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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

USDA Secretariat member, CEC member attend opening of rural libraries and hydel power generator

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Jan—Secretariat member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung, CEC member Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe and officials attended the opening of library and hydel power generator in Seikphyutaung Village, Pyinmana Township, Mandalay Division yesterday.

The Chairman of Seikphyutaung Village PDC and the USDA organizer formally opened the Knowledge Bank Library.

CEC member Maj-Gen Thein Swe started supplying of power of the hydel power generator and greeted those present on the occasion.

Secretary of Pyinmana District USDA U Khin Maung Htay accepted 150 membership applications.

Later, Secretariat member U Aung Thaung



Minister U Aung Thaung and Minister Maj-Gen Thein Swe inspect work done for Pulp Factory project in Yeni Township.— MNA



presented publications for the library and inspected the power generation through the hydel power generator.

The hydel power generator opened today is capable of generating 5 KVA. The USDA facilitated 28 villages out of 67 with hydel power generators. And now, it is mak-

ing all-out efforts for facilitating the remaining 39 villages with hydel power generators.

Next, Secretariat member and the CEC member proceeded to Aungbeiktheik Village, Pyinmana Township where they attended the opening of library and hydel power generator.

The Chairman of Aungbeiktheik Village PDC and the USDA organizer formally opened the YaungcheU Library.

Next, CEC member Maj-Gen Thein Swe unveiled the signboard of the hydel power generator and Secretary of Pyinmana District USDA U Khin Maung

Htay accepted 200 membership applications.

Secretariat member U Aung Thaung presented publications for the library and inspected the generating of power.

Afterwards, Minister U Aung Thaung and Minister Maj-Gen Thein Swe arrived at the Cement Plant project (Nay Pyi

Taw) in Lewe Township and inspected the site chosen for building the plant.

Next, they inspected the Brown Paper and Pulp Factory project being implemented in Yeni Township, Bago Division and gave instructions on soonest completion of the project.

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A copy each of the pamphlet featuring the rescue methods Assistant Director U Kyaw Min compiled was distributed to all the heads of the township Fire Service Departments and fire stations in all states and divisions on 31 August 2006.

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

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Actively participate in building future democratic state

The government has been making efforts for enhancing the quality of life of the people and bringing about strong economy and regional development while uplifting education and health foundations of the people.

Economic, education and social conditions of the people have developed rapidly as harmonious progress has been made in various parts of the Union including remote areas. Altogether 193 dams have been built in order to boost production of crops in agricultural sector, the major economy of the country and they benefit 2.6 million acres of farmland.

Myanmar has a population of over 55 million and the ratio of the population to the area of land is in a proper proportion. Food for the present population of the country is now in surplus. The government has planned to supply sufficient food for increasing population.

Despite the progress in every sector according to the prevailing conditions and the accurate data of the State, destructive elements with negative views are committing destructive acts in order to undermine the interests of the nation and the people, ignoring the development of the country.

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MFPTMA to hold annual meeting

YANGON, 7 Jan — Myanmar Forest Products and Timber Merchants Association will hold its 13th annual meeting in the last week of January.

The MFPTMA has reminded timber merchants and members of companies and association to send their current addresses to UMFCCI Office Tower, No 29, Minye Kyawswa Street, Lanmadaw Township, (Tel-214839) (Fax-214840), not later than 15 January.

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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

Pocket books, mobile posters donated to USDA

YANGON, 7 Jan — A ceremony to donate 20,000 copies of pocket books on guidance from the Union Solidarity and Development Association Annual General Meeting 2006 and three mobile posters created by IT D programme technology worth K 8,060,000 to the USDA was held at its headquarters on New University Avenue in Bahan Township at 5 pm yesterday.

USDA Secretary-General U Htay Oo extended greetings.

Wellwishers Chairman of Myanmar CD-ROM www.group U Maung Maung Aye and



USDA Secretary-General U Htay Oo accepts donation of mobile poster. — MNA

Chairman of Nine Tigers Auto Co U Khin Zaw explained the purpose of the

donations.

The secretary-general accepted the donations,

and presented certificates of honour to the wellwishers. — MNA

Respects paid to faculty at University of Culture



Old students of University of Culture pay respects to faculty members.—H

YANGON, 7 Jan — The 7th respect paying ceremony of old students of University of Culture was held at Universities' Dhammaryon at noon today.

The ceremony was attended by retired faculty members, over-50-year-old teachers and old students.

Rector U Zaw Than (Retd) and teachers delivered addresses and students paid respects to the teachers. — MNA

Press Conference on Grand Royal Special Reserve Golf Championship 2007 held

YANGON, 6 Jan — A press conference on Grand Royal Special Reserve Golf Championship 2007 was held at Grand Ballroom of Hotel Nikko Royal Lake, here, this afternoon, attended by officials of the Ministry of Sports, General Secretary of Myanmar Golf Federation U Aung Kyi and executives, officials of International Beverages Trading Co Ltd and media persons.

First, Design & Development Director U Tint Oo of International Beverages Trading Co Ltd made an opening speech.

After Joint-Secretary of MGF U Chan Han had explained the facts about the championship, re-

sponsible personnel replied to the queries raised by media persons.

The championship was divided into two parts—qualify rounds and final round. The qualify rounds will be organized in Mandalay on 20 and 21 January, Taunggyi on 10 and 11 February, Mawlamyine on 3 and 4 March and Yangon on 22 and 23 March, and the final round in Yangon on 6, 7 and 8 April.

Han Event Management will closely supervise the championship. The co-sponsors will be Air Mandalay, Hotel Nikko, Srixon and Alpine.

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China plans to build observatory at South Pole

BEIJING, 6 Jan — China plans to build an observatory at the South Pole, setting up 400 telescopes there over the next 10 years in cooperation with the United States, Australia and France.

The observatory will be built at Dome A, the highest point on the continent at 4,093 metres above sea level. Dome A is located at Latitude 80.22 South and Longitude 77.21 East, according to the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS). "The images taken

by the telescopes at the South Pole may be almost as good as those of the Hubble Space Telescope," said Ye Shuhua, a CAS academician.

The South Pole has the clearest sky on Earth, allowing scientists to obtain very sharp images

of sky phenomena. In scientific parlance, "seeing conditions" are excellent because Antarctica's bitter cold removes the thermal background radiation that reduces the sensitivity of telescopes in warmer climates.

China has decided to

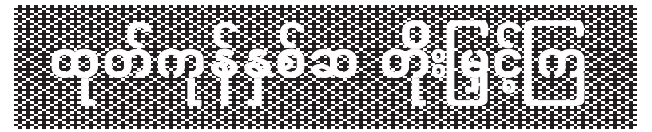
build a third permanent research station at Dome A, which will support the construction of the observatory.

Ye, who is also the director of the China Antarctic Astronomical Centre, which was founded at the end of 2006, said the United States and Australia had built telescopes at Dome C Icecap, which is 3,280 metres above sea level at Latitude 74.50 South and Longitude 123.00 East.

"The telescopes at Dome A may turn out to be more sensitive than Dome C because the wind is not so strong at Dome A," Ye said.

"The cost of the South Pole Observatory is higher than at other sites on Earth, but lower than the cost of a space telescope," Ye said, without specifying how much the observatory will cost.

MNA/Xinhua



Chinese workers install what is claimed to be China's fourth largest bell at Lingjiu Mountain Stone Chamber Buddhist temple in Xiamen, southeastern China's Fujian Province on 6 Jan, 2007. Weighing 24 tons the bell is engraved with 10,000 Chinese characters for 'fu' meaning 'blessing', and 10,000 Chinese characters for 'shou' meaning 'longevity' in different fonts.—INTERNET

Malaysian man married 53 times, dies

KUALA LUMPUR, 6 Jan — A 74-year-old Malaysian man, who married 53 times, died in northern Malaysia, local newspapers reported on Friday.

Kamarudin Mohamad died of lung problems at a hospital at Kota Baru, capital of the Kelantan State last Saturday and was buried the following day, the report said.

Kamarudin married 53 times, a record in the country, and most of his marriages ended with divorces. His wives included an English woman and two Thais. He left behind eight children and 16 grandchildren.

Kamarudin's 53rd wife Khadijah Udin, who was also his first wife, was accompanying him until he died in the hospital.—MNA/Xinhua



The Blue Origin space vehicle is towed into a hangar near the west Texas town of Van Horn on 13 Nov, 2006 in this publicity photo provided to Reuters by Blue Origin on 5 Jan, 2007. A video posting by Amazon.com founder Jeff Bezos shows the cone-shaped vehicle lifting off, ascending 285 feet (78 metres), and then returning to earth in a flight lasting less than a minute.—INTERNET

Gunmen kidnap US contractor, two interpreters in southern Iraq

BAGHDAD, 6 Jan— Unknown gunmen kidnaped a US civilian contractor and his two Iraqi interpreters near the southern Iraqi city of Basra on Friday, local police said.

The abduction took place in the morning in the al-Haritha area north of Basra when gunmen in

three cars intercepted the victims' car while they were travelling from Misan Province to Basra, the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

The US Embassy in

Baghdad had no immediate comment on the incident.

On 17 November, gunmen wearing police uniforms kidnaped four Americans and an Austrian, who were among

officials said Saturday.

Nearly 100 flights will be diverted to other airports on Saturday, and 28 flights are to be cancelled, the airport said in a statement.

The nine airlines — easyJet, BA Connect, XL, Thomsonfly, Thomas Cook, Balkan Airlines, FirstChoice, Air Malta and SN Brussels — are worried about the reliability of the runway in wet conditions.

The airport's Web site said that other airlines, including Continental, KLM, and Ryanair, are continuing to fly into Bristol, which is about 120 miles (190 kilometres) west of London.

