

Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe addresses State Peace and Development Council Meeting No-1/2007

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Jan— Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe addressed the meeting No 1/2007 of the State Peace and Development Council held at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Defence here today.

Also present at the meeting were

Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein,

members of the State Peace and Development Council, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Senior Military Officers of the Ministry of Defence and commanders.

The meeting ended in the afternoon after presenting and approving the resolutions.

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Senior General Than Shwe delivers an address at the Meeting No 1/2007 of the State Peace and Development Council.—MNA



Four political objectives

- * Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order
- * National reconsolidation
- * Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution
- * Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution

Four economic objectives

- * Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well
- * Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
- * Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investments from sources inside the country and abroad
- * The initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national peoples

Four social objectives

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

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

PERSPECTIVES

Tuesday, 16 January, 2007

Condemn US for its acts of hegemony

The United Nations was formed after the Second World War in order to prevent a recurrence of such war. At present, the number of the UN member nations stands at 193.

The UN enacted the UN Charter with the aim of saving succeeding generations from the scourge of war and of enabling them to enjoy peace and security and to shape their future freely.

However, it is found that some big powers have breached the United Nations Charter time and again. A study of the conflicts occurred in Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Middle East after the Second World War will reveal that those wars were launched by the West Bloc led by the US and may be seen as neo-colonialist wars or hegemonic wars.

According to researchers, it is learnt that the US waged aggressive wars on other nations 134 times over 111 years. Peoples of the international community were unhappy over the acts of the US, a member of the UN, that was opposed to objectives and fundamental principles of the UN.

Recently, the US and Britain submitted a draft resolution to put Myanmar issue on the UN Security Council agenda in order to interfere in the internal affairs of the country. But, their unilateral attempt failed.

This being so, we firmly believe that peoples of the international community who cherish peace will condemn the acts of the US and Britain that are bent on installing puppet governments in order to wield hegemonic power over the global nations.

Respects paid to senior librarians

YANGON, 14 Jan — Organized by Myanmar Librarian Association, the ninth ceremony to pay respects to senior librarians was held at Universities' Dhammayon, here, yesterday morning.

Professor U Thein Shwe of Library and Information Department of Yangon University explained the purpose of the ceremony.

Retired Head of the Library and Information Department Professor U Thein Lwin introduced senior librarians to those present.

Next, cash assistance and gifts were presented to the older persons.

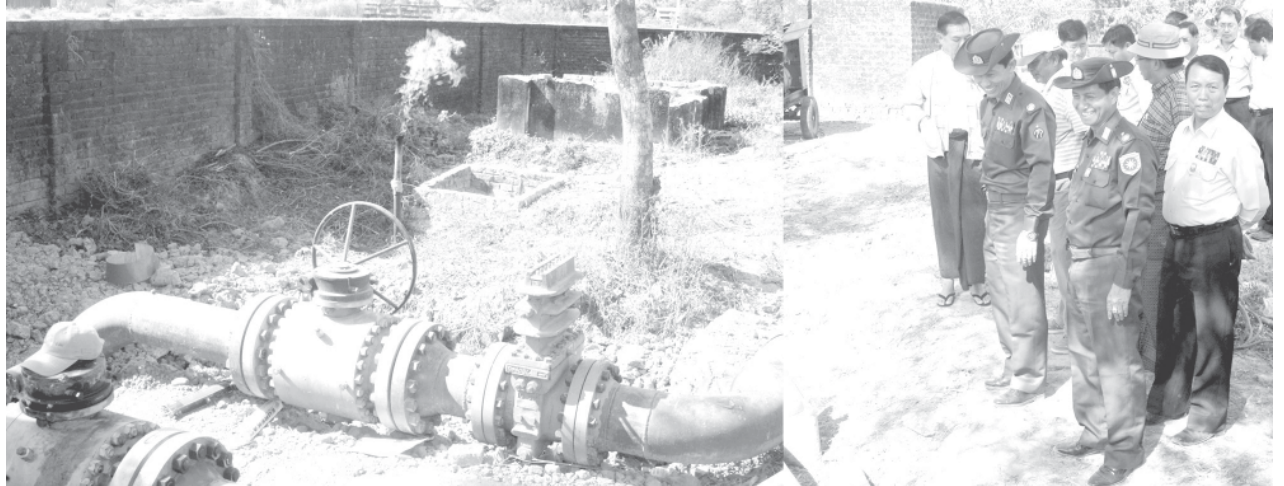
Patron of Myanmar Librarian Association Dr U Thaw Kaung (Myanmar History Commission) gave advice. Afterwards, a member of the association expressed gratitude.

Later, those present were served with light refreshments. — H

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

Cleaning of gas pipelines carried out



Minister for Electric Power No 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint and Deputy Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Than Htay inspect Toegyauhgale Natural Gas Station in Dagon Myothit (East) Township. — MNA

YANGON, 14 Jan — Minister for Electric Power No 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint viewed production process of Thermal Cut off Factory and Plastic Molding Factory of Earth Industrial Myanmar Co Ltd in Dagon Myothit (South) Township yesterday morning.

The minister fulfilled the requirements of power supply to the factories.

Accompanied by Deputy Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Than Htay, Minister Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint arrived at Toegyauhgale Natural Gas Station

in Dagon Myothit (East) Township in the afternoon. Officials reported on cleaning of gas pipelines between Thakayta and Toegyauhgale.

At Hlawga Gas Turbine, the minister and party heard a report on cleaning of gas pipelines and maintenance of No 3 turbine presented by Turbine Manager U Thein Zaw. After inspecting gas pipelines, the minister attended to the needs. —MNA

Finance & Revenue Ministry holds coordination meeting

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Jan — Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun called on departments under the Ministry Finance and Revenue to work together for success of the ministry's tasks which underpin the nation's economic policy at a meeting held at the meeting hall of the ministry here today.

The coordination meeting was also attended by Deputy Minister Col Hla Thein Swe, Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar U Kyaw Kyaw Maung, directors-general and directors of departments and enterprises and managers of banks under the ministry.

At the meeting, the minister touched on tasks carried out and future plans of the departments under the ministry.

The subordinate institutions under the ministry are the Central Bank of Myanmar, Myanma Economic Bank, Myanma Foreign Trade Bank, Myanma Investment and Commercial Bank, Myanma Small Loans

Educative course on danger of narcotic drugs and HIV/AIDS opened in Lashio

YANGON, 14 Jan — The educative course on danger of narcotic drugs and HIV/AIDS (Central Level) was opened at No 6 Basic Education High School in Lashio yesterday.

Present were Deputy Commander of North East Command Brig-Gen Hla Myint, Chairman of work committee for education on danger of narcotic drugs Deputy Minister for Education Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min, senior military officers, local authorities, school heads and trainees.

Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min spoke on the occasion.

The three-day course is being attended by 100 trainee teachers from 19 townships in Shan State (North). — MNA

Enterprise, Myanma Insurance, Customs Department, Pension Department and Revenue Appellate Tribunal.

The first day session of the meeting ended in the evening. — MNA



Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun addresses the coordination meeting of the ministry. — F & R



Blair says terror battle will be long

LONDON, 12 Jan— British Prime Minister Tony Blair says it will take a generation to defeat what has emerged as a global movement of fundamentalist Muslim terrorists, a movement he described as “something more akin to revolutionary communism in its early and most militant phase.”

Blair—who made the remarks in a lecture on Friday about the role of

the United Kingdom’s armed forces in the 21st century—said “the battle will be long. It has taken a generation for the enemy to grow. It will, in all probability, take a generation to defeat.”

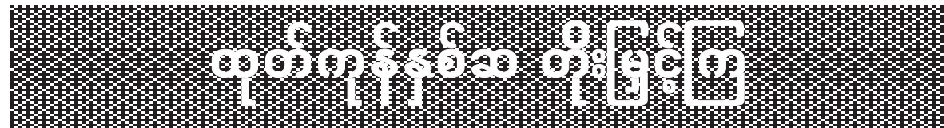
The wide-ranging lecture emphasized that Britain should remain a fighting, as well as a peacekeeping, nation.

British troops currently have significant

deployments in the Iraq and Afghanistan wars.

Blair said radical Islam’s “belief system may be, indeed is, utterly reactionary. But its methods are terrifyingly modern.” And he said, “the enemy” regards its “strategic advantages as terrorism and time.” Blair said such militants aren’t a “conventional army” and can’t be “defeated by conventional means.”

Internet



The Taj Mahal is reflected on a river in the northern Indian city of Agra on 14 Jan, 2007. The Taj Mahal was built by emperor Shah Jahan in memory of his wife and is one of the world’s most famous monuments. —INTERNET



Bollywood actress Aishwarya Rai. India’s hottest cinema couple have become engaged to be married, ending speculation about their relationship and setting the stage for Bollywood’s biggest wedding in years, reports have said. Superstar Rai and heart-throb Abhishek Bachchan, son of screen legend Amitabh Bachchan, were engaged at a small ceremony at his home in suburban Mumbai, the Press Trust of India reported. —INTERNET

Rice says Bush ordered raids on Iranians

NEW YORK, 14 Jan— US President George W Bush had authorized the recent series of raids against Iranians in Iraq as part of a broad military offensive, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice has said, indicating that Washington had adopted a more confrontational approach towards Teheran even as it denied plans to attack the country.

In an interview with the *New York Times*, she said Bush had issued an order several months ago to undertake a broad military offensive against Iranian operatives in the country.

Until now, despite a series of raids in which

Iranians have been seized by American forces in Baghdad and other cities in Iraq, administration officials have declined to say whether Bush ordered such actions.

The White House

decision to authorize the aggressive steps against Iranians in Iraq, the *Times* said, appears to formalize the American effort to contain Iran’s ambitions as a new front in the Iraq war.

Also it reflected “a new” hostility to Iran that was first evident in Bush’s speech to the nation on Wednesday night, in which he accused Teheran of providing material support for attacks on American troops and vowed to respond.

“There has been a decision to go after these networks,” Rice said in the interview Friday, before leaving on a trip to the Middle East. Rice said Bush had acted “after a period of time in which we saw increasing activity among Iranians in Iraq, and increasing lethality in what they were producing”.

MNA/Xinhua



The Iranian “liaison office” in Arbil. A night-time swoop by US forces on an Iranian office in northern Iraq has triggered strong criticism, with Kurdish leaders and even Moscow branding the raid unacceptable. —INTERNET

Bush’s Iraq aid plan draws skeptics

WASHINGTON, 14 Jan— The extra billion dollars of reconstruction aid in US President George W Bush’s Iraq plan won’t go far in a country where electricity

output still barely meets half the demand and oil production is falling short by almost a million barrels a day. And a companion part of the plan, to expand

US aid teams scattered across Iraq, may falter because of a shortage of volunteers. Some say the Bush administration may have to start ordering civilian US government employees into the war zone, as was done for Vietnam.

