

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

Myanmar's affairs internal affairs and it does not pose any threat to regional and international peace and security

Attempt of US and Britain to interfere in internal affairs of Myanmar abortive

China, Russian Federation cast double veto of draft resolution, proposed by US, Britain to interfere in Myanmar's internal affairs, for consideration at UN Security Council

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Jan—The US government, for its own interest, is trying to interfere in the internal affairs of Myanmar. On 1 September 2006, US Ambassador to UN John Boltan submitted a resolution on Myanmar's affairs to be put on the UNSC agenda, saying that Myanmar's affairs posed a threat to regional and international peace and security, and put pressure on and persuaded other nations to express their support.

Regarding the US submission, the draft resolution was put to the vote at the UNSC on 15 September, and was approved by 10 votes to four with one abstention. And a resolution was passed to put Myanmar on the UNSC agenda under the title of "Situation in Myanmar".

The People's Republic of China and Russian Federation were two of the countries that objected

the resolution, saying that Myanmar's was an internal affairs and it did not pose any threat to regional and international peace and security, so it should not be put on the agenda. The two countries

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are UNSC permanent members with veto.

To approve the resolution needed the favour of at least nine of the 15 UNSC members, and so it was thus passed to put on the agenda as "Situation in Myanmar".

It is learnt that the US, in its bid to achieve its goal, not only made slanderous and groundless accusations against Myanmar but also put pressure on and persuaded other member countries.

Its baseless accusations included continuing detention of political inmates; violation of human rights by oppressing ethnic minorities in the eastern Myanmar; incapability of controlling local epidemic of HIV, TB and malaria; and failure to eliminate production of narcotic drugs.

On the basis of the fact that Myanmar's affairs posed no threat to regional and international peace and security, the government and the people of Myanmar objected and turned down the resolution, saying that they did not think the attempt to put Myanmar on the agenda was correct and just.

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Water treatment plant for cleanliness of urban environments

Rapid growth of world population and urban development cause a huge effect on the environment. In Myanmar, the population is growing and the number of the people who move to urban areas is on the increase. So, new housing estates are being built in the cities across the country.

With an increasing population and developing trade and commerce, Yangon is taking measures for sprucing up its urban areas.

The water treatment plant built by Yangon City Development Committee in Thanlyetsun, Yangon, was put into commission on 22 December 2006. The plant can treat about three million gallons of sewage not only from six townships of Yangon but also from private sewage tanks a day.

In Yangon, sewage was released traditionally in the past, thus causing water pollution. So, the activated sludge process system was launched in 1887. Starting from 1888, sewage was carried with the use of 40 sewage tanks and thrown into the Yangon River. And the sewage from the townships that had no sewage pipelines was carried with vacuum trucks and released to the river through the sewage tank.

Now, the water treatment system is used to release the sewage instead of directly releasing sewage into the rivers and creeks. So, it prevents water pollution in the Yangon River as well as air pollution along the port to a certain degree, and contributes towards cleanliness of urban areas.

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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

Nepalese journalists delegation meets MD of News and Periodicals Enterprise

YANGON, 13 Jan — A five-member journalist delegation led by President of Nepalese Journalists Association Mr Manju Ratna Sakya called on Managing Director U Soe Win of News and Periodicals Enterprise of the Ministry of Information at the hall of the New Light of Myanmar Daily on Strand Road, here, this afternoon.

Also present on the occasion were Director (News) U Win Tin, chief editors and officials.

The managing director presented documentaries on the National Convention and development of the nation, books



NPE Managing Director U Soe Win presents publications of the Ministry of Information to the President of the Nepalese Journalists Association. — MNA

on press conferences and collective articles to the President of the Nepalese Journalists Association.

In the evening, the managing director hosted a dinner in honour of the Nepalese del-

egation at Queen Park Hotel at the corner of Anawrahta and Bo Myat Tun Street. — MNA

Lanmadaw BEHS No 1 emerges champion in Inter-School Cricket Tournament

YANGON, 13 Jan — Organized by Myanmar Cricket Federation, the final match of Inter-School Knock-out Challenge Shield 2006-07 took place at Bahan Sports Ground at the corner of Arzani Beikman and U Wisara Roads this morning, attended by MCF President U Nyunt Win, Vice-President U Kyaw Kyaw (Myanmar Pride International Ltd) and executives, Director-General U Aye Kyu of Department of Basic Education No 3 and officials, guests and cricket fans. In the final match, Lanmadaw BEHS No 1 clinched the title by winning over Pabedan BEHS No 2.

Wai Phyo Naing and Thawzin of Lanmadaw BEHS No 1 won the best batsman and best bowler awards and Min Hein Khant of Mingala Taungnyunt BEHS No 4 bagged the best all-rounder award in the tournament and they were presented K 5,000 each. Four consolation prize winning teams were also presented K 20,000 each.

Later, the President of MCF presented cash award K 40,000 to run-



Director-General U Aye Kyu presents shield to Lanmadaw BEHS No 1 Cricket team. — MNA

ner-up Pabedan BEHS No 2 and the director-general

awarded shield, duplicate and cash award K 70,000

to Lanmadaw BEHS No 1. — MNA

Fires break out in Maubin, Mudon, Bago, Mogaung

YANGON, 13 Jan — A fire that started from electric shock broke out at the shop of U Than Soe at Aung Yadana Market in Ward 4 of Maubin at 9 am on 11 January.

A total of 26 members of Auxiliary Fire Brigade and Fire Services Department put out the fire. Loss of one electric meter box and bamboo hats were estimated to be about K 33,000.

Likewise, a fire broke out at the rubber farm of Myanma Agriculture

Services in Beyan Village of Mudon Township the same morning. It was started from the negligence of passers-by. A total of 17 fire servicemen put out the fire. In this incident, the flame caused damage to about 700 rubber saplings worth about K 300,000.

At 2 pm today, the house of Daw Khin Yi (a) Daw Bar Du of 322, Yamakyaung Road in Kunthaya Ward in Bago caught fire, starting from her stove. The fire was put

under control by 35 fire servicemen. Two houses were destroyed by the fire. A total of 13 people were left homeless and the property worth about K 150,000 were destroyed.

At 7 pm on the same day, a fire broke out at the house of U Than Hlaing of No La/1 in Ale Ward of Mogaung Township. A total of 50 fire servicemen put out the fire. The fire caused damage to one house and one three-apartment quarters estimated at K 700,000. — MNA

Hu vows to take constructive approach to M-E issue

BEIJING, 12 Jan— Chinese President Hu Jintao said on Thursday that China will continue to play a constructive role on the Middle East issue.

“China will work with the international community and take a constructive approach to solving the Middle East issue in an all-round, impartial, long-term manner,” said Hu in a meeting with visiting Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert.

Hu urged the parties concerned to make concerted efforts for an early solution to the Middle East

issue based on relevant UN resolutions and the principle of “land-for-peace”.

The early solution of the Middle East issue is the common aspiration of the people in the region and the international community, Hu added.

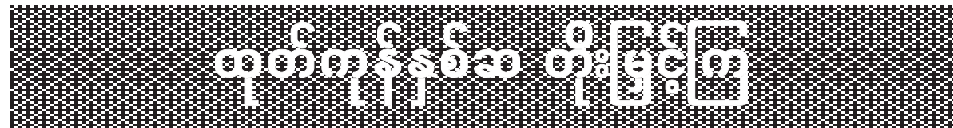
Olmert expressed his appreciation of China's stance of fairness in promoting the peace process in the Middle East, hoping China could continue to play a role in this regard.

This year marks the 15th anniversary of the founding of diplomatic relations between China and Israel,

and Hu and Olmert spoke positively of the development of bilateral relations.

Hu said he hopes the two countries could further their relations following their cooperation in such fields as trade, technology, agriculture, culture and education.

Olmert echoed Hu's views, saying his country is willing to further relations with China and cooperate in trade and economy, technology, research and development, information, agriculture, irrigation and culture.—MNA/Xinhua



Kunqu Opera Museum reopens after renovation in Suzhou, east China's Jiangsu Province, on 11 Jan, 2007. —XINHUA

US soldier jailed for Iraq deaths

BAGHDAD, 12 Jan—A US soldier has been sentenced to 18 years in jail after pleading guilty to murdering three Iraqis.

At a military trial, Specialist William Hunsaker admitted allowing three detainees to run away before “taking careful aim” and shooting them.

He had agreed to help prosecutors bring cases against three others accused of involvement in the killings. The detainees died during a US military operation near the Thar Thar Canal near Tikrit in northern Iraq on 9 May.

Hunsaker, 24, is the second soldier to plead guilty to charges over the killings.

On Tuesday Spc Justin Graber admitted a charge of aggravated assault with a dangerous weapon and was sentenced to nine months in jail.—Internet

Pentagon memo predicts 10,000 or more American soldiers could die in Iraq by 2008

WASHINGTON, 12 Jan— Pentagon planners this week warned President George W Bush that his “troop surge” plan could double US casualties in Iraq in the coming year and result in 10,000 or more American deaths by the end of 2008.

In a classified assessment memo, military experts predicted violence against US troops will increase “at a sustained pace” and concluded that increasing the use of

soldiers for house to house searches in Baghdad will “dramatically alter” the “ratio of casualties to actions” in that civil-war torn city, says a military source familiar with the memo.

The Pentagon report admitted battle weary soldiers are more prone to mistakes that lead to casualties and noted that military personnel sent to Iraq for third and possibly fourth tours increase the odds that those soldiers will

become casualties of war.

The memo concluded that American military deaths could top 6,000 by the end of 2007 and exceed 10,000 or more in 2008 with more than 100,000 wounded and/or maimed for life. In an appearance before the Senate Armed Services committee

Thursday, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice refused to provide an estimate of US casualties, saying such estimates are not possible but the Pentagon assessment had been delivered to the White House on Tuesday, two days before her testimony—Internet

Grenade hits US Embassy in Athens

ATHENS, 12 Jan— An antitank grenade was fired into the heavily fortified American Embassy here on Friday just before dawn. The building was empty, but the attack nonetheless underscored deep anti-American sentiment here and revived fears of a new round of homegrown terror.

