

## King of Malaysia sends message of felicitations on 59th Anniversary Independence Day

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Jan— *On the occasion of the 59th Anniversary Independence Day of the Union of Myanmar, Tuanku Mizan Zainal Abidin Ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Mahmud Al-Muktafi Billah Shah, Yang di-Pertuan Agong XIII of Malaysia sent message of felicitations to Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar. The following is the full text of the message.*

**Your Excellency,**

The Raja Permaisuri Agong joins us in extending our greetings and heartiest congratulations to Your Excellency and the people of the Union of Myanmar on the auspicious occasion of the 59th Anniversary of the Independence Day of the Union of Myanmar.

We are confident that the friendly relations between our two countries will be further strengthened in the years ahead.

Please accept our best wishes for Your Excellency's good health and happiness and the prosperity of the people of the Union of Myanmar. — MNA

### 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

## Progress of Kunchaung, Shwegyin Hydel Power Projects inspected

YANGON, 12 Jan — Minister for Electric Power No 1 Col Zaw Min together with Deputy Minister U Myo Myint, Project Director U Maw Tha Htwe and officials inspected construction task of Kunchaung Hydel Power Project, nine miles south-west of Pyu yesterday.

The minister and party inspected progress in construction of the main spillway, control tower and access bridge, installation of steel pipeline and laying of concrete at power intake structure.

On completion, the Kunchaung Hydel Power

Plant will generate 60 megawatts.

Next, the minister and party proceeded to Shwegyin Hydel Power Project being implemented at Kyauknagar Village, six miles north-east of Shwegyin, and heard reports on earth works, progress of the construction tasks, completion of power intake structure and future tasks by Project Director U Wan Kyi. The deputy minister also made a supplementary report.

Afterwards, the minister and party looked into construction task of the project and fulfilled the re-

quirements.

On completion, the Shwegyin Hydel Power Plant will generate 75 megawatts.

On his inspection tour, the minister urged the officials to complete the tasks of projects in time and stressed the need to ensure safety and taking fire prevention measures.

Shwegyin Hydel Power Project to be installed with four turbines can produce 75 megawatts on completion.

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Minister for Electric Power No 1 Col Zaw Min inspects progress of Kunchaung Hydel Power Project. — NO 1 EP

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



## PERSPECTIVES

Saturday, 13 January, 2007

### Strive for progress of Myanma Forests

As preventative measures are being taken against deforestation, over 50 per cent of the nation's area is covered with forests.

The Ministry of Forestry is nurturing and protecting forests for the development of the forest sector. As a result, there are nearly 60,000 square miles of reserve forests and protected public forests plus over 1,300,00 acres of forest plantations in the nation.

As the Arid Zone Greening Department is growing trees and protecting the already-grown trees systematically with the participation of local people, remarkable progress has been made in this regard.

Nowadays, Monywa, Sagaing, Myingyan, Meiktila, Yamethin, Pakokku, Minbu, Magway, Thayet, Gangaw, Nyaung U, Kyaukse and Shwebo Districts are covered with forests thanks to the greening project.

Moreover, the conservation of forests is being launched under the five-year project (2004-2005 to 2008-2009) for greening of Bago Yoma where teak and other hardwoods grow in abundance. In the meantime, more teak plantations and watershed plantations are being established.

As the protection and safeguarding of natural resources of the country is a national concern, the entire people are to strive together with local authorities in conserving reserve forests and protected forests, establishing teak plantations and implementing greening tasks. Only then, will the Myanma forests always serve the national interests.

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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

### 22nd Buddha Pujaniya of Maha Wizaya Pagoda on 31 Jan

YANGON, 12 Jan — The 22nd Buddha Pujaniya of Maha Wizaya Pagoda will be held from 31 January to 2 February.

The Pujaniya includes rice offering and consecration ceremonies. In addition, the Sayadaws will deliver sermons and lay persons will also recite the Parittas during the Pujaniya.

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### 108 encircling zedis of Myanaung Thanbuddhe Pagoda to be consecrated

YANGON, 12 Jan — A ceremony to consecrate 108 encircling zedis of the Myanaung Thanbuddhe Pagoda will be held on a grand scale at Parahita Myoshwe Monastery in Myanaung, Ayeyawady Division, on 13 and 14 January.

Wellwishers may attend the consecration ceremony.

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## Myanmar Basic e-Government Project clarified



Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw speaks at a ceremony to clarify tasks of Myanmar Basic e-Government Project.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Jan — A ceremony to clarify the tasks of Myanmar Basic e-Government Project was held at the ministry here this morning.

Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw delivered an opening

address.

Officials of the project made clarification on their tasks.

Next, the minister fulfilled the requirements and the ceremony ended.—MNA

## MHF delegation leaves for Malaysia

YANGON, 12 Jan — Vice-President of the Myanmar Hockey Federation U Kyaw Naing, member of Hockey Develop-

ment Committee of Asia Hockey Federation and Federation of International Hockey, Chairperson of Women's Hockey Sub-

committee Academy Daw Swe Zin Htaik and Honorable Executive U Zaw Win left here by air yesterday evening for Kuala

Lumpur, Malaysia to attend the 45th Asia Council Meeting and Congress to be held from 12 to 14 January, the coordination meeting on hockey event to be included in SEA Games 2007 and the cooperation meeting on cooperation with Malaysia for the development of women's hockey in Myanmar.

They were seen off at Yangon International Airport by Chairman U Myint Naing of the competition and training committee of MHF, Chairman U Kyaw Htay Thein of the subcommittee for development of hockey clubs and executives.

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Delegation of Myanmar Hockey Federation seen at the airport before their departure for Malaysia. MHF



## Syria says US occupation in Iraq complicates M-E issues

DAMASCUS, 12 Jan—Syrian Information Minister Mohsen Bilal said on Wednesday that the US occupation in Iraq has further complicated problems in the troubled Middle East.

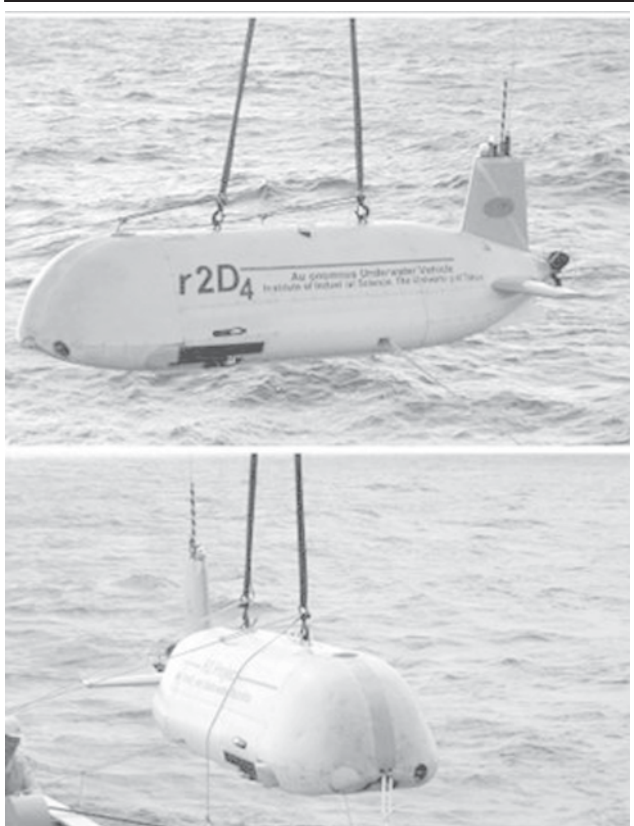
Bilal made the remarks while meeting with a visiting Australian parlia-

mentary delegation, according to the official SANA news agency. "The Israeli occupation of Syria's Golan Heights and other Arab lands in Palestine and Lebanon constitutes the basis of the problem which has been further complicated following the US occupation of Iraq," the

minister was quoted as saying.

Bilal also reasserted Syria's full support to the political process in Iraq and its care for Iraq's unity and independence while underlining Syria's aspiration for achieving a just and comprehensive peace. For her part, head of the delegation Meredith Burgmann stressed the necessity to have dialogue with Syria in order to solve the region's problems, SANA said.

MNA/Xinhua



A team of Japanese scientists said they had discovered one of the world's biggest lava plateaus under the Indian Ocean, using an unmanned undersea probe they developed. —XINHUA

## Nine S Korean workers kidnapped in Nigeria

SEOUL, 11 Jan—Nine South Korean workers were taken hostage Wednesday by armed insurgents in Nigeria, the South Korean Foreign Ministry said Wednesday.

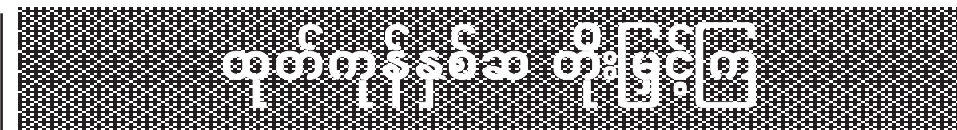
"Ten people, including 9 South Korean workers and one Nigerian worker, were taken hostage by a group of armed insurgents in the Ogu area in Nigeria," said an official of the ministry.

According to the official, the workers, who are working on a construction project of South Korea's Daewoo Engineering and Construction Co, were taken hostage at 4:50 am (Nigerian Time) after a group of armed insurgents exchanged fire with Nigerian guards.

There have been no demands made by the kidnappers, the ministry said.

Following the kidnapping, the South Korean Foreign Ministry said its government "is mobilizing every means to make sure they are released unharmed at the earliest date possible".

It was the second time that South Korean labours were kidnapped in Nigeria since June last year, when three South Koreans employed by the Daewoo Engineering and Construction Co were held hostage and were released three days later.—MNA/Xinhua



Chinese President Hu Jintao said that China will continue to play a constructive role on the Middle East issue when meeting with visiting Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert on 11 Jan, 2007. —XINHUA

## US forces raid Iranian consulate in Iraq

LONDON, 11 Jan—US troops used helicopters to storm an Iranian consulate in the northern Iraqi city of Irbil on Thursday and take six consular workers for questioning.

