

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

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye sees off Prime Minister General Soe Win on his departure for the Philippines

NAY PYI TAW, Win who left here by special aircraft at Nay Pyi Taw Airport at 11.25 am today for the Republic of the Philippines to attend the 12th ASEAN Summit, the Third Cambodia-Laos-Myanmar-Vietnam Summit, the ASEAN+3 Summit, the ASEAN-China Summit, the ASEAN-Japan Summit,



Vice-Senior General Maung Aye sees off Prime Minister General Soe Win at Nay Pyi Taw Airport.

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the ASEAN-Korea Summit, the ASEAN-India Summit, and the Second East Asia Summit to be held in Cebu of the Republic of the Philippines at the invitation of Philippine President Mrs Gloria Macapagal Arroyo.

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

PERSPECTIVES

Friday, 12 January, 2007

Extend fish, prawn breeding for more foreign exchange

Taninthayi, Ayeyawady and Yangon divisions and Rakhine and Mon states breed freshwater and sea water fish and prawn on a commercial scale. The fish and prawn breeding industry thrives well in the areas that are covered with water for six to eight months a year and the regions where dams and reservoirs are located.

Now, freshwater and sea water fish and prawn are bred in a large scale for domestic consumption and export.

Myanmar's marine products have excellent taste and are good for the health of the consumers. Thus, various species of fish, prawns and crab are in high demand in the international market.

Now, measures are being taken to standardize the international standards in the livestock sectors in the ASEAN countries. In this regard, priority is to be given to boosting export of marine products and meeting the standards set.

Myanmar is breeding new species of fish and prawn and livestock. It will be able to earn more foreign exchange through extensive breeding of Tilapia and Kakatit (lates calcarifer) that have a ready market and are in demand in the world.

Therefore, it is required to breed various species of fish and prawn extensively and systematically not only for adequate supply of fish and prawn but also for helping the nation earn more foreign exchange.

DAD D-G inspects construction of district-to-district road No 1

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Jan — Director-General U Myo Myint of Development Affairs Department under the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs together with officials inspected construction of district-to-district road No 1 being carried out by Yangon Division Development Affairs Committee and heard reports on progress of construction of road and bridge by officials at the briefing hall near Meenin creek in Taikkyi Township on 9 January.

Next, the director-general looked into construction of gravel road section in Taikkyi Township, progress of construction of bridge across Okkan creek and progress of building road section in Taikkyi and Hmawby Townships, and gave necessary instructions.

On completion, the 39-mile and 6-furlong long district-to-district road No 1 will link Taikkyi Township near Meenin creek through Hmawby Township to No 3 Highway Junction in Hlegu Township. During 2005-06 fiscal year, 33 miles and 1 furlong had been completed. — MNA

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

H&T Minister inspects hotels in Ngapali

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Jan — Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing accompanied by officials on 8 January paid homage to Shwesandaw Pagoda in Thandwe, Rakhine State and donated cash to the funds for all-round renovation of the pagoda.

Next, the minister inspected Bay View Resort, Silver Beach Hotel and Amazing Ngapali Resort and gave necessary instructions. — MNA



Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing inspects Amazing Ngapali Resort Hotel in Ngapali. — H&T

ILBC's mountaineers recount trip to Mt Victoria peak



ILBC Managing Director U Tin Maung Win presents trophy to a mountaineer. — MNA

YANGON, 11 Jan — Members of International Language and Business Centre's Trekking and Mountaineering Association who scaled Natma Mountain (Mount Victoria) in Chin State recounted their experiences to media men at ILBC here today.

A total of 60 members climbed the mountain which is 10,500 ft high and located in Kanpalat Township, Chin State.

Leaders of the mountaineering teams handed over flags to Principal of ILBC U Lay Maung. ILBC Managing Director U Tin Maung Win presented trophy to the youngest members of the association.

Victorious climb-

ers were also honoured on the occasion. The managing director briefed on their mountaineering experiences and answered the queries of journalists. — MNA

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Inter-School Cricket Tournament commences

YANGON, 11 Jan — Organized by Myanmar Cricket Federation, the Inter-School Knock-out Cricket Tournament Challenge Shield 2006-07 took place at Bahan Sports Ground at the corner of Azarni and U Wisara Roads, here, this morning.

In the first match of the tournament, Lanmadaw BEHS No 1 won Ahlon BEHS No 4 and Pabedan BEHS No 2 beat Botahtaung BEHS No 6 in the second match.

Among the spectators were President of MCF U Nyunt Win, Vice-President U Kyaw Kyaw (Myanmar Pride International Ltd) and executives, officials and teachers from Department of Basic Education No 3.

The Inter-School Knock-out Cricket Tournament Challenge Shield 2006-07 will continue tomorrow. — MNA



BEHS No-1 Lanmadaw team playing against BEHS No-4 Ahlon team in the Inter-School Cricket Tournament Challenge Shield 2006/2007. — MCF

Cuba accuses Washington of stealing its cash

BEIJING, 11 Jan—The Cuban Government accused the United States of robbery after Washington drew money from two Cuban bank accounts to pay compensation to relatives of former Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) staff, the Cuban newspaper *Granma* reported on Wednesday.

Cuba said the US government took more than 170 million US dollars from the accounts

of the National Bank of Cuba and the Cuban Telecommunications Company, which were frozen by then US President John F Kennedy in 1963.

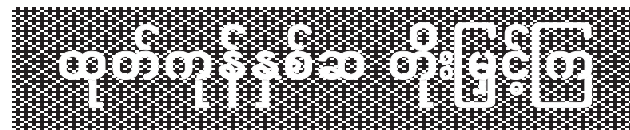
“Neither the US government nor its courts have the authority to hand over funds to terrorist groups or relatives of US citizens involved in attacks against this Island,” said a statement of the Cuban Foreign Ministry which

was published by *Granma*. Janet Ray Weininger and Dorothy Anderson McCarthy, children of two former CIA agents, received compensation after the US federal courts upheld earlier verdicts against the Cuban government for the “wrongful” killing of their fathers, Thomas Willard Ray and Howard F Anderson.

Cuba denied the charges, calling them

“spurious blackmail.” The Cuban Foreign Ministry said Anderson had been executed for his participation in an operation to smuggle guns to rebels, and Ray died during US-Cuba fighting.

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Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez is pictured during his inauguration ceremony in Caracas on Wednesday. Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez was sworn in for a new six-year term on 9 Jan, 2007.

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Pots, figurines and bronze mirrors of the Tang Dynasty (618-906 AD) unearthed recently from an ancient tomb on a construction site of the South-to-North Water Transfers project in Jiaozuo, central China's Henan Province.— XINHUA

NATO says poor communications to blame for civilian deaths in Afghanistan

BRUSSELS, 10 Jan—Poor communications between NATO troops and Afghan authorities led to the death of several civilians during an alliance operation against the Taliban in October, NATO officials said Wednesday.

NATO officials have said around 30 civilians were killed in the Panjwayi district of southern Kandahar province; Afghan officials have put the figure as high as 80.

A report into the incident, which followed a joint Afghan-NATO investigation, was presented to 26 NATO ambassadors on Wednesday.

“The main conclusion of the report is that this tragic event took place primarily because communications between

international forces and local authorities did not work well enough,” NATO spokesman James Appathurai said.

But he said the report would not be made public, and he would not

give details, saying disclosure could reveal sensitive information about the operations of the 32,000-strong NATO force in Afghanistan.

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Cameron Diaz holds her award for favourite leading lady backstage at the 33rd annual People's Choice Awards in Los Angeles on 9 Jan, 2007.

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Piece of missing jet found in Indonesia

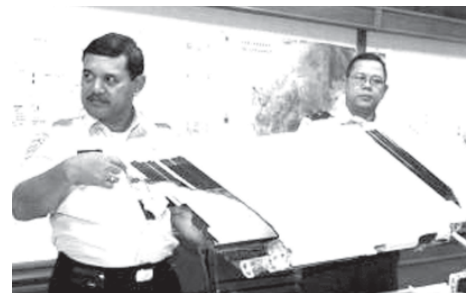
MAKASSAR, (Indonesia), 11 Jan — A fisherman found a piece of a Boeing 737 that disappeared more than 10 days ago, the first hard evidence that the plane carrying 102 people had crashed into the sea off northwestern Indonesia, a top search official said Thursday.

The piece of tail from Adam Air Flight KI-574 was recovered Wednesday in the Makassar Strait, 185 miles off Sulawesi Island's coast, said Eddy Suyanto, the head of search and rescue operations.

Suyanto told reporters the serial number on the yard-long tail stabilizer matched the one given to the search and rescue teams by Boeing.

No survivors or bodies have been recovered, Suyanto said.

“This morning I would like to report the finding of a part of Adam Air,” Suyanto said, adding that the piece was discovered by a fisherman late



National Search and Rescue agency Chief Bambang Karnoyudho, left and search mission coordinator Eddy Suyanto, right display a piece of the missing Adam Air plane, a part of its tail stabilizer on 11 Jan, 2007 in Makassar, Indonesia.

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Wednesday and handed over to authorities early Thursday.

“The part is a tail horizontal stabilizer, the right side, with a length of about one metre (yard).”

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One died in boat accident in eastern Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR, 10 Jan—All tourists reportedly missing in the boat accident in eastern Malaysia's Sabah State were rescued, but one local tour guide died, according to a report reaching here on Tuesday.

Another tour agency worker on board still remained missing, ac-

ording to a well-informed source at the Sadangan Town of Sabah.

There were 11 people on board, including four local tour agency staff workers.

All seven Australian tourists were rescued.

Earlier reports said that one of the two speed

boats carrying 15 capsized in stormy seas in heavy rains as it travelled into the mouth of a local river near Sandagan. The local staff members were working for the tour operator Wildlife Expedition. The search and rescue were still going on.

