

## Senior General Than Shwe receives Supreme Commander of Royal Thai Armed Forces

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Jan — Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe received the delegation led by Supreme Commander of Royal Thai Armed Forces General Boonsrang Niumpradit at Bayintnaung Yeiktha, here, this afternoon.

Also present 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 of the Ministry of Defence, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Military Affairs Security Chief Maj-Gen Ye Myint, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint, Ambassador of Thailand to Myanmar Mr Suphot Dhirakaosal and Military Attaché Col Prissapa Suvanatat. — MNA



*Senior General Than Shwe shakes hands with Supreme Commander of Royal Thai Armed Forces General Boonsrang Niumpradit at Bayintnaung Yeiktha.*  
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*Senior General Than Shwe receives Supreme Commander of Royal Thai Armed Forces General Boonsrang Niumpradit and party at Bayintnaung Yeiktha.*  
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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

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



# PERSPECTIVES

Saturday, 27 January, 2007

## Exert concerted efforts for perpetual existence of the Union

The government has been making all-out efforts to bring about equitable development the length and breadth of the nation. It has opened more schools, universities, hospitals and dispensaries so that local youths can have easy access to higher education and the people can fully enjoy health care services.

Regarding this, the government is producing educators who are capable of educating and widening the scope of knowledge of the youths in border areas that lagged behind in development, and of ensuring development of human resources.

The University for Development of National Races is constantly training and nurturing the youths in border areas to become teachers. The university has now completed No 38 Course (BE). And the graduate teachers will now be able to discharge duties in their respective regions they have been posted to.

In addition to teaching, the graduate teachers are to strive to enrich the knowledge of native youths and inculcate Union Spirit in them for regional development.

At present, the government with the participation of the people from all walks of life is implementing the seven-step Road Map for the emergence of a peaceful, modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation. With prevalence of peace and stability, the government has built economic and education infrastructures across the nation.

At a time when efforts are being made for the emergence of a democratic nation the entire national people including the graduate teachers of the UDNR are to make concerted efforts for perpetual existence of the Union.

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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

## Thai delegation concludes visit

YANGON, 26 Jan—The visiting goodwill delegation led by Major General Pornpipat Subhanbhesuj of National Defence College of Royal Thai Armed Forces left here for home by air yesterday.

The delegation was seen off at Yangon International Airport by Col Hla Tun of National Defence College, military officers, Thai ambassador to Myanmar Mr Suphot Dhiraksosal, Military Attache' Colonel Prissapa Suvanatat and officials concerned.

Before they left here, they visited the National Museum today.



Major General Pornpipat Subhanbhesuj presented gifts to officials of the museum and signed the visitor's book.—MNA

Maj-Gen Pornpipat Subhanbhesuj of National Defence College of Royal Thai Armed Forces being seen off at Yangon International Airport. — MNA

## Self-reliant TV centres opened in Mongyai

YANGON, 26 Jan — Tasks for opening rural self-reliant TV centres have been carried out in order that the people in rural areas in Shan State (North) can watch the programmes of TV Myanmar.

The inauguration of rural self-reliant TV centres were held at Hoya and Lwengin villages in Mongyai Township, Lashio District on 13 January.

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## Htilin gets TV retransmission station

YANGON, 26 Jan — Tasks for constructing TV retransmission station in Htilin, Magway Division were completed on 24 January.

As from 24 January, the programmes of TV Myanmar have been transmitted from the station.

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## Workshop on Seismotectonics in Myanmar and Earthquake Risk Management held

YANGON, 26 Jan— Satoru Ohya Memorial Workshop on Seismotectonics in Myanmar and Earthquake Risk Management (SMERM-2007) was held at the Myanmar Earthquake Committee of Myanmar Engineering Society, Hlaing University Campus, here, yesterday and today.

It was sponsored by the Myanmar Earthquake Committee, the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology and World Seismic Safety Initiative. Experts including Myanmar counterparts presented 14 research papers on earthquake and tsunamis, recent earthquakes seismotectonics of Myanmar Earth-

quake management, Paleoseismology and earthquake disaster preparedness and possible future action programme. It was attended by 67 participants including 13 foreign experts.

The international participants will travel to Sagaing Faults on 27 and 29 January.

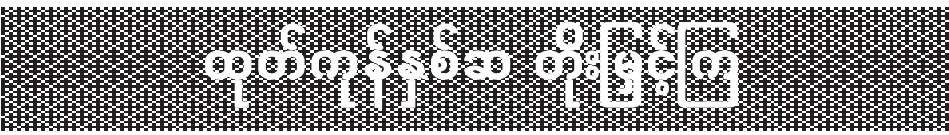
Mr Satoru Ohya (1935-

2006) is a dedicated seismological geologist, whose involvement in the Myanmar seismological instrumentation, seismology, seismological engineering, tsunami warning system and Myanmar Building code since 1999 had made much progress in MES, DMH and MGS.— MNA



Satoru Ohya Memorial Workshop on Seismotectonics in Myanmar and Earthquake Risk Management - SMERM 2007 in progress. — METEOROLOGY AND HYDROLOGY





**Russian President Vladimir Putin (R) shakes hands with his Indian counterpart Abdul Kalam prior to a meeting in New Delhi. Putin has promised energy-hungry India nuclear reactors and power plants after arriving on a mission to rejuvenate ties with Moscow's former Cold War ally.—INTERNET**

## Iraqi V-P says US invasion was "idiot decision"

Davos (Switzerland), 26 Jan—The US-led invasion of Iraq in 2003 was an "idiot decision" and Iraqi troops now need to secure Baghdad to ensure the country's future, Vice-President Adel Abdul Mahdi said on Thursday.

"Iraq was put under occupation, which was an idiot decision," Mahdi said at the World Economic Forum in Davos.

Mahdi said the Iraqi Government planned to bring troops in to Baghdad from surrounding areas and said it was "a technical question" for the United States to decide whether to deploy more soldiers.

President George W Bush plans to send another 21,500 troops to Iraq, a move widely criticized in the United States. On Wednesday, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee voted against the decision, which is due to go before the Senate next week. "If we can win this war in Baghdad

then I think we can change the course of events," Mahdi told a panel on the state of affairs in Iraq. "As Iraqis, we think we need more (Iraqi) troops in Baghdad, and we are calling for some regiments to come from other parts of the country," he said.

Mahdi's party, the powerful Shiite Supreme Council for Islamic Revolution in Iraq, was one of the exiled opposition parties consulted by Washington as it planned the invasion.

Its leader Abdul Aziz al-Hakim is a key figure behind the US-backed national unity government.

Some commentators are concerned that without the support of US troops in Iraq, the already boiling sectarian violence between Sunnis and Shiites could break out into ever greater killing sprees.

MNA/Reuters

## Bush climate speech fails to impress down under

CANBERRA, 25 Jan—President George W Bush's annual address to Congress failed to recognize the seriousness of climate change and his comments were driven by US fears about oil supplies, the Australian Greens Party said on Wednesday.

Bush, in his State of the Union speech, called on Americans to cut their gasoline use by 20 percent over a decade, mostly through a near five-fold increase in use of home-grown fuels such as ethanol by 2017.

He also called for tighter vehicle fuel efficiency standards. "President Bush

barely mentioned climate change in his speech. The few measures he did announce were about improving fuel use efficiency and developing alternative fuels, driven by fear about US energy security," Greens Senator Christine Milne said in a statement.

About 60 per cent of US petroleum supplies are imported. "There was no mention, however, of emissions trading, carbon taxes or promoting public transport, all of which are obvious policy requirements," she said. Her comments matched concerns in India, where some scientists say climate

change will have a major impact.—MNA/Reuters

## US Senate panel opposes Iraq troop increase

WASHINGTON, 25 Jan—A key US Senate committee brushed aside US President George W Bush's plea to give his new war strategy a chance and passed a resolution on Wednesday

opposing the plan to send more troops to Iraq.

The 12-9 vote by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee drew less Republican support than expected, given growing

doubts in Congress about the wisdom of Bush's decision to add 21,500 troops in Baghdad and Anbar Province.

Only one Republican, resolution co-author Senator Chuck Hagel of Nebraska, voted for it, after accusing the Bush Administration of playing "ping-pong" with American lives.

The measure now goes to the Senate floor for a vote expected next week. But the panel's chairman Senator Joseph Biden, a Delaware Democrat, said it may be rewritten to attract more Republicans

who have soured on the Iraq war.

Bush, a Republican, does not have to abide by the resolution.

Vice-President Dick Cheney said a Senate vote would not sway the administration. "It won't stop us," Cheney told CNN. "We are moving forward... in terms of this effort, the President has made his decision."

The resolution was "not an attempt to embarrass the President", Biden, a 2008 presidential hopeful, said.

MNA/Reuters

## Two Marines killed in western Iraq

BAGHDAD, 25 Jan—Two US Marines killed in

fighting with guerillas in the volatile Anbar Province on Wednesday, the US military said.

The two Marines were assigned to the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters Group and Regimental Combat Team 5, the military said in a statement.

They died of wounds sustained due to "enemy action" while operating in the western Anbar Province, added the statement.

Since the US-led war in Iraq broke out in March 2003, some 3,062 US soldiers have killed in Iraq, according to media count based on Pentagon figures.

MNA/Xinhua



**Workers in protective suits prepare to destroy chickens at a poultry farm in Hyuga, southwestern Japan, on 26 Jan, 2007.**

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**US pop star Madonna attends the premiere of the film 'Arthur and the Invisibles' in Leicester Square, London, on 25 Jan, 2007.—INTERNET**



# Arab League's Moussa warns US against Iran attack

DAVOS (Switzerland), 25 Jan—The threat of a US attack on Iran is very serious and would risk spreading sectarian violence throughout the Middle East, Arab League Secretary-General Amr Moussa said on Wednesday.

