

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

Local administrative bodies urged to prove their work of serving public interest with deeds

Prime Minister General Soe Win inspects Myittha and Manipura multipurpose dam projects

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Jan — Prime Minister General Soe Win inspected Myittha and Manipura multipurpose dam projects in Magway and Sagaing divisions on 27 January.

Accompanied by 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, ministers, deputy ministers, Chairman of Magway Division Peace and Development Council Office Col Phone Maw Shwe and officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, Prime Minister General Soe Win inspected Myittha River Multipurpose Dam project being implemented near Pyntha village in Gangaw Township in Magway Division, on 27 January.

Minister for Agricul-

ture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo reported to the Prime Minister on salient points of the project and progress in implementing it sector-wise; Minister for Electric Power No 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint on power distribution plans. Col Phone Maw Shwe and Commander Maj-Gen Tha Aye also took part in the discussions.

In response to the reports, the Prime Minister
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The government has already planned to open a technical institute in Gangaw to bring out technicians and intellectual human resources. Local people should understand the government's goodwill, and should strive for regional economic development.



Prime Minister General Soe Win inspects construction of Myittha River Multi-purpose Dam. — MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

Tuesday, 30 January, 2007

Vital rail link for regional development

Better transport plays a pivotal role in developing a region. As the government has constructed a large number of more motor roads and railroads plus bridges, people of different regions have been able to easily travel from one place to another, thereby contributing much to boosting production and development of socio-economic life of local people.

The opening of Kyaw-Yaymyetni railroad section and Ponnyaung Tunnel of Pakokku-Gangaw-Kalay Railroad Project took place in Gangaw Township, Magway Division on 27 January.

Ponnyaung Tunnel and Kyaw-Yaymyetni Railroad Section is 27 miles long. As the tunnel alone is over one mile long, it has become the longest of its kind in the country.

The Pakokku-Gangaw-Kalay Railroad beginning from ChaungU of Sagaing Division is over 277 miles. With the completion of the tunnel in Ponnyaung section, Kyaw and Yaymyetni Railroad Section with a mountain range between them has been linked.

The successful completion of the project can be attributed to the concerted efforts of staff of Myanma Railways, the Tatmadaw and local people. Making better use of the facility, people can travel from Pakokku, Myaing, Myosoe, Zeebya and Kyaw of Magway Division to Kalay of Sagaing Division reaching the gateway to Chin State.

Therefore, the Pakokku-Gangaw-Kalay Railroad which depicts unity of staff of Myanma Railways, the Tatmadaw and local people will always contribute to national development and improvement of socio-economic life of local people.



Daw Ohn Ohn Ni of No 201, Building 4, 9th Ayeyeikmon Street, Ward 5, Hline Township, donated K 100,000 to Hninzigon Home for the Aged to mark her 58th Birthday recently. Treasurer of the Home for the Aged U Aung Than accepts the donation. — H

Peoples' Desire

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

Production process of No 1 Tyre and Rubber Factory inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Jan— Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Saw Lwin arrived at No 1 Tyre and Rubber Factory in Thaton Township on 26 January.

At the briefing hall, Factory General Manager U Myint Naing reported to the minister on the target of tyre production in 2006-2007 fiscal year, monthly tyre production and collection of raw materials.

Course on Anaesthesiology

on 1st Feb

YANGON, 29 Jan— Myanmar Society of Anaesthesiologists (MSA) of Myanmar Medical Association (MMA) is organizing, in collaboration with the World Federation of Societies of Anaesthesiologists-Bangkok Anaesthesia Regional Training Centre (WFSA-BARTC), a refresher course on Anaesthesiology on 1st February 2007 at the Summit Parkview Hotel Ballroom commencing from 0830 hours. All the members of the MSA are cordially invited.

MNA

The minister gave instructions on systematic measures to be taken for meeting the target production, collecting of raw materials, minimizing of production cost, and preparations for operating of the machine at full capacity.— MNA

34th Buddha Pujaniya of Koedatkyi Buddha Image

YANGON, 28 Jan — The 34th Buddha Pujaniya and Rice Offering ceremony of Atuladipati Maha Munitakya Koedatkyi Buddha Image was held at the Buddha Image on Bagaya Street in Sangyoung Township, here, this afternoon.

Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung formally opened the Rice Offering ceremony.

It was also attended by Vice-Chairman of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Bhaddanta Paññindabhivamsa of Maha Aungmyay Bonsan Monastery and members of the Sangha, officials of the Ministry of Religious Affairs, laypersons and others.

The congregation received the Five Precepts from the Vice-Chairman Sayadaw and shared merits gained.

The minister cut the ribbon to open the Buddha Pujaniya. The minister, departmental officials and wellwishers donated rice and provisions worth K 2.6 million to members of the Sangha.—MNA



Religious Affairs Minister Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung presents offertories to a Sayadaw.—MNA

Forestry Minister inspects Finished Wood Product Factories in Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Township

YANGON, 28 Jan— Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung arrived at Finished Wood Product Factory No 2 of LinWin Co Ltd, Industrial Zone-2, in Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Township, here, this morning.

At the briefing hall, Managing Director of the factory reported on work being carried out and Managing Director U Win Maung of Myanma Timber Enterprise gave a supplementary report, and the minister gave necessary instructions.

The minister inspected the running of the factory, production of furniture used in gardens and furniture and sawn timber to be exported. With the

investment of US \$ 0.5 million and over K 400 million, the factory is exporting furniture made of teak and sawn timber to Germany, France, Italy, England and Asian countries. The minister and party next visited Finished Wood Product Factory of

Myanmar Technologies Industry Co Ltd. Managing Director of the factory reported on facts about the factory.

The managing director of Myanma Timber Enterprise gave a supplementary report and the minister gave necessary

instructions and viewed production line and packing of sawn timber to be exported. The factory with the investment of US \$ 0.2 million and over K 300 million is exporting sawn teak to France, Italy, Denmark and Sweden.

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Forestry Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung inspects the Finished Wood Product Factory of Myanmar Technologies Industry Co Ltd. — FORESTRY

Russia says US plan to deploy ABM base in Europe is error

Moscow, 28 Jan— The plan to deploy a US ABM base in Europe is an erroneous step, which is fraught with negative consequences for international security, spokesman for the Russian Foreign Ministry Mikhail Kamynin said here on Friday.

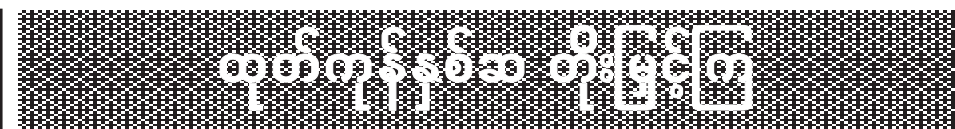
“Deployment of a US missile defence base in Europe cannot be regarded otherwise than a substantial reconfiguration of the

American military presence in Europe,” Kamynin was quoted by the *ITAR-TASS* news agency as saying.

“No matter what arguments are proffered to us to allege that this base will not be spear-headed against Russia and its purpose will be preventing the proliferation of mass destruction weapons and to counter the missile threat, emanating from different Asian directions, we

cannot overlook the fact that a strategic component is being consistently added to the American Armed Forces in this region,” Kamynin said. “The existence of such a base near our border will be a factor, which we shall have to reckon with in determining the Russian steps on the military-political scene and in practical military construction, too,” Kamynin said.

MNA/Xinhua



A craftsman paints a 'daruma' doll, which is believed to bring good luck, during the Daruma Ichi, or Daruma fair, at the Takahadafudosen Kongoji temple in Hino, suburban Tokyo on 28 Jan, 2007. The event is held every month on the 28th. —INTERNET

Los Angeles Mayor urges Bush to take new direction on Iraq

LOS ANGELES, 28 Jan— The mayor of the second largest US city said on Saturday the war in Iraq was hurting law enforcement in the United States, urging President George W Bush to take a new direction in Iraq and “turn talk into action” on the energy issue.

Delivering the Democrats’ weekly radio address, Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa said “around the country, we’ve seen thousands of our guard members sent overseas, call-ups which have taken many of our local police, firefighters and first-responders to the Middle East, and left our communities less prepared to respond to natural disasters and other emergencies,”

said Villaraigosa.

The Democrat mayor said Bush’s plan to send more troops to Iraq would further pressure the National Guard. “In Iraq

and here at home, it’s time for a new direction,” he said, “We must stop talking about challenges, like energy, and work together to solve them.” Villa-

raigosa praised the nation’s mayors for being close to average Americans and understanding problems with health care and education.—MNA/Xinhua



A balloonist checks his burner before the Night Glow at the 29th International Hot Air Balloon Week in Chateau-d’Oex on 26 Jan, 2007.

INTERNET

Oslo Airport briefly evacuated due to bomb alert

OSLO, 28 Jan— A bomb alert caused lengthy delays on Friday at Oslo Airport, the Nordic region’s second busiest hub.

“There was a problem with a suitcase and the airport authority decided to evacuate all passengers and recheck them ... but it turned out to be a false alarm,” a police

spokesman said.

Public broadcaster NRK said a man carrying a suitcase suspected of containing potential bomb parts fled the airport after being initially questioned by security.

“The man and his suitcase are now both in custody and the suitcase was found to be com-

pletely harmless,” police said.

