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Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

Chinese delegation visits Mandalay, Yangon

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Jan — The visiting goodwill delegation led by Mr Li Tieying, Vice-Chairman of Standing Committee of National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China, visited Mandalay and Yangon yesterday and today.

Mr Li Tieying and delegation were welcomed at Mandalay International Airport by Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw, Chairman of Mandalay City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han and officials concerned.

During the tour of Mandalay, they visited Maha Muni Buddha Image, Maha Lawka Marazein Pagoda and Mandalay Hill yesterday. They also visited Myanansankyaw Golden Palace in Mandalay this morning.

The delegation arrived at Yangon this morning, and Secretary-General of Union Solidarity and Development Association U Htay Oo, CEC Member of USDA U Maung Pa and officials welcomed them at Yangon International Airport.

In the afternoon, Mr Li Tieying and party visited Myanmar Gems Museum and Shwedagon Pagoda. — MNA



Mr Li Tieying, Vice-Chairman of Standing Committee of National People's Congress of PRC pours water on a Buddha Image on Mandalay Hill. — MNA

NAM opposes US-Britain submission of draft resolution to UNSC to interfere in Myanmar's internal affairs

The government and the people of Myanmar express thanks to the just measure of the NAM

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Jan — Non-Aligned Movement sent a letter to the UNSC objecting to the US and Britain's joint acts to submit a draft resolution to the UNSC on 12 January this year to adopt it at the UN body through voting.

Beginning 1988, the US government has been putting lopsided pressures on Myanmar with the intention of interfering in Myanmar's internal affairs. In 2006, the US government began its campaign to put Myanmar affairs on the UNSC agenda, with slanderous reasons and accusations, saying that the Myanmar affairs posed a threat to regional and international peace and security.

However, the international community did not accept the US perpetration to put Myanmar affairs

on the UNSC agenda, with various false accusations. The international community also opposed and objected it.

Likewise, the NAM said that it was against the Article 24 of the UN Charter to put the issue of its member state, that did not constitute a threat to international peace and security, on the UNSC agenda formally or informally. NAM has already sent a letter to the UNSC president on 10 July 2006 opposing and objecting to the pressures applied by a powerful UNSC member to put the Myanmar affairs on the UN agenda.

Despite the international objections and oppositions, the matter was passed through voting at the UNSC on 15 September this year under the heading "Situation in Myanmar". NAM Summit, held in Cuba

on 17 September, expressed concern over the act of putting Myanmar affairs on the UNSC agenda as it exceeded the limit of the functions and powers of the UNSC, declaring that NAM rejected all attempts at regime change in Myanmar.

However there were objections and oppositions from NAM and other nations, the US and Britain submitted a draft resolution in connection with Myanmar at the UNSC on 12 January this year to adopt it at the UN body. NAM filed another protest and objection against the draft resolution.

The NAM Bureau Coordination meeting after seeking the opinions of the member states sent a letter of objection to the UNSC president on 19 January.

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

PERSPECTIVES

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MWAF: A vital force serving national interest

Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation representing the entire Myanmar women was formed on 20 December 2003. Now there are over three million members. The MWAF is a social organization that leads the entire women to participate in development of Myanmar women sector and life security as well as in national development tasks.

Members of women's affairs organizations are taking part in efforts for enrollment of school-going age children, implementation of inclusive education programmes, control of HIV/AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis and health care services and educative activities in cooperation with local and international organizations.

Moreover, WAOs disburse micro credits to women for improving their living standard, provide assistance for employment and conduct vocational training courses.

The WAOs hold talks on prevention of violence against women and trafficking in persons for women's life security. Besides, it holds educative talks on laws protecting women and runs counselling programmes.

MWAF formed with the lofty aims is now participating in various sectors in accord with the principles covering national affairs, national races, social and women's affairs.

It is believed that those who work at the different levels of MWAF will continue to carry out tasks on development of the women sector and improving their standard of living while making efforts to become an organization that serves the interest of the nation under the leadership of MWAF.

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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

Minister receives Country Director of WFP

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Jan—Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt received Country Director Mr Christopher Kaye of The World Food Programme (WFP) at his office yesterday.

The discussions between the two sides focused on emergency food aid to farmers who had abandoned poppy cultivation.

Also present on the occasion were Deputy Minister Col Tin Ngwe, the directors-general and officials. —MNA



Minister Col Thein Nyunt receives Mr Christopher Kaye of Country Director of WFP.—PBANRD

Deputy Foreign Minister back from Cambodia

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Jan — At the invitation of Mr Long Visalo, Secretary of State of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Kingdom of Cambodia, a Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint visited Cambodia from 17 to 20 January.

On 18 January, the delegation members paid a courtesy call on President of the Cambodian Senate Samdech Chea Sim at the Senate House in Phnom Penh and later paid homage to Samdech Prech Aggamahasangharajadhipati Tep Vong.

Next, the delegation led by the deputy minister met Mr Long Visalo, Secretary of State of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Kingdom of Cambodia and discussed matters on further enhancement of bilateral relations and cooperation between the two countries.

The delegation also paid a courtesy call on Mr Hor Namhong, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation.

On the same day, Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Minister U Maung Myint paid a courtesy call on Samdech Hun Sen, Prime Minister of Royal Gov-



Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint calls on Cambodian Prime Minister Samdech Hun Sen.—MFA

ernment of the Kingdom of Cambodia.

The delegation arrived back here on 21 January. MNA

Application of Geo-Informatics for Conservation and Management course concludes

YANGON, 23 Jan— The closing ceremony of the Training Course on Application of Geo-Informatics for Conservation and Management jointly organized by Forest Department under the Ministry of Forestry and the International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD) was held at the Taw Win Convention Hall of Forest Department in West Gyogon, Insein Township, here, on 19 January.

Present on the occasion were Pro-Rector of the University of Forestry, officials and resource persons from ICIMOD, and trainees.

First, Mr Sushil Pradhan, GIS Specialist and the Training Coordinator of ICIMOD presented brief

account on the course. Next, trainees made a group-wise presentation on their works. Afterwards, Mr Basanta Shrestha, Division Head of Mountain Environment and Natural Resources Information Systems (MENRIS), gave some remarks about the course.

Director-General of ICIMOD Dr Gabriel Campbell awarded course completion certificates to trainees and made concluding remarks. Pro-Rector of University of Forestry U Khin Maung Zaw presented gifts to officials of ICIMOD.

A total of 20 trainees attended the two-week course. MNA

Iranian President slams US policy in Mideast

TEHERAN, 23 Jan— Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad on Monday denounced US policies of “hegemonic powers” in the Mideast, terming it as “wrong and defeated”, Iranian local *Fars* news agency reported.

Ahmadinejad made the remarks in his meeting with visiting Syrian Communication Minister Amir Nasir Salim, according to a statement released by the presidential office.

Weakening of Iraq’s

popular government, establishment of the “imposed Zionist regime”, enmity with Iran and Syria and interference in Lebanese affairs are examples of the mentioned wrong policies, said the President.

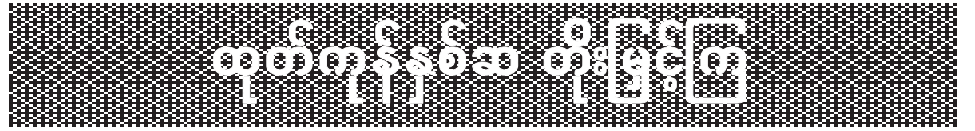
Ahmadinejad also rejected US allegations that his country was meddling in Iraq, saying that “the most ridiculous of its claims is that Iran and Syria intervene in Iraqi domestic affairs”.

Teheran’s relation

with Washington has exacerbated recently due to the nuclear standoff and arrests of Iranian diplomats in Iraq by US forces.

The United States has persistently accused Iran of supporting the Iraqi guerillas to fight with coalition forces since the fall of Saddam Hussein’s regime in 2003, but Teheran has denied it and said such allegations were US deliberate intervention to the Iran-Iraq ties.

MNA/Xinhua



Mozambique’s President Armando Guebuza (L) and Japan’s Prime Minister Shinzo Abe shake hands after taking part in a signing ceremony for Japan’s grant assistance to Mozambique at the latter’s official residence in Tokyo on 23 Jan, 2007.—INTERNET

Death toll rises to 75 in Baghdad’s twin blast

BAGHDAD, 23 Jan—The death toll rose to 75 people killed and up to 160 others wounded in the two car bomb blasts in central Baghdad on Monday, an Interior Ministry source told *Xinhua*.

“The latest death toll of the two car bombings in central Baghdad is 75 people killed and 160 others wounded,” the anonymous source said, adding that the latest

number was collected from police patrols and local hospitals.

“The two blasts were caused by two car bombs parking in the commercial area of Bab al-Sharji at about 12:30 pm (0930 GMT),” the source told *Xinhua* earlier.

“The first blast went off in the busy market where vendors peddling DVDs and secondhand clothes and the other was

just few metres away,” he elaborated, adding that many civilian cars caught fire by the blasts and many nearby shops and buildings were damaged.

He said that ambulances, fire engines and Iraqi security forces rushed to the scene immediately to help evacuate the wounded and put out the fire.

MNA/Xinhua

Czech opponents protest against establishing US missile defence base

PRAGUE, 23 Jan— Around 150 people rallied in the centre of Prague on Sunday to protest against the possible location of a US missile defence base in the Czech Republic.