MNA/Xinhua

Senior Chinese legislator hails Cuba-China ties

HAVANA, 10 Jan — Visiting Chinese senior legislator Cheng Siwei on Tuesday praised the friendly relations between China and Cuba in a lecture at the University of Havana. Cheng, vice chairman of the Standing Committee of China's National People's Congress (NPC), also highlighted China's swift development to

300 students and teachers at the university. He said that "frequent reciprocal visits by senior leaders from the two nations have increased political confidence, swift bilateral commerce and economic cooperation". Cheng, who is also president of the China-Latin America Friendship Association,

said that both nations harbour hopes for extending the friendly bilateral ties, and added that the two socialist nations had jointly faced the historic challenge of industrialization. The Cuba-China relations have developed most swiftly since the mid-1990s after the two countries first established diplomatic relations in 1960.

During his lecture, Cheng noted that the total Chinese trade volume was more than 1.4 trillion US dollars in 2006, which includes 762 billion in exports and 660 billion in imports.

China has become the world's third largest trading nation, after the United States and Germany, said Cheng.

Other attendees included: Ricardo Cabrisas, Cuba's Interior Minister; Ruben Zardoya, the University's chancellor; and Zhao Rongxian, China's Ambassador to Cuba.

China currently has diplomatic relations with 21 Latin American and Caribbean nations. *MNA/Xinhua*



Nurses take care of the quintuplets before escorting them home at Anqing Municipal Hospital in Anqing, east China's Anhui Province, on 9 Jan, 2007. —XINHUA

Pakistan TV confirms helicopter missing near Islamabad

ISLAMABAD, 10 Jan — A Pakistani helicopter went missing near the capital Islamabad Monday, the state-run PTV television reported.

PTV reported that the helicopter took off from military Chaklala Air Base, some 30 kilometres south from Islamabad.

But it did not give more details about who and how many people were on board the missing helicopter.

The private GEO TV quoted sources as saying that the helicopter was heading towards the northern areas of Pakistan.

GEO quoted sources as reporting that important

personalities were on board of the helicopter. But it did not give details about their identity. *MNA/Xinhua*



Pop star Kylie Minogue poses with her new perfume 'Darling' in London, on 10 Jan, 2007.

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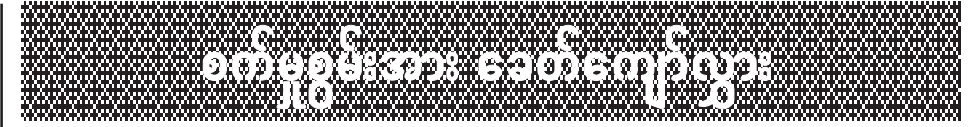
Israel, China decide to cooperate in science foundations

JERUSALEM, 10 Jan — The Israel Science

Foundation (ISF) and the National Science Foundation of China (NSFC) forged cooperation pacts in brief on Tuesday evening, marking the start of further cooperations between the two sides.

"It's a good beginning after both sides have decided to cooperate with each other," said Professor J K lafter from ISF during a reception held for a NSFC delegation.

The Chinese delegation, led by Professor Zhu Zuoyan, Vice President of NSFC, arrived in Israel on Monday. —*MNA/Xinhua*



Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao (R) shakes hands with Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert during a welcoming ceremony Wen hosted for Olmert at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing on 10 Jan, 2007. —XINHUA

Cold wave claims 11 more lives in Bangladesh

DHAKA, 10 Jan — The cold wave claimed at least 11 more lives in Bangladesh during the 24 hours ending 7:00 pm (13:00 GMT) Tuesday raising the death toll to 150 in the current cold spell, local news agency UNB reported.

According to reports reaching from the districts, the chilly weather compounded by dense fog has caused sufferings to the poor people. Cold related diseases have affected many elderly

people and children. Reports from northern districts said the mercury

came down to 4 degree Celsius.

Meanwhile, Met office on Tuesday predicted that the cold spell would continue at least for another two days when the mercury will fall further at night.

As the cold wave persisted the relief office in most districts have sent urgent message to the Relief Ministry to send blankets and warm clothes to mitigate the sufferings of the poor. *MNA/Xinhua*

Apple on 9 Jan, 2007 introduced its hotly awaited iPhone in a move that could vault the iconic company into an instant leader in the world cellphone market.
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Thailand Prime Minister Surayud Chulanont (R) shakes hands with Bahrain Prime Minister Shaikh Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa at Government House in Bangkok, on 10 Jan, 2007. The Bahraini Prime Minister is in Thailand for a three-day official visit. —INTERNET

Pakistan, India to finalize agreement of avoidance of nuke accidents

ISLAMABAD, 10 Jan—Pakistan and India are working to finalize three agreements including avoidance of nuclear accidents and visa liberalization, which will be hopefully signed during the forthcoming visit of the Indian Foreign Minister to Islamabad, officials said Monday.

Indian Minister for External Affairs Pranab Mukharjee is scheduled to

arrive in Islamabad on 13 January to hold talks with his Pakistani counterpart Khurshid Mehmood Kasuri, Pakistan's Foreign Office spokesperson Ms Tasnim Aslam told a weekly briefing here.

"The contents of these agreements have been negotiated and agreed between the two countries and if necessary procedural requirements are completed they will be

signed during the visit," Aslam said.

To a question, she said both foreign ministers would review the progress of the third round of peace talks between Pakistan and India. She said Pakistan welcomes interest of international community for encouraging Pakistan and India to resolve the Kashmir issue which is vital for durable peace in the region. —MNA/Xinhua

China's research ship to have first female chief scientist

QINGDAO, 10 Jan—The scientific research ship *Dayang Yihao* (Ocean No 1) set off on Monday from the eastern coastal city of Qingdao. Part of the trip will be led by Han Xiqiu, an ocean scientist and China's first female chief scientist for scientific exploration of the sea.

"The 220-day journey will consist of six different

phases, and each phase will have its own chief scientist," said 38-year-old Han, who is a renowned researcher on sea floor science with the Second Institute of Oceanography of the State Oceanic Administration.

Han will board the ship before the Spring Festival, China's Lunar New Year which is to fall on 18 February this year, when

the ship is in the Indian Ocean.

Researchers will monitor and map the ocean floor for deep-sea mining operations and conduct deep-sea biological research. The research will cover the southwestern part of the Indian Ocean, the south-west Pacific Ocean and the western part of the Pacific Ocean.

MNA/Xinhua



A close-up of a railway policeman during an anti-terrorism capabilities demonstration by railway policemen in Wuhan, Central China's Hubei Province on 10 Jan, 2007. XINHUA

Indonesia bird flu cases hit 76

JAKARTA, 10 Jan—A 37-year old woman near Jakarta has been positively infected by avian influenza, bringing the total cases to 76, 57 of them have died, Indonesian Health Ministry said here Tuesday.

The woman has been treated in a hospital in Tangerang, an outskirt city near Jakarta, since Saturday and will be shifted to Rawamangun

Hospital in east Jakarta, Rumizar Rusin, an official of the anti-bird flu centre of the ministry, said.

"The result of the test is positive," he told *Xinhua*. The woman has got the symptoms of high body temperature, respiratory problem and cough since 1 January, then she went to a health clinic, said the official.

"She has history contact

with fowl," said Rusin, citing that there have been many chickens and duck died around the housewife house.

MNA/Xinhua



South Africa's motorcyclist Elmer Symons takes a curve on his KTM during the first special stage of the Lisbon Dakar rally in Grandola Southern Portugal on 6 Jan, 2007. Symons has been killed in a crash on the fourth day of the Dakar Rally in Morocco, organizers said on Tuesday. —XINHUA

Greece launches New Year tourism campaign

ATHENS, 10 Jan—Greece on Tuesday launched its new tourism campaign abroad for 2007, with "Explore Your Senses in Greece" as the main slogan.

"The basic target for 2007 is for Greece's publicity message to reach one billion recipients around the world, directly or indirectly," Tourism Minister Fani Palli Petralia told a news conference.

"In 2007, Greece aims to achieve a rise in tourist arrivals even greater than the 10 per cent figure for 2006 when visitors topped 15 million for the first time," the minister noted. This year's budget for the campaign is 40 million euros (51.6 million dollars), including the spending for participation in about 100 international trade fairs and other events in sports, trade and the arts. —MNA/Xinhua

Briton jailed for crossing Indo-Tibetan border

DEHRADUN, 11 Jan — A British national has been sentenced to one year's rigorous imprisonment by a Chamoli court for illegally crossing the Indo-Tibetan border, police said Wednesday.

Chief Judicial Magistrate Dhanjay Chaturvedi held Daniel S Robinson, 37, guilty of crossing the border illegally without any proper visa documents, Superintendent of Police, Chamoli, Pushkar Singh Sailal said.

The court also imposed a fine of 25,000 rupees on Robinson who was arrested last September at Laphal area of Chamoli District in Uttarakhand by an Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) team when he had crossed the border and was on his way to New Delhi.

According to the chargesheet, Robinson had gone to China for business purposes where he stayed for nearly a year.

From China, Robinson moved to Tibet from where he crossed the Indian border after being told that the road to New Delhi would be easier.

Robinson had crossed the border riding on a mule under the cover of darkness but was caught by ITBP men. — MNA/PTI



German Chancellor Angela Merkel and Japan's Prime Minister Shinzo Abe (L) address a news conference following a meeting at the Chancellery in Berlin, on 10 Jan, 2007. —INTERNET

Afghan civilian mistakenly killed by NATO force shot

KABUL, 10 Jan — NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) mistakenly shot dead an Afghan civilian who failed to stop his vehicle when approaching at high speed in eastern Afghanistan Tuesday morning, a NATO statement said.