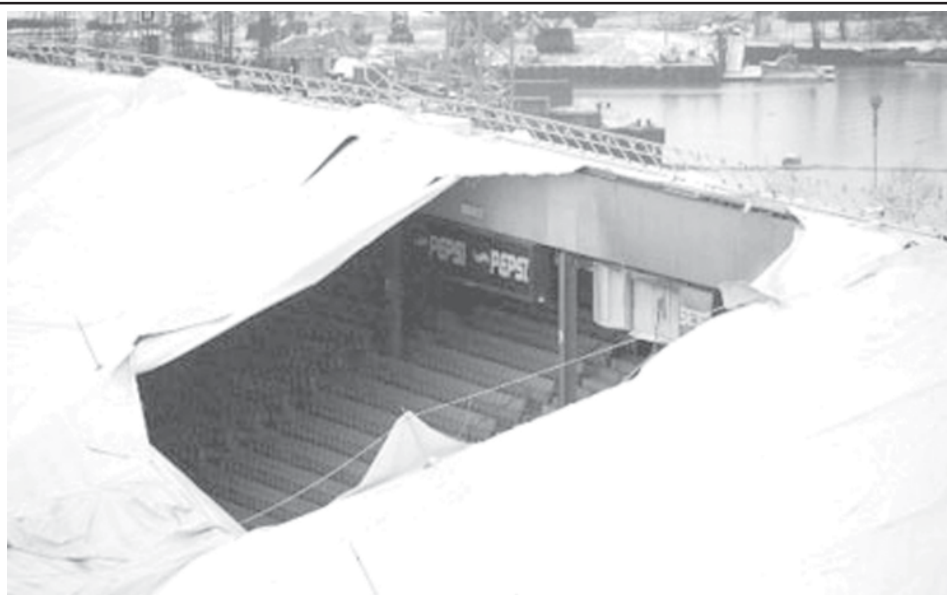
Concerns about the runway began after the airport began resurfacing work in November.

Internet

Vietnam aims bigger cashew export in 2007

HANOI, 6 Jan — Vietnam has targeted cashew export earnings of 700 million US dollars in the New Year, up over 38.6 per cent from last year, according to sources from the Vietnam Cashew Association Friday.

To this end, the country is focusing on increasing the products' quality, intensifying trade promotion, further tapping such traditional markets as China, the United States, the Netherlands, Australia, Canada, Britain and Russia, and seeking new ones, the association said.—MNA/Xinhua



The collapsed roof of BC Place Stadium, with a tear in it, is shown in Vancouver, on 5 Jan, 2007. The inflated roof at the 60,000 seat stadium where the opening ceremonies of the 2010 Olympic Winter games will be held collapsed on Friday.

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Chinese fighter aircraft makes first public appearance



China's indigenous third-generation Jian-10 (Fighter-10) makes its debut in Beijing, on 5 Jan, 2007. The airplane is manufactured by the China Aviation Industry Corporation I (AVIC I) based on the country's own Intellectual Property Rights.—XINHUA

BEIJING, 6 Jan— China's home-made new-generation fighter aircraft, the Jian-10 (Fighter-10), made its debut in Beijing on Friday.

A five-minute-long video film revealed how the fighter takes off, lands, fires missiles and flies in formation.

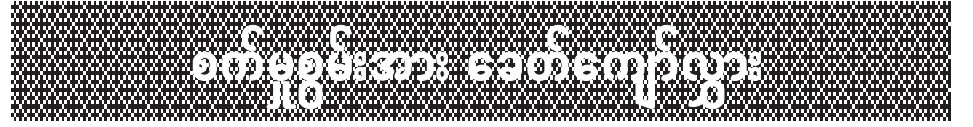
China was the fourth country in the world to develop its own advanced fighter aircraft, aero-engines and missiles, said Geng Ruguang, deputy general manager of the China Aviation Industry Corporation I (AVIC I).

The country's defence industry had developed the Jian-10, the Taihang turbofan engine and new-generation air-to-air missiles.

The Jian-10 and the Taihang turbofan engine, both with proprietary intellectual property rights (IPR), heralded the third generation of Chinese fighter aircraft and military aero-engines, said Geng.

He said the Chinese Air Force had been equipped with the country's newly-developed fourth-generation air-to-air missiles.

MNA/Xinhua



Cambodia's National Museum attracts over 94,000 visitors in 2006

PHNOM PENH, 6 Jan— More than 94,000 people visited Cambodia's National Museum in 2006, bringing in nearly 200,000 US dollars of income for the country, according to statistics recently released by the museum.

The National Museum attracted 94,652 visitors last year, about 63,000 of them were from foreign countries such as China, South Korea, Japan, the

United States and Germany, said the statistics, adding that the number was 21.1 per cent higher than 2005.

Besides for trips to the Angkor Wat and other archaeological complexes in Siem Reap Province, foreign tourists used to be interested in viewing other cultural relics of the kingdom, which were assembled right at the museum, according to the

statistics.

This could explain the rise of visitors to the museum, the statistics added. Museum is a burgeoning business in Cambodia. Except for those in Phnom Penh, Bantey Meanchey, Svay Kieng and Takeo, a fifth large-scale museum is currently under construction in Siem Reap.

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A member of the parade of the "Three Wise Men" dispenses lollipops to children in Madrid, on 5 Jan, 2007. Traditionally children in Spain receive candies and other presents on the Feast of the Epiphany delivered by "Three Wise Men". —XINHUA

65% of Czechs against US missile base in their country

PRAGUE, 6 Jan— Around 65 per cent of Czechs are against the US establishing a missile defence base in their country, the daily Dnes reported on Thursday.

A total of 36 per cent

of the 961 respondents "definitely disagree" with the stationing of defence missiles in their country, while 29 per cent "fairly oppose" it, according to a poll conducted by the Factum Invenio agency

for the Foreign Ministry.

On the contrary, some 28 per cent of people would not mind living with the US base, the poll said. The poll found around 60 per cent of the respondents would not

mind only having US radar equipment in their country, and 34 per cent of people are against it. The US has plans for a base with missiles and two radars.

The United States plans to deploy a missile defence radar in the Czech Republic and interceptor missiles in Poland.

The operation is going to start in 2011 and the location of the base would be decided early this year. Washington is also to make the final decision on the operation early this year.

Most people in the Czech Republic and Poland expressed fears that the US missile base would decrease security in their countries.

MNA/Xinhua

Japanese tourist missing in India

AGRA, 6 Jan— A 26-year-old Japanese tourist has gone missing a day after he arrived here on the New Year to visit the Taj Mahal, police said Friday.

Asai Kastu Hiri arrived from New Delhi on 1 January and checked in at a hotel with his taxi driver Arun, they said.

Arun told police that at 9 am on Tuesday, Asai went for a Taj tour and asked him to wait as he would return soon. He kept on waiting till the evening, but Asai did not return, he said.

He was due to board the Magadh Express from

Tundla to Varanasi and had made the return reservation from Varanasi to New Delhi, police said.

They said the Japanese Embassy in New Delhi had been informed about Asai's disappearance and Agra police was conducting searches to trace him.

He is the second tourist from Japan to have gone missing in this city in the past one year. Ao Koto Sinozaki, a young tourist, reportedly disappeared some months back and police are still searching for him.

MNA/PTI



A much-anticipated iPod smartphone which could play music, make calls and perform other functions might be unveiled by Apple next week during the annual Macworld conference, media reports said on Saturday, 6 Jan, 2007.—INTERNET

India to develop more weapons systems with Russia

COIMBATORE, 6 Jan— With the *BrahMos* cruise missile developed by India and Russia proving to be the “best missile available in the world”, New Delhi will continue to develop more weapon systems with Moscow, a top defence scientist said Friday.

However, it is for the Indian Government to decide about the types of products to be manufactured with its strategic partner Russia, A Shivathanu Pillai, CEO of the Indo-Russian joint venture BrahMos Aerospace, told reporters here.

The Indian and Russian governments are expected to discuss various issues, including manufacturing other products through

joint ventures, during Russian President Vladimir Putin’s visit as chief guest for the Republic Day celebrations on 26 January, Pillai said.

“Being the proud possessor of the best supersonic missile, India is on top of the world, and *BrahMos* has made a great impact over other nations,” he said. The joint venture has proved that exchange of expertise with other nations in defence projects can be successful.

Asked about new products and missiles in the pipeline, Pillai said, “We will not disclose our plans on missile. “Indian Government has to consider and decide on future projects with Russia,” he said.

MNA/PTI

Romania’s rural tourism to receive \$650m European funds

BUCHAREST, 6 Jan— Rural and regional tourism in Romania will benefit from 500 million euros (650 million US dollars) of European funds between 2007-2013, a government official said here on Friday.

The money will come from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and the tourism sector will receive another 87 million euros

(113 million dollars) from national funds, said Noemi Haga, spokesperson for the National Authority for Tourism.—MNA/Xinhua

Five killed, 30 injured in Sri Lanka’s bus explosion

COLOMBO, 6 Jan— Five civilians were killed and over 30 others were injured when a bomb exploded inside a passenger bus travelling near the Sri

Lankan capital of Colombo late Friday afternoon, defence officials said.

“The explosion happened around 6:40 pm local time (1310 GMT) and

the bus was full of passengers at that time,” said the military spokesman Brigadier Prasad Samarasinghe.

The privately owned bus was travelling between Nittambuwa, about 39 kilometres northeast of Colombo and Giriulla when it exploded on the main Colombo-Kandy A1 highway, according to police. An officer from the Media Centre for National Security said the military suspected the bomb attack was the work of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) rebels.

Samarasinghe said it was too early for the investigators to state what caused the blast — if it was a hand grenade or a powerful bomb.

MNA/Xinhua



Medical students practise parturition treatment with a baby-delivery robot at an obstetrician class of Kyung Hee university medical centre in Seoul, recently. —INTERNET

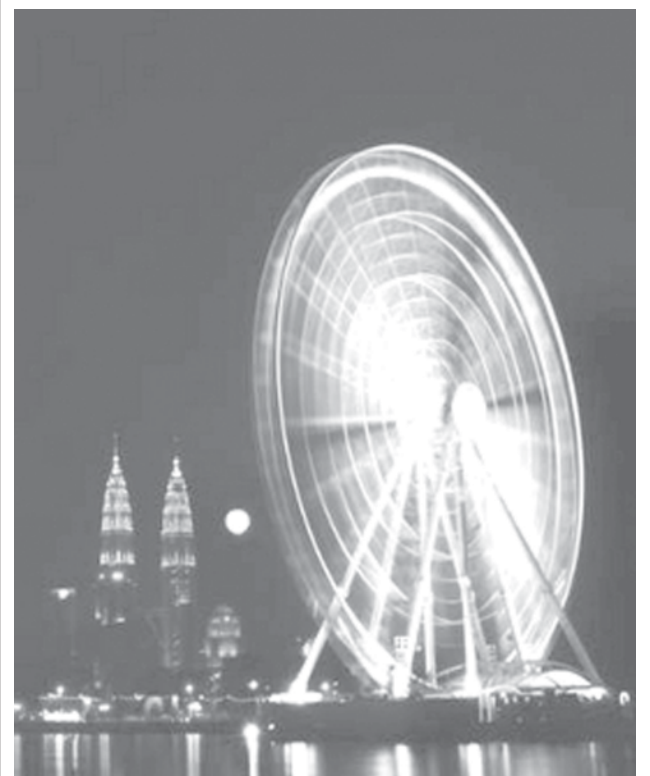
Five-day cultural event starts in India

NEW DELHI, 6 Jan— Attempting to explore and strengthen the cultural links of the Indian diaspora with the country, a five-day cultural event, that will include exhibitions, film shows and performances, was opened here Friday.

