

Senior General Than Shwe welcomes back Prime Minister General Soe Win

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Jan— Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe welcomed back Prime Minister General Soe Win at Nay Pyi Taw Airport today.

Prime Minister General Soe Win participated in 12th ASEAN Summit, 3rd Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar and Vietnam Summit, 10th ASEAN-China Summit, 10th ASEAN-Korea Summit, 5th ASEAN-India Summit, 10th ASEAN-Japan Summit, 10th ASEAN+3 Summit and 2nd East Asia Nations Summit held in Cebu, the Philippines at the invitation of Philippine President Mrs Gloria

Macapagal Arroyo.

The Prime Minister was also welcomed back at the airport by 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 of the Ministry of Defence, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Members of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than, Lt-Gen Maung Bo, Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe and Lt-Gen Tin Aye of the



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Ministry of Defence, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, Commander-in-

Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Lt-Gen Myint Swe, Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing and Maj-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Wai Lwin, ministers, the director-general of the State Peace and Development Council Office, and Charge d' affaires Mr Joselito Chad N Jancinto Jr of the Philippine Embassy to Myanmar.

Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board Dr Than Nyun, Director-General of the Prime Minister's Office Col Thant Shin, U Kyaw Kyaw, Director-General of the Protocol Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and officials concerned of the State Peace and Development Council Office and the respective ministries also arrived back on the same flight.— MNA



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

PERSPECTIVES

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Oppose attempt of US, Britain to interfere in Myanmar's internal affairs

The US and Britain co-sponsored a resolution to be under consideration at the United Nations Security Council with the intention of interfering in the Myanmar's internal affairs. World nations assume that theirs were groundless accusations, and Myanmar's issue did not pose any threat to regional and international peace and security.

The resolution was put to vote at the UNSC on 12 January. In that regard, the People's Republic of China and Russian Federation vetoed the resolution, saying that the Myanmar issue was mainly in internal affairs of a sovereign State, and the problems were being addressed by Myanmar itself.

Domestic political parties, social organizations and national race organizations are denouncing and protesting the acts of the neo-colonialist countries misusing the UNSC to meddle in the internal affairs of Myanmar.

Now, considerable success has been achieved in various sectors in making efforts with the participation of the entire people for transition to a peaceful and modern developed democratic nation.

Showing total disregard for the prevailing Myanmar's situations, the US and Britain are making accusations that situation in Myanmar is threatening regional and international peace and security in order to interfere and intervene in the internal affairs of the nation. Therefore, the entire national people are determined to collectively condemn and oppose such unjust acts.

One injured in blast in Myawady

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Jan — A mine blast in Myawady, Kayin State, on 11 January, left a local farmer injured.

The old mine planted by insurgents blasted when Ko Maung Khin, 31, a farmer of Ward-2, Myawady, stepped on it while he was working on his farm. The victim sustained a serious injury to his heel and was taken to the hospital in Myawady.

Insurgents have committed destructive acts to jeopardise the stability, community peace and prevalence of law and order.

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People's 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

Minister inspects electrical engineer's offices

YANGON, 15 Jan — Minister for Electric Power No 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint inspected electrical engineer's offices in Thongwa, Kayan and Thanatpin Townships yesterday and atteded to the needs for supply of electricity to people.

First, the minister went to Thongwa and Kayan in Yangon South District and inspected tasks for installation of 230-KV cables to link Bago and Thanlyin.

During his tour of inspection, he also went to Ohne, Bago Division (East), and visited the factory which purify natural



Minister Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint inspects Natural Gas Refinery at Ohne on Bago-Kawa-Kayan Road. — MNA

gas. He inspected laying of gas pipes there.

At the meetings with

the minister, officials of electrical engineer's offices reported to the min-

ister on supply of power and upgrading of power supply system.—MNA

Gold nuts fixed at Ponnya hill tunnel and Kyaw-Yaymyatni railroad

YANGON, 16 Jan — Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min attended a ceremony to fix the gold nuts at Ponnya hill tunnel and Kyaw-Yaymyatni railroad section of Pakokku-Gangaw-Kalay railroad project in the west of Ponnya hill on 13 January.

The minister, the deputy minister and officials installed the gold nuts at Kyaw-Yaymyatni railroad section.

Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min and party sprinkled scented water on it.

In the project, Pakokku-Kyaw railroad section and Kalay-Gangaw-Yaymyatni railroad section have been constructed and commissioned into service. The rest of the project will be opened soon. Upon completion, people will be able to directly travel from Mandalay to Kalay by train.

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ASEAN-Japan Human Resources Development Seminar held

YANGON, 16 Jan — A ceremony to open ASEAN-Japan Human Resources Development Seminar was held at Traders Hotel this morning, with an address by Deputy Minister for Labour Maj-Gen Aung Kyi.

Present on the occasion were delegates from the ministries concerned, Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Myanmar Industries Association, Myanmar Construction Entrepreneurs Association, Myanmar Garment Manufacturers Association, Myanmar Economic Corporation, Myanmar Forest Products and Timber Merchants Association, Myanmar Women Entrepreneurs Association, delegates from the industrial zones, observers, officials of Japanese Embassy to Union of Myanmar and delegates from the Overseas Vocational Training Association. The seminar continues tomorrow at the same venue. — MNA

Grand Royal Special Reserve Golf Qualifier to be held

YANGON, 16 Jan — Grand Royal Special Reserve Golf Qualifier, organized by Myanmar Golf Federation and International Beverages Trading Co Ltd, will be held in Shwe Mann Taung Golf Resort in Mandalay on 20 and 21 January.

Four golfers will be selected from this tournament. The tournament will be held in accord with the rules and regulations of St. Andrews.

The main sponsor is International Beverages Trading Co Ltd and co-



sponsors Air Mandalay, Hotel Nikko, Srixon and Alpine.

Han Event Management will organize the tournament.

Those wishing to participate in the tournament may dial Tel:02-60570.

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More troops in Iraq, but success will 'take time'

BAGHDAD, 15 Jan — The new security plan for Iraq will need time to take hold and may not yield significant results for several months, the outgoing US commander there cautioned Monday.

Gen George Casey told reporters that some of the 21,500 additional US troops President Bush promised for Iraq last week have already begun arriving.

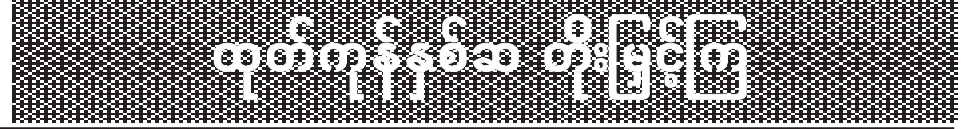
However, their success in calming sectarian violence will depend on better cooperation from Iraq's military and police and broad support from

Iraqi politicians that has been lacking, Casey said.

"As with any plan, there are no guarantees of success, and it's not going to happen overnight. But with sustained political support, and the concentrated efforts on all sides, I believe that this plan can work," Casey said at a joint news

conference with the US ambassador to Iraq, Zalmay Khalilzad.

"I think you'll see a gradual evolution over the next two to three months, and then you'll see things continue to get better out through the spring, out through the summer and fall. But it will take some time," Casey said.—Internet



A Tokyo Metropolitan fire fighter slides down the wire from the higher floor to demonstrate an evacuation skill during a disaster drill at Roppongi Hills in Tokyo, on Monday morning, 15 Jan, 2007. More than 400 residents and office workers attended the drill at the office and residential complex. On Wednesday, 17 Jan, the western Japanese city of Kobe observes the 12th anniversary of the 1995 earthquake with a magnitude of 7.2 that killed 6,433 people.—INTERNET

UNICEF launches global website in Chinese

UNITED NATIONS, 16 Jan—The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) launched on Monday its Chinese-language website, bringing information about HIV/AIDS prevention, girls' education, avian-flu, child protection and other related issues to more than 140 million Chinese Internet users worldwide.

In addition to information about UNICEF programmes in China, the website also grants users access to video reports, Press materials and news stories from around the globe.

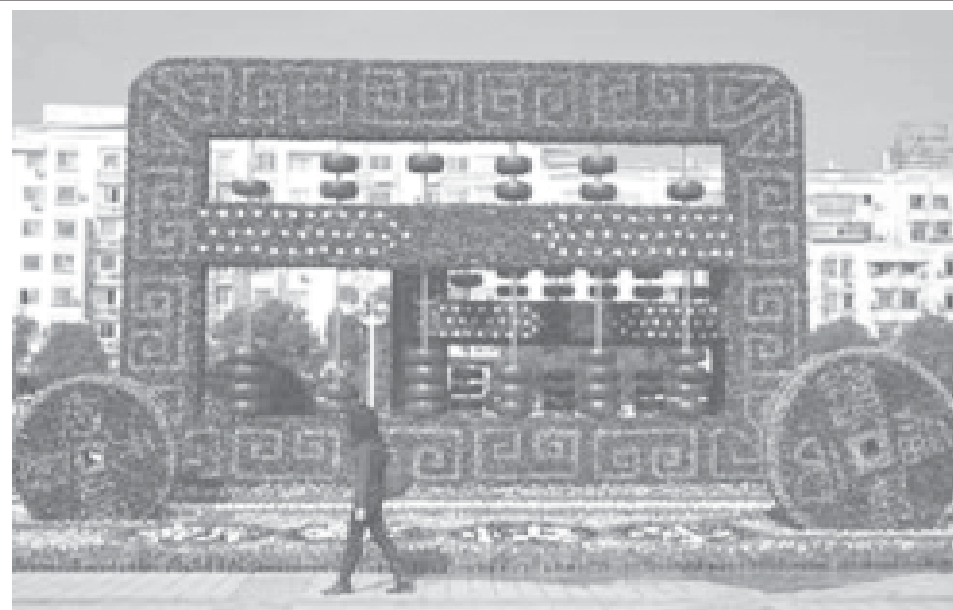
The launch of the website is particularly timely given the rapid increase in the number of Chinese-speaking Internet

users, who now make up more than 13 per cent of the world's one billion Internet users.

