

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 2nd East Asia Summit, signs the Cebu Declaration on East Asian Energy Security

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Jan — Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Soe Win attended the 2nd East Asia Summit at Cebu International Convention Centre in Cebu of the Republic of the Philippines on 15 January morning and signed the Cebu Declaration on East Asian Energy Security.

At 8.45 am, Heads of State/Government of East Asian countries including Myanmar arrived at Cebu International Convention Centre where they were welcomed by Philippine President Madame Gloria Macapagal Arroyo.

Also present at the 2nd East Asia Summit 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 Abdullah Bin Haji Ahmad Badawi, Philippine President Madame Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, Prime Minister of Singapore Mr Lee Hsien Loong, Thai Prime Min-

ister General Surayud Chulanont (Retd), Vietnamese Prime Minister Mr Nguyen Tan Dung, Australian Prime Minister Mr John Howard, Premier Mr Wen Jiabao of the People's Republic of China, Indian Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh, Japanese Prime Minister Mr Shinzo Abe, President of the Republic of Korea Mr Roh Moo Hyun, Prime Minister of New Zealand Mrs Helen Clark and ASEAN Secretary-General Mr Ong Keng Yong.

At the summit, they exchanged views on es-

tablishment of the East Asian society, poverty reduction in the region, regional energy security, bilateral cooperation in education sector for nurturing human resources, combating epidemic diseases including bird flu, prevention against natural disas-

ters and search and rescue measures, enhancement of regional cooperation, and peaceful solution to Korean peninsula matter.

Prime Minister General Soe Win took part in the discussions on seeking ways and means for energy security, develop-

ment of the priority sectors, reduction of poverty, and prevention against epidemic diseases including HIV/AIDS.

President of Asian Development Bank (ADB) Mr Haruhiko Kuroda explained economy *(See page 6)*

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Leaders of East Asian nations sign Cebu Declaration on East Asian Energy Security at 2nd East Asia Summit in Cebu. — MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

Friday, 19 January, 2007

Establish caring and sharing community among ASEAN countries

Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Soe Win attended the 12th ASEAN Summit and the mid-term summit of the Ayeyawady-Chao Phraya-Mekong Economic Cooperation Strategy held in Cebu, the Republic of the Philippines, on 13 January and signed five Cebu Declarations.

The 12th ASEAN Summit focused on consideration for suggestions of the eminent persons group to draft the ASEAN Charter, which is important for the ASEAN, measures to implement 2020 ASEAN Vision, combating international terrorism, environmental conservation, efficient use of energy and utilization of fuel substitute oils.

The discussion also covered the programmes prevailing among the member countries such as nurturing of educated youth who are adorable to ASEAN, addressing the issue of migrant workers, and prevention against HIV/AIDS.

At the ceremony to sign the Cebu Declarations of the ASEAN Summit of Heads of State/Government of ASEAN countries, the Cebu Declaration Towards a Caring and Sharing Community, the Cebu Declaration on the Blueprint for the ASEAN Charter, the Cebu Declaration on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights of Migrant Workers, the ASEAN Convention on Counter Terrorism, and the ASEAN Convention on the Acceleration of the Establishment of an ASEAN Community by 2015 were issued.

The points discussed and the Cebu Declarations issued at the 12th ASEAN Summit will enhance cooperation and unity of the ASEAN countries. So, it is believed that a caring and sharing community will be established among the members soon.

Insurgent-planted mine kills innocent civilian

YANGON, 18 Jan — A 30-year-old man was killed by an insurgent-planted mine when he stepped it in Kyaukkyi Township, Toungoo District, Bago Division, on 12 January.

The victim, Saw Htay Hlaing Win, hit the mine while on his way to pick betel leaves at his farm located 17 miles east of Kyaukkyi at 4.30 pm. The explosion seriously wounded his left leg, and he was rushed to the hospital in Kyaukkyi. However, he died at 5.30 pm the following day.

Saw Htay Hlaing Win, son of U Kyi Shwe, lived in Metta Ward, Kyaukkyi.

Terrorist insurgents are trying to disturb and harm the stability of the State, community peace, and the rule of law, while putting a gun to peace-loving people's head and committing robberies and terrorist acts including killing people with mines.

The local Tatmadaw columns in cooperation with the people are trying to expose and arrest the terrorists who planted mines.

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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

Home Affairs Minister receives participants of 3rd meeting of BIMSTEC

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Jan— Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo received participants of the 3rd meeting of joint working group on counter terrorism and transnational crimes in BIM-STEAC nations here today.

Those who called on the minister were Ms Sultana Laila Hossain of Bangladesh, Mr Jigme Singye of Bhutan, Mr Vivek Katju of India, Mr Dhananjaya Jha of Nepal, Mr M Chandra Prasad of Sri Lanka and Mr Prakrit Prachonpachanuk and Mr Wanchi Disates of Thailand at the minister's office here today.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Phone Swe, Director-General of Myanmar Police Force Brig-Gen Khin Yi, Director-General of General Administration Department U Ko Ko, Head of Transnational Crimes Department Police Col Sit Aye and officials concerned.— MNA

Minister receives Chinese guests

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Jan— Minister for Electric Power No-1 Col Zaw Min received Mr Zhang Guo Bao, Vice-Chairman of NDRC of People's Republic of China, at the minister's office here yesterday.

At the meeting, they discussed matters related to implementation of hydro-electric power projects.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister for Electric Power No-1 U Myo Myint, Vice-President of China Power Investment Corporation Ms Zhang Xiaolu and officials concerned.

Similarly, Minister Col Zaw Min also met with Ms Zhang Xiaolu, Vice-President of China Power Investment Corporation at his office yesterday evening.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister U Myo Myint, directors-general of the departments under the ministry and personnel of Asia World Co, Ltd.— MNA

Cash assistance provided to patients of Lewe Township

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Jan — The Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation donated cash assistance for medical treatment to patients in Lewe Township at Nay Pyi Taw General Hospital (300-bed) this morning.

Also present on the occasion were members of Lewe Township Women's Affairs Organization.

Medical Superintendent Dr Kyi Win reported on medical treatment being provided to the patients and health care services, with the contribution of the MAAF.

Heads of department and leaders of working group presented cash assistance to patients of



Head of MAAF makes cash donation to a patient at General Hospital (300-bed), Lewe Township. — MNA

the surgical ward.

With the sponsorship of the federation, the medical team comprising the medical superintendent, doctors and health

staff from the 300-bed hospital made field trips to provide health care service to the local people in Lewe Township, and performed surgical opera-

tions to 41 patients.

Arrangements are being made to give surgical treatments to 17 patients.

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Document of National Convention Volume-7, Part-1 in circulation

YANGON, 16 Jan— Document of the National Convention Volume-7, Part-1 was published today.

The book features records on the NC plenary sessions held by the National Convention Convening Work Committee from 5 December 2005 to 30 January 2006, addresses delivered by Chairman of the National Convention Convening Commission Lt-Gen Thein Sein, NCC Work Committee Chairman U Aung Toe's clarification on basic principles and detailed basic principles for sharing of executive and judicial powers to be included in the State constitution, explanations about legislative functions enumerated in the

Chapter "Legislation" of the three Hluttaws for amendment of the State Constitution, principles on fundamental rights and duties of citizens, and the Tatmadaw, and proposals read out by NC delegate groups and independent representatives-elect.

The book is now available at the NCC Work Committee Office (Kyaikkasan Grounds) in Yangon, bookshop of the Printing and Publishing Enterprise on Theinbyu Road in Yangon, and Sarpay Beikman Bookshop on Merchant Street in Yangon at the price of 4,700 kyats per copy.

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Poll shows Bush's new Iraq plan fails to rally public support

WASHINGTON, 17 Jan—US President George W Bush's new Iraq plan failed to rally public support, according to a latest survey released here Tuesday.

In the *USA TODAY*/Gallup Poll, more than 60 per cent of the respondents back the idea of a non-binding congressional resolution expressing opposition to Bush's plan to commit an additional 21,500 US troops to Iraq.

Sixty per cent have little or no confidence that the Iraqi government will be able to take responsibility for handling security there by November as Bush suggested.

By more than 2-1, those surveyed oppose the president's plan to send an additional one billion US dollars in economic aid for Iraq.

By 51 per cent to 36 per cent, the respondents have more confidence in

congressional Democrats to handle Iraq than in the president.

The survey also shows that Americans feel more pessimistic about the war in the wake of Bush's speech on his new plan last week. For the first time, a narrow plurality — 49 per cent to 47 per cent — say the United States is likely to lose the war.

Before the speech, they said by 50 per cent to 46 per cent that the United

States was likely to win.

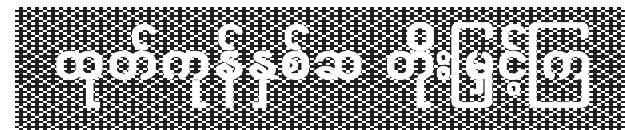
Compared with that of the previous poll, Bush's overall job-approval rating dipped 3 points, to 34 per cent.

The telephone poll of 1,003 adults nationwide was taken between last Friday and last Sunday, after Bush announced his new plan for Iraq on last Wednesday.

Charles Franklin, a political scientist at the University of Wisconsin, said the results are not surprising.

"We've had four years to think about the war," Franklin said. "This is not him (Bush) making a speech about a policy that the public hasn't been debating for a long time... At this point, it's very hard for a speech to make much difference."

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Chinese visitors to an exhibition marking 40 years of Anti-doping efforts in the Olympic Games are seen at an exhibition hall in Beijing, China, on 17 Jan, 2007. —INTERNET



The lead aircraft in an aerobatic duo sends smoke into the path of the trailing plane during an aerobatic session in the skies over Manly Beach in Sydney on 18 Jan, 2007. —INTERNET

Four US soldiers killed in northern Iraq

BAGHDAD, 17 Jan— Four US soldiers have been killed in northern Iraq, the US military said in a statement on Tuesday.