“Creative Tracks of the Indian Diaspora”, organized by the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA), was inaugurated by the President of Indian Council for Cultural Research (ICCR) Karan Singh. Singh said the Indian diaspora dated back thousands of years and even today the similarity between the clothes, jewellery and music of the gypsies in Europe and the banjaras of India can be seen. Introducing the event, K K Chakravarty, Member Secretary, IGNCA, said it was meant to plant a diaspora conscience in the minds of the people. He said the 200 years history of Indian diaspora was sprinkled with names of Indian origin people reaching top positions in various countries as prime ministers, presidents, sportsmen, doctors and scientists.—MNA/PTI



Members of the Tokyo Fire Department perform a rescue demonstration in Tokyo on 6 Jan, 2007. —INTERNET



The ‘Eye of Malaysia’ Ferris wheel and Petronas Twin Towers in the background reflect at a lake garden in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, on 6 Jan, 2007. The 60-metre ‘Eye of Malaysia’, similar to the ‘London Eye’ was launched by Prime Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi in conjunction with the Visit Malaysia Year 2007 tourism campaign.

INTERNET

Malaysian PM to attend 12th ASEAN Summit in Philippines

KUALA LUMPUR, 6 Jan — Malaysian Prime Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi will attend the 12th ASEAN Summit and related summits on 12-15 January in Cebu, the Philippines, Malaysian Foreign Ministry said here on Friday.

Besides the ASEAN Summit, Badawi is also scheduled to attend some sideline summits, such as the third Brunei-Indonesia-Malaysia-Philippines East ASEAN Growth Area (BIMP-

EAGA) Summit, and the second Indonesia-Malaysia-Thailand Growth Triangle (IMT-GT) Summit, the ministry said in a Press release.

The Malaysian Prime

Minister will join other ASEAN leaders in Cebu to discuss follow-up action on all the decisions of the 11th ASEAN Summit held here in December 2005.

MNA/Xinhua



The Internet search giant Google Inc has bought a stake in a Chinese software provider as part of the company's bid to extend its dominance beyond Internet searches to other online services, The Wall Street Journal reported on 5 Jan, 2007.—INTERNET

Google acquires stake in China software provider

WASHINGTON, 6 Jan — The Internet search giant Google Inc has bought a stake in a Chinese software provider as part of the company's bid to extend its dominance beyond Internet searches to other online services, *The Wall Street Journal* reported on Friday.

A Google spokesman said the Internet company has made an unspecified investment in Xunlei Network Technology Co, which provides video and game downloads. The two

companies plan to unveil their partnership during a news conference late Friday, said the report. Google, the world's largest search-engine provider, has sought to broaden its Internet presence globally.

In October, the company agreed to buy online-video-sharing company YouTube Inc, for about 1.8 billion dollars in stock, a move that could at one stroke make Google a leader in the fast-growing online-video market, said the report.

Yet Google, based in Mountain View, California, has had some difficulty extending beyond its dominant English-language search site to sites in other languages around the world, where local competitors are enjoying linguistic and other home-grown advantages.

In China, the world's second-largest Internet market after the US, Google is second behind rival Baidu.com Inc, according to the report by the US business daily.

MNA/Xinhua



Men jump into the icy water of a lake in an attempt to grab a wooden cross on Epiphany Day in Bulgarian capital Sofia on 6 Jan, 2007.—INTERNET

Report says British Royal Navy to mothball half of fleet

LONDON, 6 Jan — Almost half of the British Royal Navy's 44 warships are to be mothballed as part of cost-cutting measures by the Ministry of Defence (MoD), London's *Daily Telegraph* reported on Friday.

The British Government has said that 13 warships are in a state of "reduced readiness," putting them around 18 months away from active service, according to the report, which added that a further six destroyers and frigates were being proposed for cuts. The report said a need to cut the defence budget by 250 million pounds (around 486 million US dollars) this year to meet spending requirements had forced ministers to look at drastic measures.

Senior officials said the plan would turn Britain's Navy into nothing more than a coastal defence force. "What this means is that we are now no better than a coastal defence force or a fleet of dug-out canoes," said a senior official.

MoD sources admitted it was possible that the Royal Navy would discontinue one of its major commitments around the world, the report said. It is likely that the six destroyers

and frigates to be mothballed will eventually be sold or scrapped.

There are also fears that two new aircraft carriers promised in 1998 might never be built, the report added. Recently, the MoD has been criticized for not

giving proper backing to troops which has dogged operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The MoD said it had no plans to cut the destroyer and frigate fleet but it "routinely reviewed" defence capabilities "to

ensure resources are directed where our front line armed forces need them most. We are some way from any decisions and just because a proposal is looked at does not mean that it will be implemented," a spokesman said. —MNA/Xinhua



Mrs An (L) strokes four baby cape barn owls she has saved in Haikou, South China's Hainan Province, on 4 Jan, 2007. On that day, Mrs An heard that the four baby cape barn owls were captured in a nearby town and would be killed soon. She immediately headed for the town and finally saved the birds which are protected in China.—XINHUA

US replaces nuclear weapon chief

WASHINGTON, 6 Jan — The White House said on Friday that President George W Bush has picked Thomas D'Agostino to replace Linton Brooks as head of the United States' nuclear weapons programme.

D'Agostino, who currently serves as deputy administrator of defence programmes at the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA), will succeed Brooks in the top job there on an acting basis, according to a statement from the White House. Energy Secretary Samuel Bodman said on Thursday that Brooks will resign within the month.

Brooks, a former ambassador and arms-control negotiator who was appointed to the post in May 2003, was asked to leave because of a number of management issues, the most recent of which was a security breach at the Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico.

The New Mexico lab is one of three major research labs that are part of the nuclear weapons complex under the NNSA, which maintains nuclear weapons stockpile and oversees the nation's weapons research laboratories.

MNA/Xinhua

Fire prevention, duty of all people

*Article by Aung Naing Oo (Kyemon):
photos by Fire Services Department*

Generally, the beginning of the dry season brings news about fire. In November 2006 alone, Myanmar saw 64 fires, 23 of which broke out in Yangon, accounting for the highest rate among the states and divisions. Dense population and a mass of industries are fundamental factors for the outbreak of fires. Statistics show a notable fact that the majority of the fires occur due to negligence.

Fire costs loss of State-owned and private-owned property and sometimes lives of the people particularly owing to lack of knowledge about fire prevention, absence of preventive measures and negligence.

In order to disseminate facts about the gases emitted from fire and knowledge about rescue to the people, a group from the Kyemon Daily recently carried out an interview with Assistant Director U Kyaw Min, In-Charge of the Training Division of the Fire Services Department.

Q: I notice people lose their lives due to suffocation in some fires. Would you please explain the fumes dangerous to human beings?

A: The smoke that a fire emits contains many gases such as carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide, hydrogen cyanide, nitrogen dioxide and phosgene and particles of carbon. Similarly, these gases are emitted when engines such as water pumps and generators are operated. A person can lose his life after inhaling 18,000 PPM of carbon monoxide in one to three minutes. If a person has inhaled carbon dioxide and other flumes from the fire, he can lose consciousness. And if it takes a little longer, he can lose his life.

Q: Can you recall some such incidents?

A: It was in May last year, a local lost consciousness in a dry well when he climbed down to clear the garbage at the bottom. So, some members of Fire Brigade climbed down in the well to rescue the local. In the incident, one of the members lost his life due to gas inhalation. In another incident that took place at Kinsana Mahi Ward in Mandalay,



Assistant Director U Kyaw Min, In-Charge of the Training Division of the Fire Services Department.

all the nine family members lost their lives inside the home due to the inhalation of the smoke emitted from the generator.

Q: Please explain the events in detail.

A: Those events took place at night. Before going to bed, the family members closed all the doors, so there was not adequate ventilation in the houses. All of them fell asleep soundly when the fires broke out. At first, the smokes from the fires went up to the ceilings. But when they heaped up, the amount of the oxygen in the homes had been much reduced. When woken up by the smokes, they had been engulfed completely in the smokes and they could see nothing. Before getting to the doors, they fell down and lost consciousness on the way. Then, they lost their lives in the fires.

Q: Then, what should a person do if he is in such an incident?

A: Firstly, lie down on the floor. Cry out to wake up other family members, ask them to lie down on the floor and leave the home. Then, go to the doorways on the floors or by crawling as soon as possible. After all the members get out of the home, leave the door closed. Then, cry out for help and inform the Fire Brigade.

Q: And what are the precautionary measures for flats

and high-rise buildings?

A: Such flats and buildings should be equipped with air vents near the ceilings. Ironworks, iron sieves or iron bars should not be fixed fast in the doors and verandahs. Such a house should have a fire escape. The main stairways of a condominium or a high-rise building should be a smoke stop lobby. The walls of the stairways should be resistant to fire for at least about an hour. The stairway doors also should be resistant to fire for at least half an hour and be equipped with self closing device. An air vent must be installed near the ceiling of each floor in addition to fire alarm, hose reel, dry or wet riser system, and emergency exits. Every house should have at least a fire



A firefighter with fire-fighting gear undergoes training of moving hazardous chemicals.

extinguisher. There must be a way to inform the Fire Brigade in case of emergency. Contact the Fire Brigade for further detailed facts about fire preventive measures and emergency cases.

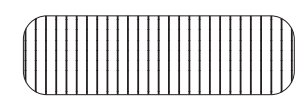
Q: I would also like to know the methods to rescue a person from the bottom of a well.

A: Carbon dioxide is invisible to the naked eyes and it is one and a half times heavier than air. So, it heaps at the bottoms of the wells and deep holes in the ground. If a person inhales such a dangerous gas, he will find it difficult to breathe in and later he can lose his life. So, make sure to know where there is carbon dioxide in such a place if it is needed to get down to the bottom.

