

**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

## Senior General Than Shwe attends coord meeting between State Peace and Development Council, State/Division PDCs

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Jan — The third four-monthly coordination meeting for 2006 of the State Peace and Development Council and State/Division PDCs was held at the hall of the Ministry of Defence, here, at 8.45 am yesterday, with an address by Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe.

Also present at the meeting were Vice-Chair-

man of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann, Prime Minister General Soe Win, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein, members of the SPDC, the Commander-in-Chief (Navy), the Commander-in-Chief (Air), senior military officers of the Ministry of

Defence, commanders of military commands, ministers, the Chief Justice, the Attorney-General, the Auditor-General, the Chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board, the Yangon Mayor, deputy ministers, the Mandalay Mayor, chairmen of State/Division PDCs, the Director-General of the SPDC Office and officials.

Senior General Than Shwe delivered an opening address.

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*Senior General Than Shwe delivers address at third four-monthly coordination meeting for 2006 of State Peace and Development Council and State/Division PDCs.— MNA*

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

## PERSPECTIVES

Saturday, 20 January, 2007

### Further promoting cooperation among East Asian nations

The 12th ASEAN Summit, the Third Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar and Vietnam Summit, the ASEAN-China Summit, the ASEAN-Korea Summit, the ASEAN-India Summit, the ASEAN-Japan Summit, the ASEAN+3 Summit and the second East Asia Summit were held in Cebu, the Republic of the Philippines from 12 to 15 January. They were attended by the Heads of State/Government of ASEAN nations.

Prime Minister General Soe Win attended the second East Asia Summit on 15 January and signed the Cebu Declaration on East Asian Energy Security.

The second East Asia Summit was also attended by the Heads of State/Government of ASEAN, Australia, China, Japan, Korea and New Zealand. And the meeting touched on the establishment of an ASEAN Community by 2015, poverty reduction in the region, ensuring energy security and mutual cooperation among ASEAN nations in the education sector.

The Heads of State/Government exchanged views on control of infectious diseases including bird flu, prevention of disaster and relief measures, uplift of cooperation in the region and peace and stability of Korean Peninsula.

It is found that the GDP of East Asian countries rose about 5 per cent in 2006 and 10 ASEAN countries about 6 per cent.

Therefore, we firmly believe that all the East Asian countries will make concerted efforts for further promoting cooperation in economic, education, health and energy sectors of ASEAN nations including East Asian countries.



To mark the birthday of U Lwin Ko Oo and Maung Kaung Khant Lwin at No 980 on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road in Ward 8, Mayangon Township, the wellwishers donate K 100,000 to Hninzigon Home for the Aged through Joint Treasurer U Maung Maung Gyi of the Home. — H

## Peoples' Desire

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

### Secretariat member calls for stepping up welfare activities

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Jan — Secretariat member of Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung on 16 January met with USDA members and called for stepping up public welfare activities including rural development tasks.

At the meeting with executives, secretaries and organizers of township USDAs in Pyinmana District and Yemethin District at Ministry of Industry-1 here, executives and secretaries of township USDAs reported on regional development tasks carried out by USDA and future plans.

Executives, secretaries and members of Yamethin, Pyawbwe, Pyinmana, Tatkon, and Lewe Township USDAs attended the meeting. —MNA

### Minister inspects survey and exploration of limestone hill in Pyawbwe

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Jan — Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint and officials of Geological Survey and Mineral Exploration Department and No 3 Mining Enterprise arrived at Phaungtau Village in Pyawbwe Township on 14 January.

Deputy Director-General of GSMEDU Soe Thiha reported on exploration of the limestone hill and the volume of limestone for construction of cement plant.

The minister gave instructions on cooperation among the departments for construction of the cement plant. The minister also met members of the Union Solidarity and Development Association and villagers and explained stability and development in the country, rural development, cultivation of physic nut and power supply in rural areas to them.

The minister and party visited Phaungtau monastery, the site of exploration of lead and zinc and baryte powder factory in Thazi Township. —MNA

### Appointment of ambassador agreed on

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Jan — The Government of the Union of Myanmar has agreed to the appointment of Mr Kouily A Souphakhet as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Lao People's Democratic Republic to the Union of Myanmar.

Mr Kouily A Souphakhet was born on 5 June 1948. He obtained his Bachelor of Political Science Degree in Public Administration from the Institute of Law and Administration of the Srisavangvong University in Vientiane, Laos.

He entered the public service in 1975 as Labour Inspector at the Department of Labour, Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare and served until 1977 in various capacities.

From 1977 to 1987, he served as Director and up to the post of Deputy Director-General at the State Planning Committee. From 1987 to 1993, he served in various capacities at the Supreme People's Assembly, the Ministry of Commerce of Laos and the Mekong River Commission in Bangkok, Thailand. From 1993 to 1996, he was Deputy Director-General at the Secretariat of the Lao National Mekong Committee. Then he served as Deputy Director-General of the ASEAN Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs from 1996 to 2001. He was posted as Counsellor at the Embassy of the Lao People's Democratic Republic in Singapore from 2001 to 2003. He has been serving as Deputy Director-General at the ASEAN Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Lao People's Democratic Republic since 2003.

Mr Kouily A Souphakhet is married and has two sons and one daughter.

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### F&R Ministry holds work coordination meeting



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

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Jan — Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun stressed the need to lay down future tasks based on a difference between work progress and work carried out, adding that relevant departments are to take systematic measures effectively for successful realization of national objectives. He added that every department is to conduct research and training work to keep pace with changes and developments in order to enhance morale and capability of service personnel at the second day session of the work coordination meeting that took place at the

meeting hall of the ministry here this morning.

Heads of state and division Internal Revenue Departments reported on region-wise work plans and progress of work. After that, Governor of CBM U Kyaw Kyaw Maung explained work carried out and tasks to be taken as to banking and monetary matters.

Later, Deputy Minister Col Hla Thein Swe explained the requirements over the presentations of departments concerned. The meeting ended with the concluding remarks by the minister.

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# Bush calls his old Iraq policy “a slow failure”

WASHINGTON, 18 Jan— US President George W Bush described his old Iraq policy as “a slow failure”, which is his frankest admission ever that the previous strategy did not work, *The Washington Post* reported on Wednesday. The remarks came during an interview on Tuesday

with PBS, in which Bush detailed some of his decision-making regarding Iraq, according to the report. “I had a choice to make,” the President said. “Do what we’re doing—and one could define that (as) maybe a slow failure.”

“Secondly, withdraw out of Baghdad and hope for the

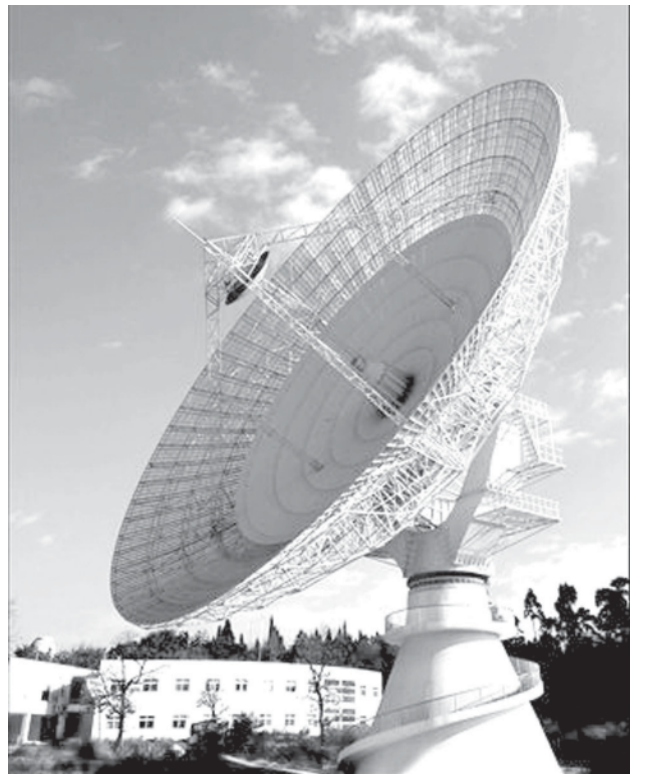
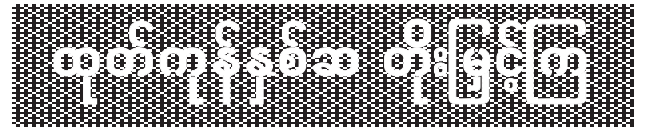
best. I think that would be expedited failure,” he said. “And thirdly is to help this Iraqi Government with additional forces — help them do what they need to do, which is to provide security in Baghdad,” Bush said. “I chose the latter because I think it’s going to more likely be successful,”

he added.

Bush also sharpened his criticism of the Iraqi Government over its handling of the execution of Saddam Hussein and security in Baghdad.

He said the US and Iraq governments share blame for the failure to stop sectarian violence from escalating after the February 2006 bombing of a Shiite shrine in Samarra. The interview was part of a White House campaign to sell the new Iraq policy in the face of intense skepticism from Congress and the American public.

MNA/Xinhua



The large radio telescope at Yunnan Observatory weighs approximately 400 tons and has a diameter of 40 metres, photo taken on 17 Jan, 2007. —XINHUA



Afternoon traffic drives past the Dubai, United Arab Emirates skyline with the Burj Dubai seen at centre, on 16 Jan, 2007. The missile-shaped skyscraper under construction reached its 100th story on Tuesday, nearly two-thirds of the way in its relentless climb to become the world’s tallest building by next year. —INTERNET

## Spanish judge reissues arrest order for three US soldiers

MADRID, 17 Jan — A Spanish court on Tuesday reissued an international arrest warrant for three US military staff involved in the killing of a Spanish journalist in Iraq in 2003.