The early morning raid in the predominantly Kurdish city 220 miles north of Baghdad saw troops hustle six people

away and computers and bundles of documents being confiscated, the BBC said.

Local Kurdish media said the troops sealed off streets around the building and loudspeakers were used to call the occupants of the building out in three languages.

The US military would only confirm it had carried

out the operation but offered no details.

A local television station said Kurdish security forces moved in to the building as the US troops departed.

Last month, US troops detained two Iranians with diplomatic immunity in Iraq, but later released them. The US military has accused Iran, a mostly

Shiite country, of fomenting sectarian violence between Kurds, Shiite and Sunni Muslims in Iraq, which Iran denies.

The Iranian IRNA news agency said the Iranian Embassy in Baghdad had sent a letter of protest to the Iraqi Foreign Ministry over the US raid.—Internet

## Japan-China friendship in favour of world peace

TOKYO, 12 Jan—The development of Japanese-Chinese friendship and the promotion of the bilateral trade relations are conducive to peace and prosperity of the region and even the world, Japanese House of Representatives Speaker Yohei Kono said here Wednesday.

Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's visit to China in October marked a sign of improvement and a restart of the Japanese-Chinese ties, and the

development of the bilateral relationship needs further efforts from the two sides, said Kono, who is also chairman of Japan's Association for the Promotion of International Trade.

Kono said on the association's New Year party that he apprehended Chinese leaders' sincerity on mending ties with Japan during his visit to China late last year.

He pledged to make efforts to further promote

the friendship between the two countries and the development of bilateral

economic and trade cooperation.

MNA/Xinhua

## Two military helicopters collide in England

LONDON, 12 Jan—British Royal Air Forces' two training helicopters collided in mid-air in west midlands of England on Wednesday, with one person killed and three others injured, according to the Sky News' report.

The Squirrel aircraft, which are believed to be from the Defence Helicopter Flying School based at RAF Shawbury, came down at Tern Hill, near Market Drayton, Shropshire.

MNA/Xinhua



Ryan Price, 11, and his dog, 'Zeek,' enjoy a sled-dog run on Thursday, 11 Jan, 2007, at Point Defiance Park in Tacoma, Wash. The Tacoma area got several inches of snow overnight, causing school cancellations and sending children and pets alike outside in search of winter fun.—INTERNET



## UN chief pledges close cooperation with developing countries

UNITED NATIONS, 11 Jan — UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon promised on Wednesday close cooperation with the powerful caucus of developing nations in order to foster a better and stronger United Nations.

In his first major statement to the “Group of 77,” the group of some 130 developing countries, Ban said achieving development for all is now a realistic aim due in large part to the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), objectives to slash poverty and other global ills by 2015.

“I am confident that the new Chair of the G-77 will work with me — a new Secretary-General —



**UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon**

to implement existing initiatives, and to push for further reform and strengthening of the UN system,” he told a hand-over ceremony in New York where leadership of the Group passed from South Africa to Pakistan.

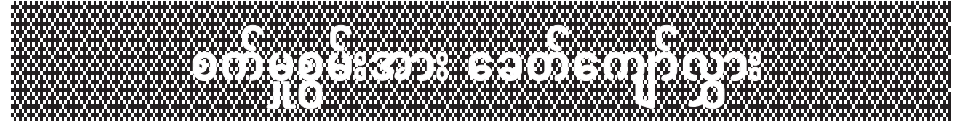
Ban pointed to inequalities within the global economy impeding

development, and said success in tackling them hinges on building a “stronger, more effective international partnership.”

These include bolstering the relationship between and among the Organization and its member countries, he said, adding that “I look forward to reenergizing our Organization, and to turning a new page in relations between the Secretariat and member states.”

“More than anything else, a fair and equitable international trading regime can provide the basis for a true global partnership for development,” Ban stressed.

MNA/Xinhua



**Centenarian couple Meng Qingrong (100, right) and Meng Nishi (101) share an orange at home in Dalian, northeast China's Liaoning Province on 10 Jan, 2007. They have been married for nearly eighty years since 1927. —XINHUA**

## Kurdish government in Iraq slams US action in Irbil

BAGHDAD, 11 Jan— The US military operation in the northern Iraqi city of Irbil that resulted in the arrests of

six Iranians drew a sharp denunciation from Iraq's Kurdish regional government Thursday.

A spokesman for the

autonomous regional government and its presidency expressed their “alarm” and condemned the early Thursday action, which they characterized as a raid on the Iranian consulate in Irbil — “which opened in the provincial capital in an agreement between the Iraqi government and the Iranian government.”

The Kurdish regional government is based in Irbil.

The Kurdish statement — which demands the immediate release of the detainees — said the consulate is entitled to immunity in accordance with the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations in 1963.

Internet

## 32 killed in plane crash in Baghdad

ANKARA, 11 Jan — Thirty-two people were killed and two others injured on Tuesday when a cargo plane, carrying Turkish workers, crashed while it was trying to land at Baghdad's Alasad Airport, Turkey's state-run TRT reported.

The semi-official *Anatolia* news agency said that the plane, belonging to a Moldovan company, was on its way from Adana Province in southern Turkey to Iraq.

Adana Deputy Govern-

nor Abdullah Dolek was quoted as saying that the Antonov-type cargo plane was carrying five crew members and 30 passengers.

Dolek said there were foreigners among the passengers.

Meanwhile, two crisis desks were established in Adana Governor's Office and Adana Airport after the plane crashed in Baghdad, according to *Anatolia*.

Adana Governor Cahit Kirac said that the crisis desks aimed to follow the latest developments of the event, and they were continuously in contact with Prime Ministry Crisis Desk and the Turkish Embassy in Baghdad.

Earlier, the Turkish

Foreign Ministry said that 30 people were killed and two injured in the plane crash.—MNA/Xinhua

## Two Americans die as private plane crashes in Mexico

MEXICO CITY, 12 Jan— Two Americans died when their light aircraft crashed in Zapotlanejo, a town in the western Mexican state of Jalisco, the state Public Security Directorate said on Wednesday.

Officers said remains of the crash victims and debris from the plane, which was registered in the US state of Texas, were spread over an area of 200 square metres, close to the La Carrera Ranch, 40 kilometres southeast of the state

capital Guadalajara.

The two who died were Daniel Chuiac, who was the pilot, and Terry Tatty, his co-pilot, Guadalajara Airport director Martin Duran told reporters.

Air traffic control authorities lost contact with the aircraft at 11:15 pm on Tuesday night. The crash scene was located early on Wednesday.

MNA/Xinhua

## Two more Indonesians suspected of bird flu

JAKARTA, 12 Jan— Two more Indonesian people were admitted as suspects of being infected with bird flu virus on Thursday to Jakarta's Friendship Hospital, local leading news website Detik.com reported.

The two patients are husband and kid of a 37-year old woman who had been identified positively infected to bird flu virus on 9 January.

Their admission has brought the bird flu suspected patients in the hospital to 12.

But 5 of them were allowed to leave later by the hospital after days of observation.

On Wednesday, a 14-

year-old boy died from bird flu at this hospital after four days treatment, bringing the death toll from the virus to 58 since the virus attack was confirmed in 2003.

MNA/Xinhua

**Anti-war protestors demonstrate outside the Federal Building in the Westwood section of West Los Angeles on 11 Jan, 2007.**

INTERNET



**A lantern maker performs making lanterns at the People's Arts Museum in Xi'an, northwest China's Shaanxi Province, on 10 Jan, 2007. —XINHUA**



## Russia to respond to US missile shield deployment

MOSCOW, 12 Jan—Russia will take measures to counter the deployment of the components of the US National Missile Shield (NMD) in Eastern Europe, a top commander warned Wednesday amid reports of Pentagon's plans to deploy them in the former Warsaw Pact countries close to the Russian frontiers.

Russia will have to take certain steps in response to the deployment near its borders, Commander-in-Chief of Russian Strategic Rocket Forces (RVSN) Colonel-General Nikolai Solovtsov said.

"If components of the American missile defence system in East Europe are deployed near Russian

borders, its configuration will change and it will be able to significantly influence the efficiency of the Russian strategic forces. In this situation, Russia will have to take additional measures to counter missile defence systems in order to prevent the downgrading of its strategic deterrent potential," General Solovtsov was quoted as saying by *Interfax*.

MNA/PTI



The host gives instructions of the ice chess game on Trafalgar Square in London, on 11 Jan, 2007. A chess game was played via satellite between Trafalgar Square in London and Pushkin Square in Moscow to mark the start of the third annual Russian Winter Festival. A London team and a Moscow team, each captained by a chess grand master, competed on two 64-square metre chessboards in each city using the giant ice chessmen. The match ended in a draw.—XINHUA

## Chinese fisherman survives after six-day floating at sea

HAIKOU, 12 Jan—A fisherman from south China's Guangdong Province has been rescued near Hainan after surviving six-day floating out at sea.

Du Chengji was rescued on Tuesday and is now being treated at the People's Hospital of Wenchang City, in Hainan. His condition is described as stable.

According to the doctors, Du was severely malnourished and dehydrated as he had been floating on the sea for such a long time. On January 3, Du and another fisherman boarded a light boat attached to their fishing vessel, *Yuedianbai-31339*, to go fishing.

However the light boat capsized in an ensuing storm and the two men fell overboard. They managed to use a trailing rope to tie themselves to the upturned boat but in the early morning of 7 January, Du's companion, overcome with exhaustion, slipped into a coma and drowned.—MNA/Xinhua

*An ASIMO robot by Honda Motor walks downstairs at the 2007 International Consumer Electronic Show (CES), held in Las Vegas on 8-11 Jan 2007. The robot can run six miles an hour, almost as fast as man. Just like man, it can lift up both feet when running. —XINHUA*



## As many as 100 arrested in protest at federal court

WASHINGTON, 11 Jan—Between 60 and 100 people were arrested at the Federal District Courthouse in the nation's capital Thursday as they protested the treatment of detainees at the Guantanamo Bay military base in Cuba.

Officials at the courthouse began locking the doors when as many as 250 demonstrators began amassing, but some of the protesters got inside.