Greek officials said they doubted that the attack was the work of foreign or Islamic terrorists, but rather that of regrouped extreme leftists aiming at a specific, symbolic target: the huge American seal, with an eagle against a blue background, affixed to the front of the boxy, modern embassy near downtown.

The grenade narrowly missed the seal, punching

through a window a few feet above and landing in a bathroom on the embassy's third story, where the ambassador has his office. The damage was described as minimal. But the ambassador, Charles Ries, said: “We treat it as a very serious attack. There can be no

justification for such a senseless act of violence.”

Panayiotis Stathis, a spokesman for the Public Order Ministry, said, “This was a violent act aimed to provoke Greek public opinion and disturb relations with the United States.”

Greek officials said a

phone call placed anonymously to a private security company used by the embassy stated that the attack had been carried out by Revolutionary Struggle, a Marxist group with strong anti-American sentiments.

Internet



Pantelis Saitas/European Pressphoto Agency Police officers closed the road in front of the American Embassy in Athens after an early morning grenade attack caused minor damage. The authorities suspect that leftist extremists were responsible.—INTERNET



Actress Penelope Cruz of Spain arrives at the 12th annual Critics' Choice Awards in Santa Monica, California on 12 Jan 2007.—INTERNET

ASEAN, Japan expand coop in counter-terrorism, maritime security

CEBU (Philippines), 12 Jan— The Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) and Japan have agreed to promote closer collaboration through expanded cooperation in counter-terrorism and maritime security, Philippine Foreign Affairs Secretary Alberto G Romulo said here Thursday.

At the ASEAN-Japan Ministerial Meeting on the sideline of the 12th ASEAN Summit and related summits, Romulo

underscored the importance of sustaining initiatives for regional security, particularly the ASEAN-Japan Counter-Terrorism Dialogue which was launched in June 2006.

“ASEAN and Japan’s agreements to expand counter-terrorism and maritime security are important moves in advancing our common security agenda,” Romulo said in a Press release.

ASEAN and Japan will hold their second

Counter-Terrorism Dialogue in Malaysia this year, according to the Press release.

On maritime security, Romulo said capacity building and the provision of modern equipment, ships and training would be major components of ASEAN-Japan maritime security cooperation given the region’s archipelagic configuration.—MNA/Xinhua



France’s President Jacques Chirac delivers a speech to young French bakers during the traditional Epiphany cake ceremony at the Elysee Palace in Paris, on 12 Jan, 2007.
INTERNET

RCSC donates to flood victims in Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR, 12 Jan— Red Cross Society of China (RCSC) on Thursday donated 30,000 US dollars to Malaysian National Disaster Relief Fund to help flooding victims in the country.

Chinese Ambassador to Malaysia Cheng Yonghua, on behalf of the RCSC, presented the donation to Malaysian Prime Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi in the administrative centre of Putrajaya.

Badawi as well as representatives from the national relief fund expressed their thanks for the help and donation. — MNA/Xinhua



Eunice Brock, a 90-year-old American, holds her award after winning the title as one of the “10 People Who Moved Shandong Province in 2006” at a ceremony in Jinan on 11 Jan, 2007. —INTERNET

Beckett says Britain not to increase troops in Iraq

LONDON, 12 Jan— British Foreign Secretary Margaret Beckett on Thursday welcomed US President George Bush’s decision to send more troops to Iraq, but said that Britain had no intention to increase its troops there.

“We welcome that and we hope that this joint effort to resolve this very difficult security situation will indeed succeed,”

Beckett told reporters before a Cabinet meeting.

Beckett, however, said that Britain had no plans “at the present time” to send more troops to Iraq.

“It is not our intention at the present time to send more troops,” said Beckett, adding “we’re not in the same position” in southern Iraq as the United States in the rest of the country.

She said Britain had been “progressively handing over responsibility to Iraqi forces and to Iraqi police”.

On Wednesday night, Bush announced that he had ordered 21,500 additional American troops to Iraq, as part of his new Iraq strategy.

Asked about the report by *The Daily Telegraph* on Thursday saying

Britain would withdraw nearly 3,000 troops from southern Iraq by the end of May, Beckett said that “the *Telegraph* may speculate about timing and so on, but it does depend on how things go in Basra”.

The report also said British Prime Minister Tony Blair would announce the decision “within the next fortnight”, in a bid to let the overstretched troops recover from four years of battle.

The Prime Minister’s Office and the Ministry of Defence have denied the report.

Britain, the staunchest ally of the United States in the 2003 invasion of Iraq, has the second largest number of troops in the battered country. Currently Britain has some 7,000 troops in southern Iraq, mostly in the Basra area. Since 2003 there have been 128 British soldiers killed in Iraq.

MNA/Xinhua

Daring bank raid in S China city

GUANGZHOU, 12 Jan — Three gangsters snatched a bag containing more than a million yuan from a customer in the lobby of a downtown bank in Guangzhou, capital of south China’s Guangdong Province on Tuesday afternoon.

The gangsters robbed the customer in his forties just after he put piles of money into his bag at around 15:00, putting a gun to his back, said a bank security guard. Frightened of the gun, the depositor and the security guard did not yell out and did not chase after the gangsters. They called the police instead.

The gangsters took the elevator to the underground garage and ran away. There was no security guard there at that time because they were checking cars elsewhere, recalled a security guard.

MNA/Xinhua



A Los Angeles city firefighter arrives at the scene of a jet plane crash just north of the Van Nuys airport in Van Nuys, California, on 12 Jan, 2007. Two people in the wreckage of the plane were killed. the cause of the crash is under investigation.

INTERNET



A visitor looks at an art design at a visual arts exhibition by China Academy of Art in Hangzhou, east China's Zhejiang Province, on 11 Jan, 2007. —XINHUA

Approximately 744,000 homeless in US

WASHINGTON, 12 Jan—There were approximately 744,000 people homeless in the United States in 2005, according to Homelessness Counts, the first national assessment of the number of homeless people in over a decade.

The report, which was released Wednesday by the National Alliance to End Homelessness, said 56 per cent of the homeless were living in shelters and transitional housing and, shockingly, 44 per cent were unsheltered.

Meanwhile, a majority of the homeless were single adults and 41 per cent were people living in families, said the report.

It added that 23 per cent of the homeless people were reported as

chronically homeless, meaning they were disabled and had been homeless for long periods of time or repeatedly.

Alaska, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Rhode Island, and Washington were the states with the highest ratio of homeless

A girl looks at the monument of the founder of Soviet space industry Sergei Korolev and a copy of the "Vostok" rocket which was used for Yuri Gagarin's flight in 1961, in Korolyov in 2001. Russia marked the 100th anniversary of the birth of Korolev.

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people per capita, it said.

MNA/Xinhua



China becomes world's 2nd largest car market in 2006

BEIJING, 12 Jan—China overtook Japan to become the world's second largest market for new vehicles in 2006 next only to the United States, registering sales of 7.22 million units, up 25.13 per cent year-on-year, according to the China Association of Automobile Manufacturers (CAAM) on Thursday.

China's automakers last year produced 7.28 million vehicles, up 27.32 per cent over the previous year, making the country the third

largest auto producer in the world.

Sales of passenger vehicles reached 5.18 million, up 30.02 per cent, while production reached 5.23 million, up 32.76 per cent.

Output of commercial vehicles rose 15.25 per cent to 2.05 million in 2006, while sales reached 2.04 million, up 14.23 per cent. Statistics show rising auto sales were mainly driven by sales of sedan cars — passenger cars excluding SUVs and MPVs — which grew 36.89 per cent to 3.83 million units last year and

contributed 71.4 per cent to last year's auto sales increase of 1.4 million. The output of these cars grew 39.25 per cent to 3.87 million.

The top 10 automakers accounted for about 83.9 per cent of all auto sales, including Shanghai Automotive Industry Corp (SAIC),

First Automobile Works (FAW) and Dong Feng Motor Corp (DFMC), which respectively sold 1.22 million, 1.17 million and 932,300 vehicles as the top three sellers.

MNA/Xinhua

Powerful earthquake hits eastern Indonesia

JAKARTA, 12 Jan—A strong earthquake with magnitude of 6.2 rocked eastern part of Indonesia on Thursday, no immediate reports of casualty or potential of tsunami, Indonesian Meteorology and Geophysics Agency said here.

The quake jolted at 21:31 Jakarta Time with epicenter at 73 kilometres of southwest of Ambon, the capital of Maluku Province, at 58 kilometres under sea bed, an official of the agency Bayu Pranata told Xinhua.

The epicenter was located between the Buru Island and Ambon Island at the province, he said.

The intensity of the quake was felt from 3 to 4 mmi (modified mercally intensity) at Ambon City, said Pranata.

Indonesian is laid on a vulnerable quake-hit zone that called "the Pacific Ring of Fire," where continental plates meet causing frequent seismic and volcanic activities.—MNA/Xinhua

Beijing to improve sex education in primary, middle schools

BEIJING, 12 Jan—Beijing educational authorities are drafting sex education guidelines for primary and middle schools to cope with increasing sexual behaviour among teenagers, Thursday's Beijing Morning Post said.

The guidelines will help fill the vacuum of sex education for young people, which used to be a taboo in Chinese society.

The educational authorities have autho-

rized the Beijing Sex Health Education Research Centre to conduct a survey on sex education among Beijing primary and middle schools.

"The sex education guidelines will be issued based on the survey results," said Zhang Meimei, vice-president of the research centre.

Sex education will start with higher grades of primary schools, and cover physiological,

psychological and legal aspects, according to the newspaper. Chinese youth have become increasingly open toward sex.