“The fact of the matter is that the State Department has had a hard time filling current manning levels on these teams,” said retired Maj Gen William Nash, a specialist in postwar reconstruction at the Council on Foreign Relations. The bulk of US reconstruction aid came in

2003-2005, when almost \$22 billion poured into Iraq. As violence spread, some aid was diverted to Iraqi army and police forces, and much of the rest was spent on private security for rebuilding projects. Experts had estimated Iraq needed \$55 billion to recover from war, mass looting and years of economic deterioration.

By this 2007 fiscal year, new reconstruction aid had dwindled to \$750 million. On Wednesday night, Bush proposed adding \$1.2 billion to that. By comparison, Washington is spending roughly \$100 billion a year on the war itself. —Internet

Landslides kill 13 in Sri Lanka

COLOMBO, 14 Jan— At least 13 people were killed while thousands rendered homeless in southern and central Sri Lanka due to heavy rains and landslides, relief and military officials said Friday.

Incessant rains since Thursday caused floods in the deep southern district of Hambantota while the central highland District of Nuwara Eliya experienced landslides.

Most of the deaths were reported from the Nuwara Eliya District, officials from the Media Centre for National Security said, adding that two people were injured and nearly 5,000 people were displaced in the district. Sri Lanka Air Force helicopters dropped some 3,000 food parcels to the displaced in Nuwara Eliya as roads became impassable due to bad weather.

Most of the reservoirs in the Hambantota District reached spill level forcing the authorities to open sluice gates in several of them. — MNA/Xinhua



Shahar Peer of Israel returns a shot against Romina Oprandi of Italy in their first round match at the Australian Open tennis tournament in Melbourne on Monday, Jan. 15, 2007. —INTERNET

China to accelerate building China-ASEAN rail link

CEBU, 15 Jan — Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao said here on Sunday China will accelerate construction of Chinese section of the Kunming-Singapore Rail Link, also known as Pan-Asian railway network, to help complete its construction in an early time.

When addressing the leaders of 10 ASEAN

member countries here at the 10th ASEAN-China Summit, Wen said China proposes that a strategic plan on China-ASEAN transport cooperation in the next 10 to 15 years be formulated to facilitate coordinated development of regional transportation, improve integrated transport network, and facilitate communication

and transportation in the region.

China and 17 other countries, many of them ASEAN countries, signed last November an inter-governmental agreement to build a Pan-Asian railway network, which would include a 81,000-kilometre-long network which also links four key railways in different parts

of Asia.

One of the railways is the China-ASEAN rail link with three separate lines linking Myanmar, Vietnam and Laos with China.

The rail link will further go to Thailand, Malaysia and Singapore, and will be altogether 5,500-kilometre-long.

With its expected completion by 2015, the rail link will play a key role in pushing forward regional economic co-operation and integration.

China has already stated construction of the eastern line of rail link from Kunming to the Vietnamese border and it is investing 50 billion yuan (6.25 billion US dollars) to build a total of three lines in Yunnan Province to link them with Laos and Myanmar besides Vietnam. — MNA/Xinhua

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Darren Huston, Corporate Vice President of Microsoft, poses with a package of Windows Vista Ultimate for consumers during a news conference ahead of the launch, in Tokyo 15 January 2007. Reuters

Gang violence rising in Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES, 15 Jan— Los Angeles has seen a rise in gang violence, prompting an outcry for a Marshall Plan to end such crimes, a new study said.

The city's efforts to combat the problem with "piecemeal" intervention programmes has not born fruit, according to the study available to Xinhua on Saturday.

The intervention programmes not only have cost taxpayers more than

2 billion dollars annually, but also lack accountability and should come under the direction of a single anti-gang czar to become more effective, said the study by the Advancement Project.

"There is a gang crisis, and a macro-strategy is needed in the face of it," said civil rights attorney Connie Rice, author of the study. "In short, Los Angeles needs a Marshall Plan to end gang

violence."

Interracial gang-related attacks in Los Angeles were up by 14 per cent in 2006, despite a citywide reduction in crime for the fifth consecutive year, according to official figures released last week.

Of the 478 homicides reported in 2006, about 56 per cent were gang-related, according to police Chief William Bratton. — MNA/Xinhua

Chinese Premier meets Indian PM

CEBU (Philippines), 15 Jan— Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao met with Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh on Sunday in the Philippines' Cebu, exchanging views on bilateral ties and international and regional issues of common

concern.

The meeting took place on the sidelines of 2nd East Asia Summit, scheduled here next Monday.

Sino-Indian relations have maintained sound momentum of all-round development in recent

years.

The two countries have agreed to establish strategic and cooperative partnership. Bilateral trade volume reached 18.7 billion US dollars in 2005, a 37.5-per-cent increase over 2004.

MNA/Xinhua

Golden Globe nominee actress Kate Winslet attends the BAFTA/LA Awards Season Tea Party held at the Four Seasons Hotel in Los Angeles, California, on 14 Jan, 2007.

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US soldier arrested over alleged rape of S Korean woman

SEOUL, 15 Jan— A US soldier was arrested and questioned by South Korean police on Sunday on allegations of raping and beating a 67-year-old local woman, the South Korea's Yonhap news agency reported.

A 23-year-old GI of the US 8th Army stationed in South Korea, who was only identified by his initial G, was arrested by patrolling policemen in western Seoul around 6 am Sunday when he allegedly punched the elderly woman in the face and raped her in a narrow path of a residential area, the police said.

The victim was taken to a nearby hospital with an injury that was not life threatening, the police

said.

Major-General John Morgan, acting commander of the 8th US Army, issued an official apology after the incident.

"While no words can

lessen the anguish of the victim or her family, I deeply regret and personally apologize for this terrible incident that has resulted in grave injury to a Korean civilian,"

Morgan said in a Press release posted on an informal website of the US forces in Korea (USFK), www.good-neighbour.or.kr.

MNA/Xinhua

Fire kills at least seven in west Virginia

WASHINGTON, 15 Jan — A fire that broke out late Saturday at an apartment building in West Virginia has killed at least seven people, US media reported Sunday.

The fire at the 64-unit, five-storey building in Huntington, West Virginia, was reported at about 11 pm Saturday local time. Firefighters found three bodies when they were fighting to put out the fire, and four more bodies were found Sunday morning.

Reports said 14 people were rescued from the building, and as search operation continued, the death toll could rise.

It was not known what had caused the fire and an investigation was underway. — MNA/Xinhua



Greek-owned and Cypriot-flagged cargo ship, Server, is towed to Aagotsnes, Western Norway, on 13 Jan, 2007. Server was grounded on Friday night and split in two parts off Fedje, Western Norway. — INTERNET



Artists of the Australian aerial dance group 'Strange Fruit' perform 'The Spheres' in front of the Gateway of India, an important historical monument, at the inauguration ceremony of the 'Mumbai Festival' in Mumbai, India, on 14 Jan, 2007.—INTERNET

US soldier commits suicide in Fallujah

FALLUJAH (Iraq), 15 Jan— A US Marine took his own life by putting a bullet through his head on Sunday morning near the restive city of Fallujah, local police source said.

“Early in the morning, a Marine took the pistol of an Iraqi policeman in the police station of Amriyah Town just south of Fallujah, and put a bullet in his head,” the source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

“The soldier uttered words saying he was sad and miserable,” the source

said. The US troops kept the policeman who gave the Marine the pistol for several hours, but released him later, he added.

Three US helicopters landed at the police station and one of them evacuated the Marine’s body, he said.

The US military did not

confirm the incident.

In a separate incident, three Iraqi soldiers were killed and two others wounded when a roadside bomb detonated near their patrol in Fallujah City, some 50 kilometres west of Baghdad, the source said.—*MNA/Xinhua*

A father drives a miniature car with his children at an exhibition in Tokyo on 6 Jan, 2007. More and more Japanese men are aiming to join the ranks of the ‘Cool Dads’, in sharp contrast to their own fathers who were known for their ‘work-till-you-drop’ and ‘leave the kids to the wife’ lifestyles.

INTERNET

Chinese Premier proposes to upgrade China-ASEAN cooperation

CEBU, 15 Jan— Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao said here on Sunday that China and ASEAN countries should strengthen and enrich their strategic partnership and upgrade cooperation, proposing to set up by China a number of economic and trade zones in ASEAN countries.

Addressing the leaders

of 10 ASEAN countries at the 10th ASEAN-China Summit held in the central Philippine resort city, Wen said China and ASEAN should strengthen political mutual trust, bring China-ASEAN economic relations and trade to a new level and carry out cooperation in non-traditional security fields.

Wen said China supports ASEAN community building and integration and is willing to expand social, cultural and people-to-people exchanges with ASEAN countries. He said China welcomes more ASEAN businesses to China and encourages established Chinese companies to invest in ASEAN countries.

He said that on the basis of mutual benefit, China will favourably consider setting up in ASEAN countries a number of economic and trade zones which have sound infrastructure and complete industrial chains. “I hope this will bring the China-ASEAN win-win cooperation and common development to a higher level,” he said. Wen said China will also enhance cooperation with ASEAN in combating transnational crimes, maritime security, disaster reduction and relief, prevention and control of communicable diseases and environmental protection.

MNA/Xinhua



Seven killed in Oklahoma road accident

WASHINGTON, 15 Jan—Seven people were killed in a road accident early Sunday in the southwestern US state of Oklahoma, media reports said. A minivan with 12 people aboard skidded off the icy Interstate 40 and bumped into an oncoming tractor-trailer, officials said.

Seven of those in the vehicle were killed at the scene and the remaining five were injured and sent to hospital. Local officials said all occupants of the van were residents of Mexico, but their identities were not immediately released. — *MNA/Xinhua*

Three killed in trains collision in Thailand

BANGKOK, 15 Jan— At least three train workers were killed and over 50 passengers were injured when a passenger train rammed into another in Thailand's central-southern seaside town of Hua Hin early Sunday morning.

The accident happened at 3 am on Sunday (2000 GMT Saturday) at the Nongkhai Railway Station in Hua Hin, local police said. Police said the accident happened when a Langsuan-Thonburi running train scheduled to pass through the Nongkhai Station was directed into a wrong track and rammed into a parking Bangkok-Yala train.— *MNA/Xinhua*

Pakistanis protest US bombing of tribal region

ISLAMABAD, 15 Jan— Thousands of tribesmen rallied in the Pakistani tribal agency of Bajur Saturday to protest the killing of 13 people in the

US airstrike on 13 January 2007.

American planes bombed several houses in the village of Damadola, where the US said al-Qaeda

leader Aymen Al-Zawahiri was invited for dinner. Women and children were among those killed in the bombing and the people rejected the US claim of

Zawahiri’s presence in the area.

The demonstrators chanted slogans against the United States and “al-jihad al-jihad”, according to reports by the private *News Network International*.

The demonstrators burned the effigy of US President George W Bush. Those affected by the bombing also took part in the rally.

Addressing the rally, Jamaat-e-Islami leader Sahibzada Haroon ur Rashid and other speakers said that they would not forgive the United States, and the people of the region will never forget those killed. Bajur is located close to Afghanistan's eastern Kunar Province, where Taleban are very active against foreign forces. — *MNA/Xinhua*



Rock band The Veronicas pose together at the G'Day USA: Australia Week 2007 Penfolds Icon Black Tie Gala in Los Angeles, on 13 Jan, 2007.—INTERNET

Woman drinks so much water she dies

SACRAMENTO, (California), 13 Jan (AP) — A woman who competed in a radio station's contest to see how much water she could drink without going to the bathroom died of water intoxication, the coroner's office said Saturday.