Czech Prime Minister

Mirek Topolánek said at a Press conference on Saturday that the United States had decided to start negotiations with Prague about the location of the radar part of its missile defence base in the Czech

Republic.

Topolánek said this plan would increase the safety of the Czech Republic and the United States. And he believed that Czechs could benefit from the project in terms of economy, as well as science and research field.

He said the issue should be decided on by Parliament and that he considers it was unnecessary to hold a referendum.

MNA/Xinhua



A protestor holds up placard reading “against US military base” during a rally in Prague, capital of Czech on 21 Jan, 2007. XINHUA

Heavy snow hits N-W Mexico, causing closure of roads

MEXICO CITY, 23 Jan— Heavy snow in the northwestern Mexican state of Sonora has closed the Imuris-Cananea and Agua Prieta-Janos roads and the road leading to the Yecora community.

The roads were closed to prevent accidents so that the snow could be cleared, chief of Civil Protection State Unit (UEPEC) Willebaldo Altriste said.

The Health Department said that the forecast was for snow and freezing temperatures to continue in Sonora State, the northern state of Baja California and Chihuahua.

Due to the low temperatures, the local population are at risk of hypothermia, acute respiratory problems and carbon monoxide poisoning, according to the department.

MNA/Xinhua



A child affected by Typhoon Durian waits for the distribution of relief goods in Legazpi city, central Philippines on 22 Jan, 2007.—INTERNET

WHO says world is years away from controlling bird flu

GENEVA, 23 Jan—The world is years away from stamping out bird flu in poultry, and the threat of a human pandemic will remain until it does, the head of the World Health Organization (WHO) said on Monday.

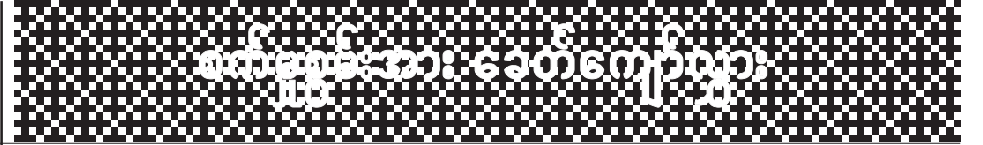
Addressing the UN agency’s 34-state executive board, WHO Director-General Margaret Chan said that in the past three years the H5N1 bird flu virus had proven virulent.

“As long as the virus continues to circulate in birds, the threat of a pandemic will persist. The world is years away from control in the agricultural sector,” she said.

MNA/Reuters



A snow-covered Mt Fuji, is seen on 23 Jan, 2007, in Tokyo. Japan's Cultural Affairs Agency decided on Tuesday to add Mt Fuji along with three other sites to the provisional list for World Cultural Heritage candidates to be eligible for consideration by the UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.—INTERNET



India's first Space Capsule successfully returns to earth

NEW DELHI, 23 Jan— India's first Space Capsule Recovery Experiment (SRE-1) has successfully returned to earth at around 9:45 am local time on Monday as its planned, according to India TV.

An Indian military helicopter located the 550-kilogramme SRE-1 which went into the Bay of Bengal, about 140

kilometres east of Sriharikota in the south of the country and recovery efforts are in full swing.

The capsule is expected to be soon brought to Sriharikota where SRE-1 was launched early this month. Indian scientists have conducted two microgravity experiments on board related to metallurgy and biometrics synthesis.

The TV said that on re-entry into the earth's atmosphere, a parachute system was used to reduce the touch-down velocity of SRE-1 after initial aerodynamic braking. A floatation system kept the SRE afloat.

The SRE-1, which was designed to demonstrate spacecraft recovery

technology capability, was launched by PSLV-C7 along with Cartosat-2 on 10 January from the Sriharikota spaceport.

The SRE-1, made of mild steel, was designed to demonstrate the capability to recover an orbiting space capsule, and the technology of an orbiting platform for performing experiments in microgravity condition.

It was also intended to test reusable thermal protection system, navigation, guidance and control, hypersonic aerothermodynamics, management of communication blackout, deceleration and floatation system and recovery operations, said the TV.

MNA/Xinhua

Five injured, buildings collapsed after strong quake in Indonesia

JAKARTA, 23 Jan — Five people were injured, and church and school buildings collapsed in the provinces of North Maluku and North Sulawesi after a powerful earthquake hit the eastern part of Indonesia Sunday evening, officials and police said on Monday.

Head of disaster management agency for North Sulawesi Mungkaren told Xinhua on telephone from the province that five people

were injured in the province due to panic.

He said the shakes of the quake cracked many buildings in the province.

"Four patients were treated in hospital. One jumped from the second floor of a building, one was struck by bricks and another was injured in cars collision because of panic," said Rustam Pakaya, an official of the Indonesian Health Ministry.

In North Maluku Province, one bridge was broken, a church and an elementary school building collapsed, but there was no one injured, the provincial police and Meteorology and Geophysics Agency said.

"Our personnel on the field have checked all the information, they were true," a provincial police officer Laode Idrus told Xinhua on telephone from the province.

"One church and a bridge in Maleo Island near Ternate (the capital of the province) were crumpled," an official of the agency Oktavina told Xinhua by telephone from the province.

MNA/Xinhua

"Titanis bird" arrives in N from S America 5 million years ago

BEIJING, 24 Jan — A US study on Wednesday suggested a 7-foot-tall prehistoric bird with a monster-size noggin arrived in North America from South America about five million years ago.

The flightless, carnivorous terror birds — that's what scientists call them — likely hopped to North America via islands that came to form what is today the Isthmus of Panama, said Bruce MacFadden, paleontologist at the Florida Museum of Natural History and lead author of the research.

The researchers used a geochemical technique to revise the ages of fossils of the bird discovered in Texas and Florida.

"It was previously thought the birds Titanis immigrated to Texas across the Panamanian land bridge that formed about three million years ago connecting North and South America," said



Titanis

MacFadden, adding "This shows the bird arrived two million years before the land bridge formed."

The terror bird was carnivorous, weighed about 150 kg, had powerful feet and a head

larger than a man's.

It is known in the fossil record from a single toe bone in Texas, and in Florida by about 40 bone fragments from different skeletal regions.

Internet



Models present creations by Lebanese designer Elie Saab as part of his Spring-Summer 2007 Haute Couture fashion collection in Paris, on 22 Jan, 2007.—INTERNET

Scientists find "charity spot" in brain

BEIJING, 23 Jan — Neuroscientists in US have found the brain's "charity spot" — a piece of the brain linked to perceiving others' intentions — shows more activity in unselfish vs selfish types, media reported on Tuesday.

"Although understanding the function of this brain region ... may not necessarily identify what drives people like Mother Theresa, it may give clues to the origins of important social behaviours like altruism," said study author

Scott Huettel, an associate professor of psychology at Duke University Medical Centre, in Durham, NC.

He and his colleagues published their findings in Sunday's online issue of *Nature Neuroscience*.

Internet



Emergency task force work at the gas leak spot, in preparation to cap the well in Shuangqiao District, southwest China's Chongqing Municipality on 23 Jan, 2007.—XINHUA

Susilo calls for improvement in sports achievement

JAKARTA, 21 Jan— Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono called for improvement in sports achievement, especially in the Southeast Asian (SEA) Games in Thailand at the end of this year and in the National Games in Samarinda next year.

“I wish all parties would be active again to improve sports achievements including me, Cabinet ministers, state-owned company directors, community leaders and businessmen,” *Antara*

news agency on Saturday quoted the President as saying after presenting a token of appreciation to athletes who had made achievements in the recent 2006 Asian Games in Doha, Qatar.

Athletes who won gold medals were awarded 400 million rupiah (45,000 US dollars) each while those winning a silver medal get 200 million rupiah (22,500 US dollars) each and bronze 50 million rupiah (5,500 US dollars).

The President praised the office of the Sports and Youth Affairs Minister and the Indonesian National Sports Committee (KONI) for forming a National Training Centre in preparation for the Sea Games in Thailand.

“I will visit the training centre later,” he said here on Friday. Yudhoyono also said that people wished to see the country make more achievements after it had recorded poor performance so far.

“We all, me and all

parties, certainly want to hear the Indonesian national anthem played at such international events,” he said. He thought the poor performances not necessarily to lead to finger pointing. “There is no need for us to find who has been wrong in this case,” he said.

About sports funding, the President hoped that businessmen would be willing to allocate part of their profit for improving the country's sports achievements.

MNA/Xinhua



People measure the length of the giant fish in an aquatic product market in Wenzhou city, east China's Zhejiang Province, on 22 Jan, 2007.

XINHUA

Roadside bomb in Iraq kills British soldier

BASRA, 22 Jan— A roadside bomb killed one British soldier and wounded four on Sunday in northern Basra in southern Iraq, the British military said.

British forces have around 6,000 troops in the oil-rich southern city. One of the wounded was in serious condition, a British spokesman said. In London, the British Defence Ministry said the five soldiers were on patrol in a *Warrior* armoured vehicle in northern Basra when the attack took place.

“The patrol was carrying out routine duties when a suspected roadside bomb detonated. They were travelling on the outskirts of the northern part of the city near the districts of Al Hadi and Al Jezaizah,” a ministry statement said.