“An ISAF convoy was returning to an operating base in Orgun District of Paktika Province, when a civilian vehicle approached the convoy from the rear at high speed. A warning shot was fired, however the vehicle failed to stop. A disabling shot was subsequently fired, regrettably killing one civilian,” the statement said.— MNA/Xinhua

16 killed in clash between herdsmen, farmers in Nigeria

LAGOS, 10 Jan — Six persons were killed at the weekend in a bloody clash between herdsmen and farmers in Korenganuwa Village in Nigeria's northwestern state of Zamfara, the official *News Agency of Nigeria* reported on Monday.

A source at the headquarters of the Zamfara State Police Command who asked for anonymity confirmed the clash, adding that the clash also left several Fulani cattle rearers and local farmers seriously injured.

An eyewitness who refused to be named said “the trouble started when migrant herdsmen from the neighbouring country Niger Republic invaded some farms in the village with their cattle”.

MNA/Xinhua



A worker decorates a lamp post equipped with a security camera outside the Cebu International Convention Centre as part of security for the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Summit and East Asia Summit recently.—INTERNET

African chosen WHO deputy director-general

GENEVA, 10 Jan — Dr Margaret Chan, director-general of the World Health Organization (WHO), named on Tuesday Dr Anarfi Asamoah-Baah from Ghana as the UN agency's new deputy director-general.

Dr Asamoah-Baah will take up duties immediately after his appointment, WHO said in a statement.

Dr Asamoah-Baah, also

known as “AB” at WHO, has held senior positions at the organization since 1998.

He began his career at WHO as a senior policy adviser to the director-general. Since then, he has been widely respected for his leadership in HIV, tuberculosis and malaria, communicable diseases, health technology and pharmaceuticals, and in external relations, the statement said.

Prior to his work at WHO, Dr Asamoah-Baah was the director of medical services for Ghana, and he has significant experience in public health, health

policy and health systems development, it added.

“I am exceptionally pleased to name Dr Asamoah-Baah to the important post of deputy director-general,” said Dr Chan.

“WHO and the world of public health will benefit greatly from his expertise, his experience and his wisdom. I am looking forward to working closely with him,” she added.

Dr Chan formally took office as WHO chief on January 4. She has said that the two priorities for her term in office were to improve the health of Africans and women.

MNA/Xinhua

Brazil, China sign cooperation accord on geographic research

RIO DE JANEIRO, 10 Jan — The Brazilian Institute of Geography and Statistics (IBGE) and the State Bureau of Surveying and Mapping of China (SBSM) will sign a technical and scientific cooperation agreement on Tuesday.

The accord is aimed at improving both sides' cartography and Geographic Information Systems (GIS), as well as their environmental monitoring techniques and research.

A Chinese committee has come to Brazil for the signing of the agreement, which is to take place at IBGE's headquarters in Sao Paulo, on Tuesday morning.

SBSM's Director-General Lu Xinshe will lead the group, which is scheduled to visit IBGE's Geodesy and Cartography sectors on Tuesday afternoon.

On Wednesday, the committee will fly to Brasilia for a meeting with Brazil's Minister of Environment Marina Silva. — MNA/Xinhua

Malaysian CEOs see Thailand, Singapore as top competitors for FDI

KUALA LUMPUR, 10 Jan — Most Malaysian chief executive officers (CEOs) see Thailand and Singapore as the country's top two competitors for foreign direct investments (FDIs), according to an Ernst & Young survey.

“Malaysia and Thailand were more similar in the sense that both were manufacturing hubs and offered comparable tax incentive packages to global manufacturers,” Ernst & Young said in its

Annual Tax Survey 2006.

For Singapore, it has already established itself as a financial centre, high technology and regional services hub, the *Bernama* news agency on Tuesday quoted the survey as saying.

Malaysian CEOs believe it is important for the country to continue building its niche areas and achieve differentiation from its competitors, in particular, focusing on high value-added, technology-intensive and

knowledge intensive industries, said the survey.

To attract more foreign investment, the CEOs urge the country to improve transparency in its regulatory framework and efficiency in the public delivery system.

The survey also said the CEOs are equally split on Malaysia's performance in competing with booming Asian economies such as China and India.

MNA/Xinhua



Installers look over a display of televisions as they set up the Dish Network booth for 2007 International Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas, Nevada on 6 Jan, 2007. This year's show runs from 8-11 January and is expected to draw over 150,000 attendees.—INTERNET

Entrepreneurs encouraged to extend cultivation of orchid



Commander Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win addresses coordination meeting on extended cultivation of orchid. — MNA

YANGON, 11 Jan — Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win delivered an address at the coordination meeting to extend cultivation of new export item orchid, at the Yangon Division PDC Office on Bank Road in Kyauktada Township this afternoon.

The commander said that plots in Shwenatha Orchid Zone were allotted to orchid entrepreneurs for extended cultivation with the aims of ensuring development of orchid cultivation methods and

enabling the entrepreneurs to earn foreign exchange.

Chairman of the Shwenatha Orchid Farm Division Police Force Commander Police Col Hla Min reported on reclamation of the orchid zone.

Departmental officials, agriculturists and orchid entrepreneurs took part in the discussions.

After fulfilling the requirements, the commander gave concluding remarks.

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Progress in building of Yenwe, Khabaung Dams inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Jan — Accompanied by responsible personnel, Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo arrived at Nyaunglebin, Bago Division on 8 January.

At the briefing hall, Director U Myint Than of Construction Group-1 of Irrigation Department briefed the minister on progress in building of Yenwe Dam. Next, the minister gave necessary instructions.

Upon arrival at Khabaung multi-purpose Dam, 15 miles west of Oaktwin, the minister inspected progress in building of the dam.

Next, Director U Myo Myint of Construction Group-5 of Irrigation Department briefed the minister on progress in building of diversion canal and spillway and Deputy Director U Aye Win of Construction Group-3 of Hydropower Implementation Department on tasks being carried out in the diversion canal.

Afterwards, Director-General of Irrigation Department U Kyaw San Win gave a supplementary report. Next, the minister gave instructions on cooperative measures in boosting of agriculture.

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Home Affairs Minister meets representatives of IMF and WB

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Jan — Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo received representative of International Monetary Fund Mr Matthew Byrne and party and representative of World Bank Mr Mark Butler and party at the minister's office here yesterday evening.

Present also were Deputy Minister Brig

Gen Phone Swe, Director-General of Myanmar Police Force Brig-Gen Khin Yi, Director-General U Myat Ko of General Administration Department, Director-General U Aung Saw Win of Bureau of Special Investigation and Head of Office U Khin Maung Thein.

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Talks on prevention of mother-to-child HIV transmission given in Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Jan — The Talks on prevention of mother-to-child HIV transmission (PMCT), and the Township Level Multiplier Course, jointly organized Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association and UNICEF, were opened at the office of Tatkon Township MCWA on 9 January morning.

Chairperson of Nay Pyi Taw Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee Daw Swe Swe Oo delivered an address.

Vice-President Daw Aye Aye of MMCWA handed over two bicycles and equipment for the delivery room to Daw Swe Swe Oo.

Next, Chairperson Daw Swe Swe Oo accepted K 100,000 each for the township association donated by U Zaw Lwin-Daw Su Su Win and family, U Myint Swe-Daw Myint Myint Than and family, U Arnt Ku-Daw Kyin Kyin Thaug and family.

Secretary of Nay Pyi Taw MCWSC Dr Aye Ko Ko explained matters related to HIV/AIDS disease, and Joint Secretary of MMCWA Dr Daw May Marlar on salient points of PMCT.

Township MCWA Chairperson Daw Khin Myo Myo Kyaw reported on tasks of the delivery room of the association. Chairperson Daw Swe Swe Oo handed over K 78,900 as cash assistance for the multiplier course to the township chairperson.

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Minister receives guests

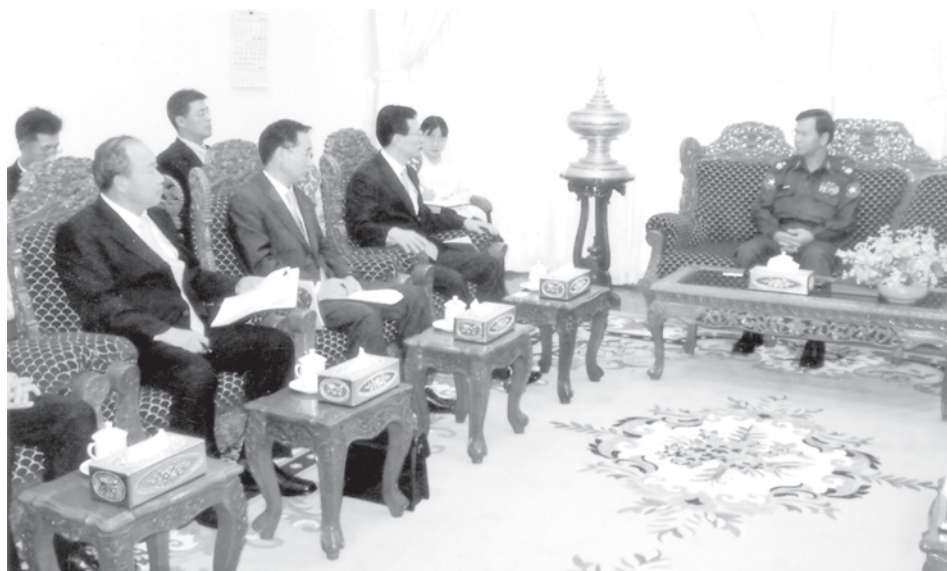
NAY PYI TAW, 11 Jan — Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun received the delegation led by President of Mr Kang Young-Won of Daewoo International Co Ltd at the ministry, here, today.

They discussed matters on mutual cooperation. Deputy Minister Col Hla Thein Swe and officials concerned were present.

The minister also received Mr Mark Butler and party of IMF/World Bank Joint Mission at the same venue this evening. Their discussion focused on monetary and finance.