“It’s a 50/50 proposition, and we hope that it won’t happen. Attacking Iran would be counter-

productive,” Moussa told *Reuters* at the World Economic Forum.

US President George Bush in his State of the Union address on Tuesday spoke of an “escalating danger” from Shiite extremists, many taking direction from Iran. Bush called them just as dangerous to the United States as al-Qaeda.

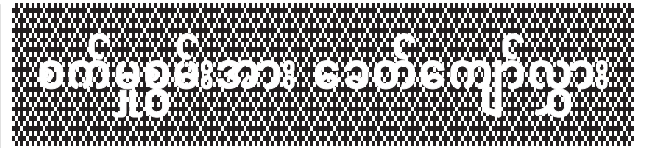
Moussa advocated dialogue rather than military action to resolve both Iraq and US-Iranian tensions.

“If there were to be a war, other genies will get out of the bottle. You cannot imagine the impact on the Gulf countries, on the Mediterranean,” Moussa said.

His concern over a

looming US-Iran confrontation was shared by business leaders and political commentators at an opening session on the Middle East at the Forum, an annual gathering of the world’s rich and powerful.

Some said it would risk sectarian divisions spilling over and ripping at the fabric of other nations, such as Lebanon, Bahrain and Saudi Arabia. It would also undermine strong economic growth in many Arab countries in the past three years. This growth is important for stabilizing the region, they said.—*MNA/Reuters*



Vietnam's Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung (L) meets with Italy's Prime Minister Romano Prodi in Rome, on 25 Jan, 2007.—INTERNET



A French policeman looks at an airplane that skidded off the runway at an airport in Pau, southwestern France on 25 Jan, 2007 and hit a truck, killing the vehicle's driver, local officials said. Passengers were quickly evacuated.

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## Hijacking of Sudanese plane ends, hijacker arrested

N'DJAMENA, 25 Jan—An armed Sudanese man hijacked a Sudanese airliner on Wednesday which flew to neighbouring Chad, where the hijacker was arrested and the passengers safely released, Chadian officials said.

They said the hijacker, a young man who said he was persecuted in Sudan, had demanded to be flown

to Britain but the passenger plane, an Air West Boeing 737, did not have enough fuel and flew to the Chadian capital N'Djamena instead.

The plane, which was diverted while on a domestic flight from Khartoum to Sudan's conflict-torn west Darfur Region, landed safely at N'Djamena with 103 people on

board.

“He (the hijacker) has been arrested and will answer for his actions — Chad is not a sanctuary for terrorists,” Chad's Infrastructure Minister Adoum Younousmi told *Reuters*.

An Air West official had said earlier in Khartoum that the hijacker had requested asylum from the French Embassy in Chad.—*MNA/Reuters*

## Singapore plane lands safely in Beijing after engine fire

BEIJING, 25 Jan—An airplane of the Singapore Airlines landed safely at the Beijing Capital International Airport Wednesday morning after its engine caught fire.

No injuries have been

reported, said sources with the General Administration of the Civil Aviation.

The Boeing 777-200 passenger aircraft, en route from Beijing to Singapore, carried 227 passengers and 17 crew

members.

After the crews put out the fire in the air by 10:32 am the plane landed safely at the airport, it said, attributing the fire to engine failure.

*MNA/Xinhua*

## Democrats accused Bush of “recklessly” taking US to war in Iraq

WASHINGTON, 25 Jan — Accusing President George W Bush of “recklessly” taking the country to war in Iraq and turning away attention from the larger war against terrorism, Democrats have warned the White House that it better put in place a new direction in both domestic and foreign policies or be shown one.

The sharp Democratic response to the President's State of the Union address was delivered by Senator Jim Webb of Virginia.

“With respect to foreign policy, this country has patiently endured a mismanaged war for nearly four years.

Many, including myself, warned even before the war began that it was unnecessary; that it would take our energy and attention away from the larger war against terrorism; and that invading and occupying Iraq would leave us strategically vulnerable in the most violent and turbulent corner of the world,” Webb said in his remarks after Bush's address.

“The President took us into this war recklessly. We are now, as a nation, held hostage to the predictable — and predicted — disarray that has followed” the former Navy secretary and Vietnam War veteran charged.— *MNA/PTI*



Spanish Civil Guards push a car stuck in snow after it drove out a road in Sedano, near Burgos, northern Spain, on 25 Jan, 2007. Areas of northern Spain were on high alert on Wednesday after a winter snow storm blew in from the Atlantic.—INTERNET



# Prodi to talk trade, energy with Putin

Moscow, 24 Jan— Italian Prime Minister Romano Prodi will discuss trade and European Union concerns about Russian energy supplies at a meeting with President Vladimir Putin on Tuesday.

“Questions of energy directly touch the interests of national economies, European consumers and national security,” Prodi told Russian news agency *Interfax* in an interview. “So this remains a delicate topic.”

Prodi, a former European Commission president, will meet Putin at Russia’s Black Sea resort of Sochi after a two-day official visit to Turkey.

The EU’s relations with the Kremlin have been strained by Russian cuts to oil and gas supplies

to EU countries in pricing disputes with neighbours Ukraine and Belarus.

Kremlin officials insist that Russia, the world’s biggest gas supplier and second biggest oil exporter, is a reliable energy supplier.

But EU leaders are concerned about dependence on Russian supplies after Moscow turned off the “friendship” oil pipeline to the EU this month in a dispute with Belarus.

“Supply and demand

in the energy sphere must be safe, stable and reliable,” Prodi said, adding that the EU must “speak with one voice”. His comments were reported by *Interfax* in Russian from Rome.

A Kremlin source in Moscow said the talks would touch on trade between Russia and Italy, which totals 30 billion US dollars a year and that the two leaders would discuss the Balkans and Iran.

MNA/Reuters



A visitor listens to music at a stand of the 41st MIDEM in Cannes, southern France, on Monday. The world’s biggest and most influential music trade fair, MIDEM (International Record Music Publishing and Video Music Market) has opened its doors in Cannes, on 22 Jan, 2007. —XINHUA

## ICM poll shows Blair effect is hurting Labour

LONDON, 24 Jan— Worsening situation in Iraq and declining public trust in British Prime

Minister Tony Blair is dragging down wider public support for Labour, a *Guardian*/ICM poll indicated Tuesday.

It shows that the Conservatives have secured a lead in policy areas that once helped Blair win three commanding general election victories.

The poll underlines the scale of the job facing Chancellor Gordon Brown if he is to renew support to win a fourth general election.

Overall, the Conservative Party has a six-point lead among people who say they are likely to vote at the next general election, a slight narrowing of the gap over the last month.

The Tories are on 37 per cent, down three points on last month’s *Guardian*/ICM poll, with Labour on

31 per cent down one. The Liberal Democrats will be relieved by their rise to 23 per cent, an increase of five points from last month’s unusually low score.

On nine key issues that shape the way people vote, Labour now has a lead in only three. The political map of Britain has been reshaped since 2005, with the Tories now ahead as the party with the best policies in such former Labour stronghold areas as education, tax and public services.

Labour leads only on the fight against terrorism, the economy and health.

Labour has a one-point lead as the party with the best policy on the National Health Service — in contrast to a *Guardian*/ICM poll in May last year that put the Conservatives narrowly ahead.

MNA/PTI

## Moderate quake jolts Indonesia’s Papua

JAKARTA, 26 Jan— A moderate earthquake measuring 5.2 on the Richter Scale rocked easternmost Indonesia on Thursday, with no casualty or damages reported, the Meteorology and Geophysics Agency said here. The quake struck at 13:20 local time with an epicenter on land near Nabire of Papua Province and 33 kilometres under the earth, an official of the agency said.

MNA/Xinhua



“Catch and Release” writer/director Susannah Grant, left, actor Timothy Olyphant, middle, and star Jennifer Garner, pose together at the Premiere of the Film in Los Angeles, on 22 Jan, 2007. — XINHUA

## Iran successfully test-fires home-made missiles

TEHERAN, 24 Jan — Iran’s Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps on Tuesday successfully test-fired two types of home-

made missiles during military exercises, the local *Fars* news agency reported.

The *Zalzal* and *Fajr-5* missiles were fired by the

military units subordinate to the Revolutionary Guards’ ground forces, Commander of the Revolutionary Guards’ missile unit Brigadier General Majeed Ayineh said. *Fajr-5* has a range of around 75 kilometres while *Zalzal* has a range of 100 to 400 kilometres, according to the *Fars* report.

The Revolutionary Guards started from Sunday a five-day military manoeuvre, the first after the UN Security Council issued sanctions against the country’s nuclear programme last December.

The war game came against the backdrop that the United States deployed its second aircraft carrier to the Gulf region recently.

MNA/Xinhua

## Civilian helicopter said crashed in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 24 Jan — The US military said on Tuesday reports that a helicopter had gone down in central Baghdad appeared to refer to a civilian aircraft.

“No coalition forces aircraft are reported as down. Coalition forces are investigating what appears to be a crashed civilian aircraft,” a US statement said, responding to a query on reports of a crashed helicopter.

Some private security firms use helicopters to guard civilian convoys and personnel in Iraq.

Residents in central Baghdad told *Reuters* earlier they saw a helicopter come down and some said it had been shot first — there were differing accounts of whether it crashed or made an emergency landing. One resident said he saw four bodies in the wreckage though there was no immediate confirmation of that.