Judge Santiago Pedraz, of the Spanish National High Court, signed the order for the arrests of Shawn Gibson, Philip Wolford and Philip de Camp for their involvement in the killing

of Jose Couso, a cameraman for Spain’s Telecinco television network.

Couso and *Reuters* cameraman Taras Protsyuk were killed on 8 April, 2003, when a US Army tank fired a shell at a hotel in Baghdad where several journalists were staying. Three other *Reuters* staff were seriously injured.

Pedraz first issued the arrest warrant in October 2005, but his efforts were

halted by a National Court ruling which stated that Spain had no jurisdiction to examine causes of death in the Iraq military conflict, or to try the three US soldiers.

MNA/Xinhua

## Kuwait urges end to interference in Iraq’s internal affairs

KUWAIT CITY, 17 Jan — Kuwait voiced hope on Tuesday that all countries would refrain from interfering in Iraq’s internal affairs.

At a joint Press conference with visiting US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, Sheikh Mohammad Sabah al-Salem al-Sabah said that all of Iraq’s neighbours had to work together for

peace and stability in Iraq, and it was “something we are all concerned about”.

He said he hopes that a new US strategy on Iraq would be a good means to stabilize the situation in Iraq and prevent the country from sliding into a civil war.

Asked about whether he thought there was no much time to prevent such a war, the minister said

that a meeting between Rice and some Arab foreign ministers in Kuwait was to avoid such a thing.

Rice told reporters that there would still be violence in Iraq, “even with the new security plan, the will and the capability of the Iraqi government, and reinforced US forces.”

MNA/Xinhua

## Belgian school evacuated after bomb hoax

BRUSSELS, 17 Jan— A Belgian school was evacuated after a bomb threat, which was later proven to be a teenage girl’s prank, the local media said on Tuesday.

The incident happened about a week after the pupils of the Marie Immaculee-Montjoie school in Anderlecht, a municipality of Brussels, ended their Christmas holiday, the *Expatica* news service reported.

Following a bomb threat call, local police evacuated the school, but found that the bomb threat was just a hoax.

The police soon identified a 15-year-old girl as a suspect, who admitted to have made the call.

“It was just for fun,” she was quoted by the *Expatica* as saying. However, the girl will pay heavily for her misplaced joke. She will have to stand in front of a youth tribunal and her parents will be liable to cover the costs incurred by her call. — MNA/Xinhua



Photo taken on 16 Jan, 2007 shows a model wearing the fur-lined coat at China International Exhibition Centre in Beijing, capital of China, on 16 Jan, 2007. The 33rd China Fur and Leather Products Fair opened here on Tuesday. —INTERNET

## Lithuanian envoy elected president of UN ECOSOC

UNITED NATIONS, 18 Jan—Dalius Cekuolis of Lithuania was elected president of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) on Wednesday at the UN Headquarters. The Lithuanian ambassador to the UN replaces Ali Hachani of Tunisia, the outgoing ECOSOC president for the past year. Speaking after his election, Cekuolis said development efforts of each country should be complemented by relevant global policies and programmes.

“The spirit of cooperation for achieving the developing goals is very well captured in the global partnership for development,” he said. “I believe that Economic and Social Council has an instrumental role in making this partnership work,” he added.

UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon echoed the newly-elected president by saying that the Council has a crucial role in facilitating effective implementation of development goals by member states. —MNA/Xinhua

## Shan State Nationalities People Liberation Organization declares any outside intervention is unacceptable

YANGON, 19 Jan — *Shan State Nationalities People Liberation Organization (Ya La La Pha)* on 16 January issued a declaration opposing the draft resolution submitted by the US and Britain to the UN Security Council, with an attempt to interfere in Myanmar's internal affairs.

The full text of the declaration is as follows:-

1. Due to submission of the US permanent representative to the UN, the decision was made on 15 September 2006 to put Myanmar issue on the UNSC agenda with the accusation of posing a threat to regional stability. On 25 September 2006, Shan State Nationalities People Liberation Organization (Ya La La Pha) had declared that the organization cannot accept the decision and denounces the attempt of the US to meddle in the internal affairs of Myanmar using the UN as a tool.
2. Like us, the entire Myanmar people had protested against the plan to discuss Myanmar issue at the UNSC.
3. While opposing them, the US together with Britain made false accusations against Myanmar of continuing the detention of political prisoners, waging war on minorities as human rights violation in the eastern part of

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## Myanmar Theatrical Association denounces US-Britain draft resolution

YANGON, 19 Jan — *Myanmar Theatrical Association* today issued a declaration opposing and condemning the draft resolution submitted by the US and Britain to the UNSC with the aim of interfering in Myanmar's internal affairs.

The declaration is as follows:-

The US and Britain submitted the draft resolution to the UNSC with the aim of interfering in Myanmar's internal affairs. At the voting held on 12 January 2007, the People's Republic of China and the Russian Federation vetoed the draft resolution and South Africa objected it. Indonesia, Congo and Qatar abstained.

The US in cooperation with Britain to indiscriminately use the noble fundamental principles and objectives of the UN. We believe that the act of the two countries amounts to threatening and insulting other small nations in addition to encroaching on the sovereignty of the nation concerned.

The UN, whose duty is to safeguard the member nations, has no power to interfere in the internal affairs of a country. Likewise, no power nor bloc has the right to manipulate the fine traditions and powers and privileges of the global body.

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## DKBA issues declaration condemning US, Britain-sponsored draft resolution

YANGON, 19 Jan — *Democratic Kayin Buddhist Association* issued a declaration condemning the draft resolution the US and Britain jointly submitted to the UN Security Council to interfere in Myanmar's internal affairs. The declaration is as follows:-

1. We strongly opposed the draft resolution the US and Britain submitted to the UNSC in order to interfere in Myanmar's internal affairs. But we are very grateful to the People's Republic of China and the Russian Federation for their double veto of the resolution.
2. With various excuses of the illegal detention of political inmates, violation of human rights, spread of HIV/AIDS, TB and malaria, narcotic problem and oppression of ethnic minorities, the US and Britain are levelling slanderous allegations against Myanmar. So, we strongly condemn their interference in our internal affairs.
3. It was a victory that the People's Republic of China and the Russian Federation vetoed the resolution containing a false accusation that Myanmar is a threat to international peace and security and that South Africa voted against it and three other countries abstained.
4. We believe that the issue of Myanmar should be addressed by its own nationals. We strongly oppose the outside interference and the internal affairs should be discussed only at the National Convention in accord with the seven-step Road Map of the State. — MNA

## Myanmar Pulses, Beans and Sesame Seeds Merchants Association issues declaration

YANGON, 19 Jan — *Myanmar Pulses, Beans and Sesame Seeds Merchants Association* on 15 January issued a declaration that protested against the draft resolution submitted by the US and Britain to the UN Security Council with the attempts to interfere in internal affairs of Myanmar.

The full text of the declaration is as follows:-

The Myanmar Pulses, Beans and Sesame Seeds Merchants Association and its member entrepreneurs were delighted that unrealistic one-sided acts of the US and Britain were abortive. Indeed, they attempted to meddle in the internal affairs of Myanmar by submitting a draft resolution to the UNSC meeting on 12 January to hold discussions on Myanmar issue.

The association strongly condemns internal and external elements that supported the slanderous accusation of the US government and its one-sided pressure put on Myanmar.

The association expressed special thanks to the People's Republic of China and the Russian Federation that vetoed the draft resolution and the Republic of South Africa that voted against for the resolution.

**Myanmar Pulses, Beans and Sesame Seeds Merchants Association**  
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## Shan State (North) Special Region-1 Administrative Committee denounces US draft resolution

YANGON, 19 Jan — *Shan State (North) Special Region-1 Administrative Committee* on 17 January issued an announcement as in protest at the submission of draft resolution to the United Nations Security Council co-sponsored by the US and Britain to interfere in Myanmar's internal affairs.

The draft resolution on Myanmar's affairs submitted by the US and Britain on 12 January 2007 could not be approved due to the protest against the draft resolution of the two member nations of the UNSC. Therefore, Shan State (North) Special Region-1 Administrative Committee are very thankful for the protest against the draft resolution of the People's Republic of China, the Russian Federation and South Africa.

Myanmar is a sovereign nation. Myanmar's affair is one that only Myanmar people should deal with. The seven-step Road Map laid down by the Myanmar Government is well under way. And we have had great faith in Our Three Main National Causes.

Myanmar's affairs will not pose a threat to regional and international peace and security. Submitting Myanmar's affairs to the UNSC by the US and Britain is irrational.

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## Myanmar Industry Association issues declaration condemning US, Britain-proposed draft resolution

YANGON, 19 Jan — *Myanmar Industry Association* on 14 January issued a declaration condemning the draft resolution the US and Britain jointly submitted to the UN Security Council to interfere in Myanmar's internal affairs. The declaration is as follows:-

1. In order to meddle in Myanmar's internal affairs, the US and Britain submitted a draft resolution to UNSC on 12 January and it was decided through voting. However, the People's Republic of China and the Russian Federation put a double veto on the resolution.
2. South Africa voted against the resolution while Indonesia and Congo and Qatar abstained and as a result, the US attempt was in vain.
3. The Chinese Ambassador and the Russian Ambassador to the UN said the US-sponsored draft resolution fell outside the purview of fundamental obligation of the UNSC. Neighbouring countries also clearly expressed that Myanmar is not a threat to regional peace and security.
4. We assume that the failed attempt of the US and Britain was indeed a victory of fairness and it raised the dignity of the UNSC.
5. Based on hegemony, the US has been applying slanderous accusations against Myanmar. Even before its last attempt, the US imposed economic sanctions against Myanmar. Consequently, the country had to shut down

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## Degree colleges upgraded into...