Also present on the occasion were Deputy Minister Col Hla Thein Swe, Governor U Kyaw Kyaw Maung of the Central Bank of Myanmar and officials.

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Minister Maj-Gen Hla Tun meets with delegation of Daewoo International Co Ltd. — F & R

The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is now.

Nobel Prize that has become a tool of neo-colonialists

Maung Po Hmat

Scientists and researchers have invented technologies, equipment, apparatus and machines that serve the interest of mankind, taking much time and making great efforts. Persons who want to dominate and control the world out of their political, military and economic greed, are misusing all those inventions for self-interest. For example, scientists discovered and invented atom and nuclear long ago. The original purpose was to harness the immense energy produced by atom and nuclear for industries and transport. The inventions can also be useful for mankind if they are applied for medical purposes such as X-ray and radio isotope.

But so covetous is some persons that they are using atom and nuclear as bombs and warheads to the degree of frightening the entire world as if it is sitting on nuclear bombs and missiles. The US successfully produced and tested the first atomic bomb. It dropped an atomic bomb on Hiroshima, Japan, on 6 August 1945, and another on Nagasaki three days later. The two bombs killed thousands of people and entirely flattened the two cities. Currently, the number of countries possessing nuclear weapons is increasing. Today's bombs are many times more destructive than the one dropped on Hiroshima. The global arms race is accelerating. If the scientists who invented the atom lived till today they would be so heart-rendering to see their inventions being misused.

There are many other instances in which new inventions are misused in military, political and economic affairs instead of being used to serve human interest. Alfred Nobel was adopted by a priest in Sweden in 1833. He studied chemistry on own efforts. He invented dynamite in 1867 and produced cordite in 1878. Alfred Nobel's aim was to cut through mountains in building roads and bridges and remove rock layers in drilling oil or mining minerals. He became rich as his invention is useful in oil and mining businesses. He set up businesses in Germany, France, Italy, England, Austria and the US with his money.

He died in Sanremo, Italy, in 1896. He was dejected till his death to see dynamite being used to destroy bridges, roads and buildings and kill people. He wrote his will, stating that the interest of the money he saved in the banks be used for presenting Nobel prizes in the field of chemistry, physics, medicine and literature. Profits from his business empire in eight nations were also used as awards for the Nobel prize winners.

According to the book "Alfred Nobel and the Nobel prizes published in Stockholm in 1968", it is stated, "The field in which he wished to stimulate progress, as outlined in a document of less than 300 words, were Physics, Chemistry, Physiology or medicine, literature and fraternity among nations".

It means that prizes would be awarded to the persons for their scientific works or literary compilations for human interest, or efforts to stop wars and restore peace.

The presentation of Nobel prizes began in 1901. Swedish Science Academy and the Royal Academy have chosen the Noble prize winners for the respective fields annually. In honour of Alfred Nobel, the Central Bank of Sweden presented the Nobel Prize for economics beginning 1969.

In the past, Sweden and Norway were united

as one nation, so they jointly selected the prize winners. In 1905, Norway seceded from Sweden and has become an independent nation. Sweden allotted the task of choosing Nobel prize winners to Norway. Nobel's 1895 will is not clearly stated. His relatives who had the inheritance right opposed the act of presenting Nobel Prizes. No precise policies were stated in the will concerning the Nobel Peace Prize.

The Norwegian parliament assigned the five-member Nobel Prize Scrutinization Committee. The Nobel Peace Prize has been presented to winners for 106 years. As time goes by, the method of presenting the prize has deviated from its original course. Americans and the British have won the largest number of awards in the academic (chemistry, physics, medicine and economics) field. Most of the US Nobel prize winners are emigrants of various European nations, which is the result of the brain drain.

In the later period, politics has dominated the literary awards. The method of selecting the Nobel prize winners during the Cold War period was not free from neo-colonialist influences. Periodicals and the two main political parties — Conservatives and Social Democrats — of Sweden began to criticize the method of selecting winners for the prizes, because there were amuses of the sound objectives of the Nobel awards.

The reason of selecting a winner must be explained in the academic awards, but it was said that no reason needed to be explained in selecting the peace prize. So, intelligence agencies of the neo-colonialist countries and Western powers have cast a shadow over and manipulated the selection of literary and peace prizes.

The Nobel prize winners in the former Soviet Union were Boris Pasternak (literary award) who wrote *Dr Zhivago*, an anti-socialist novel; Alexander Solzhenitsyn (literary award), a dismissed captain of the Soviet Army and an anti-Stalinist whose works slandered the prison camps where destructionists were kept; and Sakharov (peace award), an anti-Soviet physician. Only Mikhail Aleksandrovich Sholokhov the author of the novel "And Quiet Flows the Don" won the Nobel literary prize without opposing his own nation. Another Nobel peace award winner is Gorbachev who won it in 1990. Boris Pasternak never accepted the prize. Alexander Solzhenitsyn accepted the award, lived as an exile, and opposed the Soviet

Union in accord with the CIA's wish. When Alexander Solzhenitsyn returned to Russia in 1994, there was no one to welcome him. Dailies even wrote news about him with doubt that he came back to Russia with the possibility of launching destructive acts as assigned to him by the West.

The five-member Norwegian committee considered to present the peace award to Mahatma Gandhi for his brilliant non-violent political means to regain India's independence since the matter was proposed three or four times. No one can deny that his were peaceful means. However, England provided assistance for and defended Norway during the war. So, England was Norway's benefactor. The proposal to award Nobel Prize to Mahatma Gandhi was turned down three or four times with the excuse that he was striving for regaining India's sovereignty from the British government. (Ref: Asiaweek)

The Nobel Peace Prize for 1977 was presented to the Amnesty International that is now attacking the countries targeted by the neo-colonialists, through accusations of violating human rights. The Nobel Peace Prize for 1975 was presented to physicist Andrei Dmitrievich Sakharov, who at that time was rising against the government of the Soviet Union.

In 1982, US President Ronald Reagan held a clandestine meeting with Pope John Paul in Vatican City, that reached a decision to topple the Socialist government of Poland (Socialist), the native country of Pope. They also agreed to make use of a Roman Catholic denomination in Poland and Polish shipyard technician Lech Walesa. Lech Walesa, who played a leading role in the unseating of the then Polish government, won the Nobel Peace Prize. (Ref: US Time Magazine)

The US and Britain attempted to dismember Tibet from China and then exploit it. They helped Dalai Lama of Tibet win Nobel Peace Prize in 1989 with the ill intention of making Dalai Lama absconder and installing him as a Tibet independence (expatriate) leader. The purpose was to time the Dalai Lama's winning of the prize to coincide with Tian Min Square unrest in Beijing that broke out in May and June 1989. (If the Chinese government was ousted through the 1989 unrest, Dalai Lama would be installed as democracy icon and would come to power through a shortcut.)

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Nobel Prize that has become a tool of...

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In 1973, invader US was starting to lose in the Vietnam war, and it was then in a position to retreat soon. In such a situation, the then US State Secretary Henry Kissinger and Foreign Affairs Minister of North Vietnam Li Duc Tho were named joint-winners of the Nobel Peace Prize. However, the North Vietnamese Foreign Affairs Minister did not accept the prize, saying that he could not share the prize with an invader (colonialist) like Kissinger.

Under the US instigation, such Baltic countries of the Soviet Union as Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia seceded from and rose against the Soviet Union. As 76 per cent of the people of the Soviet Union expressed their desire "unacceptable to disintegration of the Union", the then President Mikhail Gorbachev sent troops there to suppress the attempts to secede. The US persuaded Gorbachev to allow the secession of the three countries. In response, standing firm, Gorbachev said that in compliance with the desire of the people, he did not accept any secession from the Union. Then, Gorbachev was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for 1990. In the end, Gorbachev (under the influence of the Nobel Peace Prize) recognized the secession of the three countries. At the end of 1991, the Soviet Union was dismembered into 15 pieces.

The government did not make any interference in the Myanmar's 1990 election to ensure a free and fair election. Due to various forms of instigation of the diplomats of certain Western countries, armed insurgent groups and western media, a single party won the majority of the seats. Before and after the election, the government announced that the representatives-elect would have to draw a new State constitution. The winning party NLD (under the agitation and incitement of the West Bloc) persisted in its demand for handing power to it through a Hluttaw (legislative body). NLD general secretary Daw Suu Kyi was not entitled to stand for election as she did not meet the principles prescribed for election laid down by her father Bogyoke Aung San. The West Bloc lured Daw Suu Kyi to practise defiance of orders and law and confrontation against the government so that the NLD would come to power. To divert the world attention from its lopsided acts and make Daw Suu Kyi more known to the international community, the West Bloc awarded Nobel Peace Prize for 1991 to Daw Suu Kyi. (It also awarded 80 more prizes to her.)

Since 20 July 1989, Daw Suu Kyi had been under restrictions for her stirring up problems in various townships to create unrest through violation of

law, defiance of orders, incitement of unrest, and confrontation against the government. During her restricted period, the nation restored peace and stability along with political development. The government launched the National Convention in 1993 after coordination with the representatives-elect including those from NLD and other political parties. As the National Convention was making progress, the restriction on her was lifted in 1995. Then, US envoy Madeline Albright met with Daw Suu Kyi in Yangon. After that, Daw Suu Kyi incited problems to harm the National Convention and already-restored peace and stability of the State. A restriction order was thus issued again. Indeed, the Nobel Peace Prize awarded to her was like an order to incite unrest in Myanmar.

The conflict between Palestine and Israel in the Middle East came to pose dangers to the region as well as to the world. So, the then ruling Labour Party of Israel had to grant permission to establish the self-administration in Palestine (West bank of Jordan River and Gaza coastal strip). In order to help Israel save its face, the Noble Peace Prize for 1994 was presented to Palestine leader Yasser Arafat, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, and Israeli Foreign Affairs Minister Shimon Peres.