Jennifer Strange, 28, was found dead on Friday in her suburban Rancho Cordova home hours after taking part in the "Hold Your Wee for a Wii" contest in which KDND 107.9 promised a Nintendo Wii video game system for the winner.

"She said to one of our supervisors that she was on her way home and her head was hurting her real bad," said Laura Rios, one of Strange's co-workers at Radiological Associates of Sacramento. "She was crying, and that was the last that anyone had heard from her." It was not immediately known how much water Strange consumed.

A preliminary investigation found evidence "consistent with a water intoxication death," said assistant Coroner Ed Smith. John Geary, vice

A Honda Motor employee displays the company's advanced safety vehicle-3 (ASV-3) recently. Japan's Honda Motors plans to set up a 200-million-dollar car plant in India to take advantage of the South Asian country's rapidly-growing vehicle market.—INTERNET

president and marketing manager for Entercom Sacramento, the station's owner, said station personnel were stunned when they heard of Strange's death.

"We are awaiting information that will help explain how this tragic event occurred," he said.

Initially, contestants were handed 8-ounce bottles of water to drink every 15 minutes.—INTERNET

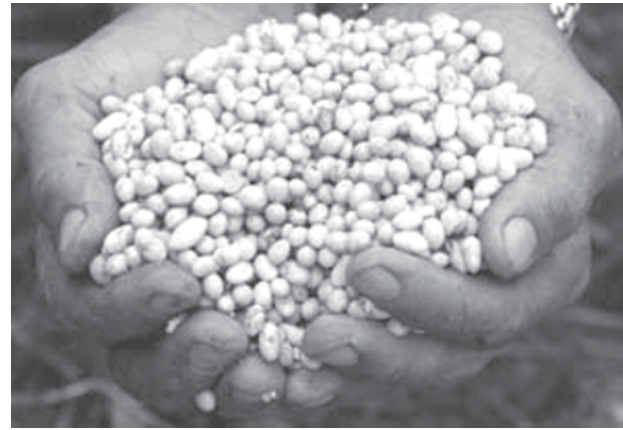
Cancer patients warned to avoid soy

The New South Wales Cancer Council says new research has found high doses of soy-based foods can be harmful to cancer sufferers.

The Cancer Council says soy-based products have previously been touted as super foods for breast and prostate cancer prevention.

But while consuming soy foods can slightly lower the risk of contracting breast cancer, new research shows high doses of soy can stimulate the growth of existing cancer.

The Cancer Council



New research shows high doses of soy-based products can stimulate the growth of existing cancer.—INTERNET

says soy supplements can also interfere with breast cancer treatment.

However, Cancer Council nutritionist Kathy Chapman says eating a

normal amount of soy-based foods is not dangerous.

"For women who've had breast cancer, taking high dose soy supple-

ments could be harmful but having the occasional soy food is not really an issue," she said.

But Ms Chapman says breast cancer sufferers need to be careful.

"For women who've had breast cancer they need to be cautious about the use of supplements that contain a lot of soy or phyto-oestrogens," she said.

"They're often recommended to women suffering from symptoms of menopause but they actually interfere with some of the breast cancer treatment."—INTERNET

Brussels Motor show opens

BRUSSELS, 14 Jan — The 85th Brussels Motor show officially opened on Saturday.

The organizers of the motor show expect around 300,000 people to visit the Heizel Exhibition Centre in Brussels suburb to see the show during the coming week.

On Saturday, Belgian Transport Minister Renaat Landuyt inaugurated the show. This year's Motor Show is paying special attention to utility vehicles, motorbikes, light aircraft and helicopters. More space is also being given over to the increasingly popular 4x4.

However, not everyone is happy with the increasing popularity of off-road vehicles. Environmentalists feel that they are "wasteful and

unsafe" and they staged a small-scale protest outside the show, local news website Flandersnews.be reported. — MNA/Xinhua

Vietnam wins contracts of exporting 1.6 mln tons of rice

HANOI, 14 Jan — Vietnam has so far this year signed contracts of selling overseas 1.6 million tons of rice, Vietnam News Agency reported Friday.

The country has planned to ship abroad four million tons of rice in 2007, down from more

than 4.7 million tons worth more than 1.3 billion US dollars in 2006.

The Vietnamese Trade

Ministry said the main reason for its planned lower export volume is that the ongoing winter-spring rice crop in the southern Mekong Delta, the country's rice hub, is estimated to yield only eight million tons of paddy rice, down from nearly nine million tons in the previous crop, due to the rampant strike of diseases and pests.

Among nearly 100 rice export markets of Vietnam, the Philippines, Malaysia and Cuba consume some 60 per cent of the total Vietnamese rice export volume, said the ministry.

MNA/Xinhua



A large male Siberian tiger (C) with two females at the Siberian Tiger Park in the northern Chinese city of Harbin. Chinese zoologists have launched an artificial insemination programme at China's Henghedaozi Feline Breeding Centre in the northeastern province of Heilongjiang in a bid to rescue the Siberian tiger from extinction.—INTERNET

Heavy rains to persist in flooded southern Malaysia

KUALALUMPUR, 14 Jan — The flood situation in Johor State, southern Malaysia, is expected to worsen as heavy rains are forecast to persist until next Monday.

In the southernmost state, the ongoing "moderately heavy rain" is expected to last until next Monday, the Meteorological Department said Friday in a "red stage" heavy rain warning.

Since Thursday night,

Johor State, which is yet to recover from its worst flooding last month, has been hit by a second wave of flooding.

Latest report said some 16,855 flood victims have been evacuated Friday to 93 relief centres in different areas of the state.

Meanwhile, the meteorological department said "moderately heavy rain" will continue in the two eastern states of Sabah and Sarawak until Sunday and next Monday, respectively.

MNA/Xinhua



No 1 BEHS in Latha Township in hygienic conditions

YANGON, 15 Jan — Organized by Yangon West District Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee, a ceremony to designate No 1 Basic Education High School in Latha Township as hygienic for the school children was held at the school on 12 January.

First, Chairperson of Yangon Division MCWSC Daw Mar Mar Wai and officials formally opened the signboard that reads aedes, rubbish and tobacco free school.

Later, the chairperson and officials planted trees in the school

compound.

Chairperson Daw Mar Mar Wai accepted 1,000 membership applications and cash donations. And she presented sanitation items for the schools in the township.

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Daw Mar Mar Wai, Chairperson of MCWSC, addresses a ceremony to open aedes, rubbish and tobacco free school. — MNA

Commander inspects preventive measures against dengue fever, cholera

YANGON, 15 Jan — Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win and Yangon Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin inspected preventive measures against dengue fever and cholera disease in Bahan Township on 13 January.

The commander and the mayor heard reports on prevention of dengue fever and cholera and sanitation tasks in Bahan Township by the officials of Yangon West District PDC. The



Commander Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win and Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin inspect sanitation tasks in Bahan. — MNA

commander gave necessary instructions on health care services. The commander

and the mayor also inspected educative talks on prevention of dengue fever and cholera given in the wards of the township and left instructions.

In Yankin Township Development Affairs Committee' office, the commander heard reports on control and prevention of the diseases in Yankin Township by officials. And he gave instructions on sanitation tasks and health education talks.

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Nepalese Journalists on study tour

YANGON, 15 Jan — Nepalese Journalists Association President Mr Manju Ratan Sakya and party visited the Bagan Archaeological Zone, the Shwezigon Pagoda and the Ananda Temple yesterday.

Next, they paid a visit to the Bagan Archaeological Museum, where the officials explained salient points about the museum.

They also visited the Institute of Lacquerware.

In the afternoon, the delegation visited the famous pagodas in Bagan Archaeological Zone. Afterwards, they observed the handicraft at U Ba Nyine's lacquerware shop.

During the tour of Yangon today, they visited Myanmar Radio and Television on Pyay Road. At the meeting hall Director-General U Khin Maung Htay of MRTV extended greetings and briefed them on the MRTV. Next they exchanged gifts.

They paid homage to the Abhaya Labha Muni Buddha Image on the Mindhama Hill, Insein Township and made cash donations and viewed the three white elephants.

MNA



Follow Me, Secret cosmetics introduced

YANGON, 14 Jan — A ceremony to introduce Follow Me and Secret cosmetics was held in conjunction with the special sales at Karaweik Gardens here this afternoon.

It was attended by journalists and correspondents, sales

agents, customers of Follow Me and Secret cosmetics, guests and others.

The ceremony includes the holding of lucky draw for customers who bought cosmetics worth over K 100,000, the presentation of vocalists Sithu Lwin, L Lun Wa,

May Khala, L Saizi and Rebec Win to the accompaniment of Nightingale music band, lunch, demonstration for the use of cosmetics, introduction of Secret Sea White and Follow Me oil, special sales and presentation of gifts to sales agents.—MNA



A responsible person presents gift to a sale agent.

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Letter bomb explodes at Bahan post office

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Jan — A letter bomb exploded at Bahan post office on the ground floor of Yuzana Tower at 12.50 pm today.

The explosion occurred while postman U Kyaw Than Win of Bahan post office was sorting local letters in the postbag for Bahan region delivered by Yangon mail sorting office of Myanmar Post and Telecommunications.

U Kyaw Than Win, 58, was injured in his face and thigh and taken to Yangon General Hospital. He is not in critical condition.

The postcard-size mail is an ordinary one and the sender's address on the mail was the address of an embassy and the address was Myanmar Police Force, No 33-34, at the corner of Saya San Road and No 1 Sethmu Road, Bahan Township.

The explosion was a timely attempt with the aim of disrupting the stability in the country, causing public panic, sowing doubt among the nations, organizations and individuals and undermining good relations among them by internal and external destructive elements.

The people are warned that they are to prevent destructive acts for public safety and ward off the danger of the destructive elements in cooperation with authorities concerned.—MNA

Failed US attempt to trouble Myanmar by misusing UN

Tekkatho Myat Thu

World War I (1914-1918) stemmed from the rivalry between the colonialist countries of Western Europe for colonizing other countries, claiming the lives of tens of millions of world people. So, the League of Nations was formed to avoid any future world war.

About half a dozen industrialized countries from Europe occupied and exploited about 77 per cent of the world with the use of force. Then, the three axis countries (Germany, Italy and Japan) became industrialized but without any colony. So, they launched attacks on the old colonialist countries for sharing colonies, thus culminating in the outbreak of World War II (1942-1945).

The late-comer three colonialist countries dealt a devastating blow to the League of Nations. The World War II cost about 60 million of world people, levelling down a large number of towns and villages.

The first colonialist countries were greatly threatened by the dangers of the Fascist bloc that stirred up the World War II. Therefore, after the WWII, organizing measures were taken to establish the United Nations to prevent Fascism from rearing its ugly head again. Having faced a series of untold miseries, the world people welcomed the establishment of the United Nations. So far, the membership of the UN stands at 193 including observer countries.