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national races reside. In the process, the Ministry of Education opened 21 universities in 21 special development regions and three degree colleges in the remaining three special development regions.

With those higher learning institutions, local national races were easily accessible to higher education, thereby contributing to development of human resources.

At present, the National Convention is in session for laying down fundamental principles to be included in the drawing of the State constitution. Upon completion of the NC, a new State constitution will emerge.

In accordance with the new State constitution, the national people will be able to engage in development tasks of their own regions.

Only when the education standard of national races is high will the regional development tasks be carried out effectively. This being so, the government is taking systematic measures for widening the scope of knowledge

of national races.

Hence, the three degree colleges in three special development regions were upgraded into universities on 20 January 2007.

The degree colleges upgraded under the Ministry of Education are as follows:

SN	Higher learning institutions	Upgraded higher institutions
1.	Bhamo Degree College	Bhamo University
2.	Lashio Degree College	Lashio University
3.	Kengtung Degree College	Kengtung University

Since the three degree colleges were upgraded into universities, all the degree colleges in the special development regions have turned out to be universities. More pre-graduate and post-graduate courses are being conducted at those higher learning institutions.

As arrangements are being made for conducting more courses and research work coupled with new teaching programmes at the universities, it will give rise to development of respective regions where the higher learning institutions are.

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## Myanmar Theatrical Association...

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In this regard, we strongly condemn the acts of the US and Britain to encroach on the sovereignty and undermine peace, stability and national security and unity of Myanmar, the axe-handles (so-called democracy activists) trying to cause instability in the nation through bombs and instigative acts to alarm the public, and national traitors from inside and outside the country who are constantly opposing the State for self-interest and the interest of their organizations and personality cult they are giving priority over national interest.

We extend special thanks to China and Russia for their veto, South Africa for casting a vote against the draft resolution and Indonesia, Congo and Qatar for their abstention.

**Myanmar Theatrical Association**  
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more than 160 garment factories including the backpack factory, leaving over 50,000 workers to be out of employment. Therefore, we strongly oppose the internal and external organizations that are levelling slanderous accusations.

- We express our sincerest thanks to all friendly nations, especially the Republic of China and Russian Federation for their double veto of the draft resolution to thwart the ill attempt of the countries holding hegemonic power. We support current developments prevailing in the country. MNA

## Shan State (North) Special...

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With the practice of hegemony, the US and Britain has interfered in other nations' affairs on the pretext of 'Human Rights and Democracy'. Their economic sanctions may breed serious harm to the interests of the people.

Therefore, we should remain vigilant to the wicked plots of the US and Britain.

**U Phon Kya Shin**  
Chairman  
Special Region-1 (Kokang) Administrative  
Committee  
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## Phayagon Special Peace Region...

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Union Congress held in 1995. Since yore, we have been opposing the colonialists and neo-colonialists.

The act of the US and allies to submit the draft resolution to the UNSC with unrealistic excuse was so ugly. The government laid down the seven-step Road Map for the emergence of a constitution, that is an essential requirement for the nation. The National Convention is so important to the degree of ensuring the nation's continued existence. The constitution will come into force after the successful realization of the Road Map. A peaceful stable and developed democratic state will also emerge. We firmly believe that the Road Map will achieve success.

We have issued the declaration of our own volition. We are not urged or ordered to do so by any person.

We thank the People's Republic of China, the Russian Federation and South Africa for objecting the draft resolution. We also honour Russia and China for standing by the truth in using the veto.

**Phado U Aung Hsan**  
Leader  
MNA

## Shan State Nationalities People...

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Myanmar, incapability of controlling the spread of TB and malaria and failure to eliminate the narcotic drug production and proposed a draft resolution to put Myanmar issue on the UNSC.

- The draft resolution on the Myanmar issue included only slanderous accusation of opposing a threat to regional and international peace and security. On 12 January 2007, the People's Republic of China and the Russian Federation cast the double veto against the resolution. The Republic of South Africa also voted against the resolution and three other members of the UNSC abstained.
- With an attempt to interfere in the internal affairs of Myanmar, unrealistic one-sided acts of the US and Britain were abortive. It was the victory not only of the entire Myanmar people who value and cherish truth, but also of the people of international community.
- In addition, the organization's wholehearted thanks go to the People's Republic of China and the Russian Federation that were considerate towards Myanmar.
- The Myanmar issue should be solved by Myanmar nationals. Any outside intervention is unacceptable. The SNPLO will continue to take part in the implementation of the State's seven-step Road Map, and we, SNPLO, firmly believe that discussions and solving the problems at the ongoing National Convention is the most suitable way.

**Khun Chit Maung**

**Chairman**  
**Shan State Nationalities People Liberation Organization**  
(Ya La La  
Pha-SNPLO)  
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## Myanmar Music Asiayon condemns...

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- Before the resolution was put to vote, a meeting was held at the UNSC on 12 January. Ambassador of the People's Republic of China Mr Wang Guangya said, "The Myanmar issue was mainly an internal affairs of a sovereign State. The present domestic situation in Myanmar did not pose a threat to international or regional peace and security. There was no need for the Council to get involved or to take action on the issue of Myanmar". Ambassador of the Russian Federation Mr Vitaly Churkin said, "Attempts aimed at using the Security Council to discuss issues outside its purview are unacceptable". South African Ambassador to the US Dumisani S Kumalo said, "The ASEAN ministers meeting in the Philippines reaffirmed that Myanmar was not a threat to international peace and security. For those reasons, South Africa could not vote in favour of the draft resolution". The US-Britain resolution won the favour of nine Security Council members, whereas China and Russia, two permanent members, and South Africa voted against it. China and Russia cast double veto of the resolution.
- The Myanmar Music Asiayon protests against and denounces the attempt of the US and Britain to interfere in the internal affairs of Myanmar as well as axe-handles at home and abroad.
- The Myanmar Music Asiayon expresses heartfelt thanks to China and Russia for their veto to turn down the resolution and to South Africa for its vote against.

**(U Maung Maung Latt)**  
**Myanmar Music Asiayon**  
MNA

## Senior General Than Shwe attends coord meeting between State Peace and Development Council, State/Division PDCs

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The Chairmen of Peace and Development Councils from Kachin, Kayah, Kayin and Chin

States, Sagaing, Taninthayi, Bago, Magway and Mandalay Divisions, Mon and Rakhine States, Yangon



**Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein.** — MNA



**Prime Minister General Soe Win.**  
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Division, Shan (South), (North) and (East) States and Ayeyawady Division reported on regional development

matters of their respective States and Divisions. Next, the Minister for Agriculture and



**Vice-Senior General Maung Aye.** — MNA

Irrigation, the Minister for Construction, and the Minister for Energy submitted reports on carrying out of their tasks.

State. Vice-Senior General Maung Aye gave necessary instructions.

Prime Minister General Soe Win and Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presented reports on undertakings in development of the

Later, the coordination meeting ended with the concluding remarks by Senior General Than Shwe.

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**Commander Maj-Gen Tha Aye.**  
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**Commander Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win.**  
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**Commander Brig-Gen Thet Naing Win.**  
MNA



**Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo.**  
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**Magway Division Peace and Development Council Chairman Col Phone Maw Shwe.** — MNA



**Kayah State Peace and Development Council Chairman Col Nyunt Tin.** — MNA

# Government technological and...

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The following is the list of technological institutions under the Ministry of Science and Technology upgraded from colleges to universities on 20 January 2007.