Some of them were dressed in overalls painted orange to resemble the jumpsuits worn by the



A demonstrator holds a sign as she sits in a cage during the International Day to Shut Down Guantanamo prison, in New York, on 11 Jan, 2007. Anti-war and human rights groups demonstrated in Manhattan and around the country to close the US-run prison in Guantanamo Bay on the fifth anniversary since the US first transferred men to the prison.—INTERNET

Guantanamo detainees and some wore black hoods over their faces like the ones seen on prisoners being abused at the Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq.

US Marshal George Walsh ordered the protesters inside the building arrested and taken away.

"We warned them three times," as required, Walsh told CNN. "We tried to give them the option of being private citizens discussing something, but when they held up signs and chanting, we have to draw the line."—Internet

## Moderate earthquake jolts S-E Bangladesh

DHAKA, 11 Jan—A moderate earthquake measuring 5.58 on the Richter Scale jolted Bangladesh's southeastern Chittagong Tuesday morning, local news agency *UNB* reported.

However, there was no report of casualties from the quake that took place at 11:28 am (05:28 GMT) and lasted for 47 seconds, according to a bulletin of the Met Office.—MNA/Xinhua

## US soldier killed in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 11 Jan—A US soldier was killed in combat operation in Iraq's eastern province of Diyala, the US military said on Wednesday.

A soldier assigned to 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, died Tuesday of wounds sustained during combat operations in Diyala Province, the US military said in a statement.

MNA/Xinhua

## Road accident kills five in eastern Bangladesh

DHAKA, 11 Jan—At least five people were killed and 15 others injured as a bus skidded off the road into a ditch on Dhaka-Chittagong Highway in eastern Bangladesh on Wednesday, local news agency *UNB* reported.

Police and witnesses said the Chittagong-bound bus from northwestern Rangpur fell into the ditch after colliding with a Dhaka-bound truck from southeastern Chittagong early Wednesday morning, leaving four bus passengers killed on the spot.

MNA/Xinhua

## Earthquake jolts eastern Indonesia

JAKARTA, 11 Jan—An earthquake measuring 5.1 Richter Scale rocked eastern part of Indonesia on Wednesday, and no casualty or damages have been reported, according to Indonesia's Meteorology and Geophysics Agency.

The quake struck at 12:12 local time with epicentre at 599 kilometres northwest Manado and 39 kilometres under sea bed, an official of the agency Jabar said.

MNA/Xinhua





India Foreign Minister Pranab Mukherjee talks with Singapore Foreign Minister George Yeo before a group photo session prior to a working lunch at the 12th Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Summit in Cebu, Philippines, on 12 Jan, 2007. —INTERNET

## China refutes censure on “dollar diplomacy” in Africa

BEIJING, 11 Jan— China on Tuesday refuted criticism on the country's so-called “dollar diplomacy” in Africa, saying China never uses economic means to seek diplomatic recognition by other countries.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Liu Jianchao made the remarks while commenting on a question that some Taiwanese

media has accused the Chinese Mainland of winning diplomatic recognition in Africa through trade and loans.

“China has all along been developing diplomatic relations with other countries, including the African countries, based on equality, mutual benefit and respect,” Liu told a regular Press briefing.

He said it is merely a

despicable act for the island to criticize the Motherland in such a poor excuse.

Taiwan has been separated with the Chinese Mainland since 1949, when the then ruling Kuomintang (Nationalist Party of China) regime fled to the island after losing a civil war with the Communist Party.

MNA/Xinhua

### Bird flu spreads to one more Vietnamese province

HANOI, 11 Jan— Bird flu has killed fowls in Vietnam's southern Kien Giang Province, raising the total number of localities in the country hit by the disease to four, according to a local veterinary agency on Tuesday.

Specimens from dead poultry in the province's two districts have been tested positive to bird flu virus strain H5N1, said the Department of Animal Health under the Vietnamese Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development.

Bird flu killed 40 ducks in Go Quao District on 6 January, and 30 others in Vinh Thuan District on 7 January. To date, nearly 1,800 ducks in the two districts have been culled to prevent the disease from spreading.

Bird flu has, since early December 2006, stricken 41 communes in 17 districts in the four southern provinces of Ca Mau, Bac Lieu, Hau Giang and Kien Giang, either killing or leading to the forced culling of more than 42,000 poultry. Specimens from many healthy unvaccinated ducks in the southern Mekong Delta have been tested positive to H5N1, according to the department. — MNA/Xinhua

### Vietnam eyes bigger plastic export earnings in 2007

HANOI, 11 Jan— Vietnam has targeted to earn 580 million US dollars from selling overseas plastic products this year, posting a year-on-year surge of more than 21.3 per cent, said the Vietnam Plastics Association Tuesday.

Plastic ware producers in the country are focusing on renewing technology, further tapping such big markets as the European Union, the United States and Japan, penetrating into potential markets, including South Africa, the Middle East and India, and diversifying products.

They plan to turn out more products used in automobiles, motorbikes, electronics appliances, and drainage and oil industries, the association said, noting that local plastic packages currently account for 80 per cent of the total export volume.

Vietnam's plastic industry registered export revenues of 478 million dollars in 2006, up 36.6 per cent against 2005. It plans to export four million tons of the products totalling one billion dollars in 2010.

Vietnamese plastic products are now available in more than 30 countries and regions, the association said. — MNA/Xinhua



New Orleans residents stand on the steps of City Hall during a protest against violent crimes in New Orleans, Louisiana, on 11 Jan, 2007. There have been nine murders in the city since 1 Jan, 2007. —INTERNET

### Corporate groups help make 12th ASEAN summit success

CEBU (Philippines), 11 Jan — From coffee, soft drinks and food to vehicles and sophisticated communications systems, some of the Philippines' top corporations and media outfits are extending massive support to ensure the success of the 12th Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) Summit and related meetings which opened in Cebu Wednesday.

The Manila-based AMA Computer University, the information technology (IT) partner of the 12th ASEAN Summit Organizing Committee and Asia's first and largest IT institution, oversees the ASEAN website for free.

The Philippine Long Distance Company

(PLDT) and its corporate sister Smart Communications have put up the main Internet access for members of the local and foreign media at the principal summit venues

like the Cebu International Convention Centre (CICC) and some hotels, and some locations including the Mactan-Cebu International Airport. —MNA/Xinhua

MNA/Xinhua

### Qatar Airways starts Doha-Dar

#### flights

DAR-ES-SALAAM, 11 Jan — The Qatar Airways on Tuesday started a new air route from Doha to Dar-es-Salaam and the new route has four flights each week. The other flights are scheduled for Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Airbus A319's will serve the route with eight business class seats and 102 economy seats on each flight.

The Qatar Airways has thus joined KLM Royal Dutch Airlines, Emirates Airlines, Ethiopian Airlines, Kenya Airways and a few other foreign airline companies to serve Dar-es-Salaam-bound flights from foreign countries.

MNA/Xinhua



An alpaca is seen at the wild animal conservation in Tianshan Mountain area in Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region on 10 Jan, 2007. — XINHUA



# Peace prize or interference prize?

*Pauk Sa*

I pity myself these days, as I witness the acts and hear the voices that cause simple and clear things complex.

There are demands for release of the woman who has been under restriction order imposed on her in accord with the Section 10 to prevent her against undermining the State security and peace and stability. So dare are some of the so-called Nobel prize winners that they are even making a plan for a visit to Myanmar to make the demand.

Their reason: "The act of imposing the restriction order on the woman, who is also a Nobel Prize winner, is like disturbing and obstructing the international peace process. Moreover, the restriction order on her is an impediment to the peace endeavours of Myanmar and a violation to human rights. Hence, the Myanmar government should release the Nobel peace prize winner soonest." Actually, their demand is like an old record that has been played again and again.

"Do you think we are so naive to that degree?", I murmured spontaneously. The Nobel Peace Prize is awarded only to the persons who truly deserve because of their deeds to serve the global peace and progress. For example, there were persons who tried to prevent the occurrence of another World War during the Cold War period. Only those who really strove for global peace won the prize as the UN was playing the pivotal role in this matter. The UN peace-keeping forces deservedly won the Nobel peace prize for two times for their efforts to serve as mediators between the two warring countries and to restore peace between them. During the time, Nobel peace prize was honoured and valued by the international community.

However, after the end of the Cold War, its prestige and nobility gradually disappeared with the passage of time. Later, the Nobel peace award has lost its essence, as the practice of presenting the prize and the aim of the Will of Dr Alfred Bernard Nobel are no longer in harmony. It is unimaginable how Dr Alfred Bernard Nobel would be disheartened if he were alive till today.

**It is food for thought that any world leader, scientist or laureate, who has served brilliantly the interests of the world people, has not won as many prizes as the Nobel Peace laureate NLD leader has won. Personally, the prizes and medals awarded to the Nobel Peace laureate NLD leader are indeed the assistance of the colonialist bloc.**

Here is an excerpt from the Will, which says, "One part to the person who shall have done the most or the best work for fraternity between nations for the abolition or reduction of standing armies and for the holding and promotion of peace congresses."

So, it becomes clear like a crystal whether the qualifications of the Nobel peace prize winner of our nation meet the original aims and standards of the prize or not.

We all in Myanmar know that the woman won the prize with the unjust assistance of the global colonialist community. Hence, we have nothing to think highly of or respect her award.

She does not have any record for global peace endeavours; instead we have heard and seen her committing a lot of destructive and instigative acts to undermine Myanmar's peace and stability.

I have many things to say about her. But I will state some points only in this article. In 1999, the US and allies militarily interfered in the affairs of Yugoslavia and unjustly bombed the country. Concerning the matter, the Nobel peace prize winner of our nation said that Yugoslavs would be killed as bombs were falling on the country because of their generals' refusal to hold a dialogue. Her voice was full of energy expressing support for the bombing runs. We all understand that she was trying to threaten the Myanmar government, saying that if the government failed to hold a dialogue, Myanmar would be bombed like Yugoslavia.

