

## Comprehensive Strategic Package for Measles Control in Myanmar launched



*Commander Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win, Minister Dr Kyaw Myint and guests view the booth on Comprehensive Strategic Package for Measles Control.— MNA*

YANGON, 14 Jan — The Government is striving for declining mortality rate of under five and one year old children in the nation, Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win said at the ceremony to launch the Comprehensive Strategic Package for Measles Control in Myanmar 2007 at the International Business Centre on Pyay Road this morning.

The commander, who is also Chairman of

Yangon Division Peace and Development Council, added that some diseases that cause death to under 5 and one year old children can be prevented through vaccination.

He continued to say that vaccination tasks are being carried out in townships from hilly and plain regions including border areas with the participation of the Ministry of Health, related ministries, social organizations and local people under the leadership of

### 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

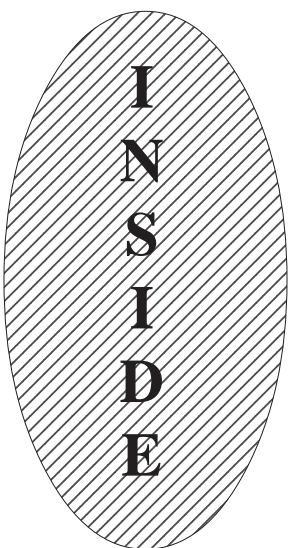
- \* Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
- \* Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
- \* Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit
- \* Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

the State Peace and Development Council.

He said that as part of the plan, over 7 million children in the nine months-five years age range will be vaccinated. The launch of vaccinations in Yangon and Mandalay Divisions will start from 14 to 27 January 2007 for the first time, in all the states and upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions in March for the second time, and in Magway, Bago, Ayeyawady and lower Sagaing Divisions in May for the third time. Under the project, altogether 12,000 vaccination teams have been formed with about 60,000 members.

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## ARTICLE



- \* **In containing China, there is a vacuum in the southwest of China where Myanmar is situated. So, the US is hungry for establishing its military camps and missile bases in Myanmar. So, it is desperate to install a government or puppet government that will accept the establishment of its camps and bases.**
- \* **What was interesting was that in 1995 CIA sent a group to call on U Khun Sa. The group comprised Mr Shane Wang and Mr Peter Lui. The latter had met U Khun Sa very often since 1991. Under the CIA's command, they offered a proposal to provide MTA with money, weapons and other military equipment. The proposal also included a major point that MTA was to allow to have a US missile base in its controlled area.**

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

## PERSPECTIVES

Monday, 15 January, 2007

### Great victory over incorrect attempts of US

On 1 September 2006, the US Ambassador to the UN submitted a resolution on Myanmar's affairs to be put on the UN Security Council 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.

The resolution was passed to put Myanmar on the UNSC agenda under the title of "Situation in Myanmar" on 15 September.

Myanmar government and the people issued attitudes and declarations and objected and turned down the US accusations saying that the attempt was neither correct nor just. Moreover, neighbouring and regional countries, friendly nations and member nations of Non-Aligned Movement opposed and objected the US resolution.

Again, on 11 January 2007, Acting US Ambassador to the UN proposed a draft resolution urging the UNSC to take action against Myanmar.

In connection with this, Ambassadors of South Africa, China and Russia said that Myanmar issue was just the internal issue and Myanmar did not constitute a threat to the regional and international peace and security. They also expressed their attitudes explicitly that they did not support the interference that was beyond the fundamental obligation of the UNSC.

Nine nations voted for the US and Britain-proposed draft resolution, and China, Russia and South Africa against it with three abstentions. China and Russia thus cast veto to reject the draft resolution.

Therefore, the incorrect and one-sided attempt of the US and Britain to interfere in the internal affairs of Myanmar was abortive. In other words, it was the great victory of the people of the international community and the people of Myanmar who love truthfulness.

### Prize-distribution for National Literary Award to be held

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Jan—The prize-distribution ceremony for the lifelong National Literary Award, National Literary Award, Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Award for 2005 and the 17th National Motto, Literary and Photo Competitions will be held in Nay Pyi Taw on 30 January.

The prize winners are to attend the rehearsal to be held at the Nay Pyi Taw City Hall on 29 January without fail, and have to be here not later than 28 January evening.

They are to contact the Printing and Publishing Enterprise of the Ministry of Information (Tel 067-412025, 412027, 412376 or 01-240048 for reception and accommodation. The prize winners of the 17th National Motto, Literary and Photo Competitions are to contact the secretary of the Competitions Organizing Committee (Myanma Radio and Television).—MNA

## Peoples' Desire

- \* Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views
- \* Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation
- \* Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State
- \* Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy

### Education Minister meets faculty members, students of doctorate course

YANGON, 14 Jan—Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein met with pro-rector, professors/heads of department and professors of Yangon University for Distance Education at the meeting hall of the university this morning.

Pro-rector Dr Khin Mar Tun of YUDE reported on intensive courses for 2006 academic year, examinations and pass rate, opening of first year courses for 2007 academic year, distribution of publications and teaching aids and holding of convocation to the minister.

The minister stressed the need for faculty members to strive for uplift of education standards, conduct researches in the interest of the State and follow rules and regulations of the exam.

Next, professors/heads of department reported on intensive courses, examinations and pass rate to the

minister who fulfilled the requirements.

At the Yangon University of Foreign Languages, the minister heard a report presented by Rector Dr Myo Myint on measures taken for improvement of teaching skills of faculty members, pass rate in 2005-2006 academic year, enrolment in 2006-2007 and researches, and gave necessary instructions.

After that, the minister proceeded to the Yangon University where he met pro-rector, professors/heads of department and students of doctorate course.

Pro-rector Dr Tun Khin reported to the minister on the number of students of doctorate course and progress of holding seminar on doctorate course.

Afterwards, professors/heads of department and students of doctorate course reported on conducting of researches to the minister who attended to the needs.

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### Lucky draw winners of MaMa instant noodle selected

YANGON, 14 Jan — As part of launching sales promotion of MaMa instant noodle, the ceremony to draw lots for lucky winners for a foreign trip was held at Hotel Nikko Royal Lake here on 12 January evening.

Marketing Manager U Kaung Naing Oo of Ayeyawady Foodstuff Co Ltd explained the sales promotion programme.

Media persons and artistes drew lots of lucky persons for the foreign trip. Eight lucky draw winners and two winning stores came out from the ceremony.

For other lucky draw winners, first and second prize winners are to take out their prizes at Yangon and Mandalay office of Ayeyawady Foodstuff Co Ltd, third and consolation prize winners from sale agents and branches of MMSEA Marketing Co Ltd. — MNA



U Win Nyein draws a lot for a lucky winner of MaMa instant noodle.

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### Myanmar-Vietnam Joint Trade Committee Meeting held

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Jan—The Fourth Myanmar-Vietnam Joint Trade Committee Meeting was held at the Ministry of Commerce, here on 12 January.

Also present at the meeting were Deputy Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Aung Tun and Mr Tran Duc Minh, Deputy Minister of Trade of Vietnam Socialist Republic.

At the meeting, they discussed matters related to strengthening trading between the two countries, Vietnamese entrepreneurs' investment in Myanmar special economic zones, exchange and cooperation in trade information and marketing news.

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### Dry Day inspection teams supervised

YANGON, 14 Jan—Chairman of Dry Day Supervisory Committee Yangon Station Commander Brig-Gen Myint Soe and members, accompanied by departmental officials, supervised functions of Dry Day inspection teams to check Tatmadaw and departmental vehicles in downtown Yangon today.

The Dry Day teams inspected Dry Day Pass, driver's licence, wheel tax bills, wearing of departmental uniforms and breaking of traffic rules from 7 am to 5 pm at main points here.

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## Russia opposes US military reinforcement in Iraq

Moscow, 13 Jan— Russia opposes the US military reinforcement in Iraq though it supports the United States in fighting terrorism, speaker of Russian Lower House of Parliament said on Thursday,

Russia “supports the US steps aimed at fighting against international terrorism, but we have never supported bringing of troops in Iraq”, Boris Gryzlov was quoted by the

ITAR-TASS news agency as saying in connection with statements of the American President on the enlargement of the US military contingent in Iraq.

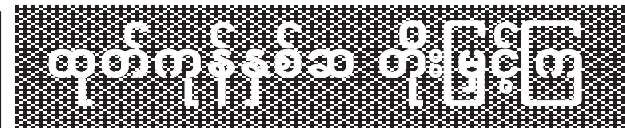
“The situation in Iraq

is very difficult, it is not improving,” Gryzlov said. According to him, Russia does not welcome the deployment of more troops in Iraq. It is necessary to make those decisions that will

allow the Iraqis to independently build their own state and ensure security in it,” he said.

The further reinforcement of the US troops in Iraq is, in fact, “a repetition and even deeper rooting of the strategic errors”, which American policy has perpetrated in the Middle East, Konstantin Kosachev, chairman of the International Affairs Committee of the Lower House of Parliament, was quoted as saying.

MNA/Xinhua



An oil painting on canvas by Gaetano Previati entitled "Woman on Lawn" is on display during a Press preview of Philharmonic director Arturo Toscanini's private art collection at Avery Fisher Hall, on 10 Jan, 2007.—INTERNET



Japan's Prime Minister Shinzo Abe emerges from the plane upon arrival on 14 Jan, 2007 in Cebu City in central Philippines to attend the ASEAN Leaders Summit and its Dialogue Partners. ASEAN leaders signed first legally binding convention against terrorism, which requires the 10-members state to improve regional cooperation to prevent attacks, rapidly share intelligence and relay terror warnings. —INTERNET

## Senator Clinton doubts Iraq plan will succeed

BAGHDAD, 14 Jan—US Senator Hillary Clinton says she doubts the United States or Iraqi Government can pacify the country.

Senator Clinton is critical of US President George W Bush's new Iraq strategy, which includes sending 21,500 extra troops to the country.

Speaking on a visit to Baghdad, Senator Clinton said she did not believe the plan would succeed in reducing the violence.

“I don't know that the American people or the Congress at this point

believe this mission can work,” the possible presidential candidate told American ABC news.

“I'm sceptical that the Iraqi Government will do what they have promised to do, and that I think is the concern of all of us who have heard this before.”

Senator Clinton visited US troops and met commanders, wanting to hear from them a frank

assessment of the US mission. She also met the Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki and other Iraqi officials.

Senator Clinton described the situation in Iraq as heartbreaking and said the level of security for the trip was far greater than on her prior visits.

“This is heartbreaking,” she said.—Internet

## Chinese expert slams

### US-based Human Rights report

BEIJING, 13 Jan — A leading Chinese human rights expert on Thursday lashed out at a report accusing China of widespread rights abuse, saying the report is “completely groundless” and its authors have a “Cold War mentality”.