MNA/Reuters

Mine explosion injures five children in Cambodia

PHNOM PENH, 22 Jan—The explosion of two mines wounded five children on Saturday in Thmor Pouk District, Battambang Province, some 250 kilometres northwest of the capital city, police source told *Xinhua* by phone.

Two of them were heavily injured while the other three slightly over the blast in Sre Laor Village, said Yort Rai, deputy police chief of the district.

“They found the two mines in a black plastic bag behind their village and thought that it was make-up powder boxes. They hit them with a stick in order to take off the shells and sell them to waste pickers. They then exploded,” he said.

The two injured seriously were sent to a children's hospital in Battambang provincial town, he added.

“The girl suffered from injuries on face, hands and chest. Both children may become blind and lose their hands,” he said, adding that the four boys and one girl were from four to seven years old. Earlier on Friday, seven mine cleaners died over the blast of three anti-tank mines in Komrieng District, Battambang Province.

According to the Cambodia Mine Action Centre, there were more than 400 human casualties over mine and UXO (unexploded ordnance) explosions in 2006 in Cambodia, or 50-per-cent decrease over the average number of the previous six years.—*MNA/Xinhua*



Some students are taking food in a cafeteria. French fries dropped in popularity while carrots and fresh vegetables won ever large grounds among US students in kindergarten through 12th grade in cafeteria from 1998 to 2006, media reported on 22 Jan, 2007.

INTERNET



A group of Indonesian people move to higher ground in the capital of North Sulawesi, Manado, after a strong earthquake in the region triggered fears of a possible tsunami. A major 6.5-magnitude undersea earthquake rocked Indonesia's northern Sulawesi Province on 21 Jan, 2007, but there was no risk of a tsunami despite earlier fears.—INTERNET



Indian innovator Dwarka Prasad Chaurasia, 75, displays his innovative Cycle Boat as part of an exhibition by the National Innovation Foundation at the Vastrapur Lake in Ahmadabad, India, on Monday, 22 Jan, 2007. —INTERNET

Pollution said destroying pre-Aztec Mexican ruins

MEXICO CITY, 22 Jan—Oil refineries and power stations pumping acid air pollutants along Mexico's Gulf coast threaten to erase carved stone murals at the pre-Aztec ruined city of El Tajin, a scientist said on Sunday.

Air pollution specialist Humberto Bravo said acid levels in the air around El Tajin, in oil producing Veracruz State, were among the highest in Mexico.

El Tajin's architecture is famous for intricate reliefs, many depicting an ancient Mesoamerican ball game sometimes compared to basketball.—*MNA/Reuters*

Brazil launches eco growth acceleration programme

RIO DE JANEIRO, 23 Jan — Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva on Monday unveiled an economic programme projected to boost the country's economic growth to 5 per cent annually by 2008.

During the ceremony in Brasilia to announce the plan, Lula said he expected Brazil's economy to develop at 4.5 per cent this year, and that the economic programme would help boost gross domestic product (GDP) growth to 5 per cent between 2008 and 2010.

Lula, who was sworn in on 1 January for a

second term, said that "the challenge now is to accelerate economic growth".

The Programme for the Acceleration of Growth (PAC) calls for a total of 504 billion real (235 billion US dollars) through 2010 to be invested in building and repairing highways, airports and ports

nationwide, boosting energy development in the north, and providing housing, water and sewage systems that will benefit poor Brazilians.

The programme also consists of measures to boost low interest rate credit, improve the investment environment and cut down taxes to stimulate some sectors. — MNA/Xinhua



Worker of Ecomicro recycling company, lifts a used computer monitor in Bordeaux, on 22 Jan, 2007. Ecomicro claims to be the only company in France which yearly separates some 1,500 tonnes of obsolete or unusable computers into separate components for recycling. — INTERNET

Belgian climber falls to death on Mount Kenya

NYERI (Kenya), 23 Jan — A Belgian climber fell to his death on Mount Kenya after slipping off an ice ledge, rescuers said on Monday.

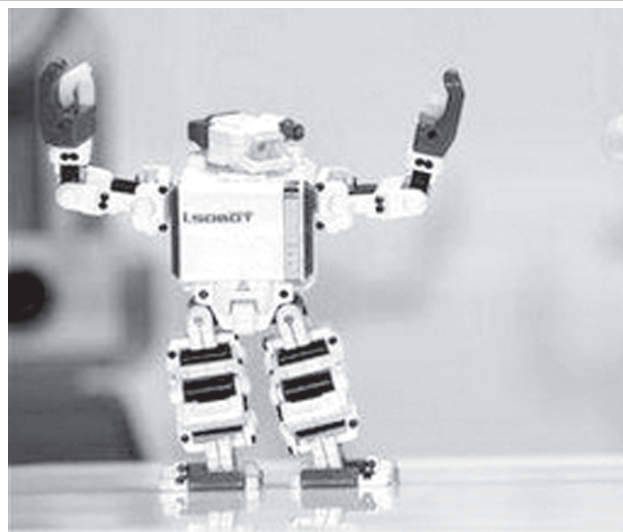
The unidentified man was in the company of three others and a tour guide when he slipped and fell from one of the mountain's highest snow-capped peaks.

"They had climbed and watched the sunrise from Point Lenana when the tourist stepped on ice and slid down a steep cliff," volunteer mountain rescuer Charles Mathenge said.

Point Lenana is Mount Kenya's third highest peak at 4,985 metres (16,350 feet).

Mount Kenya, an extinct volcano, is Africa's second highest peak after Tanzania's Mount Kilimanjaro, and is located just south of the equator in central Kenya, about 180 kilometres (110 miles) northeast of Nairobi.

MNA/Reuters



A demonstration of i-SOBOT, which Japanese toy maker Tomy Co Ltd. says is the world's smallest bi-pedal walking robot, is held at the Toy Forum 2007 in Tokyo on 23 Jan, 2007. The 165-mm (6.5 inches) tall robot, which can be operated by remote control and voice, will be sold at the price of 31,290 yen (\$257) from July. — INTERNET

Cold wave causes heavy losses to Californian agriculture

LOS ANGELES, 23 Jan — The financial losses to the agricultural industry in California will likely exceed 1 billion US dollars, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger said Monday.

The amount will surpass the damages sustained in California during the freeze disasters of 1990-1991 and 1998-1999, Schwarzenegger said in a statement e-mailed to Xinhua.

He asked US Small Business Administration (SBA) and US Department of Agriculture (USDA) to declare selected California counties disaster areas. The impact of these catastrophic events reaches far beyond our fields and farms, with businesses throughout the

state now reporting major economic losses due to the severe weather. In light of this information, I request that you declare...disaster areas in order to provide Economic Injury Disaster Loan Programme assistance to businesses in these counties," said the governor.

Should the request be granted, 26 counties in the state would be eligible for the SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loan Programme.

MNA/Xinhua

US researcher says biplane dinosaur existed

BEIJING, 23 Jan — A biplane dinosaur named *Microraptor gui*, said existing 125 million years ago by a US researcher, may have had upper and lower sets of wings, much like the biplanes of early aviation, media reported Tuesday.

"The legs of the 900-gram creature could have been held below the body in flight, creating two staggered wing sections, the upper one slightly ahead of the lower one," said Sankar Chatterjee, a researcher at Texas Tech University.

One other flying dinosaur, *Pedopenna*, also had feathers on its legs, Chatterjee said, and



Microraptor gui

modern raptors such as falcons have short legs that reduce air

resistance as they fly.

"Aircraft designers have mimicked many of nature's flight inventions, usually inadvertently," Chatterjee said.

"Now, it seems likely that *Microraptor* invented the biplane 125 million years before the Wright 1903 Flyer."

Internet

Snowstorm causes 40-car pile-up in Denmark

COPENHAGEN, 23 Jan — The first big snowstorm of the winter brought traffic chaos to Danish roads on Monday, including a 40-car pileup on a highway south of Copenhagen.

"It's pure chaos, and that's no exaggeration. It's all because of the snowstorm and there are so many accidents that we don't really have a clear picture," Koge Police spokesman Kenneth Hojlund was

quoted as saying on the website of the newspaper *Politiken*.

The pile-up, which was the largest single incident, occurred near Koge, about 35 kilometres (22 miles) south of Copenhagen. Around 200 cars had to be pulled from the snow, the newspaper *Berlingske* said, and 700 motorists had asked for help in starting their vehicles. No serious injuries were reported. — MNA/Reuters



A fireman examines a car hanging out of a parking lot building in Langenhagen, Germany, on 23 Jan, 2007. It seems the 49-year-old female driver mistook the accelerator for brake. — INTERNET

UDNR graduates in the service of the motherland

Kyaw Min Gaung

Dear daughter Mai Sanda Min,

You have already completed your four-year BEd course No 38 of the University for Development of National Races together with your classmates, who are also the children of our national brethren. Soon, you will be visiting Nay Pyi Taw for a study tour which includes a special programme to seek guidance from the Head of State.

My daughter, you are very lucky to attend the BEd course No 38 from your faraway native hilly village in Thantlang Township, Chin State. You were permitted to attend the course as you had passed your matriculation examination and met all the requirements — every candidate must be the one who has passed the matriculation examination, must be a national race born of the national race parents, and must be in the 16-24 age group. You are fortunate to become a teacher of your village school and discharge a noble duty as you have already completed your course.

