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### **Senior General Than Shwe felicitates Indian President**

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## **Endeavour for perpetual existence of nation as Union enjoying peace, stability, progress depends on Road Map's success**

### **Senior General Than Shwe gives guidance to trainees of No 38 Course (BEd) of University for Development of National Races**



*Senior General Than Shwe gives guidance to trainees of BEd Course No 38 of University for Development of National Races. — MNA*

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Jan — Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe received the trainees of the No 38 Course (BEd) of the University for Development of National Races at the Anawratha Hall of the Ministry of Defence, here, this morning.

Also present on the occasion were Vice-Chairman of SPDC Deputy Commander-in-

Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, SPDC Member General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence, Prime Minister General Soe Win, Secretary-1 of the SPDC Lt-Gen Thein Sein, SPDC members, the Commander-in-Chief (Navy), the Commander-in-Chief (Air), senior military officers, the Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command, the ministers, the chief-justice, the attorney-gen-

eral, the chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board, members of the CSSTB, the director-general of SPDC office, departmental heads, the rector of the university, course instructors and trainees.

SPDC Office Director-General Col Kyaw Kyaw Win acted as MC.

In giving guidance, Senior General Than Shwe said: Soon, you who have completed your BEd course at *(See page 8)*



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

# PERSPECTIVES

Friday, 26 January, 2007

## NAM protests at draft resolution on situation in Myanmar submitted to UNSC

It is the US administration that has been resorting to a number of means since 1988 to interfere in the internal affairs of Myanmar. In 2006, with a lame excuse that the situation in Myanmar posed a threat to regional and international peace and security, it speeded up its attempt to put Myanmar on the agenda of the United Nations Security Council.

Nonetheless, internal organizations and international community expressed their disapproval of its plot to submit the Myanmar affairs to the UNSC through slanderous accusations.

The Non-Aligned Movement objected to the draft resolution co-sponsored by the US and Britain to put to vote at the UNSC Myanmar's issue that did not constitute a threat to international peace and stability.

In that regard, the NAM Bureau Coordination meeting after seeking the opinions of the member states sent a letter of objection to the UNSC president, saying, "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".

The Movement urged once again the Security Council to uphold the primacy of and respect for the Charter in connection with its functions and powers.

The objection of the world nations including the Non-Aligned Movement to the foolish attempt of the US and Britain, two of the UNSC permanent members, squeezing the Security Council to intervene in the Myanmar issue represents the victory of national people who love and cherish world peace and security.

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  - \* 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

## USDA S-G meets Chinese goodwill delegation

YANGON, 25 Jan — Secretary-General U Htay Oo of the Union Solidarity and Development Association held a meeting with the Chinese goodwill delegation led by Mr Li Tiewing, Vice-Chairman of Standing Committee of National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China at Dagon Hall of Sedona Hotel this morning.

Present at the meeting were CEC Member U Maung Pa, Director-General U Win Mra of International Organizations and Economic Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Deputy Director-General of Protocol Department U Soe Win, General Secretary of the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation Dr Daw Khin Mar Tun, Joint Gen-



Secretary-General U Htay Oo meets Mr Li Tiewing, Vice-Chairman of Standing Committee of NPC, of the PRC, and members at Sedona Hotel. MNA

eral-Secretary Daw Khin Htar May, Secretary of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association Dr Daw Wai Wai Tha, CEC member Dr Daw Khin Mya Win, the visiting Chinese delegation together with Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Guan Mu and

embassy staff.

During the meeting, they shared views on further strengthening of mutual respect. After the meeting, Secretary-General U Htay Oo presented an emblem of the association, books, a mosaic painting to Mr Li

Tiewing. Next, responsible personnel of the MWAFA and MMCWA presented souvenirs to Mr Li Tiewing.

Afterwards, Mr Li Tiewing handed souvenirs to Secretary-General U Htay Oo.

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## Chinese goodwill delegation concludes visit



Chinese traders and economic entrepreneurs in Myanmar greet Mr Li Tiewing, Vice-Chairman of Standing Committee of NPC of the PRC at Yangon International Airport.—MNA

YANGON, 25 Jan— A goodwill delegation led by Mr Li Tiewing, Vice-Chairman of Standing Committee of National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China, left here by air this afternoon.

At the invitation of Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, the goodwill delegation arrived here on 22 January to pay a goodwill visit.

When they arrived at Yangon International Airport in a motorcade to leave here, they were welcomed by Secretary-General U Htay Oo of the Union Solidarity and Development Association.

Next, Secretary-General U Htay Oo presented CD on goodwill visit to Vice-Chairman Mr Li Tiewing.

Afterwards, the Chinese delegation was seen off at Yangon International Airport by Secretary-General of USDA U Htay Oo, CEC Member U Maung Pa, Director-General of International Organizations and Economic Department U Win Mra, Deputy Director-General of Protocol Department U Soe Win, Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Guan Mu and embassy staff and Chinese traders and economic entrepreneurs in Myanmar.

The Chinese delegation visited the National Museum on Pyay Road this morning.

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Medical stores seen at Myanmar Dental Conference at Traders Hotel on 24 January.

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# China says it always supports peaceful use of space

BEIJING, 24 Jan—China opposes the weaponization of space and any arms race in space, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Liu Jianchao said here on Tuesday in response to questions concerning China’s space experiment recently.

“What needs to be stressed is that China has always supported the peaceful use of space,” Liu said.

China has never participated and will never participate in any arms race in outer space. This test was not directed at any country and does not pose a threat to any country, he said.

The spokesman also revealed that China has informed some countries including Japan and the United States about the experiment.— *MNA/Xinhua*



A couple of tourists ride in a rickshaw for a quick tour in a street in Kyoto, Japan, on 25 Jan, 2007. —INTERNET

## Man arrested for smuggling 500 parrots at Kazakh-Uzbek border

ALMATY, 24 Jan—Kazakh border guards arrested a man trying to smuggle 500 parrots in his car from neighbouring Uzbekistan, media reported on Tuesday.

“Border guards discovered a live cargo of 500 parrots in his car,” *Kazakhstan Today* news agency quoted a KNB security service official as saying.

It was unclear how the parrots fitted into the Kazakh man’s Audi. Trade in wild parrots is banned around the world, according to the UN Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora.— *MNA/Reuters*

## ထုတ်ကုန်နှစ်ဆ တိုးမြှင့်



Chinese Vice- President Zeng Qinghong (R) shakes hands with Estonian Foreign Minister Urmas Paet in Beijing on 24 Jan, 2007. Zeng said China and Estonia have never had any disputes and the two peoples have the strong aspiration of strengthening friendly relations. —XINHUA

## US senator sees large vote against Bush Iraq plan

WASHINGTON, 24 Jan—The chairman of the US Senate Foreign Relations Committee on Tuesday predicted the Senate would overwhelmingly reject the Bush Administration’s plan to send more troops to Iraq.

“My guess is there will be an overwhelming rejection, on the record, of ... ‘stay the course’ with 20,000 more,” Senator Joseph Biden, a Delaware Democrat, told the committee.

Biden noted there were now two bipartisan proposals in the Senate—one drafted by himself and several other senators, and a second by Virginia

Republican Senator John Warner and others—that said “almost the same thing” opposing Bush’s plan to add 21,500 troops to Baghdad and Anbar Province.

Biden’s committee was due to bring the first of the resolutions up for a vote on Wednesday. Warner, the former chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, unveiled his proposal on Monday. Both are nonbinding on the President but represent the opinion of the Senate.

Outside the hearing, Biden told *Reuters* his staff was working with Warner’s staff to try and craft a joint proposal. —*MNA/Reuters*

## US launches 2nd strike on suspected targets in Somalia

LONDON, 25 Jan—US forces carried out a fresh air strike in southern Somalia on Monday, a senior US official has said.

The official, speaking on condition of anonymity, gave no details about the operation, at least the

second US strike in Somalia this month.

A Pentagon spokesman said the US would continue to pursue

members of al-Qaeda, wherever they were.

The US has long said al-Qaeda militants linked to the 1998 US embassy

bombings in East Africa took refuge in Somalia.

*The Washington Post* newspaper quoted unnamed US officials as saying that a US Air Force AC-130 gunship carried out the Monday strike.

The Pentagon has confirmed that US aircraft targeted al-Qaeda suspects in the first air strike on 8 January but has not said whether it was successful. There have been reports that as many as 20 people were killed in that strike.