In a recent survey, 6.2 per cent of the 2,000 students interviewed admitted they had had their first sexual experience before the age of 16.

Over half the interviewees said a one-night stand was "understandable".

MNA/Xinhua



A farmer processes stick noodles at a village in Lingbao, central China's Henan Province, on 11 Jan, 2007. The traditional hand-made noodles are well sold on local market. —XINHUA

First concrete-bed rail tests successful



China has successfully conducted an operational test on its first domestically developed, concrete-bed rail track, with high-speed trains in southwest China.— XINHUA

C HONGQING, 12 Jan — China has successfully conducted an operational test on its first domestically developed, concrete-bed rail track, with high-speed trains in southwest China.

Test results showed the 13.16-kilometer line near Chongqing Municipality ensured the stability and comfort of trains at 232 km per hour, said a spokesman with track builder, the Chengdu Railway

Bureau.

Construction on the concrete-bed rail began in September 2004 and was completed in December last year. Tests began on Jan. 3 and lasted eight days. Concrete-bed tracks are widely used in Japan and Germany.

Unlike ordinary tracks based on stone metal, which need frequent maintenance, lines built on concrete foundations are more stable and require maintenance, say engineers, although the construction costs are slightly higher.

Scientists and engineers from the Ministry of Railways and Southwest Jiaotong University based in Chengdu, capital of Sichuan Province, participated in the research of the rail.

China's railways are planning to raise speeds in April, when trains on major lines will run at 200 km per hour compared with the current 160 km per hour. —Internet

Chinese FM meets ASEAN counterparts

CEBU(Philippines), 12 Jan — Chinese Foreign Minister Li Zhaoxing met with his counterparts from 10 member countries of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) in Cebu on Thursday.

During the meeting, Li and his ASEAN counterparts highly evaluated the new development of Sino-ASEAN relations of friendship over the past one year. They said the China-ASEAN Summit for memorizing the establishment of dialogue partnership between the two sides, which was held in November last year in Nanning, China, consolidated and upgraded the strategic partnership between the two sides.

The foreign ministers agreed to further cooperation between China and ASEAN and to implement the agreements and joint communique made in Nanning by the leaders of China and ASEAN countries, in order to strengthen political trust and deepen economic and trade relations, as well as open cooperation fields in non-conventional security cooperation, and push forward dialogue in the social and human fields.

Li also reiterated China's support to the efforts of ASEAN countries to build a regional community and

the integrity process of the latter.

During a working lunch of foreign ministers of ASEAN countries, China, South Korea and Japan, Li said the cooperation between ASEAN countries and their partner countries of China, South Korea and Japan have taken in more meaning while the mechanism for carrying out such cooperation has become more comprehensive in system.

Li said China appreciates the role ASEAN is playing in cooperation among East Asian countries and backs ASEAN's cooperation with China, South Korea and Japan as the main channel for pushing forward the cooperation of East Asian countries.

Li also said China wishes ASEAN, China, South Korea and Japan can carry out more cooperation in the fields of political security, social development and personnel exchanges at the basic level of the society, in order to consolidate the base for such cooperation.

MNA/Xinhua

Britney Spears says coming back "better than ever"

BEIJING, 9 Jan — Pop star Britney Spears, acknowledging that her image has taken a beating in recent months, thanked her fans for their loyalty on Friday and promised she would come back "bigger and better than ever."

Spears, who raised eyebrows by partying with new pal Paris Hilton and from up-the-skirt pictures that repeatedly caught her without panties, told fans in a letter on her Web site, that she was working on a

new album.

"I look forward to coming back this year bigger and better than ever and to reaching out to my fans on a more personal level," writes Spears, who has been portrayed in the tabloids as out of control since filing for divorce from husband Kevin Federline in November.

The latest reports, denied this week by her manager, said she collapsed on New Year's Eve in a Las Vegas nightclub. —Internet



Britney Spears wearing see through dress and lingerie at mother's birthday party in LA.—INTERNET

Four killed in suicide attack in northern Iraq

BAGHDAD, 12 Jan — Four people were killed and 12 others wounded in a suicide bomb attack on a popular market in centre of the town of Tel Afer west of the northern Iraqi city of Mosul on Wednesday, the town governor said.

"We have a report that four people were killed and about 12 others wounded when a suicide bomber blew himself up in the crowded market in the town," Governor Najam Abdullah al-Juboury told Xinhua by telephone. Earlier, al-Juboury said that a suicide bomber wearing an explosive belt blew himself up in a crowded popular market and that parts of human bodies and

pond of blood were seen at the scene.

Meanwhile, al-Juboury himself survived a suicide car bomb attack when a suicide bomber in an explosive-laden car struck his car while he was controlling the work of a gas station in centre of Tel Afer Town, some 430 kilometres north of Baghdad. "I was not in my car which was totally destroyed and one of my

bodyguards was wounded," al-Juboury said.

Elsewhere, a car parked near the government building of Kirkuk City, some 250 kilometres north of Baghdad, detonated and damaged several nearby cars and shops without causing casualty, a local police source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

MNA/Xinhua

A bank teller holds up yuan notes at a branch of the Bank of China in Hong Kong recently. Mainland Chinese tourists were happy spenders in Hong Kong as the Chinese yuan strengthened past the local dollar for the first time in 13 years, boosting local business. INTERNET



12th ASEAN Summit to sign accords on regional development

CEBU (Philippines), 13 Jan — Leaders of the Association of Southeast Asians Nations (ASEAN) are set to sign a number of documents during the 12th ASEAN Summit here to further spur economic development and hasten the integration of the 10-member grouping into “One Caring and Sharing Community”.

Philippine Foreign Affairs Secretary Alberto G Romulo said on Friday that ASEAN ministers “have completed the ministerial level work” on these documents for approval at the leaders’ summit, which is due to be held on 13-15 January.

The ASEAN heads of state and government are also expected to adopt other important agreements that will affect the region in the years ahead.

Founded in August

1967, ASEAN is composed of Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam.

Through the years ASEAN has become an emerging economic grouping in this part of Asia.

The documents to be signed are:

- The Cebu Declaration Towards a Caring and Sharing

Community;

- The Cebu Declaration on the Blueprint for an ASEAN Charter;
- The Cebu Declaration on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights of Migrant Workers;
- The ASEAN Convention on Counter Terrorism;
- The Cebu Declaration on the Acceleration of the

Establishment of an ASEAN Community by 2015;

- The Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines-East Asia Growth Area (BIMP-EAGA) memorandum of understanding on the Expansion of Air Linkages.

MNA/Xinhua

Powerful earthquake hits Japan, tsunami warning issued

TOKYO, 13 Jan — A powerful earthquake measuring 8.3 degrees on the Richter Scale shook northwestern Pacific on Saturday and a tsunami warning was issued, according to Japan meteorological agency.

The agency has issued a tsunami warning for the eastern part of Japan’s northern main island of Hokkaido facing the Pacific Coast and Sea of

Okhotsk, as to the 1:24 pm (0424 GMT) quake.

A wave of about 50 centimetres will likely hit a large part of Japan’s Pacific coastal areas from central Hokkaido to Wakayama prefecture in western Japan Saturday afternoon, the agency said. Reports said that Japan’s Pacific coast issued evacuation orders to flee to higher ground along the coastal area in the region.—MNA/Xinhua



Golden Globe nominee Jennifer Hudson performs at a launch party for Grey Goose Rolls-Royce Phantom benefiting the Entertainment Industry Foundation in Los Angeles on Thursday, 11 Jan, 2007. INTERNET



An Egyptian traditional dancer performs during the inaugural parade marking the City of Algiers as the Arabic cultural capital for 2007, in the centre of Algiers City on 11 Jan, 2007. — INTERNET

Indian Govt approves semi-conductor policy

NEW DELHI, 13 Jan — The Union Cabinet on Thursday gave in-principle approval for the semi-conductor policy that seeks to provide incentives to hi-tech companies proposing to set up chip manufacturing facilities in India.

“Cabinet today gave its in-principle approval for giving special incentives to attract semi-conductor companies to set up fabs in hi-tech areas,” Information and Broadcasting Minister P R Dasmuni said after the meeting.

These special incentives will be available to companies till March 2010. The threshold limit, incentive package and subsidy will be worked out later by the Prime Minister’s Office and the Cabinet Secretary, he added. — MNA/PTI



Smoke pours into the air from Eggborough coal fired Power Station, near Selby, England, on Wednesday, 10 Jan, 2007. The European Commission said on Wednesday that the EU must reduce greenhouse gas emissions by at least 20 per cent below 1990 levels by 2020 to limit global warming and prevent serious damage caused by climate change. The EU energy strategy will be debated by environment ministers on 20 Feb, in Brussels.—INTERNET

“Harmonious society” on lips of every media organization in 2006

BEIJING, 13 Jan — “Harmonious society” was one of the phrases that popped up most often in the media last year, according to an annual media language analysis.

“ ‘ Harmonious society’, a term regularly cited by political leaders and during the 16th Communist Party of China Central Committee’s 6th plenary session, appeared very frequently in leading Chinese newspapers, radios and televisions last year,” according to a report released on Friday.

Other phrases listed include “new socialist countryside”, “Qinghai-Tibet Railway”, “innovation”, “socialist sense of honour and disgrace”, “Sino-African forum”, “Long March

spirit”, “consumption tax”, “intangible heritage” and “anti-Chen demonstration”, the protest against the Taiwan leader.

The report, jointly released by the National Language Resources Tracing and Research Centre, Beijing Language and Culture University and Communication University of China, includes other popular phrases like “snails”, which sent people to hospital, and “red-yolk eggs”, which were contaminated with a dangerous dye. “House

price”, “raising dogs”, “Liu Xiang”, a Chinese Olympic champion hurdler, and “Huang Jianxiang”, a well-known Chinese soccer commentator who shouted “Forza Italia” to express his support for the Italian football team during a World Cup match broadcast live last June, are also listed.