When the world and the UN was dissatisfied with the minority Whites who were torturing and discriminating against the Blacks in South Africa, the Nobel Peace Prize for 1993 was awarded to leader of the Blacks Nelson Mandela and White leader Fredrik de Klerk to help the White government save its face. However, soon after that, the White government met its end due to the votes of the majority. US-backed Black Bishop Desmond Tutu of South Africa had been awarded Nobel Prize since 1984 to console him or in other words to persuade him.

Dishonest ways to designate a person for Nobel Prize are numerous. The West Bloc made use of Nobel Prize to be against and break up Soviet Union and other Socialist countries in the Cold War. And up to now, it has still made use of the prize to undermine the remaining Socialist countries, anti-US countries, the countries that do not accept US hegemony and domination, and the countries that uphold national cause.

The National Convention has been convened since 1993 for the emergence of a State constitution in Myanmar. In the National Convention, the representatives of various national races, representatives of the people from all strata of life and representatives of the political parties (except NLD and SNLD) held discussions and laid down basic principles and detailed basic principles to be included in the State Constitution. However, when the National Convention was in full swing, a group of seven Nobel Prize winners visited the insurgents and renegades in the border of the neighbouring country to hinder the National Convention and encourage the insurgents and expatriates that were rising against the government.

The seven Nobel Prize winners who fulfilled the

wishes of the West Bloc and owed gratitude for the prizes paid a visit to the border of the neighbouring country with the sponsorship of the CIA of the US under the programme of human rights and democracy development based in Montreal, Canada. One of them was Desmond Tutu.

Desmond Tutu did not do anything for the Africans who had been oppressed by the whites and imperialist nations. Instead, he has been a well known Nobel laureate who has been following the dictates of CIA and is being used as a tool in interfering in the internal affairs of the world nations.

Together with Vaclav Harvel, former President of post-socialist era Czech Republic, Tutu compiled a paper designed to make UN Security Council take action against Myanmar. Harvel was the one who proposed that Daw Suu Kyi be awarded the Nobel Prize.

Tutu and the other Nobel laureates came to the area along the Myanmar border, encouraged and comforted the drug trafficking SURA (now SSA-S) that has been planting mines, killing people, torching the villages and blasting bombs. They spoke words of encouragement to those terrorists.

Evidently, the neo-colonialists of the West, particularly the CIA, and not the five-man Committee appointed by the Norwegian Parliament had been choosing the winners of the Nobel Peace Prize during the past two decades. Norway has allowed the so-called Democratic Voice of Burma (DVB) to broadcast from Oslo. The city is a haven of the Myanmar exiles.

The work of DVB is funded by the Washington-based Radio Free Asia (RFA) and CIA as sanctioned by the US Congress.

The original aims of Alfred Nobel's Nobel Prize were for the positive or constructive purposes. Alfred Nobel would be heart-rending if he were alive and learned that Nobel Prizes are in jeopardy as the neo-colonialists are misusing them. It is quite obvious that the CIA has been honouring and promoting its lackeys with the Nobel Prize and the cash award.

The attempt to wreck the National Convention in 1995 by Madeline Albright (US Ambassador to UN then, Secretary of State under Carter Administration and currently UN High Commissioner for Refugees) and Daw Suu Kyi and similar attempts by colonialist bloc and its lackeys, a group of Nobel Laureates, were in vain. The National Convention is achieving success. The people striving for the building of a peaceful and developed nation have been victorious.

In the meantime, the so-called Nobel Laureates have again made their move in response to the dictate or order of their mentor. The BBC broadcast on 5 January this year that Myanmar democracy activists staged a demonstration in Washington, the US. It said that some 70 demonstrators included expatriate Sein Win of NCGUB, which was declared an unlawful association and terrorist group. Among them were the 1977 Nobel Laureate Jodi William of the US and the 2003 Laureate Dr Shirin Ebadi of Iran, it was learnt.

Meanwhile, the foreign media has been spreading news that 12 Nobel Peace Laureates are planning to apply for visa to visit Myanmar to meet Daw Suu Kyi.

There is a Myanmar idiom which implies that if you knew a fellow's traits you would have nothing to do with him. The people of Myanmar very well know the unusual nature of the Nobel Prize which has become a tool of the neo-colonialists. So, the Nobel laureate puppets' activity will not bear any fruit.

Translation: TMT+MS+AK

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A farmer checks mushrooms inside a greenhouse on the outskirts of Xining, northwest China's Qinghai Province, on 20 Dec, 2006. In a bid to improve the knowledge of farmers in science and technology (S&T), the Ministry of Agriculture will invest about 1.1 billion yuan (\$137.5 million) next year, state media reported. — INTERNET

Lebanese commander says mily to protect public institutions

BEIRUT, 11 Jan— Lebanese Army commander General Michel Suleiman on Tuesday said the military will protect public institutions from any “break in” attempt, the daily *As Safir* reported.

“The Lebanese Army will by no means allow any break into any public or private institution,” Suleiman said in an interview published by the daily *As Safir*, referring to the opposition’s move to launch serial demonstrations targeting ministries throughout Lebanon on Tuesday.

Suleiman said the role of the Lebanese Army is “to protect the demonstrators... but we will not tolerate any disturbance”.

The opposition,

spearheaded by pro-Syrian Hizbollah, decided to launch on Tuesday serial protests targeting public offices throughout Lebanon to topple Premier Fouad Seniora’s government.

The decision was announced by ex-minister Talal Arslan after a meeting of opposition representatives on Monday at the residence of Free Patriotic Movement leader Michel Aoun in suburban Rabiye, north of Beirut.

The General Federa-

tion of Labour Unions (GFLU) had also set Tuesday a date to launch a sit-in near offices of the finance and justice ministries to protest against a six-point socio-economic recovery and reform plan adopted by the Seniora government.

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UN to compare seized explosives with those used in Hariri case

BEIRUT, 10 Jan — Chief UN investigator Serge Brammertz has asked the international committee probing the assassination of Lebanese ex-premier Rafik Hariri to examine the explosives and weapons confiscated last month, the daily *al-Mustaqbal* reported on Tuesday.

Citing judicial sources, the daily said that the international committee had already examined the munitions, weapons and timing equipment confiscated from the Syrian Social National Party (SSNP) and would compare them with those used in the killings of Hariri and others.

Police confiscated 200 kilos of TNT paste,

detonators and timing equipment from SSNP hideouts during a raid in Koura last month. Seven SSNP members were arrested in the operation.

The pro-Syrian group had said in a statement that all the explosives and related equipment confiscated by police were left over from its resistance activity against Israel in the 1980s.

However, the news-

paper had said investigators believed that the confiscated TNT paste and detonators were “brought into Lebanon in the year 2000”.

Rafik Hariri was killed in a massive bombing in Beirut in February 2005. A UN-led special tribunal was formed to investigate the Hariri case following the incident.

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Tobias Luedtke, employee of the chair of communication technology at the Brandenburg Technical University (BTU) checks an experiment in a anechoic room in Cottbus on 11 Jan, 2007.

INTERNET

Four homes destroyed in wildfire in Los Angeles’ celebrity town

LOS ANGELES, 11 Jan — A wind-whipped wildfire Monday destroyed four homes in the coastal resort town of Malibu near Los Angeles and damaged five others in what authorities are investigating as a possible arson.

All the destroyed homes were on the ocean side of a coastal highway near Malibu Canyon Road, where the fire started at 5:01 pm local time, fire officials said.

The area affected in the fire was near the Malibu Colony and reportedly includes several multimillion dollar beachfront homes owned by celebrities.

About 300 firefighters were on the scene and four helicopters continued dropping water despite the darkness of the night, according to Inspector Ed Lozano of the Los Angeles County Fire Department.

One person was treated for smoke inhalation and then released, said a fire department dispatcher.

Although firefighters drew a line around the area by about 8 pm, the fire was far from over, and officials said that firefighters would be on the scene throughout the night.

Firefighters on the scene said that strong winds created a tremendous firestorm.

Someone reported that a smoker might have flicked a cigarette from the car, causing the fire.

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An Indian rocket carrying a 550-kilogramme (1,210-pound) Space Capsule Recovery Experiment, or SRE-1, designed to test re-entry technology that could be used in a future manned space mission, takes off from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre at Sriharikota in Andhra Pradesh, around 90 kilometres (56 miles) north of Chennai, India, on Wednesday.—INTERNET

China opposes US sanction on Chinese companies

BEIJING, 11 Jan — China is strongly opposed to the US Government’s sanction on Chinese companies, said Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Liu Jianchao on Tuesday.