An AC-130 gunship reportedly staged the strike.

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A visitor looks at an ancient pottery pot on show in Nanjing, east China’s Jiangsu Province, on 23 Jan, 2007.— XINHUA

Internet



**Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh (R) talks with Russian Deputy Prime Minister and Defence Minister Sergei Ivanov (L) during a meeting at Singh's residence in New Delhi. Russian President Vladimir Putin is due to arrive in India on 25 Jan, 2007 looking to reforge ties with a former Cold War ally to reflect changing global realities.—INTERNET**



## China's President to visit Africa from 30 January

BEIJING, 24 Jan— Chinese President Hu Jintao will make state visits to eight African countries starting at the end of this month, the foreign Ministry said on Tuesday.

China has defended its growing trade ties with Africa and its more than six billion US dollars worth of investments in the continent, whose

energy and mineral wealth it covets to fuel its booming economy.

Hu will visit Cameroon, Sudan, Namibia, South Africa, the Seychelles, Liberia, Zambia and Mozambique from 30 January to 10 February, said ministry spokesman

Liu Jianchao.

He said the visits were a follow-up to the China-Africa summit held in Beijing last year and aimed to "consolidate traditional friendship" between China and the African countries.

MNA/Reuters

## More Republicans oppose Bush's plan

WASHINGTON, 24 Jan— As US President George W Bush is preparing to sell his troop increase in Iraq during his State of the Union address Tuesday night, more Republican lawmakers have voiced opposition to the plan.

In the Senate on Monday, John Warner of Virginia, former chairman of the Armed Services Committee, joined fellow Republicans Susan Collins of Maine and Norm Coleman of Minnesota in producing non-binding legislation expressing disagreement with Bush's Iraq plan, and their announcement brings to five the number of Senate Republicans publicly opposed to the plan.

The proposal by Warner, Collins and Coleman, along with Ben Nelson, Democrat of Nebraska, was offered as an alternative to an Iraq

resolution backed by Democratic leaders and is to be debated this week by the Foreign Relations Committee.

"The American GI was not trained, not sent over there — certainly not by resolution of this institution—to be placed in the middle of a fight between the Sunni and

the Shia and the wanton and just incomprehensible killing that's going on at this time," Warner said.

"We've had four other surges since we first went into Iraq," said Collins. "None of them produced a long-lasting change in the situation on the ground. So I am very

skeptical," she said.

The Warner proposal and the resolution introduced last week by Democrat Senators Joseph R Biden of Delaware and Carl Levin of Michigan, and Chuck Hagel, Republican of Nebraska, are similar in many respects.

MNA/Xinhua



**Three children read books in the 39th Cairo International Book Fair in Cairo, Egypt, on 24 Jan, 2007. The book fair opened on Tuesday gathered some 700 publishers from 26 countries.**

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**An old French-style house in Tianjin is decorated with porcelain pieces and vases on the wall in this photo taken on 22 Jan, 2007.**

XINHUA

## Residents rescued after Russian building collapses

YEKATERINBURG (Russia), 24 Jan— Rescuers called to a collapsed apartment building in Russia's Ural Mountains on Tuesday said they believed they had brought out all the victims alive.

Several residents, including children, were trapped under the rubble when a domestic gas explosion caused part of their three-storey building to collapse in the town of Kushva. "No dead have been found," said Alexander Sorokoletskikh, an official with the Emergencies Ministry in the Sverdlovsk Region that includes Kushva.

"Five people, including two children, have been taken out (of the rubble)" with minor injuries, he said. Rescuers will continue to search the building to make sure no one is still trapped, he said. — MNA/Reuters

## Looters' day as British ship washed ashore

LONDON, 24 Jan — Branscombe Beach in southwestern England was heaving with hundreds of looters, salvagers or beachcombers, one day after cargo of the 40 containers from the stricken ship *Napoli* was washed ashore, local media reported on Tuesday.

While a rescue operation was underway to try to prevent ecological disaster a mile off the

Devon coast, usually deserted at this time of year, a scramble of a different kind was taking place after the 62,000-ton cargo ship was stricken in last week's storm.

Motorbikes, steering wheels, carpets, beauty creams, shoes, golf clubs, oil paintings and camcorders which had fallen off the back of the *MSC Napoli* became the trophies of the locals.

The looters or

scavengers, carried, dragged and hauled what they could find from the beach. Some even brought their own tractors for transporting their booty.

Some items from the beach were soon appearing on eBay. Ten steering wheel airbags advertised as coming from the *MSC Napoli* were up for auction before the end of the day.

The free-for-all began in the early hours on

Monday, when word got out that a crate of BMW motorbikes, worth 12,000 pounds (about 23,783 US dollars) each, was among the 100 or so containers that had been washed ashore, according to the *Guardian*.

By dawn, visitors were being directed to what they wanted, with the police apparently powerless to stop them.

MNA/Xinhua

# Iran says still cooperating with IAEA

TEHERAN, 24 Jan—Iran said on Tuesday it was still cooperating with the IAEA, the UN nuclear watchdog, a day after announcing it was barring 38 inspectors from working in the country, which the West accuses of seeking atomic bombs.

Iran, which insists its atomic plans are peaceful, said on Monday it was barring the inspectors from the International Atomic Energy Agency after Parliament demanded retaliation for UN sanctions imposed on Teheran last month. The IAEA said this would not handicap its monitoring of a plant where Iran plans soon to expand its output of nuclear fuel from an experimental to an industrial-scale level in defiance of a UN Security Council resolution.

“We have no problem in connection with the IAEA and we will continue our cooperation in the

framework of our past cooperation. The IAEA’s activities in Iran go on,” government spokesman Gholamhossein Elham told a news conference.

IAEA inspectors regularly check Iran’s atomic sites to try to verify it is not diverting materials into bomb production in violation of the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty.

The West accuses Iran of wanting to build atom bombs under the cover of a professed civilian nuclear energy programme, while Teheran insists it aims only to generate electricity.

Iran has a legal right to reject any inspector it wants since such a step is not prohibited by its safeguards accord.

MNA/Reuters



People use computers at an Internet cafe in Yingtan in central China’s Jiangxi Province, on 24 Jan, 2007. —INTERNET



A Singapore Airlines passenger jet at Beijing Capital International Airport, on 24 Jan, 2007.

The plane managed to land safely after an engine fire alarm went off. —XINHUA

## Australian diver says partly swallowed by shark

SYDNEY, 24 Jan—An Australian abalone diver told rescuers on Tuesday he was partly swallowed head-first by a Great White Shark but managed to fight his way free, suffering a broken nose and bite marks around the chest.

The 25-year-old diver said he was underwater off Cape Howe, near Eden on Australia’s southeast coast, when the shark attacked on Tuesday.

“He stated that he was head-first into the shark,” a spokeswoman for Snowy Hydro SouthCare rescue service told Reuters after airlifting the diver to hospital.

“When he came to us he was conscious and alert but had a broken nose and lacerations to both sides of his torso and chest — bite marks all the way around,” the spokeswoman said.

“He believed it was a 9-foot (3-metre) white pointer. He said he fought it off,” she said.

Attacks by Great White Sharks are usually fatal because of the massive size of the predators, which breed in Australia’s cold southern waters, and the sheer force of their bites.

MNA/Reuters

## Fresh bird flu outbreak suspected in Japan

TOKYO, 24 Jan—A fresh outbreak of bird flu was suspected in Japan on Tuesday after 250 birds died at a poultry farm in southwestern Japan. *Kyodo* news agency reported.

*Kyodo* said the birds had died at a farm in Miyazaki Prefecture, where earlier this month the government confirmed a case of the lethal H5N1 strain of the virus — Japan’s first such case in three years.

Local officials were conducting tests to see whether the deaths were from bird flu, *Kyodo* added. Even if an initial test proves positive, confirmation could take days.

Neither agriculture ministry nor prefectural officials could confirm the *Kyodo* report.

Renewed fears over the disease have rippled across Asia recently. Hong Kong confirmed on Monday that three more dead birds found in the city carried the H5N1 virus, the third such case this month in the

wealthy city. Miyazaki on Japan’s southernmost island of Kyushu is the country’s top breeder of chickens.

In 2004, Japan had four outbreaks of the H5N1 type strain in poultry

between January and March, including an outbreak in Kyoto in western Japan that led to the disposal of about 240,000 chickens and 20 million eggs.