MNA/Reuters



School children perform during the full dress rehearsal of the Republic Day parade in New Delhi on 23 Jan, 2007. India celebrate its Republic Day on Friday.—INTERNET



# States and Divisions submit preservation of women's culture and environmental conservation

YANGON, 26 Jan — The Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation held its Annual General Meeting 2007 at the hall of the federation on Thanlwin Road in Bahan Township on 23 and 24 January.

Responsible persons submitted reports on undertakings of respective states and divisions for preservation of women's culture, conservation of environment and development matters.

The federation gave talks on national culture to over 400,000 people for 3,242 times, held exhibitions and competitions visited by 55,635 people for 239 times and wrote articles in newspapers and periodicals for 24 times to preserve traditional culture and prevent against penetration of alien culture.

**Table (A)**

Sr.	State/Division	Talks on traditional culture		Exhibition/competitions	
		Freq:	Number	Freq:	Number
1.	Kachin	68	9021	8	2122
2.	Kayah	37	5049	6	1972
3.	Kayin	213	24280	7	4130
4.	Chin	23	3312	4	77
5.	Sagaing	406	95930	54	17476
6.	Taninthayi	65	6300	6	1073
7.	Bago	145	19671	9	1680
8.	Bago (West)	30	3250	3	103
9.	Magway	78	11179	25	2084
10.	Mandalay	855	93272	33	4957
11.	Mon	30	820	2	55
12.	Rakhine	61	3497	17	434
13.	Yangon	182	11522	1	2930
14.	Shan (South)	290	26357	21	5008
15.	Shan (East)	180	11194	4	62
16.	Shan (North)	164	25117	12	2952
17.	Ayeyawady	415	55814	27	8520
	Total	3242	405585	239	55635

The federation organized 0.49 million people in growing of plants for 5,640 times, 0.64 million people in sanitation tasks for 9,853 times, and 0.13 million people in cleaning wells and lakes for 2,999 times and held talks on environmental conservation to 0.46 million people for 3,292 times.

**Table (B)**

Sr.	State/Division	Greening		Sanitation		Drinking water		Talks	
		Freq:	No.	Freq:	No.	Freq:	No.	Freq:	No.
1.	Kachin	248	54775	286	33558	39	3614	44	7362
2.	Kayah	117	4805	112	3360	46	946	49	3185
3.	Kayin	117	7997	162	11323	111	3635	58	4621
4.	Chin	74	3208	58	2151	18	393	11	1663
5.	Sagaing	619	122025	998	76267	482	16273	413	65178
6.	Taninthayi	262	27151	916	33514	119	7025	65	21626
7.	Bago	203	19212	331	10519	108	5104	81	7874
8.	Bago (West)	59	6522	182	6714	49	973	47	2773
9.	Magway	154	9255	191	5376	56	1715	56	6708
10.	Mandalay	813	104506	2137	347123	380	52452	1141	222711
11.	Mon	68	5075	139	4377	28	603	129	6563
12.	Rakhine	49	3890	137	7322	31	1299	93	15082
13.	Yangon	379	15648	1077	25888	114	2135	155	5724
14.	Shan (South)	1632	66124	1568	26275	841	25613	367	36279
15.	Shan (East)	44	3448	218	9427	83	3564	98	6057
16.	Shan (North)	286	21596	339	8826	145	2528	157	19456
17.	Ayeyawady	516	14133	984	31370	349	6579	328	32480
	Total	5640	489370	9835	643390	2999	134451	3292	465342

*Responsible persons of MAAF hold educative talks in Seikkhun Village of Shwebo Township.*

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The federation provided vocational courses to 53,660 persons for 1,814 times, created jobs for 2,665 persons and disbursed K 56.38 million as short-term loans to 8,680 persons.

**Table (C)**

Sr.	State/Division	Vocational courses		Job creation	Increase of income	
		Freq:	Number	Number	Number	Cash amount
1.	Kachin	26	926	16	60	1025000
2.	Kayah	12	229	1	3	45000
3.	Kayin	49	1750	9	269	2644000
4.	Chin	10	236	2	34	800000
5.	Sagaing	286	7460	383	894	12328225
6.	Taninthayi	22	686	607	138	3620000
7.	Bago	97	2680	100	415	4045000
8.	Bago (West)	16	352	-	4120	2590000
9.	Magway	58	1232	240	583	8232200
10.	Mandalay	324	8718	146	480	4858000
11.	Mon	26	1231	39	320	2175030
12.	Rakhine	32	892	24	420	4200000
13.	Yangon	142	3048	26	193	1830000
14.	Shan (South)	365	16309	563	54	96500
15.	Shan (East)	25	673	-	78	782136
16.	Shan (North)	40	1407	102	136	2792500
17.	Ayeyawady	284	5831	307	411	4318783
	Total	1814	53660	2565	8608	56382374

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*The talks of Bago Division WAO on human smuggling and trafficking in persons in progress in Thanatpin Township.*

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**States and Divisions submit...**

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For flourishing the Union Spirit, the federation organized 538 excursion tours for 35,935 persons, gave 1,046 talks to 0.12 million people, held 144 traditional exhibitions attended by 44,694 people, 246 traditional concerts attended by 66,771 people, sold traditional food to 49,879 people for 301 times, met with 2,787 national people for 320 times, and performed tribal literature and culture tasks with 22,490 people for 178 times.

The federation carried out tasks for girls in order to cherish the national and preserve culture. In 2006, a total of 7,221 times of education and health knowledge talks were held for 0.83 million people, 784 batches of courses conducted to 6,077 persons and 1,995 batches of sports training courses provided to 0.14 million people.

**Table (D)**

Sr.	State/Division	Excursion		Talks		Exhibition		Concert		Food Sale		Meeting		Culture	
		Freq:	No.	Freq:	No.	Freq:	No.	Freq:	No.	Freq:	No.	Freq:	No.	Freq:	No.
1.	Kachin	17	2560	12	2415	10	3010	16	2165	20	4314	21	1475	18	3620
2.	Kayah	11	525	11	814	9	5492	12	16263	3	1330	10	1215	6	1963
3.	Kayin	36	1285	31	6030	4	1660	14	6470	2	1580	2	510	8	4630
4.	Chin	5	300	5	1920	2	2090	9	3037	5	2880	-	-	1	510
5.	Sagaing	16	722	118	28244	12	4906	10	7512	37	6362	7	659	17	1887
6.	Taninthayi	2	40	23	1265	-	-	3	1200	8	1465	2	100	3	354
7.	Bago	28	1326	33	5182	10	1445	11	1376	7	420	14	712	-	-
8.	Bago (West)	2	575	2	150	2	190	2	200	-	-	-	-	-	-
9.	Magway	7	368	36	4784	10	1720	1	250	9	818	-	-	-	-
10.	Mandalay	86	6286	200	26605	1	270	5	1141	41	9367	12	700	1	178
11.	Mon	7	1330	7	2585	2	165	2	180	3	319	6	465	2	145
12.	Rakhine	10	249	54	2783	1	35	9	1841	-	-	12	205	3	95
13.	Yangon	60	1839	65	3494	3	500	10	575	55	3535	10	392	4	140
14.	Shan (South)	128	12464	114	14532	50	14925	54	7026	77	11640	117	15569	59	7077
15.	Shan (East)	32	593	123	6152	13	2011	16	1626	15	1210	59	2806	33	-
16.	Shan (North)	47	2057	50	3016	9	5480	45	13614	10	4652	30	1844	19	1571
17.	Ayeyawady	44	3416	162	19112	6	795	27	2295	9	887	18	1220	4	770
	Total	538	35935	1046	129083	144	44694	246	66771	301	49879	320	27872	178	22940

**Table (E)**

Sr.	State/Division	Educative talks		Training		Talks		Sports training	
		Freq:	No.	Freq:	No.	Freq:	No.	Freq:	No.
1.	Kachin	22	3385	25	1386	27	10775	69	2376
2.	Kayah	40	3678	1	90	36	4610	11	289
3.	Kayin	181	30486	5	185	158	25760	22	823
4.	Chin	36	7893	8	339	26	5215	24	856
5.	Sagaing	505	77337	167	12432	352	81255	358	19495
6.	Taninthayi	59	4868	9	327	44	4605	69	2709
7.	Bago	157	22197	21	805	121	20342	45	2856
8.	Bago (West)	52	5659	4	560	46	6145	18	540
9.	Magway	63	7594	29	906	78	11278	26	570
10.	Mandalay	1378	132487	191	27750	697	112564	305	67452
11.	Mon	44	5467	14	785	45	2500	365	1221
12.	Rakhine	77	6711	64	2544	78	7109	10	235
13.	Yangon	274	20983	7	287	162	11614	38	1553
14.	Shan (South)	394	43320	88	3264	312	29118	163	29118
15.	Shan (East)	149	12983	36	1793	149	12983	17	480
16.	Shan (North)	277	33872	82	5958	253	35788	206	10798
17.	Ayeyawady	511	74963	33	1359	419	60933	249	4645
	Total	4219	493883	784	60770	3003	442594	1995	146016

The federation organized wall magazines for 898 times attended by 86,209 people, photo shows for 955 times attended by 0.19 million people, issued news and information for 2,157 times through media, distributed 128112 copies of pamphlets, showed 6,259 times of educative movies and videos to 0.59 million people, donated 196,787 books to libraries for 2,673 times.

The MWAFF had laid down nine future tasks for 2007. Those present at the meeting took part in the discussions on participation in regional development tasks of States and Divisions and guarding against dangers of destructive elements of the State for ensuring life security of women, and efforts to be made for overcoming hurdles of economic sanctions.