The four assigned to the 4th Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division were killed Monday by a roadside bomb while conducting operations in Ninawa Province, the statement said. The latest deaths brought to 3,024 the number of US soldiers killed in Iraq since the US-led invasion in March 2003, according to media count. — MNA/Xinhua



Three-and-a-half-year-old Rocco Piatti plays tennis with his dad Riccardo Piatti, coach of Croatia's Ivan Ljubicic, at the Australian Open tennis tournament in Melbourne, on 17 Jan, 2007. —INTERNET

Iraq troop build-up 'not in US national interest'

BAGHDAD, 17 Jan— Senate Democrats working with a well-known Republican war critic are developing a resolution declaring that US President George Bush's troop build-up in Iraq "is not in the national interest", says a person familiar with the document.

The resolution also would put the Senate on record as saying the US commitment in Iraq "can only be sustained" with popular support among the American public and in Congress, according to an

official familiar with the draft.

The official would speak only on grounds of anonymity because the drafting is still under way.

Senator Chuck Hagel, a Republican and potential 2008 presidential candidate, is helping Democrats with the wording of the anti-war resolution.

Bush has been trying to sell his revised war plan to the public in a series of television interviews.

He told PBS' Jim Lehrer in an interview broadcast yesterday that keeping his

old policies in place would lead to "a slow failure", but withdrawing from Iraq, as some Democrats and other critics suggest, would result in an "expedited failure".

"I am frustrated with the progress," Bush said.

"A year ago, I felt pretty good about the situation.

I felt like we were achieving our objective, which is a country that can govern, sustain and defend itself.

No question, 2006 was a lousy year for Iraq."

Internet

Iranian troops shoot down US spy drone

TEHERAN, 17 Jan— Iranian troops have shot down a US pilotless spy plane, local *Fars* news agency reported on Tuesday.

The aircraft was brought down when it was trying to cross the borders "during the last few days", Seyed Nezam Mola Hoveizeh, a

member of the Iranian Parliament, was quoted as saying. The lawmaker gave no exact date of the shot-down or any other details about the incident, but said that "the United States sent such spy drones to the region every now and then".

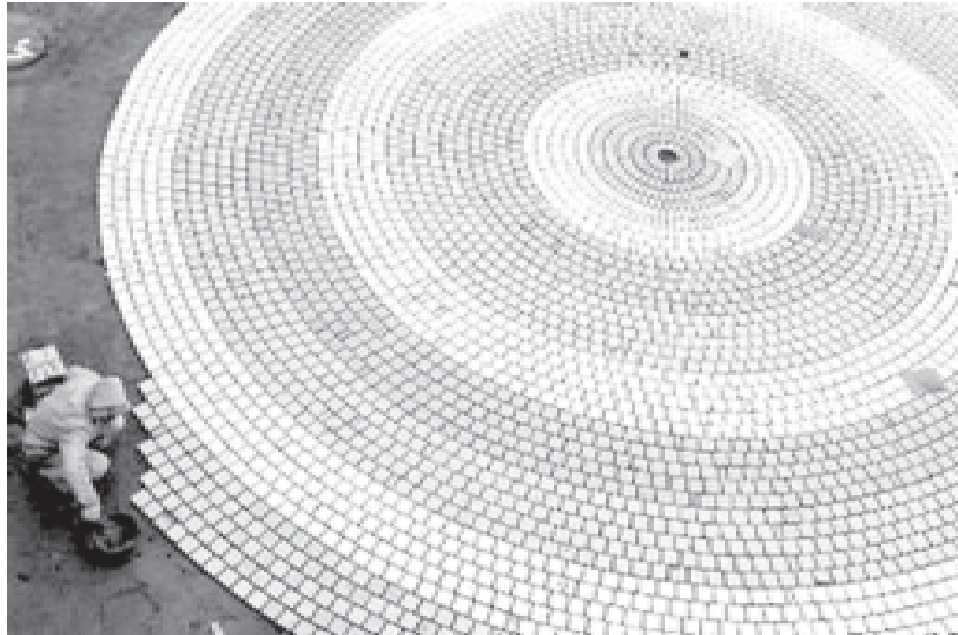
The announcement

came amid reports that the United States is increasingly flexing its muscles to counter Iran's growing regional assertiveness and put more pressure on Teheran over its controversial nuclear programmes.

It is reported Tuesday

that a second US aircraft carrier, the *USS John C Stennis*, will arrive in the Middle East in about a month, the first time since the US-led Iraq war in 2003 that the United States will have two carrier battle groups in the region.

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A labourer works on ground tiles outside a stadium in Shanghai on 16 Jan, 2007.—INTERNET

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Commander of USFK apologizes for rape scandal by US soldier

SEOUL, 16 Jan—The commander of the US Force Korea (USFK) on Monday issued a news release here to apologize for a US soldier's rape on an elderly South Korean woman on the previous day.

"I am shocked and horrified at the egre-

gious nature of the crimes, and I am extremely upset by this senseless act against an elderly woman.

On behalf of USFK, I want to express my personal apologies for the great suffering caused her and to the Korean people for

this terrible incident," said General BB Bell.

"I have every confidence in those now investigating, and we will respect Korean law and assist those investigating in every way to ensure justice," he said.

MNA/Xinhua

Chinese scientists conduct more tests on "EAST" reactor

HEFEI, 16 Jan—Chinese scientists began a new round of tests on the reliability of the experimental thermonuclear fusion reactor, nicknamed "the artificial sun".

The Experimental Advanced Super-conducting Tokamak (EAST)

fusion reactor, which replicates the energy generating process of the sun, was tested at the Institute of Plasma Physics under the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) in Hefei, capital of east China's Anhui Province.

The reactor was first

tested in September 2006. Since then scientists have made adjustments to improve results.

"The new tests show the reactor is very reliable, and we can repeat the experiments," said Wu Songtao, deputy director of the institute.

This new round of tests will continue till 10 February.

During the experiment, deuterium and tritium atoms were forced together at a temperature of 100 million degrees Celsius.

MNA/Xinhua

Gates to consider more troops for Afghanistan

NEW YORK, 17 Jan—US Defence Secretary Robert Gates has wrapped up a visit to Afghanistan, saying he is sympathetic to a request for more troops to battle an expected upsurge in the

Taliban-led insurgency this year.

Mr Gates said commanders had told him during his two-day visit that they needed more troops but he would not be drawn on how many.

"It depends on different scenarios and those are the kinds of decisions we are going to have to look at," he said.

"If the people leading the struggle out here feel they need additional help, I'm going to be very sympathetic to that kind of a request."

The NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) includes about 33,000 soldiers from 37 nations but is still short of the manpower it has been promised, despite pleas for more support after a year of intense fighting.—Internet

Three US soldiers killed in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 16 Jan— Three American soldiers were killed and five others were wounded in Iraq in separate incidents, the US military said in a statement on Monday.

A soldier assigned to the 89th Military Police Brigade died Sunday of wounds sustained in a roadside bomb blast near his vehicle in north of Baghdad, the statement said.

Another soldier was killed and four others were wounded when a roadside bomb went off near their patrol in Baghdad on Sunday, the military said in a separate statement.

A third soldier, assigned to the 105th Engineer Group, died of wounds sustained in an explosion while he was conducting operations in northern Iraq on Saturday, a statement said. Another soldier was wounded in the explosion.— MNA/Xinhua



In this photo released by the New York Racing Association, Bill Place, ridden by Ramon Dominguez, captures The Jimmy Winkfield stakes at Aqueduct Race Track in New York on 15 Jan, 2007.—INTERNET

Nigeria intensifies girl child education

ABUJA, 16 Jan— The Nigerian Government is intensifying girl child education by establishing a National Task Force on the Girl Child Education, a high-ranking official said here on Monday.

Rosemary Abdulahi, director of the Child Development Department of the Ministry of Women Affairs (MWA), told reporters that the task force included a committee, which, she said, would ensure the improvement of girl child

education and take charge of the implementation of the Girl Child Education Programme.

"The department commissioned a survey to identify best practices in selected zones," she said. Following the completion of the survey, a meeting was held for the northern area where the problem was more prevalent.

A forum of stakeholders had also been held to provide a platform for everyone involved to jointly address the challenge of girl

child education in Nigeria, she said.

The Child Development Department of the MWA is responsible for providing an environment to ensure maximum and holistic development of Nigerian children.

Over 7 million school age children in Nigeria do not go to school, most of whom are girls. Among those who go to school, 17 per cent do not complete their primary school education.

MNA/Xinhua



A train carriage lies on its side on the bank of a river in Banyumas, Central Java on 16 Jan, 2007. Around five people were killed and nearly a hundred injured when a crowded passenger train carriage plunged onto a river bank, police said on Tuesday.—INTERNET

FM U Nyan Win attends ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Meeting and related meetings

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Jan — Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win met with Philippine Foreign Minister Mr Alberto G Romulo and held discussions on ASEAN affairs and bilateral relations between the two countries at Shangri-La's Hotel on 10 January.

In the evening, Foreign Minister U Nyan Win attended the working dinner of ASEAN foreign ministers.

The following day, Foreign Minister U Nyan Win attended ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Meeting, ASEAN-China Foreign

Ministers' Meeting, ASEAN-Japan Foreign Ministers' Meeting, ASEAN-Korea Foreign Ministers' Meeting and ASEAN-India Foreign Ministers' Meeting held at Shangri-La's Hotel as well as the working dinner of ASEAN+3 Foreign Ministers' Meeting and the dinner hosted by the Philippine Foreign Minister.

The next day, Foreign Minister U Nyan Win met with Indonesian Foreign Minister Dr Hassan Wirayuda at Shangri-La's Hotel. Next, Foreign Minister U Nyan Win presided over the Foreign Ministers'

Meeting of Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar and Vietnam and reviewed cooperative measures of Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar and Vietnam during the meeting. Furthermore, Foreign Minister U Nyan Win attended the meeting of ASEAN Foreign Ministers and the Foreign Minister of Timor Leste and Minister Level Meeting of Mekong-Ganges Co-operation.

Next, Foreign Minister U Nyan Win attended the signing ceremony of Instrument of Extension of the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation to Timor Leste and France and signed it. — MNA

NPED Minister attends working dinner for ASEAN economic ministers



ASEAN economic ministers and Japanese minister of economic, trade and industry pose for documentary photo at their meeting. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Jan — Minister for

National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha attended the working dinner in Cebu, the Philippines, along with his ASEAN's counterparts on 10 January.