MNA/Reuters



## Two foreign workers kidnapped in Nigeria

ABUJA, 24 Jan—Two foreign construction workers were kidnapped by gunmen on their way to work on Tuesday in Nigeria’s southern oil city Port Harcourt, police said.

Rivers State police commissioner Felix Ogbaudu said the two men were American nationals working for local

construction firm Pivot. But an oil industry security source said the two men were British.

“Two Americans were kidnapped on their way to work,” Ogbaudu said.

Thousands of foreign oil workers have left Nigeria in the past year as attacks and kidnappings have multiplied, and some

industry executives see the situation in the Niger Delta descending into anarchy as landmark elections approach in April.

Nigeria is the world’s eighth largest exporter. Militant raids last year have cut oil exports by a fifth.

The April elections should mark Nigeria’s first fully democratic transition and many expect politicians to arm thugs to gain sway at the polls, especially in the delta where elected office comes with a slice of oil revenue.

MNA/Reuters

Jammu and Kashmir police team members perform at a motor bike show during a full dress rehearsal for Republic Day in Jammu, India, on 24 Jan, 2007.

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## Undertakings on safety of women's life and development matters in States and Divisions



*Shan State (East) WAO Patron Daw Kyu Kyu Hla and party attend reading sessions for the aged.*

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In carrying out prevention against human smuggling and trafficking in women and children, educative talks were given to 0.77 million persons for 4,621 times, in addition to protecting 2,369 men and 1,040 trafficked victims and taking action. The following is the prevention against human smuggling and trafficking in persons. (See page 7)

YANGON, 25 Jan — The Annual General Meeting of the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation was held at the hall of the federation on Thanlwin Road in Bahan Township on 23 and 24 January.

The undertakings in 2006 of states and divisions in the safety of women's life and development matters were submitted to the meeting.

As part of taking preventive measures on violence against women, 7,980 times of educative talks and clarification of legal affairs were given to 0.91 million persons, opening of 77 educative centres, holding of counselling with 12 men and 375 women, and tasks of protecting 398 women subject to violence.

The following is the tasks to prevent violence against women.

**Table (B)**

Sr.	State/Division	Talks		Protecting trafficked victims			Cases of trafficking in persons			Numbers of culprits			
		Time	Number	Male	Female	Total	Time	Trafficked victims		Male	Female	Total	
								Male	Female				Total
1.	Kachin	133	23950	-	2	2	13	-	14	14	3	7	10
2.	Kayah	61	3922	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3.	Kayin	210	29980	1124	296	1420	6	10	22	32	16	6	22
4.	Chin	35	7643	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5.	Sagaing	507	100269	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6.	Taninthayi	69	8009	1197	519	1716	29	87	46	133	50	8	58
7.	Bago	147	18467	2	35	37	1	-	1	1	-	11	11
8.	Bago (west)	21	3036	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9.	Magway	79	11073	-	2	2	1	-	1	1	-	-	-
10.	Mandalay	1459	378946	-	10	10	5	-	12	12	5	6	11
11.	Mon	38	4435	23	24	47	4	-	-	-	-	-	-
12.	Rakhine	93	5892	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
13.	Yangon	186	15387	5	37	42	7	1	13	14	2	4	6
14.	Shan (South)	448	41628	15	31	46	4	20	195	39	3	1	4
15.	Shan (East)	364	27239	3	23	26	7	4	16	20	14	4	18
16.	Shan (North)	274	36253	-	58	58	13	-	51	51	17	28	45
17.	Ayeyawady	497	59926	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>4621</b>	<b>776055</b>	<b>2369</b>	<b>1040</b>	<b>3409</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>185</b>

**Table (A)**

Sr.	State/Division	Talks		Opening of educative centre	Counseling	Protecting women under laws		
		Time	Number			Information on MPF	Contact with court	Hiring of lawyer
1.	Kachin	101	17845	5	4	12	5	1
2.	Kayah	79	5120	3	7	-	4	-
3.	Kayin	563	68679	4	38	7	10	-
4.	Chin	49	8208	2	11	-	-	-
5.	Sagaing	1080	92183	8	9	20	24	4
6.	Taninthayi	121	25311	3	7	5	5	-
7.	Bago	167	20493	2	37	12	8	-
8.	Bago (West)	47	3674	2	30	42	32	-
9.	Magway	107	13490	11	8	12	52	-
10.	Mandalay	2164	344814	8	10	35	33	-
11.	Mon	49	5604	3	32	7	8	-
12.	Yangon	278	18813	4	28	6	5	1
13.	Rakhine	142	11126	3	63	9	17	-
14.	Shan (South)	677	48779	5	12	4	16	-
15.	Shan (North)	1078	120498	5	16	-	4	-
16.	Shan (East)	555	37066	4	34	2	4	-
17.	Ayeyawady	723	75018	5	41	15	47	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>7980</b>	<b>916721</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>387</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>6</b>



*The round-table discussions of Wetlet Township WAO members in progress in Thayaing Village.*

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**Table (C)**

Sr.	State/Division	Counselling		Vocational courses		Sending them to parents		Assistance	
		Time	Number	Time	Number	Time	Number	Time	Number
1.	Kachin	45	56	8	378	13	15	16	638
2.	Kayah	11	15	6	143	-	-	14	2
3.	Kayin	26	104	26	823	34	68	6	8
4.	Chin	18	26	10	349	-	-	2	7
5.	Sagaing	108	279	148	3376	3	4	146	2078
6.	Taninthayi	73	139	16	401	29	91	19	119
7.	Bago	27	20	52	1795	19	42	16	68
8.	Bago (West)	15	42	2	30	3	9	12	30
9.	Magway	13	13	12	295	1	1	29	50
10.	Mandalay	99	134	365	4936	14	54	8	594
11.	Mon	42	73	27	1160	6	50	23	29
12.	Rakhine	53	145	21	277	-	-	5	6
13.	Yangon	26	136	1	2	28	62	38	407
14.	Shan (South)	210	627	159	4799	13	69	111	504
15.	Shan (East)	41	76	24	643	8	20	9	31
16.	Shan (North)	455	571	18	258	17	75	15	117
17.	Ayeyawady	67	255	72	1256	11	12	73	234
<b>Total</b>		<b>1329</b>	<b>2711</b>	<b>967</b>	<b>20921</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>572</b>	<b>542</b>	<b>4922</b>



**Hpa-an District and Township WAO members seen at Cetana evening school at Kayin Boarding in Hpa-an. — MNA**

In the education sector for uplift of women's living standard, K 34.2 million of stipends were provided to 20,699 students, stationery and school uniforms worth K 36.33 million to 64,174 students. In addition, night schools were opened to teach 1,253 students for 122 times. A total of 25,647 aged persons attended the reading sessions for 1,050 times. Furthermore, prizes worth K 7.62 million were awarded to 1,728 outstanding primary, middle and high school students.

**Table (D)**

The nurturing and re-settlement tasks were performed to counsell 2,711 trafficked women for 1,329 times.

Vocational training courses were conducted to 20,921 persons for 697 times; assistance was provided to 4,922 persons for 542 times; and 572 persons were sent to their parents for 199 times.

The Table (C) shows the tasks of nurturing and resettlement for trafficked persons.