The debut of the Chinese website also

marks the fifth in a series of UNICEF global language websites, joining Arabic, English, French and Spanish.

MNA/Xinhua



A person passes by a pair of huge abacuses made of grass and flowers on Yongan Square in Taizhou, Zhejiang Province, on 15 Jan, 2007. The abacuses are 10 metres in length and 8 metres in height. —XINHUA

Oil spill pollutes sea off Norway

STOCKHOLM, 15 Jan—About 270 tons of oil have seeped into the sea off the Norwegian coast after a Cyprus-registered cargo ship ran aground Friday night, according to news reaching here Saturday

from Oslo, capital of Norway. The tanker *Server*, which has a capacity of 20,000 tons, was heading for the Russian port of Murmansk, when it ran aground and broke into two near the Norwegian island of Fedje in high winds and waves.

Coast Guards and helicopters were sent to the scene of the accident after authorities received a distress call for help. By

dawn of Saturday, all 25 crew members were rescued. The vessel, owned by Avena Shipping, carried no cargo but contained about 600 tons of oil for its own use. By Saturday noon, the oil had continued leaking into the sea.

Strong winds and high waves accelerated the spread of the spill and made rescue operations difficult, authorities said.—MNA/Xinhua

Two workers killed in US mine accident

WASHINGTON, 15 Jan—Two workers were killed on Saturday in a mine accident in the eastern US state of West Virginia, US media reported.

The two miners were killed when a pillar fell and the roof of the mine in McDowell County collapsed. Their bodies had been recovered, officials said.

The mine, which began operating in 2004, belonged to the Brooks Run Mining Co LLC, and federal and local investigators were at the scene to probe the cause of the accident.—MNA/Xinhua



Oun Nith, 28, climbs up the palm tree for collecting palm juice at Thmei village, Kampong Chhnang Province, about 50 kilometres (31 miles) north of the capital Phnom Penh, Cambodia, on Saturday.

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Sao Paulo forum adopts resolution adhering to one-China policy

MEXICO CITY, 16 Jan — Parties and political organizations taking part in the 13th Sao Paulo forum agreed to adhere to the one-China policy, said a resolution passed at the end of the meeting on Sunday.

According to reports reaching here from San Salvador, capital of El Salvador, where the Sao Paulo forum was held, the representatives and observers of the forum supported China's efforts in realizing the reunification of its motherland and hoped China would achieve peaceful reunification as soon as possible.

At the four-day forum, the representatives discussed the integration of the Latin American and

Caribbean region and maintained that the "primary goal" of the new integration pattern was to "seek well-being and dignity for Latin American countries and people".

Around 600 representatives of various parties and social groups from 33 countries attended the forum.

The International Department of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China was also present at the forum as an observer. —MNA/Xinhua

ASEAN leaders, Indian PM discuss ways to further ties

CEBU (Philippines), 15 Jan— Leaders from 10 ASEAN (Association of South-East Asian Nations) member countries held a summit meeting with Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh here Sunday to seek ways to further their ties with its dialogue partner.

The 5th ASEAN-India Summit was one of the series of related summits held in Cebu, central Philippines, at the 12th ASEAN Summit.

At the summit, visiting Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh reiterated that India remains committed to continuing its support for the Initiative for ASEAN integration.

India had sought to

deepen its economic integration by entering into Free Trade or Comprehensive Partnership Agreements with ASEAN countries.

Manmohan Singh also propose to establish of an India-ASEAN Science and Technology Development Fund to support the development of strategic alliances between Indian and ASEAN researchers.

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

ASEAN's dialogue partners include China, Japan, Republic of Korea, India, Australia and New Zealand.—MNA/Xinhua



Japan's Hiroshi Masuoka and French co-driver Pascal Maimon drive their Mitsubishi Pajero on 14 Jan, 2007 during the eighth stage of the Dakar rally between Atar and Tichit, Mauritania.

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Seven more cholera cases reported in Lusaka

LUSAKA, 15 Jan— Seven more cases of cholera have been reported in Lusaka, capital of Zambia, since the outbreak of the disease on 5 January, local newspaper *The Post* reported on Sunday.

The number of cholera cases in Lusaka has increased from 25 to 32, Health Ministry spokesperson Canisius Banda was cited by the paper as saying.

At least two people were

suspected of having died of the disease, which is seen almost every year in Zambia during the rainy season due to poor sanitation.

Banda attributed the cholera outbreak to the contaminated water drawn from uncovered shallow wells which residents are consuming. He said the Lusaka City Council had started burying shallow wells, putting lime to pit latrines and the distribution of free chlorine had continued.—MNA/Xinhua



A model displays a creation from Mara Mac's 2007 autumn / winter collection during the Fashion Rio Show in Rio de Janeiro on 15 Jan, 2007. —INTERNET

Three injured as tanker explodes in Manila

MANILA, 15 Jan — At least three people were injured as an oil tanker docked near the Coast Guard office in Manila City exploded Monday morning, local media reported.

The victims were rushed to the Andres Bonifacio Memorial Medical Centre shortly after the incident happened at 8:45 am Monday, according to a report by GMA news network. Authorities were investigating the incident as of posting time.—MNA/Xinhua

Victims ride a boat through the flooded southern town of Kota Tinggi, in the state of Johor, Malaysia on 14 Jan, 2007.

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Pakistan to get first "P-3C Orion" aircraft soon

ISLAMABAD, 15 Jan— The Pakistan Navy will get the first of eight American-made long-range maritime surveillance aircraft, *P-3C Orion*, on 18 January, chief of the country's Naval Staff Admiral Muhammad Afzal Tahir said Saturday.

This is the first major sale of US military

hardware to Pakistan since the United States lifted sanctions and named Islamabad a major non-NATO ally in 2004.

A Navy statement quoted Tahir as saying that Pakistan had no aggressive designs but "it is vital to enhance our defence capability to protect our sovereignty and integrity".

"Induction of this all-weather aircraft will enhance Navy's reconnaissance, anti-submarine and anti-surface vessel operation capabilities," he said, adding "Pakistan Navy is therefore in a process to acquire modern weaponry and platforms."

MNA/Xinhua



At least 11 killed as bus plunges off cliff in Mexico

MEXICO CITY, 15 Jan— At least 11 people were killed and 39 others injured as a passenger bus they were riding in drove off a cliff Friday night in southern Mexico, police said recently.

The accident occurred at 9:45 pm local time near Tuxtepec City, Oaxaca State. Eleven bodies, including those of three children, had been recovered, police said. The bus, carrying 50 people, was travelling from Jalapa de Diaz to the country's capital of Mexico City as it plunged off the 50-metre high precipice into a ravine. The driver was among the injured.—MNA/Xinhua

Storms leave two dead, 270,000 households without power in Sweden

STOCKHOLM, 15 Jan — Storms battering western and southern Sweden gathered strength on Sunday morning, leaving two dead, affecting traffic and causing power cuts, local media reported.

More than 270,000 households were hit by power outage while land and marine traffic was brought to a standstill, Swedish news agency *TT* reported.

The Swedish Meteorological and Hydrological Institute (SMHI) has issued a Grade 3 warning, the highest possible storm warning, for western Sweden and Skane.

One man in his 60s died when the car he was travelling in was hit by a falling tree near Forserum, said police in Jonkoping County.

In Motala, a nine-year-old boy died after a tree fell on him at around midday. —MNA/Xinhua

Tsunami warning eased in Japan

TOKYO, 15 Jan— Japan's meteorological agency eased a tsunami warning issued at 3:28 pm (0628 GMT) Saturday after an earthquake measuring 8.3 degrees on the Richter Scale, shook northwestern Pacific earlier in the day.

However, a lesser strong warning of tides up to 50 centimetres remained for the northeastern coast of Japan's northern island of Hokkaido and a large part of Japan's Pacific coastal areas in western Japan, according to the agency statement at 5:59 pm (0859 GMT).

An evacuation advisory has been issued in 22 municipalities around the region, targeting a total of some 37,000 households, *Kyodo News* said. Over a dozen Japan Railway express trains running in the Hokkaido area were cancelled. —MNA/Xinhua

Prime Minister General Soe Win attends...

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ministers took part in the discussions.