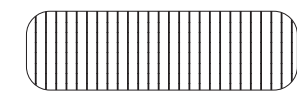
A copy each of the pamphlet featuring the rescue methods Assistant Director U Kyaw Min compiled was distributed to all the heads of the township Fire Service Departments and fire stations in all states and divisions on 31 August 2006.

So, it is required to take systematic and preparatory measures in getting down to the bottoms of deep holes or mountaineering. And if there is a case to rescue an unconscious person from a well, necessary measures are to be taken systematically through the methods of fast, effective, versatile and safety.

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A team of firefighters in protective gear seen in a training session of removing smokes and fumes from a room.



Commander attends handover of new school buildings at Shwepyitha BEPS No 3



Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win donates Television and VCD player sets to the Principal of No-3 BEPS (Branch), Shwepyitha.— MNA

YANGON, 7 Jan — A ceremony to hand over documents related to the new buildings of Shwepyitha No 3 Basic Education Primary School (BEMS Branch) was held at the school of Ward 17, Shwepyitha Township, this morning. It was attended by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win and Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee

Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin.

Also present on the occasion were Japanese Ambassador Mr Nobutake Odano and embassy officials, departmental heads, officials of No 3 Basic Education Department, members of Yangon (North) District and Shwepyitha Township PDCs, teachers, students and guests.

First, the Ambassador explained the purpose of the donations and handed over the

documents to Deputy Director U Kyaw Win of the BED No 3.

The Commander donated TV and VCD player sets and wellwishers K 700,000 to the headmaster.

Two school buildings, 120 feet long, 30 feet wide and 12 feet high each, were constructed at a cost of K 96.7 million contributed by the Japanese Embassy.

MNA

Chinese Embassy donates computers, printers to MPFTS

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Jan — Counsellor of Chinese Embassy to Myanmar Mr Yu Boren donated 10 sets of computers and printers to Myanmar Police Force Training School (Central) in Zibingyi, PyinOoLwin yesterday morning.

Deputy Director-General of Myanmar police Force Police Brig-Gen Zaw Win accepted the donations and Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo attended the donation ceremony.

Next, the Counsellor of the Chinese

Embassy explained the purpose of the donations and Police Brig-Gen Zaw Win presented him with a certificate of honour.

MNA

Mr Yu Boren donates computers and printers to Police Brig-Gen Zaw Win.— HOME AFFAIRS



USDA S-G inspects rural development tasks

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Jan — Secretary-General of the Union Solidarity and Development Association U Htay Oo viewed threshing and winnowing of monsoon paddy in Kontaung Village of Thazi Township on 1 January.

In the past, about 30 baskets of paddy per acre yielded from monsoon paddy at Kontaung Village. Due to

concerted efforts of the USDA members, departments concerned and local people, the yield has been some 100 baskets of paddy per acre since 2005.

At the monastery in the village, the Secretary-General met with executives of Meiktila District and Thazi Township USDAs, and instructed them to undertake five rural development tasks and

boost agricultural production.

He inspected the well of the village and attended to the needs.

In Meiktila Township, the secretary-general called on departmental personnel and local people.

On his tour, the Secretary-General paid homage to members of the Sangha in Thazi and Meiktila Townships.

MNA

Special Refresher Course No 1 for Police Officers opens

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Jan — Organized by Myanmar Police Force, a Special Refresher Course No 1 for Police Officers of Myanmar Police Force was opened at Ruby Hall of Central Institute of Civil Service (Upper Myanmar) yesterday, attended by Minister for

Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo.

Also present on the occasion were Member of Civil Service Selection and Training Board U Nyi Tun, Deputy Chief-Justice (Upper Myanmar) U Khin Maung Latt, Rector of CICS (Upper

Myanmar) U Aung Hsan Win, the heads of departments, guests and course instructors.

A total of 234 police officers from MPF, Bureau of Special Investigation and Prisons Department — are attending the four-week course. — **MNA**

Minister Maj-Gen Maung Oo addresses Special Refresher Course No-1 for Police Officers.— HOME AFFAIRS



Coord meeting on conservation of environment in Shan State held

YANGON, 7 Jan — A coordination meeting on conservation of environment in Shan State was held at the office of Development Committee of Shan State (South) on 27 December.

In his discussions, Deputy Minister for Progress of Border

Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Tin Ngwe said environment conservation is a very wide task and he called for cooperation among the departments concerned.

The deputy minister and party inspected sugar mills and steel

works in Ayethaya Industrial Zone in Taunggyi. They went to Innlay Lake where Ranger U Myint Naing reported on avian conservation in the lake.

On 26 December, they visited Zoology Department of Taunggyi University.

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Baby Show held in Mingaladon Township

YANGON, 7 Jan — In commemoration of the 59th Anniversary Independence Day 2007, the baby show, organized by Yangon North District Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee, was held at the Pre-Primary School in Yangon Industrial Zone of Mingaladon Township this morning.

Chairperson of Yangon Division MCWSC Daw Mar Mar Wai gave a speech.

Next, the Chairperson and responsible persons



Daw Mar Mar Wai presents prize to a winner in the baby show. — MNA

presented prizes to the winners in the baby show. **MNA**

Two innocent people killed in mine explosion in Kenglatt Township, Shan State (East)

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Jan — Destructive terrorists are undermining community peace and tranquillity and prevalence of law and order and employing various destructive acts with the intention of killing and wounding innocent people.

Three persons left Wanyang Village for Parlaung Village in the evening on 30 December 2006. A mine planted by destructive terrorists exploded when they were between Nankit Creek and Nanin Creek. Pauk She Mu, 42 of Wanyang Village of Kenglatt Township,

Shan State (East) and Aik Kyu, 35, Nanwan Village were killed on the spot and Aik Te, 45 of Wanyang Village was wounded.

The regional Tatmadaw column rushed to the scene as soon as it learnt the explosion and rendered assistance to the wounded.

The Tatmadaw column in cooperation with officials concerned and local people are exposing the destructive terrorists. **MNA**

Largest tank landing ship joins Indian Navy

NEW DELHI, 7 Jan — Indian Navy has recruited its largest tank landing ship named *INS Shardul* at Karwar naval base in south Indian state OF Karnataka, *Indo-Asian News Service* reported Friday.

Indian Defence Minister AK Antony commissioned the ship at the Navy base Thursday.

“(*INS Shardul*) will add to the amphibious warfare capabilities of the Indian Navy,” Antony said during the brief commissioning ceremony.

The warship, built by Garden Reach Ship Builders and Engineers Ltd. based west Indian city of Kolkata, is capable of carrying 11 heavy tanks, 10 vehicles, about 500 troops and a seakeeping helicopter. It is armed with two rocket launchers, two anti-aircraft guns and shoulder launcher surface-to-air missiles (SAMs).

INS Shardul is the third landing ship tank in Indian Navy, replacing an earlier version commissioned in 1975 and decommissioned in June 1997, a Navy spokesman said.

As an amphibious vessel, *Shardul* can be configured and deployed to operate at various levels of conflict and in multiple theatres on account of its large accommodation and storage space. With a lift capability of 750 tons, it can operate in shallow waters and is capable of beaching.

The ship is capable of performing a wide range of missions from providing humanitarian assistance and disaster relief to peacekeeping operations and major combat operations, the spokesman said. **MNA/Xinhua**

District News in Brief

Zigon Township gets newly-repaved Thanbayagon Road



Officials formally open newly-repaved Thanbayagon Road in Zigon Township.

ZIGON, 2 Jan — As a gesture of hailing the 59th Anniversary Independence Day, Thanbayagon Road section (1) was put into service in Zigon Township this morning.

Zigon Township Development Affairs Committee Executive Officer U Tin Aung Soe gave a speech, and presented commemorative pennants to Director of Bago Division (West) Development Affairs Committee U Aye Myint and Zigon Township Peace and Development Council Chairman U Aung Tin.

Afterwards, Director U Aye Myint and Zigon Township PDC Chairman U Aung Tin cut the ribbon to open the new road.

The Township Development Affairs Committee spent its funds on construction of the 1,320 feet long and 12 feet wide new road. **TOWNSHIP DAD**

Talks on traffic rules given



The educative talks on traffic rules in progress in Bago.

BAGO, 30 Dec — A talk on traffic rules for Oktha Tuk-tuk bus line was held at the hall of Bago Division Cooperative Syndicate in Bago on 24 November morning.

Deputy Director U Kyi Win of Bago Division Cooperative Department delivered an opening address. In-charge of Bago Division Traffic Police Force IP Hla Moe Aung explained traffic rules for drivers, Police WO Soe Myint on traffic accidents in 2005-06 and penalty given to the traffic rules offenders, and Police Cpl Kyaw Moe Aung on controlling of traffic jam. — **H**



Teachers, students and guests enjoy music show on School Family Day. (News on page 16) — MNA

Tanzanian FM named deputy UNSG



Tanzanian Foreign Minister Asha-Rose Migiro attends the first Helsinki Process Consultative Network Meeting at the Annex building of the Finnish Parliament in Helsinki in this 6 June, 2006 file photo. New UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon will appoint Migiro as his deputy, fulfilling a pledge to name a woman to the No 2 post, UN officials said on 5 Jan, 2007.

INTERNET

UNITED NATIONS, 7 Jan — UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon has named Asha-Rose Migiro, Tanzania's Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, to be the world body's deputy secretary-general, UN spokesperson Michele Montas said Friday.

In a statement announcing the appointment, Ban praised Migiro as "a highly respected leader who has championed the cause of developing countries over the years".

"Through her distinguished service in diverse areas, she has displayed outstanding management skills with wide experience and expertise in socio-economic affairs and development issues," he said.

The UN chief said he intends to delegate much of the management and administrative work of the UN Secretariat to Migiro, as well as socio-economic and development issues.

Migiro, 50, became Tanzania's first woman Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation in January last year. She was previously the minister for Community Development, Gender and Children. In her academic career, she rose to the rank of senior lecturer at the Faculty of Law of the University of Dar-es-Salaam.

Migiro replaces Mark Malloch Brown of Britain whose term ended at the end of last December when Ban's predecessor Kofi Annan also stepped down.

MNA/Xinhua

Indonesia to plant more trees to quell floods, landslides

JAKARTA, 7 Jan — Indonesia plans to beef up reforestation to prevent a repetition of the recent landslides and floods that have claimed hundreds of lives, Vice-President Jusuf Kalla said here Friday.