Thanks to the hard and disciplined training you have undergone for four years at the university, you now have a firm resolution to serve the nation's interest. You have also completed basic military, fire fighting techniques, first aid, painting and art, and domestic science courses and the subjects on farming, special development, languages and customs of national races in addition to your BEd studies. You have systematically learned and practised traditional martial arts for self-defence.

So, you the course graduates have become qualified and competent education staff with firm resolve to serve as junior leaders in the health, social and farming sectors of the national races of the regions you are posted to. At the ceremony held on 28 January 2005 to seek guidance from Head of State Senior General Than Shwe, the Senior General gave the following guidance:

“The UDNR has already taught you the subjects on farming, regional development and vocational education, enabling you to disseminate your knowledge concerning the studies. You all should seriously understand and accept the fact that although you the UDNR-produced graduates are also education staff, you are different in nature.

“As you have been trained to practically participate in multiple fields for the development of border areas and national races, I would like to urge you to energetically lead and organize the local people with whom you must strive together in carrying out development endeavours in any sector.”

The Head of State gave guidance on your duties and work programmes in all seriousness.

You are not only good educators and junior leaders for regional development, but also the hard core of the Union Solidarity and Development Association.

You the UDNR graduates should work with skill and tenacity in any role to further develop and consolidate the association and realize its objectives.

The UDNR is a university of national races that has emerged in accord with the national requirement, while possessing honourable characteristics. Over 100 national races are living in all parts of the nation.

Some national races saw less development for their homes are in the far corners of the country. Educators were rare in those remote places in the past. In this regard, the government established the UDNR to bring out good sons and daughters for social progress of the people of hilly villages nestled in the far off areas and to educate their children. At the ceremony to pay respects to the Head of State by the final year students of the 25th regular course of the University for Development of National Races, Head of State Senior General Than Shwe gave guidance, asking what sort of measures should be taken for the development of national races in border areas with high education standard. The major purpose of the UDNR was to fulfil that requirement, in other words, to realize the noble aims, he added.

When initially founded at Aye Myawady Ward, Sagaing, on 20 October in 1964, the UDNR was an academy. And when the academy was in its infancy, the residence of the commissioner of Sagaing Division, and the office of the Sagaing Division education officer were converted into hostels of the students and lecture halls. On 14 August 1968, the academy was shifted to Dhamma Wady Myohaung (Ywathitkyi Village), 22 miles from Sagaing. On 10 May 1991, the academy was upgraded to a university under Order (9/91),

which was put into commission on 10 June 1991. As a result, the youths who have completed their studies at the university are more capable of serving the interests of the people of their native areas. Now, the teachers who have completed their studies at the university are shouldering their duties in the regions, hilly regions or plains, while playing a leading role as junior leaders in the regional development tasks.

You students of the four-year BEd Course No 38 of the university will soon have to go on an excursion to Nay Pyi Taw, and seek guidance from the Head of State. Then, you will be conferred BEd Degree at the university and will be appointed as teachers. And then, as BEd Degree holders, you will have to carry out your duties wherever you are posted, border areas, hilly regions, or plains, across the nation. The motherland is hoping that newly-graduated teachers or junior leaders like you will help cement national unity.

Now, peace and stability has been restored and the nation is on the correct path towards a modern and developed one. Nevertheless, internal and external saboteurs and aboveground and underground destructive elements, who cannot bear to see the nation's prospects for progress, are resorting to various means to stir up a chaotic situation and to undermine national cohesion. Therefore, you also have to be fully equipped with Union Spirit and to expose and wipe out such destructive acts for perpetuation of sovereignty, non-disintegration of the Union and non-disintegration of national solidarity.

This article is written to honour you students of the four-year BEd Course No 38 of the UDNR. I wish you a great success in discharging your duties for ensuring perpetual existence of the motherland, the heritage handed down by the ancestors.

Translation: TMT+MS

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Commander Maj-Gen Khin Zaw welcomes Mr Li Tieying, Vice-Chairman of Standing Committee of National People's Congress of People's Republic of China at Mandalay International Airport. (News on page 1) — MNA



Secretary-General of Union Solidarity and Development Association U Htay Oo welcomes Mr Li Tieying, Vice-Chairman of Standing Committee of National People's Congress of People's Republic of China at Yangon International Airport. (News on page 1) — MNA

Foreign Minister leaves for Sri Lanka



Foreign Affairs Minister U Nyan Win (C) leaves Nay Pyi Taw Airport for Sri Lanka. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Jan — At the invitation of Mr Mangala Samaraweera, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar left here today to pay a goodwill visit to Sri

Lanka. He was seen off at Nay Pyi Taw Airport by Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint, Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung and officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The Minister for

Foreign Affairs was accompanied by Director-General of Political Department U Nyan Lynn, Director U Kyaw Tin, Assistant Director U Win Zeyar Tun and Head of Branch-1 Daw Cho Cho Soe of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

MNA

Wellwishers invited to build pagoda, offer gold foil

YANGON, 24 Jan—Under the aegis of Sayadaw Bhaddanta Janapati (Dhammacariya) of Yadana Kangyi Pariyatti Monastery in Insein Township, a replica of Shwedagon Pagoda will be built for public obseience. Those

wishing to make donations may contact Sayadaw Bhaddanta Janapati, (Tel- 01-726101) and U Hla Myint, Chairman of the Construction of the Pagoda, (Tel- 01-643915) and U Ohn Kyaing, (Tel- 01-643527).

Wellwishers are also invited to offer gold foils to ancient Shwezigon Pagoda in NyaungU. For further information please dial (Tel- 061-60261, 061-60825, 016-42858, 640487 and 640489).

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Thai delegation visits Bago

YANGON, 24 Jan — The delegation led by Maj-Gen Pornpipat Subhanbhesuj of National Defence College of Royal Thai Army, accompanied by Col Hla Tun of National Defence College, visited Bago today.

During their tour of Bago, the delegation visited Shwemawdaw Pagoda, Kanbawzathadi Palace and Shwethalyaung Buddha Image. They offered flowers, water and lights at Shwemawdaw Pagoda and Shwethalyaung

Buddha Image.

At Kanbawzathadi Palace, Assistant Director of Department of Archaeology U Kyi Khin briefed them on facts about the palace and conducted them around it.

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Medical equipment donated to YGH

YANGON, 24 Jan — Officials of Tasang Hydropower Project donated two Diathermy machines, five Defibrillators and three Patient Monitors worth

US \$ 45,000 to Yangon General Hospital today. Medical Superintendent of the hospital Dr Nu Nu Tha accepted the donation presented by Mr Roy I Jutabha and Miss

Pornpan Thareechat of Tasang Hydropower Project. The equipment will be used at the operation rooms, emergency unit and wards of the hospital.—MNA



Miss Pornpan Thareechat of Tasang Hydropower Project (L) presents medical equipment to Dr Daw Nu Nu Tha. — MNA

Commerce Journal in circulation

YANGON, 24 Jan — Volume 7 No 2 of the Commerce Journal comes out today.

News on the delay of border trade at Thailand-Myanmar, the gold market for 2007, the opportunity

for new four members of ASEAN to extend the trade and the World's auto market are put on the journal. Special articles of Maung Su San, Aung Thin, U Han Tun, Kyi Min, Kyi Shun, Aung Soe

(MPM) and Thein Mya Han appear in the journal.

Prices of export and import goods, Asia's rice and rubber prices, and international exchange rate are also featured in the journal. —MNA



President of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation Daw Than Than Nwe delivers concluding address at Annual General Meeting of MWF. — MNA

Annual general meeting of MWF ...

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The meeting was presided over by Vice-President of MWF Daw Khin The Htay and member of Information Department of MWF Daw Khin Moe U acted as master of ceremonies.

State and Division Women's Affairs Organizations reported on work done. Chairperson of Magway Division WAO Daw Than Than Win, Chairperson of Mandalay Division WAO Daw Kyemon Oo, Chairperson of Yangon Division WAO Daw Khin Myo Thu, Chairperson of Ayeyawady Division WAO Daw Yi Yi Aung discussed the work done.

Vice-President of MWF Daw Khin Lay Myint discussed the micro credit scheme for

State and Division WAO.

Vice-President of MWF Daw Khin The Htay discussed the reports from Chairpersons of State and Division WAO's and the previous work carried out and implementation of the future tasks and seven objectives laid down.

Next, Secretariat of MWF, heads of department, work group leaders, regional organizers and delegates of State and Division WAO held group discussions.

In the afternoon session, the meeting was presided over by President of MWF Daw Than Than Nwe.

The group delegates discussed the future tasks laid down by four groups.

Next, General Secre-

tary of MWF Professor Dr Daw Khin Mar Tun reported on putting three matters on record and laying down nine future tasks and three resolutions for approval.

Afterwards, President of MWF Daw Than Than Nwe took part in the discussions and the annual general meeting came to an end with the concluding remarks by the president.