The discussions focused on development of CLMV member nations, harmonious and effective implementation of development tasks among the Ayeeyawady-Chao Phraya-Mekong Economic Cooperation Strategy (ACMECS), establishment of the fund for development tasks, foreign investment in member nations, laying down

plan for cooperation and integration among the CLMV nations and holding of the fourth summit.

ASEAN Secretariat Mr Ong Keng Yong reported on ASEAN's assistance for requirements of CLMV nations.

The heads of government approved the holding of next CLMV summit in Vietnam where she also hosts ACMECS Summit, implementation of future tasks of CLMV nations, effective implemen-

tation of ASEAN integration programme, new future task on economic cooperation and integration among the CLMV nations and the joint communique of the third CLMV Summit.

The Prime Minister of Myanmar handed over the duties of the Chairman of CLMV Summit to the Prime Minister of the SRV.

The summit ended in the evening.

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Prime Minister General Soe Win attends 3rd CLMV Summit.

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Alternate Chairman of 3rd CLMV Summit Prime Minister General Soe Win welcomes Cambodian Prime Minister Mr Samdech Hun Sen at 3rd CLMV Summit. — MNA



Alternate Chairman of 3rd CLMV Summit Prime Minister General Soe Win welcomes Laotian Prime Minister Mr Bouasone Bouphavahn at 3rd CLMV Summit. — MNA



Alternate Chairman of 3rd CLMV Summit Prime Minister General Soe Win welcomes Vietnamese Prime Minister Mr Nguyen Tan Dung. — MNA

MOGE inks oil, gas exploration deal with CNPC

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Jan — Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise signed production sharing contracts for offshore exploration of gas and oil with CNPC International Ltd of People's Republic of China here on 15 January.

Managing Director of MOGE U Myint Kyi and Vice-President of CNPC Mr Song Yi Wu signed the contracts.

Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi and Chairman of Myanmar

Investment Commission Minister for Science and Technology U Thaug presented permits to Mr Song Yi Wu.

Under the agreement, CNPC will explore oil and gas in three blocks AD-1, AD-6 and AD-8 in offshore Rakhine Coast.

Also present at the signing ceremony were Vice-Chairman of MIC Minister for Cooperatives Maj-Gen Tin Htut, Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun, Minister for

Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein, Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung, Minister for Electric Power No 1 Col Zaw Min, Attorney General U Aye Maung, Deputy Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Than Htay, Vice-Chairman of National Development and Reform Commission of PRC Mr Zhang Guobao, Ambassador of China to Myanmar Mr Guan Mu and officials.

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Signing Ceremony of Production Sharing Contracts for exploration of oil and gas between MOGE and CNPC International Ltd in progress.

ENERGY

Prime Minister General Soe Win arrives in Cebu

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Jan— At the invitation of the Philippines President Madame Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, General Soe Win, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, left for the Philippines to participate in 12th ASEAN Summit, 3rd Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar and Vietnam Summit, 10th ASEAN-China Summit, 10th ASEAN-Korea Summit, 5th ASEAN-India Summit, 10th ASEAN-Japan Summit, 10th ASEAN+ 3 Summit and 2nd East Asia Nations Summit held in Cebu.

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

First, the Prime Minister was welcomed by Myanmar Ambassador to the Philippines U Thaug



Prime Minister General Soe Win being welcomed with traditional Philippine dances at Cebu International Airport. — MNA

Tun and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Philippines Mr Jerril Santos.

Next, Trade and Industry Minister Mr Peter Fivila, Governor of Cebu Ms Gwendolyn Garcia Lapu Lapu, Mayor Mr Arturo Radaza, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha arriving in Cebu and employees of Myanmar Embassy.

Afterwards, the Prime Minister and party were conveyed to Shangri Las Mactan Island Resort Hotel in Cebu.— MNA



Prime Minister General Soe Win being welcomed by Trade and Industry Minister of the Philippines Mr Peter Fivila at Cebu International Airport. — MNA

Prime Minister General Soe Win attends working dinner of Heads of State and Government of ASEAN nations

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Jan—Prime Minister General Soe Win attended a working dinner of the Heads of State and Government of ASEAN nations held at Room-103 of the Cebu International Convention Centre, the Republic of Philippines on 12 January evening.

Also present on the occasion were King of Brunei Darussalam Saultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah, Prime Minister of Cambodia Mr Samdech Hun Sen, President of Indonesia Dr Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, Prime Minister of Laos Mr Bouasone Bouphavahn, Prime Minister of Malaysia Abdullah Bin Haji Ahmad Badawi, President of the Republic of Philippines Madame Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, Prime Minister of Singapore Mr Lee Hsien Loong, Prime Minister of Thailand General Surayud Chulanont (Retd), Prime Minister of Vietnam Mr Nguyen Tan Dung, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for National

Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board Dr Than Nyun and heads of department, foreign ministers of ASEAN nations, commerce ministers, deputy ministers, high-ranking officers and ASEAN Secretariat Mr Ong Keng Yong.

The Philippine President extended greetings on the occasion and explained the arrangements for the summit and future tasks.

During the dinner, the Heads of State and Government of ASEAN nations held a discussion in a frank and cordial manner.

After the dinner, Prime Minister General Soe Win attended a meeting held at the meeting hall-101 together with the Head of State and Government of ASEAN nations.

At the meeting, Prime Minister General Soe

Win reported on progress of the National Convention, Myanmar's cooperation with the UN and countries in the region, political, economic and social development and latest development in Myanmar.

Next, the Heads of State and Government of ASEAN nations welcomed the progress of Myanmar and exchanged views on regional and international matters and then dealt with the uplift of the ASEAN's role in the region.—MNA

ASEAN Charter is an important foundation for the future of the association

The word ASEAN Union ought not to be used in setting up ASEAN Prime Minister General Soe Win attends ASEAN HOS/G Meeting with EPG on ASEAN Charter

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Jan — Prime Minister General Soe Win of the Union of Myanmar attended ASEAN HOS/G Meeting with EPG on ASEAN Charter at Cebu International Convention Centre Room-2 in the Philippines on 12 January.

Present on the occasion were King of Brunei Darussalam Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Muizzaddin Waddaulah, Cambodian Prime Minister Mr Samdech Hun Sen, Indonesian President Dr Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, Laotian Prime Minister Mr Bouasone Bouphavahn, Malaysian Prime Minister Dato Seri



ASEAN Heads of State/Government Meeting with Eminent Persons Group (EPG) on ASEAN Charter in progress at Cebu International Convention Centre in the Philippines. — MNA

Abdullah Bin Haji Ahmad Badawi,

Philippine President Madame Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, Prime Minister of Singapore Mr Lee Hsien Loong, Thai Prime Minister General Surayud Chulanont (Retd), Vietnamese Prime Minister Mr Nguyen Tan Dung, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, member of eminent persons group of ASEAN Charter Drafting Chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board Dr Than Nyun, Myanmar Ambassador to the Philippines U Thaung Tun, Director-General U Aung Bwa of ASEAN Affairs Department and technicians from ASEAN countries to draft ASEAN Charter and ASEAN Secretariat Mr Ong Keng Yong.

State and Government ASEAN nations arriving at Cebu International Convention Centre.

At the outset, meeting chairperson President Madame Gloria Macapagal Arroyo made an introductory speech on the occasion. During the meeting, Prime Minister General Soe Win of the Union of Myanmar highlighted, "ASEAN Charter is an important foundation for the future of the association. The ASEAN Charter is greatly important for the consolidation of member

countries. The member countries will have to take into account the durability of the ASEAN Charter and then it should be drafted completely" and "Some words included in the proposal of eminent persons group have different meanings. In this regard, these words should be defined exactly. The word ASEAN Union ought not to be used in setting up ASEAN. International and security affairs will have to be decided only after reaching a consensus.

Flexible systems should be applied in the economic matters," added Prime Minister General Soe Win.

Afterwards, the Heads of State and Government ASEAN nations gave suggestions on the proposal submitted by the eminent persons group. The discussions were held to set up a high level task force to draft ASEAN Charter, submit a paper to be used for making reference and release a joint-declaration of ASEAN concerning the drafting of the charter.

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President of the Philippines Madame Gloria Macapagal Arroyo welcomes Prime Minister General Soe Win at ASEAN HOS/G Meeting with Eminent Persons Group (EPG) on ASEAN Charter. — MNA

Before the meeting, Philippine President Madame Gloria Macapagal Arroyo welcomed the Heads of

International and security affairs will have to be decided only after reaching a consensus. Flexible systems should be applied in the economic matters.

For whom and why dialogue is to be held? Such dialogue designed to enslave Myanmar people is unacceptable

U Pyay Kyaw

The Acting US Ambassador to the UN on 11 January proposed a resolution misusing the United Nations Security Council to put pressure on Myanmar. Nine of the 15 SC members voted in favour of the draft resolution co-sponsored by the US and Britain on 12 January. In the UN Charter it is stated, "Nothing in the Charter is to authorize the United Nations to intervene in matters which are essentially within the domestic jurisdiction of any State". The move was designed to interfere in Myanmar's internal affairs in disregard of the Charter principle.

