird carcasses found on 31 December, 2006, was tested positive for the avian influenza H5 virus, raising the fears of possible outbreaks in the city.

The Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department has bolstered inspection and control measures against avian flu after one of six bird carcasses found on Leighton Road, Causeway Bay, tested positive for the H5 virus. Assistant Director of Agriculture, Fisheries

and Conservation Dr Thomas Sit told reporters Thursday more tests are being conducted on the dead spotted munias collected on 31 December.

The testing results will be released in the coming days, he said.

Given its wild bird residing position, Hong

Kong is more vulnerable to avian flu from January to March due to cross-contamination with migratory birds, according to health authority. The department has enhanced checks on farms and pet shops, with no abnormal incidents observed so far.

MNA/Xinhua



Two tigers play in snow at a zoo in Beijing on 31 Dec, 2006. — XINHUA

SPORTS

Diaby boost for Gunners



Vassiriki Abou Diaby

LONDON, 4 Jan— Arsenal's Abou Diaby has returned to full training.

The 20-year-old Frenchman has been sidelined since breaking an ankle against Sunderland in May.

"It's great news," Wenger told Arsenal TV Online. "He

had his first complete training session today.

"Abou is so happy to play and his performance was very positive."

The Arsenal boss also confirmed full-back Emmanuel Eboué would be in the squad for Saturday's FA Cup third round tie against Liverpool after shaking off an ankle injury.

"The news is quite good at the moment. We have no new injuries from the Charlton game and we have Eboué available for Saturday," added Wenger.

The Gunners boss said the injury situation at the club was improving all the time with only Johan Djourou and Freddie Ljungberg (both hamstring) concerns.

And he confirmed both Theo Walcott and William Gallas may also return for Tuesday's Carling Cup tie at Anfield, while Julio Baptista is also nearing a return.—*Internet*

Nadal, Malisse make Chennai Open semifinals

NEW DELHI, 6 Jan— Top seed Rafael Nadal of Spain, and third-seeded Xavier Malisse of Belgium, scored victories in different styles to set up a semi-final clash at the Chennai Open tennis tournament on Friday.

The second-ranked Nadal dismissed easily 106th-ranked Davide Sanguinetti of Italy 6-3, 6-2 while 26-year-old Malisse was stretched to full sets by sixth-seeded Frenchman Fabrice Santoro before winning 6-4, 4-6 and 6-0.

In the other semifinal, former world number one Carlos Moya of Spain will meet Austrian Stefan Koubek.

Fifth seed and crowd favourite Moya, twice winner here, won five points on the trot in the tiebreak to defeat Croatia's Ivo Karlovic 6-4 and 7-6 (6).

Left-handed Koubek beat fourth-seeded Frenchman Julien Benneteau 6-1 and 6-2 in the last quarter-final.—*MNA/Xinhua*

Cup run excites Ferguson



Sir Alex Ferguson

LONDON, 5 Jan— Sir Alex Ferguson is hoping Manchester United will enjoy a good run in this season's FA Cup.

Last season, United were knocked out by Liverpool in the fifth round, having reached the final in 2004 and 2005.

Aston Villa are United's third-round opponents on Sunday and Ferguson is aiming to preserve his record of having never lost at this stage of the compe-

tion.

Though his side are fighting for the Premiership and the UEFA Champions League, he insists the FA Cup is also high on his agenda.

"The FA Cup is the FA Cup," said Ferguson. "We are all looking forward to it."

"Hopefully we can get a good run in the FA Cup."

"There's a great cup record from both clubs, so it should make it an exciting cup tie."

"We want to progress and we want to do well in this cup. Hopefully we can navigate this round."

Tomasz Kuszczak will replace Edwin van der Sar in goal against Villa and Ferguson explained his thinking behind that decision.—*Internet*

Bayern name price for Hargreaves



Owen Hargreaves

LONDON, 5 Jan— Bayern Munich will consider selling Owen Hargreaves to Manchester United — but not for less than £20m.

Bayern

president Franz Beckenbauer told German newspaper Bild that if an offer of that size was tabled "we would have to think about it".

Beckenbauer added: "That is a figure that would allow us to be active in the transfer market."

Hargreaves has just been told that he is not ready to return to full training as he recovers from a broken leg.

The 25-year-old sustained the injury in a league match against Arminia Bielefeld in September and had hoped to return in January.