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Vice-President of MWF Daw Khin Lay Myint accepts cash donation to Annual General Meeting of MWF presented by patrons and chairpersons of state/division WAOs. — MNA



Vice-President of MWF Daw Khin The Htay. — MNA



Vice-President of MWF Daw Khin Lay Myint. — MNA



General-Secretary of MWF Prof Dr Daw Khin Mar Tun. — MNA



Chairperson of Ayeyawady Division WAO Daw Yi Yi Aung. MNA

MWAF AGM lays down nine future tasks, records three matters and makes three resolutions

YANGON, 24 Jan — The Annual General Meeting of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation took place at the meeting hall of the federation on Thanlwin Road in Bahan Township on 23 and 24 January.

The meeting laid down nine future tasks, recorded three matters and made three resolutions.

Nine future tasks laid down are as follows:—

1. To fight against the danger of internal and external destructive elements who are disrupting stability and development of the State, with the united strength of the entire women.

2. To take part in rural development tasks which the Government is implementing for the progress of rural women.

3. To participate in the tasks for enhancement of health, fitness and education in the entire nation, preservation of traditional culture and customs of all the national races and environmental conservation with the strength of womenfolk.

4. To cooperate with NGOs and the department concerned in preventing and combating all forms of violence against women, human trafficking in persons and rehabilitation.

5. To earn a large amount of money for the establishment of businesses and transfer of production technologies for the development of economy sector for women.

6. To organize the entire national people in saving their income and carrying out the small-scale farming.

7. To carry out organizing measures region-wise and social class-wise.

8. To nurture new generation women for all-round development.

9. To conduct advanced courses to be effective in the sector-wise tasks of MWF at various levels.

Three matters recorded are as follow:—

1. The MWF issued a declaration on 17 January 2007, condemning the draft resolution submitted by the US and Britain to the UNSC in order to

interfere in the internal affairs of Myanmar.

2. The MWF elected Daw Khin Mi Mi, wife of the Minister for Electric Power No-1 as a CEC member.

3. The MWF elected Daw Soe Wut Yi, wife of the Deputy Minister for Energy, Daw Thida Win, wife of the Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue and Daw Wai Wai, wife of the Deputy Minister for Transport as regional organizers.

Three resolutions made are as follow:—

1. To implement nine future tasks on organizational matters, development, life security, enhancement of socio-economic life.

2. To effectively carry out micro credit scheme of MWF in suitable townships for earning more income in the families of women in the states and divisions.

3. Not to select the patrons in the district WAOs.

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Myanmar issue should be settled among national races and external interference is unacceptable

YANGON, 24 Jan — *Mongha/Monghin People's Militia Group issued a declaration opposing, protesting and condemning the draft resolution of the US and Britain submitted to the UNSC in order to interfere in the internal affairs of Myanmar. The declaration is as follows:—*

1. The group has opposed an act to put Myanmar on the agenda of the UNSC. The People's Republic of China, the Russian Federation, Congo and Qatar as well as the entire people opposed it.
2. Despite the condemnation, the US and Britain made attempt to submitted the draft resolution to the UNSC in order to interfere in Myanmar's internal affairs, expressing the false accusations such as continued detention of political prisoners, violation of human rights by oppressing minorities in eastern part of the country, lack of control on spread of HIV, TB and malaria and failure to crackdown production of narcotic drugs.
3. They made accusations that Myanmar issue posed a threat to peace and security of neighbouring countries and in the region. Their accusations are unacceptable. The People's Republic of China, the Russian Federation and South Africa opposed the resolution and three nations abstained, it is learnt. The PRC and the Russian Federation turned down the resolution with double veto that was

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Myanmar Kitchen Crops Producers Association protests at draft resolution

YANGON, 24 Jan—*The following is the full text of the declaration issued on 22 January by the Myanmar Kitchen Crops Producers Association, protesting at the draft resolution submitted by the US and Britain to the United Nations Security Council to interfere in Myanmar's internal affairs.*

The Myanmar issue was put on the UNSC agenda under the pressure of the US to interfere in the internal affairs of Myanmar. All the economic associations and entrepreneurs and we are very pleased to note that the draft resolution co-sponsored by the US and Britain calling on the Security Council to act against Myanmar was killed.

We denounce the US that put lopsided pressure on Myanmar as well as internal and external elements who expressed their support for the draft resolution in synchronization with the pressure.

Like Myanmar people, we thank the People's Republic of China and the Russian Federation that cast double veto, and South Africa that voted against the resolution put to vote on 12 January 2007.

Myanmar Kitchen Crops Producers Association
Myanmar
MNA

Narai Region Development and Rehabilitation Group issues declaration condemning US draft resolution

YANGON, 24 Jan — *Narai Region Development and Rehabilitation Group issued a declaration on 17 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:—*

1. Our organization as well as the entire people already opposed the unilateral action of the UN to put the Myanmar issue on the agenda of the UNSC.
2. In an attempt to meddle in internal affairs of Myanmar, the US and Britain made false accusations against Myanmar of failure to address the drug problem and uncontrollable spread of the infectious diseases and tarnished the image of Myanmar and submitted the draft resolution to United Nations Security Council (UNSC).
3. The People's Republic of China, the Russian Federation and South Africa recognized that it was impossible that Myanmar posed a threat to regional and international peace and security, and voted against the draft resolution while three nations abstained.
4. We believe that problems in Myanmar can be addressed by national races of

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Myanmar Horticulturalists Association deplors draft resolution

YANGON, 24 Jan—*The following is the full text of the declaration issued on 22 January by the Myanmar Horticulturalists Association in protest against the draft resolution submitted by the US and Britain to the United Nations Security Council with the intention of interfering in the Myanmar's internal affairs.*

The Myanmar's issue was put on the UNSC agenda under the pressure of the US to interfere in the internal affairs of Myanmar. All the economic associations and entrepreneurs and we are very pleased to note that the draft resolution co-sponsored by the US and Britain calling on the Security Council to act in Myanmar was abortive.

We denounce the US that put lopsided pressure on Myanmar as well as internal and external elements who expressed their support for the draft resolution in synchronization with the pressure.

Like Myanmar people, we thank the People's Republic of China and the Russian Federation that cast double veto, and South Africa that voted against the resolution put to vote on 12 January 2007.

Myanmar Horticulturalists Association
Yangon
MNA

Mongpaw People's Militia denounces draft resolution

YANGON, 24 Jan — *Mongpaw People's Militia on 15 January issued a declaration condemning the draft resolution submitted by the US and Britain to the UNSC with the aim of interfering in Myanmar's internal affairs.*

1. We have already protested against the acts to put Myanmar's affairs on the UNSC agenda with the sole aim of interfering in her internal affairs, with false reasons which said that Myanmar issue was a threat to regional and international peace and security. The People's Republic of China and the Russian Federation also objected it.
2. Despite the objections, the US and Britain made continued efforts to pass the draft resolution at the UNSC with false accusations including continued detention of political prisoners, human rights violations in minority areas, the uncontrollable spread of HIV, TB and malaria, and drug problem.
3. China, Russia and South Africa objected the draft resolution as they did not accept the accusation that Myanmar posed a threat to regional and international peace and security. It is the first double veto after 1972.
4. We thank China and Russia for their support and understanding of our situation. As for us foreign interferences in our affairs are unacceptable as they should be addressed by the national races. We firmly believe that the best way to solve internal problems is through discussions at the National Convention.

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Myanmar Agro-based Foodstuff Producers and Traders Association condemns draft resolution

YANGON, 24 Jan — *Myanmar Agro-based Foodstuff Producers and Traders Association on 20 January issued a declaration condemning the draft resolution submitted by the US and Britain to the UNSC with the aim of interfering in Myanmar's internal affairs.*

The members of UNSC in deciding the draft resolution submitted by the US and Britain to interfere in Myanmar affairs said that the draft resolution should not be presented to it as Myanmar affairs were just her internal issue and not a threat to regional and international peace and security. We together with the people of Myanmar thank the People's Republic of China and the Russian Federation for vetoing the resolution and South Africa for objecting it.

We condemn the pressures applied by the US and Britain to put the Myanmar affairs on the UNSC agenda, and submit the draft resolution to UNSC with false accusations. We firmly believe that internal affairs of the Union of Myanmar should be solved by the national races.

Myanmar Agro-based Foodstuff Producers and Traders Association
MNA

NAM opposes US-Britain submission of draft...

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The letter said: "On behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM), I have honour to convey to you, in your capacity as President of the Security Council of the United Nations for the month of January, the concerns of the Movement regarding the continuing encroachment by the Security Council on the functions and powers of the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and other organs through addressing issues which traditionally fall within the competence of the latter organs.

"Regrettably, despite the several letters addressed to the President of the Security Council by the Chair of the Non-Aligned Movement timely transmitting NAM's principled positions on this very important issue, two permanent members of the Security Council decided to put to a vote on Friday 12 January 2007 a draft resolution on the situation in Myanmar, which finally was not adopted by the council.

"The Non-Aligned Movement stresses that while Member States of the United Nations have

conferred on the Security Council the primary responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security pursuant to Article 24 (1) of the Charter of the United Nations in carrying out its duties under this responsibility, the Security Council acts on their behalf.

"The Movement underscores the need for UN Member States to fully respect the functions and powers of each principal organ of the UN, and to maintain the balance among these organs within their respective Charter-based functions and powers. In this context, the Movement caution once again about the danger of encroachment by the Council on issues which clearly fall within the functions and powers of other principal organs of the UN and their subsidiary bodies.