The evacuation and additional checks created chaos and long queues at Oslo’s Gardemoen Airport, which overtook Stockholm last year to come second only to Copenhagen in the Nordic Region for volume of air traffic.— MNA/Reuters

US Apache helicopter shot down in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 28 Jan— A US military helicopter crashed on Sunday in a combat operation near southern Iraqi city of Najaf, killing two US soldiers on board, the US military confirmed in a statement.

“While conducting operations to assist Iraqi Security Forces that were attacked earlier today, a Multi-National Division — Baghdad helicopter went down at approximately 1:30 pm (1030 GMT) north of Najaf,” said the statement.

It added that the crash killed two US soldiers on board and the bodies of the slain soldiers have been found.

Earlier in the day, Iraqi security forces backed by US helicopters fought fierce battles with radical militant group outside the Shiite holy city of Najaf, some 160 km south of Baghdad.

Local witnesses had earlier reported that one US Apache helicopter was shot down by the militants’ fire and smoke was rising from a site controlled by the militants.—Internet



Smoke rises from the site where a US helicopter allegedly crashed near the town of Zarqa, north of the central Iraqi city of Najaf, on 28 Jan, 2007.—XINHUA

China-EU trade hits \$ 272.3b in 2006

BEIJING, 28 Jan — The trade volume between China and the European Union (EU) rose 25.3 per cent to hit 272.3 billion US dollars last year, the Ministry of Commerce (MOC) has announced.

China-EU trade accounted for 15.5 per cent of China's total foreign trade volume last year, and EU remained the top trade partner of China, according to MOC statistics issued on its website.

China's exports to EU reached 181.98 billion US

dollars last year, a rise of 26.6 per cent year-on-year, and its imports from EU went up by 22.7 per cent year-on-year to hit 90.32 billion US dollars.

According to EU figures, EU's imports from China was 135.6 billion euros, 4.6 billion euros more than its imports from the United States. China has replaced the United States to become EU's largest import market.

China approved 2,738 EU-funded projects in 2006,

involving a contracted EU investment of 10.58 billion US dollars. A total of 5.39 billion US dollars of EU funds were used last year.

As of the end of last year, China had approved an accumulated 25, 418 EU-funded projects, involving a contracted EU investment of 97.95 billion US dollars. China had used 53.18 billion US dollars of EU funds by the end of last year, or 8 per cent of total foreign funds used in China.

MNA/Xinhua

Inside Boeing's new plane

BEIJING, 28 Jan — Boeing unveiled in this month a mock-up of the interior of its new 747-8 Intercontinental model, which will be launched in 2010.

The new model will

be Boeing's largest passenger jet, with a seating capacity of around 467 people, 51 more than the current 747 line. At the time of its launching, it will be world's second largest passenger plane,

after the 555-seat Airbus A380.

The Post-Intelligencer characterizes the 747-8 as "a comeback kid for the 747 line, once thought to be a relic."

Internet



Business seating in the life-size display of the interior of the new 747-8 Intercontinental in Renton, Wash, on 18 Jan, 2007.—INTERNET

Bulgarian police net drugs worth \$1m

SOFIA, 29 Jan — Bulgarian police said on Sunday they had seized 39 kilos of heroin worth 780,000 euros (1.0 million US dollars) aimed for distribution in Western Europe.

The drugs, stashed in 77 packages, were found in a car in the southeastern town Haskovo. A 53-year-old Bulgarian man was arrested.

Police said the haul was part of an international operation aimed at cracking down on a

powerful drug trafficking ring and other arrests were taking place abroad.

MNA/Reuters

Malaysians walk around the vehicle decorated with flowers during the Floral Parade in the administrative centre of Putrajaya, Malaysia, on 27 Jan, 2007.—XINHUA



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A bullet train makes its debut at a railway station in Shanghai on 28 Jan, 2007.—INTERNET

Thousands march in downtown Los Angeles in anti-war rally

LOS ANGELES, 28 Jan — Carrying dozens of mock coffins covered with American flags, thousands of people took to the street in downtown Los Angeles Saturday, as part of the anti-war protests across the United State to demand the withdrawal of troops in Iraq.

Among the partici-

pants in the peace march were Iraq veterans, activists and vocal anti-war protester Cindy Sheehan, who became famous for her extended demonstration at a peace camp outside Bush's Texas ranch after her son Casey was killed during his service in Iraq.

Led by a group of Iraq

war veterans, the 3,000 anti-war protestors chanted slogans like "bring them home," demanding an end to the war in Iraq and more action from the incoming Democrat-controlled Congress as President George W Bush seeks to send more troops there.

MNA/Xinhua



Demonstrators protest against the war in Iraq asking US President George W Bush to bring US troops home and to stop funding the war in Los Angeles.—INTERNET

14 killed in flooding in Bolivia

LIMA, 28 Jan — At least 14 people were killed in floods triggered by several weeks of heavy rain in eastern Bolivia, Deputy Civil Defence Minister Gonzalo Luna said on Friday.

The water level of the Grande River and its tributaries has risen due to the rain in the eastern Santa Cruz Province, according to reports from La Paz.

Heavy rain, which was accompanied by gale-force wind and storms, also flooded thousands of hectares of farmland and destroyed some 100 houses.

Last Saturday, the Bolivian Government declared a state of emergency in Santa Cruz, the Amazonian provincess of Beni and Pando, and the tropical areas of La Paz and Cochabamba. — MNA/Xinhua



Advertisements for Microsoft's new Windows Vista computer operating system on display at a computer store in Los Angeles, on 26 Jan, 2007. Windows Vista and Office 2007, the latest editions of Microsoft's flagship products, do not hit the consumer market until 30 Jan, 2007 for consumers.—XINHUA

China to boost trade, aid for Mozambique

MAPUTO, 27 Jan— China plans to strengthen trade links with Mozambique and offer the impoverished southern African nation increased aid, a leading Mozambican newspaper reported on Friday.

An aid package and trade deals between the two countries will be announced next month during Chinese President Hu Jintao's visit to Mozambique, said *Noticias*, a daily newspaper

in the capital Maputo.

The paper did not specify how the new Chinese investment would be used or how much it would be worth to Mozambique, which is struggling to rebuild its economy after a lengthy civil war in the 1990s.

Chinese firms already are building roads and bridges in Mozambique and *Noticias* said they could be interested in expanding into port development, mining,

agriculture and other areas of Mozambique's small but growing economy.

Mozambique is among a number of African nations that have accepted help from China in a bid to boost development, technical know-how and foreign investment.

Hu's visit will be the first by a Chinese President since the former Portuguese colony became independent in 1975.

MNA/Reuters

Rembrandt painting sells for \$ 25.8 m in New York

NEW YORK, 28 Jan— A Rembrandt painting of an apostle in prayer sold for 25.8 million US dollars at Sotheby's in New York on Thursday, falling short of the record price of nearly 29 million US dollars for a work by the Dutch painter.

A spokesman for Sotheby's said the painting, "Saint James the Greater", had been sold to a buyer who wanted to remain anonymous.

The auction house had valued the 1661 painting at between 18 million US

dollars and 25 million US dollars.

The record for a Rembrandt is held by "Portrait of a Lady, Aged 62", which was sold at auction by Christie's in London in December 2000 for 28.7 million US dollars, well above the six million US dollars to eight million US dollars estimate.

Sotheby's Vice-Chairman George Wachter said last week that he did not believe there had been another Rembrandt done late in his life on the market since

1961. "It's incredibly rare," he said of the painting.

The apostle painting was sold by the US-based Shippy Foundation in the aid of Social Justice, Human Service and Education.

MNA/Reuters

New York City gripped by lowest temperature in two years

NEW YORK, 28 Jan — The temperature in New York City plummeted to minus nine degrees Celsius early Friday morning, the coldest in the city since 28 January, 2005, local media

reported.

The combination of a dip in the jetstream, the Arctic air firmly in place and biting northwest winds created dangerously low temperatures across the Northeast.

Washington DC registered minus three degrees; Philadelphia minus seven degrees; Boston minus 13 degrees; Dover minus six degrees, according to CNN weather forecast. The strong northwest wind is making the air feel significantly colder than the actual temperature.

Experts warned that prolonged exposure to bitterly cold air could result in frostbite or hypothermia. Pets are also susceptible to the cold and should not be left outdoors for extended periods of time.

Temperatures will moderate over the weekend before another blast of Arctic air arrives Monday.—MNA/Xinhua

Dengue outbreak in northern Philippine village kills three

MANILA, 29 Jan—Three people died while 15 others were hospitalized following a dengue outbreak in Barangay (Village) San Antonio in Laguna Province, northern Philippines, local media reported on Sunday.

The three fatalities suffered high fever last week and died a few days later, said a report by GMA TV.

The report said 15 other victims were brought to a hospital in Muntinlupa City.

Dr Alsaneo Lagos, Laguna provincial health officer, confirmed the dengue outbreak in the area and said a team of

health officials will investigate the incident.

He said health teams have started fogging the area and distributed larvaecide to kill deadly mosquitoes that cause the disease.

MNA/Xinhua



Fiberglass pigs form the Chinese word "Fu", which means luck and fortune, during "Piggies my love", a charity public art exhibition to celebrate the Year of the Pig, the coming Chinese New Year, in Hong Kong on 28 Jan, 2007.—INTERNET

Italian judge orders seizure of CIA agent's villa

ROME, 28 Jan— An Italian magistrate has ordered the seizure of a villa owned by former Milan CIA station chief Robert Seldon Lady, a key suspect in the 2003 kidnapping of a Muslim cleric, judicial sources said on Friday.