There is more. In 1995, the Nobel peace prize winner thundered a challenge — Which way? Dialogue or utter devastation? She also tried to undermine the National Convention that has been convened to draw a constitution for emergence of a discipline-flourishing democratic nation where unity, peace, stability and progress will be ensured. She signalled the delegates of the National League for Democracy to leave the National Convention. She made slanderous remarks to harm the National Convention. She also heartily supported the Methayawhta declaration issued by terrorist insurgents that destroyed the national unity; ridiculed the peace that was reached between the government and the national races armed groups. She even tried to drive a wedge to destroy the peace between the government and the national races groups. In addition, she dissuaded the international community from providing all assistance, aids and soft loans to Myanmar and doing trade and other international links with the country.

The Nobel Peace laureate NLD leader in an intra-party meeting said that Japan owed gratitude to the US because democracy had flourished in the former due to the attacks with the use of atomic bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki by the US government in World War II. The stance of the Nobel Peace laureate NLD leader in Myanmar is totally against world people's continuous demands for world peace and disarmament.

Having no clear conscience concerning the Nobel Peace Prize, she said, "Regarding the Nobel Peace Prize I have received, it does not mean the prize is awarded to a single person. The real purpose is to express the support for the democracy movement in

Myanmar. So, it will be totally wrong if it is thought the prize is awarded to me".

Therefore, I would say she is well-versed in deceiving the people. In relation to the awarding of Nobel Peace Prize, Chairman of the Nobel Prize Committee Francis Sejersted announced that the prize was awarded personally. She said so to mislead the people about the prize. Here, I would like to put her a question. "You said that the prize was not awarded personally, then why the words "Nobel Peace Laureate" are often mentioned before your name?"

Let it be! So far, the Nobel Peace laureate NLD leader has done nothing to contribute towards the restoration of world peace. But, throughout her stay in the nation, she has been committing a variety of acts such as harming restoration of peace and stability of the State, inciting unrest by making the people live below the poverty line, sowing suspicion among the national races to undermine national solidarity, and destroying the interests of the nation and the people by placing reliance on external elements. Bluntly, what she is doing and speaking are dangerous for the nation.

In other words, she is the one who has not done anything for the global peace and interest and who does and speaks to the liking of the colonialist bloc so that Myanmar will become a follower nation or a neo-colony. It is because the colonialist bloc expressed its support whatever she had acted or said. And the bloc had awarded a prize or medal to her whenever she had incited a problem or unrest in Myanmar. So far, it has awarded her more than 80 prizes and medals.

It is food for thought that any world leader, scientist or laureate, who has served brilliantly the interests of the world people, has not won as many prizes as the Nobel Peace laureate NLD leader has won. Personally, the prizes and medals awarded to the Nobel Peace laureate NLD leader are indeed the assistance of the colonialist bloc.

In those days, some foreign Nobel Prize winners are trying to interfere in the internal affairs of Myanmar for the release of the Nobel Peace laureate NLD leader. Their voices are the echoes of the colonialist bloc.

Alfred Nobel, who initiated Nobel Prize, made his will to award Nobel Prizes for world peace and development. Nonetheless, some Nobel Prize winners are now blatantly interfering in internal affairs and stirring up unrest in other nations to the liking of the colonialists.

In conclusion, restriction on the Nobel Peace laureate NLD leader is an avoidable measure and is aimed to ensure that the entire national people can work together for restoration of peace and stability of the State and national development without any disturbances. Thus, I would like to ask a question, the Nobel Prize winners, who do not know the root cause of the Myanmar's domestic problem and are demanding for the release of the Nobel Peace laureate NLD leader, do you know the prizes you have won are Nobel Peace Prize or Nobel interference prize?

**Translation: TMT+MS**



## Yangon Mayor inspects sanitation and construction tasks of YCDC

YANGON, 11 Jan — Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin together with officials inspected dredging of ditches and sanitation tasks being carried out by service personnel of YCDC to make proper flow of water along Laydaunkan Road in Thingangyun Township this morning.

The mayor and party looked into paving of road from South/North

Junction in Dagon Myothit Township to Thanthuma Junction, sanitation task on Thanthuma Road in ward 14 and construction of underground ditches near CNG filling station in ward 13, South Okkalapa Township. They also inspected upgrading of Thanthuma Road from Oakponseik to Tower in North Okkalapa Township and gave necessary instructions.

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*Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin inspects paving on Pyidaungsu overpass.—YCDC*



## MOFA organizes Independence Day Commemorative Golf Competition



*Foreign Affairs Minister U Nyan Win and heads of mission of the foreign embassies seen in the 59th Anniversary Independence Day Commemorative Golf Competition.—MNA*

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Jan—The Golf Competition in honour of the 59th Anniversary Independence Day organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, was held at the golf course of Hydel Paunglaung Golf Club of the Ministry of Electric Power No 1 in Nay Pyi Taw on 4 January.

Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win and heads of mission of the foreign embassies led by Dean of the Diplomatic Corps Ambassador of Cambodia Mr Hul Phany took part in the competition.

Later, the minister awarded first, second and third prizes to the winners. The Cambodian ambassador presented prizes to other winners. — MNA

## Meeting on Enhancing Media Awareness on HIV control held

YANGON, 12 Jan—The Ministry of Health is giving priority to control of TB, malaria and AIDS.

In collaboration with experts from UNAIDS and WHO, the ministry held a workshop in 2004. The workshop estimated that there were 338,911 people who are infected with HIV and AIDS in Myanmar.

A similar workshop was held in 2005. The workshop estimated that the prevalence rate of HIV in the nation has been decreased from 1.5 per cent in 2000 to 1.3 per cent in 2005.

The prevention and control of HIV and AIDS was carried out along with foreign experts in 2006. Under the National Strategic Plan drawn in 2006-2010, measures for control of HIV are being taken in cooperation with the UN agencies and social organizations at home and abroad.

With the sponsorship of the Health Department, National Aids Programme (NAP),

UNAIDS and UNIC, a meeting on Enhancing Media Awareness on HIV control was held at the Summit Parkview Hotel here at 10 am today.

It was attended by officials from the Health Department, Information and Public Relations Department, News and Periodicals Enterprise, Myanmar Radio and Television, UNICEF, UNAIDS, NAP and UNIC, correspondents from Myanmar Foreign Correspondents Club, chief editors of journals, writers Chit San Win, Ma Sanda and Than Myint Aung.

The participants touched upon information on measures being taken for control of HIV and venerable disease, communications between departments, local authorities and media, conducting media courses on disease control, recording progress of work carried out, writing news, articles and stories on prevention of diseases and TV and Radio coverage.—MNA

## Invalid traditional medicine registrations and licences to be revoked

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Jan —Traditional Medicine Department under the Ministry of Health issued traditional medicine temporary registrations with a view to enabling the public to consume potent traditional medicines meeting the set standard. From 1997 to December 2006, 8,354 kinds of medicine were registered and 1,461 licences were issued. However, it was found that only the registrations of 3,188 kinds of medicine and 697 licences had been regularly renewed.

Therefore, the remaining traditional medicines are to be applied for registration and licence renewals and already invalid registrations and licences will be revoked in accord with the traditional medicine law, it is learnt. — MNA

## Chief Justice meets judges

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Jan — Chief Justice U Aung Toe met with judges of Supreme Court (Nay Pyi Taw) and Township Courts in Pyinmana District at the Supreme Court this morning.

Chief Justice U Aung Toe addressed the meeting. He said the government employees are to redress weaknesses in performing duties and they are also to conform to rules and regulations and codes of conduct, and serve the interests of the people. In addition, he stressed the need for improving work efficiency of the staff.

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*Chief Justice U Aung Toe delivers an address in meeting with judges.—MNA*



## Contemporary Art Show of Serbia open

YANGON, 11 Jan — The opening ceremony of Contemporary Art Show of Serbia organized by Embassy of the Republic of Serbia to the Union of Myanmar was held at National Museum on Pyay Road this afternoon.

It was attended by Rector U Tin Soe of University of Culture (Yangon) and officials, Chargé d' Affaires Mr Dragan Janekovic and officials of the embassy, journalists and guests.

Firstly, Mr Dragan Janekovic extended greetings at the ceremony.

Next, Rector U Tin Soe and Mr Dragan Janekovic formally opened the ceremony and those present viewed round the show.

The show will be opened till 23 January from 9 am to 4 pm.

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**Rector U Tin Soe and Chargé d' Affaires Mr Dragan Janekovic open Contemporary Art Show of Serbia.** — MNA

## H&T Minister inspects hotel services courses in Mandalay



Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing greets trainees of hotel services courses.

H & T

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Jan — Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing together with Director-General UHtay Aung of Directorate of Hotels and Tourism inspected hotel services courses being opened by Diamond Palace Co Ltd under the supervision of Directorate of Hotels and Tourism at Zaygyo Hotel in Mandalay yesterday.

The minister met with officials, course instructors and trainees.

Next, the director-general reported on the tourism sector in international and Myanmar, the importance of services and the assistance the ministry has provided for the entrepreneurs. — MNA



## PBANRDA Deputy Minister attends meeting of Shan State (East) and Kengtung Township DACs

YANGON, 10 Jan — Deputy Minister for Progress of Border Area and National Races and Development Affairs Col Tin Ngwe attended the meeting of Shan State (East) Development Affairs Committee and Kengtung Township Development Affairs Committee held at the meeting hall of the Shan State (East) DAC on 29 December.

After hearing reports on financial situation, supply of water, progress of the construction of roads and bridges in rural region and future tasks presented by Director U Hla Myo of the State DAC and Executive Officer U Khin Kyaw of Township DAC, the deputy minister stressed the need to draw a water supply plan and to carry out the task in accordance with the directives of the ministry.

Next, the deputy minister visited Nationalities Youth Development training school and vocational training school. — MNA

## Development facilities inspected in Shan State (North)

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Jan — Director-General U Than Swe of Department for Progress of Border Areas and National Races on 6 January inspected upgrading of Tarkaw-et-Mongpat-Pangsan Road in Shan State (North).

On 7 January, the director-general and party inspected condition of roads, construction of Weinkaung Monastery and repaving Mongpat-Pangsan Road in Weinkaung.