On 11 January, the minister also attended AEM-India Consultation between ASEAN's economic ministers and Minister of Commerce and Trade of the Republic of India and in AEM-Korea Consultation between ASEAN's economic ministers and

Minister of Industry and Trade of the Republic of Korea.

Minister U Soe Tha together with Economic Ministers of ASEAN, China, Japan and Korea attended the ASEAN+3 working dinner at the hotel.

The minister also participated in CLMV METI Consultations between Economic Ministers of Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Vietnam and Japanese economic, trade and industry minister. — MNA



Foreign Minister U Nyan Win and ASEAN foreign ministers participate in Ministers' Meeting on Mekong-Ganges Cooperation. — MNA

Eye specialists bring sights to patients in Minbya

YANGON, 18 Jan — Under the arrange-

ment of the Ministry of Health, a medical team

led by Eye specialist Prof Dr U Kan Nyunt provided free medical treatment for the patients with eye complaints in Minbya, Rakhine State from 12 to 17 January.

The medical team comprised eye specialists— Dr Aye Aye Khaing, Dr Moe Kyaw, Dr Kaythi Myint, Dr Ni Lar Thein, Dr Saw Thwin Mon Thein and nurses.

The medical team provided free medical treatment for a total of 2107 patients with eye complaints in Minbya and

nearby townships.

Out of them, a total of 237 patients underwent minor surgeries.

Local authorities, officials and social organisations rendered necessary assistance to the medical team.

Pharmaceuticals and medical equipment were donated by Lion International Sight First, other pharmaceutical companies— Alcon, Ashfort, United Pharma, Fourteen Star Net Work, Cipla and wellwishers.

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A patient receives medical check-up from an eye specialist. — MNA



Military Attaché of Thailand Col Prissapa Suvanatat welcomes Brig-Gen Han Sein of Ministry of Defence at reception to mark Royal Thai Armed Forces Day on 18 January 2007. — MNA

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Prime Minister General Soe Win attends 2nd East Asia Summit, signs the Cebu Declaration on East Asian Energy Security



Prime Minister General Soe Win signs Cebu Declaration on East Asian Energy Security at 2nd East Asia Summit. — MNA

Due to the decision in the 2nd East Asia Summit, Energy Ministers of East Asian countries will hold the meeting on energy security of the region.
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Leaders of East Asian nations pose for documentary photo at 2nd East Asia Summit.
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2nd East Asia Summit in progress.
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of the East Asian countries, cooperation and integration in the region. He said that as the GDP of East Asian countries rose about 5 per cent in 2006 and 10 ASEAN countries, about 6 per cent, the economy of East Asian region was expected to reach up 40 per cent of the world economy in 2030. However, the region needs to overcome hurdles of poverty, requirements of water, power and transportation, damages at environmental conservation and spread of infectious diseases.

Next, 16 leaders of the East Asian countries posed for documentary photos.

Afterwards, they signed the Cebu Declaration on East Asian Energy Security. The Philippine President handed over the declaration to the ASEAN Secretary-General.

At 12:15 pm, they attended the working lunch.



Prime Minister General Soe Win arrives back

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Jan — Prime Minister General Soe Win of the Union of Myanmar during his working tour of Cebu, the Philippines together with 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 U Than Nyun, Director-General of the Prime Minister's Office Col

Thant Shin and heads of departments left Shangri-La's Mactan Island Resort Hotel for Cebu International Airport at 11:15 am on 16 January.

Cebu Province Governor Ms Gwendolyn Garcia, Head of Protocol Department Mr Jerril Santos of Philippine Ministry of Foreign Affairs and officials, Myanmar Ambassador to the Philippines U Thaung Tun and embassy staff saw off the

Prime Minister and party at Cebu International Airport.

While the Prime Minister and party were boarding aircraft, Philippine traditional and cultural troupe presented entertainment at the airport.

Next, the Prime Minister and party greeted those present at the airport and arrived back at Nay Pyi Taw by air in the evening of 16 January.

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Prime Minister General Soe Win being seen off by an official at Cebu International Airport. — MNA

Prime Minister General Soe Win attends 5th ASEAN-India Summit, 10th ASEAN-Japan Summit and 10th ASEAN+3 Summit

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Jan —Prime Minister General Soe Win of the Union of Myanmar attended the 5th ASEAN-India Summit, the 10th ASEAN-Japan Summit and the 10th ASEAN+3 Summit held in Cebu, the Philippines on 14 January.

The 5th ASEAN-India Summit was held at Sugbu Summit Hall of Shangri-La's Hotel, Mactan at 3:15 pm on 14 January. Philippine President Madame Gloria Macapagal Arroyo presided over the summit.

Before the summit, ASEAN leaders and Indian Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh posed for a documentary photo.

At the outset of the

enhancement of ASEAN-India cooperation in different areas and peace and stability in the region. The Indian Prime Minister together with ASEAN leaders participated in the discussions. Next, the 10th ASEAN-Japan Summit was held at 5 pm on the same day.

Before the summit, ASEAN leaders and Japanese Prime Minister Mr Shinzo Abe posed for a documentary photo. At the summit, Japanese Prime Minister Mr Shinzo Abe and ASEAN leaders exchanged views on the acceleration of cooperation for the development of ASEAN nations and human resources and regional



ASEAN leaders and Indian Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh pose for documentary photo at 5th ASEAN-India Summit.—MNA

assistance to ASEAN nations.

Next, the 10th ASEAN+3 Summit followed attended by ASEAN leaders, heads of

with Chinese Premier Mr Wen Jiabao, Japanese Prime Minister Mr Shinzo Abe and Korean President Mr Roh Moo Hyun posed for a documentary photo.

Roh Moo Hyun said that they were making efforts for the integration of ASEAN+3 and the emergence of East Asia community.

Next, ASEAN leaders participated in the discussions on the peaceful solution to the problem of Korean Peninsula, fight against terrorism, utilization of

fuel substitute oils to save natural energy resources, establishment of free trade area, poverty reduction in the region, narrowing of development gap among ASEAN nations, emergence of East Asia community, combating of infectious diseases and prevention against natural disaster.

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ASEAN leaders and heads of China, Japan, Korea pose for documentary photo at 10th ASEAN+3 Summit.—MNA

summit, Indian Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh dealt with progress of ASEAN-India cooperation in the various areas. Next, ASEAN leaders held discussions on measures for extension of the establishment of free trade area, prevention and fight against danger of terrorism, industry sector, bio-technology sector and sophisticated and traditional medicines sector. The coordination meetings were held to carry out the tasks for transportation among ASEAN nations and human resources development. They exchanged views on

cooperation, extension of economic cooperation of ASEAN-Japan, peace and stability of Korean Peninsula and the emergence of East Asia community with the leadership of ASEAN nations and three dialogue partners. Next, the Japanese Prime Minister and ASEAN leaders gave suggestions on promotion of ASEAN-Japan cooperation.

Afterwards, the Japanese Prime Minister dealt with the enhancement of regional cooperation, the emergence of East Asia community and ways to be sought to provide

China, Japan and Korea and the ASEAN Secretary-General.

Before the summit, ASEAN leaders together

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ASEAN leaders and Prime Minister of Japan Mr Shinzo Abe pose for documentary photo at 10th ASEAN-Japan Summit.—MNA

Myanmars to build a golden nation on own strength, labour despite negative view of ILO with whom the country is cooperating

Maung Hmat Kyauk

The joint US-Britain draft resolution submitted to the UNSC on 11 January this year for putting pressure on Myanmar was objected by the People's Republic of China and the Russian Federation with a double veto the following day.

Myanmar is an independent and sovereign nation, and one of the demands of the US in connection with its false accusations against the country to interfere in her affairs is the Myanmar government to fully cooperate with the International Labour Organization (ILO) and its representatives in combating forced labour.

The original aim of the ILO is to promote employment and to improve labour conditions and living standards.

Throughout history, workers of the world launched struggles to demand their rights, leaves, holidays, medical treatment, education opportunities, appropriate pays and salaries at the risk of facing death, torture, anguish and dismissal. The struggles are the milestones of their history. Till now, world nations observe Workers Day on 1 May. As the Workers Day falls on 1st May, it is also known as May Day, which is observed in honour of the struggle launched by the workers of Chicago, the US.

The oppressions on workers in the US, Britain and European colonies left as black marks in history. Seventy-seven per cent of Earth's land area were occupied by the European colonialists, and the peoples of the colonies were subject to exploitation, while workers faced extra torments. There were no workers rights. The workers had to work more than 14 hours a day. Their pays were so low that they were living in a state of poverty and hunger. Hence, struggles between employees and employers were common in almost all the nations. We have read in many books that workers' strikes in the US were crushed with guns and killings.

During over 100 years of colonialist enslavement, Myanmar had continuously witnessed workers struggles. A study of oil field workers' uprising shows how cruel and oppressive the colonialists were towards Myanmar workers. Myanmar workers who demanded their own rights were hit with sticks or galloping horses, or thrown into jails. Those are the unforgettable memories for Myanmars.

We have already recorded the history of the colonialists applying forced labour in Myanmar in accord with the Town Act and the Village Act enacted in 1906. Thanks to the law proclaimed in 1964 to protect workers rights, today's Myanmar workers can enjoy their rights fully.

The suffering of present-day Myanmar workers is the consequence of economic sanctions imposed on Myanmar by the US, Britain and European colonialists (all are veteran colonialists). Because of the pressures and coercion made by Myanmar expatriates and the CIA in cooperation, regular customers in America and Europe dare not buy the garments manufactured in Myanmar. The outcome is that many garment factories in Myanmar had to be

closed down, and a large number of women became jobless.

Actually, the ILO, should stop the evil acts of the US, Britain and expatriates to impose unjust sanctions on Myanmar to cause mass lay-offs in the country. Instead, the global body is trying to find fault with Myanmar, with the accusation that forced labour does exist in the country. The expression "forced labour" was coined as a new usage by the US and neo-colonialists.