Its primary purposes are for the world people to live in peace and security and to be free from any future world war, to be able to develop self-determination in the interests of the nation concerned, and to wipe out all forms of pernicious systems characterized by exploitation of man by man. All the members of the UN have signed the Charter.

The principles of the UN Charter include "it is based on the sovereign equality of all its members, territorial integrity (independence) of all nations, non-interference in the internal affairs of one another, members are to refrain from the threat or use of force against any other State, they are to settle their disputes by peaceful means, to ward off the colonialism that undermines the sovereignty of other nation, and to develop friendly relations among nations with cooperation for mutual interest." These principles and purposes are implemented collectively by the members.

Then, the United Nations became the world pillar organization, on which the world nations relied. However, certain powerful countries came to misuse the United Nations as possible as they could for their own interests. Such impertinent countries also have showed no respect to the UN and violated UN Charter repeatedly. After the World War, the US-led West Bloc members waged aggressive wars in Asia, Africa, Latin America and Middle East. Those wars were neo-colonialist wars, hegemonic wars and rivalries for colonies.

Referring to the statistics obtained from the books from the US Congress Library, columnist of Counter Punch Magazine Zoltan Grossman compiled 134 aggressive wars ranging from Wounded Knee to Afghanistan war launched by the US from 1890 to 2001. These facts are featured in the book "Why do people hate America?" co-authored by Ziauddin Sarder and Merryl Wyn Davis.

According to the statement by Zoltan, the US waged 134 aggressive wars—two on Afghanistan, six on Yugoslavia and its member countries, three on Iraq, three on Liberia, two on Haiti, nine on Panama, four on Libya, four on Iran, six on Honduras, three on Lebanon, eight on Nicaragua, two on El Salvador, two on Chile, two on Laos, three on Guatemala, four on Dominican,

three on Germany, five on Cuba, two on Vietnam, six on China, three on Korea, two on the Philippines, and two on Puerto Rico, and one time each on many countries. The US itself used force many times for suppressing mass demonstrations based on discrimination against races and colours that broke out in it. The number will reach 136 if the US aggressive war each on Iraq and Somalia are added to the number.

The number of aggressive wars the US waged after it had signed the UN Charter has stood at over 70.

In the time of Ronald Reagan, the US launched 16 aggressive wars. The then US Vice-President George Bush (senior Bush) was the father of George W Bush (junior). Senior Bush was involved in the aggressive wars launched in the time of Reagan. When he became the US president, senior Bush militarily intervened six times from 1988 to 1992. In the time of senior Bush, the US invaded Grenada, Liberia, Iraq, Somalia and Panama.

In the time of President Clinton (1992-2000), the US invaded Somalia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Haiti, Croatia, Zaire, Liberia, Albania, Sudan, Afghanistan, Iraq, Yugoslavia and Yemen. In the time of junior Bush, the US militarily occupied Macedonia, Afghanistan, Iraq and Somalia.

In 1990, Iraq announced that Kuwait was its old province and occupied it. So, senior Bush launched an attack on Iraq in cooperation with some members of the West Bloc. The UN passed a resolution to take action militarily against Iraq, so, senior Bush was licensed to launch a war on Iraq, then.

In the time of junior Bush, the US in collusion with NATO attacked Afghanistan, without seeking the approval of the UN. Ignoring the protests of the UN, international community and its citizens, the US invaded Iraq in March 2003. It was a brazen violation of UN Charter. In the time of Clinton, the US showed total disregard for the UN in invading Yugoslavia in complicity with NATO in March 1999. The US, in its attempt to break up Yugoslavia, the last Communist country of Europe, abetted member countries of Yugoslavia to secede from it. The US and NATO militarily intervened in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Then, they forced UN peace-keeping troops to withdraw from Bosnia and then NATO troops were deployed there.

Wilfully, the US suspended paying its dues of 37 million dollars to the UN peace-keeping funds. Giving an excuse that the UN peace-keeping troops were not effective, US President Clinton replaced UN peace-keeping troops with NATO troops. President Clinton and State Secretary George Shultz repeatedly warned that the UN was not in a position to deal with international issues, so the US would have to tackle the international affairs.

The US Congress also suspended settling its dues of more than 1,000 million dollars to the UN to disrupt the functions of the UN. In 2003, the UN dissuaded the US from waging attack on Iraq, but in vain. On 19

March 2003, the US launched its attack on Iraq with the use of bombers. Recently, it has also bombed Somalia.

To form an international criminal court, the US said that it would contribute its men and money to the court, only after a compromise had been reached that the court would not put on trial against the US troops serving military duties throughout the world. Such a demand implied its wish to hold a licence for its troops deployed around the world to commit crimes with impunity. The US government is helping its citizens, its lackeys, and rebels and expatriates from many other countries to get seats in the UN and UN agencies, and international organizations. It is also raising the role of such renegades and absconders to help them attain social standing. It is providing money for such destructive elements and has established broadcasting stations to cleverly drive a wedge among the people of the nations that do not accept US domination.

It is disheartening to note that the US does as it pleases ignoring the purposes and principles of the UN, the principles of the Charter and the resolutions passed through the consent of the majority of the UN members. And it is misusing the UN as a tool for its own interest.

Myanmar is an independent nation that has a high cultural standard due to its religion, has constantly practised non-aligned (independent and active) foreign policy, and has been working hard on self-reliant basis for ensuring peace and stability and development of its own. It exercises the peaceful coexistence principles in dealing with other countries. It strictly follows the UN Charter. It does its bit as a member of the world family in serving the interests of the world. Nevertheless, the interference of the US in the Myanmar's internal affairs ranges from encouraging the nationalist Chinese's intrusion of Myanmar to fueling armed insurgency and inciting aboveground unrest. It has been more than half a century the US has provided insurgents and expatriates in the border areas with money, weapons, explosives, and propaganda assistance.

Why the US is interfering in the internal affairs of Myanmar?

It is because it dislikes Myanmar people's anti-colonialist sentiment, patriotism, national culture, nationalistic spirit, cherishing and safeguarding the Union and independence, practice of non-aligned foreign policy, non-acceptance of domination of any other countries, national stand, and national solidarity. So, practising the neo-colonialism, the US and its associates (old and neo-colonialist countries) are hostile to Myanmar.

Over half of about 1.5 million US servicemen are deployed at over 720 army, navy and air bases stationed in the international lands and seas. US fleets are at every ocean and sea. Its military bases are also stationed in south America, north America, Europe, Middle East, Africa, Australia and Far East.

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In the past, such industrialized imperialist countries as Britain, France, Dutch, Spain, Portugal and Belgium occupied and exploited many other countries. Setting up colonial empires, they directly enslaved, exploited and oppressed the colonies.

Today's military empire of the US that is expanding its military bases is somewhat different from the old pattern. Under the neo-colonialism, at first, it establishes military empires, then it takes hegemonic control over the countries throughout the world. And then, it installs a puppet government each in such countries. The purpose is that if it has to attack a nation, the nearest military base will have to launch attacks on that nation. In the last attack on Somalia, it used the bombers from Djibouti.

The US fleets take a dominant control in the Atlantic Ocean east of the US. Today's fleets include aircraft carriers with missiles, marine bases and supporting bases. The NATO troops, the majority of which are US forces, take a dominant control over the European side of the Atlantic Ocean. The Arab countries in the Middle East also have US military bases. Now, more than 150,000 US troops are deployed in Iraq. In addition, US fleets are being deployed in the Persian Gulf, the Mediterranean Sea and the Indian Ocean.

So are in many of the African and Latin American countries. Hawaii State and the Pacific Ocean off the western part of the US are full of US military bases and fleets. Many US fleets, air forces and armies are also stationed in Marshall Island off the Pacific Ocean (easternmost of Asia), Tinean Island, Guam Island, Australia, New Zealand and Taiwan. Forty thousand US troops each are deployed in the Republic of Korea and Japan.

Previously, four US military bases are stationed in the Philippines. However, in the end, the US had to withdraw its military bases from the Philippines due to the persistent mass protests by the Philippine citizens.

The US dislikes its targeted big and small communist nations, and other small nations in Southeast Asia and its surrounding areas as those nations' economic power, military might and population are growing. Especially, the countries that give priority to their national stand and that never yield to the US domination have become big, medium and small targets of the US.

The US needs to enlarge its military empire in accord with its policy — to dominate the whole region in economic, political, and military terms after demolishing the targeted nations. Currently, the US has no military bases in all the ten ASEAN nations. Hence, the US has to fill the gap in the region in trying to circle the whole world with its military bases.

In this way, Myanmar has become a strategically important nation for the US. If the US can install a puppet government that will dance to its tune in Myanmar, the US businessmen can enter Myanmar en masse and it can set up military bases in the nation. If there are US military bases in Myanmar it can dominate the surrounding nations.

However, the successive governments of Myanmar have never accepted any US military base nor US financial incentive. Besides, they have totally resisted all the US pressures. Myanmar has exercised its policy in accord with its stance.

The National Convention participated by the delegates of 10 political parties (including those of the NLD and SNLD), representatives-elect, various national races of all states and divisions, peasants, workers, State service personnel, intellectuals and intelligentsia, national races groups that have made peace with the government, historians, and retired ambassadors who are well-versed in politics and international affairs, unanimously adopted the 104 fundamental principles. Included in the fundamental principles is one — **no foreign troops are permitted to be stationed within the borders of the Union.**

It is disheartening to note that the US does as it pleases ignoring the purposes and principles of the UN, the principles of the Charter and the resolutions passed through the consent of the majority of the UN members. And it is misusing the UN as a tool for its own interest.

The said fundamental principle has destroyed the US dream of expanding its military empire. Hence, the US has been applying various tactics to attack Myanmar with a view that the said fundamental principle will be annulled if it can undermine the National Convention. It has been providing more assistance to its stooges to spot-light them. It has encouraged a group of expatriates to launch an anti-government activity with the slogan of secession to break up the Union. The group has been hatching schemes to cause unrest and committing violence and terrorism to destroy the nation and undermine the National Convention. The US and its followers that are the former colonies have been imposing economic sanctions on Myanmar and providing assistance to the terrorist insurgents.

They are using the UN to harm the national force, the national stand and the results of national development of Myanmar, while slandering our country with false accusation including the alleged human rights violations, unsolved drug problem, forced labour, religious suppression, ethnic persecution, and rising HIV, AIDS, TB and malaria cases to install a puppet government.

The world has known the US acts to misuse the meetings and conferences of the UN and ILO to give trouble to Myanmar. The US submitted a draft resolution "the situation in Myanmar" to be included in the UNSC agenda on 15 September 2006. The draft resolution for discussion was approved, with four nations including China and Russia opposing it, one nation abstained and ten nations supporting it.

Since then the Chinese ambassador to the UN and 116-nation Non-Aligned Movement conference have said that the proposal is against the Article 24 of the UN Charter; and that Myanmar is not a threat to the regional and global peace at all. Qatar said that no nation in the region had assumed that Myanmar posed a threat to the regional peace.