Sr.	present institutions	upgraded institutions
1.	Government Technological College (Myitkyina)	Technological University (Myitkyina)
2.	Government Technological College (Bhamo)	Technological University (Bhamo)
3.	Government Technological College (Mandalay)	Technological University (Mandalay)
4.	Government Technological College (Kyaukse)	Technological University (Kyaukse)
5.	Government Technological College (Meiktila)	Technological University (Meiktila)
6.	Government Technological College (Lashio)	Technological University (Lashio)
7.	Government Technological College (Taunggyi)	Technological University (Taunggyi)
8.	Government Technological College (Kengtung)	Technological University (Kengtung)
9.	Government Technological College (Panglong)	Technological University (Panglong)
10.	Government Technological College (Loikaw)	Technological University (Loikaw)
11.	Government Technological College (Toungoo)	Technological University (Toungoo)
12.	Government Technological College (Monywa)	Technological University (Monywa)
13.	Government Technological College (Pakokku)	Technological University (Pakokku)
14.	Government Technological College (Kalay)	Technological University (Kalay)
15.	Government Technological College (Magway)	Technological University (Magway)
16.	Government Technological College (Sittway)	Technological University (Sittway)
17.	Government Technological College (Hinthada)	Technological University (Hinthada)
18.	Government Technological College (Pathein)	Technological University (Pathein)
19.	Government Technological College (Maubin)	Technological University (Maubin)
20.	Government Technological College (Hmawby)	Technological University (Hmawby)
21.	Government Technological College (Thanlyin)	Technological University (Thanlyin)
22.	Government Technological College (Hpa-an)	Technological University (Hpa-an)
23.	Government Technological College (Mawlamyine)	Technological University (Mawlamyine)
24.	Government Technological College (Dawei)	Technological University (Dawei)
25.	Government Technological College (Myeik)	Technological University (Myeik)
26.	Government Computer College (Myitkyina)	University of Computer Studies (Myitkyina)
27.	Government Computer College (Bhamo)	University of Computer Studies (Bhamo)
28.	Government Computer College (Mandalay)	University of Computer Studies (Mandalay)
29.	Government Computer College (Meiktila)	University of Computer Studies (Meiktila)
30.	Government Computer College (Lashio)	University of Computer Studies (Lashio)
31.	Government Computer College (Taunggyi)	University of Computer Studies (Taunggyi)
32.	Government Computer College (Kengtung)	University of Computer Studies (Kengtung)
33.	Government Computer College (Panglong)	University of Computer Studies (Panglong)
34.	Government Computer College (Loikaw)	University of Computer Studies (Loikaw)
35.	Government Computer College (Toungoo)	University of Computer Studies (Toungoo)
36.	Government Computer College (Monywa)	University of Computer Studies (Monywa)
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38.	Government Computer College (Kalay)	University of Computer Studies (Kalay)
39.	Government Computer College (Magway)	University of Computer Studies (Magway)
40.	Government Computer College (Pyay)	University of Computer Studies (Pyay)
41.	Government Computer College (Hinthada)	University of Computer Studies (Hinthada)
42.	Government Computer College (Pathein)	University of Computer Studies (Pathein)
43.	Government Computer College (Maubin)	University of Computer Studies (Maubin)
44.	Government Computer College (Sittway)	University of Computer Studies (Sittway)
45.	Government Computer College (Yangon)	University of Computer Studies (Yangon)
46.	Government Computer College (Hpa-an)	University of Computer Studies (Hpa-an)
47.	Government Computer College (Mawlamyine)	University of Computer Studies (Mawlamyine)
48.	Government Computer College (Dawei)	University of Computer Studies (Dawei)
49.	Government Computer College (Myeik)	University of Computer Studies (Myeik)
50.	Government Technical Institute (Mohnyin)	Government Technological College (Mohnyin)
51.	Government Technical Institute (Shwebo)	Government Technological College (Shwebo)
52.	Government Technical Institute (Sagaing)	Government Technological College (Sagaing)
53.	Government Technical Institute (Myingyan)	Government Technological College (Myingyan)

The Government is upgrading education institutions with the aims of ensuring equitable development of education sector to have easy access to learning education in the regions of national brethren and raising the number of intellectuals and intelligentsia. Therefore, regional development tasks can be speeded up with the strength of the local intellectuals and intelligentsia.

As a result, the development gap will be narrowed in all parts of the nation. Likewise, progress being made in all States and Divisions at the same time can contribute towards gearing up development of the entire nation. — MNA

# Instigation-free and sincere humanitarian endeavours are being carried out in Myanmar with total freedom

*Maung Lae La*

The US and Britain jointly submitted a draft resolution to the UNSC on 11 January this year with the aim of interfering in Myanmar's internal affairs. The NLD inside the nation issued a special announcement stating that the party welcomed and supported the draft resolution. Expatriates who are national traitors and terrorist insurgents heartily welcomed it in accord with their master's wish.

In reality, the internal affairs of Myanmar will pose a threat to regional and international peace in no way. The basic cause of the draft resolution is the US and its stooges' — internal and external saboteurs — inability to interfere in Myanmar's internal affairs at will.

Myanmar too has hardships and problems that are usual in all developing countries. However, they are not serious to the degree of endangering regional and international peace. In reality, the conspiracies are the ploys of the US government and expatriates, terrorist insurgents and the NLD inside the country to enslave Myanmar.

The current changing developments in the national political situation of Myanmar have destroyed their plot to subjugate Myanmar and keep her as a new colonialist minion after installing a puppet government. Applying wicked means, the US and its allies have been hatching evil ploys to interfere in Myanmar's internal affairs, using UNSC as a tool to save their plot to subjugate our nation.

As the right and the wrong, justice and injustice, the dhamma and the adhamma or straightforwardness and wickedness are quite different from each other, the People's Republic of China and the Russian Federation vetoed the draft resolution submitted by the US and Britain on 12 January. In other words, China and Russia

showed their firm support for the national developments of Myanmar people.

The draft resolution is totally contrast to Myanmar's objective conditions. The draft resolution includes a demand saying that Myanmar should allow humanitarian organizations to carry out their task without any limitation. The demand ignored Myanmar's humanitarian endeavours.

As a developing nation, Myanmar always opens her door to international assistance with no strings attached. In addition, any international assistance should be free from harming peace, stability, security and progress of Myanmar. All assistance should come from the peoples of global countries who provide with sincere goodwill.

Myanmar is a UN member, and it has been implementing humanitarian endeavours in cooperation with UNICEF, UNDP, UNESCO, ILO and ICRC. Myanmar has permitted those bodies to open branches in it.

The Myanmar government has already vowed to realize the millennium development goal. One of the objectives of the goal calls for combating HIV/AIDS, malaria and other infectious diseases. Myanmar has launched the national health plan to materialize the objective. It is also receiving help from UN bodies and 3D Fund. Generally, the HIV/AIDS infection rate is decreasing. Malaria cases and deaths due to the disease is also declining. Moreover, anti-TB campaign is also achieving success.

According to AIDS Epidemic Update (December 2006) jointly published by WHO and UNAIDS, HIV/AIDS infection rate is declining in Myanmar. HIV infection rate among the expectant mothers at present is 1.3 per cent, down from 2.2 per cent in 2000. The VD occurrence rate in 2005 was 4 per cent, down from 8 percent

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in 2001.

In 1988, 9348 TB patients were found and 7478 of them were cured. In 2005, the nation successfully cured 90,799 TB patients out of 107,991. The per 1000 malaria infection rates were 24.5 in 1988-99, 14 in 2002-2003, 11 in 2004-2005, and 9.3 in 2005-2006; and per 100,000 deaths caused by the disease were 10.4 in 1988-99, 4.7 in 2002-2003, 3.65 in 2004-2005, and 3.1 in 2005-2006. Malaria broke out as an epidemic in Myanmar for 12 times in the recent past.

Thanks to the preventive measures, malaria epidemic broke out only once during the period from 2002 to 2005.

The decline in disease infection rates, and the improvements in disease prevention and treatment are the results of cooperation between the government and the people and the independent efforts of UN agencies and NGOs in carrying out their tasks.

Once, Global Fund offered Myanmar to provide US \$ 98.4 million during five years to extend prevention and treatment of the three major diseases — AIDS, TB and malaria. Global Fund withdrew its aid plan on 18 August 2005 due to political instigation of internal and external anti-government groups. It in reality was the act of destructionists from inside and outside the nation to bar humanitarian aids from reaching the people. The Myanmar government did not impose any restrictions or limitations on the aid plan.

But the withdrawal has adverse effects on the people and also amounted to opposing the values and principles of the UN millennial declaration.

*(See page 9)*

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In truth, the UN agencies and UN special representatives enjoy privileges and immunities in accord with the conventions such as the 1946 Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations and The 1947 United Nations Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies.

However, the conventions only stipulate the privileges and immunities of UN agencies and specialized agencies to carry out their task in a nation. Myanmar's situation may be different from others in certain areas and cases. As there are remnant insurgents in Myanmar, security arrangement is required in visiting some of the areas of the nation. Hence, the authorities permit the UN agencies to do their work in those areas only after they have made security arrangements. It is required to inform the respective organizations two weeks in advance to make adequate security arrangements.

Myanmar took security measures as it was responsible for security of responsible persons and organizations from abroad that come to Myanmar to serve the interests of the nation. It will be irresponsible to consider such a security programme to be a restriction and a person who considers so must be the one who is narrow-minded. Some international organizations worked and toured in accordance with the itineraries they had proposed, but some toured several other regions and carried out work programmes that were not stated in the proposed list.

A senior official of a UN agency to Myanmar in May 2004 drew itineraries in coordination with the ministry concerned to make a tour of the northern part of Myanmar. The ministry concerned made the arrangements in advance for him to go to all the regions he wished. However, he held a meeting with a certain organization that was not included in the proposed programmes. They were the ones that knew best for what purpose they met.

In addition, a representative of a UN agency who had completed his tour of duty in Myanmar met with a minister before his departure for home in December 2005. At the meeting, the representative said that international NGOs did not know nor coordinate with one another in implementing the projects

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in a border area, so their performances in the interests of local people were not effective.

He made a suggestion that the government make arrangements for ensuring cooperation and coordination between the international NGOs working in the border areas.

In response to the suggestion, the Head of State gave guidance, saying that when the UN agencies in Myanmar, international organizations and INGOs and NGOs cooperated with Myanmar, the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development was to take necessary measures for cooperation of the organizations, and the ministries concerned were to take responsibilities for the projects.

Therefore, Myanmar reviewed the functions of the UN agencies in Myanmar, international organizations and INGOs and NGOs. In February 2006, the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development published a book of work guidelines to achieve the goal. Actually, the book is not a barrier to humanitarian tasks, but just a guide designed to ensure the government's systematic coordination of the services and to expedite social, economic and humanitarian tasks in the nation.

For the social and economic improvement, now 14 UN agencies are implementing 55 projects; 44 INGOs, 56 projects; nine international organizations, 15 projects; and two NGOs, two projects in the nation. The Myanmar government's cooperation with these organizations in the 128 projects implies that humanitarian tasks are carried out freely in Myanmar.

However, a UN agency submitted a report on the right to be bestowed on the UN agencies and organizations to make a trip without restrictions to the project areas based on the work guideline in carrying out humanitarian tasks. In reality, the government has never restricted responsible

persons of the UN agencies from carrying out the projects. It always cooperates with them for successful completion of the projects.