Sr.	State/Division	Providing of stipends						Night schools		Reading sessions for the aged		Prizes					
		Stipends		Stationery		Uniforms		Time	No.	Time	No.	Primary		Middle		High	
		No.	Worth	No.	Worth	No.	Worth					No.	Worth	No.	Worth	No.	Worth
1.	Kachin	186	1113000	547	643547	311	724500	5	305	7	113	13	39000	11	40000	20	180000
2.	Kayah	1	549000	453	3022700	592	388000	3	393	14	161	3	3000	3	4500	7	53000
3.	Kayin	39	182500	708	609700	347	894000	12	883	10	310	-	-	-	-	5	34000
4.	Chin	125	246300	164	121190	2	5600	5	479	2	60	-	-	2	8000	3	30000
5.	Sagaing	1707	3015550	2428	2088715	477	999286	22	1489	88	1548	107	204000	131	414000	127	983500
6.	Taninthayi	3326	4631300	11541	6327280	162	757150	18	1455	51	650	34	111000	46	239500	42	306500
7.	Bago	819	1707000	7672	6854000	1509	1830940	16	1248	56	888	84	90500	110	425500	50	398000
8.	Bago (west)	111	198000	157	210400	52	192000	7	365	15	285	12	56500	16	975000	22	153110
9.	Magway	732	1085400	636	714504	89	100000	3	130	14	200	12	133000	-	-	10	37200
10.	Mandalay	1538	3520585	4614	9839375	873	2329970	33	1535	80	1131	102	224740	54	192520	50	320900
11.	Mon	116	922000	727	894900	85	182400	12	673	10	98	116	23200	34	85000	34	102000
12.	Rakhine	206	449500	104	126501	62	111500	18	680	49	392	29	34000	24	36000	15	42000
13.	Yangon	6677	3871296	9459	10242020	6501	8653810	15	273	155	2990	26	58500	19	53350	88	646000
14.	Shan (South)	1931	5452269	2098	3590547	374	916100	18	395	300	9878	8	16000	39	69000	61	146500
15.	Shan (East)	84	174600	479	1216180	-	-	7	391	27	3728	3	6000	17	97500	15	81000
16.	Shan (North)	529	1924500	5190	2167070	589	1695000	11	1177	26	271	-	-	-	-	7	40000
17.	Ayeyawady	2572	5227140	4789	3207003	383	679345	17	664	145	2944	36	45000	40	50800	43	130800
<b>Total</b>		<b>20699</b>	<b>34269940</b>	<b>51766</b>	<b>51875631</b>	<b>12408</b>	<b>20459601</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>12535</b>	<b>1050</b>	<b>25647</b>	<b>585</b>	<b>1253240</b>	<b>536</b>	<b>2690670</b>	<b>607</b>	<b>3684500</b>

**Table (E)**

Sr.	State/Division	Health educative seminar		Participants in health care services	Cooperation with departments	
		Time	Number		Time	Number
1.	Kachin	493	19981	13226	688	13631
2.	Kayah	266	12271	2305	368	6079
3.	Kayin	261	6967	4076	592	17125
4.	Chin	189	8099	2220	109	1575
5.	Sagaing	2691	96668	49668	1522	37973
6.	Taninthayi	687	55842	14396	721	45945
7.	Bago	743	36055	17096	783	14262
8.	Bago (West)	243	16825	9222	272	4172
9.	Magway	1554	59797	50664	2976	74810
10.	Mandalay	7321	488189	36900	3908	188352
11.	Mon	452	55557	4460	21	6869
12.	Rakhine	260	9933	3230	302	6839
13.	Yangon	1248	33848	14158	1216	17121
14.	Shan (South)	6039	215614	31839	3322	47615
15.	Shan (East)	930	31887	5869	1104	14411
16.	Shan (North)	1138	79765	9663	964	45312
17.	Ayeyawady	2440	96318	19841	1629	29916
<b>Total</b>		<b>26955</b>	<b>1323616</b>	<b>288833</b>	<b>20497</b>	<b>572007</b>

The federation is joining hands with local social organizations and international organizations to provide health care services for HIV/AIDS, malaria and TB in the health sector. The federation gave health educative talks to 1.32 million people for 26,955 times, provided health care services in cooperation with health personnel to 0.57 million for 20,497 times and undertook health tasks with social organizations and local people, totalling 2.88 million.

The Table (E) shows the tasks related to the health sector.

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University for Development of National Races will have to go back to your native places to discharge duties.

When you discharge duties at your native places in border areas after leaving the university, you should also understand and keep in your hearts the significant and noble aims of the university and should always strive with correct conviction to realize the aims.

The main aim of the UDNR is to produce educators who will share knowledge to all the national races of backward remote border areas and train and nurture them to become valuable human resources with qualifications high to the level of



Senior General Than Shwe cordially greets trainees and supervisors of BEd Course No 38 of UDNR.

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## The main aim of the UDNR is to produce educators who will share knowledge with all the national races

developing their own regions.

In other words, the UDNR was established with the objective of raising regional education level by nurturing native youths to become intellectual educators, who will provide education to all the national races, especially, the children of their native places.

Native children of border areas did not have access to education in the past because of the dis-

connection between the areas and the central regions of the nation. As the natives lacked education, they had less ability to develop their communities. Hence, the development gap between the remote areas and central regions further widened.

In this respect, we are laying down and implementing development projects to narrow the gap, and for equal development of all the regions and the nationalities of the Union.

The development projects cover construction of universities and colleges and hospitals and dispensaries in every region for opening education opportunities, providing access to higher studies and ensuring advanced health care.

Hence, you will have to provide general knowledge and health education to native youths in your assigned regions, in addition to teaching them education. I would

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### Excerpts from guidance of Senior General Than Shwe

- \* The UDNR was established with the objective of raising regional education level by nurturing native youths to become intellectual educators.
- \* Development projects cover construction of universities and colleges and hospitals and dispensaries in every region.
- \* Teachers will have to use their public influence through positive and appropriate means for community development and educating native youths as leading coordinators.
- \* All the national races have the duty to safeguard the Union and keep it in oneness, while upholding and enhancing the fine traditions and the good spirit of unity.



Aerial view of Minkyaung Creek Bridge in Rakhine State, a symbol of the government's goodwill to bridge the development gap. — MNA



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like to urge you all to energetically discharge your duties, with the conviction that the entire Union will develop only if there is an increase in the number of intellectuals and regional development.

Teachers are influential persons in addition to their daily relations with the public. They will have to use their public influence through positive and appropriate means for community development and educating native youths as leading coordinators. What's more, they should also serve as leading coordinators to further strengthen national solidarity and Union Spirit.

We have over 100 national races living in

disintegration of national solidarity; and perpetuation of sovereignty — is the national policy concerned with all the national races born in the Union.

The national races will be able to safeguard the Union for its perpetual peace, stability and existence to the degree of their trust in and adherence to the national policy.

You should be organizers always striving to further vitalizing the spirit of national solidarity and Union Spirit, while consolidating the public trust in the national policy in every place you are assigned to.

You will have to educate the nationalities to understand that the nation will be peaceful and sta-

bility and progress depends on the successful realization of the seven-step Road Map.

The public representatives are holding discussions at the National Convention for the emergence of a Constitution that ensures long-term unity and equal progress of all the national people in accord with the Road Map.

At a time when the National Convention is making progress, it is required to build firm foundations necessary for the emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed nation with flourishing discipline.

**The first requirement in this regard is restoration of peace and**



*Shan national Ma Nan Thida Win  
Maung of Kehsi Township.*

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*Danu national Maung Aung Than  
Htay of Ywangan Township.*

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**The second requirement is strong economy of the nation.** The development of the nation will be on a par with that of other countries only

necessary in border areas.

So, in the regions to which you are posted, you will have to take part in building economic foundations, widen the

tasks for the development of the regions where you are posted.

**The third requirement is to promote the education standard of**

**At a time when the National Convention is making progress, it is required to build firm foundations necessary for the emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed nation with flourishing discipline**

various parts of the Union together. No single national race lives separately in a single place.

National races have been living without any dissension. All the national races have the duty to safeguard the Union and keep it in oneness, while upholding and enhancing the fine traditions and the good spirit of unity.

Our Three National Causes — non-disintegration of the Union; non-

ble only if national solidarity and Union Spirit flourish; and that there will be equal progress in all regions only if there is national peace and stability.

The government has been striving for emergence of the Union that is enjoying perpetual peace, stability and progress.

The endeavour to safeguard and keep the nation perpetually exist as the Union enjoying peace,

**stability and prevalence of law and order across the nation.** Only through national cohesion, will it be possible for the entire nation including border areas to enjoy the fruit of tranquillity and peace. The government has managed to make peace with national race armed groups, so all parts of the nation inclusive of the fringes have seen stability and peace with prevalence of law and order.

when it is economically strong.

Therefore, the government has constructed a large number of roads, river and creek-spanning bridges, irrigation facilities, and electric power stations the length and breadth of the nation including far-flung areas.

In addition, it is building roads, bridges, agriculture and livestock farms, small-scale hydel power stations wherever

horizon of local people, organize and help them develop the agricultural, livestock and production sectors, uplift their standard of living, improve their lifestyle, and play a leading role in the drive for raising the rural economy to alleviate their poverty. You also have to make unremitting efforts to achieve the major duty the university has entrusted to you: to play a leading role in the

**national races so that they will be able to practise discipline-flourishing democracy for ensuring perpetual existence of the Union.** Only when local people are educated will they be able to distinguish between good and bad.