Colonialists invaded and occupied over a hundred nations of the world, and violated democracy and human rights covering public freedom and the freedom of serving national interest. Now, they are trying to hamper the progress of developing nations with the words such as "human rights", "democracy" and "freedom of worship". They are like thief shouting "thief"!

The US and allies are gradually dominating and manipulating the UN and its subordinate organizations and other international organizations by filling the posts of those bodies with their citizens and expatriates and persons who betray their own nations, but are useful to them. In addition, they make their voices the bodies' through orchestration to substitute the legitimate governments with the ones they like. They are controlling the ILO for those purposes.

The ILO was established in 1929. It has connections with the UN since the global peace body's emergence on 24 October 1945. The aged ILO has witnessed the death and sufferings of workers of the world nations under the suppression of colonialists. The ILO should be aware of the fact that the big colonialists of that time were tormenting and exploiting workers, while ignoring the body are now using it as a tool.

Myanmar joined the ILO on 18 May 1948. It has accepted and is exercising the 19 principles out of the principles of the body. The nation always submits her annual reports to the ILO in time, and has comprehensively answered all the questions raised by the experts of the ILO and provided all the facts and data they want. The country always sends delegates to the annual ILO conferences.

The ILO enacted provision 29 concerning forced labour in 1930. Myanmar began to accept and follow the provision in March 1955. The provision officially defines the kinds of jobs that do not mean

forced labour. Myanmar has been observing all the provisions, and in addition, the Ministry of Home Affairs issued the Order No 1/99 and additions, that prohibit forced labour, for the public.

The Tatmadaw during its 35-year offensives against the internal insurgents from 1955 to 1990 had used the public strength to a certain degree. Seventeen major national race armed groups and many other minor groups returned to the legal fold during the years after 1990 and restored peace. From that time on, there have been no major offensives, and the public strength has never been used again.

The ILO had never made objections against Myanmar till the period up to 1990. However, it is now finding fault with Myanmar with accusations. So, we need to analyze the fundamental facts concerning the ILO's attitude and acts towards Myanmar.

In many nations including Myanmar, people make donations out of their beliefs, traditions and culture, wishes and religious teachings. Myanmars voluntarily contribute labour to serve the interest of the people of their own land, village or ward. In other words, they donate their own labour out of goodwill. Generally, at least one person from every family always comes out to help a person who is repairing or roofing his house. Some even provide the person with materials required in repairing or roofing the house.

Traditionally, Myanmars collectively build or repair ward, village or town roads, and contribute voluntary labour in building a pagoda, a monastery or a lake. People take necessary tools and come to render assistance happily in digging wells or lakes to supply water to their village. They collectively fill pot holes and build bamboo or wooden bridges.

The US and cohorts are accusing that Myanmar is practising forced labour, while ignoring the lovely tradition of contributing voluntary labour. They have no such lovely tradition of helping each other. Actually, not only Myanmar but also all the Asians have the willingness to help one another and provide social services. It is the Asian value.

Today, Myanmar has been gaining momentum in her development drive. It has built many miles of new roads and repaired the existing ones. It has also built numerous bridges and dams.

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The entire Union has seen a large number of educational institutions, hospitals and health care centres along with dams and hydel power stations. In fact, the West colonialist bloc and internal and external saboteurs begrudging such remarkable progress are making an accusation of forced labour so that the development momentum slows down to a halt and the strength of the workers will not be mobilized in the national development undertakings.

Needless to say, no worker will work in a factory, office, company or joint-venture construction project without being paid. Inspired by satisfactory salaries along with aspiration for national development, they are engaged in these projects.

The US does not want to see Myanmar enjoy any progress, but to make the people live below poverty line in the time of the Tatmadaw government. Only then will the ruling government be replaced with the puppet government, and Myanmar be in their hands. These facts testify to why the US and its associates are making groundless accusations.

Now, the nation has restored peace and stability and enjoyed unprecedented development in various sectors due to the desire for progress of the entire Union. Myanmar is rich in various kinds of precious stones, and natural gas is harnessed offshore on a commercial scale. The oil wells off Mottama coast are producing a great deal of natural gas. Thailand purchased the gas. So, gas pipelines were laid through Taninthayi region.

No sooner did they get the information that the pipelines for piping the natural gas would be laid from east to west, not far from Dawei in Taninthayi Division, than renegades, the NLD and the US made accusations that the project was causing pollution of the environment and deforestation and would have effects on the regional climate, the government was using forced labour and forcibly dislocating nearby villages. In fact, there was not a grain of truth in their accusations. The trees along the route of the pipelines were cut down, but the trees planted then in compensation were several times more than the trees that had been cut down. And for the huts in the villages demolished along the pipelines, the government built better houses in compensation along with schools and health care centres. The workers were better-paid as they had to work in the jungles.

Then, the expatriates and CIA put the oil companies on trial in the court in the US. The companies refuted the accusations by presenting sound evidences, and so the cases were settled. Then, terrorists blasted the pipelines near the border areas. So, the pipelines were repaired repeatedly. Expatriates and CIA members dissuaded Thailand from purchasing gas from Myanmar, but it did not accept their demand. The accusations of the US and its lackey axe-handles were absolutely baseless, designed to prevent the nation from making economic development through the earning from the export of gas.

The US wielded its power to make expatriates entitled to attend the UN General Assembly and UN human rights conferences. It provided funds for Pyithit Nyunt Wai, who had absconded with the money of the government department, under the name of the Free Trade Union of Burma (FTUB) and asked him to complain to the ILO about forced labour in Myanmar that he had made up. It helped him meddle in the affairs of the ILO. Actually, the ILO is an international organization that has to try to reach an agreement among the representative of the government, the representative of the company that is engaged in a nation in line with Law and the representative of the workers. Pyithit Nyunt Wai's FTUB consists of a

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handful of outlawed expatriates and it does not represent any Myanmar workers.

Therefore, it can be deduced from above-mentioned facts that the ILO is accepting and approving the subjective accusations of the US and renegades against Myanmar, failing to find out Myanmar's objective situations and lopsidedly finding fault with the nation.

Myanmar is constantly cooperating with the ILO in the labour affairs. The ILO once stated the source, from which it got the accusations against the nation. The accusations against Myanmar surfaced along the border, especially from the absconders whose camps are based in the neighbouring country and from Pyithit Nyunt Wai's FTUB.

I would like to present an Internet news story that was on-line in 1996 featuring who was providing assistance with and organizing the renegades.

With the approval of the US Congress, the State Department provided funds for:—

1. The Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labour (BDHRL),
2. US Agency for International Development (USAID)
3. The Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration (BPRM)
4. National Endowment for Democracy (NED), a political brokerage association that is nominal NGO based in the US
5. International Rescue Committee (IRC)
6. World Concern Development Organization (WCDO)
7. Asian American Free Labour Institute (AAFLI)
8. Centre for International Private Enterprise (CIPE)
9. National Coalition for Democracy (NCD)
10. New Era Journal (NEJ) published and distributed in Thailand by renegades under the supervision of CRDB Tin Maung Win, Kyemon U Thaung and U Aung Bala
11. National Coalition Government of the Union of Burma (NCGUB), an unlawful association, led by renegade Sein Win, Daw Suu Kyi's first cousin, and
12. National Council of the Union of Burma (NCUB) co-organized by KNU and renegade Sein Win.

All these associations are under the control of the CIA of the US. The money the US provided for these groups in 1966 are as follows:—

BDHRL	- 2.38 million US dollars
NED	- 1,079,000 US dollars
IRC	- 450,000 US dollars
WCDO	- 450,000 US dollars
AAFLI	- 400,000 US dollars
CIPE	- 400,000 US dollars
NCD	- 165,400 US dollars
NEJ	- 134,786 US dollars
NCGUB	- 55,000 US dollars
NCUB	- 110,400 US dollars

The following years, the US provided more money for them.

The above-mentioned groups under the control of

the CIA are providing assistance for the following associations of expatriates.

1. NLD (LA)
2. Burma Underground Rights Movement for Action
3. Associates to Develop Democratic Burma (ADDB)
4. Democratic Alliance of Burma (DAB) through American Friends of Democracy in Burma
5. Democratic Voice of Burma (DVB), which was founded by the CIA in Norway for Myanmar renegades, through Human Rights for the People of Burma
6. Karen Youth Organization (KYO)
7. Burma Action Group (BAG)
8. Canada Burma Working Group (CBWG)
9. The Association to Develop Democratic Burma (ADDB)
10. Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact (AIPP), whose members are national races from the Philippines, Indonesia, Thailand, Myanmar, India, Nepal, East Timor and Taiwan
11. Canadian Friends of Burma (CFOB)
12. Burma Issues
13. Convening Committee of International Convention for the Restoration of Democracy in Burma
14. Federation of Trade Unions Burma (FTUB) of Pyithit Nyunt Wai under the influence of renegade Sein Win
15. Shan Human Rights Foundation
16. Burma Lawyers Council

Since 1990, the US State Department has increasingly provided those associations of renegades through USAID, NED, BDHRL, IRC, WCDO, NCD, AAFLI and CIPE. It is providing hundreds of thousands of US dollars for each of the associations. It is also providing cash awards for some persons from some publishing houses and some politicians in Myanmar.

Therefore, the renegades, in return for the assistance, have to do whatever the US asks them. To the liking of the US and its associates, the expatriates will continue to send slanderous, exaggerated and invented stories intended to make baseless accusations against Myanmar. So, it is not strange why the US-led colonialist bloc, renegades and internal axe-handles are shouting the same voice in making accusations against Myanmar.

It is visible the US and Britain are aggravating and then pacifying the situation, while demanding Myanmar for full cooperation with the ILO in a fight against forced labour. However much Myanmar cooperates with the ILO in this regard, the US and its associates will never be satisfied with the outcomes and will continue to find fault with Myanmar one way or another.

Whatever it may be, the people will continue to make self-reliant efforts so as to transform Myanmar into a golden land.

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Comparison and study of slanders of the US and Britain against Myanmar and the nation's objective conditions-3

A Reader

To see that action was taken against Myanmar by the UN Security Council the US and Britain submitted a draft resolution in which they described that HIV/AIDS and Avian Influenza outbreaks and trafficking in persons can spread across the border.