Humanitarian tasks should not be launched overnight. In this regard, what is important is to ensure effective implementation and successful completion of the projects. In the nation, cooperation work is carried out in order through preparations. Sometimes, permission cannot be granted immediately due to the region's prevailing situation related to security. Such case should not be considered to be a restriction. In this regard, it is required to take into consideration the difference between the culture, customs and traditions of Myanmar and those of western countries. Making accusations and comments with negative view whenever things are not the way one wishes is opposed to the principles on humanitarian tasks.

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So, that is a testament to the fact that the government is cooperating with UN agencies in the projects. Myanmar is wholeheartedly welcome to all forms of humanitarian tasks to be carried out in accordance with the principles of the UN Charter for the development of the social and economic sector.

However, Myanmar and its people will never accept such kinds of acts associated with instigation that can harm the sovereignty of the nation and national solidarity.

In conclusion, I would say by studying the above-mentioned facts, one can notice that Myanmar does not restrict any forms of humanitarian tasks to be carried out with goodwill, and fully cooperates with the organizations, and humanitarian tasks are being implemented freely and without instigation in the nation.

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# Comparison and study of slanders of the US and Britain against Myanmar and the nation's objective conditions-4

*A Reader*

The US and Britain levelled slanderous accusations against Myanmar to pass the draft resolution at the UNSC in order to interfere in her internal affairs. If one assesses the nation's true situation and objective conditions, it will dawn that their slanderous allegations are totally wrong.

The draft resolution America and Britain jointly submitted to the UN Security Council on 11 January 2007 included false accusations against Myanmar.

The readers have learned that to refute their slanderous allegations, the State, the people and the Tatmadaw have been joining hands in solving the

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problems of narcotics, human trafficking, avian flu and HIV/AIDS. Thanks to the cooperation of internal social organizations, UN organizations and INGOs, the country has achieved success in solving such problems.

Now again, regarding the slander demanding Myanmar to fully cooperate with ILO in eliminating forced labour, I present the following points in order that the readers can study Myanmar's objective conditions, true events and its international cooperation.

Sr	Slanders of the US and Britain	Myanmar's objective conditions
4.	Full cooperation of Myanmar with ILO in eliminating forced labour	<p><b>The issue of forced labour</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Under colonial rule during the period of over 100 years, Myanmar workers were oppressed and exploited by the colonialists.</li> <li>* The British colonialist government practiced forced labour against Myanmar nationals under Village Act (1907) and Town Act (1907).</li> <li>* After regaining independence, Myanmar became a member of ILO on 18-5-1948.</li> <li>* Myanmar is following 19 provisions included in the conventions of ILO.</li> <li>* Provision No 29 regarding forced labour was adopted in March 1955.</li> <li>* The law on protecting workers' rights was enacted in 1964.</li> <li>* The Tatmadaw enlisted the people to crush internal armed insurgencies during the period from 1955 to 1990. At that time, ILO made no objection to Myanmar concerning the provision No 29.</li> <li>* In the late 1990s, there were no longer major military operations and public mobilization as peace was made with 17 major national race armed groups and 18 small armed groups.</li> <li>* Since 1988, the US successive governments have been resorting to various ways to interfere in Myanmar's internal affairs for their own strategic interest.</li> <li>* The US persuaded and used exile groups and armed insurgents rising against the Tatmadaw government as its stooges.</li> <li>* It also persuaded its allies and international organizations under its dominance to put pressure on Myanmar, dissuade them from investing and keep their distance and freeze all forms of aid.</li> <li>* At the 87th ILO Conference held in June 1999, the American President in his speech announced that pressure would be accelerated regarding the issue of Myanmar. (That signalled the ILO to press Myanmar.)</li> <li>* The American citizen, John Osolink, of Asian American Free Labour Institute based in the other country made Maung Maung (a) Pyithit Nyunt Wai, who absconded from the country after committing a crime at Myanma Gems Corporation, formed FTUB.</li> <li>* Since 1989 when he was in other country as an expatriate, Pyithit Nyunt Wai committed terrorist acts repeatedly in collusion with Danyata insurgent group and bomber Than Lwin.</li> <li>* FTUB is spearheading the scheme of NCUB formed with insurgents to incite unrest and commit destructive acts in the country.</li> <li>* The State declared FTUB and its related groups and persons unlawful organization and terrorists on 28-8-2005.</li> <li>* According to ILO's Constitution, it is stated that only a government, an employer and representatives of workers can attend the ILO Conference. However, expatriate Pyithit Nyunt Wai was permitted to attend the ILO meetings.</li> <li>* With the assistance of influential ICFTU under ILO, FTUB trained hardcores in the country to get wrong information from opposing groups that there were cases of forced labour in Myanmar and sent fabricated news to ILO.</li> <li>* Recognizing the false news, ILO formed an inquiry commission and asked it to submit false news and slanderous accusations from the border regions.</li> <li>* ILO demanded that Myanmar was to respect and follow three recommendations included in the commission's report.</li> <li>* In cooperation with ILO, the Ministry of Home Affairs issued order No (1/99) and supplementary orders regarding the forced labour and distributed copies down to village-tracts.</li> <li>* Systematic measures are being taken to eliminate forced labour in the country after the formation of the committee for implementation of ILO Provision No 29.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>(See page 11)</i></p>

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Sr	Slanders of the US and Britain	Myanmar's objective conditions
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Field Observation Teams-FOT were set up, and they made trips to States and Divisions to inspect cases of forced labour and hold educative talks. (On some tours, the liaison officer of ILO joined the teams.)</li> <li>* After investigating 50 cases of forced labour submitted by the ILO liaison officer, action was taken against military and civilian persons under the existing laws if the cases were correct.</li> <li>* From year 2000 to date, the government received the Team Cooperation Mission of ILO four times, the High Level Team once, the very high level team (vHLT) once, and ILO Mission four times.</li> <li>* In line with the decision of the ILO on Myanmar and suggestion of HLT, the government permitted to open the office of ILO liaison officer, and is joining hands with it to eliminate forced labour up to date.</li> <li>* With regard to eradication of forced labour, HLT suggested that it was necessary to assist the economic development plans of Myanmar, and that international community should hold positive attitude towards Myanmar. However, ILO is not yet to provide assistance to Myanmar till today.</li> <li>* On the other hand, ILO one-sidedly requests beyond the permission of the local laws for taking action against those who made false complaints about forced labour.</li> <li>* While bringing about the market oriented economic system for ensuring development of social-economic life of the people, the government is encouraging enhancement of private sector.</li> <li>* Nowadays, the number of workers has reached 34.7 million in the entire nation. The list includes over 22.3 million of farm workers, over 4.8 million of industrial workers and over 7.5 million of service workers. Job opportunities rose over two times more than that of 1988.</li> <li>* At the ILO Conference held in June 2003, the ILO Director-General requested that "arrangements are to be made for releasing Daw Suu Kyi and her followers" regardless of the worker affairs of Myanmar, putting political pressure on the government.</li> <li>* Due to the request of Daw Suu Kyu and her followers, the US imposed trade sanction against Myanmar. Therefore, over 160 factories in Yangon Division were closed down, and 40 factories cut their employees.</li> <li>* In consequence, over 80,000 Myanmar workers became jobless, and over 400,000 members of families fell into hardship. However, ILO turned a blind eye to difficulty of the workers.</li> <li>* ILO is carrying out its tasks with one-sided attitude, paying serious attention to the complaints of a handful anti-government persons that the people are put under forced labour in Myanmar.</li> </ul>

(By studying facts and figures, one will clearly see that the slanderous accusations of the US and Britain as to the forced labour issue in Myanmar are totally groundless. More false accusations of the US and Britain will also be stated.)

Translation: ST+TTA

Myanma Alin, Kyemon: 19-1-2007

## Energy Minister receives guests

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Jan — Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi received a delegation led by Deputy General Director of Zarubezhneft Joint Stock Co of Russia Dr Victor S Gorshenev and Ambassador of the Russian Federation Mr Mikhail Mgeladze yesterday.

At the meeting, they cordially

discussed matters related to energy sector.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Than Htay, Deputy Director-General of Energy Planning Department U Soe Aung and Managing Director of Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise U Myint Kyi. — MNA



Energy Minister Brig-Gen Lun Thi receives Russian Ambassador Mr Mikhail Mgeladze and Dr Victor S Gorshenev of Zarubezhneft Joint-stock Co of Russia. — MNA

## MDA to hold 27th Conference, 8th education meeting

YANGON, 19 Jan — Myanmar Dental Association invited its members to participate in the 27th Conference of MDA and the 8th FDI-MDA Joint Educational Meeting to be held from 24 to 27 January at Traders Hotel here.

Interested dentists may enrol for the meetings at the hotel on 22-13 January and the opening ceremony will be held on 8.30 am on 24 January.

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*Don't  
smoke*

## True friend

- \* When you chance upon  
The kind of difficulty that crop up  
Person who lends a hand and help  
Is the kind of true friend that counts.
- \* Together in weal or woe  
Won't change stance, but is straight  
Doesn't change mind, but remains  
staunch  
Then is an avowed friend.
- \* Not good person, with ill will  
Don't go between such villains  
Won't do just because others did  
That's the kind who should  
Together hold banner high.
- \* There's traitorous tiger  
Grizzly bear, likewise sly fox  
But good friends aren't rare  
In this world, are good friends  
Like-minded, and considerate too.

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**China, Canada sign science, technology cooperation agreement**

BEIJING, 18 Jan — China and Canada signed a Science and Technology Cooperation Agreement here on Tuesday to boost research and development collaboration between the two countries.