Human Rights Watch, a US-based group, released its annual report on Thursday which criticized a handful of countries — including China — for poor rights records. But the group's judgement of China “has no basis in fact”, said Dong Yunhu, Secretary-General of the China Society for Human Rights Studies.

“This group always turns a blind eye to China's progress in human rights protection, no matter how remarkable it is,” Dong said, saying that the group has a Cold War mentality when it comes to China, which leads to serious

bias in its reports.

The Washington-based group blasted China for rights abuse in a wide range of fields, including the country's tightened control over the Internet, Press,

“Human rights protection” has been included in the guidelines for the Five-Year National Development Plan (2006-2010) and “the develop-

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and aid groups.

“The report is politically inspired,” Dong said. “In reality, China has made huge progress in human rights protection in the past year.”

ment of individual political rights” has been placed at the top of the country's development goals for the next five years, Dong said.

“No matter how much China improves its human rights, Human Rights Watch will always claim that rights abuses are getting more serious,” Dong said.

MNA/Xinhua

## Iran says more US troops in Iraq will lead to further insecurity

TEHERAN, 13 Jan — A senior Iranian official said on Thursday that more US troops in Iraq will lead to further insecurity in the violence-torn country, the official IRNA news agency reported.

US President George W Bush's decision to increase the number of US military forces in Iraq “will only result in further insecurity and tension in that occupied country”, Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman Mohammad-Ali Hosseini said. In a prime-time televised speech Wednesday night, Bush said that he had ordered more than 20,000 additional American troops to Iraq, as part of his new Iraq strategy.— MNA/Xinhua



A 737-200 cargo plane lies on the tarmac of Kuching International Airport after it crash-landed in Malaysia's Borneo state of Sarawak, on 13 Jan, 2007.

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## ASEAN leaders back resumption of Doha Round of talks

CEBU (the Philippines), 13 Jan — Philippine Foreign Affairs Secretary Alberto Romulo said here Friday that the ASEAN leaders have agreed to adopt the World Trade Organization (WTO) Stand-Alone Statement pushed by Philippine President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo which will reinforce the region's commitment to fair and liberal global trade.

"The statement will reiterate ASEAN's commitment to the Doha Round and to attaining an ambitious and balanced overall outcome," Romulo said at a Press conference at the Shangri-La's Mactan Island Resort and Spa.

The 10 members of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) are Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.

He also said that the world's major trading powers, including ASEAN's Plus Three Partners — China, Japan and South Korea — must show their political will to move the Doha development round of talks forward.

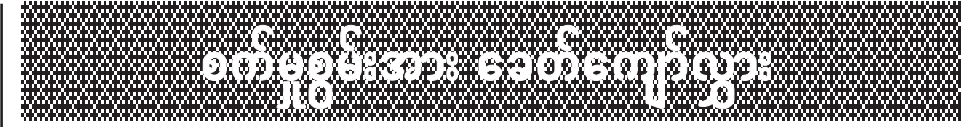
"I emphasized that all parties, but especially the major trading powers, including the Plus Three Partners, must have the political

will to move forward from current positions in order to revive the Round," Romulo added.

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Russian circus artists warm up before performing on stage during the Russian Winter Festival in London's Trafalgar Square, on 13 Jan, 2007. — INTERNET



China's Prime Minister Wen Jiabao (L) talks to Philippines President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo before a signing ceremony of ASEAN-China during the 12th Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) summit in Cebu, central Philippines, on 14 Jan, 2007.—INTERNET

## Sweden criticizes Bush's new Iraq strategy

STOCKHOLM, 13 Jan — Swedish Foreign Minister Carl Bildt said on Thursday that the United States lacks the political dimensions needed to solve the conflict in Iraq, Radio Sweden reported.

In a speech on Wednesday evening, US President George W Bush admitted that unacceptable mistakes had been made and the responsibility rested with him. He then went on to announce that more than 21,000 extra American troops are being sent to Iraq.

Carl Bildt said to the public broadcaster that the increase may well help with security problems around Baghdad, but he is pointing out that it is also important to tackle challenges like the

inclusion of different groups in the political process, distribution of oil wealth and getting Iraq's neighbours to play a part in stabilizing the country.

MNA/Xinhua

## Chinese facing shortage of wives

### Poorly-educated men may increasingly struggle to find wives

LONDON, 12 Jan—China will have 30 million more men of marriageable age than women by 2020, making it difficult for them to find wives, according to a national report.

The gender imbalance could lead to social instability, the report by the State Population and Family Planning Commission warned.

It found that around 118 boys were born to every 100 girls in 2005. A traditional preference for boys, in a country with a one-child policy, is the root of the problem, the report says.

Abortions on female foetuses are believed to be widespread as couples, particularly in rural areas, hope for a son who will look after them in their old age. There is also suspected under-reporting of female births.

The report said the 118 to 100 ratio of newborn boys to girls had jumped from 110 to 100 recorded in 2000. In some areas of southern China, such as Guangdong and Hainan, the figure was 130 boys to 100 girls in 2005.

Nationwide this means there will be 30 million more men than women by 2020, making it difficult for those particularly with low income or little education to find a wife, the report said.—Internet

## Suicide bombing injures US contractor in Kabul

KABUL, 14 Jan — An American and two Afghans were injured

when a suicide bomber attacked a foreigner's vehicle in the south of

Kabul, the capital of Afghanistan Friday, a police official said.

"A suicide attacker rammed his explosive-laden car into the foreigner's vehicle on the highway between Kabul and Logor Province in Charsiab District, wounding an American contractor and his two Afghan employees," Deputy Chief of Kabul Police Ali Shah Paktiawal said Friday.

Xinhua reporters saw the damaged vehicle was on fire and police had cordoned off the area.

This is the first suicide attack occurred this year and the second in one month in the capital city of Afghanistan. Eight people were wounded when a suicide attacker targeted an Afghan lawmaker on 12 December.—MNA/Xinhua



Protesters display a banner and an effigy of US President George W Bush while marching along a busy street in Cebu City.—INTERNET

## India, ASEAN to consider joint flagship projects

CEBU (Philippines), 13 Jan— India and ASEAN Friday agreed to consider joint flagship projects to bolster cooperation in diversified areas and pledged to intensify efforts to bridge the development gap between less developed and other members of the grouping.

New Delhi's support for the Initiative for

ASEAN Integration (IAI) aimed at assisting the CMLV (Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar and Vietnam) members of ASEAN came in for praise at the ministerial meet here co-chaired by External Affairs Minister Pranab Mukherjee and his Indonesian counterpart Hassan Wirajuda.

Indian officials said the

ASEAN ministers emphasized the potential for further expansion of cooperation, given the strengths of the Indian economy and expertise in scientific and technological fields, including IT.

Mukherjee agreed that the two sides would consider joint flagship projects that would capitalize on the complementary strengths of India and ASEAN.

India-ASEAN relations came under review and the ministers also discussed its future direction, the officials said.

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Douglas Heuser, Director of the See Science Centre in Manchester, NH, walks by the head of a Tyrannosaurus Rex on 9 Jan, 2007. See Science Centre is preparing for the opening of their dinosaur exhibit. — INTERNET

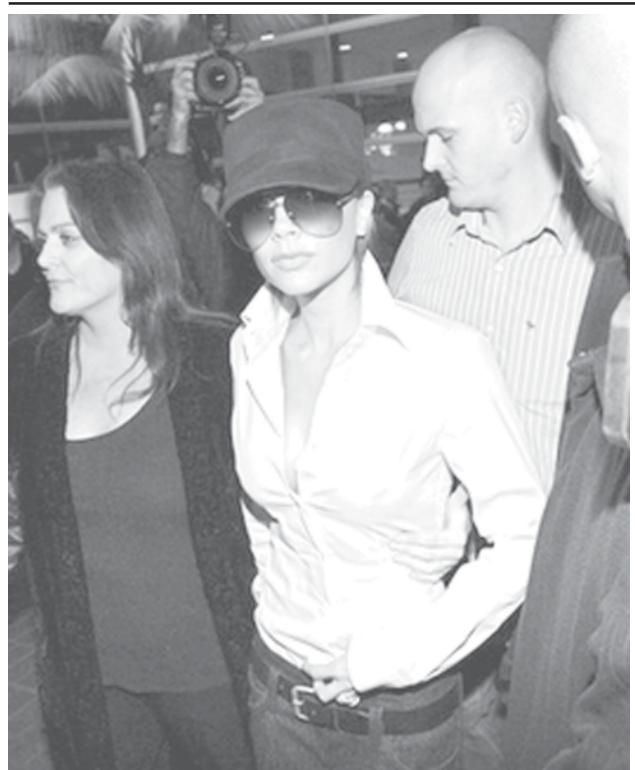
## Sri Lanka's tourist arrivals slump in December

COLOMBO, 13 Jan— The number of tourist arrivals to Sri Lanka has seen a drop of 23.3 per cent in December 2006, according to the official figures released here on Thursday.

Sri Lanka Tourist Board, the government tourist authority, said that 39,224 tourists had arrived in the island in December, comparing with the 51,171 of the same month of 2005.

The contributions from major markets such as Britain and Germany had both recorded over 20-per cent declines in the number of arrivals in December.

The figures however show a growth of 1.9 per cent in the arrivals for the whole year of 2006 as opposed to the arrivals in 2005. — MNA/Xinhua



Singer Victoria Beckham arrives at Los Angeles International Airport following a flight from London, on 14 Jan, 2007, in Los Angeles. Her husband soccer star David Beckham signed with the Los Angeles Galaxy of the MLS.—INTERNET

## Three injured, one missing in Sao Paulo subway construction collapse

RIO DE JANEIRO, 14 Jan— A collapse in the construction of a subway line in Sao Paulo, Brazil, opened a 100-metre diameter hole on the ground on Friday, leaving three workers injured and another one missing, local media reported.

The accident occurred at around 3 pm local time (0600 GMT) at the

junction between two subway tunnels, close to the existing Pinheiros Station.

Witnesses said that a

derrick dropped a block of concrete onto the street, possibly due to cables becoming unfastened.

MNA/Xinhua

## Six injured in Polish shipyard blast

WARSAW, 13 Jan— Six people were injured in an explosion at Swinoujscie shipyard in northwestern Poland on Friday morning, the Szczecin Police Press office said.

Five people were transported to hospitals and one refused to be examined, the Press office was quoted by the PAP news agency as saying.

The blast occurred during welding work aboard a Norwegian ship.

Representatives of the prosecutor's office, police and State Labour Inspection have arrived at the shipyard to investigate the cause of the blast.