But he is now unlikely to be ready to play against Borussia Dortmund when the Bundesliga restarts after its winter break on 26 January.

Hargreaves had hoped to return to full training with his Bayern team-mates, who are on a training camp in Dubai.

However, tests on his leg revealed the healing process was not as advanced as previously predicted and he will instead only take part in light training.

Hargreaves has been repeatedly linked with United over recent months - with the player admitting he would relish a move to Old Trafford.

Bayern had previously stated that they would not sell a player who last season signed a contract to keep him at the club until 2010.

And Beckenbauer added: "It is normal to want to keep a player who has just extended his contract and who only wants to join another club because they will pay him better."

Hargreaves has always maintained that his desire to play in the Premiership is not motivated by money.

The England midfielder said: "It's about the opportunity to possibly play in another league I haven't played in before, which is also the country I represent and where my family lives."

"It's not like I'm saying I want to go to AC Milan or Inter Milan because they're offering me more money."

Internet

Ayala in new Chelsea link

VALENCIA (Spain), 4 Jan— Valencia defender Roberto Ayala is being linked with a move to Chelsea after he failed to reach a new agreement with the club beyond June.

The Argentina captain's contract with the Spanish side expires in six months and after failing to reach a further deal, he is now free to negotiate a move with Chelsea, with Liverpool and Villarreal also reportedly interested in Ayala's services.

Gustavo Mascardi, the player's agent, said: "Ayala is free to discuss the best deal with a club but we have not initiated any meetings. We have quite a bit of time."

When asked about the possibility of a move to the Premiership, Mascardi added: "It's true that some clubs have asked for details on Ayala



Roberto Fabián Ayala

and not just now.

"Over the last few years he has received transfer interest from other clubs but Valencia have always rejected the option."

Chelsea are among the sides who have reportedly taken an interest in Ayala in the past along with Manchester United, Arsenal, Liverpool and Newcastle.

The Blues' current injury plight could see them make a move this month to land the 33-year-old South American.

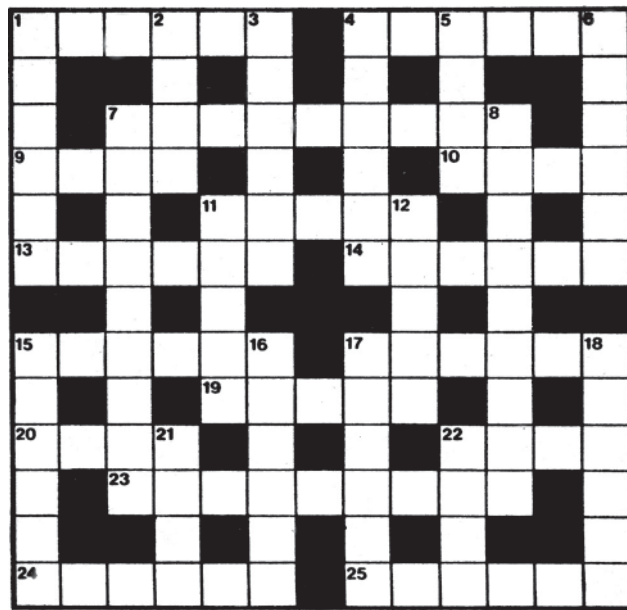
Internet

Marseilles signs Strasbourg midfielder Arrache

PARIS, 6 Jan— Marseille signed midfielder Salim Arrache from Strasbourg on Friday as the two sides agreed on a three-year-and-a-half contract, the French First Division club said on its website.

Arrache ruptured ligaments in his knee and was out for six months last season, starting only seven games for Strasbourg. Medical tests showed no lasting ligament damage, Marseille said. Arrache has played 11 times for Algeria, scoring once.—*MNA/Xinhua*

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



ACROSS

- 1 Transgressed
- 4 Ecstatic
- 7 Flattery
- 9 Confront
- 10 Incite
- 11 Concur
- 13 100 kopecks
- 14 Evergreen fragrant shrub
- 15 Small leopard-cat
- 17 Mountain range
- 19 Aromatic herb
- 20 Cubic pieces
- 22 Damage
- 23 Governed by bishops
- 24 Gives firmness to
- 25 Factory siren

DOWN

- 1 Endure
- 2 Unclothed
- 3 Flood
- 4 High regard
- 5 Eagerly excited
- 6 Act slowly
- 7 Raise no objection
- 8 Active by night
- 11 Parcel out
- 12 Eagles' nest
- 15 Casual task (3,3)
- 16 Essay on a theme
- 17 Without roughness
- 18 Protective dress
- 21 Impressive, large-scale
- 22 Light ring round head

More Vietnamese enterprises have high-speed Internet connections

HANOI, 6 Jan — Over 92 per cent of surveyed firms in Vietnam currently have Internet connections, 81 per cent of them use broadband services, a local trade agency said on Thursday.