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**Table (F)**

Sr.	State/Division	wall magazine/photo				publication		Movie/video show		Issue of news to media					Book donation		Re-remarks
		wall magazine		photo		accepting	publishing	Freq:	No.	news-paper	journal.	TV	Radio	Total	li-brary	books.	
		Freq:	No.	Freq:	No.												
1.	Kachin	32	1415	38	5560	12524	2/2000	182	10652	19	14	24	14	71	32	6931	
2.	Kayah	33	3030	31	3553	2990	1/1000	60	5495	13	10	16	-	39	35	1251	
3.	Kayin	8	178	11	3570	4269	7/4300	50	8873	25	4	40	8	77	152	3809	
4.	Chin	6	317	11	1293	1082	-	39	2475	6	3	18	-	27	6	321	
5.	Sagaing	213	44951	111	67165	5550	22/147850	673	99250	163	178	166	15	522	399	16677	
6.	Taninthayi	17	587	38	2100	2120	-	90	7415	31	5	28	9	73	61	2810	
7.	Bago	61	2504	70	21015	3496	17/22000	403	29972	70	2	40	-	112	237	15889	
8.	Bago (West)	9	490	11	1333	1729	-	62	3190	10	-	4	-	14	182	3537	
9.	Magway	5	455	16	1250	7128	-	191	21885	7	5	15	-	27	82	7789	
10.	Mandalay	40	7119	67	26177	20554	2/3000	915	98537	418	32	117	1	568	257	55439	
11.	Mon	39	-	39	-	14544	-	-	-	30	7	38	-	75	-	13780	
12.	Rakhine	17	1045	13	850	7108	-	203	15755	17	5	11	-	33	28	1524	
13.	Yangon	105	1747	116	4197	13784	11/10465	389	20041	104	16	35	12	167	216	13908	
14.	Shan (South)	44	8415	122	21744	5410	9/1500	544	33713	34	16	49	45	144	188	4434	
15.	Shan (East)	174	10269	119	26045	2654	4/750	676	47814	34	3	47	-	84	136	18641	
16.	Shan (North)	41	3403	38	4047	8377	202/85050	1287	98779	42	5	24	-	71	365	17972	
17.	Ayeyawady	54	284	104	5717	14766	3/700	495	59266	34	1	11	7	53	297	12075	
	Total	898	86209	955	195516	128112	-	6259	563112	1057	306	683	111	2157	2673	196787	



## Vice-Senior General Maung Aye welcomes...

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General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Military Affairs Security Chief Maj-Gen Ye Myint and their wives, Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Wai Lwin and senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence.

On arrival at Nay Pyi Taw Airport at 11.5 am, the delegation members were welcomed by Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of



Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and General Boonsrang Niumpradit inspect the Guard of Honour. — MNA

Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party.

Next, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and visiting Supreme Commander General

Boonsrang Niumpradit proceeded to the dais of the airport and took the salute of the Guard of Honour.

After that, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and visiting Su-

preme Commander General Boonsrang Niumpradit inspected the Guard of Honour.

Afterwards, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye greeted the delegation members.

Likewise, visiting Supreme Commander General Boonsrang Niumpradit greeted the welcoming party.

Next, visiting Supreme Commander General Boonsrang

Niumpradit and party left for the Hotel Zone where they are going to stay, and they were seen off by Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party.

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## Technological University (Monywa) ...

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sectors will lag behind development, he said.

He quoted the guidance of Senior General Than Shwe, saying that the education is fundamental to the development, and only when the education standard is improved, will the knowledge of people be improved and will the country be on the road to development.

The education system of Myanmar has been upgraded so that the country can keep abreast of developments in other nations.

As part of efforts to give equal opportunities for the higher education to the people, the government designated 24 special development zones across the country and established a university, a technological college and a government computer college in each zone.

As all colleges in the zones have been upgraded to universities, the higher education is within the reach of locals in those regions.

In the old education system, the higher level of education was available only in Yangon and Mandalay. As the old system has been replaced by the new

one, the higher education is well within the reach of local people in states, divisions as well as in other parts of the country.

As Technological College was upgraded to the university, efforts are to be made to produce engineering technicians necessary for the region.

Faculty members as well as students are to try their best for the university to become prestigious. The teachers on their part are to train themselves and to nurture their students to become outstanding ones. Besides, teaching-learning process should not take place only in the classroom, but it should be a practical one that is useful in actual workplaces, said the Prime Minister.

He said today's world has seen tremendous change in science and technology and changes and developments have a great impact on economic, health and social fields of human society. So, to keep pace with changes and developments, the nation needs to make better use of advanced science and technology. The onus is upon the educated persons to develop the nation so that the living standard of all the citizens can improve.

Now is the time when Myanmar is working very hard in all aspects for the emergence of a new nation. As a result, all the regions have seen significant progress in all sectors including politics, economy, education, health and transport. It can be witnessed

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**To keep pace with changes and developments, the nation needs to make better use of advanced science and technology.**



Technological University (Monywa). — MNA



## Technological University (Monywa) ...

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that the whole nation, in other words, all the states and divisions are developing harmoniously, added the Prime Minister.  
With regard to political change, the National Convention is being held in accord with the seven-step Road Map and a new constitution will emerge soon. As the very first and most fundamental step is nearing completion, the goal of building a future nation is nearly achieved. Likewise, reforms are also being made for administrative machinery. At the same time, measures are being taken to improve the abilities and work efficiency of State service personnel.

Overall, the State is developing with added momentum due to the reforms and good leadership and cooperation of the government and the people. Even the border regions where there was no school in the past are now in a position to produce graduates and educated persons, noted the Prime Minister.

He went on to say that the State would have developed more if there had been no political pressure, economic sanctions and slanderous accusations of some countries of the West bloc. However, the nation is still

working hard without any assistance by overcoming various hardships and obstacles. Indeed, this is because of the nationalistic spirit of the people and human resources still prevailing in the country. These good results directly relate to the education sector. Therefore, it is necessary to create a national force formed with the citizens who are armed with high education, science and technological knowledge, intellectual power, patriotism and Union Spirit. It is the inborn duty of those in academia. So, all are to try to produce more human resources and make full use of advancing science and technology.

The Prime Minister concluded that with a view to producing human resources required for shaping a peaceful, modern, developed democratic nation with flourishing discipline, efforts are to be made for Technological University (Monywa) upgraded from the college to become prestigious and accredited.

Next, Principal Dr Aung San Lin reported on facts about the university.

Afterwards, the Prime Minister presented gifts to outstanding students. Later, the Prime Minister greeted the students and inspected the



Prime Minister General Soe Win inspects e-Library Computer Room and Language Lab at Technological University (Monywa). — MNA

e-library, computer room, language lab and new school building.

Technological University (Monywa) was first opened as a technical high school on 30 July 1982. It was then upgraded into the technical institute on 1 November 1986, the university on 10 November 1999 and the university on 20 January 2007. The university is conducting various courses such as civil

engineering, electrical communications engineering, electrical power engineering, mechanical power engineering, and CNC engineering. It produces AGTI diploma holders and B Tech and BE graduates. So far, the university constructed by Shwe Thanlwin Co has produced 662 BE graduates, 918 B Tech graduates and 5,374 AGTI diploma holders.—MNA

## Kangyiwa Bridge (Tamu) emerges as 222nd of its kind

YANGON, 26 Jan—Kangyiwa Bridge (Tamu) spanning Mahuya Creek on Tamu-Zedi Road in Tamu Township, Sagaing Division, was opened yesterday.

It is the 222nd one of the bridges, each of which is 180 feet or above long, built in the time of the Tatmadaw Government. The 360-foot-long reinforced-concrete type facility has a 24-foot motorway and two three-foot walkways on it. It can withstand 60 tons of loads.

Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye said that the facility will bring prospects for development in the social and economic sectors of local people and contribute towards border trade.

In the past, the region adjacent to India was difficult of access and

lagged behind in development subsequently. In compliance with the guidance of Head of State Senior General Than Shwe, a number of bridges, large and small, were built in the region for ensuring secure and smooth transportation and raising the socio-economic life of the people.

Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun also spoke.

The commander and the minister formally opened the facility and unveiled the stone plaque of the bridge and inspected it.

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Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo being welcomed by Ambassador of the Republic of India to Myanmar Mr Bhaskar Kumar Mitra at a reception to mark 58th Anniversary of the Republic Day of India on Friday. — MNA



Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Thu being welcomed by Ambassador of Australia to Myanmar Mr Bob Davis at a reception to mark the Anniversary of Australia Day on Friday. — MNA

## Man wounded in land mine explosion

YANGON, 26 Jan — Insurgents have been committing atrocities to undermine stability of the State, community peace and prevalence of law and order through various means.

A man was wounded in a mine blast perpetrated by the insurgents in Meetaingaw Village-tract, Mone region, Kyaukkyi Township, Toungoo District, Bago Division.

The man identified as Saing Lon, 32, of MyaungU Village, Meetaingaw Village-tract stepped on the land mine planted on the side of the cart-track, about one mile east of the village at noon on 25 January when he was on his way for fishing, and his ankle was blown off.

The wounded man was taken to Mone station hospital.

The authorities concerned in cooperation with the people are in hot pursuit of the insurgents.

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## Prisoners entertained in Kyauktan

YANGON, 26 Jan—The troupe of the Prisons Department conducted an entertainment at the Kyauktan Township agricultural farm of the department here on 24 and 25 January.

Director-General of the department U Zaw Win and officials and prisoners enjoyed the entertainment programmes.

Some staff and prisoners also took part in the programmes. The

director-general presented K 50,000 to the inmates and K 30,000 to the troupe.

This year, the farm produced 40,000 paddy baskets, growing 800 acres of monsoon paddy.—MNA



# The unexpected journey

Chit Naing (Psychology)

Everything was unpredictable. It was like a dream. I failed to realize my plans to visit Kengtung, Mandalay (from there to Madaya and Tagaung) and villages in Danubyu Township.