MNA/Xinhua

## Oceanic disasters claim 492 lives in China

BEIJING, 13 Jan— Oceanic disasters left 492 persons dead or missing and caused direct economic losses of 21.8 billion yuan (around 2.8 billion US dollars) in China last year, says a report released here Friday by the State Oceanic Administration (SOA). The report says China experienced 179 oceanic disasters last year, including storm tides, huge waves, severe sea ice and red tides.

Economic losses were down by 11.4 billion yuan (around 1.5 billion US dollars) from the previous year, but the death toll rose by 121.

MNA/Xinhua

## Cargo train falls into river in India

PATNA (India), 13 Jan— The engine and three bogies of a cargo train fell into a river in central Indian state Jharkhand Friday, said a senior railway official.

The cargo train laden with coal was crossing a railway bridge over a river in Jharkhand's Dhanbad District when its engine and three of its wagons jumped off the rails and fell into the river, said Dinesh Kumar, Additional Divisional Railway Manager of Dhanbad Division, contacted by Xinhua over phone.

Both the driver and guard were rescued safely, Kumar said.

MNA/Xinhua

## Peruvian police destroy 50,000 poppy plants

LIMA, 14 Jan— The Peruvian National Police (PNP) said on Friday that it had destroyed more than 50,000 poppy plants in an ongoing operation to fight drug-trafficking.

During searches under the Bellota 2007 Operation, the PNP first found four hectares of poppies in Celendin, Cajamarca department, where they discovered 30,000 plants that had been drained of latex.

The latex is a milky fluid produced by fertilized poppy heads, which is used as the raw material in the production of opium and heroin.—MNA/Xinhua



Australian actress Naomi Watts (R) and Terri Irwin pose for photographers at the G'Day USA: Australia Week 2007 Penfolds Icon gala in Los Angeles, on 13 Jan, 2007. Russell Crowe will introduce a special tribute to Terri Irwin's late husband, Crocodile Hunter Steve Irwin.—INTERNET



Some Japanese weapons are on display at an Asian exhibit at the Milwaukee Public Museum, on 11 Jan, 2007, in Milwaukee.—INTERNET

## Singapore-based Tiger Airways to launch flights to Perth

SINGAPORE, 13 Jan — Singapore-based low cost carrier Tiger Airways will offer flights between Singapore and the Western Australian city of Perth beginning in March, the airline announced Friday in a news release.

The budget carrier said it will fly to Perth four times a week beginning March 23, with plans for daily service from November.

It is the first Asian budget carrier to link Asia with Perth, which is also Tiger's second Australian destination after Darwin, according to the news release.

Tiger Airways now flies from Singapore to destinations of six Asia-Pacific countries, including China, Thailand, Vietnam, Indonesia, the Philippines and Australia.

Established in

December 2003, Tiger Airways flew its first flight in September 2004. It is one of Asia-Pacific's fastest growing low cost airlines. It hit its second

millionth passenger milestone in December last year.

The Singapore Airlines owns 49 per cent of its shares. — MNA/Xinhua



Workers in protective suits enter a poultry farm to destroy chickens in Kiyotake town in Miyazaki, southwestern Japan, on 14 Jan, 2007. Japan said on Saturday it had confirmed a case of bird flu at the poultry farm, but could not immediately determine if the outbreak was due to a highly pathogenic strain of the virus.—INTERNET

## US orders "Progress" spaceships from Russia

Moscow, 13 Jan — The space agency NASA of the United States had concluded a contract last December with the Russian Space Agency Roskosmos to build for it two Progress cargo vehicles in 2007-2008, a senior official of the construction corporation told a Press conference here on Thursday.

Besides, "negotia-

tions are now under way on the construction in 2009-2011 of six manned Soyuz and six Progress spaceships to deliver crews and freight to the International Space Station ISS", Nikolai Sevastyanov, Head and Constructor-General of the "Energia" Rocket Space Construction Corporation, was quoted by the ITAR-

TASS news agency as saying.

Energia, the principal Russian manned cosmonautics organization, has much work to do in the coming three years to develop the Russian segment of the ISS and to replace the American shuttles by new vehicles, starting from 2010, according to Sevastyanov.

MNA/Xinhua

## Study shows Indian business owners most confident in world

NEW DELHI, 13 Jan — With robust domestic economic growth and growing acceptance of 'India story' on the global arena, Indian business owners have emerged as the most confident lot worldwide about the prospects of their economy for fourth year in running, a new study shows.

Besides higher level of confidence in the overall economy, Indian business owners are most optimistic globally about growth of their business turnover as well, according to an International Business Report (IBR) survey published Friday by Grant Thornton International.

Asian business owners continue to be the most confident in the world with India, Philippines, China and Singapore, taking the top four positions in the IBR survey.

"It is remarkable to note the jump in confidence over the Indian economy among Indian business owners," Grant Thornton

India Partner & Director-International Business Vishesh Chandiook said.

"For the fourth consecutive year, Indian business owners are the most optimistic among over 7,000 others in 32 countries globally," he said. This business confidence of Indian business owners that is marking the steady stream of global acquisitions by

large and medium Indian corporates.

The initial findings from the International Business Report (IBR) from Grant Thornton International published showed that medium to large privately-held businesses around the world are considerably more optimistic about the prospects of their economies in 2007.

MNA/PTI

## China releases "Library of Chinese Classics" globally

BEIJING, 13 Jan — China has just released globally bilingual Chinese-English books, "Library of Chinese Classics", to better introduce Chinese culture to the outside world, according to the State Press and Publication Administration (SPPA).

Comprising 92 volumes, the 51 kinds of classic books cover famous anas, poetry anthologies and novels. Some are dated back more than 2,500 years.

For example, "The Analects of Confucius" is

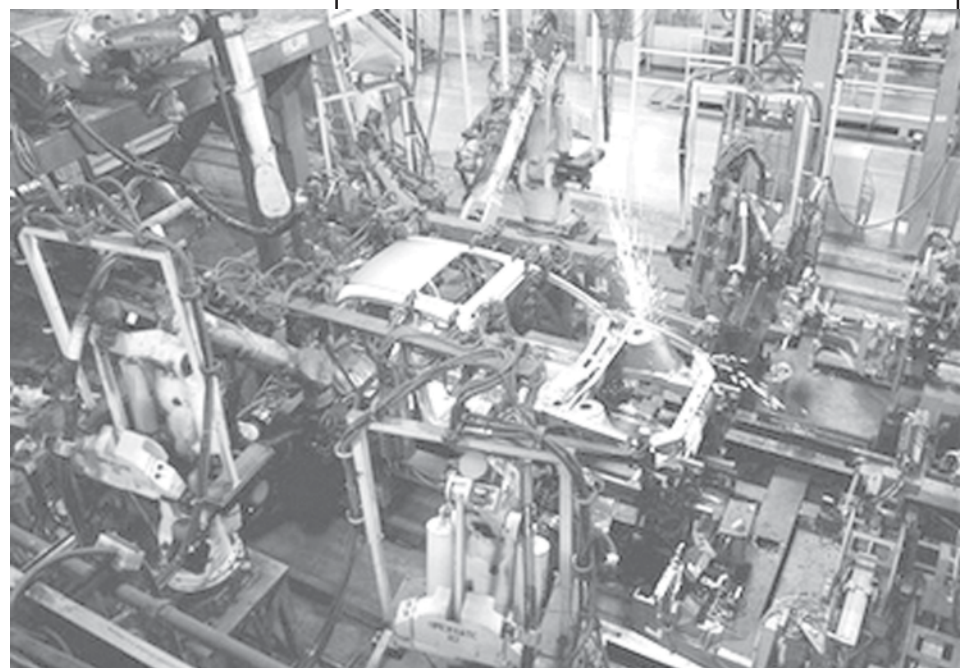
a Confucian classic which appeared in book form in the early Warring States Period (475 BC - 221 BC). It recorded the dialogues, stories and anecdotes of Confucius, the philosopher.

"The books are regarded as the essence of Chinese classics and can represent the best of China's academic, publishing and translating circles," said Ren Jiyu, honorary curator of the National Central Library.

MNA/Xinhua

Industrial robots assemble a car at Shanghai General Motors factory in Shanghai, China, in this 2005 file photo. General Motors Corp said on 8 Jan, 2007, its sales in China's booming car market grew by 32 percent last year, a boost for an automaker that has seen demand slump in its key North American market.

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In deed, he noted that about 6 million children from nine months to five years old have been vaccinated within three years from 2002 to 2004. Next, the commander thanked local authorities, health committees, USDA, MWA, MMCWA, Myanmar Medical Association, Myanmar Red Cross Society, Myanmar Nurses Association and Myanmar Health Assistants Association as well as WHO, UNICEF, UN Foundation, IFRC, CDC for their contributions to implementing the measles vaccination programme.

After the ceremony, the commander and Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint viewed the booth on Comprehensive Strategic Package for Measles Control in Myanmar.

They also viewed vaccination being provided to the children.

Also present on the occasion were Deputy Ministers for Health Dr Mya Oo and

Dr Paing Soe, medical superintendents, the head of Yangon Division Health Department, the Chairperson of Yangon Division Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee, officials and wellwishers.

After that, the ministers, deputy ministers, diplomats, directors-general, resident representatives of UN agencies and responsible persons of international social organizations looked into vaccination children against measles at Kanaung Hall in Hlinethaya Township.

Head of Township Health Department Dr Daw Tin Tin Sein explained measles vaccination given to children in Hlinethaya Township.

They gave toys to the children. Next, they posed for documentary photo with members of the Union Solidarity and Development Association, Township Women's Affairs Organization, Township Maternal and Child

Welfare Association, Red Cross and Auxiliary Fire Brigades and health staff.

Likewise, a similar programme was implemented in townships of Mandalay Division this morning. Secretary of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council U Khin Maung Than, Secretary of Mandalay Division MCWSC Head of Mandalay Division Health Department Dr Khin Maung Tun, Chairperson of Mandalay Division Women's Affairs Organization Daw Kyemon Oo and members spoke words of encouragement to children and mothers at the measles vaccination ceremony.

In Mandalay Division, 1,075 vaccination teams under 396 supervisory teams will provide measles vaccine to 627,162 children from nine months to five years old from 14 to 23 January.

So far, over 20,000 children including 125,862 children from Mandalay District have been vaccinated in the division. — MNA

## Secretariat Member inspects development facilities in Mandalay Division



Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung inspects Vest Factory in Kyaukse. — INDUSTRY-1

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Jan — Secretariat Member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung met with secretaries and executives of Mandalay, Pyin Oo Lwin, Kyaukse, Meiktila, Myingyan and Nyaung U Districts and 26 township USDAs at

Mandalay Division USDA Office yesterday morning.

District and Township USDA secretaries reported on public welfare tasks and development undertakings in their respective areas. The Secretariat Member gave instructions on potable water, better transportation, education and health facilities to be fulfilled to the rural people.