Xu Guanhua, China's Minister of Science and Technology, said at the signing ceremony that China will constantly increase input on international scientific and technological cooperation during the 11th Five-Year Plan period (2006-2010) and encourage Chinese scientists to actively participate in equal and mutually beneficial multilateral and bilateral cooperation programmes.

It was announced at the signing ceremony that China's Ministry of Science and Technology and Canada's Ministry of International Trade will establish a joint fund to support scientific and technological innovation and industrial cooperation conducted under the agreement.

Canada's Minister of International Trade David Emerson said Canada will provide 5.25 million Canadian dollars for implementation of the cooperation agreement.

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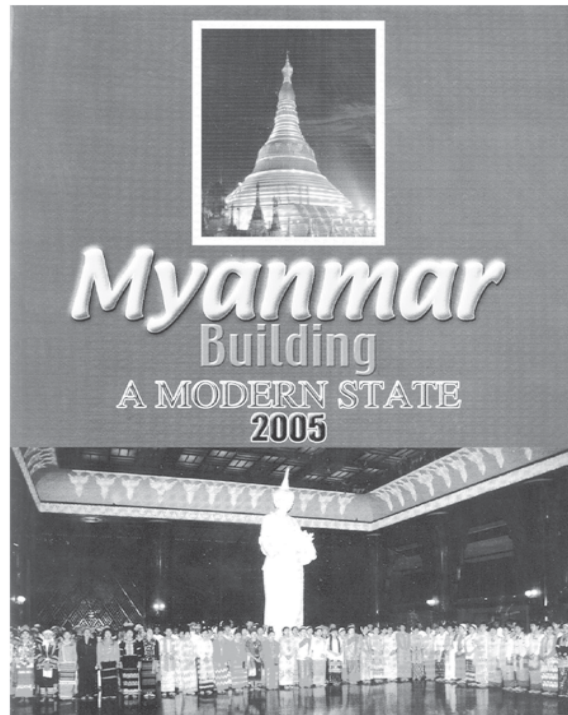
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**French population stands at 63.4 m**

PARIS, 18 Jan— Metropolitan France and overseas territories had a combined population of 63.4 million people on 1 January, around 400,000 more than a year earlier, probably making France Europe's No 1 country in terms of population, the national statistics office Insee revealed on Tuesday.

On 1 January, the population of metropolitan France and French overseas departments was approximately 63.4 million people and the number of "births increased rapidly in 2006, hitting the highest level since 1981", that is 830,900, according to the National Institute for Statistics and Economic Studies (Insee).

The fertility indicator stood at two children per woman in 2006, "the highest level in 30 years", says Insee. — MNA/Xinhua



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**15 killed, 33 wounded in car bomb blast in eastern Baghdad**

BAGHDAD, 18 Jan— A car bomb went off near a restaurant in Baghdad's Sadr City neighbourhood on Wednesday afternoon, killing 15 people and wounding 33 others, an Interior Ministry source said. "A car bomb parking near the Hali Restaurant in Sadr City neighbourhood detonated at around 4:00 pm (1300 GMT)," the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

"We have 15 people killed and 33 others wounded in the blast, which also damaged the restaurant and nearby buildings," the source said.

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**Vietnam's infant e-commerce on the move**

HANOI, 18 Jan— Vietnam's e-commerce, though still in infancy, has been thriving in recent years with three bright spots twinkling in 2006, a local trade official said here Wednesday.

The three prominent features included "the fair popularity of the country's e-commerce, the rapid development of business-to-business (B2B) transactions, and the strong provision of online public services", Nguyen Thanh

Hung, director of the e-Commerce Department under the Trade Ministry, said at the two-day Vietnam e-Business Forum starting on Wednesday.

Besides publicizing business opportunities, B2B e-marketplaces offered new assistance tools such as online auctions and tenders, e-news bulletins, and information search. e-marketplace developers had clearer business strategies and stronger investment in both technology and

business, including software, server, network, manpower, pro-motion and consultation, he said.

By the end of 2006, Vietnam housed some 30 B2B e-marketplaces, most of which handle various products and services, not specializing in trading single goods or groups of products or services. It also had some 80 business-to-consumer (B2C) e-marketplaces, and a number of consumer-to-consumer (C2C) ones.

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Assembly lines stand idle at the Hyundai Motor factory in Ulsan, southeast of Seoul, on 17 Jan, 2007. Hyundai Motor workers went on a six-hour strike on Wednesday to protest the company's decision to slash a year-end bonus.—INTERNET

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## Singapore welcomes Malaysia's proposals to build high-speed rail

SINGAPORE, 18 Jan— Singapore welcomed Malaysia's proposals to build a bullet train rail between the city-state and Kuala Lumpur, Transport Minister Raymond Lim said here Tuesday.

"We are open to all proposals that may benefit both countries. I look forward to receiving their proposal so that we can study it and see how best to proceed," Lim responded to queries from reporters

at Changi Airport's annual reception.

However, Singapore has yet to hear the Malaysian Government on this so far, according to a Channel NewsAsia report.

The 2.3-billion-US-dollar high-speed rail project, backed by Malaysian Transport Minister Chan Kong Choy on Monday, will cut the seven-hour journey between Kuala Lumpur and Singapore to just 90 minutes, according to the report.

MNA/Xinhua

## 1,000-year-old shipwreck to be raised in China

BEIJING, 18 Jan — China plans to salvage a ship that sank more than a thousand years ago in the South China Sea.

Song Jiahui, director of the salvage department for the Ministry of Communications, told a news conference the ship will be lifted from the sea as a whole. Song says it would be the MOC's largest salvage operation.

The sunken ship, named the *South China Sea-I*, dates back to the Northern Song Dynasty (960-1127 AD). It was discovered in 1986 and divers have been exploring the wreck since then.

The salvage operation will be launched in the first half of this year by the city of Guangzhou's salvage bureau.

A ship capable of hoisting 4,000 tons will be used to lift the wreck.

However, Song neither explained how the ship has remained intact after a millennium underwater nor provided the ship's general location, how much water it is under or how large it is.

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## Chinese TV show assistant smashes 2,500-year-old bronze mirror

BEIJING, 18 Jan— A Chinese television show audience watched dum-



A participant shows her painting at a stress control lecture in Beijing, on 17 Jan 2007. The professor requires every participant to paint freely and tell a story according to the drawing to release their mental tension. —XINHUA

bstruck as a presenter's assistant accidentally smashed a 2,500-year-

old bronze mirror. The mirror, dating back to the Warring States Period (475-221 BC), was being held up for display on a China Central Television programme, when it fell from its wooden casket. The programme, shot on 14 January, was to select "ten most valuable treasures" from China's private collections.

The accident left the audience and crew silent and stunned until experts rushed on to the stage to pick up the pieces.

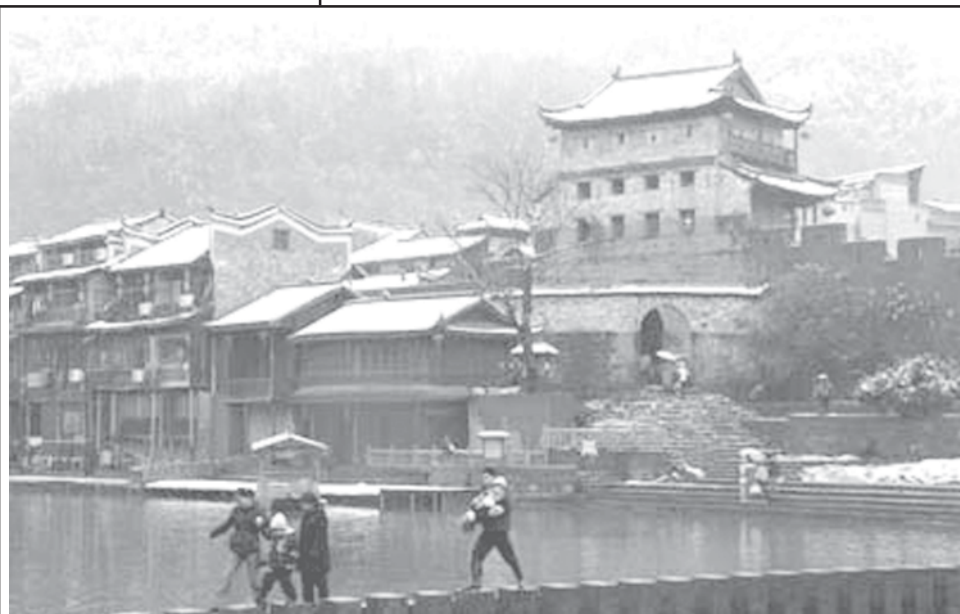
The mirror's owner, renowned antique

collector Chen Fengjiu, said the CD-sized mirror was the only one of its kind and other collectors had offered one million US dollars to buy it.

The programme's producer has promised to invite leading antique experts to repair the brittle mirror, but there have been no published offers of compensation.

Experts said the mirror, which was gilded and inlaid with 11 turquoise stones, demonstrated the craft-smanship of the Warring States Period and was of great value.

MNA/Xinhua



Tourists visit Fenghuang as the ancient town in south China's Hunan Province is covered with snow. Fenghuang, which means "Phoenix" in Chinese, is a well-preserved town of historical and cultural significance.—INTERNET

## Thailand to attract foreign filmmakers with less red-tape

BANGKOK, 18 Jan— Thai Cabinet on Tuesday agreed to set up a one-stop service centre to speed up the processing of applications from foreign studios that wanted to shoot movies in Thailand, *Thai News Agency* reported Wednesday.