Unexpectedly, I was visiting Myinkakon village in Pyapon Township to attend the opening ceremony of a kyat-10-million self-reliant library at the invitation of a stranger. He was U Taik Sein, a former staff of Myawady Printing House and a native of Thanlaik village. In the past I had never even heard of the existence of Myinkakon and Thanlaik villages of the township as I, a native of central Myanmar, had less knowledge about delta region. I respected the 76-year-old U Taik Sein for he was able to meet a busy person like me, who has been travelling between Nay Pyi Taw and Yangon for most of the time.

## To Pyapon

The head of Pyapon District Information and Public Relations Department had already invited me to visit the self-reliant rural libraries built with the public contributions at costs ranging from K 6 million to K 10 million. However, I could not visit them as I was totally occupied with work.

My itinerary was to attend the opening ceremonies of rural libraries in Kani and Aukkanba villages to travel to Pyapon and Thameinhaw village, to spend the night in Myinkakon village, to attend the opening ceremony of the village library the next day, and to travel back to Yangon. It was a 200-mile journey that took two days and one night.

## Trips in previous December

I visited Hmawby, Taikkyi, Okkan, Thonze, Thayawady, Letpadan, Minhla, Okpo, and Shwedaung on 2 December. The following day, I visited Pyay, Paungde, Nattalin and Zegon. I inspected 12 IPRD offices and also held literary talks at the towns.

From 18 to 20 December, I flew to Sittway and inspected libraries in villages in Sittway and Ponnagyun townships.

On 22 and 23, I flew to Mandalay from Nay Pyi Taw and visited villages near Zebingyi in PyinOoLwin Township; I gave lectures at the Central Institute of Civil Service.

I inspected the library of Meepya village on the sea beach in Kyauktan Township, Yangon Division, on 25 December and later

held literary talks.

From 30 December to 1 January, I travelled to Kani and Myinkakon villages in Pyapon District.

## Cutting travel time

Thanks to new major bridges and roads, a journey that took at least seven days in the past can be travelled in a day at present. Once, the delta region or Ayeyawady Division relied mainly on water transport, and was a place where armed insurgency was active. Now community peace and the rule of law are prevailing in the division which is enjoying rapid economic development.

The following bridges I have passed through during my trips stand witness to the fact.

1. Bayintnaung Bridge on Hline River.
2. Bo Myat Tun Bridge on Ayeyawady River.
3. Maubin Bridge on Ayeyawady River.
4. Kyaiklat Bridge on Thayawe Creek
5. Gonnyindan Bridge on Gonnyindan River.
6. Pyapon Bridge on Ayeyawady River.
7. Dedaye Bridge on Toe River.
8. Kawhmu Bridge on Kanbe Creek
9. Twantay Bridge on Twantay Canal
10. Panhline Bridge on Panhline River.

Like a dream that comes true, transport in the division has improved much thanks to the many major bridges including Shwelaung, Wakema, Myaungmya, Kangyidaunk, Kyaunggon and Daka bridges, the Tatmadaw government has built. The division has been prospering in accord with a Chinese saying, which goes, "Get rich through

building roads". The whole region is enjoying peace and security. The people are actively taking part in the development undertakings that are being systematically laid down and managed and implemented by the government.

Due to the active and sincere efforts of the people, Ayeyawady Division continues to stand as the nation's rice bowl. In addition, it is boosting production of beans and pulses, edible oil, fish, prawns, sugarcane, and jute of standard quality.

Within a decade, we are witnessing substantial benefits from the new roads and bridges. Without taking any foreign assistance, the government and the people have been making strenuous efforts to build transport facilities.

## A dream comes true

The government and the people have been making efforts in concert in the interest of the future generations. Bridges large and small have been emerging to facilitate transport all over the nation. Passengers can now travel from Yangon to Hinthada, Pathein, Myaungmya, Wakema, Pyapon, and Maubin and back to Yangon within 12 hours. Such developments may be just dreams in the past, but now they are real.

Dreams come true because of our energetic and goodwill endeavours.

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A man visits a bronze mansion, the first in China constructed and furnished all with bronze materials, in Hangzhou, eastern Zhejiang Province, on 24 Jan, 2007. —XINHUA

## China's Cabinet warns work safety record remains grim

BEIJING, 25 Jan— China's Cabinet on Tuesday warned the country's record on work safety remains grim despite improvements made last year.

State Councillor Hua Jianmin presided over the meeting of the State Council, which decided the country's major tasks this year were to fully implement government

policies on work safety and "crack the hard nuts" like unsafe coal mines.

The council pledged to intensify the crackdown on illegal mining, accelerate closures of small coal mines, prevent gas explosions, and improve the responsibility system.

State Councillors recognized improvements in work safety last year, but warned the situation remains grim.

Last year, the number of accidents dropped 12.6 per cent year on year, while the death toll fell 11.2 per cent.

Chinese coal mines are known as the most dangerous in the world. The closures of illegal small mines has led to about 850 fewer deaths last year. China planned to close another 4,800 small mines before mid-2008.

MNA/Xinhua

## Indonesia to ban sand, soil and topsoil exports

JAKARTA, 25 Jan — The Indonesian Government has issued regulations, banning the export of sand, soil and topsoil in order to protect the environment from degradation and maintain the nation's current maritime boundaries, a report said Wednesday.

The regulations will come into effect on 6 February, and exporters will be given time to make necessary changes prior to the deadline. They will also be permitted to fulfil existing contracts, reported English daily *The Jakarta Post*.

"These regulations are being issued in the hope of eradicating sand and soil mining on islands at the peripheries of the country so as to protect the environment and maintain our present borders," Trade Minister Mari Elka Pangestu was quoted as saying.

Mari said the demand for sand and soil was increasing, and had spurred illegal excavation in many areas. She also said that the excavation of sand and soil, mostly for export, threatened to push back the nation's maritime boundaries due to the disappearance of small islands, while the profits earned from the exports were far smaller than the losses suffered by the country's environment. — MNA/Xinhua



## Russian sailors saved after ship sinks at E China port

HANGZHOU, 25 Jan — Nineteen Russian sailors were rescued after their cargo ship sprang a leak and sank early on Tuesday at a port in east China, local sources said.

The Cambodia-registered ship, *Nobel*, which came from Vanino in eastern Russia loaded with 8,500 cubic metres of logs, began taking water late on Monday, said the frontier inspection station sources with Ningbo, Zhejiang Province.

The ship began to list in the early hours of Tuesday and the crew issued an emergency distress signal.

An engineering ship working nearby immediately rescued the crew, including two women, the station said. Local maritime authorities have made arrangements for the 19 rescued crew. The ship arrived in Ningbo Port Monday afternoon.

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A girl performs Ethiopian traditional coffee ceremony at a coffee house in Addis Ababa, capital of Ethiopia, on 22 Jan, 2007.

XINHUA

## Internet use in China jumps by almost 25% in 2006

BEIJING, 25 Jan— China had 137 million people online by the end of last year, up by almost a quarter from 2005, the China Internet Network Information Centre (CNNIC) said Tuesday.

The number of Internet users rose by 23.4 per cent to comprise 10.5 per cent of the country's population, said the CNNIC in a report.

The statistics were based on telephone sample surveys of 32,325 Chinese, and only those above the age of six and use the Internet for at least one hour a week on average were counted as Internet users, said the CNNIC.

Online services like e-mail, search engines, e-commerce, blogs, online news and games saw rapid development, while new technologies had brought new opportunities for the development of the Internet, Minister of Information Industry Wang Xudong has said. Broadband users exceeded 100 million for the first time to reach 104 million, or 75.9 per cent of all Internet users.

Another 17 million Chinese went online via mobile phones, accounting for 12.4 per cent of the Internet population.

High costs and low speed were the major

factors that prevented more Internet users from going mobile, said the report.

Most of the country's Internet users were male, accounting for 58.3 per cent of the total.

The report shows a yawning disparity between the urban and rural areas, with Internet use in cities 6.5 times that in the countryside.

A lack of knowledge of computers and the Internet as well as inadequate access to equipment and networks remained the main difficulties for those who failed to get online, according to the report.

MNA/Xinhua

## All Chinese sailors saves from burning Cargo ship in Japan sea

BEIJING, 25 Jan — The entire crew of 10 Chinese sailors has been rescued from a Belizean-registered cargo ship that caught fire 70 nautical miles southeast of the Japanese city of Nagoya on Tuesday. The cargo ship, 69 metres long and 11.6 metres wide, had 10 sailors and 800 tons of disused electrical machinery on board. It caught fire on Tuesday morning, but the cause was not known, said sources with the China Maritime Search and Rescue Centre — MNA/Xinhua



A girl poses with a China-made Hover CUV during a promotion held in Santiago, Chile, on 24 Jan, 2007. The Hover CUV of China's Great Wall Motors, priced at US\$ 16,000, will be sold in Chile on 1 Feb. —XINHUA



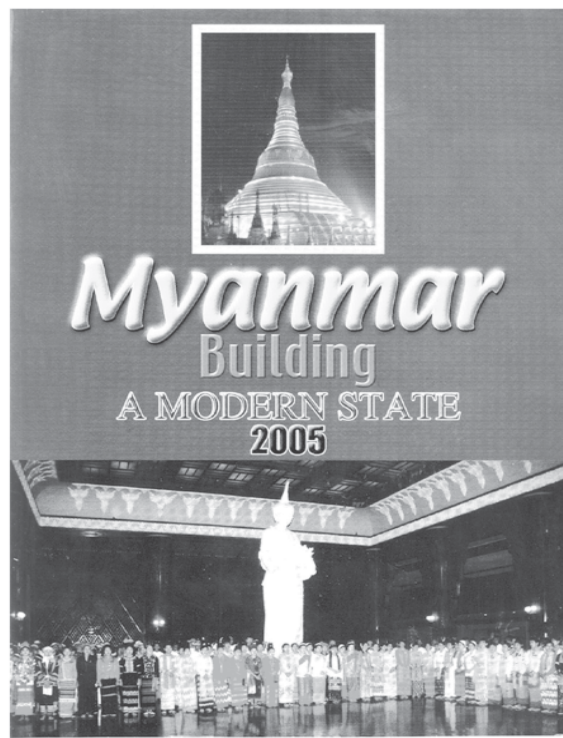
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**HK to promote business in Middle East**

HONG KONG, 25 Jan— Secretary for Financial Services & the Treasury Frederick Ma will lead a delegation to the Middle East on Friday to promote business cooperation in financial services and infrastructure, a government Press release said.