At Bicycle Factory (Kyaukse) in Kyaukse, the minister inspected production of parts of the bicycle, and viewed demonstration on new product bicycle.

At Vest Factory (Kyaukse), the minister

inspected production of sports shirts, T-shirts and vests, and printing works.

The minister proceeded to Myittha Textile Factory Project of Myanma Textile Industries.

Managing Director U Aye Mauk of Myanma General and Maintenance Industries reported on progress of construction tasks.

At Wundwin Garment Factory, the minister inspected weaving and products.

In the afternoon, the minister inspected functions of Soap Factory (Yamethin), Yamethin Textile and Printing Plant.

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A nurse vaccinates a baby against measles.

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## Any big power has no right to interfere...

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democracy cause. Their unsuccessful wrong attempt was to save the face of those who oppose the Tatmadaw government.

Under the pretext of democracy and human rights, the Security Council has no right to meddle in the international affairs of a country, and in like manner, any big power has no right to interfere in the internal affairs of other countries by misusing the Security Council.

We strongly condemn not only the act of the US and Britain to jeopardize Myanmar's independence and sovereignty, peace and stability of the State and national security and solidarity but also the member countries of the UNSC which voted for such a destructive act.

Myanmar is very grateful to the People's Republic of China, Russian Federation and South Africa for opposing the draft resolution submitted by the US and Britain as well as to Congo, Indonesia and Qatar for their abstention from voting.

We strongly oppose the attempt of national traitors outside the country operating under the pretext of democracy movements to enable the Security Council and big powers to interfere in Myanmar's internal affairs.

We hereby warn that similar act is not to be committed again by putting one's self-interest or a party's interest in the fore based on personality cult instead of serving the interest of the Myanmar people.

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## Malaysia plans to develop more hydroelectric power

KUALA LUMPUR, 14 Jan — Malaysia plans to have 30 per cent of its power generated hydroelectrically in the next 10 years and reduce dependence on gas power, a senior official said Friday.

The government wishes to increase the ratio of hydroelectricity in the power generation from the current 5.5 per cent to 30 per cent in the next decade, Energy, Water and Communications Minister Lim Keng Yaik said.

Under the current energy mix, besides hydroelectric power, gas-powered electricity constitutes 70.2 per cent while coal power accounts for 21.8 per cent. The remaining is generated by oil and other sources.

MNA/Xinhua

## US attempting to install puppet government to establish military bases in Myanmar and national traitors dancing to the tune of US

Researcher Mya Than Tun

Since 1948, when Myanmar was free from the unjust occupation of British colonialists, successive Myanmar governments have practised neutral policy, non-aligned policy and independent and active policy as the foreign policy. Myanmar has played an active role in the Non-Aligned Movement made up of more than 100 countries from Asia, Africa and Latin America that regained independence from the colonialists. In addition, Myanmar is one of the five countries that initiated Bandaung Conference that laid down the Five Principles of Peaceful Co-existence.

Successive US governments are not happy with the practice of neutral policy and non-aligned policy. They want the developing countries, which have regained independence, to be their follower countries. Former US State Secretary John Foster Dulles once made a harsh comment that the countries practising neutral policy and non-aligned policy were like opportunists. Members of the Non-Aligned Movement strongly denounced and protested at the comment.

On 18 September 1988, the Tatmadaw took over the State's responsibilities under the deteriorating conditions of the nation where things were in disorder, anarchy reigned supreme and the administrative machinery was completely ineffective. And it announced that Myanmar would practise independent and active and non-aligned foreign policy. Being not happy with such an announcement as well as the Tatmadaw Government that issued the announcement, the US became aggressive to it. The US pushed the National League for Democracy (NLD), which is a pro-US and a minion of the US, on the trend of opposition against and confrontation with the Tatmadaw Government. In addition, it has provided various forms of assistance to and equipped the NLD with negative attitude to the Tatmadaw Government.

Therefore, Daw Suu Kyi and the NLD have never been optimistic about whatever the Tatmadaw Government does. Turning a blind eye to the unprecedented development the nation has enjoyed, the NLD, to the liking of the US, is finding fault with and speaking ill of the government, and resorting to all possible ways to make the government get into a mess. It has dared to name the Tatmadaw the Fascist army. Maybe, the NLD does not notice the point that Armed Forces Day observed annually indicates the date on which the Tatmadaw launched Anti-Fascist Resistance mobilizing the strength of the people.

The Tatmadaw had to sacrifice a lot of lives of its members in crushing the internal armed conflicts that made the people get swamped with miseries, grievances and troubles. It also launched many major military operations sacrificing a great number of lives of its members in driving out the Kuomintang nationalist Chinese troops that intruded into Shan State and Kayin State with the use of the weapons, cash, transport assistance and technologies provided by the US. In the Operation "Nagar Naing", three Americans were captured dead.

Besides, the Tatmadaw had to defend the people and public property from the dangers of internal and external elements who committed destructive acts to their utmost during and after the 1988 unrest. **What attitude would have to be adopted by the Tatmadaw Government towards the NLD and the persons**

**who consider as their enemies the Tatmadaw and the Tatmadaw Government that are devoting themselves to the nation-building tasks?**

Since its assumption of State's duties, the Tatmadaw Government has laid down prompt work programmes such as community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order, and ensuring secure and smooth transportation and acted accordingly. It laid down Our Three Main National Causes—non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity, and perpetuation of sovereignty—as the most important national duty. Since then, it has been carrying out Our Three Main National Causes.

To the liking of the US, NLD leader Daw Suu Kyi and U Tin Oo came to incite defiance of orders, confrontation, break-up of the Tatmadaw, and mass demonstrations with the intention of depriving the nation of community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order, and secure and smooth transportation. They attempted to cause a bloodshed incident on the 42nd Anniversary Martyrs Day (1989) to seize State power through short cut. Due to the information given by some duty-conscious public members, Burma Community Party (UG) leader Thet Khaing (son-in-law of BCP Bo Kyaw Zaw) and about 200 destructionists were seized on 11 July 1989. Therefore, the nation narrowly escaped from the incident that would have caused bloodshed had the scheme come to reality on the 42nd Anniversary Martyrs Day (19 July 1989) what the BCP called as the second revolution day. (The BCP and Daw Suu Kyi themselves know the best as to whether they plotted that scheme in coordination.) Unavoidably, the Tatmadaw Government thus imposed restriction on Daw Suu Kyi and U Tin Oo under the law on protection of the State from dangers of destructionists starting from 20 July 1989. (The US got so agitated as the action made it more difficult to install a puppet government in Myanmar.)

Seventeen major national race armed groups and other small armed groups returned to the legal fold due to the fact that the Tatmadaw Government upholds Our Three Main National Causes, its implementation of all-round development across the country and its benevolent attitude towards them. Now, they are striving with might and main in cooperation with the government for regional development. Their regions have thus enjoyed remarkable progress. The Tatmadaw Government is rendering necessary assistance for them to ensure national solidarity (national reconsolidation). As a result, the National Convention was launched on 9 January 1993 to write a State constitution.

The National Convention plenary session held on

16 January 1993 laid down the 104 basic principles to be included in the State Constitution. Of them, the basic principles on foreign affairs are as follows:—

- the State practises independent, active and non-aligned foreign policy, aims at world peace and friendly relations with nations, and upholds the principles of peaceful co-existence among nations;
- the State never starts aggression against any nation;
- no foreign troops are permitted to be stationed within the borders of the Union.

**The US neither likes non-aligned foreign policy nor accepts peaceful coexistence. It has constantly been opposed to such policies. It is trying to establish a military empire through hegemony. Disregarding for the UN, the US blatantly attacks economically or militarily the nations it dislikes.**

The adoption of the principle "no foreign troops are permitted to be stationed within the borders of the Union" made the US hopping mad that is desirous of stationing its troops in the territories of Myanmar.

In the Cold War, the US based its military camps around the Socialist countries including the People's Republic of China throughout the world. Although the Cold War was over in 1991 following the dismemberment of the Soviet Union, the number of the US military bases around the world was on the increase, reaching 725. And the number is still growing. It has based its military camps in some Socialist countries that seceded from the Soviet Union, with the aim of containing the countries it calls nations of evil and Russia and China. The US seems to worry about China's growing defence and economic power although it does not express so.

**In containing China, there is a vacuum in the southwest of China where Myanmar is situated. So, the US is hungry for establishing its military camps and missile bases in Myanmar. So, it is desperate to install a government or puppet government that will accept the establishment of its camps and bases.**

After Shan chieftains relinquished power in 1959, there appeared Shan armed insurgency at the instigation of CIA of the US. The strength of Shan insurgents were on the increase. Some evidence showed some Shan chieftains and Shan insurgent leaders were keeping in touch with the US-led SEATO. In the early 1962, Shan chieftains blatantly made a demand for federal principle. At that time, they had planned to secede from the Union, establish an independent nation and then join SEATO if the

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government would not accept the federal principle they had submitted.

If their dream came true, the nation would see US military bases in Shan State. So, the Tatmadaw had to take control over the possible conditions, in other words, to prevent the Union from disintegration. If not so, like Yugoslavia, Myanmar would have collapsed into pieces. Feudal Shan chieftains and the US were the same, focusing on own interests.

And it was before Mong Tai Army (MTA) exchanged arms for peace, the US government brought prosecution two times against U Khun Sa under its own law. And it issued warrant two times in 1989 and 1995 for the arrest of U Khun Sa. It also made an offer of two million US dollars for the information that could lead to the arrest of U Khun Sa.

However, Mr Petar Bourne, adviser of former US president Jimmy Carter, visited U Khun Sa at MTA Headquarters (Homein) on 23 April 1994. During his one-week stay, Mr Petar Bourne made a suggestion that U Khun Sa make political tricks to enjoy impunity. He also gave advice that U Khun Sa draw a strategy so that he would be recognized by international community as a leader of political forces striving for secession from the Union instead of being MTA leader considered as a leader of drug cartel. Furthermore, he pledged he would provide necessary assistance in order that MTA would be able to announce the establishment of independent Shan State and open MTA representative offices in Western countries.

Soon, U Khun Sa followed the advice of Mr Bourne by announcing MTA-controlled region as independent Shan State with himself as the president. Then, he launched attacks aimed at expanding areas concealing the name of drug lord with leader of Shan independence struggles. However, he suffered a heavy loss of the lives of his members.

His declaration fueled the conflict between the Tatmadaw and MTA, thus increasing the bloodshed and making the national races impoverished. In fact, the root cause was the instigation of the US.

However, the same year, the US government allowed MTA to open its branches in Washington DC and New York, in accordance with the agreement reached previously.