The selected phrases are based on analysis of about 15 leading Chinese newspapers, 12 mainstream television programmes and seven radio channels.

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In like manner, neighbouring and regional countries, friendly countries and member nations of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) did the same.

In addition, with the intention of interfering

Regarding the draft resolution proposed by the US and Britain to the UNSC on 12 January, China's UN Ambassador Wang Guangya said the Myanmar issue was just the internal issue of a sovereign nation. Myanmar did not constitute a threat to the regional and international peace and

activities of UN agencies.

Likewise, Russia's UN Ambassador Mr Vitaly Churkin said he accepted the fact that Myanmar had some social, economic and humanitarian problems. And that did not pose a threat to regional and international peace, however. Myanmar's neighbours and many world countries also shared the same view. Attempts aimed at using the Security Council to discuss issues outside its view were unacceptable.

In his discussion, South Africa's UN Ambassador Mr Dumisani S Kumalo said ASEAN countries expressed their voices that Myanmar was not a threat to its neighbours. Just yesterday on 11 January 2007 the ASEAN ministers meeting in the Philippines reaffirmed that Myanmar was not a threat to international peace and security. For those reasons, South Africa could not vote in favour of the draft resolution.

Along with the US and Britain, France, Slovakia, Peru, Ghana, Belgium, Italy and Panama all supported the resolution. However, permanent members of the Security Council the People's Republic of China and Russian Federation plus the Republic of South Africa were against the resolution while Indonesia, Qatar and the Republic of Congo abstained. China and

On the basis of the fact that Myanmar's affairs posed no threat to regional and international peace and security, the government and the people of Myanmar objected and turned down the resolution, saying that they did not think the attempt to put Myanmar on the agenda was correct and just.

in Myanmar's affairs, the US in complicity with Britain continued its attempt to adopt a resolution at the UNSC regarding Myanmar's affairs.

Some politicians at home, national traitors and expatriate insurgents expressed their support for the US pressure on Myanmar and committed a variety of acts synchronizing that of the US.

On 11 January, Acting US Ambassador to UN Alejandro Wolff also proposed a draft resolution, under which the UNSC would have to take action against Myanmar so that the nation would release all the detainees, speed up democratization process, and stop human rights violation in the areas of national races.

security. Its neighbours as well as ASEAN and Asia-Pacific region countries also assumed so. UNSC's fundamental obligation was to maintain peace and security in the region and it was not

required to deal with the Myanmar issue. Its interference was beyond its fundamental obligation and could delay the progress in

Neighbouring and regional countries, friendly countries and member nations of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) did the same.

Russia, included in the five permanent members of the UNSC, cast a rare double veto to reject the resolution proposed by the US and Britain.

Therefore, the attempt of the US and Britain to interfere in the internal affairs of Myanmar was abortive. In other words, it can be deduced that it was the victory of the people of the international community and the people of Myanmar who love truthfulness. All the people of Myanmar are intolerant of the US and British governments which are using the UNSC to meddle in the Myanmar's internal affairs by levelling lopsided accusations.

Myanmar people show their sincere thanks to the People's Republic of China and Russian Federation for their veto of the resolution submitted to the UNSC and the Republic of South Africa for her casting vote against the resolution.

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Commander inspects summer paddy cultivation in Thanlyin Township



Commander Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win inspects thriving paddy plantation near Phayagon village in Thanlyin Township. — MNA

YANGON, 13 Jan — Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win inspected progress in cultivation of summer paddy in Thanlyin Township, Yangon South District, on 11 January morning. On arrival at farmer U Maung Hsan's farm near Phayagon Village, the commander inspected the drying of paddy with the use of poly rice grain dryer and collection of dried paddy.

In his instructions, the commander said under the leadership of the Yangon Division PDC, measures

are being taken to prevent the loss of paddy due to bad weather. The poly rice grain dryer is handy and useful for the farmers. And it can prevent loss and wastage of paddy.

It can be operated with the use of fuel oil as well as physic nut oil.

The commander next viewed the thriving 27-acre summer paddy plantation and scattering of Dochat King fertilizers. Later, he greeted the farmers and stressed the need for the use of Dochat King fertilizers. — MNA

51st Conference of Myanmar Nurses Association held

YANGON, 13 Jan — The opening ceremony of the 51st Conference of Myanmar Nurses Association was held at the meeting hall of University of Nursing (Yangon) this morning, with an address by Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo.

Also present were the directors-general, deputy directors-general, the rectors, the directors, the medical superintendents, the chairperson and members of Myanmar Nurses and Midwives Council, the lecturers and the assistant lecturers, the matrons, the principals of nursing schools, chairpersons and members of social organizations, re-

sponsible persons from UN agencies and delegates to the conference.

In his address, the deputy minister stressed the need to conduct the research on nursing and midwifery and work of nurses and midwives for health care services.

The nurses and midwives are to realize the health care tasks being implemented by the State and have to abide by the rules and regulations of the council, he added. The conference will continue till 15 January.

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Deputy Minister Dr Mya Oo addresses 51st Conference of Myanmar Nurses Association.

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USDA Secretariat Member meets executives of Mandalay Div USDA

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Jan — Secretariat Member of Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thuang met with secretaries and executives of Mandalay Division and District USDAs at the office of Mandalay District USDA on 12 January.

Secretary U Thuang Wai of Mandalay District USDA reported on public service work being done and future tasks in district and township USDAs. After hearing reports, Minister U Aung Thuang fulfilled the requirements and gave instructions.

In the afternoon, Central Organizing Committee Member of Myanmar War Veteran Organization, Minister U Aung Thuang met with chairmen and members of 23 Township WVOs in Mandalay Division. The chairman of Mandalay Division WVO reported on tasks being undertaken by division WVO. Later, Minister U Aung Thuang attended to the needs.

Later, the USDA Secretariat Member accepted 1,443 USDA membership applications from the faculty members and students of University of Dental, Mandalay and University of Nursing (Mandalay) at No 26 Basic Education High School in Chanmyathazi Township. He presented K 5 million to rector Dr Mya Thaw of University of Dental and K 5 million to rector Daw Khin Nyunt Than of University of Nursing (Mandalay). He also urged them to take part in community welfare work in cooperation with the people.

Minister U Aung Thuang went to Maha Withokdayon Monastery in Mahaaungmyay Township and donated provisions to the Sayadaw of monastery. — MNA



USDA Secretariat member U Aung Thuang accepts membership applications of faculty members and students of University of Dental (Mandalay). — MNA

Energy Minister meets Korean guests

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Jan — Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi met President & CEO Mr Young Won Kang and party of Daewoo International Co, Republic of Korea, at the minister's office here yesterday.

It was also attended by Director-General U Soe Myint and Deputy Director-General U Soe Aung of Energy Planning Department, Managing Director U Myint Kyi of Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise and officials. They held comprehensive discussions on energy sector at the meeting. — MNA

Public-based health care services provided to patients



Chairperson Daw Mar Mar Wai delivers address at ceremony to provide public-based health care services to AIDS, TB and the chronically ill. — MNA

YANGON, 13 Jan — Yangon North District Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee provided public-based health care services to AIDS, TB and the chronically ill and their family members at Zay Gabar Hall in Mingaladon Garden City yesterday morning.

After delivering an address, Chairperson of Yangon Division MCWSC Daw Mar Mar Wai accepted K 450,000 donated by wellwishers.

Secretary of the Supervisory Committee Head of Division Health Department Dr Hla Myint and Mingaladon Township MCWA Daw May Thet Oo reported on progress in public-based health care services being provided in the division and townships.

After the occasion, the Chairperson and party comforted the patients in Ward 2/A of the township and presented medicines, nutritious refreshments, gifts and cash assistance to them. — MNA

USDA CEC member inspects regional development task of Seikkyi-Khanaungto Township

YANGON, 13 Jan — Central Executive Committee Member of Union Solidarity and Development Association Yangon Division In-Charge Vice-Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa together with officials this morning paid homage to Hsutaungpyae Pagoda in Seikkyi-Khanaungto and offered provisions to Sayadaw Bhaddanta Sobhitha of the Dhamma Piti monastery.

The CEC member and party inspected maintenance tasks of Mingalar Thiri and 5th Padauk Myaing streets and gave necessary instructions.

Next, the CEC member looked into progress of operation room, medicine store and patient wards of Seikkyi-Khanaungto Township People's Hospital and presented cash assistance to the patients. He also viewed the site chosen for the construction of township library and



USDA CEC member Col Maung Pa accepts cash donations from wellwishers. YCDC

attended to the needs.

Later, the CEC member made a speech at the cash donation ceremony for the regional development tasks of the township held at the hall of Township BEHS. The CEC member and officials accepted K 5 millions donated by wellwishers and presented certificates of honour to them.

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Nepalese journalists go sightseeing Yangon

YANGON, 13 Jan — A five-member journalist delegation led by President of Nepalese Journalists Association Mr Manju Ratna Sakya arrived here by air yesterday evening for media cooperation between Myanmar and Nepal and enhancement of the friendly relations.

They were welcomed at Yangon International Airport by Director (News) U Win Tin of News and Periodicals Enterprise, Deputy Director (News) U Khin Maung Kyaw Din and officials.

The Nepalese delegation visited Shwedagon Pagoda this morning and made cash donations to the funds of the pagoda. The guests signed the visitors' book.