The seizure order for Lady's villa in the Piedmont Region of

northern Italy was made at the request of prosecutors to guarantee eventual court costs and compensation for possible crimes.

Lady is one of 32 suspects, most believed to be CIA agents, accused of abducting Hassan Mustafa Osama Nasr, also known as Abu Omar, from a Milan street and sending him to Egypt, where he

says he was tortured.

An Italian judge heard arguments earlier this month on whether to indict the suspects and send them to trial. If they were tried it would be the first criminal procedure over renditions, one of the most controversial aspects of US President George W Bush's global "war on terror".—MNA/Reuters



Water level of Dongting Lake in Yueyang of Hunan Province hits historic low. The photo taken on 21 Oct shows the bald lake bed of Dongting Lake.—XINHUA



People hustle and bustle in the Beijing West Railway Station in Beijing, capital of China, on 27 Jan, 2007. The first Spring Festival passenger transportation began for the Beijing Railway Stations to transport passengers earlier this year on Saturday.—XINHUA

Indonesia stops searching for missing plane

JAKARTA, 29 Jan—Indonesia's Search and Rescue (SAR) mission Coordinator Air Commodore Eddy Suyanto said efforts to find the wreckage of the Adam Air plane that went missing during a flight from Java to North Sulawesi on 1 January had been stopped because the plane's black box had been located.

"The search operations for Adam Air plane have been stopped and the joint SAR team has been withdrawn because the black box had been located," Antara news agency Saturday quoted Eddy as saying at a Press conference in Makassar, capital of South Sulawesi Province.

Eddy said, the government and the management of Adam Air would take further necessary measures in

recovering the black box. He said it is impossible to evacuate the plane's passengers and crew because no dead bodies were found.

"There are no survivors, merely pieces of hair," Eddy, who is also commander of the airbase said on Friday.

He further said that actually his party already knew that an US ship *Mary Sears* had caught signals from the plane's

black box in Majene waters, West Sulawesi on Monday, but he did not tell about the find due to incomplete data.

The ship's Towed Pinger Locator (TPL) 40 and side scan sonar is used to followed up on the findings of the Indonesian warships *KRI Fatahillah* and *KRINala*, had detected a flight data recorder and cockpit voice recorder and metal fragments believed to belong to the ill-fated jetliner.

MNA/Xinhua

China, India, hit \$20b trade goal two years ahead of target

BEIJING, 28 Jan— Trade between China and India hit 24.9 billion US dollars last year, exceeding the 20-billion-US-dollar goal two years ahead of target, the Ministry of Commerce has announced.

The two Asian giants, both among the world's fastest growing economies, signed an agreement in 2005, pledging to bring the bilateral trade volume to 20 billion US dollars by 2008.

According to the ministry, India was China's 10th largest trade partner in 2006, while Indian statistics showed China was India's second largest trade partner after

the US investment in India, approved by the ministry, totalled 170 billion US dollars by the end of last year, mainly in the sectors of electronics, communications and light industry.

Bilateral trade has soared from 2.91 billion US dollars in 2000 to 18.7 billion US dollars in 2005, an average annual rise of 45 per cent.

As a symbol of their

closer trade ties, the two countries reopened cross-border trade at the Himalayan Nathu La Pass in July last year, 44 years after trade ended in the wake of a short border war.

According to Goldman Sachs, India will overtake the US to become the world's second largest economy, after China, by 2042.

MNA/Xinhua



Malaysian girls in native costumes attend the Floral Parade in the administrative centre of Putrajaya, Malaysia, on 27 Jan, 2007. The parade is to heat the Visit Malaysia 2007 to promote tourism.—XINHUA



Boxes of unsalable chilis are piled up at a market in Futian Town of Qionghai City in south China's Hainan Province, on 27 Jan, 2007. The warm winter resulted in good harvest of chilis in Guangdong Province and Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, whereas the chilis in Hainan are hard to sell due to the expensive transportation cost. Many local farmers had to dump the chilis instead.—XINHUA

Hillary attacks Bush's "irresponsibility" on Iraq

DAVENPORT (Iowa), 29 Jan— Democratic presidential contender Hillary Rodham Clinton said in Iowa on Sunday President George W Bush should find a way out of Iraq before he leaves office and called it "the height of irresponsibility" to leave the problem to the next administration.

"The President has said this is going to be left to his successor," the New York senator said during a jammed rally in a fairground exhibit hall in Davenport as she concluded a two-day campaign swing in the state that kicks off the 2008 presidential campaign.

"I think it's the height of irresponsibility and I really resent it," she said. "This was his decision to go to war, he went with an ill-conceived plan, an incompetently executed strategy and we should expect him to extricate our country from this before he leaves office."

Clinton, an opponent of Bush's plan to send more troops to Iraq, has been criticized by some Democrats for being slow to turn against the conflict and for her hesitance to renounce her 2002 vote to authorize the Iraq war.

At a news conference before she left the state, she

sidestepped a question about why she would not call that vote a mistake, as other candidates have done. "I regret deeply the way he used that authority," she said of Bush. "It is tragic the mistakes he has made in conceiving this war and executing it, especially the incompetence he has brought to the planning and implementation of his policy."

Clinton also chided journalists for repeatedly bringing up her response to a question at the rally about how she would deal with all the evil male leaders in the world.

"What in my background qualifies me to deal with evil and bad men?" she had asked at the rally, rephrasing the question and then pausing before she and the crowd broke into laughter. She ultimately gave a serious answer about building diplomacy.

Asked several times who she had been thinking about, she first mentioned al-Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden, then Bush Administration officials and finally said: "I thought I was funny. You guys keep telling me to lighten up. I get a little funny and now I'm being psychoanalyzed."

MNA/Reuters

Better transport at unprecedented level

Myint Soe (Na-Ta-La)

When I was young I often travelled from my native village to Yangon by different modes of transport. I left the village for Ai-thabyu early by boat passing villages such as Hlawkahtar, Mogok, Inn-Lut, Kanyinse and Yoegyí on the stream. Ai-thabyu lies on the bank of Ngawun River and it was the starting point of the journey to Hinthada. It is a small town. I took the first bus that left there. And I reached Hinthada and proceeded to the Tharawaw port in a hurry. I queued up for a train ticket. I took the 1 pm train heading for Yangon, and my journey ended at Kyimyindine station. It was during the rainy season.

In summer, the trip was different. I had to go to Laymyethna one day ahead as there was no waterway from my native village to Ai-thabyu. The following day I went there by motor boat. The rest of the trip was the same. The journey to Yangon included boat, train, car, and even walking. It was enjoyable for me to walk across Tharawaw sandy bank. Transport and commerce have greatly improved after the emergence of the Pathein-Monywa Road close to the village. Then I took the bus that left Kwinkauk and then it arrived in Yangon after passing Ngathaingchaung along the Yekyi-Kyaunggon-Nyaungdon Road. The journey was cut down in miles. At that time there was no Bo Myat Tun Bridge. It took some time to cross the Ayeyawady River by Z-craft.

Transport on the west bank of Ngawun River including my native village has become easier after the emergence of Bo Myat Tun Bridge. Some wealthy people from nearby villages bought buses and went into transport service. They ply to Ngathaingchaung in the south and Kwinkyauk in the north. Vehicles locally known as Khwaykok run on Pathein-Monywa Road. Roads and bridges crossing the rivers and creeks have emerged one after another in Rakhine State. The Ngathaingchaung-Gwa Road links Rakhine State and Ayeyawady and Yangon Divisions. In other words, it has become an access road to Rakhine State.

Despite better transport, I have not been to my native village for a long time. I have passed the Bo

Myat Tun Bridge, a significant one of Ayeyawady Division only recently. The road from Yangon to Kyaunggon junction is tarred. Parts of Kyaunggon and Athoke road sections are under repair. The condition of Athoke-Yekyi-Ngathaingchaung Road is the same. The road between Ngathaingchaung and my native village has improved. Although the road is a gravel one, it is smooth. The wooden bridges along the road were replaced with concrete ones.

In the past it was dangerous for cars to pass through the wooden bridges as they were not sturdy. In some places the passengers had to get off the buses. Altogether 14 big and small bridges have been built on the nine-mile road between Ngathaingchaung and Sawpya Village.

Along the road I saw the thriving cashew plantation stretching some 2,000 acres. U Sint Win, a friend of mine, explained that he earned income from some of the plantations. There are pilot rubber plantations in Chinle and Legongyi villages. There were frequent engagements between the Tatmadaw and the BCP in the area. As Sawpya Village gets telephone service, my son phoned his grandma in Yangon.

The purpose of visiting my native village was to attend the second respect-paying ceremony for teachers of Hlawkahta Basic Education High School situated some distance from the West Yoma Mountain in Laymyathna Township, Ayeyawady Division. While listening to the speech of retired headmaster U Kyin Maung, I started to recall the cooperative efforts of the teachers, parents and students to build a middle school in 1966-67 when the region still lacked peace and stability.

What is still in my mind is the Tatmadaw columns passing through the road in front of the school at that time, military camps and storehouses for rations built in Seintaung, Hlakahta and Sangyi villages, a three-layered fence and mantraps built around our village, sounds coming from hitting hollowed logs, sounds of gunfire and so on.