In Pangsan, he inspected the site for the Technical Training School for Youth of border areas, and met with those in charge of WFP, UNODC, GAA and AMI that are undertaking development of Wa region.

On 8 January, the director-general looked into construction of Mong-ar Bridge and other development facilities. In the afternoon, he presented stationery, uniforms and refreshments to teachers and students residing in villages along Pangsan-Tarkaw-et Road. — MNA

## Products of Cusson Int'l Ltd (England) donated to Hninzigon Home for the Aged

YANGON, 12 Jan — Imperial leather soap, baby products and kids soap manufactured by Cusson International Ltd (England) donated to the Hninzigon Home for the Aged yesterday.



A responsible person of Excel Co Ltd donates products manufactured by Cusson International Ltd (England) to an executive of Hninzigon Home for the Aged. — MNA

Imperial leather soap which contains palm oil can smoothen and whiten complexion and prevent skin disease. Cusson baby soap containing provitamin B-5 can protect the skin. Cusson baby oil, cusson skin lightening (M) lotion and cusson baby powder can prevent dry skin, and itchiness and smoothen complexion.

Cusson baby shampoo, cusson baby bath and cusson baby cologne are available and everyone regardless of age can use them. — MNA

## The Commerce Journal appears

YANGON, 12 Jan — Volume-7, No 1 of Commerce Journal has come out. The journal embraces follow-up political and economic news such as Myanmar Economic Representative's Office to be built in Nanning, ASEAN's economic activities in 2006 and activities of WTO. It also takes in special features on general knowledge of well-known writers, prices of export-import items and domestic and foreign goods prices. — MNA



### Wanin, Wanlon Village in...

(from page 16)

Dr Aye Aye Mu of the Loilem District's 200-bed hospital, provided free health care services and treatment to local people. They also donated medicines to the aged.

Moreover, Loilem District and Panglong Township Women's Affairs Organizations and Maternal and Child Welfare Associations also donated exercise books to students of the village's primary school. In the afternoon, Chairperson of Loilem District WAO Daw Nann Ngwe Htay and party met with residents at the monastery in the village and briefed on activities of the association to prevent human trafficking in the region.

As the village set up its power supply system, villagers can study books and watch TV at night at the village's library to broaden their horizons. Besides, residents can communicate to the entire nation as the trunk-

call and mail services have been provided by Myanma Posts and Telecommunications.

The villagers grow paddy, cabbage, orange and peas and beans and food is in surplus in the village. Now, there are over 16,000 layers in the village. Cattle bred in the village have been vaccinated by the Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department. Bamboo are abundant in the region and villagers earn extra income by selling utensils made of bamboo.

As part of effort to supply water to the village, Panglong Township Development Affairs Department built the brick tank which can store 6,000 gallons of water. There is also a 50-ton rice mill in Wanlon Village. Regarding the religious sector, the 135-ft high Maha Rahta Bhithamagi Pagoda was built in the village.

Thanks to the improved infrastructures for education, health and economic sectors, Panglong

Region is now on its track to development.

As part of the border areas development plan, Panglong University, Government Computer College, Government Technical College and Training School for Development of National Races were established in the region.

Wanlon and Wanin Villages have developed and combined to form the model village. Now, the model village enjoys the fruits of development in Panglong Region.—MNA



Opening ceremony of Wanin-Wanlon Model Village in progress.

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### Bel'Air (Paris) brand fragrant oil introduced



Managing Director of Falcon Global Co Ltd Daw Zarni Yu Le Aung speaks at introducing of Bel'Air (Paris) brand fragrant oil and products. — MNA

YANGON, 12 Jan — A ceremony to introduce Bel Air (Paris) brand fra-

nyunt BEHS No 4 in the second semifinal.

Lanmadaw BEHS No 1 and Pabedan BEHS No 2 will play as the final match of the tournament tomorrow.

MNA

grant oil and other products imported by Falcon Global Co Ltd from France was held at Sedona Hotel on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road, here, this afternoon.

Managing Director Daw Zarni Yu Le Aung of Falcon Global Co Ltd ex-

plained quality of the products and contribution towards reducing air pollution. Next, responsible persons of the company demonstrated the lamp with the use of fragrant oil.

Falcon Global Co Ltd of 239/243, Second

Floor, Summit Parkview Hotel on Ahlon Road in Dagon Township will distribute the cosmetic products to the entire nation. For further information, dial 211888 (extensions 239, 240, 241, 242 and 243). — MNA

### Inter-School Cricket Tournament Challenge Shield continues

YANGON, 12 Jan — The Inter-School Knock-Out Tournament Challenge Shield organized by Myanmar Cricket Federation continued today at Bahan Sports Ground at the

corner of Azarni and U Wisara Roads.

In the first semifinal of the tournament, Lanmadaw BEHS No 1 beat Latha BEHS No 1 and Pabedan BEHS No 2 beat Mingalar Taung-



Lanmadaw BEHS No 1 playing against Latha BEHS No 1 in semifinal of Inter-School Cricket Tournament. — MCF

### 10 objects from airplane found in South Sulawesi waters

JAKARTA, 12 Jan — About 10 objects found by the search and rescue team in Mallusetasi waters off Parepare, South Sulawesi, were confirmed Thursday as parts of a missing Adam Air airplane.

Elshinta radio station quoted Commander of Makassar Air Base First Air Marshal Eddy Suyanto on Thursday that those objects belong to Adam Air.

The objects are five tables, a safety vest, a seat cover, several objects made from fibreglass and even a footstep of jetliner wheel.

Suyanto also said a signal of a metal was detected in Majene waters, the location where the missing jetliner made its last contact with Makassar Airport.

"We find a signal of a metal in Majene waters. We still try to connect the

finding with the finding of the jetliner wreckage in Barru Regency," he said.

Majene waters were located southwest of Barru Regency, where the parts of wreckage of the Adam Air airplane were found.

The search and rescue team will focus its search activities of the missing Adam Air jetliner in Majene waters and Barru Regency, South Sulawesi, an official says.

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## Democrats rebuke Bush's new Iraq strategy

WASHINGTON, 12 Jan — US Democrats launched a fierce attack on President George W Bush's new Iraq strategy that he announced on Wednesday night, saying the new plan "moves the American commitment in Iraq in the wrong direction".

In the televised Democratic response immediately after Bush's Prime-Time address to the nation, Senate Democratic Whip Richard Durbin said "escalation of this war (in Iraq) is not the change the American people called for in the last election".

"Instead of a new direction, the President's plan moves the American commitment in Iraq in the wrong direction," he said.

Durbin blamed Bush for ignoring the "strong advice of most of his own top generals" by ordering more troops to Iraq.

"Twenty thousand American soldiers are too few to end this civil war in Iraq and too many American lives to risk on top of those we've already lost,"

Durbin said. Over 3,000 US soldiers have been killed in Iraq since the war started in March 2003.

"It's time for President Bush to face the reality of Iraq," and it is time to "begin the orderly redeployment of our troops so that they can begin coming home soon", he said.

In a joint statement following Bush's address, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer and Senate Democratic Whip Richard Durbin said that American voters "delivered a strong message of no confidence in the President's Iraq policy and clearly expressed their desire for a new direction" in last November's elections. — MNA/Xinhua



Indonesian health officials cull poultry in Tangerang, West Java Province, on 10 Jan, 2007. Indonesia has the highest human death toll from bird flu of any nation, and on Wednesday that number grew to 58 when a boy, from Tangerang near Jakarta, died, said the head of the Indonesian health ministry's bird flu centre. —INTERNET

## China develops bio-fuel farms

BEIJING, 12 Jan — China will set up 40,000-hectare farms in the southwest, growing plants that can be used to extract diesel fuel, as part of the search for alternative energies.

The farm will eventually be able to provide 60,000 tons of diesel fuel per year, according to the State Forestry Administration, which on Thursday signed the agreement with China National Petroleum Corporation, the country's largest oil and natural gas producer, to jointly develop the farm.

Jia Zhibang, director of the administration, said the cooperation is a key step for China to explore biological

resources, and will help reduce the country's heavy reliance on coal and other fossil fuels.

The farm, to be planted this year, is located in the southwestern provinces of Yunnan and Sichuan, Jia said, adding that the provinces of Hainan and Guizhou are two other ideal locations for growing bio-fuel plants.

Biological diesel oil is not only a solution to fuel shortages, it is both efficient and environ-

ment-friendly, experts have said.

China consumed energy equivalent to 2.23 billion tons of coal in 2005, while the country's domestic energy output was only 2.06 billion tons. The government has said it will encourage the development of renewable energies such as wind power, solar energy and biological fuels during its 11th Five-Year (2006-2010) Plan period.

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File photo shows Dee Caffari sailing into home waters near Southampton aboard Aviva on 21 May, 2006. Caffari, 33, became the first solo yachtswoman to sail non-stop around the world against the prevailing winds and currents when she crossed the finish line off the coast of Cornwall recently. — INTERNET

## UN chief urges closure of prison at Guantanamo Bay

UNITED NATIONS, 12 Jan — United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said Thursday that the United States should close the prison at Guantanamo Bay, where suspected terrorists were held and abuses reported.

Ban made the remarks at his first formal Press conference since taking office as the UN chief on 1 January.

MNA/Xinhua

## US pacifists protest against Guantanamo Bay prison

HAVANA, 12 Jan — A group of American pacifists on Thursday held protest demonstrations outside the US Guantanamo Bay military base, demanding the closure of a prison set up there for jailing what Washington brands as terror suspects.

The demonstrators marched from the city of Guantanamo to the edge of the military base to mark the fifth anniversary of the facility being used as a prison.

The march was led by Cindy Sheehan, a well-known anti-Iraq war activist whose serviceman son was killed in Iraq, Adel Wely, whose son died in the 9/11 attacks on the New York World Trade Centre, and Tiffany Burns, an activist with the human rights group Gold Star Families for Peace.

Also marching were Zohra Shaban Zewawi and Taher Deghayes, the mother and brother respectively of a detainee

Omar Deghayes, who has been held there for five years, and Ann Wright, a Colonel who resigned from her military post because she disagreed with the war in Iraq.