Natepreeya Chumchaiyo, assistant government spokesperson, said that the plan would help promote Thailand as an attractive international filming location.

The Ministry of Tourism and Sports, which made the proposal, feared that Thailand is losing out to nearby countries Malaysia and Vietnam as bureaucratic red tapes discourage foreign filmmakers.

Currently, filmmakers have to go through a lengthy process to be issued a shooting permit. Requests for shooting a feature film in Thailand, for instance, have to be submitted to Thailand Film Office at least 14 days before production.

Natepreeya said the one-stop service centre would

speed up the process, which promises to issue permits within 24 hours for eligible applications.

However, she maintained that authorities would continue to monitor the film contents and shooting practices to ensure respect to Thailand's cultural sensitivity and fragile natural environment.

Hollywood hit *The Beach*, shot in 2000 and starring Leonardo DiCaprio, has drew complaints from environmentalists that a beach in a southern Thai national park featured in the film was damaged.

A Thai Supreme Court ruling in late November ordered the US studio 20th Century Fox and its Thai representative to take responsibilities. The defendants denied the charges.

MNA/Xinhua



Tourists watch a herd of seven wild elephants at the Wild Elephant Ravine in a forest park in Xishuangbanna Dai Autonomous Prefecture, southwest China's Yunnan Province on 17 Jan 2006.—XINHUA

# SPORTS

## Mourinho happy to commit

Jose Mourinho has every intention of seeing out the remainder of his contract, providing the club are willing to offer him their full backing.

While the past two seasons have seen Chelsea dominant over the rest of the Premiership, in collecting a pair of titles, this term they trail Manchester United amidst frequent reports of unrest.

Reports of Mourinho's possible departure in the summer have occupied plenty of column inches in the past few weeks but on Thursday, chief executive Peter Kenyon came out to issue a denial of any discord, instead insisting that the club continue to back their manager unequivocally.

On hearing news of Kenyon's public backing, Mourinho was eager to also pledge his commitment to Chelsea - providing his chief executive's words rang true.

"That's good, I like to hear that," Mourinho told Sky Sports News.

"It is important for a manager to know and to feel that a club wants him, likes him and supports



Jose Mourinho.

INTERNET

him.

"To be supportive is not just to give you money to go out and buy players. Support is much more than that. I would say the money is the last part of the support you need.

"If the club is supportive of me, it is supportive of my team. It is very important.

"I don't change my mind in relation to the love I have for Chelsea, the love I have for the Premiership and the love I have for a footballing country, because I do love it.

"The family is happy here. The kids are in a moment of their lives where change year after year, I don't think is good for them. —Internet

## Eight men go on trial in failed matchfixing case

FRANKFURT, 19 Jan — A man accused of being the ringleader of a gang that allegedly bribed players and a coach in bungled attempts to fix matches in Austria went on trial with seven others in a German court on Thursday.

William Lim, a 45-year-old Malaysian-born Briton, is charged with leading a betting ring that paid bribes in a bid to sway the outcome of games in Austria's First Division and German lower divisions between mid-2005 and March 2006.

To laughter in the courtroom, prosecutors described how the gang lost over 700,000 euros (906,900 dollars) in one match-fixing attempt and 125,000 euros (161,900 dollars) in another.

Lim is on trial with four other men accused of aiding him in the scam and three players at lower division German clubs.

All the defendants declined to plead to the charges in court on Thursday.

State prosecutors in the Frankfurt regional court said that in early 2006 one of the group travelled to Austria where he met Michael Petrovic, then the coach of First Division team Sturm Graz, and player Bojan Filipovic.

They agreed, said prosecutors, to influence the outcome of a match against Austria Vienna so that Sturm Graz would lose the game by at least two goals.

MNA/Reuters

## Real dumped out of Kings Cup by struggling Betis

MADRID, 19 Jan— Real Madrid were dumped out of the King's Cup by Primera Liga strugglers Real Betis on the away goals rule after they were held to a 1-1 draw at the Bernabeu on Thursday.

The shock defeat in the last-16 tie came at the end of a turbulent week in which Real president Ramon Calderon got himself into trouble for criticizing the players and coach Fabio Capello came under fire for his selection policy.

Despite the defeat Capello said: "I think we played very well, but we just had no luck and that's football. I'm very happy."

Real looked to have the tie well under control when Robinho gave them the lead after five minutes when his deflected shot found its way into the net.

The visitors turned the tie on its head eight minutes before the break when Dani equalized by heading in at the far post.

Real pushed forward at every opportunity in the second half, but without the out-of-favour David Beckham, Ronaldo and Antonio Cassano they lacked the firepower up front.

Real have not won the Cup since 1993, but the knockout competition was seen by many as the club's best opportunity of breaking their four-year trophy drought.

Betis, who won the Cup in 2005, join Barcelona, Sevilla, Osasuna, Deportivo Coruna, Real Zaragoza, Getafe and Second Division Valladolid in the hat for Friday's draw.

MNA/Reuters

## Wenger hopeful over van Persie

LONDON, 19 Jan— Arsenal have insisted that Robin van Persie could be fit for Sunday's Premiership clash with Manchester United.

The Gunners meet United at Emirates Stadium in the second part of Sky Sports' Grand Slam weekend - as Chelsea face Liverpool on Saturday - both of which are live on Sky Sports 1.

"At the moment we think it is a very short-term problem," said Wenger.



Robin Van Persie.

INTERNET

"He is going for a scan and after that we will know more about it. He still has a very good chance of being available for Sunday."

Internet

## Lyon midfielder Diarra sidelined for up to 2 months

LYON (France), 19 Jan— Olympique Lyon's France midfielder Alou Diarra will be out of action for up to two months with a thigh injury, the club said on Thursday.

Diarra was replaced five minutes from the end of Lyon's 1-0 victory over Le Mans in the League Cup semifinal at Gerland Stadium on Wednesday.

Medical tests showed Diarra had torn a muscle in his right thigh and he could be sidelined for up to two months, the French champions said on their official website. —MNA/Reuters

## Dutchman makes United return

Manchester United have confirmed the return of Rene Meulensteen to the club.

After five highly successful years at Old Trafford, the Dutch coach departed to take charge of Brondby in Denmark.

However, things did

not work out as expected and he left earlier this month.

Sir Alex Ferguson has wasted little time in resigning Meulensteen - who takes up the role of technical skills development coach.

"We are delighted to have Rene rejoining us," Ferguson told the club's website.

"He had an unfortunate spell at Brondby, but he was a fantastic coach for us for five years.

"I am glad he will continue to develop the technical ability of all footballers at the club."



Rene Meulensteen.

INTERNET

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## Murray looks on bright side of life

MELBOURNE, 19 Jan — Losing in the first round of the Australian Open last year is the best thing that could have happened - according to Andy Murray.

The Scottish teenager sulked out of Melbourne Park 12 months ago after he effectively blamed his defeat to Juan Ignacio Chela on the British media in a tirade during the post match conference.

Instead of dissecting what went wrong with his own game, he felt weighed down by the level of expectation placed on his bony shoulders.

A year on, Murray will get a sense of deja vu as faces the same Argentine opponent across the net, albeit in the third round at Melbourne Park.

Luckily for Murray, not only

has he developed broader shoulders but also a firm belief in his abilities.

"I definitely look on the bright side of life a lot more," Murray said after beating Spaniard Fernando Verdasco 7-6, 7-5, 6-4.

"Compared with last year, I'm definitely having more fun on court."

His new outlook on life also has a lot to do with where Murray stands in world tennis compared with this time last year.

When he faced Chela in 2006, the Argentine was ranked 51st and 11 spots above the Briton.

Fast forward to 2007 and Murray has rocketed to 16th while Chela hovers at a more modest 33. —MNA/Reuters



Serena Williams of the US falls during her third round match against Russia's Nadia Petrova at the Australian Open tennis tournament in Melbourne, on 19 Jan, 2007. —INTERNET

# Osaka Gas urges Indonesia to decide over future LNG supplies

JAKARTA, 19 Jan — Indonesia's liquefied natural gas (LNG) Osaka Japanese major buyer of



A boy carries garlands of flowers for sale in the Bangladeshi capital Dhaka 16 January, 2007.

REUTERS

Gas Co has urged the government to make a final say about supply contract extension by the end of the year, local Press reported Thursday.

Osaka is among 11 Japanese gas buyers which buy over 12 million tons of LNG a year from Indonesia, who recently announced to either reduce supply or discontinue the contracts expiring in 2010.

The company was confused by the recent negotiations with Indonesia's state-run oil and gas firm Pertamina as no firm decisions have been made over the last few years, reported leading economic daily *Bisnis Indonesia*.