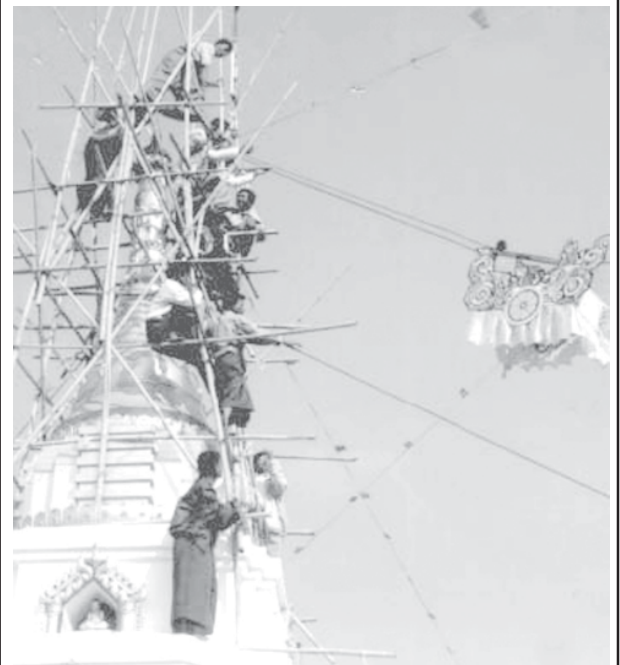
Next, the Nepalese journalist delegation visited the Kandawgyi National Gardens.

In the afternoon, the guests went to Myanma Alin Daily on Natmauk Road. Chief Editor U Ye Myint Pe and officials welcomed them.

The Chief Editor extended greetings and explained facts about the newspaper. Later, the delegation members visited the building of the newspaper. — MNA

District News in Brief

Htidaw, Seinbudaw (Diamond Bud) hoisted atop pagoda



The Htidaw hoisting ceremony in progress at Hnakeik Shithsu Pagoda in Kyadat Model Village of Salingyi Township.

SALINGYI, 2 Jan — A ceremony to hoist Htidaw (umbrella) and Seinbudaw (diamond bud) atop Hnakeik Shithsu Pagoda was held in conjunction with the consecration ceremony in Kyadat Model Village of Salingyi Township, Monywa District, this morning.

Vice-Chairman of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Agga Maha Pandita Sayadaw Bhaddanta Ariyavamsa, Mogok Seiktathukha Sayadaw Bhaddanta Issariya, Hnakeik Shithsu Sayadaw Bhaddanta Nanobhasa and 35 members of the Sangha enshrined the pagoda.

The Sayadaws hoisted the Htidaw donated by Saya U Win Naing Tun (Kyadat) atop the pagoda. Next, the Seinbudaw donated by U Khin Maung Myint of Mogok was hoisted atop the pagoda.

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Extended digging of Pyidawtha Lake inspected



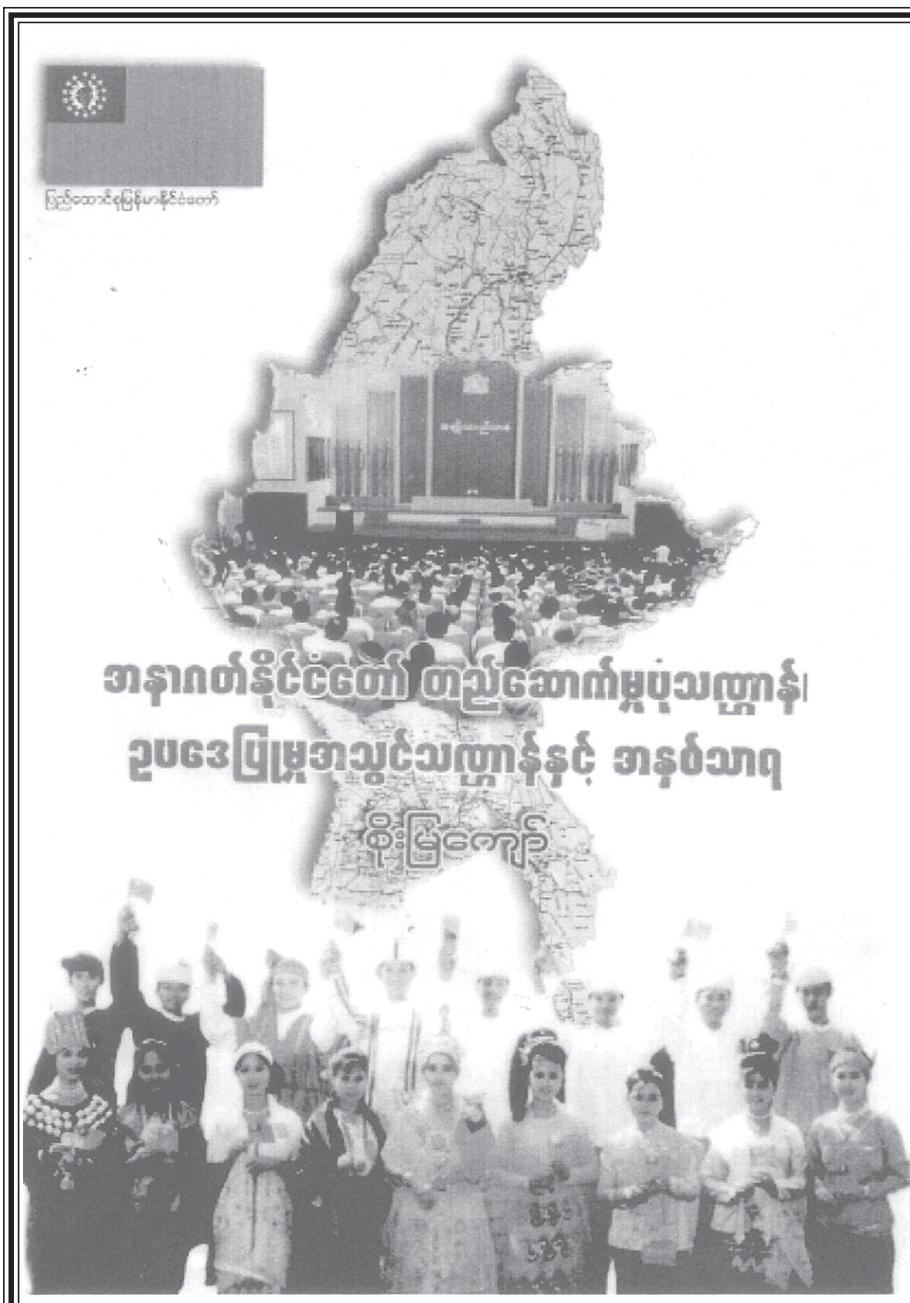
Officials inspect extension of Pyidawtha Lake.

KAWA, 2 Jan — Director U Kyaw San of Development Affairs Department (Head Office), accompanied by Deputy Director U Aung Min Naing of Bago Division Development Affairs Committee, arrived at Kawa Township DAC Office on 28 December 2006.

They inspected collection of tax for roads, bridge and water supply tasks in urban and rural areas for the 2006-07 financial year.

Next, they viewed extension of Pyidawtha Lake for supply of water to the urban area. Executive Officer U Than Oo reported on progress of the tasks.

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Most Americans oppose Bush plan for more troops to Iraq

WASHINGTON, 13 Jan — Most Americans oppose President George W Bush's call to send additional US military forces to Iraq and just over a third say the new plan makes victory there more likely, according to a poll published on Thursday.

The new *Washington Post*-ABC News poll, conducted following Bush's speech on Wednesday night in which he announced his new Iraq strategy, found broad and strong opposition to his call to send about 21,500 more troops to Iraq.

Sixty-one per cent opposed the force increase, with 52 per cent "strongly" opposing the build-up, while only 36 per cent supported the additional troops and one-quarter was strongly supportive.

Support for adding troops was somewhat higher among the 42 per cent of Americans who

tuned into Bush's speech, the poll found. Forty-seven per cent of viewers thought the increase was a good idea, and the President's supporters were more likely than others to watch or listen to his remarks.

The tepid response to Bush's new initiative was due in part to the public's broad opposition to the war and its skepticism about Bush's handling of the situation, *The Washington Post* reported.

For more than two years majorities of Americans have said the Iraq war was not worth fighting, and by nearly a 2-1 margin Americans disapproved of Bush's leadership on the issue, the newspaper said.

In the new poll, 57 per cent, a new high, said the United States was losing the war in Iraq.

In his address, Bush called the situation in Iraq

"unacceptable," saying for the first time that previous policies were inadequate. He pitched the troop increase as

essential to victory in Iraq and as a way to hasten the eventual withdrawal of US forces.

MNA/Xinhua



Zoo keeper Marie Whatmough grimaces as she poses with meerkats during the annual stocktake at London Zoo on 11 Jan, 2007. — INTERNET

Moscow says US abuses mandate in Iraq

Moscow, 13 Jan — The arrest of five Iranian consulate staff members in Iraq by the US forces was an abuse of the mandate of the Multi-National Force, Russian Foreign Ministry spokesman Mikhail Kamynin said here on Friday.

The "illegitimate actions mean an open abuse of the mandate that was issued to country members of the Multi-National Forces in Iraq by the UN Security Council, an indispensable part of which is assistance to ensuring the guarding and safety of diplomatic missions in this country," Kamynin was quoted by the *ITAR-TASS* news agency as saying.

US forces raided the Iranian consulate in Iraq's northern city of Arbil and arrested five of its staff members, Iran's official *IRNA* news agency reported on Thursday.

"Five consulate personnel have been detained; documents and computers kept in it have been seized. The operation was allegedly aimed at intercepting the support of terrorist activity," Kamynin said.

"We believe such high-profile accusations should be backed by incontrovertible and solid proofs. But it's absolutely unacceptable that servicemen storm and seize a consulate of a foreign state in the territory of another foreign state," he said.

"It's grossest violation of the Vienna Convention of Consular Relations. It is also unclear how it conforms to the statement by the United States about Washington's respect for the sovereignty of Iraq, whose authorities, in accordance with the above convention, should ensure the inviolability of consulates in their territory," Kamynin said.— MNA/Xinhua

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Israel willing to resolve M-E issue through negotiations

BEIJING, 12 Jan — Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert said Israel is willing to resolve the Middle East issue through peaceful negotiations.

He made the remark during his talks with Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao in Beijing on Wednesday afternoon.