So, the government is creating opportunities across the nation including border areas to pursue education. Moreover, it is establishing TV retransmitting stations and Information and Public Relations Departments in border areas to broaden the horizon of national people.

Now is an opportune time for all national brethren to be equipped fully with Union Spirit and make harmonious efforts to ensure regional and national development and perpetual existence of the Union.

At such a time, I would like to exhort you to participate zealously in the tasks of building necessary foundations for ensuring ever-lasting Union and for the emergence of a discipline-flourishing democratic nation.

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*Thanlwin Bridge (Mawlamyine)— facilities for speedy and smooth transport of passengers and goods.*

## Vice-Senior General Maung Aye felicitates Indian Vice-President

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Jan— On the occasion of the 58th Anniversary of the Republic Day of India which falls on 26 January 2007, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Bhairon Singh Shekhawat, Vice-President of the Republic of India.—MNA

## Prime Minister sends felicitations to India

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## At a time when the National Convention is making ...

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In conclusion, I would like to urge you:

- to make all-out efforts to restore stability and peace and development of the regions where you are posted, improve the socio-economic life of local people, and to develop human resources.

- to take organizing measures and play a leading role in inculcating national people with nationalistic spirit and Union Spirit for ensuring perpetual existence of the Union.

On behalf of the students, Danu national Maung Aung Than Htay of Ywangan Township, Shan State (South), said that in its drive for transforming the nation into a modern developed one, the government had placed emphasis on raising the education sector, the fundamental factor for shaping a

promising future of the nation and the people. To achieve the goal, it was implementing short-term and long-term education promotion plans to raise the education standard of the entire nation. It had created a lot of good opportunities for the youth in various regions to have access to higher education. As a result, regional development tasks were being carried out in the education, health, economic and social sectors with the participation of local educated youths. So, it was heartening to note that the entire nation had prospects for development in various sectors. Human resource development is necessary for building a modern nation. On behalf of the students, he pledged that they would make efforts with might and main and genuine goodwill in nurturing and training the youth of next generation.

From time immemorial, national brethren had been living in the multicultural country in amity through thick and thin. Inspired by Union Spirit, national races unified the nation into a strong one and collectively wiped out the dangers posed to the motherland. Now, upholding Union Spirit handed down by the ancestors, the government is making sustained endeavours to fulfil the entire people's aspiration for a peaceful, modern and developed democratic nation. Under the correct leadership of the government, the national people were carrying out the duties whatever role they were in. So, then, the entire nation including border areas had enjoyed basic foundations for development. However, certain countries and organizations that could not bear to see any kinds of progress of the nation were sowing seeds of discord and suspicion

## Senior General Than Shwe hosts...

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Civil Service Selection and Training Board, members of management working group for study tour of the BEd course,

director-general of the State Peace and Development Council Office, departmental officials, course instructors and trainees.

Before and during the dinner, the artistes with accompaniment of modern orchestra of Myanmar Radio and Television entertained those present with songs.

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among national races to undermine national solidarity and the Union. The people were to be convinced of the fact that only with national unity, stability and peace, would the nation be able to enjoy progress in various aspects for ensuring transition to democracy. Union Spirit is essential for perpetual existence of the Union. He pledged that he would preserve the good tradition of carrying out generational task of handing down Union Spirit.

In conclusion, he took a solemn vow that he would carry out the duties assigned to him to repay the gratitude of the State.

Ma Nan Thida Win Maung, a Shan, of Kehsi Mahsam, Shan State (South) expressed thanks, saying, they vow to adhere to the guidance in all seriousness. The university has nurtured them to become human resources qualified to the degree of successfully realizing its aims. Qualified students are permitted to attend master's degree courses at the UDNR. They owe the university a great debt of gratitude as it has nurtured them to become persons, endowed with knowledge in various fields. They make a firm pledge to discharge their duties to the best of their intellectual and physical ability.

The government since its assumption of the State duties has been striving day in and day

out for the nation to become developed and modern and to ensure food, clothing and shelter for all the people. As the government has been keeping in the fore Our Three Main National Causes and implementing the political, economic and social objectives with constant efforts, the people are enjoying equal development in knowledge, economic and social sectors. Moreover, they are able to cement their mutual understanding and love and unity. Every part of the nation is enjoying progress thanks to the border areas development project, the 24 special zones development project and the rural development project. And the spirit to have trust in the race, the love for Union and the spirit of co-existence are flourishing in the hearts of the people. The government has been striving for the nation's development to catch up with the neighbouring countries. The people as they have understood the government's goodwill efforts are taking part in the drive to build a new nation.

She said the trainees as junior leaders will take part in the development and nation-building endeavours in the respective sectors. The people have been living in unity and amity since yore in the country that lived under her own monarchs with glory in the past. Although the

nation faced alien intrusion, no national race wished to live under subjugation. With nationalistic fervour, the national races were able to regain independence at the risk of their lives. It is the bounden duty of all the national races to always safeguard the independence and sovereignty. At present some powers are making continuous attempts to make the nation their stooges. She said she believed that whatever attempts there are to break up the nation, our Union will develop and perpetuate as long as the people all live in unity. And the sovereignty will perpetuate as long as the Union exists. All will strive to further vitalize and strengthen the spirit of national unity among the people in every part of the nation, she said.

She added: We will strive to develop human resources and cement unity and vitalize Union Spirit among the people of the regions we are assigned to. The university has trained us to discharge duties well. We vow to strive to the best of our ability for the national and regional development, effectively applying the techniques and knowledge the university has taught us as good sons and daughters on whom the state can rely.

The Senior General and party cordially greeted the trainees and course supervisors.—MNA



Zawtika-1 (A) oil well in oil field M-9 off Mottama coast promises bright future of the nation. — ENERGY

## Union of Myanmar Muse-Namhkam Border Trade Association totally opposes US, Britain-sponsored draft resolution

YANGON, 25 Jan — *Union of Myanmar Muse-Namhkam Border Trade Association issued a declaration on 22 January condemning and protesting at the draft resolution submitted by the US and Britain to the UNSC in order to interfere in Myanmar's internal affairs. The declaration was as follows:—*

All the members and economic entrepreneurs of the association were very pleased to note that killing the draft resolution to decide Myanmar's issue at the UNSC submitted by the US and Britain through groundless accusations to interfere in internal affairs of Myanmar.

All the members and economic entrepreneurs strongly denounce the US that put one-sided pressure on Myanmar as well as all internal and external traitors and organizations that support of the draft resolution in synchronization with the pressure.

We thank the People's Republic of China and the Russian Federation that cast rare double veto, and South Africa that voted against the draft resolution while the UNSC members were deciding it.

**Union of Myanmar Muse-Namhkam Border Trade Association—MNA**

## Myanmar Rubber Planters and Producers Association issues declaration condemning draft resolution of US and Britain

YANGON, 25 Jan — *Myanmar Rubber Planters and Producers Association issued a declaration today, condemning the draft resolution submitted by the US and Britain to the UNSC so that they could interfere in the internal affairs of Myanmar. The declaration was as follows:—*

The Myanmar issue was put on the UNSC agenda under the pressure of the US and Britain through groundless accusations to interfere in the internal affairs of Myanmar. But the draft resolution submitted by the US and Britain to the UNSC to act against Myanmar was killed. The interferences of the US and Britain were in vain.

Our association regards that the failure of the US and Britain to take action against Myanmar at the UNSC was a fair victory and that also sparked the prestige of the UNSC.

Our association condemns and opposes all internal and external organizations that welcome and support the groundless accusations of the US and Britain through lopsided pressure.

We thank China and Russia that cast double veto, and South Africa that voted against the draft resolution while the members of the UNSC were deciding it.