According to Sayagyi U Kying Maung, I have learned that the school was built by Carpenter U Ngwe Aye, who was a great benefactor. He charged only K 2,400 as a fee for the construction of the school. Asked why he had charged very little for his fee, U Ngwe Aye replied that he received no education; that in the whole region in 1975 there was one educated person only by the name of Ko Mya Maung, who passed the 9th standard in Myanmar-English bilingual school; and that therefore, he built the school charging a little as he wanted to see in the region educated young persons like Ko Mya Maung.

Now we can say that our region has satisfied U Ngwe Aye's desire as it has produced many graduates and educated persons.

This time, I was very pleased with the visit to my native place. A good harvest of paddy was seen, and after the harvest, all the fields in the village were filled with black gram. The houses, monasteries and pagodas in the two villages were all illuminated with electricity generated from paddy husk-fired power. Even DVDs, VCDs and karakoe devices have become common with the villagers. Many natives have possessed motorbikes. With a network of roads, everyone can easily travel to Yangon, Pathein and Hinthada. And there is no need to worry about health care. Due to ICDP being implemented in Ayeyawady Division, the lakes and ponds have been filled with clean water and more toilets have been built. These benefits are indeed the images of all the developing regions including far-flung and hilly regions.

In the past, with lack of peace, the people in our region had to experience gun battles, killings of people and moving from place to place. KNDO and BCP were very active at the time. Only in 1972 the whole Ayeyawady Division became a white area enjoying peace and tranquillity.

Although there was the poor transport in our region in the past, nowadays, village-to-village roads, township-to-township roads and district-to-district roads are emerging and there is smooth flow of commodities due to the efforts for development of road transport alongside the five rural development tasks.

Not only the transport sector but also the education and health sectors in our region have made progress. Almost every village has a primary school and almost every house has at least a graduate. There is a rural health care centre and the region has easy access to all parts of the country.

All in all, the cumulative development of a region is indicative of that region enjoying peace and stability. The same image the people of the region have in their mind is to live and work in a simple and honest way for their socio-economic development. Indeed, my native place has changed much for the better now.

(Translation: NW+ST)

(Kyemon: 29-1-2007)

Transport on the west bank of Ngawun River including my native village has become easier after the emergence of Bo Myat Tun Bridge. Some wealthy people from nearby villages bought buses and went into transport service. They ply to Ngathaingchaung in the south and Kwinkyauk in the north. Vehicles locally known as Khwaykok run on Pathein-Monywa Road. Roads and bridges crossing the rivers and creeks have emerged one after another in Rakhine State. The Ngathaingchaung-Gwa Road links Rakhine State and Ayeyawady and Yangon Divisions. In other words, it has become an access road to Rakhine State.



Prime Minister General Soe Win and party pay homage to Alaungkaw Kassapha Image. — MNA

Local administrative bodies...

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discussed early completion of the project, construction of the irrigation network soon after the completion of the dam, power supply through the national grid.

The project will

regional development undertakings, the government's endeavours for equal development of all the regions of the nation, the transformation of local administrative bodies, the importance of making harmonious

hospital and rural dispensaries.

The government has already planned to open a technical institute in Gangaw to bring out technicians and intellectual human resources. Local people



Prime Minister General Soe Win presents offertories to a Sayadaw.

MNA



Prime Minister General Soe Win offers robe to Alaungkaw Kassapha Image. — MNA

should understand the government's goodwill, and should strive for regional economic development.

Prime Minister General Soe Win and

party viewed the building of diversion tunnels and preparations to implement the Manipura Multipurpose Dam Project in Kalay Town-

ship, Sagaing Division. Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo reported on data of the project, tasks undertaken by Irrigation (See page 9)

generate 40 megawatts and irrigate 12,000 acres of land.

In Gangaw, the Prime Minister and party visited the hospital where Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo and the medical superintendent explained the requirements in upgrading the 50-bed hospital into a 100-bed facility.

The Prime Minister made arrangements to facilitate the work of systematically upgrading the hospital. Later, he met with departmental personnel, social organizations and townsenders, explaining the aims of his tour to help facilitate re-

efforts for transition to democracy in accord with the adopted work programmes. Local administrative bodies should prove their work of serving public interest with deeds.

Local authorities discussed transport, health and education the basic sectors for regional development.

The Prime Minister said that the 50-bed hospital has been upgraded to a 100-bed facility and regional motor roads and railroads have been improved. Necessary medicines and medical equipment have been provided to the station



Prime Minister General Soe Win makes cash donation during his visit to Alaungkaw Kassapha Image. — MNA



Prime Minister General Soe Win meeting with departmental officials and townsenders from Gangaw, Htilin, Saw and Kyaukhtu Townships in Gangaw. — MNA

Local administrative bodies...

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Department and cooperation with the Ministry of Electric Power No 1 in hydel power projects, Director of Construction 4 of Irrigation Department

The Prime Minister called on making efforts for early completion of the major projects like Htamanthi and Manipura. Manipura Dam is being built on Manipura

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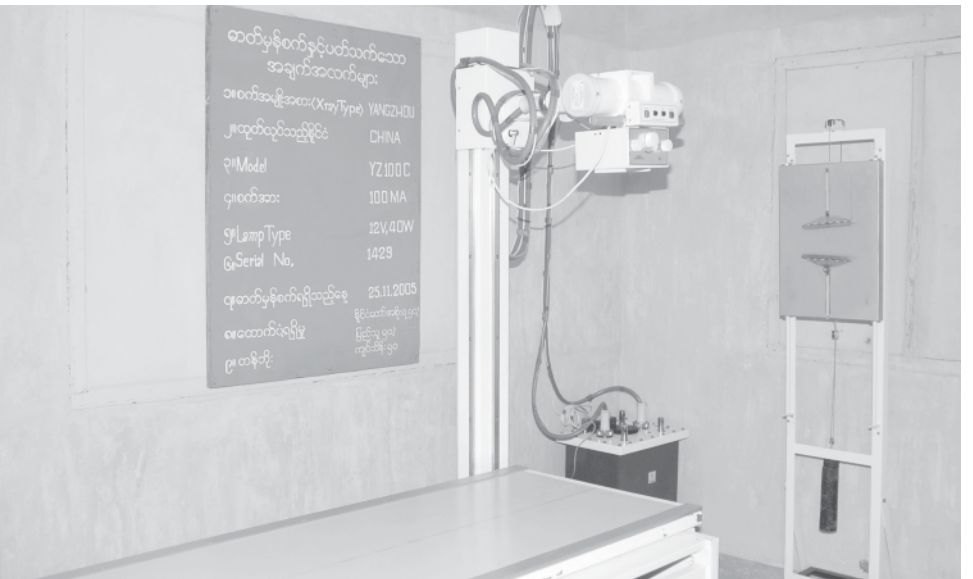
trustees. They went to Alaungkaw Kassapa Cave and offered lights to the image and presented offerings to members of the Sangha. They arrived back Nay Pyi Taw from

members of division, district and township USDAs at Sagaing Division USDA Office in Monywa on 26 January. Joint-Secretary of Division USDA Dr Win Myint Aung and secretaries reported on measures

spoke during the meeting. On 26 January, Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan inspected Sagaing Division Information and Public Relations Department and met service personnel of IPRD and Myanma Mo-



Prime Minister General Soe Win inspects People's Hospital in Gangaw. — MNA



U Victor on construction of a diversion tunnel and a hydel power tunnel and Minister for Electric Power No 1 Col Zaw Min on the coordination with Irrigation Department.

River, three miles away from Kabarni Bridge in Kalay Township. Manipura Dam Multi-purpose Project is being undertaken with the aim of generating 380

ter and party went to Alaungkaw Kassapa National Park in Kani and offered gold robes to the Buddha Image. The Prime Minister donated cash to members of the board of

Manipura Dam is being built on Manipura River, three miles away from Kabarni Bridge in Kalay Township. Manipura Dam Multi-purpose Project is being undertaken with the aim of generating 380 megawatts, protecting Myittha River plain and the lower part of Kalay from flooding yearly and supplying water to some 50,000 acres of farmland.



Information Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan views documentary photos and posters on display at Sagaing Division Information and Public Relations Department. — MNA

Monywa yesterday. Secretary-General of the Union Solidarity and Development Association U Htay Oo and party met secretaries and

undertaken by the associations. Secretariat Member U Thein Zaw, CEC members Thura U Aye Myint and U Aung Min

tion Pictures Enterprise. Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo inspected the People's Hospital in Homalin Township.—MNA

Wellwishers invited to contribute to religious meetings, title conferring, rice offering

YANGON, 29 Jan — The seventh meeting of the Fifth State Central Working Committee of the Sangha, the first meeting of the sixth State Central Working Committee of the Sangha and religious title-conferring and rice-offering ceremonies will

be held from 26 February to 2 March in Maha Pasana Cave on Thiri Mingala Kaba Aye Hill. State Ovadha Cariya Sayadaws, member Sayadaws of State Central Working Committee of the Sangha, title-recipient Sayadaws and members of the Sangha totalling

about 973 will attend the occasions. Those wishing to make donations can dial 660799, 660998 and 660149 of the 'soon' committee at Ottarakuru Kyaungsaung on Kaba Aye Hill for K2,200 for a monk for a day's meal. — MNA

Last season's finalist Shan (South) snatches shield defeating Magway 4-2

YANGON, 29 Jan — A final match in conjunction with a prize presentation ceremony of the 52nd Union Shield Inter-State/Division Men's Football Tournament (Open) took place at Youth Training Camp (Thuwunna) this evening.

Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint watched the final match and attended the prize presentation ceremony.

Shan (South) picked up a Union Shield after success over Magway with 4-2 in the final match. The prize presentation ceremony followed. Director U Naw Taung of Sports and Physical Education Department presented third prize to Sagaing, Deputy Director-General of SPED U Thein Aung, second to runners-up Magway, General Secretary of MOC Director-General of SPED U Thaug Htaik,

first to champions Shan (South) and President of Myanmar Football Federation U Zaw Zaw, medals and cash awards to best situational players throughout the tournament. Next, Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint handed a fair play award K 300,000 as well as prize money K 1 million to third placed winners Sagaing, K 1.5 million to runners-up Magway and K 2.5 million to champions Shan (South). — MNA

PBANRDA Dy Minister leaves for Bangkok

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Jan — A delegation led by Deputy Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Tin Ngwe left here for Bangkok, Thailand, on 27 January to participate in 5th ASEAN

ministerial meeting on rural areas development and eradication of poverty.

The meeting is scheduled to be held today and tomorrow. The delegation will also attend the preliminary meeting of senior

officials from ASEAN+3 nations. The delegation comprises Director-General U Myo Myint and Director U Aye Lwin of the ministry.

They were seen off at Nay Pyi Taw Airport by officials of the ministry. — MNA

Information Minister receives guests



Information Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan receives Mr Jimmy Chang, Managing Director of Ntegrator Pte Ltd, and party of Republic of Singapore. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Jan — Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan received a delegation led by Managing Director of

Ntegrator Pte Ltd Mr Jimmy Chang of Republic of Singapore at his office, here, today. Also present at the call

were directors-general and managing directors of departments and enterprises under the ministry. MNA

Date of meeting of MFPTMA postponed

YANGON, 29 Jan — The Myanmar Forest Products and Timber Merchants Association planned to hold the 13th annual meeting at International Business Center on 5 February.

The date of the meeting was postponed and it will be announced later. — H

Villager loses leg in mine blast

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Jan — A villager of MyaungU Village in Kyaukkyi Township lost his left leg in the mine blast near the village on 25 January.

After fishing in a creek near the village, U Kyaw Lwin, 35, went back to his home. On his way home, he stepped on the mine planted by insurgents. An ankle of his left leg was blown off and he was rushed to the Mone Station Hospital.

Insurgents have been committing atrocities to jeopardise the stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity and prevalence of law and order through various means.

The authorities concerned in co-operation with the people are in hot pursuit of the insurgents. — MNA

Special sales period extended

YANGON, 29 Jan — The Ministry of Industry-1 extended the special sales period until 3 February in Myaungmya Township, Ayeyawady Division, until 4 February in Hpa-an, Kayin State and until 6 February in North Okkalapa Township, Yangon Division.

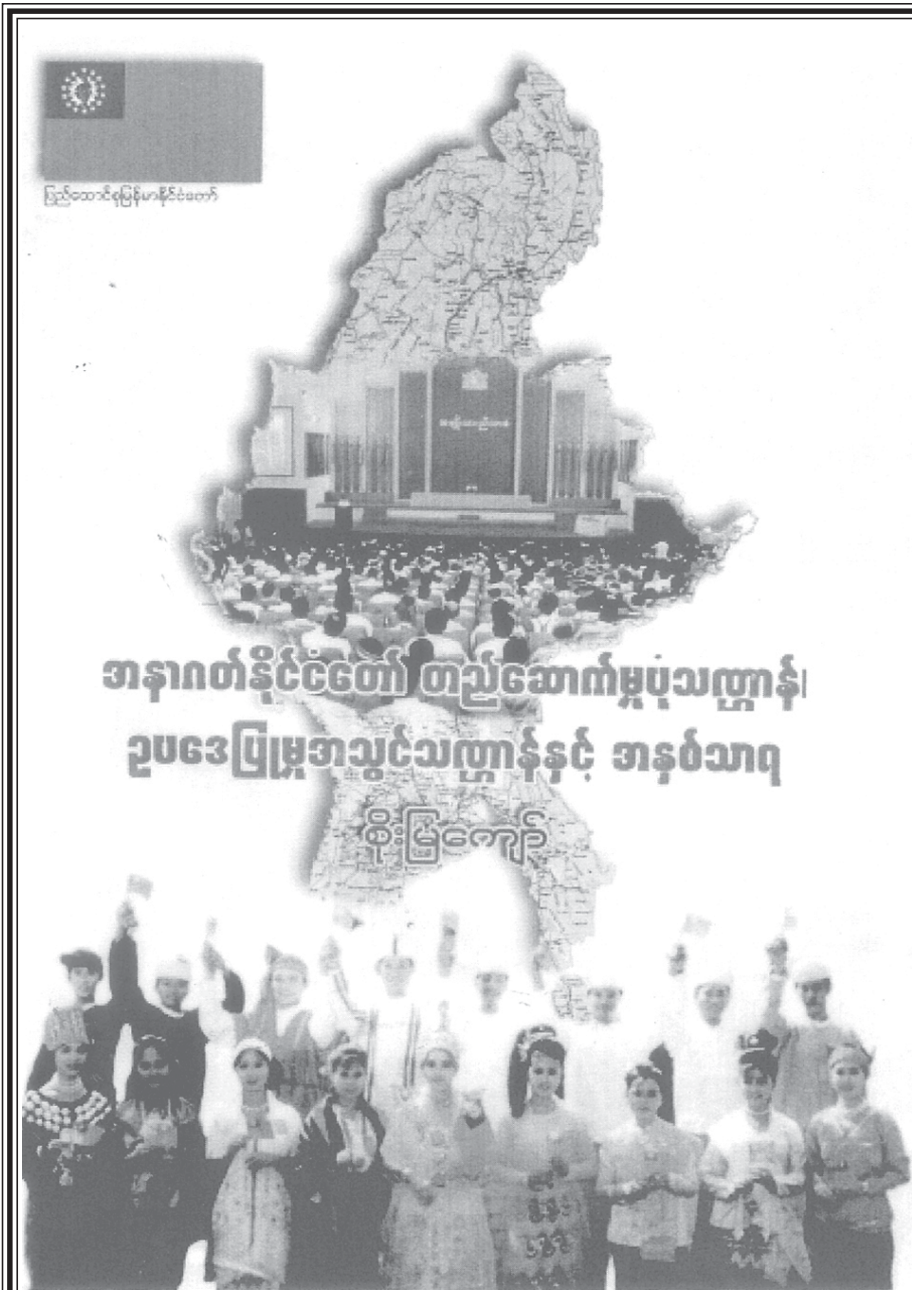
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Myitha Dam project. (News on page 1) — MNA



Manipura Multipurpose Dam project. (News on page 1) — MNA



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Editor jailed for 4 months for mobile phone hacking

LONDON, 29 Jan — The royal news editor for the *News of the World* newspaper received a four-month jail sentence for illegally hacking into the mobile phones of Britain's royal aides.

Andy Coulson, editor for the newspaper, immediately resigned after the sentence of his colleague Clive Goodman,

saying he was "ultimately responsible" for the scandal, Sky news reported on Saturday.

"His (Goodman's) actions were entirely wrong, and I deeply regret that they happened on my watch," said Coulson.

Private investigator Glenn Mulcaire was also jailed for six months after admitting conspiracy with

Goodman to tap the voicemail messages including those left by Prince William.

The Old Bailey, a major court in London, heard that Goodman, 49, and Mulcaire, 36, had tapped into more than 600 messages on the mobile phones of aides for the Royal Family.

MNA/Xinhua

British Home Office accused of new blunder

LONDON, 29 Jan — Britain's beleaguered Home Office faced accusations on Saturday that officials had made another blunder after it admitted not all travel bans imposed by courts on drug traffickers had been enforced.

The news comes the day after the government was embroiled in a row with the judiciary about jailing dangerous criminals.

Home Secretary John Reid had written to judges asking them to send criminals to jail only if necessary because of a lack of prison cells. It led to judges freeing two convicted paedophiles who they said would otherwise have been sent to jail.

On Saturday, the BBC reported that the Identity and Passport Service had failed to ensure that travel bans against almost 150

drug smugglers had been implemented.

A Home Office spokesman called it a historical problem and said most of the criminals involved were still in jail.

All the relevant offenders' passports were being cancelled, the spokesman said, but acknowledged officials were still trying to locate 15 offenders who might have gone abroad.

MNA/Reuters



Residents take part in a chicken eating competition in Jakarta on 27 Jan, 2007. —INTERNET

Japan confirms third bird flu outbreak in January

TOKYO, 29 Jan — Japan confirmed a fresh outbreak of bird flu at a poultry farm in the western prefecture of Okayama, the Agriculture Ministry said in a statement on Monday, the third such case in the country this month.

The ministry said tests showed the presence of H5 subtype influenza among chickens at the farm in the city of Takahashi, where 39 birds out of 12,000 have died since Friday.

Further tests will be

carried out to confirm whether the virus was the H5N1 strain, the ministry added.