"In view of the above-mentioned considerations, the Non-Aligned Movement reiterates that the decision by the Security Council to initiate formal or informal discussions on the situation in any Member State of the United Nations on any issue, like human rights, that does not constitute a threat to international peace and security is contrary to

Article 24 of the Charter.

"In this regard, the Movement urges once again the Security Council to uphold the primacy of and respect for the Charter in connection with its functions and powers.

"I would like to request, Mr President, that the present letter be circulated as an official document of the Security Council."

The government and the people of Myanmar expressed thanks to the just measure of the NAM that is standing by and supporting the truth as well as Myanmar, with consideration for and understanding of her objective conditions and events and practical endeavours.

The failure of the perpetration of the US and Britain to interfere in and manipulate Myanmar's internal affairs, with the UNSC as a tool, is the victory of peace the world nations and their peoples including Myanmar and her people love.

Moreover, the people of Myanmar are saying that it is the victory of the persons who are observing the principles of the UN to safeguard world peace and security; and that a fine tradition not only for Myanmar but also for the future world peace has been established. — MNA

People to keep watchful eye on possible...

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present chairman Than Khe held talks with FTUB members and terrorist hard-cores in Bangkok on 6 and 7 January so that the committee would continue to implement the scheme of utter devastation, and to keep terrorist destructionists to be used in committing terrorist acts in the nation.

It is also learnt that Dr Naing Aung, Tun Aung Kyaw and Than Khe visited Win Pa refugee camp on

border area on 15 January, and Yaing Htai Village in the neighbouring country on 19 January to organize terrorists; that they are planning to conduct an explosives course at the camp; and that Dr Naing Aung will take responsibilities for sending a terrorist group to Maesok-Myawady route, San Naing (a) Ye Thiha, to Phaya Thonzu route, and Than Khe, to Ranoung-Kawthoung route.

According to another news item, other anti-government groups in exile visited ABSDF chairman

Than Khe and secretary Sonny, and handed them over necessary aid on 16 January.

According to the follow-up news, on 18 January, Min Thu, whom ABSDF secretary Sonny sent two highly-explosive remote-control mines to saboteur Kywe Gyi, NDD Thein Win and other two terrorists at the ABSDF (Maesok office).

The people are therefore warned of possible dangers and urged to expose and report to the authorities concerned if they notice any suspicious acts.—MNA

Myanmar issue should be settled...

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never used after 1972. We are very thankful to those three nations that understand the situation in Myanmar and support it.

4. We believe that Myanmar issue should be settled among the national races and external interference is unacceptable. We also firmly believe that discussions at the National Convention in accord with the seven-step Road Map is correct.

U Law Mar
Leader
Mongha/Monghin People's Militia MNA

World's third face transplant performed in France

PARIS, 24 Jan — A man with a disfiguring disease has become the third person to have a partial face transplant, the second such operation in France in just over a year, doctors said on Tuesday.

The man, 29, suffered from von Recklinghausen disease, an illness that deforms the face, and was given a new nose, mouth and chin. Pictures of him were not released nor was he named.

A team of doctors in the Val-de-Marne near Paris carried out the 15-hour operation on Sunday.

"The patient is currently doing well," Laurent Lantieri, the surgeon who led the operation, told a news conference.

"The lesion is as bad as Elephant Man's," he later told reporters, a reference to a figure in Victorian Britain whose head

ballooned outwards until his skull was wider than his waist.

The world's first partial face transplant was carried out on French woman Isabelle Dinoire in November 2005 after she was disfigured in an attack by her own dog.

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Myanmar, and we don't accept the outside interference. We also believe that it is the right way to discuss the issues of Myanmar at the National Convention in accordance with the seven-step Road Map.

5. On behalf of Myanmar people, we want to express thanks to the People's Republic of China and the Russian Federation who realize the genuine situation of Myanmar and support her at the UNSC.

U Li Chan,
Chairman
Narai Region Development and Rehabilitation Group MNA

Mongpaw People's Militia denounces...

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We pledge to participate in serving the national interest in accord with the seven-step Road Map.

U Kein Mai
Chairman
Mongpaw People's Militia
Shan State (North) MNA

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Japan donates \$10.5m for Cambodia to develop economy

PHNOM PENH, 23 Jan— Japan has donated 10.5 million US dollars to Cambodia to help it construct infrastructure and improve its economic structure adjustment, Deputy Prime Minister Hor Nam Hong said here on Monday. "This grant aid will be used for the detailed design of the execution of

the project for flood prevention and drainage improvement in Phnom Penh and the improvement of the economic structure adjustment efforts by the Royal Government of Cambodia, said Hor, who is also Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation.
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Study says elderly on antidepressants may break more bones

BEIJING, 23 Jan — Zoloft and Prozac may alleviate depression in people over 50, but a new Canadian study suggests antidepressants double the risk of broken bones.

Dr David Goltzman, an endocrinologist at McGill University in Montreal and a study authorsaid more research is required to prove the link because of the 5,008 people studied only a few used the drugs. The study was part of ongoing osteoporosis research funded partly by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research and makers of osteoporosis drugs.

Antidepressants have been linked with low

blood pressure and dizziness leading to falls, which can increase risks for broken bones, but the researchers said they found fracture risks independent of those factors.

"If patients need these drugs, they should not be advised against taking them because of the fracture risk. They should however be warned about the risks," Goltzman said.

Animal research suggests the pills might have a direct effect on bone cells, decreasing bone strength and size, Goltzman and colleagues said.

Goltzman said the results have important public health implications because millions of people worldwide use the drugs and because osteoporosis, a bone-thinning disease that can lead to broken bones, can be so debilitating for older adults.

Still, the researchers said potential fracture risks should be balanced against the drugs' effectiveness at treating depression, which also can be debilitating.—*Internet*

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A worker prepares an ice sculpture of the Egyptian 'Great Sphinx of Giza' for an upcoming ice exhibition in Oviedo, northern Spain, on 22 Jan, 2007. INTERNET

New progress seen in eco cooperation among Mainland, HK, Macao

BEIJING, 21 Jan — The Chinese Mainland posted a high growth in trade with Hong Kong and Macao last year, with a new progress in their economic partnership, sources with the Ministry of Commerce have said. In the first 11 months, trade between the Mainland and the two special administrative regions amounted to 151.57 billion US dollars, including 141.48 billion US dollars in exports by the Mainland and 10.09 billion US dollars in imports.

The sources said Hong Kong remained the fourth largest trade partner of the Mainland.

Trade stood at 149.37 billion US dollars in from January to November, a growth of 24 per cent over the same period a year earlier. The total included

139.51 billion US dollars in exports by the Mainland, up 27.6 percent, and 986 million US dollars in imports, down 11.6 per cent.

According to the Ministry of Commerce (MoC), the Mainland actually used 17.5 billion US dollars in capital from Hong Kong, up 14.1 per cent. Meanwhile, Hong Kong became the largest recipient of Mainland offshore investment.

MNA/Xinhua

A visitor passes in front of posters from SPPF (French Company of Music Producers), during the 41st MIDEM (International Record Music Publishing and Video Music Market) in Cannes, southern France, on 22 Jan, 2007. —INTERNET

Bird flu hits another Vietnamese province

HANOI, 22 Jan— Bird flu has killed some chickens in the central highlands province of Dac Nong in the last few days, Vietnam News Agency reported on Sunday.

Initial tests from specimens from the dead fowls in two flocks of nearly 200 chickens in Dac Mil District showed that they have been infected with bird flu viruses.

Local veterinary agency has slaughtered all

poultry of the two flocks to prevent the spread of the disease.

However, the Department of Animal Health under the Vietnamese Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development has yet to announce bird flu outbreaks in Dac Nong, which has a poultry population of more than 600,000.

Bird flu has hit 38 communes in 18 districts

in the seven southern provinces of Ca Mau, Bac Lieu, Hau Giang, Kien Giang, Vinh Long, Soc Trang and Can Tho since early December 2006, the department said on Sunday.

The southern Tra Vinh Province has not detected new bird flu outbreaks in the past 21 days, meeting criteria for announcing an end to bird flu outbreaks in its territory.

MNA/Xinhua

Cholera kills two more people in Lusaka

LUSAKA, 23 Jan — Two more cholera deaths have been recorded in Lusaka in the past 24 hours, bringing to six the total number of the victims since the first death was reported early this month in the capital city of Zambia.

Zambia National Broadcasting Corporation Sunday quoted Ministry of Health spokesperson Canicius Banda as saying here Sunday that an under five child of Lusaka died Saturday at the University Teaching Hospital (UTH). — MNA/Xinhua



People look for salvageable goods on the beach at Branscombe on the South Devon coast, south-west England, on 22 Jan, 2007. —INTERNET

Zambia to have first bio-fuel plant

LUSAKA, 23 Jan— Zambia will soon have its first bio-fuel plant where seeds of Jatropha will be used to produce oil to supplement the supply of fuel market, local newspaper Zambia Daily Mail reported on Monday.

The bio-fuel plant will be set up by Marli Investment Zambia Limited at an initial investment of eight million US dollars.

The plant, set to be located in Kabwe, 140

kilometres north of capital Lusaka, will be able to produce 60 million litres of fuel per year, company public relations manager Kamal Desai was quoted as saying.

“The company will start producing bio-fuel in August after conducting some trials in April,” Desai said.