Former US colonel Hhon Be Grity, veteran British serviceman Patrie King, American film director Dan Kelnick, assistant US State Secretary Winston Lord's wife Belte Bao Lord, the group sent by CIA, some US congress men, and correspondents of many foreign magazines and broadcasting stations frequented MTA (HQ) and met U Khun Sa. The wife of the deputy US State Secretary presented 500 military uniforms to MTA.

No doubt, they were there not on a sheer visit but with intent to interfere in Myanmar's internal affairs.

What was interesting was that in 1995 CIA sent a group to call on U Khun Sa. The group comprised Mr Shane Wang and Mr Peter Lui. The latter had met U Khun Sa very often since 1991. **Under the CIA's command, they offered a proposal to provide MTA with money, weapons and other military equipment. The proposal also included a major point that MTA was to allow to have a US missile base in its controlled area.**

U Khun Sa was not the one who lacked the sense of national politics although he was rising against the Tatmadaw government then. Knowing the danger which might befall his region and people, he immediately turned down the offer. We owe our thanks to U Khun Sa. Realizing the danger ahead because of his refusal to the US offer or for other reasons, his group unconditionally exchanged arms for peace with the Tatmadaw government on 5 January 1996. In consequence, the US attempt was abortive. It was a good augury for the whole Union including Shan State

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since an evil plot was therefore nipped in the bud.

For various reasons and for easing a collision between the two sides, the Tatmadaw government lifted the order of restrictions on Daw Suu Kyi and U Tin Oo on 10 July 1995. In meeting with local and foreign journalists and diplomats on 10, 14 and 24 July and later dates, Daw Suu Kyi said that either a dialogue or utter devastation one had to be chosen; that she had a strong dislike to the ongoing National Convention and it needed reforms; that U Aung Shwe and some members had been attending the NC since the beginning and she was opposed to their attendance; that foreign investments should not be made in Myanmar and the aid of foreign countries including Japan should not be rendered; and that ASEAN countries were required to distance themselves from Myanmar. (It was her attempt that was aimed at causing a headache for the Tatmadaw government and wrecking the National Convention to the liking of the US government.)

On 9 September 1995, two months after the release of Daw Suu Kyi, US representative to the UN Mrs Madeleine Albright (Later, she became the US Secretary of State) visited Myanmar and had a talk with Daw Suu Kyi while going for a walk along the bank of Inya Lake behind her house. After their meeting, Daw Suu Kyi showed stronger opposition to the National Convention. Under her command, 86 NLD member delegates boycotted the NC on 28 November. (Their attempt was to disrupt the National Convention.) This being so, the NC was suspended for about eight years. But nowadays, the National Convention is in session to write a constitution after the adoption of the seven-step Road Map of the State.

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- is under any acknowledgment of allegiance or adherence to a foreign power, or is a citizen of a foreign country;
- is a subject or citizen or entitled to the rights and privileges of a subject or a citizen of a foreign power; and
- directly or indirectly receives financial, material and other assistance from the government or a religious association, or any other association or an individual person of a foreign country.

According to the above-mentioned principles, there

is no way Daw Suu Kyi can become a member of the Pyithu Hluttaw. Those principles were not purposely written by the National Convention. They were adopted by her father who was the architect of independence struggles fighting against the imperialists and by the successive governments.

In like manner, expatriate insurgents and so-called politicians of KNU show disgust at the National Convention convening with momentum. The reason they dislike is the NC has laid down basic principles and detailed basic principles to make the State structure with seven regions and seven states as they were used to be with a view to ensuring non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty.

But what they want is a federal principle that calls for eight states. So, they publicly issued Metharawhta declaration which Daw Suu Kyi also favours. Indeed, they are trying to revitalize the federal principle Shan sawbwas advocated in 1962 and it can play havoc with the Union.

That is why some western nations, the US, Daw Suu Kyi, remnant insurgents and so-called KNU politicians are resorting to various ways to disrupt the National Convention and overthrow the Tatmadaw government. They are attacking the government through all possible means such as using aboveground and underground elements, destructive elements inside and outside the country, diplomatic means, international pressure and various organizations including the UN. They have gone so far as attempting to cause public unrest like 1988 uprising. Hiding their ulterior motive, they are also using various ploys to cause misunderstanding with the country among the international community. The reason why the US government placed the Myanmar issue on the agenda of the UN Security Council accusing her of being a threat to international security was due to the points mentioned above.

**It is also obvious that the reason the NLD and its cohorts and expatriate insurgents are supporting the US one-sided pressure on Myanmar amidst the strong opposition of farsighted countries, Non-Aligned Movement member countries, national forces at home and the people also highlights the abovementioned points.**

While I am writing this article these days, I have learned that the US government would submit a draft resolution to Security Council regarding the Myanmar issue. The US-dominated media and politicians from inside and outside the country are also instigating to do so. According to a friend of mine who is a journalist, diplomats and staff of the US embassy had frequented the NLD Headquarters these days and met with its CEC members. These events were all happening at the same time.

Overall, I write this article so as to convince the people and the international community of the US attempting to install a puppet government to have military bases and missile bases in Myanmar and national traitors dancing to the tune of the US.

**Translation: MS+ST**

*Myanma Alin, Kyemon: 14-1-2007*

## Russia, China veto US-backed resolution against Myanmar

UNITED NATIONS, 14 Jan — A rare double veto by Russia and China killed a US-sponsored resolution asking Myanmar's military government to stop persecution of minorities and opposition groups, end human rights abuse and release all political prisoners. Nine members supported the resolution, co-sponsored by Britain, three members including South Africa opposed and Indonesia, Qatar and Congo abstained.

During the debate, most members agreed that there were human rights violations in Myanmar and it needed to work with the international community to restore democracy but those who opposed and abstained argued that there was no threat to peace and security in the region and hence it was outside the purview of the 15-member Security Council.

The issue, they argued, belonged to Human Rights Council and the General Assembly and should be discussed there. They also said they were in contact with the Myanmar Government and time is needed to set the thing right.

MNA/PTI



Rick Hilton, right, and Kathy Hilton arrive at the Los Angeles Confidential Magazine Pre-Golden Globe Party held in honour of actress Penelope Cruz in Los Angeles, on Saturday, 13 Jan, 2007.—INTERNET



Cars pack a highway outbound from Tokyo. Seven major Japanese automakers, including Toyota, Nissan and Honda, have agreed to discuss a settlement over a lawsuit for damages filed by asthma patients, reports said.—INTERNET

## Nigerian gunmen release S Korean hostages

YENAGOA, (Nigeria), 14 Jan — Nine South Koreans taken hostage from an oil service base in southern Nigeria were released late Friday afternoon, a Bayelsa State government official said.

Ekiyor Welson, a spokesman for the Bayelsa State government, told Xinhua on phone that the nine Koreans and one Nigerian abducted on

early Wednesday morning were released unharmed somewhere near the border between Bayelsa and Delta states.

"They are all in good health," he said, adding that "no ransom was paid".

The ten men were employees of the Daewoo Engineering and Construction Company which subcontracted to lay a natural gas pipeline for

the Anglo-Dutch Shell Petroleum Development Company.

A group of unidentified armed youths in six speedboats attacked the Daewoo Company's construction site in Nigeria's Ogu area early Wednesday and kidnapped 10 people, including nine South Korean workers and one Nigerian worker.

MNA/Xinhua

## British tourist killed in Egyptian road accident

CAIRO, 14 Jan — A 51-year-old British tourist was killed and three others including an Egyptian driver were wounded on Friday when

their vehicle overturned on the road between Cairo and Suez, some 120 kilometres to the east, Egypt's news agency MENA reported.

The wounded were sent to the Suez General Hospital for treatment, the report said, without giving more details.

MNA/Xinhua

## Pilot killed in aircrash in S Africa

JOHANNESBURG, 14 Jan — A 28-year-old pilot died when his light aircraft crashed and burst into flames in Brits about 100 kilometres northwest of Johannesburg on Friday.

North-West police inspector Erica Roos said that the plane apparently crashed shortly after leaving the Wonderboom Airport in Pretoria.

"He (the pilot) was killed instantly on impact and it is not clear what caused

the tragic end to the recreational flight," he said.

The pilot's name could not be released as his family was still to be informed.

Villagers in Brits helped extinguish the fire and called police for help.

An inquest docket was opened. The department of aviation also conducted its own investigation into the incident, Roos said. — MNA/Xinhua

## First test-tube baby becomes mom

LONDON, 14 Jan — Louise Brown, the world's first test-tube baby, has given birth to a child of her own — a boy.

Twenty-eight-year-old Louise, an administrative assistant, and her husband Wesley Mullinder, 37, were delighted at the safe arrival of the baby.

"She and Wesley are over the moon. It's what they've always wanted," The Sun newspaper quoted a family friend.

The birth of Louise

on 25 July, 1978 made headlines around the world. It was the culmination of 12 years' research by a British team headed by Dr Robert Edwards and Dr Patrick Steptoe.

The success paved the way for infertile couples all over the world to have children through IVF techniques.

Unlike her parents, Louise was able to conceive naturally and did not need IVF treatment.

When she and

Mullinder married in 2004, Louise made no secret of the fact she wanted a baby. She had feared she would have trouble becoming pregnant as problems with infertility can often be inherited.

But two years later, the couple, who live on the outskirts of Bristol, announced that they were expecting their first baby.

"This is a dream come true for both of us," Louise said at the time.

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Formula One pilots Ralf Schumacher (R) from Germany and Jarno Trulli from Italy present the new racing car TF107 of the Panasonic Toyota Racing Team in Cologne. Toyota believes the car can finally bring them a coveted first grand prix win after five barren years in Formula One. — INTERNET

## Myanmar's situation poses no threat to int'l peace, security

**BEIJING, 14 Jan —** China on Saturday said the situation in Myanmar has not posed threat to regional and international peace and security.

"Myanmar's neighbouring countries and most members of the international community believe the situation in Myanmar has not posed threat to regional and international peace and security," Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Liu Jianchao said.

"If the UN Security Council passed a resolution on the Myanmar issue, it would go beyond the responsibilities of the Security Council laid out

in the UN Charter and harm the role and authority of the Security Council," Liu said.

Liu's comments came after China on Saturday voted against a UN draft resolution which intends to cast further pressure on Myanmar for its political, economic and social problems.

Among the 15 UN Security Council members, China, Russia and South Africa voted against the draft resolution. Liu said it is in the interests of Myanmar

and the international community to realize political stability, national harmony and economic development in Myanmar.

The spokesman said China will continue to play a constructive role in supporting the mediation efforts of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and the UN Secretary - General. "Hopefully Myanmar will step up cooperation with the international community," Liu said.