The activists demanded the US close what they described as a "concentration camp" and called for the prisoners to receive appropriate, humane treatment supervised by the Red Cross.

MNA/Xinhua



XE Mobile, the nations sexy, new pay-as-you-go wireless service designed to meet the needs and lifestyles of the youth and college age market, is showcasing the first Sony Ericsson Walkman phone for the pay-as-you-go market to wireless technology buyers descending to Las Vegas this week for the start of the 2007 Consumer Electronics Show. — INTERNET



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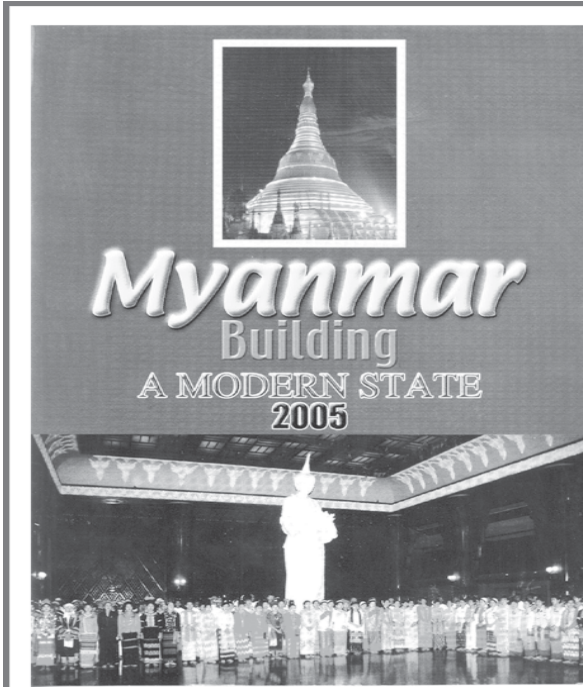
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**Algerian President meets  
IAEA chief**

ALGIERS, 11 Jan—Algerian President Abdelaziz Bouteflika on Tuesday met with International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)'s general director Mohamed ElBaradei, reaffirming the willingness to continue cooperation in the peaceful use of nuclear technology.

Bouteflika and ElBaradei on Tuesday attended the conference on the contribution of nuclear technology to peace and sustainable development in Africa.

In the opening remarks, ElBaradei reaffirmed his agency's willingness to cooperate with African countries in domain of nuclear technology. — MNA/Xinhua



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**China-ASEAN service trade  
expected to rise**

BEIJING, 11 Jan— The service trade between China and ASEAN (the Association of South-East Asian Nations) is expected to grow by a large margin in 2007, according to Lu Jianren, an economist with the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS).

Lu made the remarks on Wednesday in a seminar on China-ASEAN economic and trade relations.

Lu said China and ASEAN member states

have their respective edge in the service industry, as China is competitive in computer service, Singapore in financial, legal and exhibition services, Thailand in tourist service.

Lu pointed out that with the great gap between different countries in different service sectors, it is difficult and challenging for these countries to fully open their service industry to other countries.

If China and ASEAN could sign agreements to further reduce access restrictions on their domestic service industry, the service trade between the two sides could see a big increase,

Lu added.

The stable economic development of the US and Japan, China and ASEAN, the expanding international trade volume and a steady oil price would create favourable conditions for further step-up of China-ASEAN economic and trade relations, Lu noted.

However, the possible outbreak of bird flu, natural disasters, regional security and global financial risks would slow down the increase of the trade. Lu said the China-ASEAN trade volume would continue to increase by about 20 per cent in the year of 2007 despite the negative factors.

MNA/Xinhua

**EU, Japan agree to  
step up Doha efforts**

BRUSSELS, 11 Jan—European Union (EU) Trade Commissioner Peter Mandelson and Japanese Trade Minister Akira Amari on Wednesday expressed their joint commitment to an early and ambitious final agreement in the Doha world trade talks.

The two leaders made the aspiration after their meeting in Brussels.

According to a Press release issued by Mandelson's office, Mandelson and Amari discussed recent developments in the Doha negotiation and agreed to step up their efforts to reach an early and ambitious agreement.

"Both Europe and Japan recognize a narrow window of opportunity between now and Easter 2007 in which the Doha negotiation can be completed," said the Press release. Speaking after the meeting, Mandelson said Europe and Japan "have agreed to join other WTO members in giving fresh impetus to the Doha negotiations".

The meeting between Amari and Mandelson follows meetings in Washington on Monday between US President George W Bush and European Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso as well as that between Mandelson and US Trade Representative Susan Schwab. At these meetings both sides expressed a strong commitment to complete the Doha negotiation.

MNA/Xinhua

**Egypt, Turkey trade to  
reach \$5b in five years**

CAIRO, 11 Jan— Egyptian Minister of Trade and Industry Rachid Mohamed Rachid on Wednesday said trade exchange with Turkey would hit five billion US dollars in five years, from the current 1.1 billion dollars, Egyptian official MENA news agency reported. Rachid made the prediction at a seminar attended by Turkish Minister of State for Foreign Trade Kursad Tuzmen, who paid a three-day visit to Egypt in the day. He also said that a trade cooperation agreement between the two

nations would be put into effect as of February, whereby Customs tariffs between both sides would be cancelled for 15 years.

According to a Press release by the Egyptian ministry, Rachid signed a memorandum of understanding with Tuzmen to begin preparations for the establishment of the first industrial park in Egypt for Turkish manufacturers.

The industrial zone, with a total area of two million square metres, will be located in the 6th of October City in Cairo suburb, said the ministry.

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## Sales of Chinese automaker Chery jump 61% in 2006

**BEIJING, 11 Jan—** Chery Automobile sold 305,200 cars in 2006, surging 61 per cent year on year, the highest growth ever recorded by a Chinese-brand carmaker.

Chery, which was established nine years ago in eastern China's Anhui Province, saw annual sales growth by more than 100,000 in 2005 and 2006, according to the company.

Chery ranked fourth in volume among passenger vehicle manufacturers in China last year, according to the China Auto News website.

Sino-foreign joint ventures, including Shanghai GM, Shanghai Volkswagen and FAW-Volkswagen, were China's top three

producers of passenger vehicles in 2006.

Auto sales in China have been booming since its accession to the World Trade Organization in 2001. Car sales in China were up 40 per cent last year, according to figures from the China Association of Automobile Manufacturers.

The US Chrysler Group confirmed last week that it had reached an agreement in principle with Chery to distribute Chery-made small vehicles internationally. Chrysler Group

officials said the Chery-made vehicles, which would be sold under Chrysler Group brands, would attract new customers among the young and entry-level buyers, two areas in which Chrysler does not currently compete.

Chery exported 50,000 cars last year, a 178-per cent surge from 18,000 in 2005. — MNA/Xinhua



A woman cleans her flooded house in the southern Malaysian state of Johor. Malaysia's south has been hit by a second wave of flooding, with two days of downpours forcing more than 10,000 people to flee their homes.—INTERNET

## Hydro project padlocked in Nepal

**KATHMANDU, 11 Jan—** Nepali residents padlocked the gate of the Chilime Hydro Power Project (CHPP), Nepali national news agency RSS reported on Wednesday.

The Chilime Public Hydel Concern Committee (CPHCC) backed by the Communist Party of Nepal (CPN) padlocked the Head

Box of the Chilime Hydro Power Project (CHPP) of Rasuwa District, some 150 kilometres north of Kathmandu, forcing

stoppage of electricity production on Tuesday.

The CPHCC, putting forward various demands, including free power supply,

ambulance service and scholarship to residents of the affected area including Syaphru, Chilime and Goljhung Village Development Committees of the district padlocked the main entrance gate of the project. The project has been producing 12 mega watt electricity while its actual capacity is 20 mega watt.

Electricity generation in the project came to a halt Tuesday, project chief Pralhad Chaudhari said, adding that the local customers would have to face additional load-shedding if electricity production from the project continues to be halted. He noted that even if they wanted to fulfil the demands of the CHCC, they would not be able to do so because it was against the policy of the Nepal Electricity Authority (NEA).

MNA/Xinhua

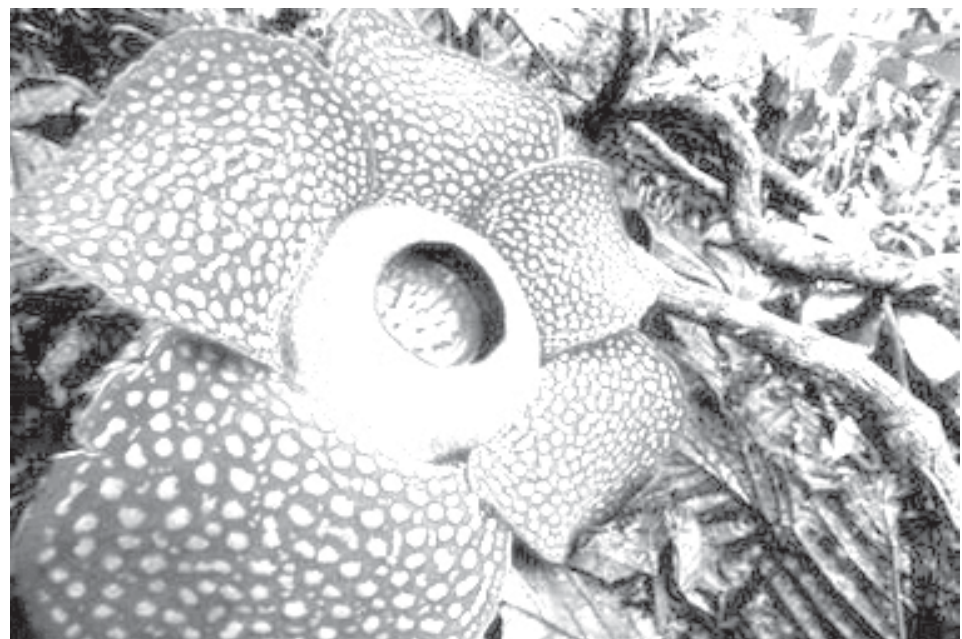
## Belgian doctors keep handicapped children small

**BRUSSELS, 11 Jan —** Belgian doctors are using hormones to slow the growth of severely handicapped children, Belgian newspaper *Het Laatste Nieuws* reported on Tuesday.