**General-Secretary  
Myanmar Rubber Planters and Producers Association  
MNA**

## Myanmar War Veterans Organization issues ...

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1. In an attempt to meddle in internal affairs of Myanmar, the Government of the United States of America accused Myanmar of posing a threat to international and regional peace and security and tried to put the issue of Myanmar on the agenda of UNSC. The matter was put to the vote at the UNSC on 15 September 2006.
2. The US proposed the draft resolution to the UNSC on 12 January 2007, and the People's Republic of China and the Russian Federation vetoed the draft resolution.
3. At present, community peace and tranquillity is prevailing in Myanmar and the government has implemented the drug elimination activities joining hands with international bodies while implementing the regional development tasks in cooperation with national races. The representatives from all walks of life to the National Convention laid down detailed basic principles for drafting the constitution at the National Convention. Therefore, it is learnt that neighbouring countries of Myanmar and members of ASEAN recognized that situation in Myanmar does not constitute a threat not only to regional but also to international peace and security.
4. The US and Britain turned a blind eye to the development of Myanmar and submitted the draft resolution which is contrary to the UN Charter. Hence, MWVO denounces the US and Britain who proposed the draft resolution.
5. We, MWVO, want to express thanks to the PRC and the Russian Federation who stood by Myanmar at UNSC and vetoed the resolution, and the South Africa who also voted against the resolution.

**Myanmar War Veterans Organization  
MNA**

## Myanmar Gold Entrepreneurs Association ...

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*The announcement is as follows:—*

1. We are absolutely delighted at the abortive attempts of the submission to the UNSC by the US and Britain to interfere in Myanmar's internal affairs.
2. The government has been striving for economic development, peace and progress the entire people in the nation long for. However, the US and Britain, ignoring the current developments of Myanmar, submitted the draft resolution to the UNSC. We have learnt that the submission to the UNSC was abortive because of putting double veto on the resolution.
3. We express our special thanks for protest against the draft resolution of the People's Republic of China, the Russian Federation and South Africa. And the world knows Myanmar has many fraternal nations.

**Myanmar Gold Entrepreneurs Association  
MNA**

## NAM has carried out its functions ...

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members of the UNSC altogether 15 nations have right to vote at the UNSC for the decision making, and only five permanent members have veto power.

**Non-Aligned Movement (NAM)** on 19 January also opposed the lopsided action of the US and Britain who submitted the draft resolution to the UNSC to meddle in Myanmar's internal affairs.

NAM comprises

nations from Asia, Africa and Latin America which achieved the independence from colonial rule. NAM has carried out its functions based on Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence laid down at Bandung Conference held by five nations including Myanmar in 1955, and has made contributions to the maintenance of international peace and security.

United Nations includes 192 nations while NAM comprises 118, and 117 members of NAM are members of the UN.

Myanmar and its neighbouring countries India and Bangladesh, and ASEAN members Laos, Thailand, Cambodia,

Vietnam, Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia, Brunei and the Philippines are also members of NAM, and the People's Republic of China stands in NAM as an observer.

Therefore, it is learnt that international affairs analysts considered that the move of NAM members to oppose the double-veto against the lopsided action of the US and Britain which use UNSC to interfere in internal affairs of Myanmar, and the double-veto against the resolution show that NAM treasures the international peace and security and contributes to the maintenance of the international peace and security. — MNA

## Foreign Minister sends felicitations to India

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## Dances and music of national races to be staged in Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Jan— As a gesture of hailing the 60th Anniversary Union Day, traditional cultural dances and music of national races will be staged in the compound of the City Hall, here, on 13 and 14 February. — MNA

## Corrigendum

Please read "Food for education project being implemented in cooperation with the WFP has been provided to children and students of the families

who have already abandoned the practice of growing poppy for opium." in the first column on page-6 of this daily issued on 21-1-2007. Error is regretted. Ed

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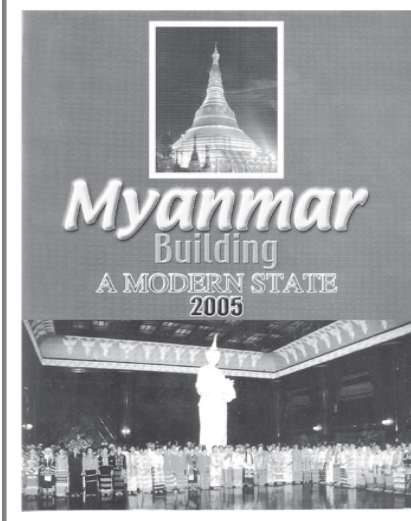
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**Police seize 111.5 kilos of heroin in S Turkey**

ANKARA, 24 Jan— Turkish police seized 111.5 kilos of heroin in an operation in Mersin Province in southern Turkey, the semi-official *Anatolia* news agency reported on Tuesday.

Mersin Governor Huseyin Aksoy was quoted as saying that anti-drug squad staged concurrent operations in several southeastern cities and confiscated 111.5 kilos of heroin stashed in a truck on the Adana-Tarsus-Mersin highway in southern Turkey.

Eleven suspected people were detained in the operation, he added.— *MNA/Xinhua*

**Three Arab countries hold summit meeting in Libya's Sirte**

CAIRO, 24 Jan— Libyan leader Colonel Moammar Kadaffi, Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and Algerian President Abdelaziz Bouteflika held a tripartite meeting in Libya's city of Sirte on Tuesday on pressing Arab issues, Egypt's official *MENA* news agency reported.

Egyptian Presidential spokesman Suliman Awwad was quoted as saying that the tripartite consultative meeting focused on the current state of affairs in the Palestinian territories and Iraq along with the recent escalation in Lebanon.

The three leaders discussed an Egyptian initiative for pushing forward the Middle East peace process at the Palestinian-Israeli track and Cairo's vision on reaching a comprehensive peace in the region, Awwad said in Press statements to *MENA*.

President Mubarak had put forth the Cairo vision at recent separate meetings with US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and EU foreign policy chief Javier Solana during their recent visits to Egypt, the Egyptian official said, without giving more details.

*MNA/Xinhua*

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A trader displays white diamonds produced in India at the 18th International Jewellery Tokyo 2007 fair in Tokyo, on 24 Jan, 2007. Japan's largest jewellery trade fair goes on till 27 Jan, 2007. —INTERNET

## FAO says many global bird flu outbreaks unreported

BANGKOK, 24 Jan— Many countries are doing a better job fighting the H5N1 bird flu virus, yet many outbreaks are not reported, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) officials said on Tuesday.

Absolute transparency about disease outbreaks, involving farmers directly in surveillance and reporting as well as compensation were key to

make the global fight against bird flu successful, they said.

"So far, many countries have managed to progressively control the virus and the global situation has improved tremendously," Juan Lubroth, a senior FAO infectious diseases official, told a news conference.

"Unfortunately, at the global scale, many outbreaks remain under reported or unreported. National or international bodies are often not in a position to immediately verify rumours or reports about unconfirmed outbreaks," Lubroth said.

The number of outbreaks in the first weeks of 2007 had been significantly lower than the epidemic waves of last year despite new flare-ups of the virus so far in eight countries, including Indonesia, China, Egypt, Japan and South Korea, FAO officials said.

"The virus continues to persist in several Asian countries, as well as in Egypt and Nigeria," said Hiroyuki Konuma, the FAO's deputy regional representative for Asia and the Pacific.

"Other countries may have been affected but have yet to report."

MNA/Reuters

## Chinese telecom giant acquires Pakistani mobile operator

BEIJING, 24 Jan— China Mobile announced on Monday it has signed an agreement with Millicom International Cellular to buy the Luxembourg-based company's 88.86 per cent share of PakTel Limited, Pakistan's fifth largest mobile phone operator.

The deal, which values the Pakistani company at 460 million US dollars, requires government approval but is expected to be completed in late February.

This is the first time that China Mobile has acquired a foreign telecommunication company of "strategic significance". Last year, the Chinese telecommunication giant acquired all shares of Hong Kong's fourth largest mobile operator, China Resources Peoples Telephone Co Ltd and a 19.9-per-cent stake in Phoenix TV.

PakTel Limited had 1.56 million mobile phone subscribers, for a 3.5-per-cent share market in Pakistan as of last October. The Pakistani telecommunication market is one of the fastest growing markets in the world, with 12.8 per cent of the population using mobile phones.

Millicom is a global telecommunication investor, providing cellular telephone services to 12.8 million people in 17 emerging markets in Asia, Latin America and Africa. — MNA/Xinhua



Actress Andie McDowell smiles as she arrives for a news conference in Warsaw on 22 Jan, 2007. Andie McDowell is in Warsaw to receive an award for her work during "Telekamery" 2007 in Poland. —INTERNET

## Moderate earthquake hits easternmost Indonesia

JAKARTA, 24 Jan — A 5.3 magnitude earthquake jolted easternmost Indonesia on Tuesday, but no casualty or damage was reported, Indonesian Meteorology and Geophysics Agency said.