MNA/Xinhua



**Indian Foreign Minister Pranab Mukherjee (R) shakes hands with his Pakistani counterpart Khurshid Kasuri (L) prior to their meeting in Islamabad. Pakistan and India renewed their commitment to carry forward a peace dialogue during talks between their foreign ministers, but no breakthrough emerged on major issues. — INTERNET**

## ASEAN adopts first anti-terror pact

**CEBU (PHILIPPINES), 14 Jan —** The ASEAN leaders signed here Saturday "ASEAN Convention on Counter Terrorism", the first and a legally binding convention on anti-terrorism.

In order to make the region safer, the ASEAN leaders adopted the historic convention on anti-terrorism. According to the signed document, ASEAN nations agreed to track movements of suspicious money or people throughout the region, and to allow for the extradition of terror suspects.

ASEAN member countries will take the necessary steps to "prevent those who finance, plan, facilitate, or commit terrorist acts from using their respective territories for those purposes against" other member countries.

ASEAN groups

Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam.

The 10 ASEAN countries agreed to strengthen their cooperation against terrorism in the following major areas:

— Enhance intelligence exchange and sharing of information;

— Strengthen capability and readiness to deal with chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear (CBRN) terrorism, cyber terrorism and any new forms of terrorism;

— Ensure that any person who participates in the financing, planning,

preparation or perpetration of terrorist acts or in supporting terrorist acts is brought to justice.

MNA/Xinhua

## 10th China-ASEAN Summit opens in Cebu, Philippines

**CEBU, Philippines, 14 Jan —** The 10th Summit between China and the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) opened on Sunday in Cebu, the second largest city of the Philippines.

Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao and leaders of the 10 ASEAN member countries attended the summit, focusing on discussions

over practical cooperation.

At the summit, Wen will deliver a speech entitled "Working Together to Open a New Chapter in China-ASEAN Relations".

In line with the consensus reached by leaders at the Commemorative Summit Marking the 15th Anniversary of ASEAN-China Dialogue Relations held in the southern Chinese city of Nanning last October, the Chinese Premier will put forward a batch of specific proposals at the 10th China-ASEAN Summit so as to further consolidate and enhance the bilateral strategic partnership for peace and

prosperity.

The two sides will sign a series of cooperative documents including the Agreement on Trade in Services of China-ASEAN Free Trade Area.

ASEAN, established on 8 August 1967 in Bangkok, now groups Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Brunei, Vietnam, Laos, Myanmar and Cambodia.

The "10+1" meeting is a mechanism to strengthen dialogue and communication, discuss cooperation, and promote peace, stability and prosperity in the region.

The ASEAN-China dialogue relations was launched in 1991. China became ASEAN's full dialogue partner in 1996. The two sides established the strategic partnership for peace and prosperity in 2003.

Recent years have witnessed the rapid and comprehensive growth of ASEAN-China relations, which have yielded fruitful outcomes through extensive and in-depth exchanges and cooperation between the two sides in political, economic, trade, social, cultural and other fields.

MNA/Xinhua



**Russia's Nadia Petrova trains at the Australian Open tennis tournament in Melbourne on 14 Jan, 2007. — INTERNET**

## Oxfam claims US airstrikes killed 70 Somalis

**NAIROBI, 14 Jan —** Global aid agency Oxfam said on Friday that recent US attacks in Somalia mistakenly targeted nomadic herdsmen and killed 70 people.

In a statement issued in Nairobi, the Britain-based agency said bombs have hit vital water sources as well as large groups of nomads and their animals that had gathered around large fires at night to ward off mosquitoes.

"Further reports have also confirmed that

bombings have claimed the lives of 70 people in the Afmadow District. Under international law, there is a duty to distinguish between military and civilian targets," Oxfam said.

"These reports must be taken seriously. These communities are already struggling to survive after a severe drought last year followed by a widespread flooding," said Paul Smith-Lomas, Oxfam's regional director for Horn, East and Central Africa.

MNA/Xinhua



**Sri Lankan landslide survivors evacuate in Padiyapalalla, Sri Lanka, on 13 Jan, 2007. Air force helicopters on Saturday evacuated dozens of people injured during landslides in Sri Lanka's central tea growing region that left at least 17 dead and others feared trapped, officials said. — INTERNET**

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**Lens Barrel**

**Reg : No.4/6764/2006**

In respect of : A lens barrel comprising:

an annular ring which is non-rotatable and includes at least one circumferential guide groove formed on an inner peripheral surface thereof, the circumferential guide groove being open at an end of the annular ring via at least one insertable/removable aperture extending in an optical axis direction.

a first rotatable ring supported inside the annular ring and rotatable about a rotational axis extending in a direction of the optical axis, the first rotatable ring including at least one rotation-guiding projection slidably engaged in the at least one circumferential guide groove;

a second rotatable ring which rotates together with the first rotatable ring and is capable only of axial movement relative to the first ring, the second rotatable ring including at least one engaging projection slidably engaged in the at least one circumferential guide groove together with the at least one rotation-guiding projection, wherein the at least one engaging projection is insertable into and removable from the at least one circumferential guide groove in the optical axis direction through the at least one insertable/removable aperture at a first assembling/disassembling angular position of the first rotatable ring and second rotatable ring; and

a coupling ring which is positioned inside the first rotatable ring and the second rotatable ring to be non-rotatable relative to the annular ring, the first rotatable ring and the second rotatable ring coupled by the coupling ring to be rotatable with respect to the coupling ring, wherein a coupler provided between the coupling ring and the second rotatable ring is configured to be disengaged in the optical axis direction at a second assembling/disassembling angular position of the first rotatable ring and second rotatable ring;

wherein the first assembling/disassembling angular position and the second assembling/disassembling angular position are substantially the same angular position.

**Lens Barrel**

**Reg : No.4/6765/2006**

In respect of : A lens barrel comprising:

at least one optical element configured to be guided along an optical axis;

a rotatable ring rotatable about a rotational axis extending in a direction of the optical axis, the optical element moving along the optical axis by a rotation of the rotatable ring;

an outer annular member, which is non-rotatable about the rotational axis, supporting the rotatable ring inside the outer annular member, and including at least one circumferential groove located on an inner peripheral surface of the outer annular member which faces the rotatable ring;

an advancing/retracting mechanism, provided between an outer peripheral surface of the rotatable ring and the inner peripheral surface of the outer annular member, configured to move the rotatable ring along the optical axis between front and rear limits for movement of the rotatable ring in the optical axis direction relative to the outer annular member when the rotatable ring is rotated;

at least one rotational projection located on the outer peripheral surface of the rotatable ring, wherein the at least one rotational projection is engaged in the at least one circumferential groove such that the rotatable ring is rotatable at an axial fixed position without moving along the optical axis when the rotatable ring is moved to one of the front and rear limits by the advancing/retracting mechanism; and a stopper insertable into and removable from the at least one circumferential groove at an intermediate point between opposite ends of the at least one circumferential groove,

wherein the stopper limits the range of rotation of the rotatable ring about the rotational axis relative to the outer annular member by engaging the rotational projection in a state where the stopper is positioned in the circumferential groove, and

wherein the stopper stops preventing the range of rotation of the rotatable ring in a state where the stopper is positioned outside the circumferential groove.

**Optical Element Retracting Mechanism for a Retractable Lens**

**Reg : No.4/6766/2006**

In respect of : A retractable lens barrel comprising:

a rear holder configured to hold a first optical element along an axis, the rear holder being movable along the axis between an operational position and a retracted position;

an annular member movable along the axis towards and away from the rear

holder without rotation;

a retractable holder, at least partially accommodated within the annular member, configured to hold a second optical element, the retractable holder being movable between an aligned position where the second optical element is aligned with the axis and a displaced position where the second optical element is displaced relative to axis;

a position control device configured to control the annular member and retractable holder to move between an operational position spaced from the rear holder with the retractable holder at the aligned position to a retracted position where the first optical element is accommodated within an inner peripheral surface of the annular member with the retractable holder at the displaced position and where a portion of the rear holder and a portion of the retractable holder are at substantially the same position on the annular member axis;

the rear holder and the retractable holder comprising respective contact surfaces configured to contact each other only if movement of the annular member and retractable holder to the retracted position occurs and the rear holder has not fully moved to the retracted position thereof.

**Retractable Lens System and Method of Retracting a retractable Lens System**

**Reg : No.4/6767/2006**

In respect of : A retractable lens having an object side and an image side, the lens comprising a plurality of optical elements, all of the optical elements being positioned along a common optical axis to comprise a photographing optical system when the retractable lens is in a ready-to-photograph position, the plurality of optical elements including at least one element that is positioned out of the common optical axis when the retractable lens is in a position in which no photograph can be taken, the at least one element and at least one other element of the plurality of elements being positioned closer to the image side when the retractable lens is in a position in which no photograph can be taken than when the retractable lens is in the ready-to-photograph position.

**Optical Element Retracting Mechanism for a Retractable Photographing Lens**

**Reg : No.4/6768/2006**

In respect of : An optical element retracting mechanism for a retractable lens including an optical system having a plurality of optical elements, the optical element retracting mechanism comprising:

a linearly movable ring configured to be guided along an optical axis of the optical system without rotating, the linearly movable ring further configured to retract toward a plane along the optical axis when the retractable lens moves from an operational state to a fully-retracted state;

a swingable holder pivoted on a pivot to be swingable about the pivot, the swingable holder positioned inside and supported by the linearly movable ring, the swingable holder supporting a retractable optical element as one of the plurality of optical elements;

a position-controller configured to hold the swingable holder such that the retractable optical element remains on the optical axis when the retractable lens is in the operational state, the position-controller further configured to rotate the swingable holder about the pivot such that the retractable optical element retracts to a position which deviates from the optical axis when the linearly movable ring, together with the swingable holder, retracts toward the plane;

an internal optical element positioned inside the linearly movable ring on one of opposite sides of the retractable optical elements, in the optical axis direction;

a pair of parallel flat surfaces located on the linearly movable ring, each extending in a direction generally orthogonal to the optical axis and respectively positioned on front and rear sides of the internal optical element in the optical axis direction, the pair of parallel flat surfaces not overlapping the internal optical element in the optical axis direction;

a through hole formed on the linearly movable ring which penetrates through the linearly movable ring such that front and rear ends of the through hole are respectively open at the pair of parallel flat surfaces in the optical axis direction, the pivot being positioned in the through hole; and

a pair of support plates respectively attached to the pair of parallel flat surfaces to support opposite ends of the pivot.

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## 4-year-old falls into coma after drinking strong Chinese baijiu

**CHANGSHA, 13 Jan** — A four-year-old boy from central China's Hunan Province, who has been trained by his father to drink alcohol, fell into a coma for ten hours after he drunk 200 millilitres of the strong Chinese spirit baijiu.