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flu, we can see that their accusations are false. Now I continue to present the objective condi-

tions and Myanmar's endeavours regarding avian flu and human trafficking.

Sr	Slanders of the US and Britain	Myanmar's objective conditions
3.	<p>Trafficking in persons and HIV/AIDS and Avian Flu outbreaks in Myanmar may spread across the border.</p>	<p>Avian flu issue</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Preventive measures for avian flu were undertaken since January 2004 in cooperation with the ministries concerned. * The bird flu occurred in 13 townships in Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions in March and April 2006. * Altogether 545 quail and poultry farms and 0.18 million of eggs were destroyed and 0.65 million of fowls were culled. * As soon as the result of the laboratory was received, it was sent to international organizations such as OIE, FAO and WHO. * Control measures were undertaken within 24 hours in the townships where the bird flu occurred. * Ten farm workers were found to be sick, and sample of bird flu was sent to the laboratory in Japan for approval. But it was not bird flu after being tested. * Arrangements were made for separate wards of avian flu patients at the hospital. * Equipment, pesticides and lab apparatus were distributed to the areas where the bird flu occurred. * No sign of bird flu was found in the poultry farms beginning 6 April 2006 due to the systematic preventive measures. * Transport of poultry was permitted in the bird flu-hit townships on 26 April. * On 11 September the World Animal Health Organization announced that Myanmar was free from bird flu. * On 18 October, UN System Senior Coordinator for Avian and Human Influenza Dr David Narvaro arrived in Myanmar. * At a press conference, he said preventive measures for avian flu and influenza and arrangements in Myanmar found to be satisfactory. * He said surveillance activities were high and international organizations recognized the systematic arrangements for disease control in Myanmar. * UNICEF, WHO, FAO and Livestock Breeding Development Centre in Thailand praised Myanmar for its achievements. <p>Human trafficking issue</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Human trafficking problem spread in the world. * Especially, trafficking in women from east European countries to west European countries grew bigger and spread in the world. * In Asia, human trafficking took place in China, India, Pakistan, Nepal, Bangladesh, Myanmar, Thailand, Laos, Vietnam and the Philippines * The trafficked victims were mostly women and children. * Myanmar signed in Convention on the Right of the Child (CRC) in 1991. * Myanmar National Committee for Women's Affairs was formed on 3-7-1996 and the committee formulated policies on women development and life security. * Anti-human trafficking activities were carried out as the national duty as human trafficking tarnished the national prestige and integrity that Myanmar people value and safeguard. * Myanmar signed in Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) in 1997. * Beginning 1997 the National Plan of Action is being launched in order to prevent against human trafficking problem in all aspects. * Educative activities are being carried out through the mass media after formation of the National Task Force comprising delegates from governmental departments and social organizations. * Mobile Training Team comprising delegates from various departments was formed in cooperation with Myanmar National Committee for Women's Affairs and UNIAP in Greater Mekong Sub-region. * Educative talks were given widely beginning 23-9-2001 in order to prevent against going abroad illegally, the main factor of human trafficking. Altogether 1,413 human traffickers were arrested. * A reception camp was opened in Myawady on 18-2-2002. Trafficked victims were sent to their respective parents in cooperation with social organizations from local and abroad. Rehabilitation centres were opened. * The national level seminar on human trafficking jointly sponsored by Women's Affairs Committee, UNIAP, UNICEF and SC (UK) was held in May 2002. The seminar formulated 11 future tasks. * The Work Committee for Prevention Against Human Trafficking was formed on 17-7-2002. * Workshops have been held in major cities of states and divisions under the ARCPPT plan in cooperation with Australia since 2003. * Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation was formed on 20 December 2003. * Protection of women and children as the national duty was included in seven objectives of the federation for eradication of human trafficking. * Myanmar signed in the Convention Against Transnational Organized Crime (CTOC) in 2004. * Myanmar also signed the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children the same year. * She also signed the Protocol to Combat Smuggling Migrants in Land, Sea and Air the same year. * Special Anti-trafficking Squad was set up with police officers in 2004. * Transnational Crime Department was formed on 3-9-2004 and it is combating transnational crimes with the assistance of international organizations. <p style="text-align: center;"><i>(See page 11)</i></p>

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3.	Trafficking in persons and HIV/AIDS and Avian Flu outbreaks in Myanmar may spread across the border.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * The MoU on combating human trafficking in China, Myanmar, Laos, Cambodia, Thailand and Vietnam in Mekong region was signed on 29-10-2004. * Myanmar is cooperating with other nations in accord with the ASEAN declaration on combating human trafficking approved by ASEAN Summit held in Laos in November 2004. * An agreement on combating transnational crimes between Myanmar and China and an agreement on building tranquillity in border areas were signed on 15-1-2005. * Myanmar cooperated with member nations after drafting the Regional Plan Action in Mekong Basin in March 2005. * The Anti-Trafficking in Persons Law was enacted on 13 September 2005. * Anti-human trafficking squads were assigned in Bhamo, Muse, Tachilek, Myawady, Mawlamyine, Kawthoung, Yangon, Kalay and Mandalay in January 2006. * In order to carry out effectively prescriptions the Central Body for Suppression of Trafficking in Persons was formed on 11 February. * Bodies for Suppression of Trafficking in Persons at different levels and work groups were formed on 27 February. * The national level seminar on the Anti-Trafficking in Persons Law jointly organized by UNIAP was held in March and 14 future work programmes were laid down. * The State and Division level seminars on the Anti-Trafficking in Persons Law were held in May and June. * Culprits shall be given severe punishment and their money and other property can be confiscated according to the Anti-Trafficking in Persons Law. Action was taken against the human traffickers. * Bodies for Suppression of Trafficking in Persons comprising members of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation told nearly 900,000 people about human trafficking and prevented 28,840 people from being trafficked. * Altogether 20,772 people who are in trouble abroad have been received at the Myawady reception camp up to 30-6-2006 and they were sent to their respective parents. * There were 748 human trafficking cases from 2001 to 2006. Action was taken against 1,920 culprits—including two punished with life imprisonment and 99 with ten years' and above imprisonment. * A total of K 84,753.33 million was spent on development of border areas and national races from 1989 to 2006. * Rural region development tasks and 24 special region development plan are being implemented. * Twenty-seven national race youth development training schools and 34 vocational training schools for the women were opened. * Despite concrete achievements and efforts in Myanmar, the US State Department put Myanmar on the list of countries that were not in conformity with the protection law on human trafficking of the US Congress. * At the same time, the US administration imposed economic sanctions on Myanmar including investment and trade. * Over 160 garment factories in Yangon Division were closed down due to the sanctions. About 40 factories cut their employees. As a result, over 80,000 employees became jobless. * Over 70,000 woman workers were unemployed. Some women became trafficked victims due to the persuasion of those who exploited their difficulties.

**(It is obvious that the US and Britain made fabrications regarding avian flu and human trafficking. I will present more).
Six donor nations will provide US\$ 99.5 million not 9.5 million for the Three Disease Fund in five years issued in the newspapers on 17-1-2007.
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of continuing detention of political prisoners, human rights violation of attacking ethnic minorities in the eastern Myanmar, incapability of controlling the spread of HIV, TB and malaria, and failure to effectively combat drug production. The abortive resolution reflected one of their wrong acts to save the face of anti-government groups.

4. Their accusation "Situation in Myanmar is a threat to regional and internal peace and security" was baseless and unacceptable. So, China, Russia and South Africa cast votes against, and three other Security Council members abstained. The double veto is the first after 1972.

5. We believe that Myanmar's affairs is just the issue that should be addressed domestically, so such alien interference is unacceptable to us. And we assume that the best tactic to grapple with the internal problem is to continue participation in the implementation of the State's seven-step Road Map and to hold discussions about the issue at the National Convention.

6. We hereby announce that we national races and people will make a harmonious effort in collaboration with the government to handle the internal affairs of our nation.

**Tun Kyaw
Vice-Chairman
KNPLF**

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10 members resign from NLD

YANGON, 18 Jan — Ten members of National League for Democracy Party resigned of his own volition from the party and sent their letters of resignation to NLD Headquarters and local authorities on 20 November.

Those who resigned

from NLD were U Soe Lwin Oo, Daw Khin Moe Aye, Daw Mi, U San Nyunt Maung, U San Thaug, U Myint Oo, U Than Myint Aung, Daw Thandar Hlaing, Daw Hnin and U Than Tun of Kyundaw Village, Minkin township, Kalay District,

Sagaing Division.

In their letters of resignation sent to Sagaing Division Multiparty Democracy General Election Sub-commission, they said that they resigned from the NLD as they had no confidence in the stand of NLD. — MNA

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1972. We thank China and Russia for their understanding of and support for Myanmar.

4. As we believe that Myanmar affairs should be solved by our national races, we cannot accept foreign interference in any form. We will continue to take part in the task of implementing the seven-step Road Map, and we firmly believe that every problem should be solved through discussions at the National Convention.

**U Za Khun Ting Ring
The Chairman
Kachin State Special Region 1**

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destructive elements and organizations who carry out their activities to the tune of the US and Britain.

The People's Republic of China and the Russian Federation, which see real situation in Myanmar and play constructive role in Myanmar affairs, used vetos to block the draft resolution and South Africa also voted against the resolution.

Myanmar Rice Traders' Association is glad to hear that the draft resolution was rejected and we also want to express our thanks to those country who showed their constructive attitudes to Myanmar at UNSC.

Myanmar Rice Dealers' Association

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The Republic of South Africa did not support the resolution either and cast a vote against the resolution. Therefore, our thanks are due to these countries who love truthfulness. Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayone also would like to express sincere thanks to Indonesia, Congo and Qata who abstained.