The quake struck at 19:16 Jakarta Time with the epicentre on land at 103 kilometres northeast of Nabire of Papua Province and at 13 kilometres under the earth, an official of the agency Aprilyanto told Xinhua.

It was the third moderate quake that has hit the province since Monday.

Indonesian is laid on a vulnerable quake-hit zone that is called "the Pacific ring of fire", where continental plates meet causing frequent seismic and volcanic activities. — MNA/Xinhua

## Spanish retailers re-size to promote more realistic fashion

MADRID, 24 Jan— Spain's biggest fashion retailers have agreed to re-size their clothing in an attempt to better reflect the real sizes of women and reduce pressure on them to conform to a skinny image.

Health Minister Elena Salgado announced on Tuesday that the National Consumer Institute will measure 8,500 women between 12 and 70 years of age with the aim of "defining standard patterns and redefining

and normalizing sizes," according to an agreement between fashion houses and the ministry.

Giants such as Inditex, which owns fast-fashion retailer Zara, El Corte Ingles, Mango and Cortefiel are behind the agreement, aimed at making fashion sizes "truthful, homogenous and comprehensible".

Mannequins in shop windows of the companies signed up will now be at least a European size 38, while size 46 will no longer

be considered outside.

The government hopes that by selling bigger, more realistic sizes, it will discourage women from trying to conform to a stick-thin ideal as presented on fashion catwalks.

In an attempt to help curb weight-related disorders such as anorexia, Spain last year barred models below a certain weight from Madrid catwalks while similar measures were taken in Italy.

MNA/Reuters



A baby Komodo dragon pokes its head from an egg as it hatches at Chester Zoo in Chester, on 22 Jan, 2007. Flora, a Komodo dragon who has never mated or even mixed with a male, became a mother and father of five this week, British scientists said on 24 Jan, 2007. —XINHUA

# SPORTS

## Kaiser: Ballack move a mistake



**Michael Ballack.**  
INTERNET

Franz Beckenbauer claims Michael Ballack made a mistake joining Chelsea - Der Kaiser believes he should have signed for Manchester United instead.

The Bayern Munich president saw Ballack leave his club last summer after the Germany

international committed his future to the Premiership champions, despite interest from United.

The move is thought to have made Ballack the highest paid player in world football with wages of around £130,000 per week.

"I cannot see a place for Ballack at Chelsea," Beckenbauer said.

"As you can see, the game mostly passes him by. Frank Lampard is stronger and takes his position.

"He [Ballack] would have been better off at Manchester United."

Internet

## Ronaldo negotiations proceeding well

ROME, 25 Jan — AC Milan said on Wednesday they are optimistic of signing Ronaldo before the transfer deadline on 31 January while denying the Brazilian's transfer was imminent.

"Ronaldo will not arrive today," Milan vice-president Adriano Galliani was quoted as saying by Italian news agency ANSA on Wednesday.

"I spoke again this morning with Real Madrid technical adviser Franco Baldini and the negotiations are ongoing."

Galliani said he felt hopeful of closing the deal because of the 30-year-old's determination to join Milan.

"Ronaldo has said that he only wants a transfer to Milan and has received authorization from Real Madrid to look for another team, so there is no problem with Real's officials.

"If negotiations proceed in the right way, I will travel to Madrid next Monday."

Last week, Galliani said that Milan were aiming to sign Ronaldo on a free transfer.

Milan's position softened, however, after Real sporting director Predrag Mijatovic insisted that the Spanish club would only let Ronaldo go in exchange for a fee.— MNA/Reuters

## Wenger delighted by comeback

LONDON, 25 Jan — Arsene Wenger believes Arsenal have a good chance of claiming a spot in the Carling Cup final after fighting back to claim a 2-2 draw at Tottenham.

After Spurs raced into a two-goal lead through Dimitar Berbatov's strike and an own goal from Julio Baptista, a strong second half comeback from The Gunners saw Baptista strike twice.

But Wenger admitted he was surprised by Spurs' quickstart in the semi-final first leg.

"We were surprised by their start - Tottenham started well and we were lacking a bit in experience at the beginning of the game," Wenger told Sky Sports.

"We looked vulnerable



**Arsene Wenger.**  
INTERNET

in defence in the first half but still dangerous offensively and then in the second half we have shown we have talent and heart.

"We kept going, it was a great comeback, we could have scored a third goal. In the second half it was all us.

"I felt we made the game too complicated in the first half and we had to stick to our game no matter what the score was."—Internet

## Haas back from brink to beat Davydenko

MELBOURNE, 25 Jan — Germany's Tommy Haas gained sweet revenge by edging out third seed Nikolay Davydenko 6-3, 2-6, 1-6, 6-1, 7-5 in the Australian Open quarterfinals on Wednesday.

Haas, the 12th seed, was knocked out by the obdurate Russian in the last eight of the 2006 US Open, but he recovered from 3-1 down in the fifth set and saved one match point before prevailing in an epic duel on Rod Laver Arena.

Having saved match point at 4-5 in the fifth, Haas broke and then had his first match point thwarted by an overrule from Hawk-eye before sealing victory in three hours and 19 minutes when the Russian's forehand drifted wide.

"(It was) one of my best matches, being down a break in the fifth, I was trying to hang in there," the 28-year-old said in a courtside interview.— MNA/Reuters



**Arsenal's Julio Baptista scores an own goal during their Carling Cup semi-final first leg soccer match against Tottenham Hotspur at White Hart Lane in London, on 24 Jan, 2007.—INTERNET**

## Sharapova, Clijsters stagger through

MELBOURNE, 25 Jan — Maria Sharapova and Kim Clijsters needed iron willpower to stagger through scrappy Australian Open quarterfinals on Wednesday and set up a heavyweight meeting in the last four.

Top seed Sharapova struggled past fellow Russian Anna Chakvetadze 7-6, 7-5 in the opening match on Rod Laver Arena before fourth seed Clijsters dug deep to beat her good friend Martina Hingis 3-6, 6-4, 6-3.

The match against sixth seed Hingis never lived up to expectations in terms of quality, and Belgian Clijsters needed great determination to overcome 62 unforced errors and extend her last Australian Open campaign with victory over the three-times former champion.

"I wasn't really seeing the ball," Clijsters said in a courtside interview. "The only thing you can do is fight and hope you can turn things around and I did.

"I have to be sharp against Maria, she's an incredible athlete and fights for every point. Hopefully, I will hit less than 62 unforced errors."

MNA/Reuters

## Gonzalez halts Nadal to reach semifinals

MELBOURNE, 25 Jan — Chilean Fernando Gonzalez shattered Rafael Nadal's Australian Open dreams with a dazzling 6-2, 6-4, 6-3 victory on Wednesday to reach the semifinals of a Grand Slam for the first time.

As Nadal surrendered his title hopes by slapping a backhand wide, Gonzalez punched the air in delight before going off to exchange high fives with some flag-waving Chilean fans in the crowd.

"I'm really happy. I've been in the quarterfinal of Grand Slams a few times but never won the matches so finally I'm in a semi and I'm happy," Gonzalez, who will next meet Haas, said courtside.

The 10th seed becomes the first Chilean to reach the last four of a major since Marcelo Rios' run to the Melbourne Park final in 1998.

Nadal had survived a four-set bruising encounter against Germany's Philipp Kohlschreiber and a five-set thriller against British teenager Andy Murray en route to the last eight. On Wednesday, he ran out of options against an inspired Gonzalez.

Gonzalez, who had claimed the scalps of local favourite Lleyton Hewitt and fifth seed James Blake, barely produced a loose shot as he completely outwitted his opponent with his attacking repertoire.

He unleashed 10 aces and 41 winners to destroy the world number two, who produced just seven winners in comparison.

"He was playing at a very good level. It wasn't good for me," said Nadal, who said he had injured his leg after his fourth-round victory over Murray.— MNA/Reuters



**Tiger Woods hits his driver off the fifth tee during the Pro-Am at the Buick Invitational golf tournament at Torrey Pines in La Jolla, California, on 24 Jan, 2007.—INTERNET**



**Serena Williams of the US and Nicole Pietrangeli of the Czech Republic (L) shake hands after Williams won the semi-final match at the Australian Open tennis tournament in Melbourne, on 25 Jan, 2007.—INTERNET**

# Japanese Defence Minister says Bush wrong to start Iraq war

TOKYO, 25 Jan — Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe expressed hope on Wednesday that a US troop increase would bring new results in Iraq, but his Defence Minister said starting the war in the first place had been a mistake.