Contrary to the allegations in the draft resolution, the Myanmar affairs did not pose any threat to regional or international peace and security. So, the People's Republic of China and Russian Federation, two UNSC permanent members, cast vetoes to kill the resolution. One veto was enough to reject the resolution, and the resolution was turned down by casting double veto. It has been a long time the US and its associates have been troubling the whole world by flagrantly disregarding the UN resolutions, principles and UN Charter, and misusing the UN. That case implies a lesson given by the world to the US, whose acts are intolerable. South Africa also cast a vote against the resolution; Indonesia, Congo and Qatar abstained.

On 1 September 2006, US permanent representative to the UN John Bolton (now resigned) submitted a resolution to be put on the UNSC agenda, saying that the Myanmar affairs posed a threat to regional and international security. At that time, China, Russia, Qatar and Congo opposed the resolution and Tanzania abstained.

At the special plenary session of the National Convention held at Nyaunghnapin Camp in Hmawby Township on 10 October 2006, the eight delegate groups made up of 1,081 representatives objected and denounced the resolution. At the session, four motions were tabled and seconded. Then, the panel of chairmen of the plenary session sought the approval. The attendees accounted for 99.44 per cent.

Delegate U Saw San Shwe of the Union Kayin League, on behalf of the Delegate Group of Political Parties, tabled **the first motion on opposing and protesting against the US pressure to put Myanmar on UNSC agenda under the pretext that Myanmar issue posed a threat to international peace and security.** On behalf of the Delegate Group of Representatives-elect, U Thein Kyi seconded the motion.

Delegate U La Tin Mann of Chin State, on behalf

of the Delegate Group of National Races, tabled **the second motion "US accusations that Myanmar situation poses a threat to international peace and security to put Myanmar on UNSC agenda totally untrue"**, which was seconded by U Haung Jone of the Delegate Group of Peasants.

U Aung San of the Delegate Group of Workers proposed **the third motion opposing and protesting US pressure to put Myanmar on UNSC agenda accusing that Myanmar situation may threaten international peace and security.** The motion was supported by Tekkatho Myat Thu, on behalf of the representatives of the Delegate Group of Intellectuals and Intelligentsia.

On behalf of the Delegate Group of State Service Personnel, National Convention Delegate Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin put forward **the fourth motion opposing and protesting US pressure to put Myanmar on UNSC agenda accusing that Myanmar situation may threaten international peace and security since it is an act of undermining the National Convention.** On behalf of the Delegate Group of Other Invited Persons, U Man Shan Teint Hsaung supported the motion.

In addition, all the national race peace groups that are joining hands with the government and the people in the tasks for regional and national development, issued announcements that the US interference in the internal affairs of Myanmar was unacceptable to the people.

Even the nations that unavoidably cast votes in favour for various reasons did not express their pleasure

for the approval. But, national traitors, expatriates and internal destructionists did.

Before the US proposed its resolution to the UN on 11 January and since then, internal and external destructionists had expressed their joy for the case designed to harm the interests of their motherland. The resolution co-sponsored by the US and Britain was defeated through double veto, thus silencing the expatriate ax-handles.

For the reason that the US accusation was groundless, the meeting of the ASEAN countries held in Cebu, the Philippines, passed a resolution that Myanmar did not pose a threat to regional and international security and peace.

One of the US demands said that Myanmar government was demanded to start an effective political dialogue without delay. If so, there would be transition to genuine democracy. It demanded for a meeting with all stake holders who played an important role in the political sector, representatives of national races and leaders of political parties. It was, indeed, just a repeated demand.

The US flatly refused to hold dialogue with Yasser Arafat, chosen as leader by the people of Palestine, to work out the issue of Palestine region. It is also refusing to meet with the leader of Hamas elected by Palestine people (there remain many other similar examples). But, why it is pressing a demand for a dialogue between the NLD leader, whom it has designated as a puppet, and the government of Myanmar.

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It is quite clear. It aims to set up its military bases, help its businessmen gain a foothold and monopolize the domestic business world, and enable its spies to meddle in the internal affairs of Myanmar to make a mess of things in the region. What should it do to have all its wishes fulfilled? Not very difficult—just to install a puppet government in Myanmar. That is why it is resorting to various ways to disrupt the already-achieved peace, stability and development of Myanmar to achieve its goal.

Who is its puppet? It is none other than Daw Suu Kyi who is focusing on the interests of the West Bloc and has never served that of Myanmar people, and is attacking the people in collusion with the US and England. The dialogue for achieving national reconciliation, for which the US and its associates are demanding, is that the government will have to mainly hold talks with Daw Suu Kyi, and the government will have to fulfil the demands Daw Suu Kyi makes under the influence of the West Bloc. In short, the government will have to entrust the country to her.

Having suffered the enslavement for 123 years in the colonial period and evil consequences of sectarianism and internal armed insurgency for more than half a century, Myanmar people are well convinced of the tactics of the colonialists. So, the people are demanding for driving her out of the country. She is demanding economic sanctions against Myanmar to make the people live below the poverty line as well as alien interference and intervention in the nation's internal affairs and dissuading and discouraging the international community from providing assistance, making investments in the nation, visiting the nation and purchasing Myanmar's products.

It is Daw Suu Kyi, who is keeping in touch with expatriates, absconders and insurgents rising against the nation, who is rocking the boat in the nation to the liking of the colonialist bloc, who threatened the government with a question "Which way will you (the government) take—dialogue or utter devastation?", who is persuading the international community to impose economic sanctions against the nation to make the people impoverished, whereas she is receiving awards and money presented by the colonialist countries in return for her betraying the motherland, and making savings in the Western country where she lived. So, I would like to put her a question "For what purpose does the government have to hold a dialogue with you?". She is following the advice and suggestions from the foreign diplomats and representatives rather than from the members and CEC members of the NLD. Many times, she got rid of NLD members who had made positive comments and suggestions. Being aware of the fact that Daw Suu Kyi is representing the West Bloc, not Myanmar people, NLD members are leaving their party. Consequently, the party is nearly empty now. Many NLD members have

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made up their mind that they will continue to do politics, but they will no longer associate with Daw Suu Kyi and CEC members.

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In order to achieve such a great watershed, the government had to hold discussions repeatedly with national race armed groups that had been stuffed deeply with stereotyped doubts and racism and influenced by instigation of external elements. Such a beneficial meeting has been the very dialogue because it is authentic and it yields fruitful results. The internal armed struggle line, that lasted about 50 years, was settled through correct dialogues. In other words, national solidarity was built and revitalized through true dialogues.

The 1947 constitution of the country and the 1974 constitution of the Socialist Republic of Myanmar were dismantled, following political unrest. Every independent nation has to lay down necessary principles

of how to share sovereignty (independence). It will be unwise if the sovereignty that belongs to the entire people is entrusted to national traitors who are also serving as spies of other countries.

So, such principles are to be laid down in accordance with the wishes of the people for framing the State constitution in the interests of the nation and the people. And a State constitution should not be drawn by an individual or a group of people alone. For that reason, at the National Convention, representatives of national races from around the Union, representatives-elect, representatives of peasants, workers, intellectuals and intelligentsia, State service personnel and other invited persons, and national race peace group members totalling more than 1,000 are holding discussions and adopting basic principles and detailed basic principles to be included in the State constitution.

The delegates' discussion to shape a bright future of the nation is indeed a dialogue that will make the nation's history.

Now, Myanmar is in the process of implementing the seven-step Road Map. Myanmar will never regard democracy that allows the instigation and intervention of the colonialists, and insurgency, violation of law, committing terrorist acts, torching villages and murdering people by internal and external renegade subversive elements. The people's real desire and the vow of the Union is to build a peaceful, modern and developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation, while ensuring non-disintegration of the Union, perpetuation of sovereignty and effectively welding the strength of national races with national resources and favourable climate. If need arises, Myanmar people will have to hold discussions with compatriots and countrymen with goodwill to create a promising future of the motherland. In conclusion, on behalf of the entire people, I would say that Myanmar people value true dialogues, but will never accept a dialogue that helps incite unrest, harm and enslave the nation.

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The comparison and study of the slanders of US and Britain against Myanmar and the nation's objective conditions

A Reader

The US and Britain applied slanderous allegations against Myanmar to pass the draft resolution at the UNSC to interfere in her internal affairs. In this article I have compared the slanders with the objective conditions of Myanmar.

It is common knowledge that the US government has been making attempts to interfere in Myanmar's internal affairs after 1988 just for its strategic interest.

The former US Ambassador to UN John Bolton made the lopsided demand to put the Myanmar issue on the UNSC agenda, saying that Myanmar affairs had become a threat to regional and international peace.

Because of the US demand, the matter was passed at the UNSC with 10 votes in its favour, four votes against it and one abstained on 15 September 2006.

The unjust attempt of the US and Britain to lopsidedly interfere in Myanmar's internal affairs suffered a defeat. It is the truth's victory over the false accusations of the US and Britain. The truth is the objective conditions of Myanmar.

Taking it as an advantage, the US and British governments on 11 January jointly submitted the draft resolution to the UNSC to take action against Myanmar.