The H5N1 virus has killed at least 164 people worldwide since 2003, most of them in Asia, and over 200 million birds have died from it or have been culled to prevent its spread.

There have been no reported cases of human infection from the virus in Japan.

The Agriculture

Ministry said it had ordered all poultry at the farm to be killed and the site to be disinfected. Movement of people and goods within a 10-kilometre (6-mile) radius of the farm was to be restricted, it added.

Earlier this month, Japan had two cases of an H5N1 outbreak among poultry in the southwestern prefecture of Miyazaki, the country's biggest poultry producing region.

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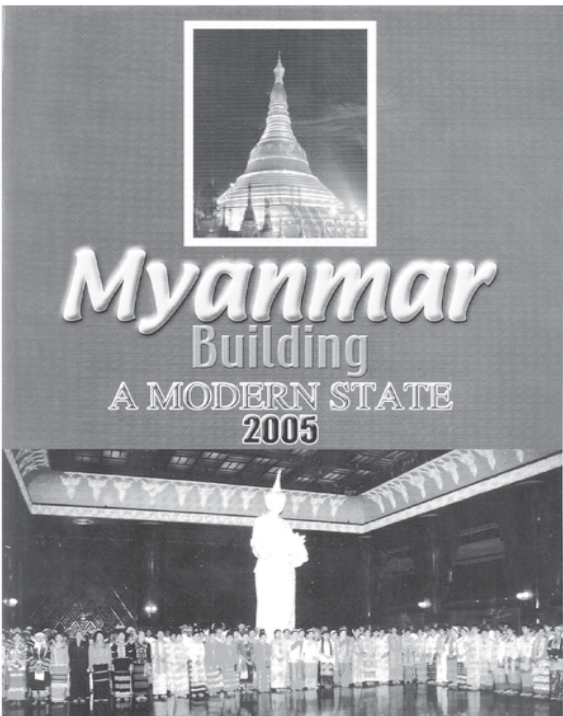
New consortium to regulate corporate reporting of climate risks

DAVOS (Switzerland), 28 Jan—The World Economic Forum announced on Friday the formation of a new international consortium of seven organizations to help regulate corporate reporting of climate risk information.

Founding members of the consortium, the Climate Disclosure Standards Board (CDSB), include the California Climate Action Registry, Carbon Disclosure Project, Ceres, the Climate Group, International Emissions Trading Association, World Economic Forum Global Greenhouse Gas Register and World Resources Institute.

"CDSB member organizations have agreed to align their core requests for information from companies," said the World Economic Forum at its annual meeting in the Swiss ski resort of Davos.

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Teenagers guilty of racist murder of taxi driver in Britain

LONDON, 28 Jan— A gang of White teenagers were found guilty on Friday of the racist murder of an Asian taxi driver beaten to death in Huddersfield last year.

Mohammad Parvaiz, a 41-year-old father of three, was killed last July after he responded to what he believed to be a routine request for a taxi.

Detective Superintendent Tim Forber, who led the police investigation, said it was a horrific crime. "This was the worst, the absolute worst kind of pack mentality," he told reporters.

"It was an appalling act of violence and one that looking back at it ... just seems utterly mindless. It was an absolutely mindless waste of life."

Graeme Slavin, 18, Christopher Murphy, 18, and Steven Utley, 17, were all found guilty of murder

at Leeds Crown Court, according to media reports. Another teenager, 19-year-old Michael Hand, had earlier pleaded guilty.

Two others were cleared of murder and manslaughter. "Quite clearly in this case, racist language was used during the attack and immediately after the attack. It was a racially aggravated offence,"

Forber said.

He said the investigation had shown the main motivation was retribution for an incident that had occurred a few weeks earlier that the gang mistakenly thought Parvaiz had been involved in.

"Mohammad Parvaiz was a loving family man and his life was taken for no reason," his family said in a statement.—MNA/Reuters

Iran issues conflicting signals on nuclear work

TEHERAN, 29 Jan—An Iranian nuclear official denied a statement by a Teheran parliamentarian on Saturday that the country had begun installing 3,000 new atomic centrifuges for uranium enrichment — a process that can make atomic bombs.

Hossein Simorgh, the head of public affairs at Iran's Atomic Energy Organization, was quoted by IRNA news agency as saying no such new devices had been fitted at its Natanz uranium enrichment facility. Alaeddin Boroujerdi, head of Parliament's foreign affairs and national security committee, had earlier been quoted as saying Iran had started installing the centrifuges, used to make fuel for power stations or material for atomic bombs.

MNA/Reuters

Dutchman suspected of Iraq attacks sent to US

AMSTERDAM, 28 Jan— An Iraqi-born Dutch citizen suspected of plotting attacks on Americans in Iraq has been extradited to the United States, the Dutch Government said on Saturday.

A Justice Ministry spokesman said Wesam

alDelaema was on the way to the United States in a military plane.

Dutch news agency ANP quoted alDelaema's lawyers as saying they feared that their client could be tortured and would not get a fair trial in the United States. Al

Delaema lost a final appeal against his extradition in December.

Al Delaema was charged in 2005 with participating in a conspiracy to attack Americans in Iraq, in the first such charges connected to such alleged activities in Iraq. Born in Fallujah, Iraq, he was

arrested in the Netherlands in 2005.

He was said to have travelled from the Netherlands to Iraq with a group calling themselves the "Fighters of Fallujah" planning to attack Americans with explosives.

MNA/Reuters

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UN says developing countries deserve break on climate

DAVOS (Switzerland), 29 Jan — Emerging giants China and India should not be asked to cut carbon emissions as fast as rich countries, despite being among the world's top greenhouse gas producers, international officials said on Friday.

Achim Steiner, head of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), urged developed nations to "take the next big step" against climate change by negotiating tight new standards that may exempt their poorer neighbours.

Otherwise, he warned that rich-poor tensions could threaten diplomatic efforts to extend the UN Kyoto Protocol past 2012.

"If we don't have significant political momentum this year, the negotiations on a new climate change

convention are going to be increasingly jeopardized," he said in an interview during the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland.

The United States, which is not a signatory to Kyoto, emits a quarter of the industrial greenhouse gases that scientists say trap solar rays in the atmosphere — leading to warming that can cause severe storms, floods, droughts and ecological ruin. China's blistering growth has rocketed it to the number two worldwide carbon emitter, with India

in fourth place, according to World Resources Institute data. Neither face obligations under the current Kyoto Accord.

The sheer size of these developing powers' economies, and their heavy consumption of carbon-emitting coal, mean they will make up an increasing share of global emissions in coming years, said Jim Leape, head of the conservation group WWF. — MNA/Reuters



Principal dancers Vladimir Malakhov (L) of Berlin's Staatsballett and Julie Kent perform 'Romeo and Juliet' during a dress rehearsal at the Deutsche Oper opera house in Berlin on 27 Jan, 2007. Malakhov is in training for an upcoming gala show, "Malakhov and Friends" on 28 Jan, 2007 to mark his 20 years of achievement in ballet, performing with the very best dancers from around the world. —INTERNET

First sandstorm of the year scours N-W China

BEIJING, 29 Jan — This year's first sandstorm hit Minqin County of northwest China's Gansu Province on Friday, the China Meteorological Administration (CMA) said here on Saturday.

The sandstorm started at 11:28 am, with a minimum visibility of 600 metres, and died down an hour later, according to the CMA.

Minqin County, located between the Badain Jaran Desert and the Tengger Desert, has seen 94 per cent of its area turn into desert as a result of years of erosion by wind and sand. Deserts have advanced an average

three to four metres into the remaining land each year. Last year, they advanced 6.19 metres, statistics from the local meteorological bureau showed.

The county suffered only 14 sandstorms last year, compared with around 26 on average. The most severe storm brought visibility down to 100 metres in April.

MNA/Xinhua



A model, viewed reflected in a mirror, waits to be dressed backstage before a fashion week show by Italian designer Marella Ferrera in Rome on 27 Jan, 2007. —INTERNET

Cartier eyes jewellery boutique expansion in China

SHANGHAI, 29 Jan — Cartier, the world's largest luxury jeweller, anticipates strong demand from China's growing elite and expects to open up to 10 jewellery boutiques in Mainland China by next year, a senior executive said.

Cartier, the core company within Swiss-based luxury goods group Richemont, hopes to own 22 to 24 boutiques in the country by 2008, versus 14 now, Cartier Greater China Managing Director

Nigel Luk told Reuters. "We're expanding very fast, the pace is galloping," Luk said on the sidelines of a Cartier jewellery viewing ceremony in Shanghai late on Friday.

ExxonMobil determines to negotiate Natuna gas block

JAKARTA, 28 Jan — The US giant oil and gas company ExxonMobil has determined to negotiate with the Indonesian Government about the operation contract on the gas block Natuna D-Alpha, and will not bring the dispute to the international arbitration, a company's official quoted by leading Kompas daily here Saturday.

"We still commit to have a negotiation," the Vice-Director of the External Relation of the company Maman Bidiman said.

Maman deflected that the block has been an open area which means any other operator could enter for operation.

"If there is a statement that the Natuna block has

become an open area which any operator can enter, it has never been told to us," he said. Earlier, Indonesian Mines and Energy Minister Purnomo Yusgiantoro said that the status of the block became an open area after the termination of contract of ExxonMobil on 9 January, 2005.