As they are relying on colonialists, party politicians, national traitors and insurgents in the nation are happily welcoming America's lopsided sanctions on Myanmar. They are taking part in the conspiracy in collusion with the US.

Acting US Ambassador to the UN Alejandro Wolff on 11 January 2007 submitted the joint-US-Britain draft resolution calling for on UNSC to take action against Myanmar.

When the matter was discussed the following day, Chinese ambassador Wang Guangya said, "The Myanmar issue was mainly an internal affair of a sovereign state. The present domestic situation in Myanmar did not pose a threat to international or regional peace and security."

Russian Federation Ambassador Vitaly Churkin said, "The situation in Myanmar did not pose any threat to international or regional peace. That opinion was shared by a large number of States including most importantly Myanmar's neighbours. Attempts aimed at using the Security Council to discuss issues outside its purview are unacceptable."

Ambassador of South Africa Dumisani S Kumalo said, "The ASEAN ministers meeting in the Philippines reaffirmed that Myanmar was not a threat to international peace and security. For those reasons, South Africa could not vote in favour of the draft resolution."

The US-Britain-submitted joint draft resolution was voted among the five permanent members with the veto power, and 10 alternate members at the UNSC. Nine nations — the US, Britain, France, Italy, Ghana, Peru, Czech Republic, Panama and Belgium — voted in favour of the draft resolution and Russia, China and South Africa

voted against it. Indonesia, Congo and Qatar abstained. According to the UNSC principle, a resolution cannot be adopted if it is vetoed by a permanent member. The draft resolution was jointly vetoed by Russia and China, so we can say that it's a double veto vote.

The US and Britain and cohorts, expatriates and national traitors were dissatisfied with the defeat of the draft resolution. The world welcomed the failure of the US to misuse the UN through the double standard policy. It is the victory of the global people and the international community that wish to co-exist peacefully and more than 55 million national races of Myanmar.

Thanks to the dailies, press conferences and news articles, the entire Myanmar people and all the world nations know that the slanders included in the draft resolution jointly submitted by the US and Britain were nothing but lies.

All the persons who have been taking part in the endeavours to restore peace, to develop and modernize the nation and to cooperate with the international community and regional countries based on mutual interest and peaceful co-existence and democracy transition, those who have witnessed and are studying the realistic condition of Myanmar, the national races who are enjoying the results that are more significant than in the early periods after 1988 and every foreigner who has visited Myanmar also know the fabrication of the US and Britain and their cohorts and stooges.

The draft resolution itself shows that the accusations against Myanmar are groundless, contrary to objective events and the truth; and that those slanders are just fabrication created by the persons who oppose Myanmar and internal and external destructionists.

The draft resolution states the same old demands to stop attacks against minorities, to lift all restrictions on international humanitarian groups, to cooperate with the ILO to stop the practice of forced labour, to hold a dialogue with politicians and remnant insurgents in the jungles, and to release all political prisoners.

All the persons who are reading the news about the developing Myanmar in the dailies know well that Myanmar has never posed a threat to international peace or regional peace, all the demands stated in the draft resolution are Myanmar's internal affairs that are being solved with cooperative efforts.

As the diplomats, representatives of UN agencies, local and foreign journalists have seen with their own eyes the objective conditions during the press conferences and study tours of the various parts of the nation, they can clearly distinguish between right and wrong and constructive and destructive acts. And the persons who are assigned to the UN agencies and international bodies in Myanmar have already witnessed Myanmar's developments and constructive cooperation. Dutiful journalists are also featuring the authentic news reports based on the events they have witnessed. We believe they will continue to stand by the truth.

It is clear that the US and Britain are trying to use the UN as a tool. Hence, I openly state that the draft resolution jointly submitted by the US and Britain was just a slander to attack Myanmar without any consideration.

The entire Myanmar people thank the Russian Federation, the People's Republic of China and the Republic of South Africa and the world as they have acknowledged and supported Myanmar's sincere stance, her efforts to discharge the national duties and the international duties and to promote friendship and peace.

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Refute unscrupulous reports and broadcasts by external destructive elements and local traitors

Basic journalism course No 8 organized by USDA opened

YANGON, 15 Jan — The basic journalism course No 8 organized by the Union Solidarity and Development Association was opened at the USDA Headquarters on new university avenue in Bahan Township this morning, with an address by Secretariat member of the USDA U Thaung.

In his address, he said the trainees are to learn international affairs, history of the newspapers, leadership, national development, types of news and other related journalism. Such journalism course can produce good reporters, skillful journalists, press reporters and editors, he said.



Secretariat member of USDA U Thaung delivers an address at opening of the basic journalism course No 8. — MNA

MWAF raises awareness of HIV/AIDS, human trafficking

YANGON, 15 Jan — Educative talks on awareness of HIV/AIDS, and human trafficking was organized at Makyisin Village in Sagaing Township by Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation (MWAF) on 2 January.

A total of 658 members of the village Women's Affairs Organization participated in the educative talks.

Dr Daw Nyunt Nyunt Oo, Head of Organization Department of MWAF extended greetings and briefed on the federation.

Leader of Health Group Dr Daw Myint Myint Thein gave talks on awareness of HIV/AIDS and Daw Tin Tin Nyunt of Sagaing Division WAF on human trafficking.

After the talks, Dr Daw Nyunt Nyunt Oo presented uniforms of the association provided by MWAF to members and donated books to the village library.

Next, Chairperson of Sagaing Division Women's Affairs Organization Daw Mya Myint Thu presented 1,500 applications for membership of MWAF to Dr Daw Nyunt Nyunt Oo.

Dr Daw Nyunt Nyunt Oo and party viewed wickerworks produced by wickerwork shop of the village WAO. — MNA

Today the world has become a global village in the age of information technology. He said the print media is to be employed effectively in propaganda and information in combination with electronic media. The trainees are to rebut the criticism on the government and the USDA and to make attempt for the members of the USDA and the people to know the true situation, he said.

Nowadays, a piece of information can be sent from one place to another in a short time as the information technology has developed rapidly. Some big nations with the superiority of IT development are interfering in the internal affairs of sovereign nations through the

media, he said.

The information technology and infrastructures have developed due to the encouragement of the government and efforts of Myanmar IT technicians. It is the duty of the trainees to refute unscrupulous reports and broadcasts by external destructive elements and local traitors.

He pointed out that the media of big nations are spreading fabricated news violating the press ethics.

In conclusion, he urged the trainees to try to become good organizers who can refute the rumours and propaganda, to make efforts for restoration of the Union spirit among the people upholding Our Three Main National Causes and to implement seven-point Road Map, five rural development tasks and future programmes of the association as the national duty.

Secretariat member of the USDA U Thaung cordially greeted the trainees. The nine-week course is being attended by 54 trainees.—MNA

Attempt of US, Britain to level wrong...

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Their attempt to interference in Myanmar affairs has totally failed due to the veto put by our friendly nations, the People's Republic of China and Russian Federation. We are also grateful to South Africa for its vote against the resolution.

This being so, such an attempt to interfere in the Myanmar's internal affairs has received universal condemnation from inside as well as outside the country. It has been witnessed that their ill attempt to jeopardize our seven-step Road Map of the State was abortive. — MNA

MWJA strongly condemns...

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pose a threat to international and regional peace and security. Similarly, neighbouring countries, regional and friendly countries and members of Non-Aligned Movement collectively condemned the acts of the US. 4. UN Security Council permanent members China and Russia cast vote to reject the the draft resolution, and South Africa also objected it. Indonesia, the Republic of Congo and Qatar abstained on 12 January, 2007.

5. The MWJA in collaboration with the entire people of Myanmar opposed and condemns the draft resolution jointly sponsored by the US and Britain to put Myanmar issue on the UN Security Council to interfere in internal affairs of Myanmar through groundless accusations.

6. Likewise, the MWJA strongly condemns internal politicians, national traitors and fugitives who heartily welcomed the destructive acts of the US that is putting lopsided pressure on Myanmar.

7. Myanmar is very grateful to the People's Republic of China, Russian Federation that cast double veto, 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.

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Forestry Ministry promotes opportunity for private forest plantation

YANGON, 15 Jan — Ministry of Forestry will lease the land to people in a bid to encourage the establishment of forest plantation except teak in the private sector.

The ministry invited those who are interested in establishing forest plantation to contact state/division forest departments and the Forest Department under the Ministry of Forestry Ph 067-405016, 067-405399, 067-405019, 067-405082.

Those interested person may apply to carry out the forest plantation at a minimum of one acre of land. Under the guidance of the Head of State, the Ministry of Forestry has managed and established the forest to support the livelihood of the people, to encourage the sustainable development of the forest and to promote the environmental conservation.

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Myanmar fishermen who drifted to India return

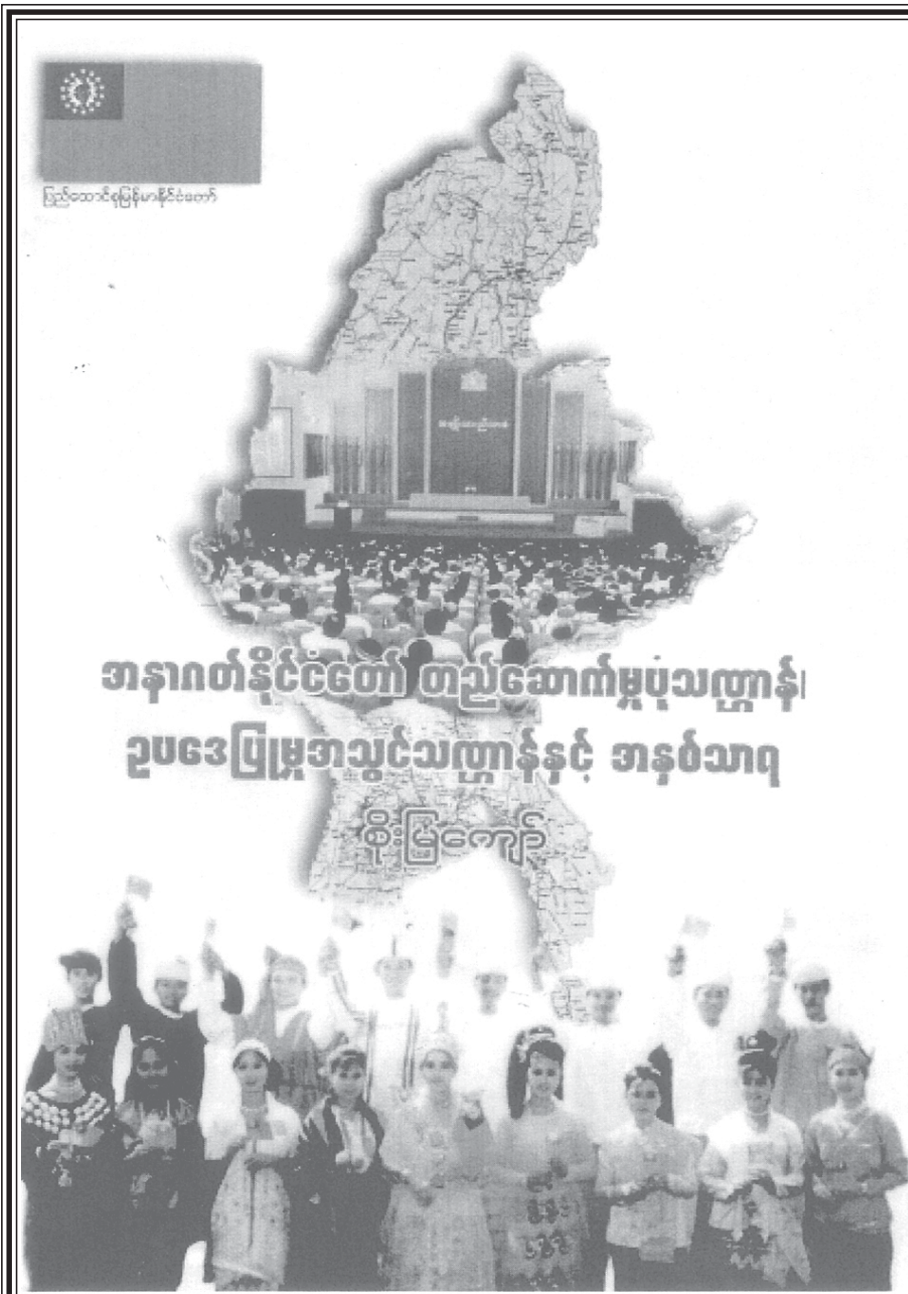
YANGON, 15 Jan—Altogether 213 Myanmar fishermen who drifted to Port Blair, India due to the damage of their vessels as well as by a strong wind, arrived here this morning by a fleet of three Indian boats under the arrangements of Myanmar-India.