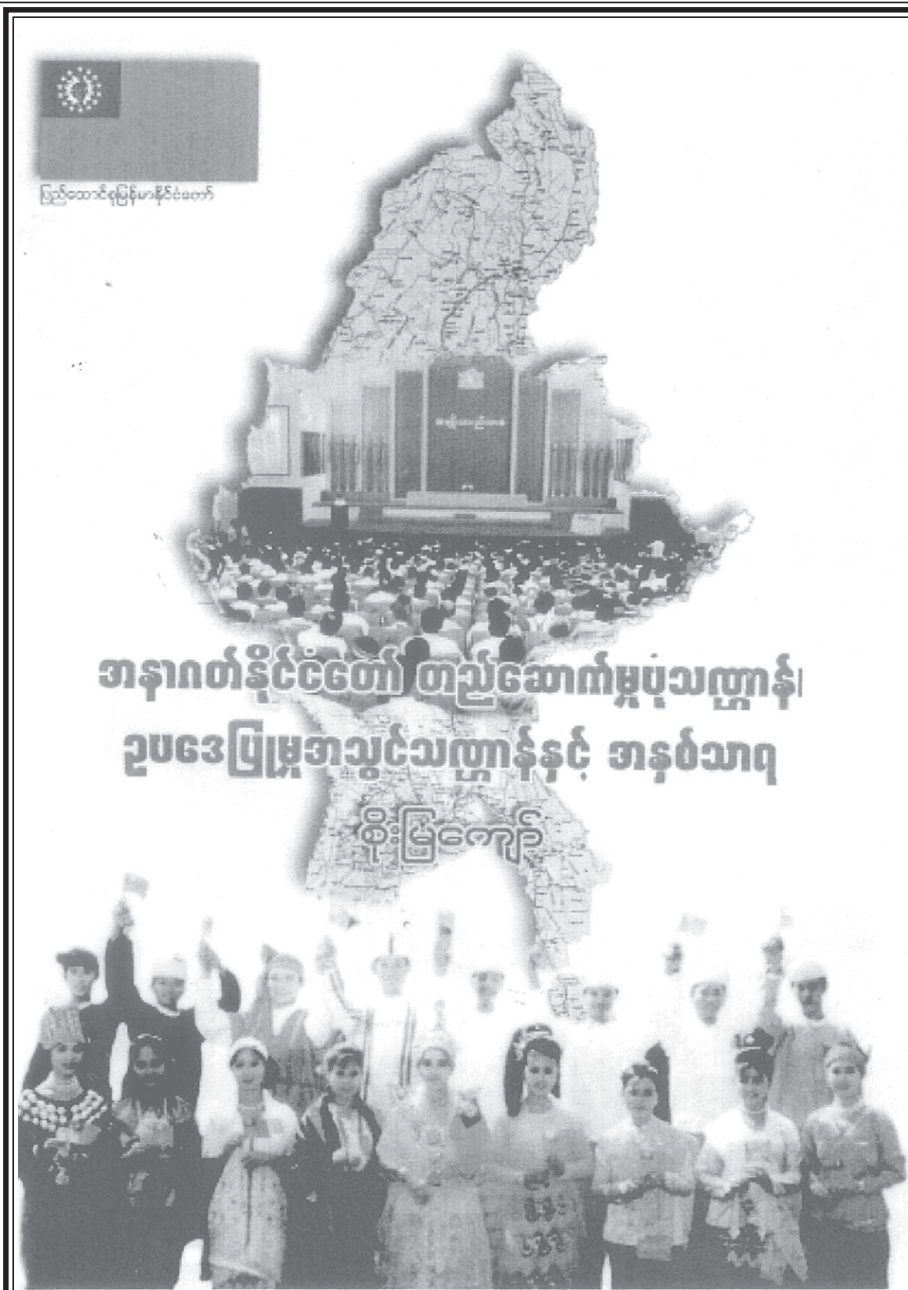
He made the remarks when commenting on the recent declaration by the US Department of State to sanction three Chinese companies in the pretext that they sold embargoed weapons to the relevant countries.

“We are strongly opposed to this and demand the US side to correct its erroneous act,” Liu said at a regular Press conference.

It is groundless for the US Government to take the sanction according to its domestic law without any evidence, he added.

Liu said the Chinese Government has always held the serious and responsible attitude towards the proliferation of the mass destruction of weapons, and is against the proliferation activities in any form, by any company or individual, he added.

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ASEAN Foreign, Economic ministers meet in Cebu, Philippines

CEBU (Philippines), 11 Jan— Foreign and economic ministers from countries belonging to the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) and East Asia arrived here Wednesday to discuss several international agreements.

The Southeast Asian bloc's first-ever legally binding agreement on counter-terrorism is one of several key deals due to be signed during the 11 to 15 January meetings.

ASEAN, which groups Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam, is also expected to announce a blueprint for establishing the group's charter and try to move up plans for a regional free-trade zone by 2015.

The Philippine foreign affairs assistant secretary and director-general for ASEAN affairs, Luis Cruz, said the "blue print" for the ASEAN charter might be finished for the leaders to assess and adopt in Singapore, where the next summits would be held later this year.

ASEAN leaders will

hold their 12th summit here on 13-14 January.

The related East Asia summit, which brings together ASEAN and six other nations — Australia, China, India, Japan, New Zealand and South Korea — will look to make progress on establishing energy security across the region.

Nine foreign ministers, including those from Japan and the Republic of Korea; five trade ministers; two senior officials; and an economic minister from Thailand are scheduled to arrive in Cebu Wednesday.

The rest of the foreign ministers participating in the ASEAN and East Asia summits are scheduled to fly in Thursday, along with five heads of state and President Arroyo.

Foreign and economic ministers will hold consultations before the

10-member ASEAN summit on Saturday, followed by meetings of ASEAN leaders with their regional counterparts on Sunday and Monday.

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Bush takes responsibility for "mistakes" in Iraq

WASHINGTON, 11 Jan — US President George W Bush said Wednesday night that he took responsibility for "mistakes" made in Iraq.

"The situation in Iraq is unacceptable to the American people and it is unacceptable to me," Bush said in a nationally-televised address.

The President also said his country's commitment to Iraq is not

open-ended.

"If the Iraqi Government does not follow through on its promises, it will lose the support of the American people — and it will lose the support

of the Iraqi people," Bush said.

The President said failure in Iraq would be a disaster for the United States.

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Arab League opposes US airstrikes in Somalia

CAIRO, 11 Jan— The Cairo-based Arab League, which groups Somalia, Wednesday said it rejected recent US air raids on Somalia, Egypt's MENA news agency reported.

AL Assistant Secretary-General for Political Affairs Ahmed bin Helli said in a Press statement that the AL categorically rejected US practices and considered them inappropriate and conflicting with international law and norms.

The US forces were not authorized by the UN Security Council to strike against Somali areas, bin Helli said, adding that no state had the right to launch airraids against another country under any justification.

The AL is calling for stopping such raids that target civilians and have left several of them dead, he said.

Bin Helli urged all parties concerned not to violate the Somali sovereignty. Such practices will add to tension in the Horn of Africa country.

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Sealand to sell. An anti-aircraft base to repel German bombers in World War II, the derelict platform was taken over 40 years ago by retired Army Major Paddy Roy Bates who went to live there with his family. He declared the platform, perched some 12 kilometres off the east coast of England and just outside Britain's territorial waters, to be the principality of Sealand. Now Roy is going to sell it.—INTERNET

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UNICEF staff member shot dead in Baghdad

GENEVA, 11 Jan — An Iraqi staff member of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) has been shot dead in Baghdad, he agency said in a statement on Tuesday.

Janan Jabero, a 52-year-old Iraqi national, was shot while driving his car in Baghdad on Monday night, the statement said.

"Janan Jabero was a brilliant engineer and had been a key part of UNICEF's school rehabilitation programme in Iraq since 1999. His death has cost Iraq's children a staunch advocate and we deeply mourn his loss," Roger Wright, UNICEF representative for Iraq, said in the statement. —MNA/Xinhua

Ground-breaking ceremony held in Malaysia for cancer institute

KUALA LUMPUR, 10 Jan — Malaysia on Tuesday held a ground-breaking ceremony for a national cancer institute, which is expected to be ready in 30 months.

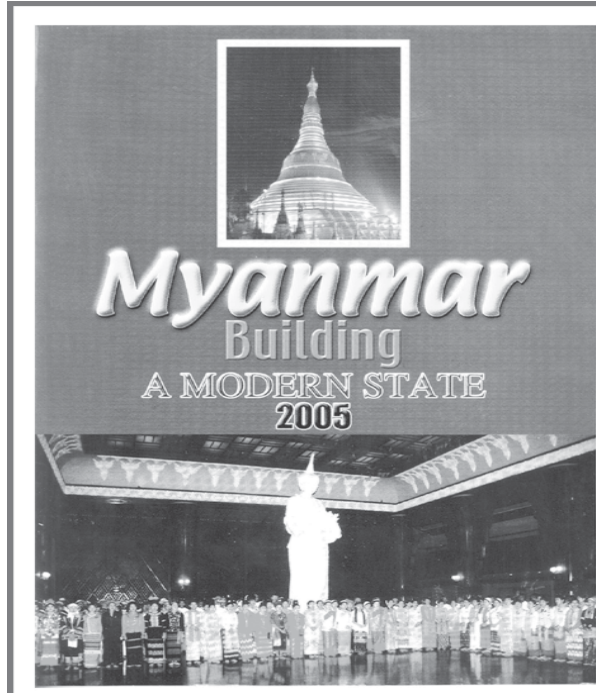
The National Cancer Institute, which will cost 340 million ringgit (94.44 million US dollars), is to be located in the administrative centre of Putrajaya.

"The number of people suffering from cancer is increasing, so we need to provide the best treatment," said Prime Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, who officiated the ground breaking ceremony.

Badawi directed the Health Ministry to start hiring medical personnel and identifying the latest equipment to treat cancer patients, according to the website of the local English daily *The Star*.

The ministry was also urged to look into ways to provide cheaper treatment for poor patients.

The Malaysian Prime Minister lost his wife Datin Paduka Seri Endon Mahmood to breast cancer in October 2005. —MNA/Xinhua



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World's largest electronics show features latest technologies

LAS VEGAS, 10 Jan — The 2007 International Consumer Electronics Show (CES) kicked off here on Monday with 2,700 exhibitors debuting the latest technologies and consumer electronics gadgets.

The world's largest technology tradeshow, organized by the Consumer Electronics Association (CEA), runs through 11 January, and celebrates the show's 40th anniversary.

Product launches and a major industry keynote by Microsoft's Bill Gates on the eve of the show electrified attendees from across the world.

The CES showcased the latest innovations and products in GPS, digital imaging, audio, home theatre, robotics and more.

"The pre-CES events generated major excitement and anticipation for what's to come this week at the 2007 International CES," said Gary Shapiro, president and CEO of the CEA.