Ming Ming was found unconscious in his home by his father on Monday night and was taken to the provincial children's hospital.

"He was suffering from acute alcohol poisoning and did not wake up until nine o'clock the next morning," said hospital director Dr Liu Xiao. It later emerged the child's father, 32-year-old Yuan Jianxin, had spent the last year training his son to

be a "good drinker". Yuan even appeared to be boasting to the local Press about his son's ability to handle alcohol as Ming Ming recovered in the hospital bed.

"My little son can drink two cups of beer or even sometimes one cup of spirit," Yuan, a construction worker in Beishan Town, Changsha County, told the local newspaper.

Parents are responsible for ensuring their children do not drink alcohol, according to China's law on the Protection of Minors, but Yuan has so far escaped punishment.

When contacted by *Xinhua*, he expressed regret for his actions. "I am sorry for what happened and I will definitely keep my only

son away from alcoholic drinks," he said.

"I was training him to drink alcohol because people respect someone who has the ability to drink a lot. All my friends teach

their children to drink alcohol. It is simply habit or tradition to teach a young boy to drink as people believe drinking is a manly thing," he explained.

MNA/Xinhua

## More counterfeit euro coins found in 2006

**BRUSSELS, 14 Jan** — The number of counterfeit euro coins removed from circulation rose by 63 per cent in 2006 on the previous year, the European Commission (EC) said on Friday.

The EU executive said the increase reflected stronger efforts by EU member states to fight counterfeiting rather than a surge in the actual production of fake coins.

Nearly 164,000 counterfeit euro coins were removed from circulation, 86 per cent of which were two-euro coins, the EU executive said, adding that another 14,000 fake coins were seized by law enforcement agencies before entering circulation.

In total, 550,000 counterfeit coins have been found and 12 illegal mints have been discovered since the introduction of the euro in 2002, it said.

MNA/Xinhua



*Jazz singer Nancy Wilson poses with Slide Hampton, background, and other National Endowment for the Arts Jazz Masters during the 34th annual International Association for Jazz Education conference on 12 Jan, 2007 in New York. — XINHUA*

## China's population to increase by 200 mln in 30 years

**BEIJING, 13 Jan** — China's population will increase by 200 million in the next 30 years, according to a report published on Thursday.

The report by the State Population and Family Planning Commission paints a clear picture of China's population situation and outlines plans to resolve current population issues. The report says the implementation of the family-planning policy in 1973 has reduced Chinese

women's fertility rate to about 1.8 by mid and late 1990s.

China's population is expected to reach 1.36 billion by 2010 and 1.45 billion by 2020. The peak will come in 2033 with a total population of 1.5 billion, says the report.

It says China is facing

an aging population, with seniors over 60 currently numbering 143 million, or 11 per cent of the total.

By 2020, there will be 234 million people over the age of 60, accounting for 16 per cent of the country's total population, a sharp rise on the 9.9 per cent in 2000.—MNA/Xinhua

## Italy signs biofuel deal to help save energy

**ROME, 13 Jan** — Italy has taken another important step towards meeting its Kyoto Protocol targets with the first national agreement on biofuels, Italian Agriculture Minister Paolo De Castro said here on Thursday.

Speaking after the deal was signed, De Castro said it would help reduce the country's reliance on fossil fuels and marked a new chapter in green energy, benefitting both the environment and agriculture.

"This framework contract on biofuels is extremely important as it is the first concrete step towards constructing a national agricultural-energy sector,"

he said.

"This is an area in which Italy is still lagging far behind in comparison to other European Union countries, as well as in terms of meeting its Kyoto Protocol targets," he added.

The national 2007 budget, approved at the end of December, earmarked substantial sums for encouraging the production of alternative energy sources.

MNA/Xinhua

*Visitors wait at the entrance of the Louvre Museum in Paris recently. Contested plans to build an annex of the Paris Louvre as part of a luxury tourism complex in Abu Dhabi are to earn the French state up to 700 million euros (900 million dollars).—XINHUA*



# SPORTS



Manchester United's Cristiano Ronaldo, centre, scores against Aston Villa during their English Premier League soccer match at Old Trafford Stadium, Manchester England, on 13 Jan, 2007.

INTERNET

## Lyon slump to defeat at Toulouse

PARIS, 14 Jan— Olympique Lyon slumped to its second league defeat of the season, losing 2-0 at Toulouse on Saturday.

Lyon, resuming its quest to become the first side from a major European league to win six titles in succession, fell behind on the hour when Cameroon forward Achille Emana scored.

Sweden forward Johan Elmander sealed Toulouse's win after 82 minutes, storming past three defenders to beat goalkeeper Remy Vercoutre who stood in for the injured Gregory Coupet.

Lyon still leads the standings, with 50 points from 20 games, 14 points ahead of second-placed Racing Lens.

Lens needed a late goal by Brazilian substitute Jussie to snatch a 1-1 home draw with Lille in a tight derby. The forward volleyed home from inside the box six minutes from time.

Lille, who had opened the scoring after 70 minutes courtesy of Brazilian defender Michel Bastos, climbed one spot to fourth, 18 points off the pace.

Paris St. Germain had earlier stumbled to an embarrassing 2-1 home defeat by Valenciennes.

The troubled club from the capital slid to 17th, one spot above the drop zone, with just 19 points from as many games.

MNA/Xinhua

## Answers to yesterday's Crossword Puzzle

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## Inter sets Serie A consecutive winning record

ROME, 14 Jan— Inter Milan beat Torino 3-1 in the Serie A on Saturday to set a new league record of 12 consecutive wins. Adriano scored in the 24th minute for Inter with a header on a cross by Olivier Dacourt. It was the Brazilian striker's third goal in as many games following a nine-month scoring drought.

Zlatan Ibrahimovic scored with a spectacular di-

agonal volley in the 60th, two minutes after Torino had equalized through Stefano Fiore.

Marco Materazzi converted a penalty kick in the 84th after Adriano was fouled in the area, resulting in Torino goalkeeper Christian Abbiati being sent off.

Inter leads the Serie A with 51 points, followed by AS Roma with 41 and Palermo with 35. Roma and Palermo play their 19th-round matches on Sunday. Torino has 22 points.—MNA/Xinhua

## Wenger expects Jose stay



Arsene Wenger

LONDON, 13 Jan— Arsene Wenger expects to be doing battle with Jos Mourinho in the Premiership next season.

Rumours in recent days have suggested Mourinho will turn his back on Chelsea at the end of the season.

Mourinho has done little to dampen the talk by insisting 'I am not important', but Arsenal chief Wenger is convinced he will go head-to-head with the Portuguese tactician next term.

"I think he will stay - but I cannot talk about Chelsea because I do not know what is happening there," stated Wenger.

Wenger added: "Everybody has his own criteria and works with what he thinks is right. I work with mine.

"I am very fortunate to work here and that is why I have been here for 10 years.

"I contributed to that environment - but even at the start you have the freedom at Arsenal to work like you want to work.

"You have to gain the confidence of people, but it is different in every club.

"Chelsea have a different structure which can work as well. It can work every way if people have a good understanding.

Internet



Germany's boxing champion Regina Halmich, left, and challenger Reka Krempf from Hungary during their WIBF flyweight champion title match in the Brandberge Arena in Halle, eastern Germany, on 13 Jan, 2007. Halmich won by points after 10 rounds and defended her champion belt.—INTERNET

## Barcelona downed 3-1 by Espanyol in Spanish League

MADRID, 14 Jan— Espanyol beat crosstown rival FC Barcelona at home for the first time in five years Saturday when Luis Garcia, Raul Tamudo and Francisco Perez Rufete each scored a goal to earn them a 3-1 victory. The loss

was Barcelona's second in this season and if league-leading Sevilla win on Sunday the defending champion will be five points back.

Sevilla leads with 37 points while Barcelona remained with 35. Valencia beat crosstown rival Levante 3-0 and climbed into third with 33, one ahead of Real Madrid. Madrid could reclaim third place on Sunday with a victory at home against Zaragoza.

Espanyol attacked from the start and went 1-0 ahead in the 31st when Garcia connected with a left-foot from a pass by Raul Tamudo.

Argentina striker Javier Saviola equalized in the 60th minute, eluding four defenders before unleashing a right-footed shot. Tamudo restored Espanyol's lead five minutes later, heading in Sergio Sanchez' cross, and Rufete assured the victory in the 89th when he converted a pass from Garcia.—MNA/Xinhua

## Drogba fears Mourinho exit

LONDON, 13 Jan— Didier Drogba has admitted that it would be very difficult for Chelsea to lose Jose Mourinho.

Speculation is mounting that Mourinho will decide to walk away from Stamford Bridge at the end of the season.

Drogba insists he is in the dark over Mourinho's intentions, but concedes that he fears the worst.

"Jose has built a culture that has become Chelsea's," Drogba told The Sun.

"We're in love with his style of coaching and the confidence he has infused into the team.

"Losing him will be extremely painful and an unfortunate departure for the players. It's not easy losing a good friend.

"I don't know if it will happen - but if it's true, it is very sad.

"Stories keep cropping up everywhere but, hopefully, he will stay."

Chelsea have struggled on the pitch in recent weeks and are currently six points adrift of Premiership leaders Manchester United. And Drogba maintains that the players are concentrating on their football rather than rumours about Mourinho.—Internet



Arsenal's Kolo Toure, centre, jumps to score against Blackburn Rovers during their English Premier League soccer match at Ewood Park, Blackburn, England, on 13 Jan, 2007.—INTERNET

## Host Singapore ties Vietnam 0-0 in ASEAN football tourney

SINGAPORE, 14 Jan— Singapore and Vietnam drew 0-0 in the Football Championship of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) here on Saturday night. The ASEAN Football Championship, formerly known as the Tiger Cup, kicked off at Singapore's national stadium.—MNA/Xinhua

# ASEAN leaders cite urgency to early resume of Doha Talks

**CEBU, (Philippines), 14 Jan — Leaders of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) cited on Saturday for the revival of the stalled talks on a global free trade agreement, calling on the major trading partners to steer the negotiations back on track.**

In a statement, the ASEAN leaders cited the urgency of breaking the impasse in the negotiations, saying "the impasse in the negotiations must be broken." The ASEAN leaders stressed that

members of the World Trade Organization (WTO), particularly the major players, must demonstrate flexibility "by moving beyond their current positions in key areas of the Round" and

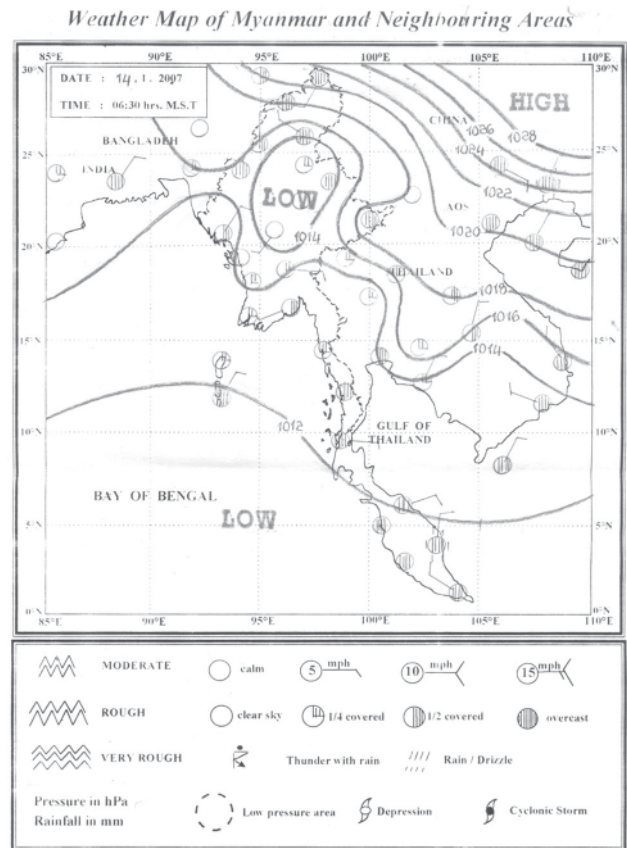
display resolve in concluding the Doha Round in a "timely manner."