They were welcomed at the Thilawar International Port by officials of the Relife and Resettlement Department and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The fishermen, who will be sent to their respective regions after being scrutinized as necessary, are being taking care of by the department.

They are 125 from Rakhine State, 87 from Ayeyawady Division and one from Yangon Division.

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Energy issue tops 2nd East ASIA Summit Agenda

CEBU (PHILIPPINES), 15 Jan — The 2nd East Asia Summit (EAS) opened here on Monday at the Cebu International Convention Centre with the renewable energy issue to top the agenda.

The 16 countries attending in the 2nd EAS are the 10 ASEAN members: Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Brunei, Vietnam, Laos, Myanmar, Cambodia, ASEAN Plus Three: China, Japan, Republic of Korea and three additional members of the EAS: India, Australia and New Zealand.

ASEAN leaders said in a Chairman's Statement of the 12th ASEAN Summit Sunday after the conclusion of the ASEAN Summit that they agreed to work on a common direction to pursue cooperation in the identified focus areas, including energy security in the East Asian region.

"We agreed to convene an EAS Energy issues, including the development and use of alternative and renewable forms of energy.

When first held in 2005, the EAS countries decided to intensify regional cooperation in five areas of concern — finance, education, health, disaster mitigation and energy security.

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Actress Kelly Hu arrives at the Disney ABC Television Group All Star Party in Pasadena, Calif, on Sunday, 14 Jan, 2007.

INTERNET

India for open skies policy with ASEAN

CEBU (PHILIPPINES), 15 Jan — Bolstering its "Look East" policy, India Sunday offered to engage ASEAN countries on an open skies policy as the two sides achieved a significant breakthrough on the negative list and tariff concessions in parleys on a free trade agreement and decided to address other nagging differences by July to pave the way for its early implementation.

Addressing the India-ASEAN Summit here, Prime Minister Manmohan Singh said

India had examined Singapore's proposal for an open skies policy, which was aimed at

greater connectivity to promote regional economic integration.

"I am happy to announce that we would be willing to engage ASEAN authorities in a discussion on such a policy," he told leaders of the 10-member grouping that includes Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore.

Noting that India-ASEAN trade recorded an impressive growth of 30 percent last year, he hoped the target of 30 billion US dollars for the end of this year would be surpassed. Giving details of the outcome, Commerce Minister Kamal Nath said ASEAN had agreed to India's proposal for maintaining a negative list of 490 items with trade coverage not exceeding five per cent by both sides.

Seeking to allay

misgivings in some Indian states, he said with pepper, tea and crude and refined palm oil figuring in the "highly sensitive list", India wants a "standstill" for the next five to seven years with no movement on tariff reduction. India proposed that after this period, tariff reduction of up to 50 per cent could be considered by 2022.

Kamal Nath said the negative list accepted by ASEAN was with reciprocity and the members of the grouping will have to identify what they want to be included in their lists. But there will be a five per cent cap on total trade under this. He said ASEAN countries wanted a double cap both in terms of volume and tariff lines, but the Indian side made it clear that this was not possible.

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Cam Mechanism of a Photographing Lens

Reg : No.4/6769/2006

In respect of : A cam mechanism comprising:
a cam ring; and
a linearly movable frame movable by the cam ring along an optical axis of an optical system without rotating, by engagement of a first and a second plurality of cam grooves located on the cam ring with a corresponding first and second plurality of cam followers located on the linearly movable frame, when the cam ring is rotated, the linearly movable frame supporting at least one optical element of the optical system,

wherein the first plurality of cam grooves are located at different positions than positions of the second plurality of cam grooves, in both the optical axis direction and a circumferential direction of the cam ring, and respectively trace substantially a same reference cam diagram; and

wherein the first plurality of cam followers are located at different positions than positions of the second plurality of cam followers, in both the optical axis direction and a circumferential direction of the linearly movable frame, and are engageable in the plurality of cam grooves, respectively.

Cam Mechanism of a Photographing Lens

Reg : No.4/6770/2006

In respect of : A cam mechanism comprising:
a cam ring; and
a linearly movable frame movable by the cam ring along an optical axis of an optical system, by engagement of a first and a second plurality of cam grooves located on the cam ring with a corresponding first and second plurality of cam followers located on the linearly movable frame, when the cam ring is rotated, the linearly movable frame supporting at least one optical element of the optical system,

wherein the first plurality of cam grooves are located at different positions than positions of the second plurality of cam grooves, in both the optical axis direction and a circumferential direction of the cam ring, and respectively trace substantially a same reference cam diagram; and

wherein the first plurality of cam followers are located at different positions than positions of the second plurality of cam followers, in both the optical axis direction and a circumferential direction of the linearly movable frame, and are engageable in the plurality of cam grooves, respectively.

Lens Barrel Incorporating the Cam Mechanism

Reg : No.4/6771/2006

In respect of : A cam mechanism for a lens barrel, the mechanism comprising:
a cam ring comprising a cam groove which is open at one end;
a support ring supporting an imaging component, the support ring having a cam follower engageable with the cam groove and movable therein towards and away from the open end, wherein the support ring is movable along an axis relative to the cam ring without rotation; and
a movement limiter configured to stop or limit disengagement of the cam follower from the open end of the cam groove.

Cam Mechanism of a Photographing Lens

Reg : No.4/6772/2006

In respect of : A cam mechanism comprising:
a cam ring; and
a linearly movable frame movable by the cam ring along an optical axis of an optical system without rotating, by engagement of a plurality of cam groove groups located on the cam ring with a plurality of cam follower groups located on the linearly movable frame when the cam ring is rotated, the linearly movable frame supporting at least one optical element of the optical system,

wherein the plurality of cam groove groups are located at different positions in a circumferential direction of the cam ring, and wherein each the cam groove group comprises at least two cam grooves located at different positions in at least the optical axis direction and respectively trace substantially a same reference cam diagram;

wherein at least one of the two cam grooves of one the cam groove group intersects with another of the two cam grooves of another the cam groove group, the another the cam groove adjacent to the at least one the cam groove in the circumferential direction;

wherein the plurality of cam follower groups are located at different positions in a circumferential direction of the linearly movable frame, and wherein each cam follower group comprises at least two complementing cam followers located at different positions in the optical axis direction and are engageable with the at least two cam grooves of each the cam groove group, respectively; and

wherein in each the cam groove group, at least one of the at least two complementing cam followers of each the cam follower group remains engaged in a corresponding one of the at least two cam grooves when another cam follower of the at least two complementing cam followers passes through an intersection area of the intersecting cam grooves during a rotation of the cam ring.

Lens Barrel Incorporating The Cam Mechanism

Reg : No.4/6773/2006

In respect of : A cam mechanism for a lens barrel, the mechanism comprising:
a cam ring comprising a cam groove which is open at one end; and
a support ring supporting an imaging component, the support ring having a cam follower engageable with the at least one cam groove and movable therein towards and away from the open end wherein the support ring is movable along an axis relative to the cam ring without rotation;

wherein the cam ring and the support ring each have respective guide surfaces engageable with each other when the cam follower is moved in the region of the open end and shaped to guide the cam follower at the open end of the cam groove during engagement.

Lens Barrel Incorporating the Linear Guide Mechanism

Reg : No.4/6774/2006

In respect of : A linear guide mechanism for guiding rings supporting components of a lens barrel along an optical axis; the mechanism comprising:

an outer ring supporting a first imaging component;
an inner ring positioned radially inwardly of the outer ring for supporting a second imaging component;

a first guide ring configured to linearly guide the outer ring without rotation of the outer ring;

a second guide ring configured to linearly guide the inner ring without rotation of the inner ring; and

a linear guide ring having at least one guide portion located on an inner peripheral surface of the linear guide ring, the at least one guide portion engageable with the first and second guide rings, the outer ring and the inner ring being independently guidable via the respective first and second guide rings and are movable linearly along the optical axis without rotating.

Retractable Lens System and Method of Retracting a Retractable Lens System

Reg : No.4/6775/2006

In respect of : A method of moving at least one optical element of a plurality of optical elements of an image-forming lens system, wherein all optical elements of the plurality of optical elements are positioned along a common optical axis such that the lens system is in all ready-to-image positions, the lens system having an object side and an image side, the method comprising positioning the lens system such that no image may be taken, comprising:

moving the at least one optical element to a position away from the common optical axis and toward the image side, and

moving at least one other optical element of the plurality of optical elements along the common optical axis toward the image side.

Retracting Mechanism of a Retractable Lens

Reg : No.4/6776/2006

In respect of : A retracting mechanism of a retractable lens, comprising:
an external barrel movable in an optical axis direction;
an adjustment ring positioned in the external barrel and configured to be guided linearly in the optical axis direction without rotating;
a stopper configured to set a rear movement limit of the adjustment ring with respect to the external barrel;

a lens frame configured to hold a lens group, the lens frame configured to be screwed into the adjustment ring;

a fixing ring fixed to the external barrel and configured to prevent the adjustment ring coming off the external barrel; and

at least one spring positioned between the fixing ring and the adjustment ring and configured to bias the adjustment ring toward the rear movement limit of the adjustment ring with respect to the external barrel.