The Hong Kong Trade Development Council organized the six-day visit, which covers Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, and Abu Dhabi and Dubai of the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

During the visit, the delegation will meet with government officials, chambers of commerce and institutional investors.

In Dubai, Ma will address 200 senior decision-makers from the Middle East and China at a conference organized to examine the opportunities and challenges emerging from the rapid growth in trade and investment between the Middle East and China.

Ma said Saudi Arabia' and the UAE's impressive economic performance and adoption of an outward-oriented development strategy have created a wealth of opportunities for further cooperation with Hong Kong in the areas of financial services and infrastructure.

MNA/Xinhua

**India for free trade in South Asia**

KABUL, 25 Jan— A strong advocate of barrier-free commerce and greater interconnectivity among South Asian nations, India Wednesday said Pakistan's refusal to agree on free trade was hampering implementation of South Asian Free Trade Agreement (SAFTA) and hoped the issue will be sorted out soon.

Winding up a two-day visit here, External Affairs Minister Pranab Mukherjee hailed Afghanistan's entry into SAARC as the eighth member as a step that will strengthen the regional grouping.

Mukherjee, who was here to invite President Hamid Karzai for the 14th SAARC Summit to be held in Delhi in April, said

Afghanistan's entry into the organization would help connect South Asia with Central Asia and boost trade between the two parts of the same continent.

He, however, regretted non-operationalization of SAFTA despite it coming into force eight months back. "Operationalization of SAFTA could not take place as Pakistan never agreed to free trade," he told journalists accompanying him here.

He said Pakistan has insisted on doing trade with

India on the basis of "positive list" only, which includes just over 1000 items. India has offered tariff reduction on goods but it was not reciprocated by Pakistan, Mukherjee said. The issue figured during his recent visit to Pakistan, the minister said and added that the matter will now be discussed by the SAARC Council of Ministers next month.

Referring to Afghanistan's inclusion in SAARC, Mukherjee said it assumes significance as it

marks completion of the integration process of the South Asian grouping.

Afghanistan is a part of South Asia which remained out of SAARC so far due to turmoil in the country, the External Affairs Minister said.

"Afghanistan's inclusion will strengthen the SAARC process. It will also provide a linkage between South Asia and Central Asia," he said but regretted that Pakistan has not shown readiness so far to allow transit facility.—MNA/PTI

**Turkey, Italy to continue to contribute to global peace**

ANKARA, 25 Jan— Turkey and Italy will continue to take steps to contribute to regional and global peace because prosperity cannot be ensured without peace, Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan said on Tuesday.

Erdogan made the remarks at the inauguration ceremony of Bolu Mountain Tunnel, attended by visiting Italian Prime Minister Romano Prodi, who arrived in Ankara on Monday for a two-day visit, the semi-official Anatolia news

agency reported.

"All our efforts and steps, all these investments are for peace and prosperity. We will continue to take steps to make peace in our region and the world permanent," Erdogan was quoted as saying.

Describing the tunnel as a link between the two Mediterranean civilizations from Turkey and Italy, Erdogan underlined that the two countries have similar views and approaches to the developments and work to ensure peace and stability in the world.

Meanwhile, the

Turkish Prime Minister expressed Ankara's gratitude to Italy for its support in Turkey's EU accession process.

For his part, Prodi highlighted the importance of economic cooperation as well as friendship between the two countries. Turkey and Italy are two big countries in the Mediterranean region, which have some responsibilities and play a fundamental role in promoting peace and dialogue in the Mediterranean region, said Prodi.—MNA/Xinhua

**Norovirus sickens hundreds aboard QE2**

SAN FRANCISCO, 25 Jan—A highly contagious form of stomach flu sickened hundreds of passengers during a worldwide voyage on the famed Queen Elizabeth 2 cruise ship in what health officials called an unusually large outbreak.

The Centres for Disease Control and Prevention reported 276 passengers and 28 crew members had come down with norovirus by the time the ship docked Wednesday in San Francisco, California, for a regularly scheduled stop, though only four passengers remained sick.

The CDC boarded the QE2 on Friday



Visitors view the docked Queen Elizabeth 2 ocean liner after norovirus sickened hundreds of passengers.—INTERNET

in Acapulco, Mexico, to investigate the outbreak.

Investigators determined the emergency sanitation measures put in place by the ship's crew, from disinfecting casino chips to halting self-service at the ship's buffet, were containing the outbreak.

"This one was a good example where they had a lot of cases but they did gain control over the spread of infection," Ames said.

The infections affected nearly 17 percent of the ship's 1,652 passengers, a particularly high percentage, said Jaret Ames, acting chief of the CDC's vessel sanitation program. By comparison, a norovirus outbreak last month aboard the world's largest cruise ship, Royal Caribbean's Freedom of the Seas, infected 338 passengers out of 3,823, or less than 9 percent.

In rare cases, the elderly and young children can die from dehydration caused by norovirus symptoms. The infection, which ranks second only to the common cold in reported cases, usually clears up in two or three days with no lasting effects.

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A model shows Softbank's Swarovski crystal version of their 707SC mobile phones at an unveiling of Softbank's new mobile phone models including the thinnest-ever high-speed handset in Tokyo, on 25 Jan, 2007. —XINHUA

**Statins may improve survival in lung patients**

LONDON, 25 Jan — Cholesterol-lowering drugs may improve the survival of patients suffering from a deadly lung disease that afflicts 44 million people worldwide, Norwegian scientists said on Wednesday.

Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), which includes bronchitis and emphysema, is an incurable illness caused by smoking. It begins with a cough that leads to shortness of breath and difficulty breathing as it destroys the lungs.

But researchers from Akershus University Hospital in Lorenskog in Norway have found that statins can reduce deaths in COPD patients whose condition has exacerbated or worsened.

"The present study shows that the use of statins is associated with improved survival after chronic obstructive pulmonary disease exacerbation," said Vidar Soyseth in a report in the *European Respiratory Journal*. Millions of patients are prescribed statins to reduce levels of LDL, or so-called bad cholesterol. LDL deposits fat in the arteries while HDL, or good cholesterol, carries it away.

MNA/Reuters



Bollywood star Shilpa Shetty is seen during India Fashion Week in New Delhi, April 2006. Shetty's representatives are in talks to co-host a British version of an Indian television cricket programme, the show's chiefs have said recently. —INTERNET

**S Korea to expand liquid ban on all int'l airlines**

SEOUL, 25 Jan — South Korea is considering to expand a ban on liquids on all international airlines to tighten anti-terrorism measures starting in March, the Civil Aviation Safety Authority said on Wednesday.

South Korea currently bans passengers from

carrying liquids that can be used in making explosive devices onto planes on routes to the United States only. International Civil Aviation Organization has recommended expanded security guidelines for screening liquids, gels and aerosols that can be used

in improvised explosive devices on all international flights.

The measure, which came in respond to the terrorist attack in Britain with liquid bombs in August last year, has since been in force in Britain and the US.

MNA/Xinhua

**More cow tuberculosis found in Kuwait**

KUWAIT CITY, 25 Jan — Around 200 cases of cow tuberculosis (TB) were recently discovered in a district of the country, Kuwait-based daily *Arab Times* reported Wednesday.

Citing a well-informed sources, the report said that the newly outbreak of TB cases, mainly in Sulaibiya District, has prompted intensified inspections for similar cases in other two farming districts in Kuwait, said the report. —MNA/Xinhua

**Study finds mental stimulation combats Alzheimer's**

WASHINGTON, 25 Jan— Just a modest amount of mental stimulation can go a long way toward warding off Alzheimer's disease, according to researchers who created mice genetically modified to get a condition similar to it.

Researchers at the University of California-Irvine studied hundreds of mice altered to make them develop abnormalities known as plaques and tangles in brain tissue that are considered hallmarks of Alzheimer's disease in people. Writing on Tuesday in the *Journal of Neuroscience*, they said periodic learning sessions — swimming in a tub of

submerged platform to stand on — slowed the development in the mice of those two abnormalities.

"The remarkable thing was that just by learning infrequently, they still had a very dramatic effect on the Alzheimer's disease pathology," said Kim Green, one of the researchers.

The findings highlight an idea that also has emerged in other research — that

exercising one's mind is important to staving off Alzheimer's disease, the degenerative brain malady that is the most common form of dementia among the elderly.

"Crossword puzzles, reading books, learning a new language—anything you can do to stimulate the brain is going to be beneficial, we think," Green added.

MNA/Reuters

**Antonine Wall nominated as World Heritage Site**

LONDON, 25 Jan— Britain has nominated the Antonine Wall in Scotland, the furthest northwest boundary of the

Roman Empire, as a World Heritage Site, the Department for Culture, Media and Sport said on Tuesday.