The following day, the draft resolution was decided through voting. China and Russia jointly vetoed the draft resolution as the accusations against Myanmar that were made by the US and Britain were just Myanmar's internal affairs which were addressed by

Myanmar itself.

So the unjust attempt of the US and Britain to lopsidedly interfere in Myanmar's internal affairs suffered a defeat. It is the truth's victory over the false accusations of the US and Britain. The truth is the objective conditions of Myanmar.

To enable the readers to clearly see the slanders against Myanmar and her objective conditions, I present the following table.

Sr	Slanders of US and Britain	Myanmar's objective conditions
1.	Myanmar's drug, human trafficking, bird flu, HIV/AIDS problems can spread across border.	<p>Drug issue</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * During the ancient times Myanmar was totally free from opium cultivation and drug abuse. * When Myanmar fell under British rule, the colonialists introduced opium to Myanmar and encouraged the drug trade. * The colonialist government legalized opium trade in some states. It issued licences to run opium dens, and imposed tax on opium trade. * With the help of American CIA, Kuomintang intruded into Shan and Kayin states of Myanmar in 1949. * Kuomintang ran large-scale opium production and trade as its main economy to buy arms and ammunition. * The Tatmadaw launched major offensives to crush and drive out the Kuomintang intruders. * Shan insurgent groups and other insurgents that came into being because of the CIA also ran the opium business on a wider scale. * Drug gangs from abroad in collusion with insurgents refined and trafficked heroin and other narcotic drugs in the remote areas of Myanmar. * Myanmar passed an Act for the opium addicts to register without fail in 1995. * Myanmar signed the only agreement of the UN concerning the drugs (1961) on 30 March 1961. * Myanmar promulgated the narcotic drugs law in 1974. * The nation formed the Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control and its subordinate bodies on 3 February 1976. * The Tatmadaw launched military operations during the period from 1976 to 1988 to eradicate drugs. * During the campaigns, 94 Tatmadawmen sacrificed lives for the nation and another 531 were wounded. * During the drug eradication offensives that were from 1988 to 1998, 259 lines of Tatmadawmen were sacrificed and 937 others were wounded. * The Myanma Tatmadaw is the only armed forces in the world that significantly sacrificed lives and limbs to eradicate drugs. * The US cut off all anti-drug assistance to Myanmar in 1988. * Myanmar formed committees at different levels in 1989 in carrying out the task of developing the border areas and national races. * One of the objectives of the border areas development task is to reduce and end cultivation of poppy for opium. * Thanks to the correct endeavours of the State, 17 major national race armed groups and many minor groups returned to the legal fold and restored peace. * Myanmar formed the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs in 1992. * It enacted the Border Areas and National Races Development Law on 13 August 1993. * Before the MTA exchanged arms for peace in 1994, the US was using U Khun Sa, it had charged with drug trafficking, as a freedomfighter to secede Shan State from Myanmar. * But the US attempts to break up the Union failed because the Tatmadaw was able to crush the scheme. * The US tried to lure U Khun Sa with a carrot to permit it to set up a missile base in the U Khun Sa-controlled area in return. * U Khun Sa who knew the evil intention of the US rejected the US offer with national political conviction and joined hands with the Tatmadaw. * Myanmar was able to reduce poppy cultivation substantially thanks to the 15-year narcotic elimination plans that began in 1999. * Myanmar did not receive significant foreign assistance, but it has already targeted to pump K 33,588.14 million and US \$ 150 million into the plan. * National race groups are also participating in the task with the aim of wiping out poppy cultivation in their respective regions. * Mongla in Shan State (East) was proclaimed as an opium-free zone in 1997. <p style="text-align: center;">(See page 11)</p>

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1.	Myanmar's drug, human trafficking, bird flu, HIV/AIDS problems can spread across border.	<p>Drug issue</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Kokang Special Region 1 in Shan State (North) was proclaimed as an opium-free zone in 2003. * Wa Special Region 2 in Shan State (North) was proclaimed as an opium-free zone in 2005. * Due to the success of the New Destiny Project, the government was able to destroy poppy seeds and pods handed over by the former opium farmers for 13 times. * The destroyed 163,720.61 kilos of poppy seeds can be cultivated on 40,573.68 hectares of land that will produce 441,133.308 kilos of opium. * It has been officially announced that according to the ten joint surveys between Myanmar and the US, the fall of poppy cultivation is recorded at 80 per cent during the period from 1993 to 2004, while the reduce in the opium production is at 89 per cent. * According to the joint survey conducted by Myanmar and UNODC, the fall of poppy cultivation was recorded at 59 per cent and that of opium production at 60 per cent during of the period from 2002 to 2005. * Seized drugs at the street value of US \$ 14,809.9 million were torched or destroyed for 20 times in Yangon during the period from 1988 to 2006. * Seized drugs and poppy seeds were torched or destroyed at the border areas and other towns for 39 times. * Myanmar first seized the stimulant tablets in 1996. * Chemicals needed in manufacturing stimulant drugs are not produced in Myanmar, they are smuggled into the country from neighbouring countries. * Myanmar has been able to expose and seized the refineries where international drug gangs and terrorist insurgents are jointly manufacturing stimulant pills. * The government confiscated over K 2048 million in the drug cases during the period from 1993 to 2006. * The Myanmar-China joint anti-drug campaign was initiated in 1993. * Drug eradication and development undertakings have been carried out jointly by Myanmar and China in Wa region. * Myanmar and Russia signed the joint anti-drug control agreement in 1997. * Myanmar and Russia signed the joint anti-drug agreement in 2006. * Myanmar and India signed the joint anti-drugs agreement in 1993. * Myanmar and Thailand signed the joint anti-drugs agreement in 2001. * Myanmar also signed MoUs with Laos, Vietnam and Cambodia to eradicate drugs.

The table clearly proves that the accusations made by the US and Britain against Myanmar concerning the drug issue are just slanders. I will continue to present the article with the tables showing the slanderous accusations and Myanmar's objective conditions in comparison.

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Truth always prevails in the end

Former NLD members denounce external interference

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Jan — On 14 January, former NLD members in Mandalay Division who resigned from the party issued an announcement denouncing and opposing the US and Britain's acts of submitting a draft resolution to the UNSC to lay down a decision that will enable the two countries to interfere in Myanmar affairs.

Acting US Ambassador to the UN Alejandro Wolff on 11 January 2007 submitted the draft resolution calling for the UNSC to take action against Myanmar for the release of all political prisoners, for accelerating the efforts for the flourishing of democracy in the nation, and to stop human rights violations in the regions of nationalities.

When the draft resolution was jointly submitted by the US and Britain to the UNSC, the nine UNSC members — US and Britain, France, Italy, Ghana, Peru, Slovak, Panama and Belgium, that owe the US a great debt of gratitude, voted in its favour. But the two permanent members China and Russia and an alternative member South Africa voted against it. The three countries said that Myanmar did not pose a threat to regional and international peace; that it was unnecessary for the UNSC to get involved in Myanmar's internal affairs; that if the UNSC was involved in the matter, it not only exceeded its power empowered to it, but its involvement would harm, disturb and delay the functions of other UN agencies; that they did not accept any attempts to use the UNSC more than its power limit.

The People's Republic of China and Russian Federation of the five permanent UNSC members jointly vetoed the attempts

of the US and Britain to manipulate the UNSC to take action against Myanmar. In other words the two permanent members used the Double Veto. Another three countries — Indonesia, Congo and Qatar abstained.

The people of Myanmar are now enjoying the fruits of peace, stability and progress.

The worthiest of the worldly values are burgeoning among the Myanmar people. They are taking part in the global peace endeavours together with their government. The wrong and lopsided act of the US and Britain to submit the draft resolution with the aim of interfering in Myanmar affairs, while ignoring the truth has met its end.

The entire Myanmar people including the former NLD members of Mandalay Division strongly condemn the act of US and Britain with the aim of harming and insulting the dignity of the nation and the people.

The Myanmar people detest the politicians of a domestic national traitor party that took part in the plot together with the US government in accord with the scheme and expatriate insurgents. And with deep loathing, we denounce all those national traitors.

We who love truth never forget and heartily thank China and Russia for vetoing the draft resolution, while standing by the truth and having sympathy towards a developing nation that is facing unjust oppressions; and Indonesia, Congo and Qatar that abstained.

The entire people of Myanmar including the former NLD members of the division proclaim the declaration with a firm belief that truth always prevails in the end. — MNA

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building a democratic nation after adopting the seven-step Road Map and the National Convention, the first step of the Road Map, is planning to draw a constitution that is more complete than the previous ones and based on equality of all national brethren. The constitution will be approved after referendum has been held.

At such a time, whilst the neighbours, the countries in the region and Asia do not consider at all Myanmar as a threat to international peace and security, America, miles away from our country, has wickedly tried to use the UNSC to take action against Myanmar.

Situated between the two developing countries, the People's Republic of China and Republic of India, Myanmar is considered to be a strategically important nation by the US. So, it is clear that it was the US attempt to topple the Tatmadaw government for the installation of a puppet government.

In league with the US and its Western allies, foreign-reliant internal and external elements are trying to harm the interest of the nation. They are supporting the US turning a blind eye to its hegemony that causes complete chaos and hardship in some other countries.