The world and the government have blamed deforestation and forest destruction as the cause of the frequent landslides and floods in the vast archipelago country. Illegal logging and land clearing for new plantation have destroyed the forest.

The Vice-President said a strategy by planting trees with a number doubling those cut for commercial purpose will be implemented soon in lack-forest covered areas.

"We will plant trees as many as possible. This year we plant two million and cut one million trees," he told a Press conference.

Kalla said that currently the number of

trees cut were more than those planted.

Over 200 people were killed in floods and landslides in the provinces of North Sumatra and Aceh of Indonesia's Sumatra Island in December last year. The disaster destroyed hundreds of houses and scores of vital infrastructures. More than 200,000 people were internally displaced.

The tropical country has regularly suffered from the disaster. Heavy torrential rain has been often followed by floods and landslides, as the soil, in the deforested covered areas, cannot hold the water. — MNA/Xinhua

France to sign extradition treaty with China

BEIJING, 7 Jan — France is ready to sign an extradition treaty with China in the near future, said French Minister of Justice Pascal Clement here Friday.

The two countries have agreed on the specific contents of the agreement, Clement said. However, the signing date has yet to be decided.

The treaty is expected to cover a wide range of regulations, including some sensitive issues, Clement said.

Clement is on a China trip from 4 to 7 January at the invitation of the Chinese Ministry of Justice. He met separately with Chinese State Councillor Zhou

Yongkang, his counterpart Wu Aiying, and Jia Chunwang, procurator-general of the Supreme People's Procuratorate.

During their meeting on Friday afternoon, Zhou Yongkang told Clement that China hopes to speed up the process of signing relevant judicial agreements with France, which will lay a solid legal foundation for bilateral cooperation in various fields.

Judicial cooperation between the two countries

in the past include the training of Chinese lawyers in France and cooperation among courts. Since 2003, France has trained 60 Chinese judges and law officers.

France will be the second Western country that sign extradition treaty with China following Spain. In April of 2006, China's top legislature ratified the extradition treaty between China and Spain.

MNA/Xinhua



Two deliverymen dressed in clown outfits encounter in the street on their way delivering flowers in Beijing on 4 Jan, 2007. —INTERNET

Malaysia to expand Low Cost Carrier Terminal

KUALA LUMPUR, 7 Jan — Malaysia will expand its Low Cost Carrier Terminal (LCCT) at Sepang near Kuala Lumpur to turn it into a regional hub for budget carriers, a senior official said Friday.

The terminal, which is capable of handling one million passengers a year, will be upgraded to meet higher passenger demands, especially for long-haul traffic, Transport Minister Chan Kong Choy said.

The ministry is looking at some details and expects Malaysia Airports Berhad to submit the expansion plan soon, Chan told reporters after launching AirAsia X, a long-haul budget airline, here.

Last March, Malaysia launched the LCCT, whose cost totalled 108 million ringgit (29.19 million US dollars).

MNA/Xinhua



Russia's Maria Sharapova (R) congratulates Belgium's Kim Clijsters after their match at the Watsons Water Championships in Hong Kong on 6 Jan, 2007. Clijsters won 6-3, 7-6.

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Morocco launches national HIV testing days

RABAT, 7 Jan — The Association for the Fight Against AIDS of Morocco (ALCS) on Friday launched national HIV testing days in Casablanca.

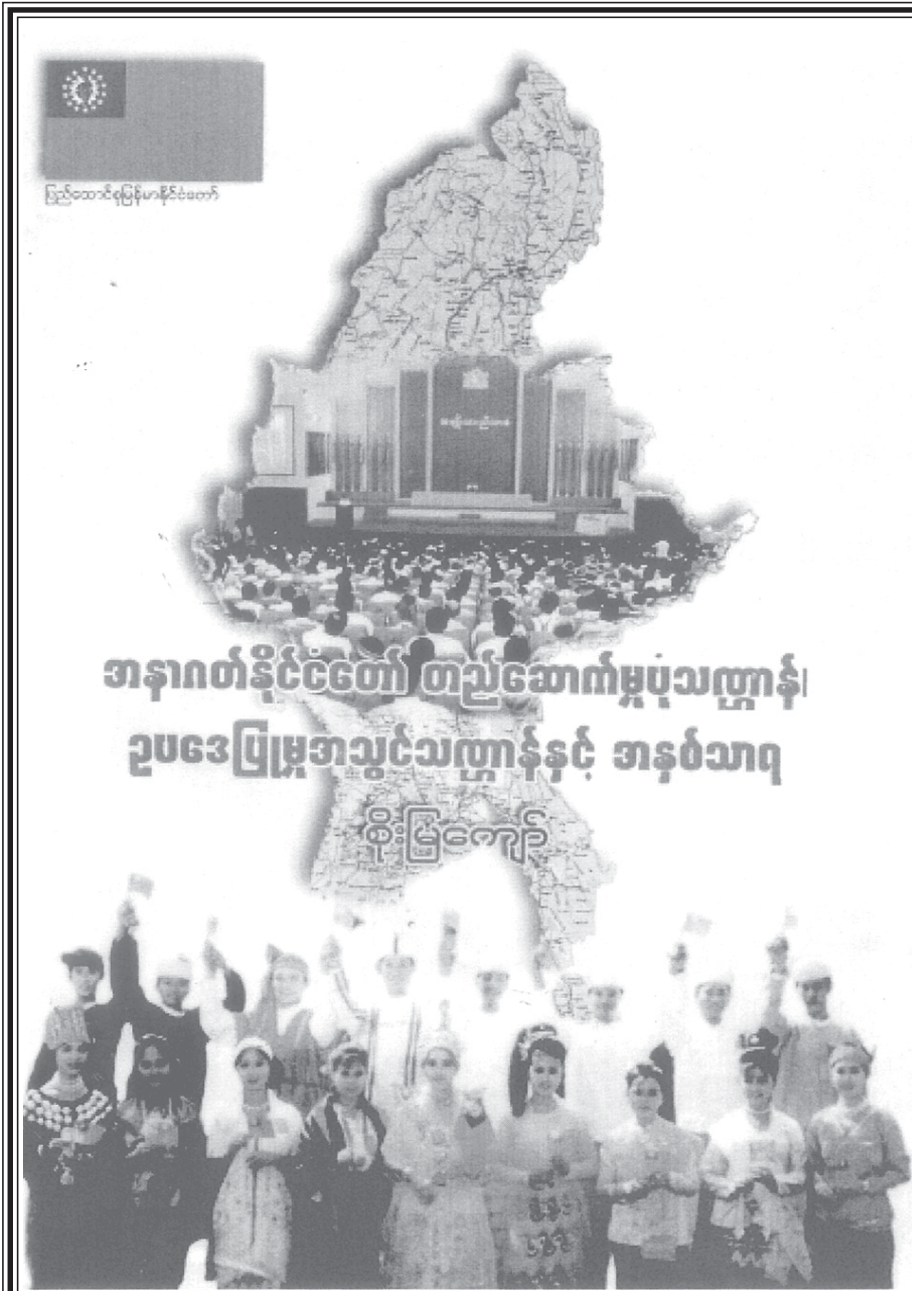
The campaign, which will be conducted over a period of three days, is aimed at informing, sensitizing and encouraging the public to undergo HIV testing and to improve attitudes when it comes to prevention for those who are HIV negative.

The testing will be

offered free of charge in 34 cities and towns across Morocco in centres of information put in place by ALCS, in its mobile testing units, in the local partner associations and for the first time in private health clinics.

The association's website and an open telephone line "dedicated to disseminating information on HIV/AIDS" will direct the public to the closest testing centre.

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Two injured in train derailment in west Kazakhstan

ALMA ATA, 7 Jan— A train carry crude oil derailed in west Kazakhstan on Saturday, slightly injuring the driver and his aide, *Kazakh Telegraph Agency* (Kaztag) reported.

The locomotive and 13 of the train's tanker carriages came off the tracks during the accident, which occurred at 8:15 am (0200 GMT) in the suburb of Atyrau, causing a fire and large oil spillage, said the report.

The local railway system was also paralyzed for a time.

The local fire department and railway service sent rescue workers to the site. An investigation into the cause of the incident was underway.— *MNA/Xinhua*

Russia raps US sanctions against its companies as groundless

Moscow, 7 Jan — The US sanctions against three Russian companies are ungrounded, Russian Vice-Prime Minister and Defence Minister Sergei Ivanov said on Saturday.

"I bindingly confirm that the three Russian companies did not violate any of international norms, rules and Russia's obligations in the area of weapons of mass destruction (WMD) and missile nonproliferation," Ivanov was quoted by the *Interfax* news agency as saying.

Ivanov's statement 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.

First of all, sanctions against the Russian companies "have nothing to do with the WMD or

missile nonproliferation regimes," the minister said.

"Secondly, sanctions were imposed on the basis of the US legislation. It is obvious for me that the US Government has tried many times to extrapolate its legislation to norms of the international law," he said.

The Washington

Times reported on Friday, citing high-ranking officials from the Bush Administration, that the companies in question are Russia's state-run arms exporter Rosoboron-export, the Kolomna Design Bureau and the Tula Design Bureau of Instrument Building.

MNA/Xinhua

British Army raises maximum recruitment age to 33

LONDON, 7 Jan— Britain has raised the maximum recruitment age for the Army from 26 to 33, the highest since 1948, Sky news reported on Saturday.

The minimum age for recruits remains at 16 years and six months, but soldiers are not engaged in operations until they are over 18, the report said.