The 37-mile wall was built between 142 and 144 AD by Antoninus Pius who succeeded another famous wall-builder, Hadrian, as Emperor of Rome in 138 AD.

But his construction between the Firth of Forth and the Firth of Clyde — the narrowest portion of lowland Scotland — was less solid than his predecessor's, being built

of turf on a stone foundation and fronted by a 12-foot deep ditch.

It was abandoned after only 20 years when the Romans withdrew to the safety of Hadrian's Wall some 80 miles further south in Northumberland.

The proposed site is being nominated as an extension to the transnational Frontiers of the Roman Empire World Heritage Site which includes Hadrian's Wall and the Upper German-Raetian Limes, which was designated in 2005.

MNA/Xinhua



Xie Yongfan shows a picture of herself on the cover of a UN Special journal in a fishing boat near her home village in Yunhe County, east China's Zhejiang Province, on 24 Jan, 2007.

XINHUA



# SPORTS

## Milan, Inter involved in false accounting scandal

ROME, 26 Jan— Italian Serie A clubs Inter Milan and AC Milan are under suspicion for false accounting.

Francesco Saverio Borrelli, the head of inquiries at the Italian Football Federation (FIGC), on Thursday asked the Milan prosecutor for the file into the case which stems from accounts filed by the two clubs in 2003.

"We have asked for elements of the file from the prosecutor. The investigation is now closed but it is up to us to act," said Borrelli.

Milan and Inter have both maintained their innocence.

If found guilty, they could be fined or docked points, although the latter punishment is considered to be unlikely.

Details of the allegations are expected to appear in Friday's edition of the weekly news magazine, *L'Espresso*. — MNA/Xinhua

## St Etienne recapture winning ways to move into fifth

PARIS, 26 Jan— St Etienne recaptured their winning ways after losing their last four competitive matches with a 2-0 victory at Nancy on Thursday to move into fifth in Ligue 1.

Brazilian Ilan was instrumental, opening the scoring on 55 minutes before setting up fellow forward Batefimbi Gomis, who sealed the visitors' victory in the 71st.

St. Etienne are back in the race for places in Europe on 34 points from 21 games, 16 points behind leaders Olympique Lyon, who lost 2-1 at home to Girondins Bordeaux on Wednesday.

Easterners Nancy, slowing down after a strong start to the season, drop to ninth, 20 points off the pace.

MNA/Reuters

## Sharapova sets up Serena showdown

MELBOURNE, 26 Jan— Maria Sharapova gategashed Kim Clijsters' farewell party at the Australian Open



Maria Sharapova of Russia listens to a reporter's question during a press conference at the Australian Open tennis tournament in Melbourne, on 26 Jan, 2007. Sharapova will play Serena Williams of the US in the women's singles final on Saturday. —INTERNET

on Thursday to set up a historic final showdown with Serena Williams.

Comeback queen Williams proved that she still belonged among the elite and doused the youthful exuberance of Czech 10th seed Nicole Pietrangeli 7-6, 6-4 with a ruthless exhibition of power-hitting.

Sharapova become the first Russian woman to reach the Open final with a 6-4, 6-2 victory, thus denying Belgian Clijsters a fairytale run in her last appearance at Melbourne Park.

While Sharapova will be the bookmakers' favourite for the title, seven-times Grand Slam champion Williams will have the crowd on her side after her stunning passage to Saturday's showpiece match.

The American had entered the tournament ranked 81st in the world but proved she still possessed the appetite for winning big titles by trampling over five seeds during the past fortnight.

She needed six match points to kill off the plucky challenge of Pietrangeli and greeted her moment of triumph by arching backwards before letting out an almighty roar of relief. — MNA/Reuters

## Jose calls for Blues focus



Jose Mourinho.

LONDON, 26 Jan— Jose Mourinho is urging his players to take nothing for granted as they continue their pursuit of silverware on four fronts.

The Blues are still in

with a chance of grabbing four trophies this term, as they are in the hunt for the Premiership, UEFA Champions League, FA Cup and Carling Cup.

Chelsea progressed to the final of the Carling Cup with a win over Wycombe in midweek and victory over Nottingham Forest this weekend would take them into the last 16 of the FA Cup.

The Blues take on Porto in the Champions League next month and are just six points behind

Manchester United in the Premiership, leaving them primed to strike on four fronts.

Mourinho, though, is aware that now is not the time to take their foot off the gas.

"We still fight battles on four fronts, but we can take nothing as done," said the Portuguese tactician. "Now we must focus and keep thinking."

"We must play with belief in our ability. The prizes are getting closer." —Internet

## PSV advance to last eight in Dutch Cup

BRUSSELS, 26 Jan — PSV Eindhoven came back from a goal down to beat Second Division side Go Ahead Eagles Deventer 3-2 and reach the last eight of the Dutch Cup on Thursday. Cerial Oosthout opened the scoring for the visitors early in the second half but minutes later Timmy Simons restored the balance from the penalty spot.

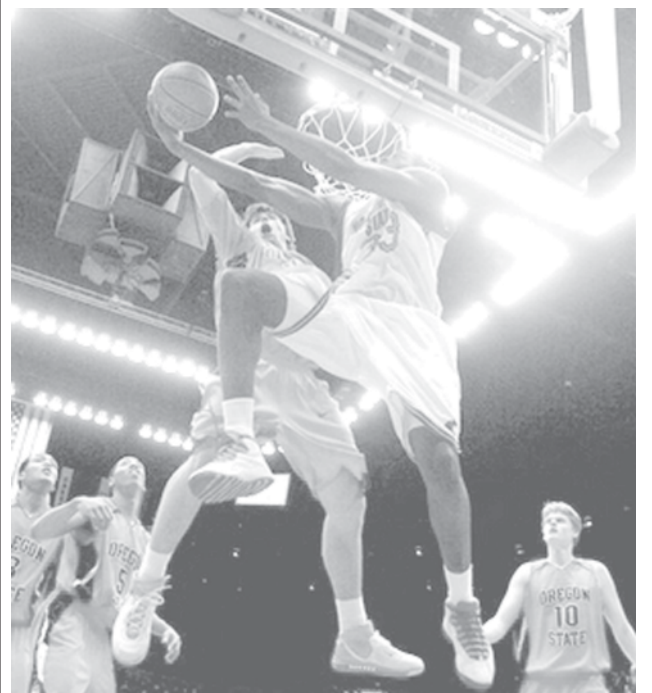
Jefferson Farfan and Arouna Kone settled the match for PSV with two

goals in five minutes although Jan Kromkamp put the ball into his own net a minute before time to give Go Ahead their second goal.

Roda JC Kerkrade also made the quarterfinals, coming from behind at home against AZ Alkmaar's reserve team to win 2-1.

Santy Hulst opened the scoring for Alkmaar in the 27th minute. Adil Ramzi equalized 13 minutes into the second half and Roda striker Dieter van Tornhout put his side in front four minutes later.

MNA/Xinhua



Washington State forward Ivory Clark, right, attempts a lay-up against Oregon State guard Jack McGillis, left, in the second half on 25 Jan, 2007, in a college basketball game in Pullman, Wash. Washington State won the game, 70-55. —INTERNET

## Roma fight back to draw 2-2 with Milan in Italian Cup

ROME, 26 Jan — AS Roma came from behind to draw 2-2 with AC Milan in the first leg of their Italian Cup semifinal at the San Siro Stadium on Thursday.

Trailing to early goals by Ricardo Oliveira and Filippo Inzaghi, Roma hit back through Simone Perrotta and David Pizarro to level the score at the interval before missing several chances to win the match in the second half.

With away goals counting double in the case of the tie ending in a draw, Roma are in a good position ahead of the re-

turn leg on January 31.

The build-up to the game was overshadowed by Milan's ongoing negotiations with Real Madrid for Brazil striker Ronaldo.

The three-times FIFA World Player of the Year, who is due to undergo a medical at Milan's training base on Friday, arrived at the San Siro shortly before kick-off, turning the heads of spectators and staff.

Oliveira's third-minute strike got their attention back on the game though. The Brazilian chested down a long ball to go through alone on goal and beat visiting keeper

## Sao Paulo held after late equalizer controversy

RIO DE JANEIRO, 26 Jan — Modest Paulista held Brazilian champions Sao Paulo to a controversial 2-2 draw with their equalizer coming seconds after the referee appeared to raise his arm to signal the end of the game.

Furious Sao Paulo coach Muricy Ramalho ran on to the pitch to protest to the referee about the amount of time added on in the Paulista (Sao Paulo State) championship match after his side lost their 100-per-cent record in their third game of the season. — MNA/Reuters



# Dengue claims 13 lives this month in Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR, 26 Jan — Dengue fever has claimed 13 lives in barely one month in Malaysia this year, a senior health official said Wednesday.

Deputy Health Director-General Ramlee Rahma said five more dengue fever deaths were reported in Selangor State in the third week of this year, bringing the total death toll to 13 nationwide.

In the third week this January, Malaysia has reported 1,423 suspected cases, of which 403 have been confirmed as dengue fever.

Ramlee said Selangor and Kuala Lumpur remained the places with the biggest number of cases reported. For the third week of this month, Selangor reported 574 suspected cases while Kuala Lumpur recorded 312 cases, Ramlee said in a statement released here.