"We hope that the fresh US commitment will bring new results," Abe told reporters after US President George W Bush delivered his State of the Union speech.

"The international community recognizes the efforts of the people of Iraq. We must fulfill our responsibilities so that Iraq recovers stability and rebuilds as soon as possible," he added.

Earlier in the day, rebellious Congress to give his plan to send 21,500 more US troops to Iraq a chance and insisted it was not too late to shape the outcome.

Earlier in the day, Japanese Defence Minister Fumio Kyuma reiterated his doubts about Bush's decision to start the war.

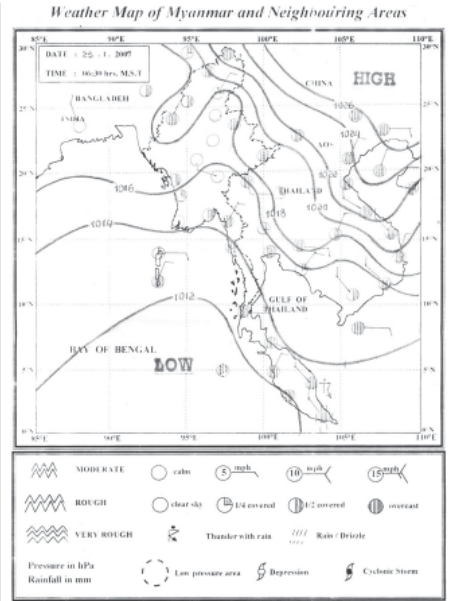
"I think President Bush launched the war in a situation as if there were nuclear weapons, but I think that decision was wrong," Kyodo news agency quoted Kyuma as telling a news conference.

Kyuma also criticized the United States for not having a gameplan to deal with Iraq after the war, unlike the case of the US-led Occupation of Japan after its defeat in World War II.

"In Japan's case, the United States succeeded in handling the postwar situation by leaving the imperial system intact," Kyodo quoted him as saying.— MNA/Reuters



A man feeds a bird in Shanghai on 17 Jan, 2007. China will spend more than 1 billion dollars over the next two years in a bid to stamp out animal-borne epidemics such as bird flu which it hopes to 'eradicate' by 2015, state media said on Wednesday. — INTERNET



## WEATHER

**Thursday, 25 January, 2007**  
**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, weather has been generally fair in the whole country. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below normal in Shan State, upper Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, (5°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 Lashio, Heho, Namhsan and Mogok (1°C) each and Haka (3°C).

Maximum temperature on 24-1-2007 was 95°F. Minimum temperature on 25-1-2007 was 67°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 25-1-2007 was 59%. Total sunshine hours on 24-1-2007 was (8.5) hours approx.

Rainfalls on 25-1-2007 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 (6) mph from Southwest at (08:55) hours MST on 25-1-2007.

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

**Forecast valid until evening of 26-1-2007:** Weather will be partly cloudy in Kachin State, 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:** Likelihood of slight increase of night temperatures in the Lower Myanmar areas.

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 26-1-2007:** Fair weather.


**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 26-1-2007:** Generally fair weather.

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 26-1-2007:** Fair weather.



Friday, 26 January  
Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music
- 8:50 am National news/Slogan
- 9:00 am Music
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music
- 1:30 pm News / Slogan
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**Friday, 26 January**  
View on today

<p><b>7:00 am</b> 1. ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃမဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ရွက်အဘိဓမ္မာရာဇဂုရုအဘိဓမ္မာမဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မဇောတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မာက္ခရာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော် ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိစိတ္တသာရာ ဘိဝံသ၏ ဝရိတ်တရားတော်</p> <p><b>7:25 am</b> 2. To be healthy exercise</p> <p><b>7:30 am</b> 3. Morning news</p> <p><b>7:40 am</b> 4. Nice and sweet song</p> <p><b>7:55 am</b> 5. ရိုးရာကျေးလက်ကစားနည်း</p> <p><b>8:05 am</b> 6. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ</p>	<p><b>8:10 am</b> 7. The mirror images of the musical oldies</p> <p><b>8:25 am</b> 8. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p><b>8:30 am</b> 9. International news</p> <p><b>8:45 am</b> 10. English for Everyday Use</p> <p><b>4:00 pm</b> 1. Martial song</p> <p><b>4:15 pm</b> 2. Song to uphold National Spirit</p> <p><b>4:30 pm</b> 3. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေးရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ တက္ကသိုလ် (ဥပဒေပညာအထူးပြု) (ဥပဒေပညာ)</p> <p><b>4:45 pm</b> 4. Song of national races</p> <p><b>5:00 pm</b> 5. “နင်းကြည့်စမ်းပါ” (မင်းအုပ်စိုး၊ ညီဘွား၊ ခင်စိုးပိုင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မင်းအုပ်စိုး)</p> <p><b>5:05 pm</b> 6. Song of yesteryears</p>	<p><b>5:15 pm</b> 7. “အသက်ကလေးရယ်တဲ့ ရှည်စေလို” (ဦးအောင်လွင်၊ ဦးကြည်စိုး၊ မေထွန်းခေါင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ကြည်စိုး)</p> <p><b>5:30 pm</b> 8. ရာဇာမာရ်လွင် သရုပ်ဆောင် လွင်ပြင်</p> <p><b>6:00 pm</b> 9. Evening news</p> <p><b>6:30 pm</b> 10. Weather report</p> <p><b>6:35 pm</b> 11. သုတစုံလင် ရွှေညွှတ်ရှင်</p> <p><b>7:00 pm</b> 12. နိုင်ငံစီးပွားအလေးထား ကျေးလက်ထုတ်ကုန်များ - (ယွန်းထည်ထွက်ရာ ကျေးရွာရွာ)</p> <p><b>7:15 pm</b> 13. နိုင်ငံခြား ဓာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “အရုဇ်ဆိုသည်မှာ” (အပိုင်း-၁၇)</p> <p><b>8:00 pm</b> 14. News</p> <p><b>8:05 pm</b> 15. International news</p> <p><b>8:10 pm</b> 16. Weather report</p> <p><b>8:15 pm</b> 17. နိုင်ငံခြား ဓာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “အကြင်နာနေ့ဦး” (အပိုင်း-၇)</p> <p><b>8:20 pm</b> 18. The next day's programme</p>
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**Four political objectives**

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

**Four economic objectives**

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

**Four social objectives**

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

# Senior General Than Shwe hosts dinner in honour of trainees of No 38 BEd course of UDNR

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Jan — Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe hosted a dinner in honour of trainees of No 38 BEd course of University for Development of National Races at Bayintnaung Yeiktha of the Ministry of Defence here this evening.

At the dinner, Senior General Than Shwe cordially greeted the trainees of UDNR.

Also present at the dinner were Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann, Prime Minister General Soe Win, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, members of the State Peace and Development Council, the Commander-in-Chief (Navy), the Commander-in-Chief (Air), the Senior Military Officers of the Ministry of Defence, the commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command, ministers, the chief justice, the attorney-general, the chairman and members of

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Senior General Than Shwe greets trainees of BEd Course No 38 of UDNR at the dinner at Bayintnaung Yeiktha of Ministry of Defence in Nay Pyi Taw. — MNA

## NAM has carried out its functions based on Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence

**NAM opposes lopsided act of US, Britain, but values maintenance of international peace and security**

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Jan — The United States and Britain submitted the draft resolution to the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) on 12 January to interfere in Myanmar's internal affairs,

and the People's Republic of China and the Russian Federation rejected the resolution with double veto.

The South Africa also voted against the US-sponsored resolution and three nations abstained. Nine

nations including the US and Britain voted for the resolution.

Five permanent members and 10 alternate (See page 11)

### Myanmar War Veterans Organization issues declaration condemning US draft resolution

YANGON, 25 Jan — Myanmar War Veterans Organization issued a declaration condemning the draft resolution submitted by the United States and Britain to the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) in order to interfere in Myanmar's internal affairs. The declaration is as follows:-  
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### Myanmar Gold Entrepreneurs Association denounces US-Britain proposed draft resolution

YANGON, 25 Jan — Myanmar Gold Entrepreneurs Association on 24 January announced that it had protested against the submission of the draft resolution to the United Nations Security Council by the United States and Britain to interfere in Myanmar's internal affairs.  
(See page 11)