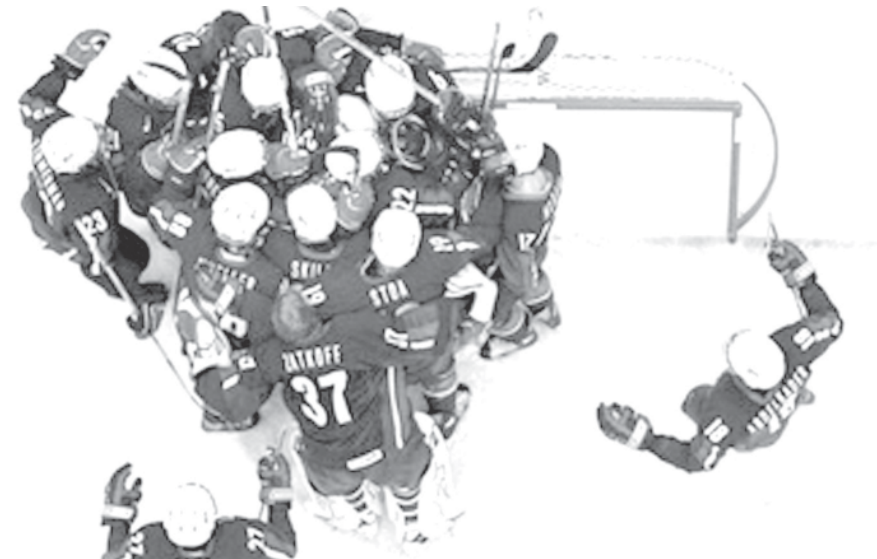
A spokesman for the

Ministry of Defence (MoD) said raising the age limit was simply a move to harmonize the recruitment rules across the Army, Royal Navy, Royal Air Force and the Royal Marines.

"This brings the Army into line with the rest of the services, including the ultra-fit Royal Marines, who have recruited 33-year-olds for some time."

The spokesman fended off speculation that there had been a shortage in Army recruits, saying recruitment in the Armed Forces was up by 16 per cent during the past year.

With the new guideline in place, service personnel could be in uniform until the age of 55 under the terms of a normal 22-year engagement.— *MNA/Xinhua*



Members of the USA junior hockey team celebrate after defeating Sweden to win the Bronze medal game at the 2007 IIHF World Junior Hockey Championships in Leksand, Sweden, on 5 Jan, 2007.—INTERNET

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China loses 10,000 Internet domain names due to quake disruption

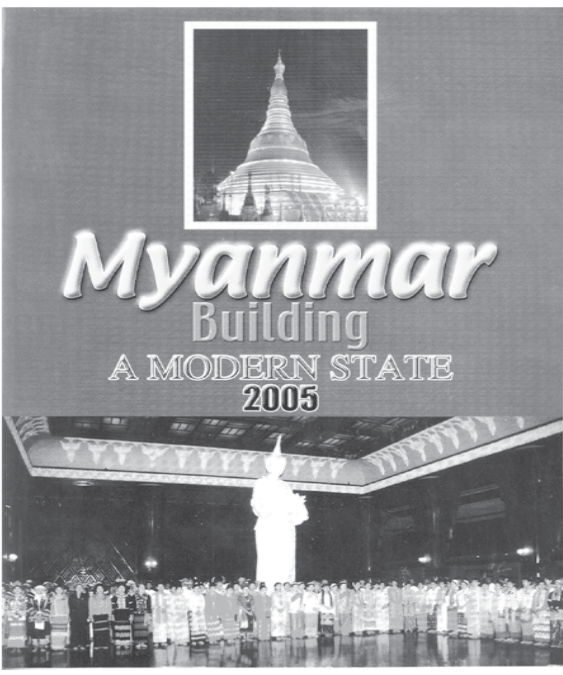
BEIJING, 6 Jan — Chinese Internet users lost about 10,000 dotcom Internet domain names due to disruption caused by the Taiwan earthquake.

The China International Network Information Centre said about 10,000 Chinese users were unable to update data about their dotcom domain names and failed to reregister on expiry of their domain times.

Domain name servers were not responsible for domain names lost if the holder failed to reregister in the set period, said the centre.

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Engagement has been announced between **Dennis Ye Myint M.Sc (Computer Science) U.S.A** Software Patent Examiner, U.S Patent & Trademark Office, s/o (U Hla Maung) and Daw Kyi of Natalin Township, Bago Division and **Dr. Mya Thandar M.B.,B.S (Ygn)**, d/o U Htay Myint and Daw Nu Nu Thein of No-16/A-1, Minyemyawswa Street, Kyaukone, Yankin Township, Yangon Division as per Myanmar Tradition on the 7th January 2007 in Traders Hotel, Yangon in presence of parents, elders, relatives and friends of both sides.

Cold wave toll hits 39 in Nepal

KATHMANDU, 7 Jan — Twelve more people died on Friday due to the cold wave in Terai Region of Nepal, local newspaper *The Kathmandu Post* reported on Saturday. The death toll due to various cold-related diseases has been climbing as the cold wave continued to grip the southern belt of Nepal since the onset of this winter. So far, a total of 39 persons have been reported to die due to cold in this winter.

MNA/Xinhua

INVITATION TO TENDER

TENDER NO. 14(T) MPE/HSD(11)/ (2006-2007)

1. Sealed Tenders are invited for the Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise, the Ministry of Energy for the supply of High Speed Diesel Oil (24,000± 10%) Metric Tons (Gas Oil Regular 0.5%).
2. Tender Closing Date : (16-1-2007) at (12:00) noon.
3. Tender Opening Date : (16-1-2007) at (13:00) hrs.
4. Tender Documents and detail information are available at the Department of Finance, Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise, Nay Pyi Taw, during office hours commencing (8-1-2007) on payment of One Hundred (100) FEC per set.
5. Only bid from tenderer who has purchased tender documents officially from Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise will be accepted for evaluation.

Managing Director
Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise

INVITATION TO TENDER

TENDER NO. 13(T) MPE/BIT(1)/ (2006-2007)

Sealed Tenders are invited for the supply of Road Bitumen 80/100 Grade to Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise, Ministry of Energy. Tenders are to be submitted under the following terms and conditions:-

Quantity	- 20,000± 10% MT
Price (in bulk)	- USD/MT CIF Ex-ship Thanlyin
Payment	- LC at sight
Delivery	- Within February - March 2007
Closing Date	- (23-1-2007) at (12:00) noon.
Opening Date	- (23-1-2007) at (13:00) hrs.

Tender Documents are available at Finance Department, Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise, Nay Pyi Taw starting from (8-1-2007) on payment of one hundred (100) FEC.

Only tender bid purchased officially will be accepted for evaluation.

Managing Director
Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise

Malaysia Airlines targets higher on-line sales

KUALA LUMPUR, 6 Jan — Malaysia Airlines (MAS), the national carrier, is targeting 450 million ringgit (125 million US dollars) worth of on-line sales in the year 2007, it said.

The airline's on-line booking channel, www.malaysiaairlines.com, has become the preferred transaction channel amongst travellers, the company said in a statement available here on Friday.

Last year, the airline recorded over 120 million ringgit (33.33 million US dollars) worth of on-line sales as customers flock

to its website, driving monthly hits to reach an all-time high of 1.3 million, far exceeding its 284,000 monthly hits in 2005.

The surge in on-line transactions is attributed to the airline's aggressive low fares promotional activities, it said, adding the introduction of web-fares and simplified booking processes last year further accelerated the growth

momentum.

Foreign transactions account for over 60 percent of the sales while local bookings make up the rest. Local transactions were boosted.

"On-line transactions are the way to go especially as we move towards electronic ticketing this year where physical tickets will no longer be issued," MAS Commercial Direc-

tor Rashid Khan said.

"When electronic ticketing is fully implemented, customers can easily print his or her itinerary from the comfort of his or her home, and manage itinerary changes easier. The best thing is that they no longer have to worry about lost or stolen tickets," Rashid said in the statement.

MNA/Xinhua

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A Filipino worker counts 500 peso bills inside a money changer in Manila on 5 Jan, 2007. The Philippines, Asia's largest sovereign debt issuer after Japan, saved an estimated 30.8 billion pesos (\$614 million) in interest payments last year thanks to the strong peso, a senior official said on Friday. —INTERNET

Heritage tour on River Hooghly in West Bengal

KOLKATA, 6 Jan — The West Bengal Government is considering a proposal to introduce a heritage tour on the River Hooghly connecting the erstwhile European settlements on its eastern and western banks.

According to the plan, tourists will be taken on a river cruise through the former Portuguese colony of Bandel, Dutch settlement of Chinsurah, French pocket of Chandernagore and Danish enclave of Serampore in Hooghly District, according to Tourism Secretary G D Gautama.

The proposal, submitted by an NGO — Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH), is a truncated version of the original project for cruises from Murshidabad, the capital of the nawabs of Bengal, to the settlements in Hooghly and adjoining districts.

Murshidabad can be carried out only for three months every year. Since there is no problem in the shorter route, the project can now be conducted throughout the year," said INTACH state chapter convenor G M Kapur. Kapur said that various options could be considered in implementing the project on a public-private partnership model.

"The full-length project was started three years ago. But due to silting of the river, the cruise upto

MNA/PTI

Tunisian security forces smash criminal ring

TUNIS, 6 Jan— Tunisian security forces on Wednesday shot dead 12 criminals and arrested 15 others during a clash with a "dangerous criminal ring," the Interior Ministry said Thursday. The security forces smashed the ring in the clash, which occurred south of the capital Tunis, the ministry said. The security

forces have been tracing the ring, which is suspected of drug trafficking and arms smuggling, since 23 December, when the two sides exchanged gunfire, the ministry added.

The Tunisian Government has tightened security measures in Tunis and some other areas recently. — MNA/Xinhua



Traditional firefighters perform acrobatic stunts, balancing on top of bamboo ladders, during a New Year demonstration by the fire brigade in Tokyo on 6 Jan, 2007. —INTERNET

US sailor rescued off Chilean coast after three days adrift at sea

LOS ANGELES, 6 Jan— An American sailor who had been drifting in the Pacific for three days was rescued off the coast of Chile Friday, more than two months after he began a solo around-the-world voyage.

Ken Barnes Jr of Newport, California, was reached early Friday by a fishing boat under the guidance of a Chilean Navy surveillance plane, according to US news network CNN, which initially reported the rescue. It may take two more days for the fishing boat to reach

the Chilean port city of Punta Arenas, where Barnes, who reportedly has an injured leg, is expected to be medically evaluated.

Rescue efforts for the 47-year-old sailor had been under way for three days, but previous attempts to reach his sailboat, the Privateer, were thwarted by foul weather.

Barnes left Long Beach port of California on 28 October with his boat on a quest to become the first US West Coast sailor to sail alone around the world.

MNA/Xinhua

Nicaragua police seize over two tons of cocaine

MANAGUA, 6 Jan — Nicaragua's National Police drug squad, on Friday helped by soldiers, seized over two tons of cocaine in an operation in the southern department of Rivas, police commissioner Roger Ramirez said.

The operation's first seizure was at the Panamericana Highway, which links Nicaragua to Costa Rica, where police stopped six vehicles which all had secret compartments carrying 1.281 tons of cocaine.