The US and Britain are most notorious for waging aggressive wars on other nations, interfering in others' affairs, violating the UN Charter and using veto. Their attempt to submit the draft resolution to the UNSC was abortive thanks to the double veto of China and Russia. Such a failed attempt is a victory for peace, security and fairness for the international community. All in all, we are deeply indebted to the People's Republic of China, Russian Federation and South Africa which stand firmly by Myanmar. — MNA

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incorrect and one-sided action was abortive.

The UNFCCI objected and condemned internal and external organizations that supported the actions and one-sided pressure on Myanmar by the US.

The UMFCCI and Myanmar people also thanked the People's Republic of China and the Russian Federation for turning down the resolution by veto on 12 January 2007 and South Africa for protesting against it.

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a retractable holder configured to support a retractable optical element as one of the plurality of optical elements, the retractable holder positioned inside and supported by the linearly movable ring, such that the retractable holder is movable in a plane substantially orthogonal to the optical axis;

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Study says doctors ignore sleep problems of elderly

LOS ANGELES, 15 Jan— Doctors rarely note the sleep problems of older patients, although two-thirds of them report these complaints, according to a new study.

Researchers at the US Northwestern University studied 1,503 patients aged 60 and older who visited their primary-care doctors.

They surveyed the

patients about sleep problems and found that 69 per cent of the patients had at least one sleep complaint, and 40 per cent had two or more. Forty-five per cent of the patients said they had "difficulty falling asleep, staying asleep, or being able to sleep".

The study, published in a recent issue of the

American Journal of Geriatric Psychiatry, said despite the high rate of sleep complaints among the patients, a sleep complaint was only reported by the doctor in the patient's chart 19 per cent of the time, even when the patient indicated sleep problems in all five sleep questions on the survey.

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Two E coli outbreaks linked with lettuce from California

LOS ANGELES, 15 Jan— Health officials confirmed on Saturday that lettuce was culprit in E coli outbreaks late last year.

Investigators have found that prepackaged iceberg lettuce from California was linked to two separate outbreaks of E. coli that sickened more than 150 people late last year.

People began falling sick after eating at the fast food chains Taco Bell and Taco John's in November. In the Taco Bell outbreak, which involved restaurants in New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania and Delaware, seventy-one fell ill and 53 were hospitalized. The Taco John's outbreak involved three eateries in Minnesota and Iowa. Eighty-one were sickened, including 26 who were hospitalized.

MNA/Xinhua

Venezuela to nationalize energy, electricity sectors

CARACAS, 15 Jan— Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez said on Saturday that the state would take control of the country's energy and electricity companies.

"We have decided to nationalize the whole Venezuelan energy and electricity sectors," Chavez said in his annual State of the Nation speech to congress. The President, who was reelected in December and took an oath of office on Wednesday, announced earlier this week that he would nationalize power utilities, the country's largest telecommunications firm and the lucrative Orinoco River basin oil projects.— MNA/Xinhua

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Cambodia reopens Sihanoukville Airport to boost tourism

SIHANOUKVILLE (Cambodia), 16 Jan— The Sihanoukville International Airport was reopened here on Monday, after more than 20 years of hiatus, to boost the kingdom's tourism industry.

"The airport will facilitate a lot of flights from Siem Reap to land in Sihanoukville, a coastal resort city, so that more (foreign) tourists can stay in Cambodia for longer periods," said Norinda Khek, communications and marketing manager of the Societe Concessionnaire des Aeroports (SCA), a French firm entrusted to run the hub.

In the first phase of the refurbishment of the airport, SCA will invest 200 million US dollars to improve its operation, including expansion of the runway from the current 1,800 metres to 2,200 metres to accommodate jet flyers, he said.

In the first phase starting in June 2006, SCA has preliminarily extended the terminal and

the runway for propeller-driven aircrafts to land, he added.

By late 2007, larger airplanes like Boeing 737 can use the airport and international routes will be opened then, he said, adding that SCA is licensed to operate the hub until 2040.

Upon the inauguration, its maiden flight, a propeller-driven aircraft arrived at 10:30 am with 11 passengers and four crew members on board from the country's tourist

destination Siem Reap.

Currently, flights by domestic airliner PMT have started to shuttle between Sihanoukville and Siem Reap around three times a week.

The Sihanoukville Airport was closed in the early 1980s due to financial difficulties.

According to official statistics, some 280,000 tourists visited the port city in 2006, up by 30 per cent over 2005. Among them, 60,000 were foreigners.

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A bullet train at a railway station in Shanghai on 15 Jan, 2007. After completing a trial run in Shanghai, the new CRH (China Railway High-speed) bullet train will be tested for operation on the Shanghai-Beijing route during the coming Spring Festival holidays where there is a sharp rise in demand for transportation. — INTERNET

Chinese automaker "Geely" to double overseas sales

BEIJING, 15 Jan — Geely Automobile Co, one of China's top 10 carmakers, plans to double its overseas sales this year from 2006.

The Zhejiang-based private automaker expected to export 33,000 motor vehicles in 2007, up from 15,000 units last year, said Li Shufu, chairman of the company.

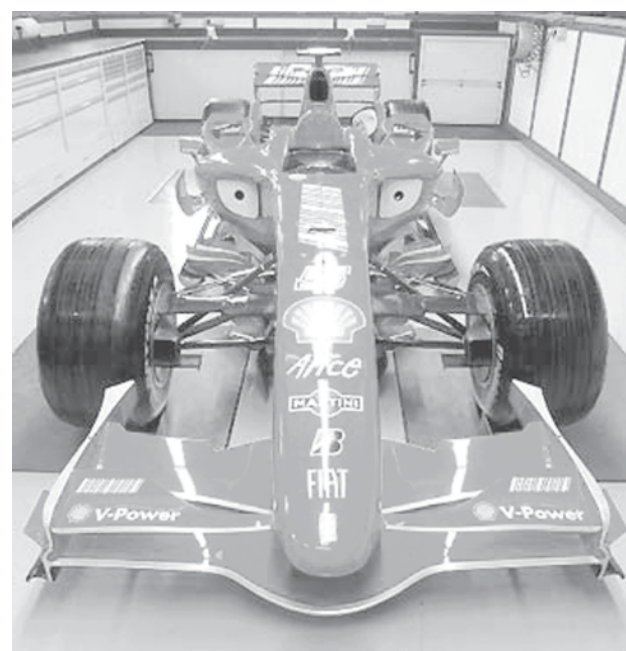
Li said the company was soliciting new logo for its vehicles to bolster its image on the international market.

The firm, which began exports in 2003, has set up 128 shops overseas and exported 30,000 units to more than 40 countries.

Its major markets were the Middle East, Southeast Asia and Eastern Europe, said Zhao Fuquan, vice-president of the company.

The company will set up factories in Europe and the United States, said Zhao, adding Geely was the first Chinese-brand automaker to participate in the North American International Auto Show last year.

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The new 2007 season Formula One Ferrari race car is unveiled in Fiorano, Italy on 14 Jan, 2007. INTERNET

Powerful earthquake jolts N-W Pacific

TOKYO, 15 Jan — A powerful earthquake shook northwestern Pacific on Saturday at around 1:30 pm (0430 GMT), leading to tidal changes at Japan's northeast coast. A wave of 40 centimetres was observed at Ogasawara chain of islands.

At 4:56 pm (0756 GMT), a wave of some 40 centimetres was observed at Chichi Island of the Ogasawara chain of islands in the Pacific, the NHK public television said. The subtropical island chain is around 1,000 kilometres south of metropolitan

Tokyo. Tidal changes up to 20 centimetres were also observed at Nemuro and several other places along the coast of Japan's northern island of Hokkaido from 3:28 pm (0628 GMT) to 4:33pm (0733 GMT). There were no immediate reports of casualty or damages.



A minivan that was involved in a fatal accident on Interstate 40 sits in an impound lot, on 14 Jan, 2007, in Elk City, Okla. The vehicle, carrying 12 people, skidded off an icy highway early on Sunday and slammed into an oncoming tractor-trailer, killing seven, the Oklahoma Highway Patrol said.

INTERNET

Europe's biggest shipbuilder to invest in Vietnam

HANOI, 16 Jan — Norway-based Aker Yards, Europe's biggest shipbuilder, will build a shipyard in Vietnam's southern region to service Asian customers.

Aker Yards will establish a joint venture with a Singaporean firm to build the shipyard at an investment of 16 million US dollars in Vung Tau City, according to local newspaper *Transport* on Monday. The shipyard with an annual capacity of 3-4 offshore vessels will deliver the first product in 2009.

Vietnam offers a unique combination of cost efficient production, highly skilled workforce and proximity to the important and growing Asian offshore market, said Aker Yards.

The group comprises 17 yards in Brazil, Finland, France, Germany, Norway, Romania and Ukraine, and has some 20,000 employees. —MNA/Xinhua

The quake, which measured a magnitude of 8.3 degrees on the Richter Scale, occurred at around 1:24 pm (0424 GMT).

Its epicentre was 30 kilometres underground at 46.1 degrees Northern Latitude and 154.2 degrees Eastern Longitude, the agency said.