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Lens Barrel Incorporating the Advancing/Retracting Mechanism Reg : No.4/6783/2006

In respect of : A guide mechanism for a lens barrel, the mechanism comprising:
a support frame supporting an imaging component; and a linear guide configured to guide the support frame along an axis;
wherein the linear guide comprises a ring portion defining an opening through which the support frame can pass, and further comprises at least one linear guide key extending along the axis from the ring portion and positioned substantially radially inwardly of the opening; and
wherein the support frame has at least one linear guide groove located at the outer peripheral surface thereof and configured to slidably engage with a respective the at least one linear guide key, and each of the opposite ends of the at least one linear guide groove are open such that the support frame is movable to extend from either of the sides of the ring portion.

Lens Barrel Incorporating a Rotatable Ring Reg : No.4/6784/2006

In respect of : A lens barrel including a rotatable ring rotatable about a rotational axis extending in a direction of an optical axis, an outer annular member which is non-rotatable and supports the rotatable ring inside the outer annular member, and at least one optical element movable along the optical axis by a rotation of the rotatable ring, the lens barrel comprising:
an advancing/retracting mechanism, provided between an outer peripheral surface of the rotatable ring and an inner peripheral surface of the outer annular member, configured to move the rotatable ring along the optical axis between front and rear movement limits of the rotatable ring in the optical axis direction relative to the outer annular member, when the rotatable ring is rotated;
at least one circumferential groove located on one of the inner peripheral surface of the outer annular member and the outer peripheral surface of the rotatable ring; and
at least one rotation-guiding projection located on the other of the inner

peripheral surface of the outer annular member and the outer peripheral surface of the rotatable ring,
wherein the at least one rotation-guiding projection is engaged in the at least one circumferential groove such that the rotatable ring is rotatable at an axial fixed position without moving along the optical axis when the rotatable ring is moved to the front movement limit by the advancing/retracting mechanism.

Supporting Structure for Supporting a Rotatable Ring Reg : No.4/6785/2006

In respect of : A supporting structure for a lens barrel, the structure comprising:
an annular ring having an axis and a circumferential engagement surface provided circumferentially around the axis;
a first ring having an engagement surface circumferentially around the axis, and configured to contact the annular ring engagement surface and further configured to be mounted radially inwardly of the annular ring for rotational movement about the axis relative to the annular ring;
a second ring supporting at least one optical element, the second ring configured to contact the annular ring engagement surface and further configured to be mounted radially inwardly of the annular ring for rotational movement about the axis relative to the annular ring, the second ring being capable only of axial movement relative to the first ring; and
a biasing arrangement configured to urge the first and second rings generally opposite directions and bias the first and second ring engagement surface into contact with the annular ring engagement surface.

Lens Barrel Incorporating the Rotation Transfer Mechanism Reg : No.4/6786/2006

In respect of : A rotation transfer mechanism of a lens barrel, comprising:
a pair of rotatable rings, adjacent ends of which are opposed to each other in a rotational axis direction extending in an optical axis direction;
at least one axial-direction projection extending in the rotational axis direction;
at least one axial-direction recess in which the axial-direction projection is positioned, the axial-direction projection and the axial-direction recess respectively

located on one and the other of the adjacent ends of the pair of rotatable rings;
at least one rotation transfer groove located on an inner peripheral surface of the one of the pair of rotatable rings that has the axial-direction projection, wherein a circumferential position of the rotation transfer groove corresponds to a circumferential position of the axial-direction projection, such that a portion of the rotation transfer groove in the rotational axis direction is associated with the axial-direction projection;
a driven rotational member having at least one rotation transfer protrusion engaged in the rotation transfer groove, the rotation transfer protrusion slidably movable in the rotation transfer groove in the rotational axis direction and configured to transmit rotation of the pair of rotatable rings to the driven rotational member; and
at least one optical element configured to be driven by the driven rotational member.

Optical Element Retracting Mechanism for a Photographing Lens Reg : No.4/6787/2006

In respect of : A retracting mechanism for a retractable lens including an optical system having a plurality of optical elements, the optical element retracting mechanism comprising:
a linearly movable ring configured to be guided along an optical axis of the optical system without rotating, the ring further configured to retract toward a plane along the optical axis when the retractable lens moves from an operational state to a fully-retracted state;
a swingable holder pivoted on a pivot and swingable about the pivot, the swingable holder positioned inside and supported by the linearly movable ring, the swingable holder supporting a retractable optical element as one of the plurality of optical elements;
a position-controller holding the swingable holder such that the retractable optical element remains on the optical axis when the retractable lens is in the ready-to-photograph state, the position-controller configured to rotate the swingable holder about the pivot such that the retractable optical element retracts to a position which deviates from the optical axis when the linearly movable ring, together with the swingable holder, retracts toward the plane;
a pair of support plates attached to opposite ends of the linearly movable ring in the optical axis direction, and support opposite ends of the pivot, respectively;
a support plate fixing device fixing the pair of support plates to the linearly movable ring, wherein the support plate fixing device is configured to allow the pair of support plates to move relative to the linearly movable ring in directions lying in a plane orthogonal to the optical axis when the support plate fixing device is in a released state;
a least one rotatable shaft having a shaft axis substantially parallel to the optical axis, supported by the linearly movable ring to be rotatable about the shaft axis, the rotatable shaft having a pair of eccentric pins at opposite end thereof, the pair of eccentric pins having a common axis eccentric to the shaft axis of the rotatable shaft; and
at least one pair of elongated holes respectively on the pair of support plates, facing each other and elongated substantially parallel to each other, the pair of eccentric pins being engaged in the pair of elongated holes and configured to be movable therein;

wherein the pair of support plates are configured to be moved relative to the linearly movable ring in the directions lying in the plane orthogonal to the optical axis via a rotation of the rotatable shaft, without substantially changing a relative position between the pair of support plates, when the support plate fixing device is in the released state.

Cam Mechanism of a Photographing Lens Reg : No.4/6788/2006

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 grooves located on the cam ring with a plurality of complementing 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 plurality of cam grooves are located at different positions at least in the optical axis direction and trace substantially a same reference cam diagram;
wherein all cam grooves of the plurality of cam grooves are partial cam grooves, each having at least one end opening at at least one of opposite ends of the cam ring, so as not to include an entire portion of the reference cam diagram;
wherein the plurality of complementing cam followers are located at different position at least in the optical axis direction and are respectively engageable in the plurality of cam grooves; and
wherein at least one of the complementing cam followers remains engaged in a corresponding cam groove while at least one of the other of the complementing

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cam followers comes out of the end opening and is disengaged therefrom, when the linearly movable frame moves to at least one of oppsite limits for movement thereof in the optical axis direction.

Fraudulent imitation or unauthorized use of the said Patent shall be dealt with according to law.

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Study says emotional recovery helpful to heart attack patients

LOS ANGELES, 17 Jan— Emotional recovery from heart attacks is vital to a patient's health, according to a new study published in the January issue of the Mayo Clinic Women's HealthSource.

The study said that people who develop depression after a heart attack are more likely to require hospital care within a year for a heart-related problem than heart attack survivors who are

not depressed.

Heart attack survivors with depression are also three times more likely to die of a future heart attack or other heart problems, the study said.

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Students break solar road trip record in Australia

CANBERRA, 17 Jan — A team of university students from Sydney have broken the world record for the fastest solar powered road trip across Australia.

Their solar-powered vehicle, Sunswift 3, made the trip from Perth, the capital of Western Australia, to Sydney, Australia's largest city on the southeastern coast in five days, beating the existing record by nearly three days.—MNA/Xinhua

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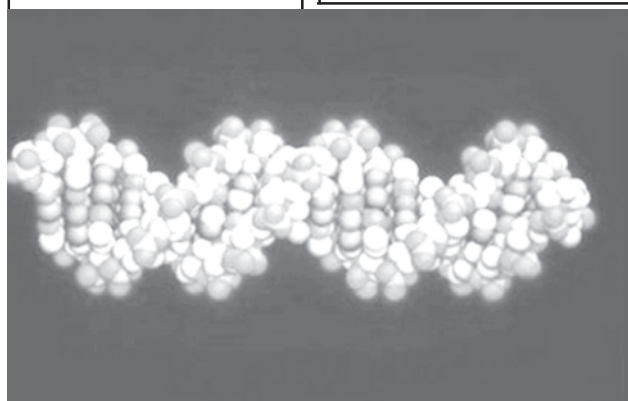
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An undated illustration of a DNA molecule. Scientists said on 14 Jan, 2007, they have pinpointed a new gene linked to Alzheimer's disease, the incurable brain disorder that is the top cause of dementia in the elderly.—INTERNET



Official says 54 US soldiers still missing in Cambodia

PHNOM PENH, 17 Jan— Charles A Ray, former US ambassador to Cambodia, said here on Tuesday that there are 54 US soldiers still missing in action (MIAs) in Cambodia.

"The parents of those

soldiers are still asking us about their sons and if they died. Their parents need the evidence," Charles told some 100 media management students at the Royal University of Phnom Penh.

Ray, also a veteran in the Vietnam War, said that in the ASEAN (the Association of South-East Asian Nations) countries, his team will conduct investigation of archives and villages to seek out details that might lead them to aircraft crash sites or to potential burial location.

"But we are faced with

rigid border-crossing rules and regulations. Our investigations have often been halted for months or longer, while negotiations must take place. Such delays are devastating to the progress of a case, and especially to the families who are waiting and hoping that answers on their missing loved ones will be forthcoming," said Ray, who arrived here on Monday in capacity of Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defence for POW/Missing Personnel Affairs.

MNA/Xinhua

DRIVE WITH CARE

SPORTS

Milan confirm Ronaldo bid

MILAN, 18 Jan— Milan have confirmed that they are in talks to sign Ronaldo from Real Madrid.

The Rossoneri's chief operating office Adriano Galliani confirmed that the reports about a bid for the Samba ace were true.

"There is this idea, I can't deny it," confirmed Galliani.

"We are now waiting to see what Real Madrid say."

Galliani revealed that Milan want to take Ronaldo for nothing, simply taking over his contract.



Ronaldo.

"The idea is really simple; it sees Ronaldo's definitive transfer to Milan and a contract for the player for a year-and-a-half, the same length he has left with the Spanish side," he said. "So the offer is to take the contract without the expense of signing him."—Internet

Williams cruise into third round at Australian Open

MELBOURNE, 18 Jan— American Serena Williams beat Anne Kremer of Luxembourg 7-6 (7-4), 6-2 to reach the third round of the Australian Open here on Wednesday.