The newspaper reported that a pediatrician at Antwerp's Academic Hospital says parents often want such children to remain small so that they are easier to care for. However, the newspaper failed to elaborate on specific cases.

Last week, the fact that US doctors used surgery and hormones to keep a 9-year-old girl small made international news. The parents of the seriously handicapped girl have also had her sterilized to prevent the onset of puberty and stop her developing breasts. The administration of hormones means she will not grow any more.

The medical treatment being used in Belgium is less radical than in the US case, said the newspaper. MNA/Xinhua



This photo taken in Batang Palupuh, Sumatra, Indonesia, in July 2005 shows the plant *Rafflesia arnoldii*. Scientists have used genetic analysis to solve the long-standing mystery of the lineage of the rafflesia flower, known for its blood-red bloom measuring three feet (1 metre) wide and its nauseating stench of rotting flesh published in the journal *Science* on 11 Jan, 2007.—INTERNET

## Thousands of birds fall from sky in Australia

**CANBERRA, 11 Jan—** Thousands of birds have fallen from the skies in a town in Western Australia while no one can explain why.

All the residents of flood-devastated Esperance, a town some 725 kilometres southeast of Western Australia's capital of Perth, found their "dawn chorus" of singing birds is now missing, Australia's leading daily *The Australian* reported on Wednesday.

"It's very substantial. We estimate several thousand birds are dead, although we don't have a

clear number because of the large areas of bushland," District Nature Conservation coordinator Mike Fitzgerald was quoted as saying.

The first reports of birds dropping dead in people's yards came in three weeks ago and more than 500 deaths had since been notified. But the calls stopped suddenly last week, because no birds were left,

said the report. The main casualties are wattle birds, yellow-throated miners, new holland honeyeaters and singing honeyeaters, together with some dead crows, hawks and pigeons, the newspaper said.

Greame Hamilton, chief executive of Birds Australia, the nation's main bird conservation group, was quoted as saying "you'd have to call

that a most unusual event and one that we'd all have to be concerned about".

A series of autopsies have been conducted but the cause of the event is still a mystery. The Department of Agriculture and Food, which conducted the autopsies, has almost ruled out an infectious process, according to the newspaper.—MNA/Xinhua



A general view of the Brani terminal of the PSA Corporation Pte Ltd in Singapore, on 11 Jan, 2007. Singapore, the centre for trade between Asia and the rest of the world, moved a record 24.8 million containers in 2006, confirming the city-state's position as the world's busiest port.—INTERNET



# SPORTS

## Second monthly gong for Ron



**Cristiano Ronaldo.**

INTERNET

LONDON, 12 Jan — Cristiano Ronaldo has won the Barclays Player of the Month award for the second month in a row.

Following on from his November prize, the Manchester United winger has become only the third player to win consecutive awards.

The 21-year-old continued his fine form at the end of 2006 with six goals in seven games in December.

Ronaldo began the month with a goal in the 3-1 win over rivals Manchester City before he

bagged a brace in the away victory at Aston Villa.

A further pair of goals followed in the wins over Wigan and Reading at Old Trafford.

The excellent goal-scoring month has left Ronaldo just one goal back of Didier Drogba in the race for this season's Golden Boot.

It is the first time in almost 10 years that a player has won the player of the month award in succession.

"Ronaldo continued his fine form from November and said goodbye to 2006 in fantastic style," Barclays Awards Panel member Jim Hytner said.

"His pace, quick feet and eye for goal are proving to be a real handful for defences at the moment, as his return of seven goals from six games in December illustrates." —*Internet*

## Galaxy owner backs Becks



**David Beckham**

INTERNET

LOS ANGELES, 11 Jan — The LA Galaxy owners expect David Beckham to have a massive impact on United States soccer.

The head of Galaxy's parent company Anschutz Entertainment Group (AEG) also believes the former England captain will help US soccer catch up with the rest of the world.

Beckham is to sign a five-year deal with the Major League Soccer side expected to be worth around £128million.

"David Beckham will have a greater impact on soccer in America than any athlete has ever had on a sport globally," Timo-

thy J Leiweke, president of AEG, told the LA Galaxy website.

"We are acquiring an individual that will not only be the best ambassador and the best role model for athletes and fans of soccer but the best example of what any athlete can and should be.

"David is truly the only individual that can build the 'bridge' between soccer in America and the rest of the world," added Leiweke.

Beckham becomes the first MLS player acquired via the League's new Designated Player Rule which allows the signing of players whose salary falls outside the team salary budget.

The head of MLS is also delighted to have Beckham joining the league.

"David Beckham is a global sports icon who will transcend the sport of soccer in America," said MLS Commissioner Don Garber.

*Internet*

## Arsenal ready Wenger deal



**Arsene Wenger.**

INTERNET

LONDON, 12 Jan — Arsenal are reportedly ready to tie manager Arsene Wenger to a long-term contract at Emirates Stadium, with reports claiming they are readying a £3 million-a-year deal for the Frenchman.

Given the fact Wenger has established himself as the most successful manager in the club's history since arriving in North London in September 1996, it is no sur-

prise Arsenal are desperate to secure his services beyond his current contract, which expires next year.

Wenger's innate ability to spot and then mould young talent from across the globe was underlined by the manner in which his team of starlets demolished Liverpool at Anfield on Tuesday night and, understandably, Arsenal are eager for their development to be overseen by the man who brought them to the capital.

Arsenal's board have often spoken of a desire to keep Wenger at the club for life but it is thought he is not ready to commit the rest of his days just yet, with a new deal until 2011 the current length of contract being mooted. —*Internet*

## Rafa demands more money



**Rafa Benitez.**

INTERNET

LONDON, 12 Jan — Rafa Benitez has called on the Anfield board to back him with more money and to move quicker in the transfer market.

The Liverpool boss has taken the unusual move to condemn his club's own actions in the transfer market as he

feels The Reds are missing out on some top talent.

Benitez was speaking after seeing Arsenal's second string tear his own reserves apart on Tuesday as they cruised to a 6-3 victory.

"If Arsenal can play nine reserves and score six at Anfield, people should be asking why," said Benitez.

"It's not because of one game, it's because of many reasons.

"There is a lesson for the whole of our club. That lesson is that if you want to compete at the top level you must be able to spend a lot of money - not only on your first team but on the young players and the

reserves.

"My scouting department has done an excellent job but sometimes we go too slowly as a club to make signings we need.

"We need to work quickly. And when we do, there is not a lot of money. Arsenal spent £4million on Abou Diaby, £4million on Denilson, £8million on Theo Walcott and Julio Baptista is a £22million player.

"Arsenal have two or three players, for example, who we were monitoring but couldn't sign because we didn't have enough money." —*Internet*

*Internet*

## Science to meet football in southern Turkey

ANKARA, 12 Jan — The Sixth World Congress on Science and Football will be held at the Hotel Kervansaray in Antalya in southern Turkey on 15-20 January, *Turkish Daily News* reported on Thursday.

The congress, hosted by Ankara University and the Middle East Technical University (METU), aims to take a scientific look at soccer, American football, Gaelic football, rugby and Australian Rules football.

In addition to round table talks offering an analytical insight to the 2006 World Cup, in which six coaches including Turkish national soccer squad's Fatih Terim and World Cup winner Italy's Marcello Lippi will participate.

*MNA/Xinhua*

## Shevchenko: I'm not moving



**Andrei Shevchenko.**

INTERNET

LONDON, 12 Jan — Andrei Shevchenko insists he is 'not interested' in a move away from Chelsea.

The £30million striker has struggled to make an impact in the Premiership since joining from Milan last summer.

He has scored just three times in 20 league appearances and has yet to fully

earn the trust of manager Jose Mourinho.

The Ukraine ace has been linked with a January switch to Real Madrid in a bid to recapture his best form.

But Shevchenko, who is carrying a minor hamstring injury, has refuted the rumours, stating his intention to see out his career at Chelsea.

"There will be no transfer," Shevchenko is quoted in *The Sun*.

"I'm a Chelsea player and I've got a lot vested in this club.

"I want to finish my career at Chelsea. I'm not interested in a move to Real Madrid or anyone else. —*Internet*

## Beckham still talking to Madrid over new contract

MADRID, 12 Jan — David Beckham is still in negotiations with Real Madrid about a new contract and reports to the contrary follow misinterpreted comments by Real's sporting director, the club and the player's spokesman said on Wednesday.

Sky Italia said earlier that Real's Predrag Mijatovic had told the channel Beckham's contract would not be renewed and that he would leave.

A verbatim translation of the telephone conversation between the interviewer and Mijatovic went as follows:

"Will Beckham's contract be renewed?"

"No (pause) no. Beckham's contract has not been renewed."

*MNA/Xinhua*

## Lamizana leads Shandong to 98-95 win over Beijing

BEIJING, 12 Jan — Herve Lamizana led Shandong Flaming Bulls to a 12-2 run down the stretch to beat Beijing Ducks 98-95 Wednesday in a 20th round match of the Chinese Basketball Association league (CBA).

Trailing 82-71 at the start of the fourth quarter, Shandong pitched out the pair of foreign players, Lamizana and Mack Tuck, to usurp the lead on 96-93 with less than a minute to go.

Point guard Zhang Yunsong closed it on 96-95 with a layup with 22 seconds left but Lou Yandong buried both free-throws to secure the win.