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Japan Airlines (JAL) aircraft are seen on the tarmac at Tokyo International Airport. A group of banks plan to extend 200 billion yen (1.7 billion dollar) loans to troubled Japan Airlines (JAL).—INTERNET

ASEAN leaders urged to fight against regional HIV epidemics

CEBU (Philippines), 14 Jan—Members of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) still have to tackle the long-term challenges of HIV/AIDS through consistent, decisive leadership, the UNAIDS chief Peter Piot told participants of the 12th ASEAN Summit here on Saturday.

"Within Asia the most severe epidemics are in the

ASEAN region, where are over 1.5 million people living with HIV," Piot, Executive Director of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) and UN Under Secretary-General, said in a briefing to a sideline meeting of the ASEAN leaders.

Piot urged the listening leaders of the 10 ASEAN nations to build up strong

national AIDS responses and to put saving lives above all else, so as to realize the core of ASEAN's vision of a "caring community".

Mobilizing more financial resources from government budgets, ensuring affordable lifesaving medical commodities as well as eliminating social taboos and prejudices are all essential to fight against

the HIV/AIDS epidemics, Piot said.

"We are still in the early phases of the epidemics in Asia and must redouble and sustain efforts, not let our guard down," Piot said, referring to the UNAIDS statistics showing more people in the ASEAN region were newly infected with HIV in 2006 than any previous year.—MNA/Xinhua

Russia, Belarus sign duty agreement after oil row

Moscow, 14 Jan—Russia has set export duties on crude oil supplied to Belarus in 2007 after a three-year agreement was signed between the two governments, Russian news agencies reported on Friday.

Under the agreement, Russia cut the tax for crude oil exported to Belarus from 180 US dollars, set at the beginning of the year, to 53 dollars per ton of crude oil, which had previously been given without a duty.

"In fact, we, for instance, will have 53 dollars per each ton of crude shipped to Belarus in 2007," Russian Prime

Minister Mikhail Fradkov was quoted as saying by the *Interfax* news agency following two-day negotiations with his Belarussian counterpart Sergei Sidorsky.

The compromise was

made because Belarus agreed that it will share with Russia a large proportion of its export tax on petroleum products produced from Russian crude oil.

MNA/Xinhua

Russian dancers from the Chuvash ensemble line up before performing onstage during the Russian Winter Festival in London's Trafalgar Square, on 13 Jan, 2007.—INTERNET



Four family members killed in bomb explosion in Baghdad

DHAKA, 14 Jan — Four of a family, including three minor girls, were killed in a bomb explosion in Bangladesh's Chapainawabganj District, 245 kilometres northwest of capital Dhaka Saturday morning.

Police was quoted by private news agency UNB as saying the bomb exploded at the house of rickshaw-puller Sentu in a slum at about 7.30 a.m. leaving Sentu's two daughters dead on the spot.

MNA/Xinhua

Some 22 killed in bus collision in Saudi Arabia

RIYADH, 14 Jan— Some 22 Muslim pilgrims were killed and 24 others injured when two buses collided in eastern Saudi Arabia on Friday, the state *Saudi Press Agency* reported. The road accident took place early Friday when the two buses collided head on, 7 kilometres from al-Bathaa border crossing at the Saudi border with the United Arab Emirates.— MNA/Xinhua

Pipeline under Baltic sea not to exclude other nations

BERLIN, 14 Jan—The widely criticized gas pipeline to be built under the Baltic Sea from Russia directly to Germany will not be used to cut other nations off from energy supplies, German Chancellor Angela Merkel told visiting Swedish Prime Minister Fredrik Reinfeldt Friday.

"I will do everything politically possible to ensure there is no impression that we are building a Baltic pipeline to somehow exclude other nations," Merkel said after holding talks with Reinfeldt.

She said talks were being launched with Poland, which has led protests against the Northern European Gas Pipeline (NEGP), on technical arrangements to reverse the flow of gas in existing pipelines through Poland so that gas could not only be routed westwards but also eastwards. There were German companies willing to help in eastward gas deliveries, Merkel said. The NEGP, which will run from Russian port of Viborg to German city of Greifswald, is expected to go into operation in 2010. — MNA/Xinhua



SPORTS

Lahore Int'l Marathon Opens

ISLAMABAD, 15 Jan—Inaugurated by Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf at Punjab Stadium, the third Lahore International Marathon on Sunday morning opened amid tight security measures in eastern Pakistani city of Lahore, the local Geo Television reported.

Nearly 60 athletes from 12 countries have registered themselves to participate in different categories of the marathon, according to Sunday's *The Nation* newspaper. The Geo report said that thousands of local people, old and young, were enthusiastically running in the race, and local people in a large number got them registered for the race till the Saturday midnight.

The event, which came as the government is promoting year 2007 as "Visit Pakistan Year", is believed to be of significant importance in tourism sense.

The marathon with 10-kilometre long distance run, 5-kilometre fun run, and three special races, would make Sunday "a festive day", *The Nation* report noted.

All Lahore roads coming into the marathon route reportedly will be closed till 3:00 pm on Sunday.

MNA/Xinhua

Federer to take revenge on Phau for first time since 1999

MELBOURNE, 15 Jan—The world number one Roger Federer is to get his tournament under way on centre court on Monday against Germany's Bjorn Phau, who he last played in 1999—and lost.

"I played him in Washington. I lost. He's a player I know for quite some time, since '98, '97 already," said Federer, who is bidding for his third Australian Open crown.

"I know his game. He's a good righty, fast around the court, got a good backhand and everything.

"It's going to be interesting to see, playing against a guy you haven't played in six years, seven years.

"I won't underestimate him. He's been beaten (Andre) Agassi in Dubai I think last year. Probably had a few good wins, so I have to be careful."—MNA/Xinhua



Denver Nuggets guard Allen Iverson (3) drives against Portland Trail Blazers guard Juan Dixon during third quarter NBA action in Portland, Oregon on 14 Jan, 2007.—INTERNET

Al-Ahly awarded best African team of 2006

CAIRO, 15 Jan—Egypt's Al-Ahly, based in Cairo, was chosen by the Cameroon-based Supreme Council of Sport in Africa as the best African soccer club in 2006, *MENA* news agency reported Sunday.

Ahly, founded in 1907, won the bronze medal in the FIFA Club World Cup championship last month. Thus it became the first African team to clinch bronze in the global event.

The best soccer club of Egypt have won the African League champions five times in 1982, 1987, 2001, 2005 and 2006.

MNA/Xinhua

Manchester United maintain 6-point lead over Chelsea

LONDON, 15 Jan—Manchester United beat Aston Villa 3-1 on Saturday to maintain their six-point lead at the top of Premiership, as Chelsea beat Wigan 4-0 at Stamford Bridge.

Liverpool stayed in pole position for one of the other UEFA Champions League places with a convincing win over Watford, as Bolton were held to a goalless draw by Manchester City.

Arsenal kept in touch with the leading pack with an impressive 2-0 win at Blackburn despite playing most of the game with only 10 men.

Gilberto was given his marching orders after just 15 minutes, but goals either side of half-time from Kolo Toure and Thierry Henry sealed an impressive

away success.

Nobody managed to significantly strengthen their position at the other end of the table, with West Ham the only side in the bottom four to pick up a point following a thrilling draw with Fulham.

Manchester United enjoyed a brilliant first half at Old Trafford, with Park Ji-sung setting the tone with an 11th minute finish and then supplying Michael Carrick for the second two minutes later.

Cristiano Ronaldo kept up his superb form with a 35th minute header, and United coasted to victory despite Gabriel Agbonlahor's strike for Villa (52).

Chelsea stayed in touch with Manchester United as they dealt Wigan their seventh consecutive defeat.

Frank Lampard's free-kick from distance sailed straight in after 13 minutes, before Arjen Robben rounded Chris Kirkland after 70 minutes.

A miserable afternoon for Kirkland was compounded after 70 minutes as he deflected Robben's low cross into his own net, before Didier Drogba headed home in injury time.

Liverpool, thrashed 6-3 at home to Arsenal in midweek, bounced back with a 3-0 victory against Watford at Vicarage Road.

Craig Bellamy, starting alongside Peter Crouch and Dirk Kuyt up front, tapped in Steve Finnan's cross after 34 minutes to open the scoring for The Reds.

MNA/Xinhua



Argentina's Maximiliano Morales (R) fights for the ball with Venezuela's Tomas Rincon during their Group B South American under-20 Championship soccer match in Ciudad del Este, Paraguay, on 14 Jan, 2007.—INTERNET

Chinese footballer to join Dutch club next week

BRUSSELS, 14 Jan—Chinese footballer Sun Xiang is set to report for duty in Eindhoven at the beginning of next week after the top Dutch club PSV signed him on loan, said the club on Saturday.

The 24-year-old defender is now in Spain with the Chinese national team for a series of friendlies. But Sun will not immediately report for duty with PSV head coach Ronald Koeman in La Manga, Spain, said the club.

PSV will play a friendly game against 1.FC Koln on Sunday afternoon.

Sun will first travel back to Shanghai in order to complete some formalities and arrange some personal affairs, said PSV.

MNA/Xinhua



Canada's Aleksandra Wozniak in action against Jelena Jankovic of Serbia at the Australian Open tennis tournament in Melbourne, on 15 Jan, 2007. Jankovich won in straight sets 6-3 6-3. INTERNET

Benfica striker Kikin back home for Mexico's Tigres

MEXICO CITY, 15 Jan—Mexican forward Francisco (Kikin) Fonseca will move back home to Autonomous University of Nuevo Leon club Tigres (Tigers) after six months in Portugal with Benfica, said the club Sunday.

Kikin, who was handed a short term stay by Benfica after showing his matches in the 2006 World Cup, has agreed a transfer with both of the clubs

on Sunday morning.

The Mexican international will have a medical exam on Tuesday in Tigres' home city Monterrey, in northern Mexico, and will begin playing in the nation's 2007 Closing Tournament, if everything goes well.

He is the club's third new signing after Argentina's Fabian Cubero and Paraguay's Julio Cesar Caceres.

MNA/Xinhua



Israel's Dudi Sela hits a return during his match against Thailand's Paradorn Srichaphan at the Australian Open tennis tournament in Melbourne on 15 Jan, 2007.—INTERNET

10th ASEAN-Japan Summit held in Cebu

CEBU (Philippines), 15 Jan — Host Philippine President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo and Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe opened the 10th ASEAN-Japan Summit here Sunday on the sidelines of the 12th ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) Summit.

ASEAN leaders and Abe discussed behind door the future direction of ASEAN-Japan cooperation and exchanged views on regional and international issues, according to a Press release after the summit meeting.

In her opening statement at the ASEAN-Japan

Summit, Arroyo said Japan is the biggest source of the official development assistance (ODA) for ASEAN member countries, as well as the top trading partner and No 1 source of tourists and investments for most of the ASEAN countries.

MNA/Xinhua



Paul Goydos of the U.S. holds up the trophy after winning the Sony Open golf tournament in Honolulu, Hawaii, 14 January 2007. —INTERNET

China-ASEAN deal set to expand trade services

CEBU (Philippines), 15 Jan — The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and China signed here Sunday another milestone agreement on trade in services as part of an effort to establish a Free Trade Area (FTA) by 2010.