According to surveys by the E-Commerce Department under the Trade Ministry, the proportion of using high-speed services among enterprises having Internet connections was 71.4 per cent in 2005 and 54 per cent in 2004, the

department said, noting that more and more companies in Vietnam have been conducting transactions via electronic means, especially in the modes of business-to-business (B2B).

Under Vietnam's Overall Plan on Developing

E-commerce in the 2006-2010 approved by the government in 2005, by 2010, some 60 per cent of large firms in the country will conduct B2B e-commerce, 80 per cent of small and medium enterprises, either B2B or

business-to-customer (B2C), and about 10 per cent of households either B2C or C2C (consumer-to-consumer).

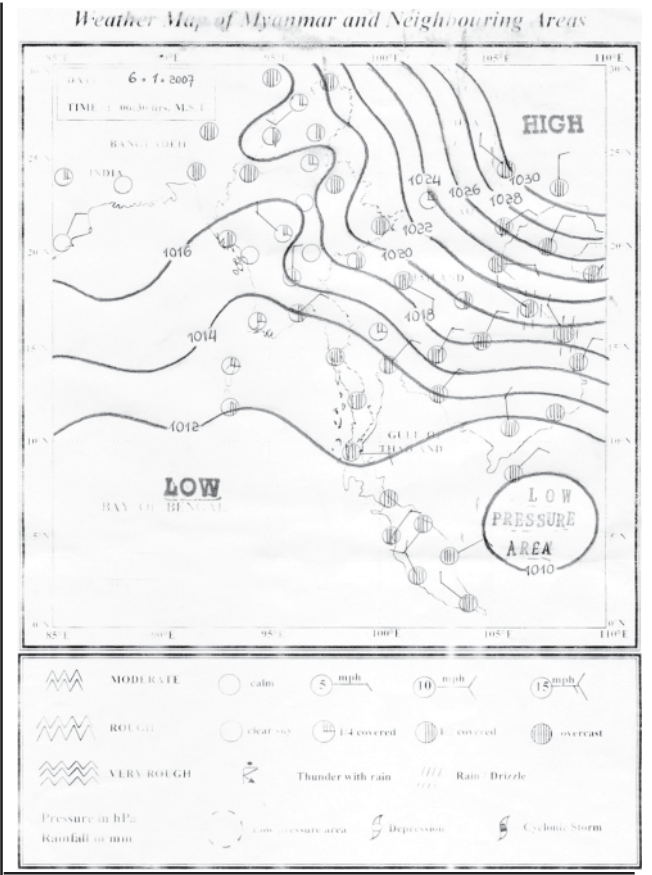
Vietnam had a total of over 14.5 million Internet users, or 17.5 per cent of its population, by early December 2006, compared with the respective figures of 9.9 million and 12 per cent in early December 2005.

Of the 14.5 million Internet users, over four million are subscribers, including 454,000 broadband ones, the Vietnam Internet Network Information Centre told *Xinhua* recently, noting that the country's total international bandwidth currently stands at 6,325 Mbps.

MNA/Xinhua



Fireworks light up the sky during the 2nd World Pyro Olympics at Manila Bay on 5 Jan, 2007. At least 10 countries are competing in the five-day World Pyro Olympics, which started on Friday. —INTERNET



WEATHER

Saturday, 6 January, 2007

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, light rain have been isolated in Taninthayi Division and weather has been generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions. Night temperatures were (3°C) below normal in Chin State and upper Sagaing Division, (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Eastern Shan and Mon States, Taninthayi Division and about normal in the remaining areas. The significant night temperatures were Haka (0°C), Pinlaung and Mogok (3°C) each and Heho (4°C).

Maximum temperature on 5-1-2007 was 92°F. Minimum temperature on 6-1-2007 was 64°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 6-1-2007 was 74%. Total sunshine hours on 5-1-2007 was (8.2) hours approx.