MNA/Xinhua

PSLV to carry four satellites

SRIHARIKOTA, 6 Jan— India's space agency is set to achieve a breakthrough 10 January with the launch of four payloads, including the Cartosat-2 satellite and a recoverable space capsule, on a single rocket for the first time.

Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO)'s Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle-C7 (PSLV-C7) rocket will carry the payloads, including Indonesian and Argentinian satellites, into space in what is being considered a milestone in the country's space programme.

The Mission Readiness Review Committee will meet January 6 and

finalize the details of the launch from Satish Dhawan Space Centre here, facility's director M Annamali and Mission Director N Narayana Moorthy told a group of visiting journalists.

The PSLV-C7 will carry Cartosat-2 (a 680-kilo mapping satellite), the Space Capsule Recovery Experiment-1 (550 kilos), Indonesia's Lapan-Tubsat

(56 kilos) and Argentina's Pehuensat-1 (six kilos).

The assembling of the satellites and their integration with the rocket are currently in the advanced stages.

The recovery capsule is significant as it will pave the way for ISRO's future reusable launch vehicle project, Annamali said.

MNA/PTI



A participant of an ice swimming competition wears a cardboard sign with the Olympic rings on her swim cap in Yanqing on 6 Jan, 2007. —INTERNET

SPORTS

Malisse topples Nadal in Chennai tennis semifinals

NEW DELHI, 7 Jan— Xavier Malisse of Belgium stunned world number two Rafael Nadal of Spain 6-4 and 7-6 to move into the final of the Chennai Open tennis tournament on Saturday.

Third-seeded Malisse dominated the court with powerful serve, breaking the top seed in the third game to clinch the first set.

He will face Austrian Stefan Koubek in Sunday's final in the 416,000-US-dollar event as the 30-year-old left-hander beat another Spaniard, former world number one Carlos Moya 6-3, 6-1 in the other semifinal.

"It's my first victory against a player ranked as high as number two. I served very well, while for him nothing went right on set

points," the 37th-ranked Malisse said. Nadal, who won five titles in his first eight tournaments in 2006, has not reached a final since Wimbledon in July when he lost in four sets to world number one Roger Federer.

"I am disappointed -- it is important for me to reach more finals and win them," Nadal said.

It was Malisse's first win in three meetings over the 20-year-old Spaniard, who exited in the first round in his only previous appearance here as a rookie three years ago.

Unseeded Koubek, who beat two seeded players to reach the semifinals, felled twice winner and fifth seed Moya in 63 minutes.—MNA/Xinhua



Macclesfield's John Murphy(R) heads the ball as Chelsea's Geremi challenges him during their FA Cup third round match at Stamford Bridge in London, on 6 Jan, 2007. Frank Lampard crushed Macclesfield's hopes of recording one of the greatest ever FA Cup shocks as his hat-trick inspired Chelsea to a 6-1 victory.—INTERNET

Austrian Hosp wins World Cup giant slalom in Slovenia

BELGRADE, 7 Jan— Austria's Nicole Hosp won the women's World Cup giant slalom in Slovenia on Saturday, beating her top rivals to secure her first title of the season.

Hosp kept her lead from the first run to finish with a total of two minutes and 9.85 seconds on the slopes of Kranjska Gora skiing resort in the northwestern Slovenia, the Slovenian national news agency STA reported. "I've fought very hard this season and had a lot of second places, so I'm very happy about this race," Hosp said.

The victory was Hosp's sixth career title and fourth in the giant slalom discipline. She previously finished second four times.

Nicole Gius of Italy, who started in 26th position, came in second, 0.43 seconds behind, while Tanja Poutiainen of Finland, the 2005 slalom and giant slalom champion, placed third.

Kathrin Zettel, who won both the previous giant slaloms, hooked a gate with her wrist and did not finish the first run, as did another favourite, Marlies Schild, who slid off a tight gate.

World giant slalom champion Anja Paerson, who finished 12th on Saturday, has been struggling since knee surgery during the off-season.—MNA/Xinhua

Agent says Chelsea want Baros



Milan Baros

LONDON, 6 Jan— Milan Baros' agent has confirmed that Chelsea are interested in bringing the Aston Villa striker to Stamford Bridge.

The Czech Republic international has already snubbed a move

to Real Sociedad in the January transfer window.

Villa boss Martin O'Neill has used Baros sparingly in recent weeks and has conceded he is unsure as to what the future holds for the former Liverpool man.

Chelsea are thought to be keen to pep up their attack ahead of the title run in.

It had been reported that they were planning a surprise approach for Baros and now his agent, Pavel Paska, has confirmed that Jose Mourinho has made his

interest known.

"I have spoken about Milan's future with Aston Villa manager Martin O'Neill," Paska told Pravo. "I will not contest the interest of Chelsea, we know about it."

"There would be a meeting between both clubs as the player is still under a valid contract."

"That is the first step both sides have to do to not break the regulations."

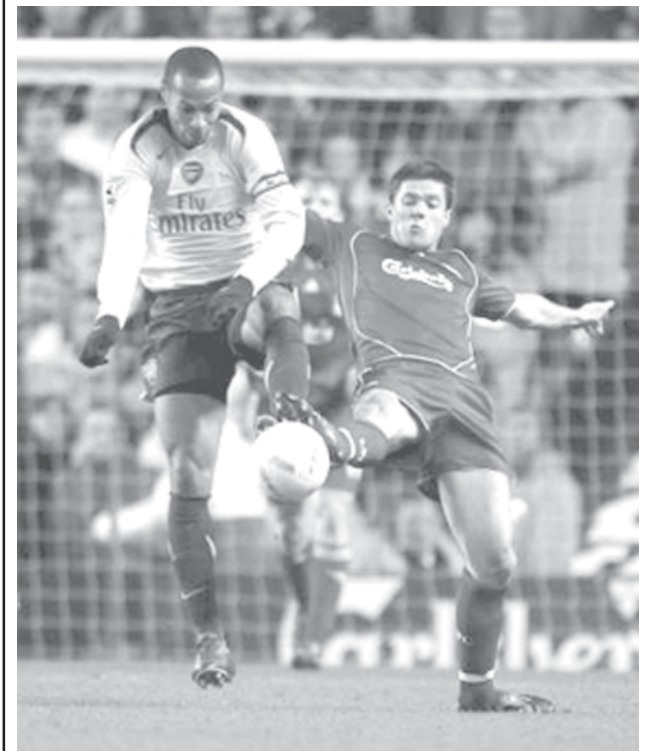
"That is why I cannot say if it was a loan or a permanent move." Internet

Djokovic to meet wildcard Guccione in Adelaide final

CANBERRA, 7 Jan— Australian wildcard Chris Guccione set up a final clash with top-seeded Novak Djokovic in the Adelaide International final after each won their semifinals Saturday.

Guccione beat Argentina's Juan Martin Del Potro 5-7, 6-3, 7-5 at Memorial Drive. Earlier of the day, Del Potro beat Igor Kunitsyn of Russia 6-2, 6-0 in a quarterfinal postponed from Friday by rain.

MNA/Xinhua



Liverpool's Xabi Alonso (R) challenges Arsenal's Thierry Henry for the ball during their FA Cup third round soccer match in Liverpool, northern England, on 6 Jan, 2007. Arsenal won the match 3-1.—INTERNET

Answers to yesterday's Crossword Puzzle

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Russia's Dinara Safina shows off her Women's Hardcourt Championship trophy after beating Martina Hingis in the finals at the Gold Coast, Australia, on 6 Jan, 2007. Safina, ranked No 10 in the world, clinched the title, beating world No 7 Hingis 6-3, 3-6, 7-5.—INTERNET

Safina upset Hingis to take Gold Coast title

CANBERRA, 7 Jan— World No. 10 Dinara Safina of Russia on Saturday beat world No 7 Swiss Martina Hingis to win the Australian Women's Hardcourts Championships at Gold Coast.

The 20-year-old Safina triumphed 6-3, 3-6 and 7-5 in two hours and 10 minutes.

She marched into the single's final Friday after defeating Israeli teenager Shahar Peer in the semifinal and backing up in the doubles Friday night.

The Russian and her Slovenian playing partner Katarina Srebotnik will vie for the doubles final against unseeded pair Iveta Benesova and Galina Voskoboeva later Saturday afternoon.

Five-time Grand Slam champion Hingis had spent just three hours, 27 minutes on court this week compared to Safina's six hours, 41 minutes heading into Saturday's decider.—MNA/Xinhua

No clue yet of jetliner after five days of missing

JAKARTA, 7 Jan — Search and rescue teams have not found any clue about the location of the wreckage of an Adam Air plane, which has gone missing since last Monday when it was on its way from East Java to North Sulawesi, according to reports of Antara news agency.

Transportation Minister Hatta Radjasa said that he also had not received any report about the progress of the search.

Commander of Makassar Air Base First Air Marshal Eddy Suyanto said Friday that rescuers would search wider areas in trying to find the ill-fated plane, which was carrying 102 people.

The expanded search has been based on factors ranging from late-arriving reports of other emergency signals to calculations of possible alternate courses the pilot of the Boeing 737-400 might have chosen to take to avoid bad weather.

Meanwhile, Communication and Information

Minister Sofyan Djalil Friday urged operators of telecommunications to help locate the wreckage.

"In an effort to search the wreckage of the plane, we have asked for help from telecommunication companies," he was quoted by Antara news agency as saying, adding that the government had also sought help from other countries, which may contribute their technology to locate the wreckage.

Military Commander Marshall Djoko Suyanto also said that a satellite owned by the US, which was deployed to find the plane, has not been able to show any clue about the position of the wreckage.

MNA/Xinhua

U Aung Myint (Richard San Paw)

Age 81

Chief Architech-Ministry of Construction

U Aung Myint, eldest son of U San Paw+Daw San Win, son in law of (U Tun Aung, Daw Thein Tin) of No 8 Thalawaddy Road, Mayangon, Yangon, husband of Daw Tin Yi (Blossom), brother in law of U Mg Mg Thwin+Daw Than Shwe, Dr Mehm Thet San+Daw Htay Yee, father of Dr Khin Swe Win+Dr Myat Zaw Koe, Daw Thin Thin Myint+U Htain Lin, Daw Aung Thidar+U Nay Myo Thu Win, grandfather of 7 grandchildren, passed away on (5.1.2007), Friday at 9:45 pm. Cremation will be at Yay Way Cemetery at 1pm on (9.1.2007), Tuesday.