The Agreement on Trade in Services of China-ASEAN Free Trade Area, which will enter into force in July 2007, aims at liberalizing services sectors ranging from computer, tourism, transport, telecoms to energy and environment so as to expand trade in services in the region.

Addressing the 10th China-ASEAN Summit in the Philippine resort island of Cebu on Sunday, Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao said the signing of the agreement “is another major achievement in China-ASEAN economic cooperation and trade.”

“It will mark a key step forward in the building of the China-ASEAN Free Area and lay the foundation for full and scheduled completion of the China-ASEAN FTA.”

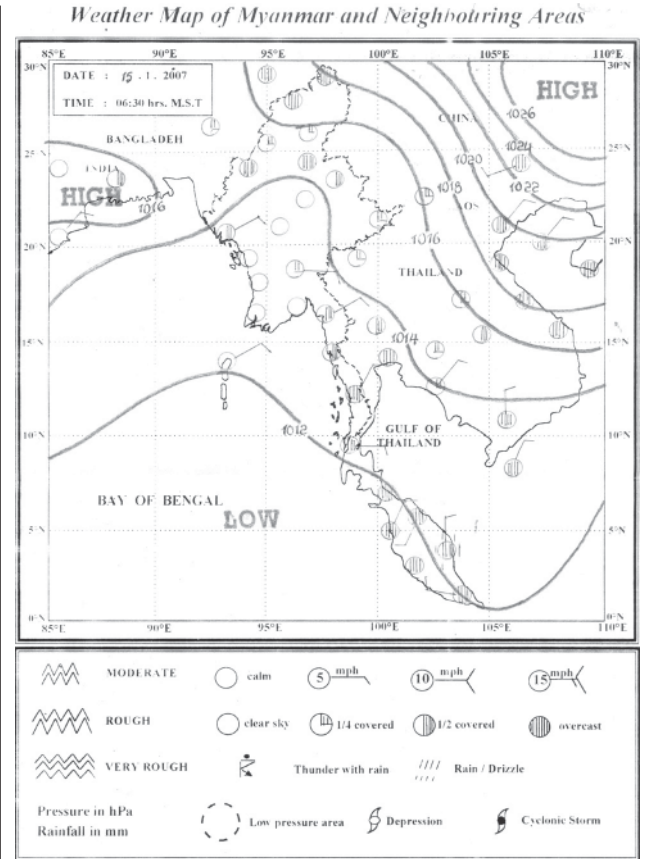
Wen said after the implementation of the Agreement on Trade in Goods of China-ASEAN FTA in July 2005, tariffs on more than 7,000

ASEAN and Chinese products were lowered and the two-way trade volume in 2006 reached 168.8 billion US dollars, up by 23.4 per cent over the previous year.

The agreement on trade in services is the second major agreement concluded and signed under the Framework Agreement for Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Between ASEAN and China.

Leaders from the 10 ASIAN countries and Chinese Premier Wen witnessed the signing of the accord by the ASEAN economic ministers and Chinese Foreign Minister Li Zhaoxing.

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WEATHER

Monday, 15 January, 2007

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30

hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been generally fair in the whole country. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below normal in Rakhine State, upper Sagaing, Magway and Bago Divisions, (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Kachin and Mon States, (5°C) above normal in Taninthayi Division and about normal in the remaining areas. The significant night temperatures were Heho (1°C), Pinlaung and Mogok (3°C) each and Haka (4°C).

Maximum temperature on 14-1-2007 was 96°F. Minimum temperature on 15-1-2007 was 63°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 15-1-2007 was 78%. Total sunshine hours on 14-1-2007 was (8.1) hours approx.

Rainfalls on 15-1-2007 were (nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2007 were (nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from Northwest at (11:20) hours MST on 14-1-2007.

Bay inference: Weather is generally fair in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 15-1-2007: Weather will be partly cloudy in Kachin and Rakhine States, 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: Generally fair in the whole country.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 16-1-2007: Fair weather.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 16-1-2007: Fair weather.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 16-1-2007: Fair weather.



Tuesday, 16 January Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music: -Do wah diddy
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music: -I have always loved you
- 8:50 am National news/ Slogan
- 9:00 am Music: -Turn back time
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music: -Jump for joy
- 1:30 pm News / Slogan
- 1:40 pm Lunch time music: -Next to you -Young love -Let me in
- 9:00 pm English Speaking Course
- 9:10 pm Article
- 9:20 pm Weekly sport reel
- 9:30 pm Music at your listening pleasure: -When I'm missing you -No one at all
- 9:45 pm News / Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL



Tuesday, 16 January View on today

- 7:00 am 1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Ottamathra
- 7:25 am 2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am 3. Morning news
- 7:40 am 4. Nice and sweet song
- 7:50 am 5. ကဗျာပန်းညွှန်
- 8:05 am 6. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:10 am 7. Song of yesteryears

- 8:20 am 8. တံငါတံတား
- 8:30 am 9. International news
- 8:45 am 10. Let's Go
- 4:00 pm 1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm 2. Song to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm 3. အပေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ တတိယနှစ်(သတ္တဗေဒအထူးပြု) (သတ္တဗေဒ)
- 4:45 pm 4. Dance of national races
- 5:00 pm 5. ခံစားနားဆင်တေးဇာတ်ဝင်
- 5:10 pm 6. “ရောင်ပြန်ဟပ်ခြင်း” (မင်းအုပ်စိုး၊ ကုသိုလ်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ခင်နွဲ့နွဲ့မူ)
- 5:15 pm 7. Sing and enjoy

- 5:45 pm 8. ကလေးများအတွက် ဝိုင်းဝန်းလို့ ဝက်သက်ရောဂါ တိုက်ဖျက်ဖို့
- 6:00 pm 9. Evening news
- 6:30 pm 10. Weather report
- 6:35 pm 11. နိုင်ငံခြားကာတွန်းဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “တောတွင်းသားငယ်လေး” (အပိုင်း-၄၃)
- 6:50 pm 12. ကြယ်ပွင့်များရဲ့ရင်ခုန်သံ
- 7:05 pm 13. နိုင်ငံခြား ဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ချစ်ညီမငယ်ပါသေး” (အပိုင်း-၈)
- 8:00 pm 14. News
- 15. International news
- 16. Weather report
- 17. နိုင်ငံခြား ဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “တကယ်သဘောကျတယ်” (အပိုင်း-၁၆)
- 18. The next day's programme

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KDA thanks China, Russia, South Africa for support and understanding

YANGON, 15 Jan — Kachin Development and Security Army (KDA) of special region 5 today proclaimed its stance concerning the submission of a draft resolution to the UNSC by the US and Britain to interfere in and manipulate Myanmar affairs. KDA also denounced the draft resolution.

1. The KDA has already protested against the submission of the draft resolution to the UNSC. Like us China and Russia have already objected it. In addition the entire Myanmar also opposed and protested against it.

2. Despite the objections and protests, the US and Britain were trying to submit the draft resolution with false accusations including the continued detainment of political prisoners, the suppression of and

attacks against minorities in the eastern part of Myanmar, the human abuses, the failure to control HIV, TB and malaria and the unsolved drug problem to interfere in the Myanmar's internal affairs.

3. China, Russia and South Africa objected the draft resolution as they could not accept the false accusation saying that Myanmar was posing a threat to the regional and international peace. Three countries abstained. It was a double veto the UNSC had not seen since 1972.

4. Because of their envy of Myanmar's gradual developments, the US and Britain gave a reason that Myanmar affairs is not just internal problem, but has become a threat to regional peace. But the neighbours confirmed that Myanmar affairs cannot pose a re-

gional threat. The slanders of the US and Britain and the neighbours' statement are contradictory. The KDA, on behalf of the entire Myanmar, thanked the People's Republic of China, the Russian Federation and the Republic of South Africa for their support for Myanmar as those countries understood the realistic situation.

5. KDA believes that the Myanmar affairs should be addressed within the nation by the national races. We cannot accept foreign interferences in this matter. We of the KDA pledge to take part in the task of implementing the seven-step Road Map and firmly believe that the best way to solve problems is through the holding of discussions at the National Convention. — MNA

MWJA strongly condemns internal party politicians, national traitors and fugitives

YANGON, 15 Jan — *The US and Britain submitted a draft resolution to put Myanmar issue on the UN Security Council in order to interfere in internal affairs of Myanmar. In this regard, Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association issued today a declaration opposing, objecting and condemning the resolution.*

The following is a translation of the declaration released by MWJA on draft resolution submitted by the US and Britain to put Myanmar issue on the UN Security Council to interfere in internal affairs of Myanmar.

1. With a view to interfering in internal

affairs of Myanmar, the US put one-sided pressure to put Myanmar on the UN Security Council by accusing it of posing a threat to international and regional peace and security on 1 September, 2006.

2. Due to the US's demand, the nations voted to decide to put Myanmar issue on the UN Security Council agenda and the voting was 10 in favour, 4 against and 1 abstention on 15 September, 2006.

3. The State and the people issued a series of declarations on objecting the unjust draft resolution because they had realized that Myanmar's affairs did not

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Attempt of US, Britain to level wrong accusations against Myanmar like building castle in the air

YANGON, 15 Jan — Wunthanu NLD yesterday issued a declaration of condemnation of the draft resolution of the US and Britain to place Myanmar issue on the UN Security Council in order to interfere in Myanmar's internal affairs.

The attempt of the US and Britain, the former colonialists as well as neocolonialists, to level wrong accusations against Myanmar has been like building castle in the air.

In our Union the Tatmadaw government has been able to ensure community peace and tranquillity and the rule of law, held multiparty democracy general elections and built eternal peace

with 17 national race armed groups. It is heartening to see the National Convention convening with the participation of people from all walks of life including political parties. Priority is also being to national reconsolidation.

However, placing much reliance on aliens, aboveground and underground destructive elements and a handful of groups under various names holding negative view are producing fabricated news and exaggerating. As their acts amounted to harming the interest of the nation, almost all members of the UN are totally opposing their ill attempt.

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All the persons who have been taking part in the endeavours to restore peace, to develop and modernize the nation and to cooperate with the international community and regional countries based on mutual interest and peaceful co-existence and democracy transition, those who have witnessed and are studying the realistic condition of Myanmar, the national races who are enjoying the results that are more significant than in the early periods after 1988 and every foreigner who has visited Myanmar also know the fabrication of the US and Britain and their cohorts and stooges.

TEKKATHO MYAT THU

Although political parties, social organizations and national race groups are opposing the draft resolution submitted by the US and Britain to put the Myanmar issue on the UN Security Council in order to interfere in Myanmar's internal affairs, it was found that National League for Democracy issued the following declaration supporting the act of the US and Britain on 11-1-2007

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11 January 2007
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Special Declaration - 1/01/07

It is learnt that a draft resolution regarding the Myanmar issue is under discussion at the UN Security Council. The resolution does not include any action to be taken. It is also learnt that priority has been given to the building of national reconsolidation through a peaceful dialogue.

Therefore, all the UNSC members are requested to support the resolution.

Under the resolution of CEC members' meeting held on 11-1-2007

**Central Executive Committee
National League for Democracy**