Israel is ready to settle the Middle East issue through peaceful negotiations on the basis of peaceful coexistence of "two countries", Olmert added.

Premier Wen told him China stands up for Israel and Palestine to realize peaceful coexistence of "two countries and two nations" for common development.

"History and reality have proven that force cannot settle the Middle East issue but it can only increase estrangement and

animosity," Wen said. Considering the Palestinian issue as the core of the Middle East issue, Wen said China hopes Israel, Syria and Lebanon could take concrete measures to build mutual trust and create conditions for resumption of peace talks.

"China is ready to contribute to the Middle East peace process as well as dialogues between the Arab world and Israel," Premier Wen said.

Olmert appreciated China's efforts over the years in promoting the Middle East peace process. He also pledged to keep contacts with China on this matter.—MNA/Xinhua

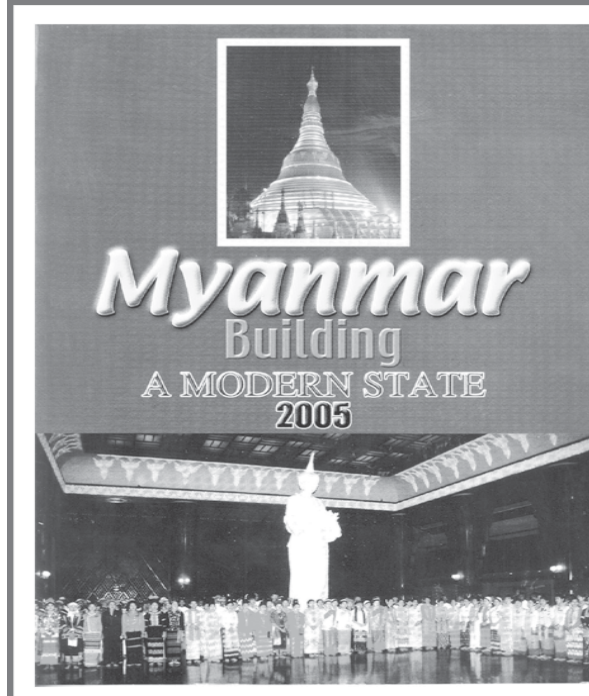
Bangladesh to import 1.26 million tons of petroleum from Kuwait

DHAKA, 12 Jan—Bangladesh will import 1.26 million tons of petroleum from Kuwait in the first six months of 2007, local news agency UNB reported Wednesday. The Cabinet Committee on Public Purchases, known as the purchase committee, at a meeting Wednesday approved the procurement on proposal placed by the Energy Ministry.

Of the proposed procurement, 960,000 tons of diesel, 90,000 tons of kerosene, 80,000 tons of octane and 130,000 tons of jet fuel will be imported from January to July of 2007.

State-owned Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation will import the entire quantity of petroleum fuel from Kuwait Petroleum Corporation Limited under a deal signed by the two states. — MNA/Xinhua

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UN says world economy to slow down in 2007

NEW YORK, 12 Jan — The world economy is expected to moderate in 2007 dragged by US economy, according to new UN forecasts on the global economy released here on Wednesday.

Stepping back from the all-time high growth in world gross product of 4.0 per cent reached in 2005 and the estimated 3.8-per cent growth for 2006, global growth is expected to slacken at a pace of 3.2 per cent this year, said *World Economic Situation and Prospects 2007*.

A weakening housing market in the United States is a major factor into the global slowdown, according to the annual UN report. The cooling of the housing boom is expected to depress consumer demand and slow the

growth of the US economy to a rate of 2.2 per cent this year.

The report also warned of the risk of remaining financial imbalances. The US current account deficit increased further to almost 900 billion dollars last year and about two-thirds of this deficit was matched by surpluses of the major oil exporting countries and Asian and other developing countries also run significant savings surpluses to counter balance to US deficit.

As a result continued and widening current-

account deficit, the indebtedness of the United States has deepened to a level which more seriously calls into question the sustainability of the current constellation of global imbalances and confidence in the dollar as the world's main reserve currency could erode rapidly.

The United Nations called in the report for concerted action in macroeconomic policy making to avoid a disorderly adjustment and create confidence in the stability of financial and foreign-exchange markets.

It also proposed to create a new mechanism of consultations to reach agreement on coordinated macroeconomic policy stances and targets aimed at reducing the imbalances, while avoiding a global recession.

Growth in Europe, which exceeded expectations in 2006, is expected to moderate to around 2 per cent in 2007 and in Japan, which also experienced robust growth in 2006, will slow to below 2 per cent in 2007, according to the report.

Growth in developing countries is expected to remain robust in 2007 with a mild 5.9 per cent for developing countries and 6.5 per cent for economies in transition, it said.

Britain plans first moon mission

LONDON, 12 Jan — Britain could soon undertake its first mission to the moon in the form of an orbiting spacecraft that would fire instruments into the lunar surface.

The "penetrators", which would collect lunar data, will yield new information about the moon's rocky interior.

The venture is being considered by Britain's astronomy funding agency, the Particle Physics and Astronomy Research Council, which has produced outline plans for two solo moon missions.

The concept has been prepared by Surrey Satellite Technology Limited, one of the country's leading space

companies.

Its founder and chief executive, Professor Sir Martin Sweeting, told BBC on Tuesday that the costs of space exploration have fallen sufficiently Britain to think about launching such a probe by 2010.

Martin proposed two options for Britain's first foray to the moon. The first, named Moonlight, would dispatch four suitcase-sized darts to the lunar surface from orbit. The darts would be sent into craters across a wide area.

They would hit the ground at a high velocity and penetrate to a depth of two metres.

The darts could carry a small suite of instruments,

such as seismometers to listen for "Moonquakes". Analysing these tremors would give scientists new insight into the make-up of the lunar interior.

A later mission — named Moonraker — would land a spacecraft on the lunar surface and search for suitable sites for future manned bases, the BBC reported without clarifying if the second mission would be manned.

"Current small missions to the moon cost around 650 million US dollars. With advances in small satellites, we could probably cut the cost by at least a fifth," Martin said.

MNA/PTI

MNA/Xinhua

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Japan proposes “NPT+Regime” for nuclear cooperation with India

NEW DELHI, 12 Jan — Japan on Wednesday proposed an exclusive “NPT+Regime” for India to enable it to have access to nuclear fuel and technology and sought the Nuclear Suppliers Group’s (NSG) approval for it.

“This NPT+Regime is only for India, not for North Korea or Iran. Once this regime is agreed (upon) and the NSG approves this, India will be allowed full access to nuclear fuel and nuclear technology,” Japanese Ambassador to India Yasukuni Enoki said during a panel discussion “Towards India-Japan Strategic and Global Partnership” here.

Describing India as a “good boy” for its adherence to nuclear non-proliferation guidelines without being a signatory to the NPT, he, however, said “it is India’s obligation to collaborate with NPT” and adhere to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) safeguards.

Observing that India

has been deprived of nuclear technology, Enoki said “this regime will also open up cooperation in nuclear technology trade between the two countries”.

Referring to Japan’s stance on the Indo-US civil nuclear deal, the envoy hinted that the Japanese Government will not oppose India’s efforts to get the approval of the 45-member NSG for trade in nuclear energy.

Asked about the Japanese proposal, Foreign Secretary Shiv Shankar Menon—a participant in the discussion—said “we have imposed on ourselves higher obligations and we intend to keep it in future and I think it is in our interest”.

The Japanese envoy’s

remarks came in the backdrop of the two countries signing a joint statement during Prime Minister Manmohan Singh’s visit to Tokyo in December, agreeing to enhance civil nuclear energy cooperation “through constructive approaches under appropriate IAEA safeguards”.

MNA/PTI



A visitor looks carefully at a set of artwork given a form in Beijing 2008 official mascot Fuwa, on 7 Jan, 2007. —XINHUA

Singapore’s maritime industry booming in 2006

SINGAPORE, 12 Jan — Singapore’s maritime industry got excellent performance in 2006, Minister for Transport Raymond Lim said here on

Wednesday night.

The performance put the city-state’s port again in pole position globally in terms of container throughput, shipping tonnage and bunker sales, Lim said at the maritime foundation’s New Year reception. Last year, the Singapore Port handled some 24.8 million twentyfoot equivalent units (TEUs), an increase of 6.9 per cent over 2005, according to Lim.

Total vessel arrivals at the port grew by 14.2 per cent to reach 1.3 billion gross tons, and bunker sales also exceeded the

previous year’s record by 11.4 per cent to reach 28.4 million tons. He added that Singapore also made good progress as a leading base for shipping in Asia.

According to the 2006 report from the UN Conference on Trade and Development, Singapore was the 10th most important maritime nation in terms of vessel tonnage controlled, moving up one notch from the previous year.

The Singapore Registry of Ships, the fourth largest in the world, grew by 5.6 per cent to reach 34.8 million gross tons last year. —MNA/Xinhua

Indian satellite “SRE-1” put into orbit

SRIHARIKOTA, 12 Jan — India’s ambition of entering the realm of high tech manned space missions received a big boost Wednesday when the satellite SRE-1 was put into the orbit by PSLV C7 from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre’s launch pad here.

This also ensured India a place in the elite club of countries that have satellite reentry technology. The PSLV C7 also put India’s 12th Indian Remote Sensing Satellite CARTO-SAT-2 into orbit, which would help citizens know the boundaries of land owned by them.

Its application in cartography will provide details on urban and rural infrastructure development and management, apart from supplying inputs for the Land Information System and Geographical Information System (GIS).

SRE-1 will stay in orbit for between 13 and 30 days and is expected to splash down into the Bay of Bengal for recovery. It will provide important technology inputs in navigation, guidance and control during

the reentry phase, hypersonic aerothermodynamics for reusable thermal protection system, recovery through deceleration and floatation, besides acquisition of basic technology for reusable launch vehicles.