The Health Ministry has carried out several

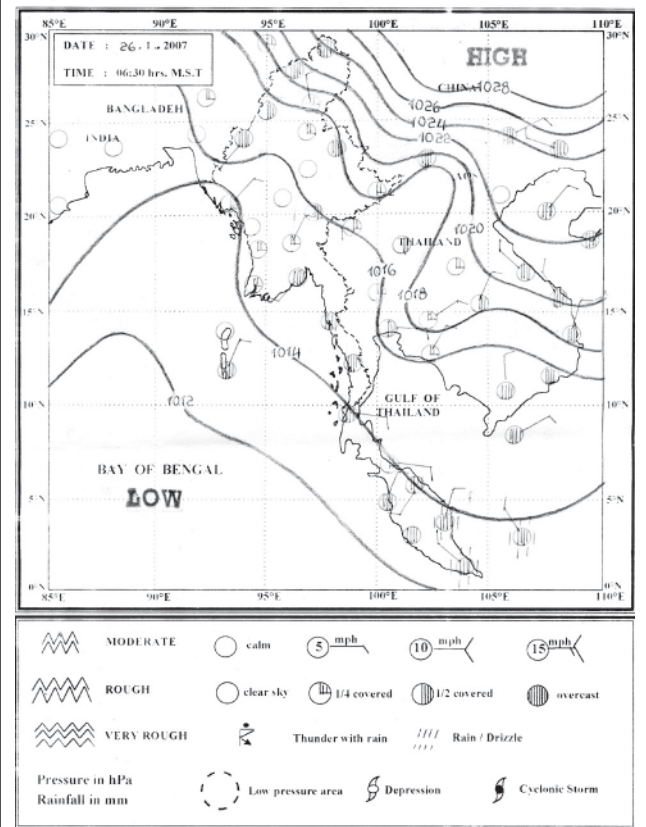
preventive and control measures throughout the country, especially in the two hot spots, said Ramlee.

He added the Ministry is still distributing the pesticide free to the public and has also roped in 60 health officers from other states to help contain the cases in Selangor and Kuala Lumpur.

Dengue fever, a viral infection transmitted by mosquitoes, mostly hits tropical and sub-tropical regions. Its symptoms include high fever, nausea, rashes, backache and headaches. The haemorrhagic variant, which causes severe internal bleeding as blood vessels collapse, is often fatal.

MNA/Xinhua

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



## WEATHER

Friday, 26 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 Kachin, Shan, Chin and Rakhine States, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, (5°C) below normal in upper Sagaing Division, (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Mon State, Yangon and Bago Divisions, (5°C) above normal in Taninthayi Division and about normal in the remaining areas. The significant night temperatures were Namsan and Lashio (1°C) each, Putao, Haka and Mogok (4°C) each.

Maximum temperature on 25-1-2007 was 96°F. Minimum temperature on 26-1-2007 was 69°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 26-1-2007 was 76%. Total sunshine hours on 25-1-2007 was (7.9) hours approx.

Rainfalls on 26-1-2007 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 Northwest at (13:30) hours MST on 26-1-2007.

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

**Forecast valid until evening of 27-1-2007:** Weather will be partly cloudy in Rakhine and Mon States, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions.

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

**Outlook for subsequent two days:** Likelihood of slight decrease of night temperatures in the Eastern Myanmar areas.

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 27-1-2007:** Fair weather.

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 27-1-2007:** Partly cloudy.

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 27-1-2007:** Fair weather.

**Weather outlook for first weekend of February 2007:** During the coming weekend, weather will be partly cloudy in Yangon Division and generally fair in Nay Pyi Taw and Mandalay Division.

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**Saturday, 27 January**  
View on today

**7:00 am**  
1. ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃာ့မဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ရွက်၊ အဘိဓမ္မမဟာရာဇဂူရူ၊ အဘိဓမ္မအဂ္ဂမဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မဇောတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ မွေဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော်ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိတ္ထသာရာ တိပိဋကပရိတ်တရားတော်

**7:25 am**  
2. To be healthy exercise

**7:30 am**  
3. Morning news

**7:40 am**  
4. Nice and sweet song

**7:55 am**  
5. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

**8:05 am**  
6. နို့ကွဲရ ရေထိန်းတံခါး

**8:15 am**  
7. Musical programme

**8:30 am**  
8. International news

**8:45 am**  
9. Grammar made easy

**11:45 am**  
1. Martial song

**11:15 am**  
2. Musical programme

**11:30 am**  
3. News

**11:45 am**  
4. Games for children

**12:05 pm**  
5. Round up of the week's TV local news

**12:45 pm**  
6. ကြားမြင်သုတပြည့်ဝစေရာစာပဒေသာ

**1:00 pm**  
7. “လောကရဲ့ အလှရတနာ” (ရဲအောင်၊ ဘုထူးစံ၊ မေသဉ္ဇာဦး၊ ဖွင့်နဒီမောင်၊ ချစ်စန်းဦး၊ ချောရတနာ၊ မေကဗျာ)

**1:25 pm**  
8. ချောင်းမငယ် ရေလှောင်တံ

**1:40 pm**  
9. Dance of national races

**1:55 pm**  
10. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

**2:00 pm**  
11. “အဲဒီမှာစတွေ့တာပဲ” (မင်းအုပ်စိုး၊ ငှက်ပျောကြော်၊ မြတ်ကေသီအောင်၊ နင်းဝတ်ရည်သောင်း၊ ဒါရိုက်တာ-မင်းအုပ်စိုး)

**2:15 pm**  
12. ဗိုလ်မြတ်ထွန်းတံတား

**2:25 pm**  
13. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

**2:35 pm**  
14. နဂါးရေလှောင်တံ

**2:45 pm**  
15. International news

**4:00 pm**  
1. Martial song

**4:15 pm**  
2. Song to uphold National Spirit

**4:30 pm**  
3. မြူးမြူးကြွကြွ ယဉ်ကျေးမှုအက

**4:40 pm**  
4. အေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေးရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာပထမနစ် (ရက္ခဗေဒအထူးပြု) (ရက္ခဗေဒ)

**4:55 pm**  
5. မြင်းမြီ စိန်သန်းဌေး ဆိုင်းအဖွဲ့ ဖျော်ဖြေခန်း

**5:10 pm**  
6. Musical programme

**5:25 pm**  
7. ရသပေါ်လွင် သရုပ်ဆောင်လွင်ပြင်

**5:50 pm**  
8. ကြက်ငှက်တုပ်ကွေးရောဂါကာကွယ်ပါ

**6:00 pm**  
9. Evening news

**6:30 pm**  
10. Weather report

**6:35 pm**  
11. အလှရှာမယ် လှကမ္ဘာဝယ်

**7:05 pm**  
12. မြန်မာနိုင်ငံတွင် ပယောဂကင်းကင်း ဖြူစင်သော စိတ်ရင်းဖြင့် လူသားချင်း စာနာထောက်ထားမှု လုပ်ငန်းများ လွတ်လပ်စွာ ဆောင်ရွက်လျက်ရှိသည် (အပိုင်း-၁)

**7:15 pm**  
13. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ကြယ်ကြွေရင်ရန်သံ” (အပိုင်း-၁၅)

**8:00 pm**  
14. News

**8:05 pm**  
15. International news

**8:10 pm**  
16. Weather report

**8:15 pm**  
17. နိုင်ငံခြား ဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “လှပသောနေ့ရက်များ” (အပိုင်း-၁၉)

**8:20 pm**  
18. The next day's programme

Radio Myanmar

**Saturday, 27 January**  
Tune in today

**8:30 am** Brief news

**8:35 am** Music:  
- Bicycle race

**8:40 am** Perspectives

**8:45 am** Music:  
- Sweet love

**8:50 am** National news/  
Slogan

**9:00 am** Music:  
- My kind of girl

**9:05 am** International news

**9:10 am** Music:  
- Dedah

**1:30 pm** News / Slogan

**1:40 pm** Music at your request / Lunch time music  
- Say you say me  
- You're everything  
- Do I love you

**9:00 pm** ASEAN news

**9:10 pm** Article

**9:20 pm** Myanmar culture...  
Dr Khin Maung Nyunt

**9:30 pm** Souvenirs

**9:45 pm** News / Slogan

**10:00 pm** PEL

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# Vice-Senior General Maung Aye welcomes Supreme Commander General Boonsrang Niumpradit of Royal Thai Armed Forces

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Jan—At the invitation of 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, a delegation led by Supreme Commander General Boonsrang Niumpradit of Royal Thai Armed Forces and wife arrived here this morning by special flight to pay a goodwill visit to the Union of Myanmar.

The delegation members were welcomed at Nay Pyi Taw Airport by Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San, member of the SPDC (See page 8)



*Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife welcome General Boonsrang Niumpradit, Supreme Commander of Royal Thai Armed Forces, and wife at Nay Pyi Taw Airport.*  
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# Technological University (Monywa) gets new building Higher education within the reach of local people in states, divisions



NAY PYI TAW, 26 Jan — A new building for Technological University (Monywa) under the Technical and Vocational Education Department of the Ministry of Science and Technology was opened in Monywa today in the presence of Prime Minister General Soe Win.

Prime Minister General Soe Win unveiled the bronze plate of the university, and Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint, Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye and Minister for Science and Technology U Thaug unveiled the signboard of the building.

Next, General Soe Win, Lt-Gen Ye Myint, the commander and ministers planted trees to mark the opening ceremony of the building.

The opening ceremony was held in front of the

three-storey main building, and the Prime Minister delivered an address.

In his address, he said that it was the auspicious occasion for Monywa as the new building of Technological University (Monywa) was opened at a time when it was upgraded to the university while Monywa Government Computer College was also upgraded to Monywa University of Computer Studies. The Government upgraded the colleges in 24 special development zones to universities.

The Government has been making efforts for promotion of national education and the development of human resources for the future of the State. Education is fundamental to overcome the challenges and to underpin the sustainable development of society. If the education sector is not advanced, other

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*Prime Minister General Soe Win delivers an address at opening ceremony of new building of Technological University (Monywa). — MNA*