The seven-time Grand Slam winner is set to have a testing match up against fifth seed Nadia Petrova of Russia.

The former Australian Open champion, who spent most of last year recovering from a knee injury, now ranked 81st but seemed ambitious to her next clash with Petrova.

"It's definitely a step

up, I feel excited to go into the match, I feel ready," Williams said.

But she may need more than excitement and a sense of readiness to get past Petrova.

"I'm still working on some things... I need to stay more focused," she said. Petrova made even easier progress into the third round, knocking out Argentina's Gisela Dulko 6-1, 6-2.

For the Russian, victory over Williams would be revenge for her fourth round loss in 2005 when the American went on to win the championship.

MNA/Xinhua

Kenya's Korir to run in Tokyo Marathon

TOKYO, 18 Jan— Sammy Korir of Kenya, world's second-fastest marathoner of all time, will feature in next month's Tokyo Marathon with other invited foreign runners, *Kyodo News* reported Wednesday.

Korir, 35, finished in two hours, four minutes and 56 seconds at the Berlin Marathon in 2003, just one second behind Paul Tergat who holds the world record.

Korir would be joined by Athens Olympic bronze medallist Vanderlei De Lima of Brazil and 2004 Tokyo winner Daniel Njenga of Kenya in the February 18 race.

Among famous Japanese runners to compete in the race are Shigeru Aburaya and Satoshi Irifune.

The marathon will take place on a new course running from the metropolitan government headquarters to the Tokyo Bay area.

MNA/Xinhua

Federer, Roddick, Safin into third round of Australian Open

MELBOURNE, 18 Jan — World No 1 and defending champion Roger Federer, sixth seed Andy Roddick and former world No 1 and 2005 champion Marat Safin advanced into the third round of the Australian Open men's singles tennis championship here on Wednesday.

Federer is chasing a third Australian Open crown following triumphs in 2004 as well as last year.

The Swiss did not encounter too much resistance from his opponent, Swedish veteran Jonas Bjorkman, before earning a comfortable victory of 6-2, 6-3, 6-2 in

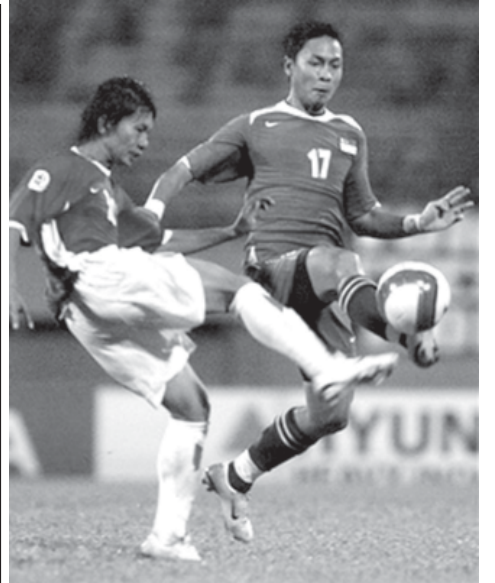
just one hour and 34 minutes.

"I think I was pretty much in control of the match today," Federer said after the match.

The nine-time Grand Slam winner will play Russia's 2006 US Open semifinalist Mikhail Youzhny on Friday for a place in the last 16.

Later Roddick downed young Frenchman Marc Gicquel 6-3, 7-6, 6-4 in an easier match than his opener on Monday when the former US Open champion had a much tough time before winning 6-7 (18-20), 7-6 (7-2), 6-3 and 6-3 over French wildcard Jo-Wilfried Tsonga.

MNA/Xinhua



Singapore's Mohd Sharil Bin Ishak (right) and Indonesia's Ismed Safyan go for the ball, on Wednesday, 17 Jan, 2007 in Singapore during the ASEAN Football Championships. The match ended with 2-2 score. —INTERNET

Tennessee's Chris Loftin (5) shoots over Auburn's Quan Prowell in the second half of a college basketball game in Auburn, Ala, on 17 Jan, 2007. Auburn won 83-80. INTERNET



Slovenian top basketball player sets to join Real Madrid

BELGRADE, 18 Jan— Slovenian top basketball player Marko Milic is expected to join Real Madrid of Spain, a club he had played for in the 2000/2001 season, said reports reaching here from the Slovenian capital Ljubljana. Milic's current club, Union Olimpija of Ljubljana, confirmed in Tuesday's statement that Milic had accepted an offer "by one of the biggest clubs in Europe for the rest of this season," reported the Slovenian news agency STA.

Milic, 29, ranks 19th among the best Euroleague performers this season with a 16.3 index rating average based on his 15.1 points, 6.9 rebounds and 2.5 assists per game for Union Olimpija.

Milic refused to confirm that he would indeed be moving to Madrid, but Slovenian media have in recent days been rife with rumours of Milic's move to Madrid. Union Olimpija has said that Milic would miss a key Euroleague game against Partizan of Belgrade on Wednesday.

Milic has captained the team in what has been a frustrating year for the cash-strapped club. In November, he led threats by the players to go on strike over unpaid salaries. Union Olimpija is 3-11 in the Euroleague, Europe's best club basketball competition, and has almost no chance of making the round of 16.

Milic, who in 1997 as an explosive talent helped steer Union Olimpija to its greatest success, a final four place in the Euroleague, has played for a host of European teams. He also had a brief stint in the NBA in 1998 and 1999 before returning to Europe.

MNA/Xinhua

Malaysian auto maker Proton to sponsor badminton worlds

KUALA LUMPUR, 18 Jan— Malaysia's state-run car maker Proton Tuesday agreed to give their continued support for the World Badminton Championships to be held in Malaysia this year.

Proton signed a pact at Shah Alam, capital of Malaysia's central state of Selangor, for sponsoring the championships which will be held at Putra Stadium in Bukit Jalil on August 13-19, according to the Badminton Association of Malaysia (BAM).

It will be first time in 20 years that the championships will be held in Asia, BAM said.

The logo of the championship was also launched at the signing ceremony. — MNA/Xinhua

Mauresmo a step closer to title defence at Australian Open

MELBOURNE, 18 Jan— Defending champion Amelie Mauresmo reached the third round of the Australian Open tennis championship with a 2-0 victory here on Wednesday. The second-seeded French woman beat Olga Poutchkova of Russia 6-2, 6-2, setting up a clash with Eva Birnerova of the Czech Republic.

Mauresmo won last year's Open when her opponent Justine Henin-Hardenne defaulted in the second set. Wednesday night's match saw Mauresmo dropped serve only once — in the third game of the second set, but she immediately broke back and denied Poutchkova another game. — MNA/Xinhua



Alona Bondarenko in action during her second round match against France's Virginie Razzano at the Australian Open tennis tournament in Melbourne, on Thursday, 18 Jan, 2007. Bondarenko won in straight sets 6-3 6-4.—INTERNET

US-UN relationship should not be at the expense of others

NEW YORK, 18 Jan — Stressing that complex issues facing the world cannot be resolved by any one country on its own, UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon has asserted that a constructive partnership between the United States and the world body cannot be, and should not be, advanced at the expense of others.

Everyone of the members has a right to be heard irrespective of the size of its population and pocketbook, he added in his address to the Centre for Strategic and International Studies in Washington on Tuesday. But simultaneously, he also emphasized the

importance of an "active and constructive" relationship between the United States and United Nations. Stating that partnership cannot flourish in a climate of fear and mistrust, Ban said with US actively and constructively engaged,

the potential of the UN is unlimited.

"And with UN's potential fulfilled, the US can better advance the aspirations for a peaceful, healthy and prosperous world."

Addressing the Centre after his first meeting as Secretary-General with American President George W Bush, Ban said complex global challenges is exactly the environment in which the UN should thrive because these are challenges that no country can resolve on its own.

But several developing countries would not like his comments on what is called "Responsibility to Protect" which means humanitarian interventions in situations of genocide or ethnic cleansing where a country is unable or unwilling to protect its own citizens.

Hailing the concept,

Ban said the member states had expressed their will to act collectively, through the Security Council, in cases where population is threatened with genocide, ethnic cleansing, or crime against humanity and national authorities fail to take appropriate action.

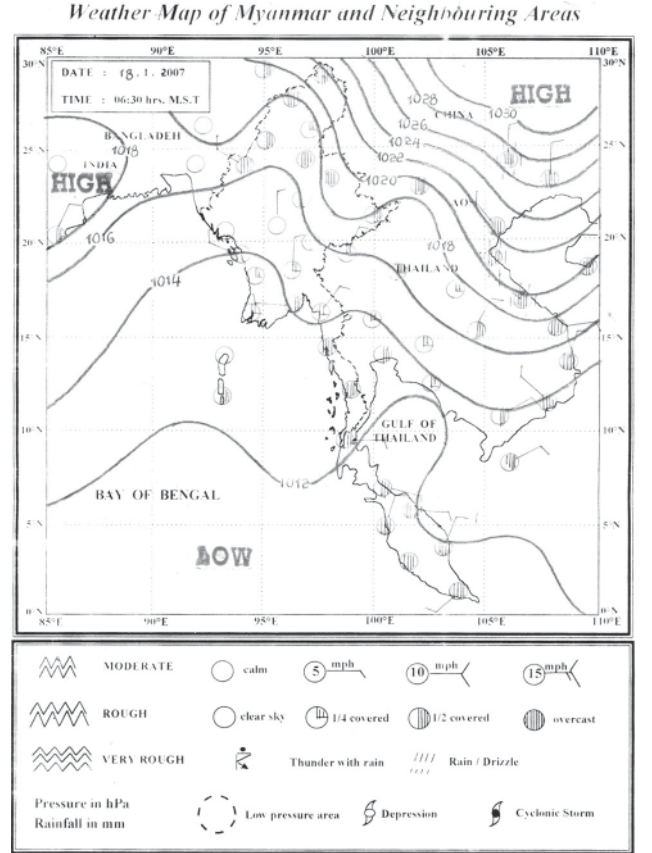
"The time has come to build consensus among Member States about how to operationalize that will," he added.