Rainfalls on 6-1-2007 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 (11) mph from Northeast at (07:45) hours MST on 6-1-2007.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 7-1-2007: Rain are likely to be isolated in Taninthayi Division and weather will be partly cloudy in Kachin, Rakhine, Mon and Kayin States, Ayeyawady and Yangon Divisions and generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of slight decrease of night temperatures in the Eastern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 7-1-2007: Fair weather.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 7-1-2007: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 7-1-2007: Fair weather.



Sunday, 7 January
Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music:
-One heart
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music:
-Bop Bop baby
- 8:50 am National news/
Slogan
- 9:00 am Music:
-You are the one
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Cultural images
of Myanmar
- 9:20 am Music:
-Paradise
- 1:30 pm News / Slogan
- 1:40 pm Children's
delight (story)
-The bet between
the boatman &
boatmaster
- 1:50 pm Songs for
children
- 9:00 pm Weekly news
review
- 9:10 pm Article
- 9:20 pm Music / L I E T S
-Blue boy
-Simple man,
simple dream
- 9:45 pm News / Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL



Sunday, 7 January
View on today

- 7:00 am
၁. ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃာ့ မဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့ အကျိုးတော် ဆောင်ရွက်၊ အဘိဓမ္မာမဟာရဋ္ဌာရ၊ အဘိဓမ္မာအဂ္ဂမဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မဇောတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မ ဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော်ဘဒ္ဒန္တ ပိဏ္ဍသာရာ ဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်
- 7:15 am
၂. တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ အဂ္ဂမဟာပဏ္ဍိတ၊ ဘဒ္ဒန္တသိရိန္ဒာ ဘိဝံသ (ယောဆရာတော်) ဟော ကြားတော်မူအပ်သော ဥပုသ်တ သန္တိပုဋိတော်
- 7:25 am
၃. ကျန်းမာဖို့အတွက်စားစို့
- 7:30 am
၄. နံနက်ခင်းသတင်း
- 7:40 am
၅. သံသာချိုအေး မင်္ဂလာတေး
- 7:55 am
၆. ယဉ်ကျေးလိမ္မာ (၃၈) ဖြာမင်္ဂလာ
- 8:10 am
၇. ဘော်ဘင်ရေလှောင်တံခံ
- 8:20 am
၈. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:30 am
၉. International news
- 8:45 am
၁၀. Say it in English
- 11:00 am
၁. စစ်သည်တေး
- 11:10 am
၂. တေးဂီတ အစီအစဉ်
- 11:25 am
၃. တစ်ပတ်အတွင်း နိုင်ငံတကာ သတင်းစဉ်
- 11:35 am
၄. Yan Can Cook
- 11:50 am
၅. မြန်မာ့ရုပ်ရှင် "ကိုယ်ရယ်တိုးရယ် စိုးစိုးရယ်" (ညွန့်ဝင်း၊ ခင်သန်းနု၊ သန်းထွဋ်၊ ပုလဲ) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ဦးတင်မောင်)
- 1:50 pm
၆. စိန်ရတုအထိမ်းအမှတ် ပန်းပွဲတော် နှစ်ကြိမ်ပျော်ပျော်
- 2:00 pm
၇. အရေးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 2:10 pm
၈. ဆက်သွယ်ဆင့်ပွား အိပ်မက်တံတား
- 2:20 pm
၉. "သတိတစ်ချက် တစ်သက်အမှား" (ကျော်မင်းနောင်၊ ကြည်လဲ့လဲ့ဦး၊ နန်းကလျာလှိုင်၊ သကြီးအောင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-စောစန္ဒာလှိုင်)
- 2:30 pm
၁၀. ဗိုက္ကရီရေထိန်းတံခါး
- 2:45 pm
၁၁. International news
- 4:00 pm
၁. စစ်ချိတေး၊ စစ်သည်တေး
- 4:15 pm
၂. မျိုးချစ်စိတ်ဓာတ် ရှင်သန်ထက်မြက်ရေးတေးများ
- 4:30 pm
၃. English for everyday use
- 4:45 pm
၄. အသေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ -တတိယနှစ်(ဓာတုဗေဒအထူးပြု) (ဓာတုဗေဒ)
- 5:00 pm
၅. ပြည်ထောင်စု တိုင်းရင်းသား ရိုးရာအက
- 5:10 pm
၆. "သီးနှံစိုက်ပျိုး အထွက်တိုး" (ဆောင်းရာသီ ပဲတီစိမ်း ပန်းတိုင်)
- 5:20 pm
၇. ဆိုကြမယ်၊ ပျော်ကြမယ်
- 6:00 pm
၈. ညနေခင်းသတင်း
- 6:30 pm
၉. မိုးလေဝသ အခြေအနေ
- 6:35 pm
၁၀. သီရိဓမ္မာ
- 7:00 pm
၁၁. နိုင်ငံခြား ဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ကြွယ်ကြွယ်ရင်ခုန်သံ" (အပိုင်း-၁၀)
- 7:45 pm
၁၂. အချုပ်အခြာအာဏာ ဓွန်ရှည်ကြာခိုင်မာစေမှု ခိုရွှေရွှေ "သမိုင်းမော်ကွန်း တွန်းသစ်ဖြော ပြည်မြန်မာ"
- 8:00 pm
၁၃. ပြည်တွင်းသတင်း
- ၁၄. နိုင်ငံတကာသတင်းများ
- ၁၅. မိုးလေဝသ အခြေအနေ
- ၁၆. နိုင်ငံခြား ဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "လှပသောနေ့ရက်များ" (အပိုင်း-၁၄)
- ၁၇. နောက်တစ်နေ့ အစီအစဉ်