"Japanese buyers no longer understand who the real decision maker is,"

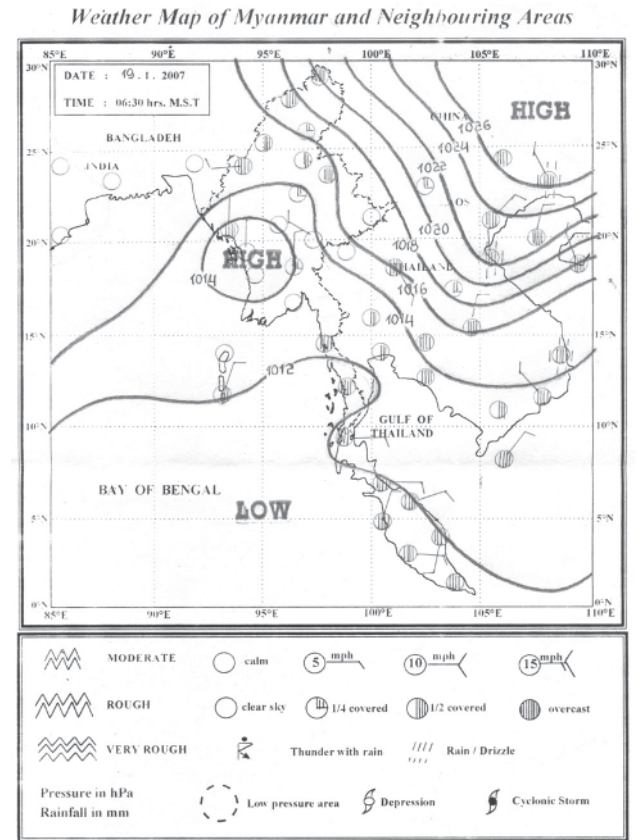
Ryu Nishida, general manager of energy resources business unit with Osaka, was quoted as saying.

Ryu, who visited Jakarta to attend a gas industry exhibition Wednesday, criticized Indonesia for "taking a very long time to coordinate interests" among the central government, the regional government, Pertamina and domestic gas industries.

The gas delivered to Japan is produced in the East Kalimantan town of Bontang.

He said Indonesia should have concluded the future of LNG supply contract with Japanese buyers by the end of the year.

MNA/Xinhua



## WEATHER

Friday, 19 January, 2007

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, weather has been generally fair in the whole country. Night temperatures were (6°C) below normal in upper Sagaing Division, (3°C) to (4°C) below normal in Kachin, Shan, Chin and Kayin States and Mandalay 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), Namhsan (1°C) and Heho (3°C).

Maximum temperature on 18-1-2007 was 96°F. Minimum temperature on 19-1-2007 was 64°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 19-1-2007 was 74%. Total sunshine hours on 18-1-2007 was (8.5) hours approx.

Rainfalls on 19-1-2007 were (nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2007 were (nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from Northwest at (15:30) hours MST on 18-1-2007.

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

**Forecast valid until evening of 20-1-2007:** Weather will be partly cloudy in Kachin, Chin and Rakhine States, upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions and generally fair in the remaining areas.

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

**Outlook for subsequent two days:** Generally fair weather in the whole country.

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 20-1-2007:** Fair weather.

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 20-1-2007:** Fair weather.

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 20-1-2007:** Fine weather.

**Weather outlook for last weekend of January 2006:** During the coming weekend, weather will be generally fair in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon and Mandalay Divisions.



Saturday, 20 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. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:00 am
- 6. ပုလင်းရေလှောင်တံခံ
- 8:10 am
- 7. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:15 am
- 8. Musical programme
- 8:30 am
- 9. International news
- 8:45 am
- 10. Grammar made easy
- 11:00 am
- 1. Martial song
- 11:15 am
- 2. Musical programme

- 11:30 am
- 3. News
- 11:40 am
- 4. Games for children
- 12:05 pm
- 5. Round up of the week's TV local news
- 12:50 pm
- 6. ကြားမြင်သူတပြည့်ဝစေရာ စာပဒေသာ
- 1:00 pm
- 7. "ရင်ထဲမှာသာတဲ့လ" (ဆက်မော်၊ ခင်မောင်ချင်း၊ နှင်းဝတ်ရည်သောင်း၊ ဒေါ်ရိုက်တာ-ခင်မောင်ချင်း၊ ပုလဲရောင်မိမိနီ)
- 1:30 pm
- 8. စိမ်းလန်းစိုပြည် အပူပိုင်း ဒေသနယ်မြေ (မကျေးတိုင်း)
- 1:45 pm
- 9. Musical programme
- 2:00 pm
- 10. Dance of national races
- 2:25 pm
- 11. ကလေးများအတွက်ပိုင်းဝန်းလို့ ဝက်သက်ရောဂါ တိုက်ဖျက်ဖို့
- 2:30 pm
- 12. "မမြင်ကွယ်ရာ" (မောင်မောင်မြင့်၊ မောင်မောင်မျိုးသန့်၊ မတူး) (ဒေါ်ရိုက်တာ-စိုးဟိန်း) (မန်းတက္ကသိုလ်)
- 2:45 pm
- 13. International news
- 4:00 pm
- 1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm
- 2. Song to uphold National Spirit

- 4:30 pm
- 3. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ ပထမနှစ် (မြန်မာစာအလေးပြု) (မြန်မာစာ)
- 4:40 pm
- 4. မြူးမြူးကြွကြွ ယဉ်ကျေးမှုအက
- 4:50 pm
- 5. Musical programme
- 5:05 pm
- 6. Games for children
- 5:25 pm
- 7. ရသပေါ်လွင် သရုပ်ဆောင် လွင်ပြင်
- 5:50 pm
- 8. အရှိန်အဟုန်မြင့်ရမည့် စက်မှုလယ်ယာကူးပြောင်းရေး
- 6:00 pm
- 9. Evening news
- 6:30 pm
- 10. Weather report
- 6:35 pm
- 11. အလှူရှာမယ် လှူကမ္ဘာဝယ်
- 6:55 pm
- 12. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ကြယ်ကြွေရင်ခုန်သံ" (အပိုင်း-၁၃)
- 7:45 pm
- 13. နိုင်ငံစီးပွား အလေးထား ကျေးလက်ထုတ်ကုန်များ (မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာ လက်မှုအနုပညာ စဉ်ထည်လုပ်ငန်း) (နွယ်ငြိမ်းရွာ)
- 8:00 pm
- 14. News
- 15. International news
- 16. Weather report
- 17. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "လှပသောနေ့ရက်များ" (အပိုင်း-၁၇)
- 18. The next day's programme



Saturday, 20 January  
Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music: -Sweet kisses
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music: -I'll be there for you
- 8:50 am National news/Slogan
- 9:00 am Music: -Susones
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music: -Because you love me
- 1:30 pm News / Slogan
- 1:40 pm Music at your request/Lunch time music
- 9:00 pm Asean news
- 9:10 pm Article
- 9:20 pm Myanma culture Dr Khin Maung Nyunt
- 9:30 pm Souvenirs -Quando quando quando ... E Humperdink
- 9:45 pm News / Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL

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## Government technological and computer colleges upgraded into technological and computer universities for equal learning opportunity and human resource development

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Jan—Higher education standards and development of human resources play a pivotal role in building a modern and developed nation.

Before 1988, there were 32 universities and colleges across the nation for higher education standards and development of human resources. Of the 32, there was only technological university in Yangon and there were no computer university and computer college.

There was a restricted number of students accepted for learning with an insignificant number of universities and colleges.

Those residing in some major cities including Yangon and Mandalay were able to attend university and college as a large majority of those higher learning institutions were there. But those from the states and

divisions were difficult of access to higher education. Hence, the number of engineers and computer scientists in the states and divisions was insignificant.

In the time of the Tatmadaw Government, programmes for highly qualified human resource development and regional human resource development had been laid down and were implemented.

In this regard, the 24 special development regions were designated in the states and divisions to bring about equal learning opportunity. One university, one technological college and one computer college each were opened in every special development region along with a 200-bed hospital each.

With those higher learning institutions, local national races were able to pursue higher

education, thereby contributing much to development of human resources.

As the National Convention is being held in accordance with the seven-step Road Map, a new State constitution will soon emerge. In line with the new State constitution, the entire national races will be able to carry out development tasks of their own regions. To carry out regional development tasks effectively, there requires the significant number of engineers and computer scientists in those regions.

Therefore, the government technological colleges in 24 special development regions will be upgraded into technological universities while the government computer colleges will be upgraded into computer universities on 20 January 2007.

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## Degree colleges upgraded into universities to bring about equal learning opportunity for national races and ensure development of human resources

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Jan—Out of the investments for national development, investment in the education sector is the best. Therefore, the government spent a large amount of funds on the education sector for higher education standards and the development of human resources.

Before 1988, there were 32 universities and colleges across the nation.

In the time of the Tatmadaw government, the national education promotion and the human resource development plans had been laid down and were implemented in the process of building of a modern and devel-

oped nation through education.

Regarding that, the 24 special development regions were set up throughout the nation for bringing about equal learning opportunity and development of human resources in respective regions where various

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### Phayagon Special Peace Region condemns US draft resolution

YANGON 19 Jan —*The Phayagon Special Peace Region in Hpa-an Township, Kayin State, issued a declaration on 16 January condemning the draft resolution submitted by the US and Britain to the UNSC in order to interfere in Myanmar's internal affairs.*

*The declaration is as follows:—*

We have studied all the rightist (capitalist), leftist (socialist), and neutral (non-aligned) policies. In other words, we have studied the political ideologies. We lived in the jungles and followed the armed struggle line for over 30 years. Our group of the KNU has returned to the motherland's embrace and made peace with the government. We have never betrayed our party organization. We have acted in accord with the resolution of the Kayin National

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### Myanmar Music Asiayon condemns US-Britain resolution

YANGON, 19 Jan—*The Myanmar Music Asiayon on 15 January issued a declaration in protest at the draft resolution the US and Britain co-sponsored to the United Nations Security Council with the intention of interfering in the internal affairs of Myanmar.*

*The full context of the declaration is as follows:—*

1. On 1 September 2006, US Ambassador to the UN John Bolton put lopsided pressure to put Myanmar issue on the UN Security Council agenda, criticizing that the situation in Myanmar was a threat to regional and international peace and security.
2. On 15 September 2006, the resolution was adopted by 10 votes to four with one abstention, and passed to put it on the UNSC agenda under the name of "Situation in Myanmar".

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