But several developing nations feel that the principle could be used by the major powers, who dominate the Security Council, to undermine their sovereignty.

MNA/PTI



Model Anita wears a creation part of the Autumn-Winter 2007-2008 fashion collection from Jean Paul, Berlin and Pilar Nicolas, Spain during a fashion show at the airport arcades Duesseldorf, western Germany, on Tuesday.
INTERNET



WEATHER

Thursday, 18 January, 2007

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, light rain have been isolated in Chin State and upper Sagaing Division and weather has been generally fair in the remaining areas. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below normal in Kachin, Shan and Chin States, (5°C) below normal in upper Sagaing Division and (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Mon State and Taninthayi Division and about normal in the remaining areas. The significant night temperatures were Haka (0°C), Putao and Namhsan (3°C) each, Mogok (4°C).

Maximum temperature on 17-1-2007 was 97°F. Minimum temperature on 18-1-2007 was 63°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 18-1-2007 was 70%. Total sunshine hours on 17-1-2007 was (8.5) hours approx.

Rainfalls on 18-1-2007 were (nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2007 were (nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from North at (08:30) hours MST on 18-1-2007.

Bay inference: Weather is partly cloudy in the Southwest and West Central Bay and generally fair in the Andaman Sea and elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 19-1-2007: Weather will be partly cloudy in Rakhine State and Taninthayi Division and generally fair in the remaining states and divisions.

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

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

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 19-1-2007: Fair weather.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 19-1-2007: Fair weather.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 19-1-2007: Fair weather.



Friday, 19 January
Tune in today

- 8:30 am** Brief news
- 8:35 am** Music:
-Say what you want
... Jexas
- 8:40 am** Perspectives
- 8:45 am** Music:
-Closing time
... Semisonic
- 8:50 am** National news/
Slogan
- 9:00 am** Music:
-Turn my head
... Live
- 9:05 am** International news
- 9:10 am** Music:
-A life less ordinary
... Ash
- 1:30 pm** News / Slogan
- 1:40 pm** Lunch time music:
-Stairway to haven
... Led Zeppelin
-Sleeping satellite ... Aha
- 9:00 pm** WOM
- 9:15 pm** Article
- 9:25 pm** Music at your request
-Pa Pa ... Paul Anka
- Too much haven
... Bee Gees
- 9:45 pm** News / Slogan
- 10:00 pm** PEL



Friday, 19 January
View on today

- 7:00 am**
1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Ottamathara
- 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. လှုပ်ရှားပုံပြင် စိတ်ပျော်ရွှင်
- 8:00 am**
6. The mirror images of the musical oldies
- 8:15 am**
7. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

- 8:30 am**
8. International news
- 8:45 am**
9. English for Everyday Use
- 4:00 pm**
1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm**
2. Song to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm**
3. Practice in Reading
- 4:40 pm**
4. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေးရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ တတိယနစ် (သချာအထူးပြု) (သချာ)
- 4:55 pm**
5. Dance of national races
- 5:10 pm**
6. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစကား
- 5:25 pm**
7. "အန္တရာယ်ဆိုတာ လက်တစ်ကမ်းမှာ" (စိုးသူ၊ နန်းကလျာလှိုင်၊ ကောင်းရှာန်သစ်၊ ကျော်မင်းနောင်၊ ယင်းမာ) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-စောစန္ဒာလှိုင်)

- 5:30 pm**
8. "ကုသမနေ့ တီဘီဘေး" (ရာဇာနေဝင်း၊ သုမောင်၊ ညီကျော်၊ မတူး) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ဝန်းချိုစိုးမိုး)
- 5:45 pm**
9. ကုလသမဂ္ဂကိုလှည့်အသုံးချပြီး မြန်မာနိုင်ငံကို ဒုက္ခပေးလိုသည့် အမေရိကန်၏ အားထုတ်မှု ရေစုန်ချော့သွားပြီ (အပိုင်း-၂)
- 6:00 pm**
10. Evening news
- 6:30 pm**
11. Weather report
- 6:35 pm**
12. သုတစုံလင်ရွှေညွှတ်ရှင်
- 7:05 pm**
13. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "အချစ်ဆိုသည်မှာ" (အပိုင်း-၁၅)
- 8:00 pm**
14. News
- 8:05 pm**
15. International news
- 8:10 pm**
16. Weather report
- 8:15 pm**
17. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "အကြင်နာနေ့ဦး" (အပိုင်း-၅)
- 8:20 pm**
18. The next day's programme

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MMCWA strongly condemns attempts of US and Britain to interfere in Myanmar's internal affairs

YANGON, 18 Jan — *The Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association today announced that it protested against the draft resolution submitted to the UNSC by the US and Britain to interfere in Myanmar's internal affairs.*

The full text of the declaration is as follows:-

1. The MMCWA strongly condemned slanderous one-sided acts of the US and Britain that submitted the draft resolution to the UNSC, with the attempts to interfere in Myanmar's internal affairs.
2. South Africa voted against the draft resolution co-sponsored by the US and Britain, and the People's Republic of China and the Russian Federation rejected it, casting double veto. Therefore, the MMCWA together with Myanmar people expressed special thanks to the People's Republic of China, the Russian Federation and South Africa that helped Myanmar of her objective conditions.
3. The MMCWA together with Myanmar people strongly condemns national traitors, expatriates, terrorists, insurgents and axe-handlers who broadcast false news on Myanmar to see that the US put Myanmar issue on the agenda of the UNSC.

Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association
MNA

Kachin State Special Region 1 denounces draft resolution

YANGON, 18 Jan — *Kachin State Special Region 1 New Democratic (Kachin) (NDAK) on 15 January proclaimed its stance concerning the submission of a draft resolution to the UNSC by the US and Britain to interfere in and manipulate Myanmar's internal affairs. NDAK also denounced the draft resolution.*

1. We have already protested against the proposal to put Myanmar issue on the UNSC agenda with the aims of interfering in her internal affairs. Like us, the People's Republic of China and the Russian Federation and the entire Myanmar have already objected it.
2. Despite the objections, the US and Britain submitted the draft resolution to the UNSC, with groundless reasons, to interfere in Myanmar's internal affairs. Their groundless reasons were the continued detention of political prisoners, suppression of minorities in eastern Myanmar, human rights violations, uncontrollable spread of HIV, TB and malaria, and failure to wipe out drugs production.
3. As the People's Republic of China, the Russian Federation and South Africa did not accept the reason which said that Myanmar's internal affairs had posed a threat to regional and international peace, they objected the draft resolution. Another three nations also abstained. It is the first double veto since

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Karenni Nationalities People's Liberation Front protests at US-Britain resolution

YANGON, 18 Jan—*The Karenni Nationalities People's Liberation Front (KNPLF) on 15 January issued a declaration in protest against the draft resolution co-sponsored by the US and Britain and decided at the United Nations Security Council.*

1. Since we Karenni Nationalities People's Liberation Front members returned to the legal fold, we have been carrying out tasks for restoration of peace and regional development and anti-drug campaigns hand in hand with the government. In addition, we wipe out terrorist acts, which harm regional security, in coordination and cooperation with local regiments.
2. We expressed our strong protest at the resolution the US initiated to the UNSC with the intention of interfering in the Myanmar's internal affairs. We learnt that the People's Republic of China and the Russian Federation vetoed the resolution proposed to the UNSC by the US and Britain.
3. The US and Britain have been constantly supporting the groups that are opposed to the ruling Myanmar government. They have expressed their support for Myanmar democracy movement. In addition, they are accusing the Myanmar

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US, Britain want Myanmar to become neo-colony, to install a puppet government in Myanmar

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 Myanmar. The Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayon issued on 15 January a declaration oppoing, objecting and condemning the resolution.*

Following is the full text of the declaration of Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayon.

1. The US and Britain submitted a draft resolution to put Myanmar issue on the UN Security Council agenda with the accusation of posing a threat to international peace and security. It is obvious that the US and Britain want Myanmar to become the neo-colony of them and want to install a puppet government in Myanmar.
2. Politicians from inside, those who betray the nation and expatriate insurgents welcome the unilateral act of the US and have done their movements in tune with the US. Therefore, we condemn the US, Britain, politicians from inside, those who betray the nation and expatriate insurgents.
3. The People's Republic of China and the Russian Federation cast double veto of the draft resolution proposed by the US and Britain saying the situation in Myanmar has posed threat to regional and international peace and security.

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MRDA strongly condemns US-Britain that sponsored draft resolution, expresses thanks to China, Russia, S Africa

YANGON, 17 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 Myanmar Rice Dealers' Association (MRTA) issued a declaration on 14 January and opposed, objected and condemned the resolution.*

The full text of the declaration is as follows:

In a bid to meddle in internal affairs of Myanmar, the then US's UN Ambassador on 1 September 2006 submitted a report to the UN Security Council calling for UN to put Myanmar issue on its agenda saying Myanmar poses a threat to international and regional security. On 15 September 2006, the council voted 10 for the move to bring Myanmar before UNSC.

The State and people strongly opposed the move. However, the US and Britain attempted to propose the draft resolution on Myanmar and internal and external destructive elements of Myanmar also supported the proposed-resolution.

We, Myanmar Rice Dealers' Association, strongly denounces internal and external

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MEODA thanks the People's Republic of China and the Russian Federation and South Africa for their protest against US draft resolution

YANGON, 18 Jan — *Myanmar Edible Oil Dealers' Association on 14 January announced that it protested against the draft resolution submitted to the United Nations Security Council by the US and Britain to interfere in Myanmar's internal Affairs.*

Its announcement is as follows:-

1. We of Myanmar Edible Oil Dealers' Association denounced the support of the draft resolution to put Myanmar issue on the UNSC by party politicians within the country, national traitors and expatriate insurgents. Submitting the draft resolution to the UNSC is unjust and baseless. Therefore, we condemn the actions harmful to stability of the State and community peace.
2. Like the State and the people, MEODA has denounced the attempts of the United States and Britain, and are very grateful to the People's Republic of China and the Russian Federation and South Africa for their protest against the draft resolution.

Myanmar Edible Oil Dealers' Association

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