The head of oil and gas watchdog BP Migas Kardaya Warnika said that so far, the ExxonMobil could not give a proposal of contract which can benefit Indonesia.

Earlier this month Indonesian Vice-President Jusuf Kalla said that the talks on operating rights for the Natuna D-Alpha gas block between the government and ExxonMobil will begin in January. — MNA/Xinhua

The rise of the super-rich in China, where the 500 wealthiest on the Hurun Report Rich List control 138 billion US dollars in assets, is boosting Cartier's sales in the country, which Luk expects to continue to grow by "high double-digits every year".

Richemont's total sales in China and Hong Kong jumped by 25 per cent to 276 million euros (356 million US dollars) in the first half of the fiscal year ended September 30, 2006, from a year earlier, and accounted for 12 per cent of the group total.

Prices for Cartier's jewellery in China go as high as 22 million yuan (2.83 million US dollars) — the price tag on a pearl necklace that recently went up for sale in the country, Luk said.

MNA/Reuters



A masked character takes pictures during the Lole Carnival, a traditional German event from the 17th century, in the Transylvanian town of Sibiu, 290 km (180 miles) northwest of Bucharest, on 27 Jan, 2007. —INTERNET

SPORTS

Arsenal snatch draw with Bolton

LONDON, 29 Jan— Arsenal had to come from behind to snatch a 1-1 draw with bogey team Bolton Wanderers as champions Chelsea cruised into the FA Cup fifth round with a 3-0 win over Third Division Nottingham Forest on Sunday.

Arsenal were heading for a first defeat at their new Emirates Stadium after Kevin Nolan fired Bolton into a 50th minute lead and it took a 77th minute header from Kolo Toure to earn a replay at the Reebok.

Manchester City joined them in Monday's fifth-round draw after coming from behind to beat Second Division Southampton 3-1, while West Bromwich Albion are through after a 3-0 win over Wolverhampton Wanderers in a Second Division Midlands derby.

MNA/Reuters



Bolton Wanderers' Kevin Nolan (R) shoots and scores past Arsenal goalkeeper Manuel Almunia (L) and Kolo Toure (C) during their FA Cup fourth round soccer match at the Emirates Stadium in London, on 28 Jan, 2007.—INTERNET

Inter beat Sampdoria to make 14 wins in a row

ROME, 29 Jan— Inter Milan maintained their 11-point cushion at the top of Serie A when they beat Sampdoria 2-0 on Sunday.

A goal in each half by Zlatan Ibrahimovic and Douglas Maicon gave Inter an easy win over Sampdoria, who played with 10 men for most of the match following the seventh-minute sending off of midfielder Gennaro Delvecchio.

Inter, who extended their record winning streak to 14 league matches, have 57 points. AS Roma lie second on 46 points after Serbian striker Mirko Vucinic scored for a 1-0 victory over Siena.

Palermo lie third on 39 points despite losing 3-0 to Lazio on Saturday.

Catania drew level with Lazio in fourth on 30 points after their 18-year-old Japanese striker Takayuki Marimoto

crowned his Serie A debut by grabbing a late equalizer in a 1-1 draw away to Atalanta.

AC Milan notched up their fourth win in five games when Filippo Inzaghi scored the winner in a 1-0 victory over Parma.

Sampdoria were one of only three sides of take

points off Inter in Serie A this season in a 1-1 draw at the San Siro in September.

But after losing 3-0 to a second-string Inter side in the Italian Cup in midweek, few expected the Genoa-based side to prevent Inter from extending their record winning run.

MNA/Reuters

Werder sweep past Hanover to reclaim top spot

BERLIN, 29 Jan — Werder Bremen took back top spot in the Bundesliga with a 3-0 victory at home to Hanover 96 on Sunday.

Thomas Schaaf's side, under pressure after Schalke 04's win against Eintracht Frankfurt on Saturday, took the lead in the fifth minute with a Tim Borowski goal and never looked back.

Hugo Almeida got the second in the 67th minute and Miroslav Klose missed a penalty before Per Mertesacker tapped in to make it 3-0 in the 74th.

With 18 games played, Werder climb back top with 39 points. They lead Schalke on goal difference following

their 3-1 win away to Frankfurt.

Bayern Munich trail by six points in third place after returning from the long winter break with a costly 3-2 defeat away to Borussia Dortmund on Saturday. VfB Stuttgart also drifted further, with their 4-1 defeat by Nuremberg on Saturday leaving them in fourth place on 32 points.

Bayer Leverkusen stayed in the hunt for European places by beating Alemannia Aachen 3-2 on Sunday.

Leverkusen had to come from 2-0 down to claim a victory which took them back up to sixth with 28 points from 18 games.—MNA/Reuters

Barca overcome Celta 3-1 to retain top spot

MADRID, 29 Jan — Barcelona held on to top spot in the Primera Liga with a 3-1 victory over misfiring Celta Vigo in the Nou Camp on Sunday.

In-form Javier Saviola headed Barca in front in the first half, but Celta levelled from the penalty spot through Nene in the 67th minute.

Ronaldinho restored the home side's lead with a disputed penalty soon after, and substitute Ludovic

Giuly scored a breakaway goal at the end to seal the victory.

Barcelona have 42 points, one ahead of second-placed Sevilla who earlier beat Levante 4-2 for their first win of 2007. The UEFA Cup holders were set on their way by Frederic Kanoute, who finished off a swift break in the first half, before Alexander Kerzhakov doubled the lead early in the second.

Levante's Damiano Tommasi

scored an own-goal to put Sevilla 3-0 ahead in the 66th minute but the game was far from over as the home side fought back.

An Ian Harte corner was glanced in by Frederic Dehu in the 68th and soon after Harte's free kick was headed home by Gustavo Reggi, before the excellent Alejandro Alfaro wrapped up the win for the visitors with a late header.—MNA/Reuters

No contest as Chelsea cut down Forest in FA Cup

LONDON, 29 Jan— Chelsea swept into the FA Cup fifth round with a hopelessly one-sided 3-0 win over Third Division Nottingham Forest on Sunday.

Ukraine striker Andriy Shevchenko gave the Premier League champions a ninth-minute lead and further goals from Ivory Coast striker Didier Drogba and Nigerian midfielder John Obi Mikel decided the tie before halftime.

Manchester City joined them in Monday's fifth-round draw after coming from behind to beat Sec-

ond Division Southampton 3-1, while West Bromwich Albion are through after a 3-0 win over Wolverhampton Wanderers in a Second Division Midlands derby.

It was a familiar story at Stamford Bridge, where Jose Mourinho's side had beaten Fourth Division Wycombe Wanderers 4-0 in midweek to reach the League Cup final.

Shevchenko, who

scored twice against Wycombe, was soon on the scoresheet again, though his close-range shot took a big deflection off Forest defender John Curtis, stranding keeper Paul Smith. Drogba curled for his 22nd goal of the season and Mikel poked in Chelsea's third from a metre out on the stroke of halftime following a goalmouth melee.

MNA/Reuters



Chelsea's Frank Lampard (R) is chased by Nottingham Forest's Sammy Clingan during their FA Cup fourth round match at Stamford Bridge in London, on 28 Jan, 2007.—INTERNET

Alkmaar beat Sparta 3-0 to leapfrog second-placed Ajax

AMSTERDAM, 29 Jan— AZ Alkmaar registered a comfortable 3-0 victory over Sparta Rotterdam to climb to second in the Dutch League on Saturday. Georgian Shota Arveladze opened the scoring midway through the first half when he lifted the ball over his marker before his superb volley hit the net.

Early in the second half an own goal by Steve Olfers and a close range strike from Maarten Martens settled the match.

PSV Eindhoven, in action on Sunday at Roda JC Kerkrade, remain top with 56 points after 21 matches, nine more than Alkmaar. Ajax Amsterdam are third on 45 points and travel to Groningen.

NEC Nijmegen beat NAC Breda 2-1 at home to end their unbeaten run of seven matches.

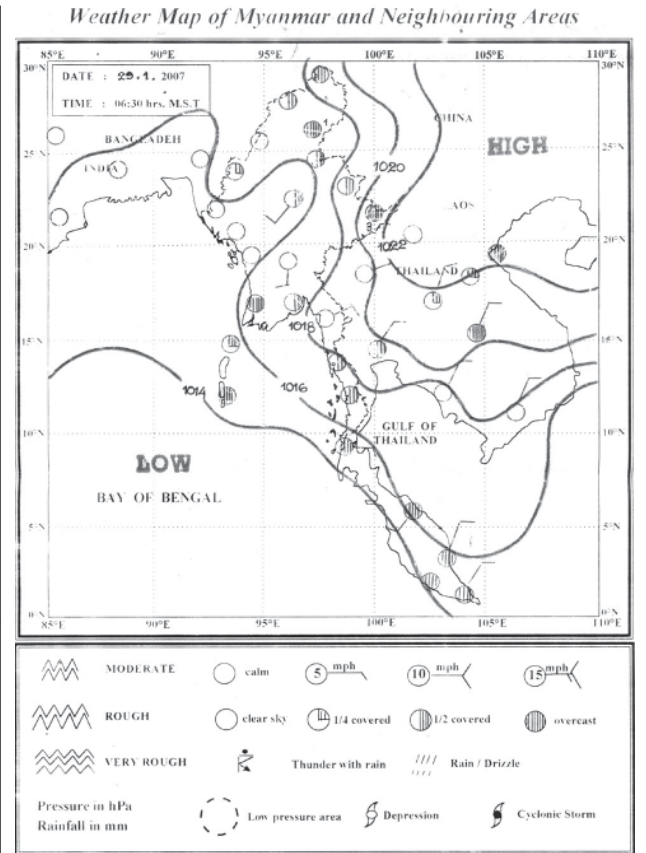
Brett Holman and Romano Denneboom struck in the first half for NEC, while Sander van Gessel pulled one back on the hour.—MNA/Reuters