CES attendees are experiencing a new convergence of consumer technology products emerging from the show floor, with new products incorporating the features, services and content that consumers crave, he said.

On Saturday evening, the third annual CES unveiled, the official Press event of the International CES kicked off the pre-show media events at the Sands Expo and Convention Centre/The Venetian — CES' newest venue for the 2007 show.

The media buzz continued on Sunday morning, CES' Press day, with 13 exhibitor Press conferences taking place

at the Sands/Venetian. CES exhibitors including LG, Pioneer, Philips, Toshiba, Sharp and Panasonic, made major announcements and launched new products during their events.

Microsoft Chairman Bill Gates electrified the CES stage Sunday night with his tenth keynote appearance. After crowd applause following Gates' announcement that he will return to deliver the 2008 International CES keynote, more than 4,000 attendees sat spellbound as Gates shared how the company is delivering on the promise of the "Connected Experience." Windows Vista, which Gates characterized as the most important release of Windows ever, will make it easier, safer and more fun to use the PC and will play a central role in the experience.

MNA/Xinhua

Germany urges Poland to take stand on EU Constitution

WARSAW, 10 Jan — German Ambassador to Poland Reinhard Scheppe on Tuesday urged Warsaw to make its position clear on the stalled European Union (EU) Constitution.

Germany, who took up the rotating EU presidency on 1 January, took it as one of its main missions during the half-year mandate to push forward the process of drawing up a Constitution, Scheppe told a news conference here.

Within the next few weeks or months, Germany wants to learn of Poland's reservations on the charter and the actual difficulties and problems Poland faces once a charter is adopted, the ambassador said.

The EU charter has been ratified by 18 states among the now 27-member bloc, but suffered stunning defeats in Dutch and French referendums in 2005. Poland, who has been reluctant to voice support for the charter, worries that if the EU integration process develops too fast its goals might cease to remain realistic.

Germany, one of the major powers inside the European Union, has repeatedly said that it wants to see the charter — in some form or the other — adopted by 2009, but gave no indication as to how that might be achieved.

MNA/Xinhua

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New frog species found by Universiti Sains Malaysia are on display at its campus in Penang, on 9 Jan, 2007. The species, found in Mount Jerai in June 2005, has been named as 'Rana monjerai', said Malaysia's The Sun newspaper. The frogs can only be found in clean water, including clear and unpolluted rivers and streams, and can therefore be considered biological markers for assessing river systems or environments.—INTERNET

Scientists discover how body fights to control cancer spread

LONDON, 10 Jan— British scientists have found how two molecules fight in the blood to control the spread of cancer cells.

Researchers at the University of Liverpool discovered that a large protein, which forms a protective shield around cancer cells and prevents them from causing secondary tumours, is attacked by a small protein that exists in the blood, according to a Press release issued by the University on Monday.

The researchers have discovered how the protective shield of a protein called MUC1 in which the cancerous cells are eventually destroyed by our immune system is broken down, allow-

ing cancer to spread throughout the body.

According to the researchers, MUC1 on the cell surface prevents the cancer cells from attaching to the blood vessel wall which causes secondary tumours, and they discovered that a small protein called galectin-3, attacks MUC1 and breaks up its protective shield, forcing large areas of the cancer cell to become exposed, with the exposed areas of the cell allowing the cancer to attach to the blood vessel wall and the cancer cells then eventually penetrating the blood wall to form tumours at secondary sites.

The attachment of cancer cells to the blood vessel wall is one of the key steps in the spread of cancer, the researchers said.

It has been known for a few years that galectin-3 concentration is significantly higher in the blood of cancer patients than in healthy people but until now scientists did not know whether this increase played any role in the spread of cancer.

The British researchers said their study indicates that galectin-3 may play a critical role and may have significant implications for future developments of drugs for the treatment of the disease.

MNA/Xinhua

Chinese films rack up record sales overseas

BEIJING, 10 Jan — The revenues of Chinese films in overseas markets, box office included, reached a record high of 1.91 billion yuan (244 million US dollars) in 2006, according to the State Administration of Radio, Film and Television (SARFT) Monday.

It said 73 Chinese films were released in 44 countries and regions in 2006.

SARFT director Tong Gang said 2006 had been the most successful year ever for Chinese films in overseas markets, not only for revenues but also for prizes won in international film festivals.

"Chinese films won more prizes last year than at any time in history," Tong said. "Twenty-seven China-made films won 44 prizes at 22 international film festivals in 2006, compared with 32 prizes won by 18 films at 24 international film festivals in 2005."

The 1.91 billion yuan of revenue harvested overseas in 2006 was up nearly 16 per cent on the 1.65 billion yuan earned the year before.

MNA/Xinhua



Japan Airlines airplanes park at Haneda international airport in Tokyo, on 10 Jan, 2007. Japan Airlines Corp said on Wednesday it was considering reducing its group work force by some 6 percent, or around 3,000 employees, over the next three business years to help turn around its struggling operations.—INTERNET

Indian flag vessels can employ foreign seafarers

NEW DELHI, 10 Jan— In a bid to address the acute shortage of seafarers in domestic vessels, the government Tuesday allowed employing two foreigners on board and invoked Section 88BB of the Merchant Shipping Act making it mandatory for seafarers to spend at least three years in Indian flag vessels.

Shipping Minister TR Baalu issued the directive following a meeting with shipping industry captains, representatives of DG Shipping and nautical

advisers here.

He directed that domestic flag vessels can employ at least two foreigners on board the Indian flag vessels/ships except masters, which was a long-standing demand of the domestic shipping lines. This would considerably improve the skills of Indian seafarers, sources said.

Baalu also ordered that Section 88BB of the Merchant Shipping Act be invoked, which would make it mandatory for the domestic seafarers to mandatorily spend three years in Indian flag vessels

after completion of their Certificate of Competence.

The minister also allowed the Indian seafarers trained in shipping schools of Australia, Hong Kong and Singapore to be employed in domestic shipping lines, sources said.—MNA/PTI

Na Li of China hits a backhand during her semi-final match against Kim Clijsters of Belgium at the Sydney International Tennis Tournament at Olympic Park in Sydney, on 11 Jan, 2007. — INTERNET

Info-tech Exhibition begins in Kathmandu

KATHMANDU, 10 Jan— The 13th annual CAN Info-tech Exhibition kicked off at the Birendra International Convention Centre in Nepali capital Kathmandu on Tuesday.

At least 112 companies have been participating in the five-day exhibition which is organized by the Computer Association of Nepal (CAN).

Over 170 stalls of these companies are on display.

The prime attractions of the fair are hardwares, softwares and the latest advancement in the information technology sector. Various workshops regarding information technology are also being organized in the exhibition.

Inaugurating the exhibition, vice-chairman of the High Level Commission for Information Technology Saroj Devkota said the government is committed to the development of IT sector in the country. — MNA/Xinhua



SPORTS

Dutch top football club sign Brazilian defender Alcides

BRUSSELS, 11 Jan— Dutch top football club PSV have signed Brazilian defender Alcides Eduardo Mendes de Araujo Alves from Chelsea on an 18-month loan deal, said the club on Wednesday.

The 21-year-old has been on loan at Benfica since May 2004. Alcides arrived in Eindhoven on Tuesday and passed a medical on Wednesday morning, said the Eindhoven-based club.

The Brazilian will join the first-team squad for full training for the first time on Wednesday afternoon. On Thursday morning Alcides will fly with the squad to La Manga, Spain where PSV hold a five-day training camp.

"I am delighted to be here," Alcides told reporters upon his arrival in the Netherlands. "PSV enjoy

a great reputation and this is a major step forward in my career."

Alcides will be the sixth Brazilian player in the service of PSV.

"I have played with Alex (Rodrigo da Costa) and I know the other Brazilian players," said Alcides.

MNA/Xinhua



Houston Rockets centre Dikembe Mutombo (L) blocks the shot of Los Angeles Lakers centre Andrew Bynum to move to number two on the NBA all-time blocked shot list in the second half of their NBA game in Houston, on 10 Jan, 2007. INTERNET

Report says Beckham to leave Real Madrid



David Beckham

LONDON, 11 Jan— Former England captain David Beckham will not be offered a new contract with Real Madrid, media reported on Wednesday.

"Beckham will leave us. We will not renew his contract," the club's sporting director Predrag Mijatovic was quoted as saying on Sky Italia TV.

Real have been offering the 31-year-old midfielder a two-year extension to his current deal, which ends in June, but said they wanted Beckham to make a quick decision on his future so they can plan for next season.

As of January 1, Beckham has been free to talk to other clubs with teams in England, Italy and the United States interested in signing him.

MNA/Xinhua

Kipsiro voted Uganda's top sportsman for December

KAMPALA, 11 Jan — Distance runner Moses Kipsiro has been voted as the East African nation's top sportsman for December by Uganda Sports Press Association (USPA) earlier this week.

The 2003 world junior cross-country team bronze medallist, who beat teenage tennis sensation Duncan Mugabe (315) by 35 votes in a thrilling voting exercise, was the biggest winner at the meeting where he also won the USPA Best Athlete for the Year 2006.—MNA/Xinhua

Ferdinand rumours rejected

LONDON, 11 Jan—Anton Ferdinand's agent has rejected reports linking the defender with a move away from West Ham.



Anton Ferdinand

Reports have claimed that Tottenham and Newcastle are keen on signing the England Under 21 international.

"The reports about Anton are just pure speculation," Weston told skysports.com.

"I don't believe there have been any offers made for Anton.

"Anton is a West Ham player and he will continue to remain so until someone decides otherwise."—Internet

Miroslav Djukic appointed new Partizan Belgrade coach

BELGRADE, 11 Jan — Former Yugoslavia defender Miroslav Djukic was named coach of Partizan Belgrade on Tuesday.

The 39-year-old Djukic signed a two-and-a-half-year contract to replace Miodrag Jesic, who resigned Saturday.