*MNA/Xinhua*



# Poll shows Canadians prefer Democrat in 2008 US election

OTTAWA, 12 Jan — A landslide majority of Canadians want their neighbouring Americans to choose a Democrat as their next president in the 2008 election, a new poll suggests. The Decima Research surveyed 1,028 Canadians on 4-8 January and found that 47 per cent wanted a Democrat to

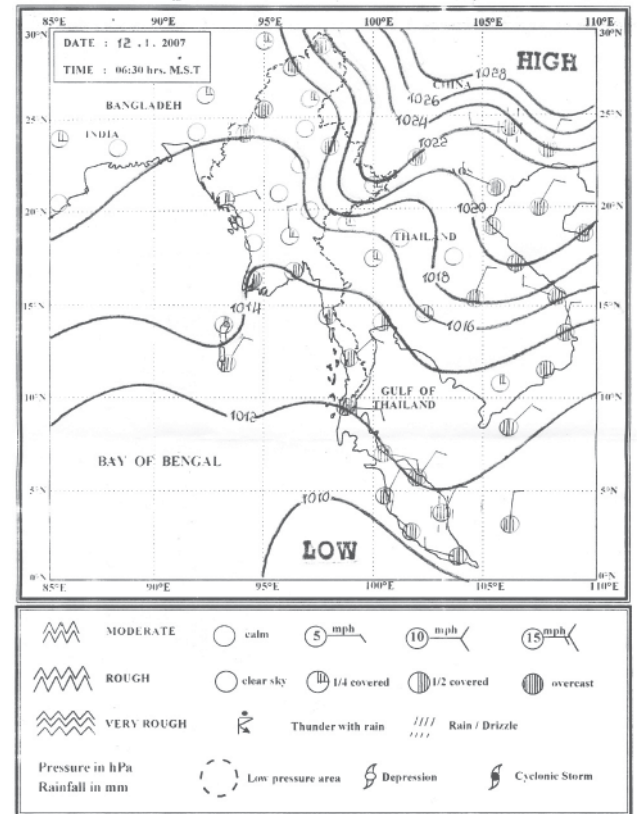
replace current US President George W Bush in the White House in 2008, compared with just 12 per cent who wanted a Republican. Forty-two per cent did not offer an opinion. The Decima Research survey was provided to the Canadian Press on Wednesday as President Bush was releasing his new

plan for the war in Iraq. The failed war effort has hurt the Republican President's popularity not only in the US but also in Canada. "Disappointment with the Bush Administration is running high in the US and certainly in Canada as well," said Decima CEO Bruce Anderson.

"The traditional tilt of Canadians toward the Democrats is more pronounced right now," he said. Canada's Conservative government of Prime Minister Stephen Harper has made improving relations with the White House a key part of its foreign policy.

MNA/Xinhua

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



## WEATHER

Friday, 12 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 (3°C) to (4°C) below normal in Chin, Rakhine, Kayin, Mon States, Magway and Yangon Divisions, (4°C) above normal in Taninthayi Division and about normal in the remaining states and divisions. The significant night temperatures were Haka (0°C), Pinlaung (1°C), Namhsam and Heho (2°C) each.

Maximum temperature on 11-1-2007 was 95°F. Minimum temperature on 12-1-2007 was 60°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 12-1-2007 was 78%. Total sunshine hours on 11-1-2007 was (8.4) hours approx.

Rainfalls on 12-1-2007 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 (4) mph from North at (09:30) hours MST on 12-1-2007.

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

**Forecast valid until evening of 13-1-2007:** Weather will be partly cloudy in Kachin State and Taninthayi Division and generally fair in the remaining states and divisions.

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

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

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 13-1-2007:** Fair weather.

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 13-1-2007:** Fair weather.

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 13-1-2007:** Fair weather.

**Weather outlook for third weekend of January 2007:** During the coming weekend, weather will be partly cloudy in Yangon Division and generally fair in Nay Pyi Taw and Mandalay Division.



Saturday, 13 January  
View on today

7:00 am

1. ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကုန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃာ့မဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့၊ အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ချုပ်၊ အဘိဓမ္မမဟာရဋ္ဌဂုရု၊ အဘိဓမ္မမဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မဇောတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော် ဘဒ္ဒန္တ ဝိစိတ္တသာရာ ဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am

2. To be healthy exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning news

7:40 am

4. Nice and sweet song

7:50 am

5. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:00 am

6. Musical programme

8:10 am

7. မိုးယွန်းကြီး ရေထိန်းတံခါး

8:15 am

8. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:30 am

9. International news

8:45 am

10. Grammar Made Easy

11:00 am

1. Martial song

11:15 am

2. Musical programme

11:30 am

3. News

11:40 am

4. Games for children

12:05 pm

5. ကြားမြင်သုတပြည့်ဝစေရာ စာပဒေသာ

12:15 pm

6. "တို့တစ်ရွာလုံးချမ်းသာပြီ" (ဆန်းထွဋ်၊ အကယ်ဒမီဇော်ဦး၊ မိုးဒီ၊ ငွေတောင်၊ သူသူဟံသာ၊ တက္ကသိုလ်ဂွမ်းပုံ) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-တင်အောင်ရွှေ-သူတေသီ)

12:50 pm

7. Dance of national races

1:10 pm

8. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

1:25 pm

9. ယူချောင်းတံတား

1:40 pm

10. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

1:55 pm

11. Song of national races

2:15 pm

12. "အလျော်အစား" (ဇင်ဝိုင်း၊ ငွေစင်ထွန်း၊ ခင်သန်းနွယ်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ကျော်စောလင်း)

2:30 pm

13. သုံးဆယ်ရေလှောင်တံ

2:45 pm

14. International news

4:00 pm

1. Martial song

4:15 pm

2. Song to uphold National Spirit

4:30 pm

3. English for Everyday Use

4:45 pm

4. မြူးမြူးကြွကြွ ယဉ်ကျေးမှုအက

4:55 pm

5. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ -တတိယနှစ် (ရုက္ခဗေဒအထူးပြု) (ရုက္ခဗေဒ)

5:10 pm

6. Musical programme

5:20 pm

7. မြင်းခြံစိန်ခင်းဆိုင်းအဖွဲ့ ဖျော်ဖြေခန်း

5:35 pm

8. ရသပေါ်လွင် သရုပ်ဆောင်လွင်ပြင်

6:00 pm

9. Evening news

6:30 pm

10. Weather report

6:35 pm

11. အလှူရှာမယ် လှူကမ္ဘာဝယ်

7:00 pm

12. အစဉ်အလာကောင်းမည့် လှိုင်းချောင်းတံ

7:10 pm

13. နိုင်ငံခြား ဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ကြယ်ကြွေရင်ခုန်သံ" (အပိုင်း-၁၁)

8:00 pm

14. News

15. International news

16. Weather report

17. နိုင်ငံခြား ဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "လှပသောနေ့ရက်များ" (အပိုင်း-၁၅)

18. The next day's programme



Saturday, 13 January  
Tune in today

8:30 am Brief news

8:35 am Music:

-Radio

8:40 am Perspectives

8:45 am Music:

-I remember you

8:50 am National news

9:00 am Music:

-The day we find love

9:05 am International news

9:10 am Music:

-Cherri Cherri lady

1:30 pm News / Slogan

1:40 pm Music at your request/Lunch time music:

-Heaven

-Always somewhere

9:00 pm ASEAN news

9:10 pm Article

9:20 pm Myanmar culture...Dr Khin Maung Nyunt

9:30 pm Souvenirs

-Love me tender

-Hello I love you

9:45 pm News / Slogan

10:00 pm PEL

### ASLEEP IN JESUS Cyril JW Boudville (a) U Tin Htut UNDP (Rtd), FIFA-Referee (Rtd) Old Albertian Age (80) yrs

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# Progress of breeding zones inspected in Tatkon Township

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Jan — The Union Solidarity and Development Association (Central) is undertaking cow breeding in Breeding Zone No 1 at Kangyi Village of Tatkon Township.

Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein and Director-General U Maung Maung Nyunt of the Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department on 11 January inspected the milch cow farm of the USDA, and fulfilled the requirements.

The minister and party viewed the milch cow farm of U Hla Myo Kyaw at Breeding Zone No 1 and fulfilled the requirements.

The minister also visited the goat farm of U Nay Lin Aung, and instructed officials to vaccinate the animals.

At No 2 breeding zone in Shwemyo Village of Tatkon Township, the minister inspected construction of the Feedstuff and Animal Medicine Factory of Mandalay Division Breeding Federation.

The minister also inspected the milch cow farm of U Maung Maung Lwin at the breeding zone No 2, and attended to the needs.

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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.

# Wanin, Wanlon village in Panglong region enjoy fruits of development

## Model village set up in border area

YANGON, 12 Jan — While the government is making efforts for all-round development of the State, many villages have emerged as model villages across the country.

Wanin Wanlon

Village in Panglong Township, Loilem District, Shan State (South) became the model village of the district on 23 December. Head of Panglong Township Administration Department U Naing Win and two

townselders formally opened the village which is upgraded to the model one.

It is in Panglong Township that the national solidarity of Myanmar was forged to regain the independence.

There is a historic monument to mark the national solidarity.

The model village of the township is located on the road linking Loilem and Panglong and is easily accessible.

At the opening ceremony, wellwishers donated books and cash to the village library through the head of Panglong Township Information and Public Relations Department.

After the opening ceremony, a medical team led by Physician (See page 10)



A wellwisher donates K 30,000 for Wanin Model Village self-reliance library to an official. — MNA

## As part of the border areas development plan, Panglong University, Government Computer College, Government Technical College and Training School for Development of National Races were established in the region.

### ASEAN FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP 2006

## Myanmar plays 1-1 draw with Thailand

YANGON, 12 Jan — The ASEAN Football Championship 2006 commenced at Suphachalasai Stadium in Thailand today.

At 7 pm local time, Myanmar and Thai national soccer teams held the second match of the Group (A), and they played a 1-1 draw.

Striker Sithu Win scored an opening goal for Myanmar team at the 25th minute. Till the break, Myanmar led the plays with only goal.

Furthermore, Myanmar was able to lead

the match till 90 minutes. During the dying minutes of the injury time, Thai team took an equalizer, and the match ended with a one-all draw.

In the first match of the Group (A), Malaysian National Team routed Philippine National Team with a 4-0 result.

Myanmar National Team is to play against Malaysian Team at 4.30 pm local time on 14 January.

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### INSIDE

*Alfred Nobel, who initiated Nobel Prize, made his will to award Nobel Prizes for world peace and development. Nonetheless, some Nobel Prize winners are now blatantly interfering in internal affairs and stirring up unrest in other nations to the liking of the colonialists.*

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