So far, the company has engaged about 17,000 out-grower scheme farmers in seven provinces who

have since planted 300,000 Jatropha plants.

According to Desai, the Jatropha plants with lifespan up to 30 years can produce 1,500 litres of fuel per hectare.

“Zambia is destined to become the Jatropha bio-fuel leader in the region because of its proven findings that have revealed that the Jatropha seed in Zambia is the best in the world,” Desai said.

MNA/Xinhua

SPORTS

Struggling Watford in rare victory

LONDON, 24 Jan— Bottom club Watford scored only their second Premier League win of the season on Tuesday, beating mid-table Blackburn Rovers 2-1 at home. Substitute Jay DeMerit headed home the winner 20 minutes from time but Watford with just 15 points from 23 matches are four points adrift at the bottom. The club are in FA Cup fourth round action on Saturday at West Ham United. Blackburn visit second division Luton who beat Queens Park Rangers 1-0 in a third round replay on Tuesday.—MNA/Reuters



Brazil's Alexandre Pato Rodrigues (L) fights for the ball with Uruguay's Martin Caceres during their second round soccer match in the South American under-20 championship in Asuncion on 23 Jan, 2007.—INTERNET

Portugal FA to act against referees for corruption

LISBON, 24 Jan— The Portuguese Football Federation (FPF) will be taking disciplinary action against 11 referees for having shown "signs of corruption in official matches," a spokesman for the FPF said on Monday. The spokesman said the FPF was currently listening to testimony from the referees before deciding what concrete measures to take against them, which could include their suspension from soccer matches. The decision follows the publication of a book by Carolina Salgado, the former girlfriend of Pinto da Costa, the president of champions and current league leaders Porto, in which she alleged the club had often paid bribes to referees.— MNA/Reuters

Shevchenko shines as Chelsea reach League Cup final



Chelsea's Andriy Shevchenko, right, grapples with Wycombe Wanderers' Mike Williamson during their English League Cup semi final 2nd leg soccer match at the Stamford Bridge Stadium, London, on 23 Jan, 2007.—INTERNET

LONDON, 24 Jan— Andriy Shevchenko launched double strike to send Chelsea through to the League Cup final with a 4-0 win against Wycombe Wanderers at Stamford Bridge here Tuesday. Shevchenko had been put on bench by Mourinho in recent weeks after failing to live up to his 30 million pounds price tag,

but he went some way to redeeming himself with two clinical goals against the visitors from the fourth tier of English professional football. Former AC Milan striker Shevchenko, making just his second start of 2007, also set up the first of Frank Lampard's two goals in a semi-final second leg victory that sealed a 5-1 aggregate triumph. Afterwards Mourinho paid tribute to Shevchenko, telling Sky Sports: "I demand commitment, effort, being aggressive, working and playing for the team, working with the ball, working without the ball - that's what I demand. "The team is happy with him. It's not just about me being happy with him." Shevchenko, speaking in halting English, added: "Good game. I'm very happy to reach the final. It's important the team plays very, very well."—Internet

Singapore hold Malaysia to 1-1 draw in ASEAN semi

KUALA LUMPUR, 24 Jan— Singapore held Malaysia 1-1 in the first leg of their ASEAN Football Federation Cup semi-final on Tuesday, with striker Noh Alam Shah scoring his ninth goal of the competition. Alam Shah's 71st minute equalizer cancelled out Hardi Jaafar's 56th minute wonder strike for the dominant Malaysians in front of a 30,000-crowd. Malaysia desperately looked for the winner but Singapore held on, despite having captain Aide Iskandar sent off in the final minutes for a second yellow card for time wasting. The second leg will be played on Saturday at Singapore's National Stadium. The other semi-final is between Vietnam and Thailand, who play the first leg on Wednesday. Nizaruddin Yusof, Hardi and Eddy Helmi all had chances to put Malaysia ahead as Singapore struggled to put together any decent attacks.

MNA/Xinhua



Orlando Magic guard Jameer Nelson (L) shoots against Dallas Mavericks centre Erick Dampier during second half NBA basketball action in Orlando, Florida on 23 Jan, 2007.—INTERNET

Macedonian FA officials cleared to attend UEFA Congress

BELGRADE, 24 Jan— Macedonia's top two soccer officials have been cleared to attend the UEFA Congress in Dusseldorf this week after they had been held for questioning by the interior ministry. "The association's general secretary Lazar Mitrovski and president Hari Hadzi-

Risteski will both travel to Dusseldorf," Macedonia Football Federation (FFM) spokesman Zoran Nikolovski said by telephone. "They had been held for questioning for long hours with no justification and released after a strong reaction from the Macedonian Football Federation."

The Macedonian Interior Ministry closed down the FFM office in Skopje on January 15 during a financial inspection. Nikolovski said the inspection was triggered by "unfounded media speculation" that Mitrovski produced a false diploma when he applied for the job.—MNA/Reuters

Tottenham sign Portugal defender Rocha from Benfica

LONDON, 24 Jan— Tottenham Hotspur have signed Benfica's Portugal defender Ricardo Rocha, the Portuguese club said on its website (www.slbenfica.pt) on Tuesday. The fee was undisclosed but local media said Benfica will receive up to five million euros (6.51 million US dollars) for the versatile central defender who has six caps for Portugal. "Ricardo is an accomplished defender who gives us further options in defence as he can play both in the centre and on the right," Tottenham sporting director Damien Comolli told the club's website (www.spurs.co.uk). The 28-year-old Rocha, reported to have signed a 3 1/2 year contract, joined Benfica from SC Braga in 2002, winning the Portuguese Cup in 2004 and the title in 2005 when he formed a formidable centre-back partnership with Luisao.— MNA/Reuters



Switzerland's Martina Hingis in action during her quarterfinal match against Belgium's Kim Clijsters at the Australian Open tennis tournament in Melbourne, on 24 Jan, 2007.—INTERNET

Serena Williams of the US cheers a score during her match against Israel's Shahar Peer at a 1/4 final of women's singles at the Australian Open tennis tournament in Melbourne, on 23 Jan, 2007. Williams won 2-1 to advance into the semifinals.—XINHUA



AC Milan sign Italy defender Oddo from Lazio

ROME, 24 Jan— AC Milan have signed Italy defender Massimo Oddo from Lazio, Milan announced on Tuesday. The 30-year-old, who was part of Italy's World Cup-winning squad in Germany last year, was sold in a deal worth 7.75 million euros (10.09 million US dollars) plus the permanent transfer of loaned Milan midfielder Pasquale Foggia to Lazio.

MNA/Reuters

More US senators disagree with Bush's Iraq plan

WASHINGTON, 24 Jan — Opposition to President George W Bush's plan to increase troop strength in Iraq broadened on Capitol Hill on Monday as a new bipartisan group of four senators announced their disagreement with the strategy.

The senators, including conservative Virginia Republican John Warner, unveiled a proposal that they hoped would be embraced by lawmakers who disliked some of the wording of another bipartisan resolution that was introduced last week, opposing the boost in troops.

The new proposal declares the Senate "disagrees with the plan to augment our forces by 21,500 and urges the President instead to consider all options and alternatives".

But it dropped words used in the first proposal that some senators found

objectionable, such as "escalation" to describe the jump in troops, said Maine Republican Senator Susan Collins, a co-sponsor of the new resolution. Both proposals are non-binding.

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee was expected to vote on Wednesday on the first of the two resolutions, drafted by Chairman Joseph Biden and three other senators. The Wednesday vote will come a day after Bush makes his annual State of the Union address to Congress, defending his policy on Iraq and other subjects.

A spokeswoman for Biden, a Delaware Democrat, said he was open to working with anyone on the language of resolutions disagreeing with Bush's troop increase.

"What's striking is that the bottom line of both resolutions is the same: bipartisan opposition to the President's plan to send more American troops to Iraq to fight a civil war," said

spokeswoman Elizabeth Alexander.

Warner, the former chair of the Senate Armed Services Committee, said US troops should be kept out of Iraq's sectarian violence.

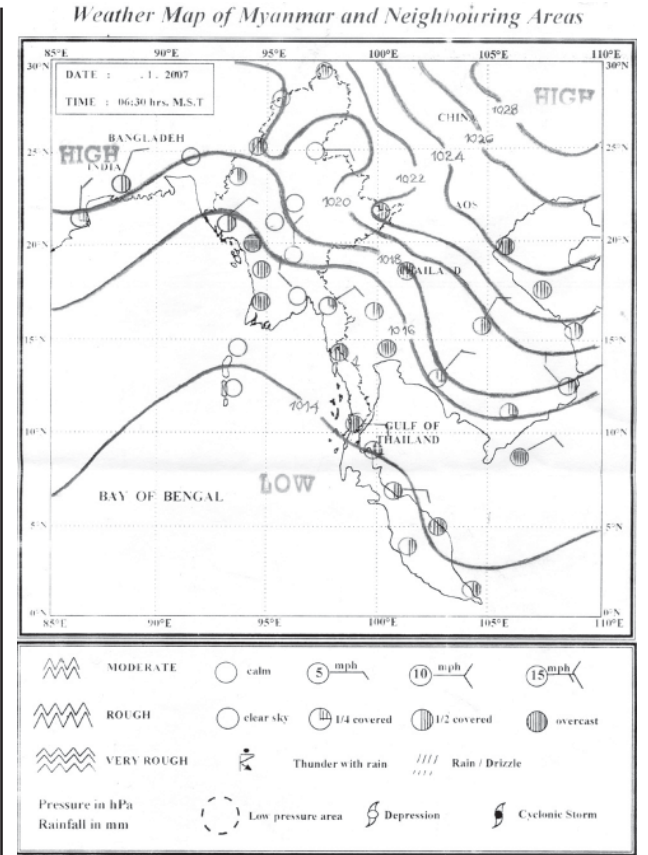
"The purpose of this resolution is ... to express the genuine — and I repeat, the genuine — concerns of a number of senators from both parties about the President's plan," Warner said at a news conference with co-sponsors Collins; Nebraska Democrat Ben Nelson; and Minnesota Republican Norm Coleman. The new proposal declared Bush's strategy "a failure before it has a chance to be implemented", a South Carolina Republican Senator Lindsey Graham said in a statement.