Djukic, who was previously coaching Serbia's Under-21 team, takes over with Partizan fourth in the standings, 14 points behind crosstown rival Red Star Belgrade.

"Partizan is a champion-class club where only titles count. I am not afraid of the challenge," Djukic said. Djukic played in

the Spanish Second Division in 1990 with Deportivo La Coruna, which was promoted the next year.

He is best remembered for missing a penalty against Valencia in the last moments of the final game of the 1993-94 season that deprived Deportivo of its first league title.

He later moved to Valencia for six seasons, until he signed for Second-Division club Tenerife in 2003.

Djukic won the first of his 48 international caps in 1991 when Yugoslavia drew 1-1 with Turkey.—MNA/Xinhua

Mourinho says Terry's not ready

LONDON, 11 Jan— John Terry is still some way short of full fitness according to Jose Mourinho, with Chelsea's defensive problems showing little sign of being resolved in the near future.

It had been intimated that Chelsea's talismanic captain would be fit to make a return for Saturday's Premiership clash with Wigan, but this suggestion has now been refuted by his manager.

After undergoing surgery to cure a troublesome back complaint, it had initially been thought he would be able to make a swift return, but it would now appear he is still nursing his way back to fitness.

"John had surgery, he is recovering from that, but he is not ready yet," said Mourinho, in the aftermath of the Adams Park clash.

"We have a lot of problems, because Ashley Cole and Claude Makelele face suspensions, and I do not see Terry back.

"There is no timescale



John Terry

on John. The only thing I know for sure is that he will not play against Wigan on Saturday.

"I am not a doctor. John is not fit to train with the group. He is not in my collective sessions yet, so he is out for the weekend."

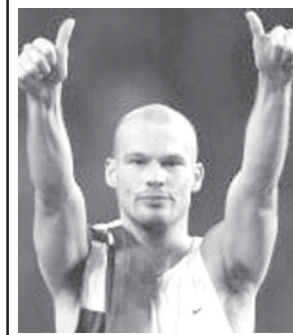
"Yes, that is the situation. I do not have to tell you the reason," Mourinho added. "They are club reasons.

"This is our situation at the moment. I hear nobody is coming in, and if nobody is coming in, nobody can leave.

"I cannot let a player go, even if he is a player I think should go, because we are very short of options and numbers. "It is not choice - it is not my club. I am just the manager."

Internet

Wenger still values Freddie



Fredrik Ljungberg

LONDON, 11 Jan— Arsene Wenger insists that Freddie Ljungberg 'still has a lot to offer' Arsenal following reports linking the Swede with an exit from Emirates Stadium.

Speculation has surrounded Ljungberg's current situation since a report on Sunday that claimed The Gunners were ready to sell their

longest serving player after a run of injuries that had restricted his contribution in North London.

Both West Ham and Internazionale had been suggested as likely destinations for the Swedish captain should his current employers decide to offload him.

However Wenger has now moved to underline that Ljungberg - who joined Arsenal from Halmstads back in 1998 - remains an important part of the furniture in North London.

"There has been much speculation about Freddie Ljungberg in the media over the last few days," Wenger told the club's official website.—Internet



AS Roma's French defender Philippe Mexes is fouled by Parma's Maurizio Ciaramitaro during their Italy Cup first leg quarter final match at Rome's Olympic Stadium, on 10 Jan, 2007.—INTERNET

US to lose credibility if not has dialogue with Syria

JAKARTA, 11 Jan — The United States will lose its credibility in the Middle East region should it fail to conduct a dialogue with Syria to settle the mounting problems in the region, visiting Syrian Vice-Foreign Minister Fayssal I Mekdad said here.

The minister said Syria played an important role in the settlement of the Middle East disputes.

“If the United States finds difficult to conduct very constructive dialogue with Syria, then

it will lose, the US will lose the credibility in the region,” Mekdad told a Press conference after meeting with Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono at the State Palace.

“When the United

States isolated itself from dealing with the very important countries and the region, like Syria, then it isolate itself from finding solution, proper solution to ongoing problem, whether in Palestine, or Iraq, or

Lebanon,” said the minister.

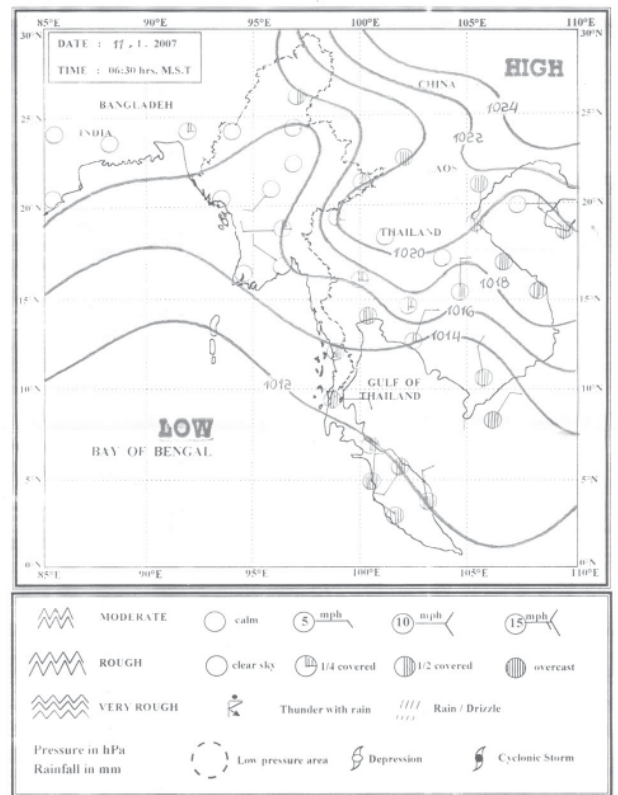
The Bush Administration’s policy in Iraq has lost domestic supports since the Democrats took control of the US Congress recently.

The US - led multinational forces invaded Iraq in 2003 and topple Saddam Hussein from his presidency.

Former UN secretary-general Kofi Annan and other world leaders have said that the situation in Iraq has been worse than it was under the leadership of Saddam. The country has been entering a civil war.

MNA/Xinhua

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Thursday, 11 January, 2007

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been generally fair in the whole country. Night temperatures were (4°C) above normal in Taninthayi Division, (3°C) below normal in Shan, Rakhine and Kayin States and Magway Division and about normal in the remaining states and divisions. The significant night temperatures were Pinlaung and Heho (1°C) each, Namhsam (2°C), Mogok (4°C) and Taunggyi (5°C).

Maximum temperature on 10-1-2007 was 95°F. Minimum temperature on 11-1-2007 was 65°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 11-1-2007 was 48%. Total sunshine hours on 10-1-2007 was (8.4) hours approx.

Rainfalls on 11-1-2007 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 (5) mph from Northeast at (12:15) hours MST on 10-1-2007.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 12-1-2007: Weather will be generally fair in the whole country.

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Generally fair in the whole country.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 12-1-2007: Fair weather.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 12-1-2007: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 12-1-2007: Fair weather.




A Benz Ocean Drive concept vehicle is displayed at the 2007 North American International Auto Show at Cobo Hall in Detroit, Michigan, on 7 Jan, 2007.—XINHUA



Friday, 12 January
Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music:
-Sweet sweet smile
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music:
- 8:50 am National news/
Slogan
- 9:00 am Music:
-I do I do I do
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music:
-It's my time
- 1:30 pm News / Slogan
- 1:40 pm Lunch time
music:
-Buming love
-Come on over
-I wonder it
- 9:00 pm WOM
- 9:15 pm Article
- 9:25 pm Music at your request
- 9:45 pm News / Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL



Friday, 12 January
View on today

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Charge d' Affaires ai of the Philippine Embassy Mr Joselito Chad N Jacinto Jr sees off Prime Minister General Soe Win.

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Vice-Senior General Maung Aye...

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Also present at the airport were Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein, members of the SPDC Lt-Gen Ye Myint, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than, Lt-Gen Maung Bo, Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe and Lt-Gen Tin Aye of the Ministry of Defence, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing and Maj-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Wai Lwin, ministers, the director-general of the SPDC Office, officials, and Charge d'Affaires ai of the Philippines Em-

bassy Mr Joselito Chad N Jacinto Jr.

The Prime Minister was accompanied by Chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board Dr Than Nyun, Director-General Col Thant Shin of the Prime Minister's Office, Director-General U Kyaw Kyaw of the Protocol Department under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and officials of the the SPDC Office and ministries concerned.

Members of the Myanmar delegation Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win and Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha left here in advance for the Cebu of the Philippines on 8 January to attend the ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Meeting and the ASEAN Economic Ministers' Meeting to be held prior to the Summit. — MNA

Coordination meeting on study tour of No 38 BEd course held

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Jan — The second coordination meeting on the study tour of the trainees from No 38 BEd course of University for Development of National Races was held at Paunglaung Hall of Nay Pyi Taw Command Headquarters this evening, with an address by Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Wai Lwin.

It was also attended by chairmen and secretaries of management and working groups and officials.

Secretary of the Management Committee for the Excursion Tour Director-General of Civil Service Selection and Training Department U Hla Kyi reported on mat-



Commander Brig-Gen Wai Lwin delivers an address at coordination meeting on excursion tour of UDNR trainees. — MNA

ters related to the excursion tour and assignments for the working groups.

Next, those present took part in the

discussions, and the meeting came to an end with concluding remarks by the commander.

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MRTV-4 to telecast live match of Myanmar vs Thailand of ASEAN Soccer Championship

YANGON, 11 Jan — The Group-A soccer matches of the ASEAN Soccer Championship 2007 will be held in Bangkok, Thailand, tomorrow.

MRTV-4 will telecast live the group match between Myanmar and Thailand to be held at 6.30 pm local time on 12 January. — MNA

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