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Myanmar has been standing tall among the world community as an independent and sovereign nation under its own monarchs for years countable by the thousand

USDA Executives' Advanced Management (Special) Course No 3 concludes

YANGON, 6 Jan — Secretary-General U Htay Oo of the Union Solidarity and Development Association delivered an address at the ceremony to conclude the USDA Executives' Advanced Management (Special) Course No 3 at Pyidaungsu Hall of the association in Hmawby Township this morning.

It was attended by Central Executive Committee members of the association, guests, Course in-charge Lt-Col Khin Win, supervisors and trainees.

In his address, Secretary-General U Htay Oo said that at present, all the necessary measures are being taken for the emergence of a peaceful, modern, developed and discipline-flourishing demo-

cratic nation, and it is the national goal that all the citizens desire. Hence, all the people are to strive with the patriotic spirit for realization of the national goal. Our Three Main National Causes — non-disintegration of the

Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty — are the national duties based on the patriotic spirit.

He stressed the need to strive for smooth transition of the State from the

old system to the new one by reviewing causes and effects of the nation's history and traditional culture of the national races. Due to lack of smooth transitions, some countries faced disturbances heading for civil war. Therefore, ar-

rangements are being made for ensuring smooth transition from the old system to a new one in the interests of the State and the people.

He added that peace and stability, strong economy of the State and

the people and development of human resources are fundamental needs in the process of building a new nation. Hence, all the national people are to make utmost efforts in concert for building a new nation.

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USDA Secretary-General U Htay Oo delivers an address at the conclusion of Advanced Management (Special) Course No 3 of USDA Executives. — MNA

Forestry Minister attends opening ceremony of National Pride finished wood products factory

YANGON, 6 Jan — Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung attended the opening ceremony of National Pride Finished wood products factory of Fly Man Co Ltd at Industrial Zone 3 in Hlinethaya Township this morning.

Firstly, Managing Director U Win Tun of Myanma Timber Enterprise, Deputy Director-General U Aye Myint Maung of Forest Department and Man-

aging Director of the factory U Aung Naing Oo formally opened the factory.

Next, the minister unveiled the signboard of the factory and inspected production processes of the factory.

After hearing the report, the minister gave necessary instructions.

The factory will export sawn timber to Thai, Italy and France. — MNA



Forestry Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung inspects National Pride finished wood products Factory. — FORESTRY

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PERSPECTIVES

The dam will irrigate over 1,000 acres of cultivable land. The five-mile long main canal and seven-mile long distributory canals will irrigate over 1,000 acres of monsoon paddy, 1,000 acres of gram and 500 acres of summer paddy in two village-tracts in the township after opening of the dam.

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Western Monywa District of Sagaing Division is constituted with Kani, Salingyi, Yinmabin and Pale townships. North Yama Dam in Pale Township irrigates 12,000 acres of arable lands. Upon completion, the Hlaing Chaung Dam will benefit 1,000 more acres.

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