MNA/Reuters



Charles Simonyi, a former software developer at Microsoft, tries on his space suit at a factory outside Moscow on 22 Jan, 2007. Simonyi is due to fly to the International Space Station as a space tourist on board Soyuz TMA-10 rocket in spring.

INTERNET



WEATHER

Wednesday, 24 January, 2007
Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, except for the isolated light rain in Taninthayi Division, weather has been generally fair in the whole country. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below normal in Shan State and upper Sagaing Division, (8°C) below normal in Chin State, (6°C) above normal in Taninthayi Division and about normal in the remaining areas. The significant night temperatures were Haka (-4°C), Lashio and Heho (0°C) each, Namhsan and Pinlaung (1°C) each. The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded was Dawei (0.04) inch.

Maximum temperature on 23-1-2007 was 96°F. Minimum temperature on 24-1-2007 was 63°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 24-1-2007 was 69%. Total sunshine hours on 23-1-2007 was (8.5) hours approx.

Rainfalls on 24-1-2007 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 (9) mph from Northwest at (11:20) hours MST on 23-1-2007.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 25-1-2007: Possibility of isolated rain in Taninthayi Division, weather will be partly cloudy in Kachin, Mon and Rakhine States, upper Sagaing, Ayeyawady and Yangon Divisions and generally fair in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (40%).

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 25-1-2007: Fair weather.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 25-1-2007: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 25-1-2007: Fair weather.



Thursday, 25 January
Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music: -Have a nice day
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music: -Come on over
- 8:50 am National news/ Slogan
- 9:00 am Music: -Rose in my heart
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music: -I see you
- 1:30 pm News / Slogan
- 1:40 pm Lunch time music: -Do I love you -Where do you go? -What can I do
- 9:00 pm Aspects of Myanmar
- 9:10 pm Article
- 9:20 pm Pourri
- 9:30 pm Favourite songs chosen by music lovers
- 9:45 pm News / Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL



Thursday, 25 January
View on today

- 7:00 am
 1. ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃာမဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ရွက်ပုံ၊ အဘိဓမ္မမဟာရဋ္ဌဂုရု၊ အဘိဓမ္မအဂ္ဂမဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မဇောတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော်ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိစိတ္တသာရာ ဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်
- 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. Dance of national races
- 8:05 am
 6. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:10 am
 7. Dance variety
- 8:20 am
 8. ရွှေလီတံတား
- 8:30 am
 9. International news
- 8:45 am
 10. Let's Go
- 2:50 pm
 1. (၅၂) ကြိမ်မြောက် ပြည်ထောင်စုနှိုင်း ပြည်နယ်နှင့်တိုင်း အမျိုးသား (အလွတ်တန်း) ဘောလုံးပြိုင်ပွဲ တိုက်ရိုက်ထုတ်လွှင့်မှု အစီအစဉ် (ဒုတိယအကြိမ်လှည့်)
 2. Song to uphold National Spirit
 3. အဆေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ တတိယနှစ် (ဓာတုဗေဒအထူးပြု) (ဓာတုဗေဒ)
 4. Cute little dancers
 5. "ဟွန်းသံ" (ဧရာနှင့် ယာဉ်ထိန်း ရဲတပ်ဖွဲ့ဝင်များ) (ဒါရိုက်တာ- သက်တင်)
- 5:30 pm
 6. Musical programme
- 5:45 pm
 7. ကြယ်ပွင့်များ ရဲရင့်စုန်သံ
- 6:00 pm
 8. Evening news
- 6:30 pm
 9. Weather report
- 6:35 pm
 10. သီရိဓမ္မာ
- 7:00 pm
 11. Discovery
- 7:15 pm
 12. နိုင်ငံခြား ဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "အချစ်ဆိုသည်မှာ" (အပိုင်း-၁၆)
- 8:00 pm
 13. News
- 8:05 pm
 14. International news
- 8:10 pm
 15. Weather report
- 8:15 pm
 16. နိုင်ငံခြား ဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "အကြင်နာနေဦး" (အပိုင်း-၆)
- 8:20 pm
 17. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး ဦးဝိစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ အရပ်ဆယ်မျက်နှာ ဓမ္မဘာဝနာ ပွားများခြင်းတရားတော်
- 8:25 pm
 18. The next day's programme

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Annual general meeting of MWAF continues for second day

YANGON, 24 Jan — Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation funded State and Division Women's Affairs Organizations for micro credit scheme at the MWAF on Thanlwin Road in Bahan Township here this morning.

Present were the President of MWAF, vice-presidents and CEC members, and Patrons and Chairpersons of State and Division Women's Affairs Organizations and delegates.

President of MWAF Daw Than Than Nwe presented K 5 million each for the fund of State and Division Women's Affairs Organizations to patrons and chairpersons.

Next, the patrons and chairpersons of State and Division Women's Affairs Organizations presented K 100,000 each for annual general meeting of MWAF to Vice-Presidents of MWAF Daw Khin Lay Myint and Daw Khin Thet Htay who presented certificates of honour to the wellwishers.

The annual general meeting of MWAF continued for the second day.

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President of MWAF Daw Than Than Nwe presents cash assistance to chairpersons of State/Division WAOs.
MNA



People to keep watchful eye on possible terrorist acts

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Jan—The most powerful neo-colonialist country, for self-interest, is now organizing and encouraging its cohorts and lackey groups and resorting to all possible means in its attempt to make Myanmar one of its satellite countries and to install a puppet government in Myanmar that will dance to its tune.

In pursuing the scheme, the US in 2006 put pressure on the United Nations Security Council to intervene in Myanmar issue, while destabilizing tranquillity and peace and stirring up mass protests and destructive acts in synchronization in Myanmar.

On 12 January, the big country and its cohorts submitted a draft resolution, calling on the United Nations Security Council to take action against Myanmar, however, the resolution was killed by a double veto.

According to the news reported, as another step, internal and external destructive elements are conspiring a plot to continue to commit terrorist acts and destructive acts in complicity to cause unrest and mass demonstrations in Myanmar with the intention of making an excuse to take action against Myanmar in an alternative way.

The terrorists sent letter bombs to Myanmar in the second week of this month. The explosion of the letter bomb was committed by them, the Vigorous Burmese Student Warriors (VBSW) announced in its Website.

In addition, according to further investigation, former ABSDF chairman Dr Naing Aung and present chairman Than Khe held a clandestine meeting with VBSW leader San Naing (a) Ye Thiha in Bangkok on 1 January and formed a committee for movement.

Former ABSDF chairman Tun Aung Kyaw and
(See page 11)

SSNA (Break-away group) Mongyun Group thanks China, Russia, S Africa

YANGON, 24 Jan — Shan State National Army (Break-away group) Mongyun Group issued a declaration condemning the draft resolution submitted by the US and Britain to the UNSC with the aim of interfering in Myanmar's internal affairs on 20 January.

1. The US and Britain submitted the draft resolution to the UNSC, based on false information about suppression and human rights violations in minority areas and the failure to address the drug issue and control the communicable diseases.
2. The People's Republic of China, the Russian Federation and South Africa objected the resolution, saying, Myanmar affairs do not pose a threat to regional and international peace and security. Three other nations abstained.
3. We cannot accept the resolution at all as we believe that Myanmar affairs should be solved by the national races themselves. We firmly believe that the best way to solve internal problems is through discussions at the National Convention. We pledge to participate in serving the national interest in accord with the seven-step Road Map.
4. We, on behalf of the people of Myanmar, thank China, Russia and South Africa for their support and understanding of Myanmar.

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UMTA issues declaration condemning US, Britain-sponsored draft resolution

YANGON, 24 Jan — Union of Myanmar Travel Association on 23 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:

With intent to interfere in Myanmar's internal affairs, the US made an attempt to put Myanmar on the UNSC agenda by accusing her of posing a threat to international and regional security. As the People's Republic of China and the Russian Federation put a double veto on the draft resolution submitted to the UNSC by the US and Britain, our association recognizes this as the victory of the people of our country as well as that of the international community.

While the US and Britain attempting to meddle in our internal affairs by using the UN as a tool, internal politicians, national traitors and internal and external destructive elements are supporting their attempt to harm the State interest and grab State power through short-cut. But we strongly support the government's endeavours to ensure peace and stability and progress of the State.

We are deeply indebted to the People's Republic of China and Russia for their double veto of the resolution and South Africa for its voting against it.

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