U Aung Myint (Richard San Paw)

Age 81

Chief Architech-Ministry of Construction

U Aung Myint, eldest son of U San Paw+Daw San Win of No 6, Mission Road, eldest brother of Daw Than Yee (Dorothy) and U Kyaw Tun, Daw Khin Khin (Katherine) and U Kan Aye, Dr Myint Thein (Patrick) and Daw Khin Khin Oo, Daw Than Than Nu (Margaret) and U Kyaw Htin, Daw Mya Mya Than (Patricia), Daw Aye Aye Myint (Amy) and Dr U San Thar Han, uncle of 26 nephews and nieces expired at his residence at No 8 Thalawaddy Road on (5.1.2007) (Friday) at 9:45 pm. Cremation will be at Yay Way Cemetery at 1 pm on (9.1.2007), Tuesday.

Friends and relatives, please accept this as the only intimation.

"Untimely Rainfall Warning"

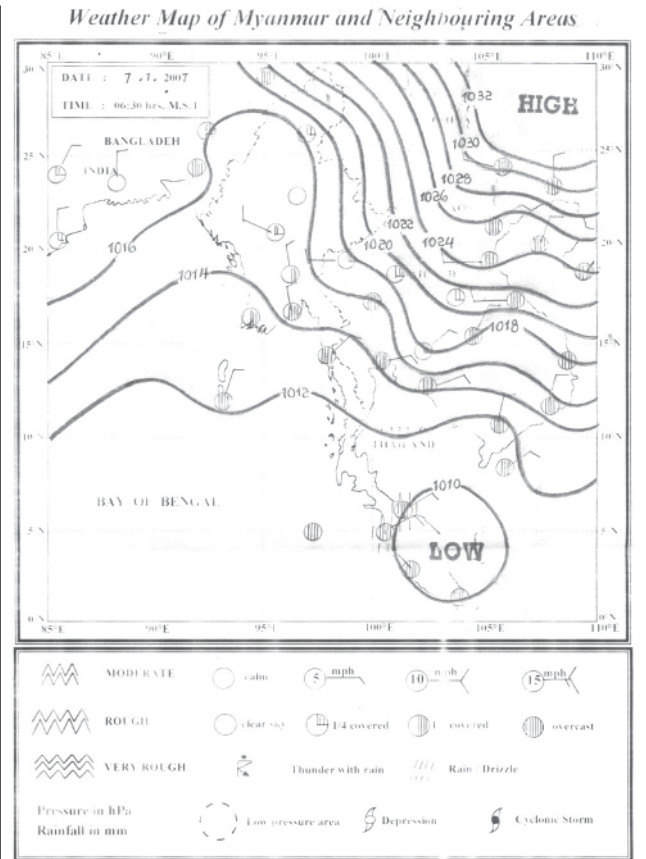
Issued at (11:00) hours MST on 7th January, 2007

According to the observations at (09:30) hours MST today, due to the influence of movement of the easterly wave, isolated light rain are likely in Mon State and Taninthayi Division during the next (48) hrs commencing this morning.



Monday, 8 January Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music: -Our love
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music: -Looking for heaving
- 8:50 am National news/Slogan
- 9:00 am Music: -Can we talk
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music: -Say you'll be mine
- 1:30 pm News / Slogan
- 1:40 pm Lunch time music: -Height -Unchained melody -Tell me
- 9:00 pm Spotlight on the star: Don William -Listen to the radio -You're my best friend
- 9:10 pm Article
- 9:20 pm Drug/ Women Affairs
- 9:35 pm Vocal gems -I need love -Be with you again
- 9:45 pm News / Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL



WEATHER

Sunday, 7 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) to (4°C) below normal in Chin State and Magway Division, (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Mon State and Yangon Division, (5°C) above normal in Taninthayi Division and about normal in the remaining states and divisions. The significant night temperatures were Haka (-1°C), Heho and Mogok (4°C) each.

Maximum temperature on 6-1-2007 was 94°F. Minimum temperature on 7-1-2007 was 68°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 7-1-2007 was 74%. Total sunshine hours on 6-1-2007 was (8.1) hours approx.

Rainfalls on 7-1-2007 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 (10) mph from Northeast at (11:20) hours MST on 6-1-2007.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 8-1-2007: Isolated light rain are likely in Mon State and Taninthayi Division and weather will be partly cloudy in Rakhine State, Ayeyawady, Bago 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 seas 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 isolated light rain in the Southern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 8-1-2007: Fair weather.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 8-1-2007: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 8-1-2007: Fair weather.

EARTHQUAKE REPORT

Issued at 18:30 hours MST Today

A moderate earthquake of intensity (5.0) Richter Scale with its epicentre (Inside Myanmar) about (385) miles North-northeast of Kaba-Aye Seismological observatory was recorded at (17) hrs (18) min (47) sec MST on 7th January 2007.



Monday, 8 January View on today

- 7:00 am
 1. ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃာ မဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့၊ အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ချုပ်၊ အဘိဓမ္မေဟာရဌာန၊ အဘိဓမ္မေဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မဇာတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မ ဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော်ဘဒ္ဒန္တ ပိဏ္ဍသာရာ ဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်
- 7:15 am
 2. တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ အဂ္ဂမဟာပဏ္ဍိတ၊ ဘဒ္ဒန္တသိရိန္ဒာ ဘိဝံသ (ယောဆရာတော်) ဟောကြားတော်မူအပ်သော ဥပ္ပါတ သန္တီပါဠိတော်
- 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. Song of national races
- 8:05 am
 7. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:15 am
 8. Cute little dancers
- 8:25 am
 9. မဆောင်းတံတား (ချင်းပြည်နယ်)
- 8:30 am
 10. International news
- 8:45 am
 11. Grammar Made Easy
- 4:00 pm
 1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm
 2. Song to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm
 3. Practice in Reading
- 4:45 pm
 4. အပေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ -ပထမနှစ်(သတ္တဗေဒအထူးပြု) (သတ္တဗေဒ)
- 4:55 pm
 5. Dance variety
- 5:10 pm
 6. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစကား
- 5:25 pm
 7. Songs and dance of national races
- 5:35 pm
 8. "မျှော်သူမမောစေချင်" (စိုးသီဟ၊ ဆုပန်ထွာ၊ နန်းကလျာလှိုင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-စောစန္ဒာလှိုင်)
- 5:45 pm
 9. Musical programme (The Radio Myanmar Modern Music Troupe)
- 6:00 pm
 10. Evening news
- 6:30 pm
 11. Weather report
- 6:35 pm
 12. နိုင်ငံခြားကတန်းဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "တောတွင်းသားငယ်လေး" (အပိုင်း-၄၀)
- 6:50 pm
 13. အလှူရှာမယ် လှကမ္ဘာဝယ်
- 7:15 pm
 14. နိုင်ငံခြား ဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်ညီမငယ်ပါသေး" (အပိုင်း-၅)
- 8:00 pm
 15. News
- 16. International news
- 17. Weather report
- 18. နိုင်ငံခြား ဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "တကယ်သဘောကျတယ်" (အပိုင်း-၁၃)
- 19. The next day's programme

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Education Minister attends School Family Day in Pyinmana

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Jan— School Family Day was celebrated in conjunction with the prize presentation ceremony for academic year 2006-2007 of Pyinmana Township at No 1 Basic Education High School in Pyinmana yesterday.

Present on the occasion were Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein, directors-general of the departments under the ministry, members of the

school board of trustees, schoolheads of the township, teachers, prize winning students and their parents.

The minister and officials viewed the domestic science, scientific experiment booth, charts of teaching aids and booth on development of national education.

Next, the prize presentation ceremony was held at Yadanarmon Hall of the school. Town-

ship Education Officer U Hla Htoo extended greetings first.

Next, Minister Dr Chan Nyein presented prizes to the outstanding students at basic education high school level.

Director-General of Education and Training Department U Bo Win and Director-General of No 2 Basic Education Department U Aye Lwin and Director-General of Myanmar Educa-

tion Research Bureau U Ohn Myint also presented prizes to outstanding students.

Similarly, Tatkon Township celebrated School Family Day for 2006-2007 academic year. Later, the directors-general and officials awarded the outstanding students who passed the matriculation examination at No 1 Basic Education High School yesterday.

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60th Anniversary Union Day Objectives

- For all national races to safeguard the national policy — non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty;
- For all the national races to keep Union Spirit ever alive and dynamic among the national people;
- For all the national races to defend and safeguard the Union for its perpetual existence;
- For all the national races to prevent, through national solidarity, the danger of internal and external destructive elements undermining peace and stability of the State and national development; and
- For all national races to make concerted efforts for successful implementation of the seven-step Road Map.

School Family Day for 2006-2007 continues

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Jan— The School Family Day for academic year 2006-2007 of the Ministry of Education continued for the second day at Nay Pyi Taw No 1 Basic Education High School this morning.

The students and teachers of Basic Education High Schools in Nay Pyi Taw and BEHS No 1, No 2 and No 3, BEMS No 1 and No 2 in Pyinmana visited the ceremonies to

mark the School Family Day.

Guidance on education sector given by the Head of State and Myanmar education goals are on display in the central booth.

The students took great interest in attempts to raise the education sector made by Higher Education Department and Basic Education Department, different kinds of books published by De-

partment of Myanmar Language Commission, Universities' Historical Research Department and Department of National Human Resources Development, text books and outstanding students who had passed the matriculation examination for 2006-07 academic year and their biographies exhibited in the education development booth.

Kyauktan BEHS No 1, Dagon BEHS No 2,



Minister Dr Chan Nyein presents prize to an outstanding student.

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Bago BEHS No 2 were designated as pilot schools by the Ministry of Education and UNESCO, SEAMEO, ASEAN and

Japan Fund in Trust (JFIT). With the programme of ASEAN School Net Project Foundation, computer network linking with ASEAN schools is on display for enhancement of the education sector.

The students bought works, traditional clothes of respective re-

gions and local products displayed at the school family day. A total of 28 students from 13 schools under No 3 Basic Education Department entertain the visitors twice a day during the school family day.

The school family day continues tomorrow. — MNA



Teachers and students view booths of School Family Day. — MNA

WEATHER

Significant night temperatures

Haka	(-1°C)
Heho	(4°C)
Mogok	(4°C)