MNA/PTI.

Jeev Milkha Singh of India hits from the fairway on the 5th hole during the four-ball match of the Royal Trophy Europe vs Asia Golf Championship at Amata Spring Country Club on the outskirts of Bangkok, on 13 Jan, 2007.
INTERNET



Germany’s Claudia Pechstein skates during the women’s 500 metres European Speed Skating Championships race at the outdoor Ritten Arena in Collalbo, Italy, on 12 Jan, 2007. — INTERNET



Vietnamese scientists favour genetic engineering

HANOI, 12 Jan — Some leading Vietnamese scientists support genetic engineering, saying it is necessary for their country’s socioeconomic progress, local newspaper Vietnam News reported Thursday.

Comparing application of genetic engineering to travelling by plane, Le Tran Binh, director of Vietnam’s Biotechnology Institute, said though people knew that accidents might occur, they had little choice if they did not want to be left behind. Another leading scientist, Professor Vu Tuyen Hoang, said he supported the application in production of cotton and forest products. He called for careful consideration before applying genetic engineering on food crops

like rice, maize, coffee and soybean.

Though hybridization and genetic engineering can both help increase crop productivity, the former is safer, Hoang said, noting that Vietnam’s hybrid rice and maize have the highest productivity in Asia.

Genetically modified crops usually produce certain toxins to protect themselves from harmful pests, though the effects of such toxins on humans remain uncertain, he said.

MNA/Xinhua

SPORTS

Sir Alex wants Jose to stay



Sir Alex Ferguson.
INTERNET

LONDON, 13 Jan — Sir Alex Ferguson says he would be disappointed to see his sparring partner Jose Mourinho leave Chelsea at the end of the season.

Reports in the English and Spanish media on Friday claimed that Mourinho has informed his close friends that he will quit Stamford Bridge in May after a series of disagreements with his Chelsea paymasters over transfer policy.

However the club have so far refused to

comment on suggestions that the Blues board's refusal to release funds for a new defender and striker in January has caused the controversial Portuguese tactician to consider his future in London.

Mourinho has also declined to comment on the growing speculation that he could be in line for a switch to Internazionale or Real Madrid come May, and Ferguson for one would mourn the departure of the man who has secured back-to-back Premiership titles during his two years in charge of Chelsea.

The two managers are currently slugging it out for this season's crown, but the Manchester United boss has always enjoyed a healthy, if unashamedly competitive, relationship with the 2004 UEFA Champions League winner.

Internet

Fergie says: No change on Henrik deal

LONDON, 13 Jan — Sir Alex Ferguson claims Manchester United are not currently looking into extending Henrik Larsson's loan stay at Old Trafford.

The Swedish forward made an instant impact as he scored in his first game at the weekend and it was immediately suggested that United would look to extend his deal until the end of the season.

Helsingborgs have suggested that they would be prepared to let Larsson stay if a compensation package can be agreed but Ferguson claims that, at present, the forward will leave as planned on 12th March.

"Henrik is here until March 12 and we are not



Henrik Larsson.
INTERNET

looking beyond that," stated the Scot.

"I do not think it is pertinent at this moment anyway.

"It would not be fair to start putting Helsingborg under that type of pressure.

"Henrik is enjoying playing here and that is the way we are going to leave it." — Internet

Mexico's Guadalajara ranked world's 24th best soccer club

MEXICO CITY, 13 Jan — Mexican club Guadalajara, also known as the Chivas (Goats), leapt five spots to 24 in the list of the world's best soccer clubs released on Friday by FIFA, the sport's governing body.

The top club is Spain's Sevilla, current holder of the UEFA Cup, Chivas is Mexico's highest ranked club.

The next highest Mexican club is Pachuca in 55th place. The team won the 2006 Copa Sudamericana after defeating Chile's Colo Colo in December.

The third highest Mexican club, in 87th place, is Toluca club Diablos (Devils) which came second in the 2006 Mexican Opening Tournament and reached the semifinals of the Copa Sudamericana.

Other Mexican clubs include America, in the 124th spot, having reaching number four in the World Cup for Clubs in Japan. Nuevo Leon club Tigres (Tigers) is in 129th, Cruz Azul (Blue Cross) is in 288th place, the National Autonomous University of Mexico's Pumas is in 306th place with another Mexican club San Luis.

Italian club Inter Milan is second world wide while Roma is third. The last such list was published in November. — MNA/Xinhua

No way Jose's leaving

LONDON, 13 Jan — The Portuguese tactician, who has brought back-to-back Premiership titles to the capital, has intimated that he is less than enamoured with the club's decision to curb his involvement in the January sales, with his relations with Roman Abramovich thought to be cordial rather than warm.

It has been suggested this season could possibly be his last in England, with plenty of clubs across the continent sure to be interested in his services should be ever desire to move on.

Chelsea host Wigan on Saturday and Mourinho insists the focus of his attention will centre entirely on on-the-field matters, rather than what may be occurring off it.

"I love Chelsea. I always want to win the

next game and the next game is against Wigan," he told the club's TV station.

"We have to be together to win that game and we have to forget the stories, we have to forget what the press are saying. "It's easy for me. I'm self-motivated, always at the top. If results are not what we want, that is even a bigger motivation to fight."

The return of Ricardo Cavalho and Didier Drogba from suspension, along with the comeback of Arjen Robben after injury, should provide Mourinho's side with an ideal fillip.

Mourinho believes that being able to employ the aforementioned trio will more than make up for the absence of the suspended Ashley Cole.

"We lose Ashley Cole (to suspension) so on bal-



Jose Mourinho
INTERNET

ance we have two positives. So we are better in terms of options.

"Mentally we are okay. Our last game in the Premiership was at Aston Villa. We didn't win but we played as a team.

"Tomorrow is at our home and we have two-and-a-half years of getting results at home.

"There are no reasons to be afraid of it and tomorrow we are confident we can get back to victories in the Premiership." — Internet

Internet

Czech defender Mares rejoins Sparta Praha

PRAGUE, 13 Jan — Czech defender Pavel Mares will join Sparta Praha on a move from Russian club Zenit St Petersburg, Sparta spokesman Lukas Pribyl said on Friday.

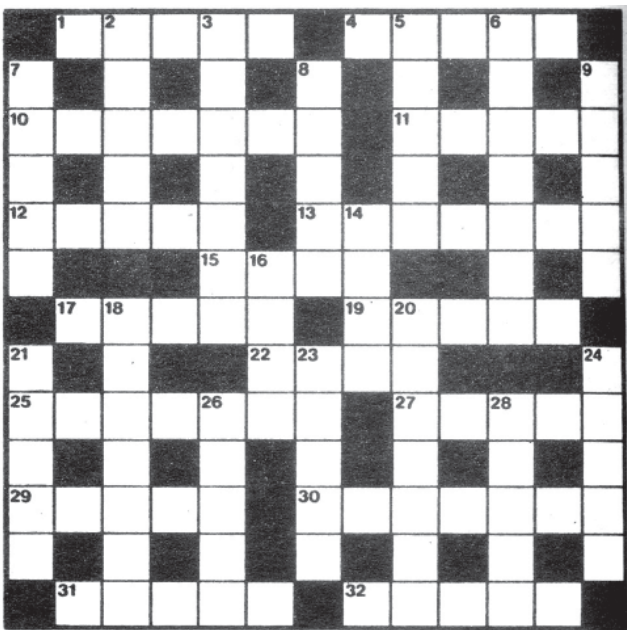
Mares, 31, who has played with Zenit for four years, will sign a two-and-half-year contract with Sparta Praha in the next days. His transfer has been discussed since last summer.

"He is a very experienced footballer who will increase competition in our defence. He'll definitely help the team," Sparta coach Michal Bilek said.

"I hope I'll help Sparta win another title," Mares said about his return to the most successful team of the Czech league.

MNA/Xinhua

CROSS WORDS PUZZLE



ACROSS

1. Evergreen conifer
4. Quotes
10. Desert
11. Unfit, futile
12. Water vapour
13. Paint
15. Direction
17. Pay out
19. Packing-case
22. Reverberate
25. Treble
27. Later in time
29. Mistake
30. Body of retainers
31. Employing
32. Girl's name

DOWN

2. Rub out
3. Belly
5. Topping for cakes
6. First principle
7. Violet
8. Photographs (sl)
9. Condition
14. Skin irritation
16. Gulf of W Arabia Sea
18. Paper-reed
20. Cooked in oven
21. Daisy
23. Poisonous snake
24. Avarice
26. Pinafore
28. Principle

CFF bans foreign players in Hun Sen Cup soccer

PHNOM PENH, 13 Jan — The Board of Executive Committee of Cambodian Football Federation (CFF) has agreed with the majority of the 36 football clubs joining the Prime Minister Hun Sen Cup Football Tournament.

But the CFF decided that no foreign players will be allowed to enter the match which will start on Saturday, CFF official told Xinhua on Friday.

"The football clubs from provinces and cities want to know the ability and techniques of local football players, therefore they request not to permit foreign football players in the match," said Yean

Chheng, secretary-general of CFF.

The problem arose from the Khemera Football Club with three Nigerian and one Congolese players, the Phnom Penh Empire Club with four Nigerians and one Ghanaian players, and the NAGA Corp Club, which allegedly spent much money hiring and training two Cameroonian footballers.

Sim Daravuth, the NAGA Football Club's president, said that "we regret that our two foreign football players are not allowed to play in the Hun Sen Cup tournament, but we need to follow the CFF rule."