Tirunesh Dibaba of Ethiopia raises her fist after winning the women's 5,000-metre run in a world record time of 14 minutes 27.42 seconds at the Reebok Boston Indoor Games in Boston, Massachusetts on 27 Jan, 2007. XINHUA





Old students who studied at Medical College-1 from 1964-1971 pay respects to old teachers in Yangon on 20 January, 2007. The old students organized the 4th respect paying ceremony and get-together at Panda Hotel in Yangon and aged teachers attended the ceremony. — H



Tuesday, 30 January
View on today

- 7:00 am
 1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Ottamathara
- 7:25 am
 2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am
 3. Morning news
- 7:40 am
 4. Nice and sweet song
- 7:50 am
 5. ကဗျာပန်းညွှာပွင့်
- 8:00 am
 6. Song of yesteryears
- 8:10 am
 7. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

- 8:20 am
 8. ကချင်ပြည်နယ် မိုးကောင်းတံတား
- 8:30 am
 9. International news
- 8:45 am
 10. Let's Go
- 4:00 pm
 1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm
 2. Song to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm
 3. English for Everyday Use
- 4:45 pm
 4. အပေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ ဒုတိယနှစ် (ခါတုပေးအထူးပြု) (ခါတုပေး)
- 5:00 pm
 5. Dance of national races
- 5:15 pm
 6. ခံစားနားဆင် တေးဇာတ်ဝင်
- 5:25 pm
 7. “ချစ်သောမြေ ချစ်သောရေ” (ရာဇာနေဝင်း၊ နိုင်နှင်းဝေ) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ခင်နွဲ့နွဲ့မူ)

- 5:35 pm
 8. Sing and Enjoy
- 6:00 pm
 9. Evening news
- 6:30 pm
 10. Weather report
- 6:35 pm
 11. နိုင်ငံခြားကတုန်း ဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “တောတွင်းသားငယ်လေး” (အပိုင်း-၄၇)
- 6:50 pm
 12. ကြယ်ပွင့်များရဲ့ ရင်ခုန်သံ
- 7:05 pm
 13. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ချစ်ညီမ ငယ်ပါသေး” (အပိုင်း-၁၂)
- 8:00 pm
 14. News
- 8:00 pm
 15. International news
- 8:00 pm
 16. Weather report
- 8:00 pm
 17. နိုင်ငံခြား ဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “တကယ်သဘောကျတယ်” (အပိုင်း-၂၀)
- 8:00 pm
 18. The next day's programme



Tuesday, 30 January

Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music: -Take your chance
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music: -When I look into your eyes
- 8:50 am National news/ Slogan
- 9:00 am Music: -Queen of your fantasy
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music: -Obsession
- 1:30 pm News / Slogan
- 1:40 pm Lunch time music: -Oh yes The day we find love -It is all coming back to me now
- 9:00 pm English Speaking Course Level (2) Unit (15)
- 9:10 pm Article
- 9:20 pm Weekly sport reel
- 9:30 pm Music for your listening pleasure: -She's the one -I knew I love you
- 9:45 pm News / Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL

WEATHER

Monday, 29 January, 2007

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, light rain have been isolated in Kachin and eastern Shan States and weather has been generally fair in the remaining states and divisions. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below normal in Shan and Chin States, Taninthayi Division, (5°C) above normal in Kayah State and about normal in the remaining areas. The significant night temperatures were Lashio and Haka (2°C) each, Pinlaung (3°C). The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Kengtung (0.12) inch and Myitkyina (0.04) inch.

Maximum temperature on 28-1-2007 was 96°F. Minimum temperature on 29-1-2007 was 70°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 29-1-2007 was 67%. Total sunshine hours on 28-1-2007 was (7.6) hours approx.

Rainfalls on 29-1-2007 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 (15) mph from Northeast at (08:30) hours MST on 29-1-2007.

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 30-1-2007: Possibility of isolated light rain in Kachin and Shan States, weather will be partly cloudy in Chin State, upper Sagaing, Mandalay, Ayeyawady, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and generally fair in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (40%).

State of the sea: Strong easterly wind with moderate to rough seas are likely at times Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coast. Surface wind speed in strong wind may reach (35) to (40) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

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

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 30-1-2007: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 30-1-2007: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 30-1-2007: Partly cloudy.

ASLEEP IN JESUS

Cecilia Elizabeth Chit Tha (Nee Boudville) (a) Daw Cissie Age (83) Yrs

Daughter of the late (Lt. Clo: W.C.J. Boudville (Rtd)-Daw Saw Yin), of Building (15), Room (1), U Wisara Housing Estate, Dagon Township, Yangon. Daughter-in-law of (U Shwe Minn-Daw Win). Beloved wife of (Major Charles Chit Tha(Rtd). Beloved mother of Daw Carole Ann Chit Tha (Professor/Deputy Director SEAMEO CHAT)-U Michael Khin Mg Latt (Ex-R/O, New Asia Shipping Co.), U Allan Charles Chit Tha (Uniteam Shipping Co.) -Daw Kyi Hlaing (a) Daw Win Yee (Myanma Port Authority), Daw Susan Ann Chit Tha (a) Daw Su Su Swe -Dr U Myint Swe (State Health Officer (Rtd), (U Vincent Charles Chit Tha)-Daw Khin San Htay, Daw Elizabeth Ann Chit Tha-U Moe Kyaw Swa (Minn Mahar), grandmother of (11), great grandmother of (1) passed away peacefully at 6:55 pm at Y.G.H (Cardiac Unit) on Monday the 29th of January 2007. Funeral Service will be held at 1:00 pm on Friday the 2nd of February 2007 at St. John's Cantonment Catholic Church, and cortege will proceed to Yayway Christian Cemetery for burial. (Buses will leave the above address at 12:30 pm for the funeral service.

Donate Blood

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Commander inspects water supply tasks for cultivation of summer paddy in Pyinmana District

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Jan — Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Wai Lwin together with Chairman of Pyinmana District Peace and Development Council U Khin Maung Zaw and responsible personnel inspected preparations for water supply for cultivation of summer paddy on 27 January.

First, Assistant Director of Irrigation Department U Myo Myint Aung briefed the commander on water supply tasks. In connection with the reports, the commander gave instructions on extended cultivation of summer paddy.

Next, the commander oversaw cultivation of



Commander Brig-Gen Wai Lwin inspects irrigation facilities in Pyinmana to irrigate paddy fields in summer. — MNA

summer paddy with the use of direct seeding methods. Yezin dam will supply irrigated water necessary for cultivation of 6,300 acres of summer paddy.

After inspecting wa-

ter supply tasks at Ngalaik dam, the commander fulfilled the requirements of the local peasants. Ngalaik dam will supply irrigated water to cultivate 10,000 acres of summer paddy.

At the water pump-

ing project in Shan Village of Lewe, Assistant Director of Pyinmana District Water Resources Utilization Department U Zaw Htay briefed the commander on preparations for cultivation of 1,500

acres of summer paddy in Lewe Township.

In response to the reports, Chairman of Pyinmana District PDC U Khin Maung Zaw gave a supplementary report.

Afterwards, the com-

mander and party inspected tasks for pumping water from Paunglong river. Pyinmana District expected to cultivate 32,500 acres of summer paddy for 2006-2007.

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Seven NLD members of Danubyu Township collectively resign on their own volition

YANGON, 29 Jan — Seven members namely U Aung Nyein, U Aye Kyi and U Maung Oo of Ohnpinkwin village, U Soe Tint of Yekyi village, U Chit Win of Kannugyi village, U Tint Lwin of Tamyar village and U Shwe Win of Ngabatai village of National League for Democracy from Danubyu Township, Ayeyawady Division collectively signed letters of resignation on their own volition on 9 January.

They sent their letters of resignation to NLD Headquarters and authorities concerned. The letters of resignation sent to Danubyu Township Multi-party Democracy General Election Commission said that they resigned from the NLD party on their own desire because they became disappointed at the acts of NLD party, and they lost confidence in the NLD party and its leaders.

MNA

WEATHER

Significant night temperatures

Lashio	(2°C)
Haka	(2°C)
Pinlaung	(3°C)

INSIDE

In summer, the trip was different. I had to go to Laymyethna one day ahead as there was no waterway from my native village to Ai-thabyu. The following day I went there by motor boat. The rest of the trip was the same. The journey to Yangon included boat, train, car and even walking. It was enjoyable for me to walk across Tharawaw sandy bank. Transport and commerce have greatly improved after the emergence of the Pathein-Monywa Road close to the village. Then I took the bus that left Kwinkauk and then it arrived in Yangon after passing Ngathaingchaung along the Yekyi-Kyaunggon-Nyaungdon Road. The journey was cut down in miles. At that time there was no Bo Myat Tun Bridge. It took some time to cross the Ayeyawady River by Z-craft.

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MYINT SOE (NA-TA-LA)