Under the Japanese seismic classification system, which measures the intensity of tremors on the Earth surface, the quake measured 3 degrees on some parts of Hokkaido including Kushiro, Hakodate and Nemuro, as well as at some places of Amori, Iwate and Miyagi prefectures.

MNA/Xinhua

SPORTS

Zheng, Sun suffer early exit

BEIJING, 16 Jan—Reigning Australian Open doubles champion Zheng Jie of China has suffered an early exit from the singles play on the opening day of the grand slam event.

The 31st-seeded Chinese squandered a first set lead and lost 4-6, 7-6(1), 6-4 to Germany's Julia Schruff.

Zheng has competed in four Australian Opens since 2004, but she has never made it past the first round of the women's singles.

Another Chinese player Sun Tiantian was also eliminated from the first round, losing to Argentine player Gisela Dulko 6-2, 6-2.—INTERNET



China's Zheng Jie returns a shot to Germany's Julia Schruff during their match at the Australian Open tennis tournament in Melbourne on 15 Jan, 2007.—INTERNET



Olivier Rochus of Belgium hits a shot during his match against Chris Guccione of Australia at the Australian Open tennis tournament in Melbourne on 16 Jan, 2007.—INTERNET

Beckham plans to negotiate early exit from Real Madrid

MADRID, 16 Jan—England midfielder David Beckham is seeking an early release from his contract with Spanish club Real Madrid in a bid to join Los Angeles Galaxy before the end of the Primera Liga season.

In what will be the biggest deal in sporting history, the 31-year-old

Beckham announced on January 11 that he would join the Galaxy after his contract with Real Madrid expires on 30 June.

Beckham has agreed to a five-year deal to play for the Galaxy, which opens its season on April 8 in Houston. Real coach Fabio Capello had dropped the midfielder from the squad and said he would not play for the side again.

The Italian said it was not possible to rely on a player who had already committed himself to another club.—MNA/Xinhua

Pellegrini extends contract with Villarreal to 2008

MADRID, 16 Jan—Villarreal coach Manuel Pellegrini on Monday signed a one-year extension to his contract which will keep him at the Spanish club until 2008.

The 53-year-old joined Villarreal from River Plate in 2004. He steered the modest club to the quarter-finals of the UEFA Cup and third place in the Primera Liga to earn their first Champions League place in 2005.

Last season they made it to the Champions League semifinals, where they fell 1-0 to Arsenal, and finished seventh in the league.

They have struggled this season, however, and are currently 11th in the Primera Liga.

MNA/Xinhua

Former ZIFA boss cleared of charges

HARARE, 16 Jan—Former Zimbabwe Football Association (ZIFA) boss Elisha Vheremu on Friday left the Harare Magistrates' Courts a happy man after magistrate Omega Mugumbate cleared him on four charges of stealing 2,000 US dollars and 40,000 Zimbabwe dollars in 2004 and 2005.

Acquitting Vheremu, Mugumbate said the evidence at hand did not link the accountant to the commission of the offence, *The Daily Mirror* reported on Monday.

During trial, Vheremu argued ZIFA was using him as a scapegoat to cover up for their mismanagement.

Kamdeferwe told the court that Vheremu carried his duties properly as directed by his superiors, but the problem was he inherited a system already in shambles. The lawyer submitted that ZIFA bosses cooked up the allegations against his client to hide their incompetence and maladministration.

The funds, which were the bone of contention, were allegedly meant for national soccer team players and officials' allowances. Kamdeferwe argued the said money was paid where it was due and Vheremu was not liable for any misappropriations.—MNA/Xinhua



Sachiko Yamada of Japan swims on her way to winning the women's 1650-yard freestyle at the 2007 Southern California Swimming Grand Prix in Long Beach, Calif, on 15 Jan, 2007.—INTERNET

Zambian U-20 team beats South African club

LUSAKA, 16 Jan—Zambian U-20 soccer team beat South African Premier Soccer League (PSL) side Mamelodi Sundowns 4-3 in their final Congo Brazzaville Africa Youth Championship warmup match played in Johannesburg Monday, according to Zambia National Broadcasting Corporation (ZNBC).

Sundowns scored first in the 7th minute and then upped the score two minutes later through a penalty before Zambia replied with two quick goals in the 25th and 39th minutes of the game to end the first half tied at 2-2.

The young Chipolopolo then took the

lead in the 47th minute through captain Sebastian Mwansa's goal before Chiparamba Academy striker Yoram Mwila scored Zambia's 4th goal in the 64th minute.

Sundowns managed to pull one back in the 80th minute.

In a post match interview with ZNBC Sports from Johannesburg, Zambia Under 20 assistant coach Oswald Mutapa Jr. said the match against Sundowns as tough but that his lads commanded play in the second half and managed to win against the PSL defending champions.

MNA/Xinhua

Williams storms into second round at Australian Open

MELBOURNE, 16 Jan—Two-time Australian Open champion Serena Williams eased into the second round with a straight sets victory over 27th seed Mara Santangelo at Melbourne Park on Monday. Unseeded Williams, who suffered a miserable season in 2006 due to a serious knee injury, took just over an hour to outplay the Italian 6-2, 6-1.

Williams has now become a dangerous floater in the draw where she faces a possible third round showdown with fifth seed Nadia Petrova if she can win her next match against unseeded Anne Kremer of Luxembourg.

Earlier wildcard Monique Adamczak became the second Australian into the second round with a straight sets win over Uzbekistan's Iroda Tulyaganova 6-1, 6-4.—MNA/Xinhua



Miami Heat's Alonzo Mourning (L) defends against a shot by Los Angeles Lakers' Luke Walton during the first half of their NBA basketball game in Los Angeles, California on 15 Jan, 2007.—INTERNET

Stoitchkov quits if Bulgaria fails in Euro 2008 bid

SOFIA, 16 Jan—Bulgaria's national soccer coach Hristo Stoitchkov confirmed he will quit the team if they fail to qualify for Euro 2008, reported *Sofia News Agency* on Monday. "This will be the most logical thing to do. I have the support of my colleagues and this keeps me going. If I fail to make good use of it, I will have to leave," Stoitchkov told the morning broadcast of bTV private channel.

However, the public disharmony between some core players and the legendary footballer but lacklustre coach makes the future of the team unpredictable, local media commented too.—MNA/Xinhua

24 foreign players, 5 managers serve in Peru soccer teams

LIMA, 16 Jan—Peru's 12 major soccer teams will have a total of 29 foreigners to serve in the 2007 season, with 24 players and five managers.

According to a statement released by the country's Professional Football Association on Monday, the 29 foreign employees are 10 Argentines, six Colombians, three Paraguayans, an Ecuadorean and an African among the players; and two Argentines, a Colombian, an Uruguayan and a Paraguayan among the managers.

The nation's top team of 2006, Alianza Lima, hired Ecuador's Augusto Poroso and Colombia's Kilian Virviescas. It already has Uruguay's Martin Liguera on contract.—MNA/Xinhua

Ice storms kill 21 in central US states

WASHINGTON, 16 Jan — Ice storms are continuing to batter central US states and have killed at least 21 people, the National Weather Service (NWS) said Monday.

Since last Friday, waves of freezing rain, sleet and snow have caused at least 12 deaths in Oklahoma, six in Missouri, two in Texas and one in New York, it said. A state of emergency has been declared and the

National Guard called out in Missouri after the storms knocked out power to 200,000 homes.

Churches cancelled Sunday services and businesses closed early or stayed shut.

The NWS said the

storm system will head north-east, threatening to bring more than 30 centimetres of snow to New England.

Ice storms occur when rain falls during very low temperatures, causing it to freeze almost instantly as

it hits a surface, resulting in thick ice layers.

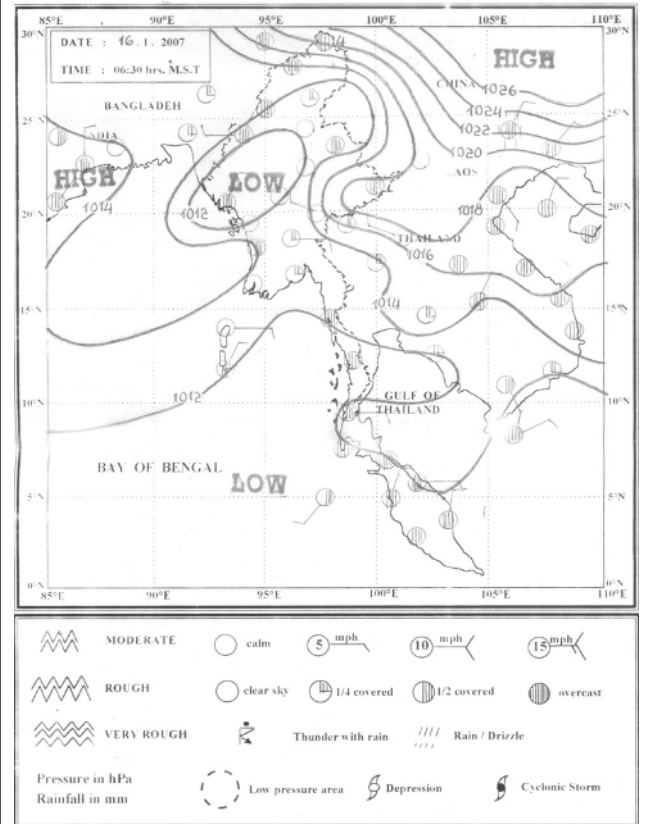
The extreme weather downed trees, traffic lights and power lines and blocked roads in Missouri and Oklahoma, where some 100,000 homes are without electricity.