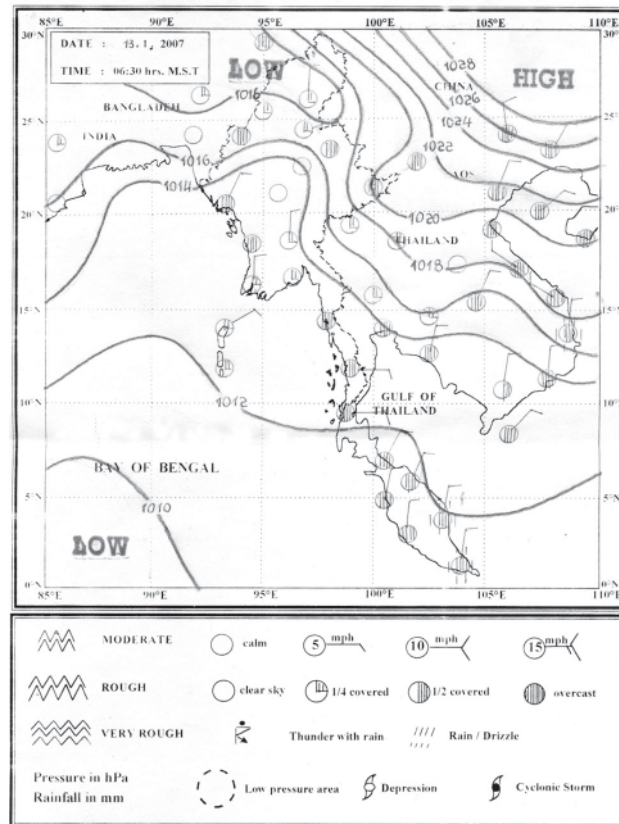
MNA/Xinhua



DONATION MADE: The 10th founding anniversary of Buddha Pujaniya 9000 Lights (Insein) Association was held on 13-1-2007 at Wahgintaung Monastery in Taungthugon Ward, Insein. Photo shows donations presented to Sayadaw Bhaddanta Candawbhasa.

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Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Saturday, 13 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) above normal in Mon State and Taninthayi Division, (5°C) above normal in Chin State, (3°C) to (4°C) below normal in Rakhine State, Magway, Bago and Yangon Divisions and about normal in the remaining States and Divisions. The significant night temperatures were Pinlaung and Heho (0°C) each, Mogok (4°C).

Maximum temperature on 12-1-2007 was 95°F. Minimum temperature on 13-1-2007 was 62°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 13-1-2007 was 74%. Total sunshine hours on 12-1-2007 was (8.7) hours approx.

Rainfalls on 13-1-2007 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 (11:20) hours MST on 12-1-2007.

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 14-1-2007: Weather will be partly cloudy in Kachin and Rakhine States, Mandalay, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions and generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions.

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

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

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 14-1-2007: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 14-1-2007: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 14-1-2007: Partly cloudy.

Earthquake report

(Issued at 12:30 hours MST Today)

A severe earthquake of intensity (7.9) Richter Scale with its epicentre (outside Myanmar) about (3,880) miles Northeast of Kaba-Aye Seismological observatory, was recorded at (11) hrs (02) min (54) sec MST on 13th January 2007.

Spy chief says terrorism remains major threat to US

WASHINGTON, 13 Jan — Terrorism remains the preeminent threat to the United States, to its national security interests and allies, the top US intelligence official said on Thursday.

Testifying before the Senate Intelligence Committee, Director of National Intelligence John Negroponte said al-Qaeda was the terrorist organization that posed the greatest threat to the United States.

Although the United States had captured or killed numerous senior

al-Qaeda operatives, but its core elements were resilient, he said.

“They continue to plot attacks against our homeland and other targets with the objective of inflicting mass casualties,” he said.

Negroponte noted that conventional use of explosives continued to be

the most probable al-Qaeda attack scenario, and the group and other terrorist organizations were attempting to acquire chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear weapons or materials.

He said Hizbollah, “backed by Iran and Syria”, also posed a terrorist threat.

“As a result of last summer’s hostilities, Hizbollah’s self-confidence and hostility toward the United States as a supporter of Israel, could cause the group to increase its contingency planning against United States interests,” he said.

MNA/Xinhua



Sunday, 14 January
View on today

- 7:00 am
- 1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Ottamathra
- 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. ယဉ်ကျေးလိမ္မာ (၃၈) ဖြာမင်္ဂလာ
- 8:05 am
- 6. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:15 am
- 7. ဆက်သွယ်ဆင့်ပွား ကျွန်းတောတံတား
- 8:20 am
- 8. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:30 am
- 9. International news
- 8:45 am
- 10. Say it in English
- 11:00 am
- 1. Martial song

- 11:10 am
- 2. Musical programme
- 11:25 am
- 3. Round up of the week’s international news
- 11:35 am
- 4. Yan can cook
- 11:50 am
- 5. Myanmar movie: “ချစ်သူငယ်ချင်း” (ကျော်ဟိန်း၊ ခင်သီတာထွန်း၊ နွဲ့နွဲ့၊ ဒါရိုက်တာ-ကိုဦးမိုးမိုး)
- 1:45 pm
- 6. Musical programme
- 2:00 pm
- 7. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 2:10 pm
- 8. လဂွမ်းပြင် ရေလှောင်တံ
- 2:20 pm
- 9. “ပြေးပြေးလွှားလွှား သွားသွားလာလာ” (မောင်မောင်မြင့်၊ မောင်မောင်မျိုးသန့်၊ မအေးမြင့်၊ စိန်ဂွက်ထော်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မောင်မောင်မြင့်)
- 2:30 pm
- 10. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 2:45 pm
- 11. 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. အေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ -ပထမနှစ် (ရူပဗေဒအထူးပြု) (ရူပဗေဒ)
- 5:00 pm
- 5. Song of national races
- 5:15 pm
- 6. သီးနှံစိုက်ပျိုး အထွက်တိုး (ပိုးသတ်ဆေးများကို အကျိုးရှိရှိ ထိရောက်အောင် သုံးစွဲနည်း)
- 5:25 pm
- 7. Sing and Enjoy
- 6:00 pm
- 8. Evening news
- 6:30 pm
- 9. Weather report
- 6:35 pm
- 10. သီရိဇောဟာ
- 7:05 pm
- 11. နိုင်ငံခြား ဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ကြယ်ကြွေရင်ခွန်သံ” (အပိုင်း-၁၂)
- 8:00 pm
- 12. News
- 13. International news
- 14. Weather report
- 15. နိုင်ငံခြား ဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “လှပသောနေ့ရက်များ” (အပိုင်း-၁၆)
- 16. The next day’s programme



- Sunday, 14 January
Tune in today
- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music: -Do you know what I mean...Oasis
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music: -Love me and leave me... The Seahorse
- 8:50 am National news/Slogan
- 9:00 am Music: -Walking on the sun...Smash Mouth
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Cultural images of Myanmar
- 9:20 am Local boy in the photograph ... Stereophonis
- 1:30 pm News / Slogan
- 1:40 pm Children’s delight (story)
- 1:50 pm Songs for children
- 9:00 pm Weekly news review
- 9:10 pm Article
- 9:20 pm Music/LIETS -Caravan of life... Tokyo Square -More than I can say... Leo Sayer
- 9:45 pm News / Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL

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Construction of Dagon Bridge inspected in Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Township

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Jan — Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun heard reports on progress of Dagon Bridge Project in Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Township this morning.

Senior Engineer U Tint Lwin reported on construction tasks and future plans.

The minister instructed officials to carry out construction of earth work of the approach and paving of tar at the same time.

Next, the minister and party viewed pav-

ing of pre-stressed reinforced concrete beams on the bridge.

The bridge is the type of reinforced concrete bored pile and pre-stressed RC beams.

It will be 4,540 feet long and will have a 72-foot-wide motorway, flanked by six-foot-wide walkways.

The bridge can withstand 75-ton loads. *MNA*

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.

Minister inspects function of Hlawga and Thakayta Gas Turbines, installation of power lines

YANGON, 13 Jan — Minister for Electric Power No 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint and Deputy Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Than Htay inspected laying of natural gas pipelines and servicing tasks at Thakayta Gas Turbine yesterday morning.

Deputy Chief Engineer U Than Lwin of Gas Turbines Division and Turbine Manager U Tun Hlaing reported on maintenance of the gas turbine.

Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Than Htay gave a supplementary report.

At Gas Station in Thakayta Township, the minister inspected operation of the station at full capacity and maintenance task.



Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint inspects construction of Hlinethaya-Yekyi (Athoke) power line in Nyaungdon Township. — MNA

They proceeded to Hlawga Gas Turbine and viewed cleaning process of gas pipelines.

On arrival at Hlinethaya Sub-Power Station, the minister

looked into incoming and supplying of power at the switch gear room.

Chief Engineer U Tun Aye and officials reported on supply of power from Myaungdagar Sub-

Power Station and installation of power lines in Yangon City.

Head of the sub-power station U Kyaw Khaing Tun submitted reports on construction of

the staff quarters and the station, incoming and supply of electricity.

The minister inspected supply of power through seven feeders.

At the site for construction of 230 KV Hlinethaya-Yekyi

(Athoke) power line in Hsamalauk Village of Nyaungdon Township, the minister and party viewed installation of power lines and gave instructions to officials on timely completion of the tasks.— MNA

ASEAN FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP 2006

Singapore, Vietnam plays goalless draw

SINGAPORE, 13 Jan — Singapore kicked off the defence of the ASEAN Football Championship, with a match against Vietnam at the National Stadium this evening in Singapore.

The AFC tournament, formerly known as the Tiger Cup, got off to a wet start because of the heavy rains of the past days as Vietnam looked to turn the tables on Singapore.

But the hosts and defending champions stood their ground.

It was a scrappy affair in the first half, with Singapore having more chances at goal but could not convert.

Singapore was let off the hook when Vietnam had the ball in Singapore's net in the second half, but the goal was ruled out for a foul.

The match ended in a goalless draw with both sides happy with the outcome.

Earlier, Indonesia beat Laos 3-1 in the tournament's other group B encounter. — Internet

WEATHER

Significant night temperatures

Pinlaung	(0°C)
Heho	(0°C)
Mogok	(4°C)