"Breakthroughs in the critical negotiating areas of agriculture and non-agricultural market access are needed to put the

process back on track," the statement said.

"This will entail rules and disciplines on and making substantial reductions in trade distorting domestic support by the major players and real reductions in both agriculture and industrial tariffs," it said.

The Doha Talks, named because they were launched in the capital of Qatar, began in 2001 but WTO Director-General Pascal Lamy halted them in July 2006 because of irreconcilable divisions among the major trading nations.— *MNA/Xinhua*



## WEATHER

Sunday, 14 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 (5°C) below normal in Magway Division, (3°C) to (4°C) below normal in Rakhine State and Bago Division, (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Chin, Mon States and Taninthayi Division and about normal in the remaining States and Divisions. The significant night temperatures were Namhsam (0°C), Pinlaung and Heho (1°C) each and Lashio (2°C).

Maximum temperature on 13-1-2007 was 95°F. Minimum temperature on 14-1-2007 was 64°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 14-1-2007 was 82%. Total sunshine hours on 13-1-2007 was (8.6) hours approx.

Rainfalls on 14-1-2007 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 Northeast at (12:30) hours MST on 13-1-2007.

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

**Forecast valid until evening of 15-1-2007:** 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 increase of night temperatures in the Southern Myanmar areas.

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 15-1-2007:** Fair weather.


**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 15-1-2007:** Generally fair weather.

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 15-1-2007:** Generally fair weather.



Nice's Lilian Laslandes tackles Nantes' Franck Signorino (R) during their French Ligue 1 soccer match in Nantes, on 13 Jan, 2007.

### INTERNET

 <p><b>Monday, 15 January</b> <b>View on today</b></p>	<p><b>8:30 am</b> 9. International news</p>	<p><b>5:40 pm</b> 10. Musical programme (The Radio Myanmar Modern Music Troupe)</p>
	<p><b>8:45 am</b> 10. Grammar Made Easy</p>	<p><b>5:50 pm</b> 11. စိမ်းလန်းစိုပြည် အပူပိုင်းဒေသ နယ်မြေ(မကွေးတိုင်း)</p>
<p><b>7:00 am</b> 1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Ottamathra</p>	<p><b>4:00 pm</b> 1. Martial song</p>	<p><b>6:00 pm</b> 12. Evening news</p>
<p><b>7:25 am</b> 2. To be healthy exercise</p>	<p><b>4:15 pm</b> 2. Song to uphold National Spirit</p>	<p><b>6:30 pm</b> 13. Weather report</p>
<p><b>7:30 am</b> 3. Morning news</p>	<p><b>4:30 pm</b> 3. Practice in Reading</p>	<p><b>6:35 pm</b> 14. နိုင်ငံခြားကာတွန်းဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "တောတွင်းသားငယ်လေး" (အပိုင်း-၁၂)</p>
<p><b>7:40 am</b> 4. Nice and sweet song</p>	<p><b>4:40 pm</b> 4. Musical programme</p>	<p><b>7:00 pm</b> 15. အလှရှာမယ် လှကမ္ဘာဝယ်</p>
<p><b>7:50 am</b> 5. Song of national races</p>	<p><b>4:50 pm</b> 5. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ - ဒုတိယနှစ် (ရူပဗေဒအထူးပြု) (ရူပဗေဒ)</p>	<p><b>7:05 pm</b> 16. နိုင်ငံခြား ဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်ညီမငယ်ပါသေး" (အပိုင်း-၇)</p>
<p><b>8:05 am</b> 6. Cute little dancers</p>	<p><b>5:05 pm</b> 6. Dance variety</p>	<p><b>8:00 pm</b> 17. News</p>
<p><b>8:15 am</b> 7. အရေးပြိုင်ပွဲ</p>	<p><b>5:15 pm</b> 7. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစကား</p>	<p><b>8:05 pm</b> 18. International news</p>
<p><b>8:25 am</b> 8. ကျောက်တစ်လုံး ရေကုရေလှောင် တံခံ</p>	<p><b>5:30 pm</b> 8. "အားနာလိုက်တာ" (မော့စ်၊ ကျော်စာနည်လှိုင်၊ နန်းကလျာလှိုင်)</p>	<p><b>8:10 pm</b> 19. Weather report</p>
	<p><b>5:35 pm</b> 9. Song and dances of national races</p>	<p><b>8:15 pm</b> 20. နိုင်ငံခြား ဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "တကယ်သဘောကျတယ်" (အပိုင်း-၁၅)</p>
		<p><b>8:20 pm</b> 21. The next day's programme</p>

<p><b>Radio Myanmar</b></p> <p><b>Monday, 15 January</b> <b>Tune in today</b></p>
<p><b>8:30 am</b> Brief news</p>
<p><b>8:35 am</b> Music: -There you'll be</p>
<p><b>8:40 am</b> Perspectives</p>
<p><b>8:45 am</b> Music: -Now &amp; forever</p>
<p><b>8:50 am</b> National news/ Slogan</p>
<p><b>9:00 am</b> Music: -I need you</p>
<p><b>9:05 am</b> International news</p>
<p><b>9:10 am</b> Music: -Gotta tell you</p>
<p><b>1:30 pm</b> News / Slogan</p>
<p><b>1:40 pm</b> Lunch time music -Remember me -If you asked me to -The way that you are</p>
<p><b>9:00 pm</b> Spotlight on the star: No Mercy More than feeling, Baby come back, Hello how are you</p>
<p><b>9:10 pm</b> Article</p>
<p><b>9:20 pm</b> Drug/ Women Affairs</p>
<p><b>9:35 pm</b> Vocal gems Could you ever, Let me be, Lesson in love</p>
<p><b>9:45 pm</b> News / Slogan</p>
<p><b>10:00 pm</b> PEL</p>

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## Preparations made to open Ponnya hill tunnel

### Minister inspects railway project

YANGON, 14 Jan— Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min accompanied by Deputy minister U Pe Than arrived at Kyaw Station, part of Pokokku-Gangaw-Kalay railroad project, on 12 January and met with local people, social organizations, members of the Union Solidarity and Development Association.

Next, the minister and the deputy minister together with Chairman of Gangaw District Peace and Development Council U Inn Kyu, Managing Director U Min Swe of Myanmar Railways and Project Engineer U Maung Maung Thwin inspected progress in construction of Kyaw-Umin-Yemyetni railroad section by Train.

Then, the minister and party inspected construction work and security measures being taken in Ponnya hill tunnel.

Afterwards, the minister oversaw construction of the archway of Ponnya hill tunnel and the entrance road to the tunnel.

The project engineer reported on progress in construction of the railroad section to the minister at project briefing hall.

The Chairman of Gangaw District PDC reported on arrangements being made to open the tunnel and the approach railroad, and the deputy minister and managing director presented supplementary reports. Later, the minister fulfilled the requirements and left necessary instructions.— MNA



Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min meeting with local residents, social organizations and members of USDA at Kyaw Station.—MR

### Myanmar scores two points in two draws

YANGON, 14 Jan — The ASEAN Football Championship 2006 continued at Suphachalasai Stadium in Thailand today.

At 4 pm local time, Myanmar National Team and Malaysian National Team met in the soccer match of the Group (A), and both teams played a goalless draw.

On 16 January, Malaysian and Thai teams will meet in the first match. Myanmar and the Philippines are to play the second match at 7 pm local time.

MNA

## Any big power has no right to interfere in others' internal affairs by misusing UNSC

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Jan — *The US and Britain submitted a draft resolution to put Myanmar issue on the UN Security Council in order to interfere in Myanmar. The 88 New Generation Students (The Union of Myanmar) issued today a declaration opposing, objecting and condemning the resolution.*

The draft resolution on Myanmar's affairs to be put on the UN Security Council agenda, submitted by the US and Britain, was turned down at the UN Security Council on 12 January 2007.

The nations that voted for the resolution to take action against Myanmar by the UNSC are the US, Britain, France, Italy, Ghana, Peru, Slovakia, Panama and Belgium. China and Russia cast veto to reject it, and South Africa also objected it. Indonesia, the Republic of Congo and Qatar abstained.

The statements in the resolution to interfere in Myanmar's affairs proposed by the US and Britain

did not reflect the prevailing conditions in Myanmar. It was an attempt to misuse the authority of the UNSC with the use of the power of the big nations. That was why their attempt was abortive. The 88 New Generation Students (The Union of Myanmar) totally opposed the practice of the following tactics on 30-8-2006 and announced its attitudes as follows:-

- sticking to the results of the 1990 election and demanding for Daw Aung San Suu Kyi as an official leader to take part in the dialogue with the Tatmadaw government
- confronting the Tatmadaw government while chanting the national reconsolidation
- foreign interference in Myanmar's affairs with the use of methods that cannot solve the issue
- demanding for the UNSC to take action against Myanmar for restoration of democracy in the country

- creating public uprising that can lead to hardships of the entire people
- imposing economic sanctions against Myanmar to undermine the interest of the people most
- committing subversive acts under the pretext of democracy to threaten the life security of the people, condemned by majority of the countries in the world

It has been proved that there is no reason to interfere in the internal affairs of a country by accusing it of posing a threat to international and regional peace and security under the pretext of human rights.

The US and Britain were always supporting the organizations opposing the existing Tatmadaw government and they were in favour of Myanmar (See page 7)