There, about 350 national guardsmen went door to door to check on residents in the hardest-hit areas, and helped to clear icy roads of branches and power lines.

Oklahoma's governor, Brad Henry, has asked the federal government for assistance in handling the consequences of the storm.

MNA/Xinhua

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Tuesday, 16 January, 2007

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, except for the isolated light rain in Kachin State, weather has been generally fair in the whole country. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below normal in Kayin State, upper Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway, Bago and Yangon Divisions, (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Kachin and Mon States and Taninthayi Division and about normal in the remaining areas. The significant night temperatures were Namhsam (0°C), Pinlaung (2°C) and Lashio (4°C). The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Machanbaw (0.24) inch and Putao (0.16) inch.

Maximum temperature on 15-1-2007 was 95°F. Minimum temperature on 16-1-2007 was 59°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 16-1-2007 was 77%. Total sunshine hours on 15-1-2007 was (8.7) hours approx.

Rainfalls on 16-1-2007 were (nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2007 were (nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from Northwest at (15:15) hours MST on 15-1-2007.

Bay inference: Weather is partly cloudy in the South-west Bay and generally fair in the Andaman Sea and elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 17-1-2007: Possibility of isolated rain in Kachin State and weather will be partly cloudy in Taninthayi Division and generally fair in the remaining states and divisions. Degree of certainty is (40%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Continuation of decrease of night temperature in the Eastern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 17-1-2007: Fair weather.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 17-1-2007: Fair weather.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 17-1-2007: Fair weather.



A leaf insect sits on a clipboard during the annual stock take at London Zoo, London, on Thursday, 11 Jan, 2007. All the zoo's keepers take part in the annual task which includes a head count of more than 600 different species living at the zoo. — INTERNET



Wednesday, 17 January
Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music:
-Happy go lucky
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music:
-When you're looking like that
- 8:50 am National news/
Slogan
- 9:00 am Music:
-Billi Balla
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music:
-Come on everybody
- 1:30 pm News / Slogan
- 1:40 pm Lunch time music:
-I can wait forever
-The power of love
-Please be the one
- 9:00 pm Variations on a tune: Enternal Flames
-(Bangles, Michael Learns to Rock, Human Nature, Atomic Kitten
- 9:15 pm Article
- 9:25 pm Weekly sport reel
- 9:30 pm Music at your request:
-Written on my heart
-One love
- 9:45 pm News / Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL

<p>Wednesday, 17 January View on today</p>	<p>7:00 am</p> <p>1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Ottamathara</p>	<p>4:00 pm</p> <p>1. Martial song</p>	<p>7:20 pm</p> <p>13. စိမ်းလန်းစိုပြည် အပူပိုင်းဒေသ နယ်မြေ (မကွေးတိုင်း) (အပိုင်း-၂)</p>
	<p>7:25 am</p> <p>2. To be healthy exercise</p>	<p>4:15 pm</p> <p>2. Song to uphold National Spirit</p>	<p>7:30 pm</p> <p>14. “ချစ်လွန်းလို့” (ဖိုးဖြူ၊ ခင်စိုးပိုင်၊ မျိုးမျိုးနိုင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ကြည်စိုး)</p>
	<p>7:30 am</p> <p>3. Morning news</p>	<p>4:30 pm</p> <p>3. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ ပထမနှစ် (သိပ္ပံအထူးပြုအားလုံး) (ရှုပဇာ)</p>	<p>7:40 pm</p> <p>15. မြန်မာနိုင်ငံ၌ စစ်စခန်းများ အခြေစိုက်ချထားနိုင်ရေး အတွက် ကိုယ်ပိုင်ရုပ်သေး အစိုးရထားရှိရန် ကြိုးပမ်းအားထုတ်နေသော အမေရိကန်နှင့် အမေရိကန် အလိုကျကြိုးဆွဲရာ လိုက်ကနေသော အမျိုးသား သစ္စာဖောက်များအကြောင်း။ အပိုင်း(၂)</p>
	<p>7:40 am</p> <p>4. Nice and sweet song</p>	<p>4:45 pm</p> <p>4. Song of national races</p>	<p>8:00 pm</p> <p>16. News</p>
	<p>7:55 am</p> <p>5. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ</p>	<p>5:00 pm</p> <p>5. “မူးလျှင်မမောင်းနဲ့၊ မောင်းလျှင်မမူးနဲ့” (လူမင်းသုသူဟံသာအိမ်အိမ်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-သက်တင်)</p>	<p>17. International news</p>
	<p>8:05 am</p> <p>6. မြူးမြူးကြွကြွ ယဉ်ကျေးမှုအက</p>	<p>5:05 pm</p> <p>6. Classical song</p>	<p>18. Weather report</p>
	<p>8:15 am</p> <p>7. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ</p>	<p>5:20 pm</p> <p>7. ရုပ္ပယ်စုံလင် အာဆီယံအစီအစဉ်</p>	<p>19. Myanmar movie “ချစ်ခြင်းဆိုသည် ဘာလဲကွယ်” (နေအောင်၊ တင်တင်ညို) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မောင်ဆွေတင့်၊ ပန်းချီစိုးမိုး)</p>
	<p>8:20 am</p> <p>8. ချောင်းမကြီး (မြို့လှ) ရေလှောင်တစ် (ပဲခူးတိုင်း)</p>	<p>6:00 pm</p> <p>9. Evening news</p>	<p>20. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး ဦးစိစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ အရပ်ဆယ်မျက်နှာ မေတ္တာဘာဝနာပွားများခြင်း တရားတော်</p>
	<p>8:30 am</p> <p>9. International news</p>	<p>6:30 pm</p> <p>10. Weather report</p>	<p>21. The next day's programme</p>
	<p>8:45 am</p> <p>10. Let's Go</p>	<p>6:35 pm</p> <p>11. သုတစုံလင် ရွှေဉာဏ်ရှင်</p>	
		<p>7:05 pm</p> <p>12. The mirror images of the musical oldies</p>	

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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

Prime Minister General Soe Win attends Third Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar and Vietnam Summit

Heads of government approve holding of next CLMV summit in Vietnam

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Jan — The Third Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar and Vietnam Summit was held at Rosal Ballroom-3 of Shangri-La's Mactan Island Resort Hotel in Cebu, Philippines on 12 January.

Alternate Chairman of the third CLMV Summit Prime Minister General Soe Win attended the summit.

Also present at the summit were Prime Minister of Cambodia Mr Samdech Hun Sen, Prime Minister of Lao People's Democratic Republic Mr Bouasone Bouphavanh, Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Mr Nyugen Tan Dang, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Myanmar Ambassador to the Philippines U Thuang



Summit of Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar and Vietnam in progress at Shangri-La's Mactan Island Resort Hotel in Cebu, the Philippines. — MNA

Tun, heads of departments, Ministers for Foreign Affairs of Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam, Economic Ministers, senior officials and ASEAN

Secretariat Mr Ong Keng Yong. The prime ministers of Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam arrived at Rosal Ballroom-3 in the

evening. Alternate Chairman of the CLMV Summit Prime Minister General Soe Win welcomed them. Prime Minister General

Soe Win presided over the summit. Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win read the report of the foreign ministers of Cambodia,

Laos, Myanmar and Vietnam. The Prime Minister of Myanmar discussed the report. Three other prime (See page 5)

UMFCCI objects, condemns internal and external organizations for support of actions and one-sided pressure on Myanmar by US

YANGON, 16 Jan — The US and Britain submitted a draft resolution to put Myanmar issue on the UN Security Council in order to interfere in Myanmar's internal affairs. In this regard, The Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry issued a declaration on 14 January and opposed, objected and condemned the resolution.

The full text of the declaration is as follows:

The US and Britain put pressure to put Myanmar issue on the UN Security Council agenda. In order to interfere in Myanmar's internal affairs, they continued to submit a draft resolution to take action against Myanmar by the UNSC.

The Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, economic organizations and entrepreneurs are very pleased to announce that their (See page 11)

Modern Scientific Political Economy Study Group issues declaration condemning draft resolution of US, Britain

YANGON, 16 Jan — Modern Scientific Political Economy Study Group issued a declaration condemning the draft resolution of the US and Britain to discuss the Myanmar issue at the UN Security Council in order to interfere in her internal affairs. The declaration is as follows:

Myanmar is in the process of democracy transition after abolishing the centralized socialism. In the time of the present Tatmadaw government, the entire country has seen significant progress due to the return of 17 major national race armed groups and other small armed groups that rose against the successive governments to the legal fold and their active participation in national development work and the National Convention. The State has also opened a new era as national reconciliation could be achieved. The State is marching towards the goal of (See page 11)