

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

Men and women of letters will be dutiful to nation only if their works serve public interest
Internal and external elements resorting to various means to tarnish Myanmar's image

It is time to compile mass of literary works designed to rebut various forms of accusations and made-up stories created at home or abroad

Secretary-1 presents literary awards to literati



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MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Jan — A prize presentation ceremony for Lifetime achievement award for 2005, National Literary Award, Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Award and the 17th National Motto, Literature and Photo Competitions was held at the city hall, here this afternoon, with an address by Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein.

Also present were

Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Wai Lwin, ministers, the chief justice, the attorney-general, the deputy ministers, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, heads of departments, members of Lifetime achievement award and National Literary Award Scrutiny Board, members of Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Award Scrutiny, members of the Committee for the

17th National Motto, Literature and Photo Competitions, literati, members of Myanmar History Commission, members of social organizations, correspondents of Myanmar Foreign Correspondents Club, winners and personnel of the Ministry of Information.

In his address, the Secretary-1 said the government is making endeavours to enable
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Emergence of the State Constitution is the duty of all citizens of Myanmar Naing-Ngan.

PERSPECTIVES

Wednesday, 31 January, 2007

Accomplish Union Day objectives for flourishing of Union Spirit

Myanmar is a multicultural country. Diverse national races such as Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Bamar, Rakhine and Shan have been living in the Union in amity sharing sorrows and joys from time immemorial.

Nevertheless, Myanmar lost independence following the colonialists' aggression. National brethren who hated to live under alien subjugation cohesively fought back the imperialists to regain independence.

However much the imperialists drove a wedge among the national races, on 12 February 1947, the latter signed the Panglong Agreement with Union Spirit based on national unity.

The 12th of February, which depicted a fine tradition of achieving independence and sovereignty through the solidarity of national races, was designated as Union Day. Since then, Union Day has been celebrated annually.

The 60th Anniversary Union Day will be observed on a grand scale with political essence in accordance with the Union Day objectives in Nay Pyi Taw.

So, the entire national people are duty-bound to put into reality the 60th Anniversary Union Day objectives in concert for flourishing of Union Spirit and fostering national solidarity.



U Tha Lwin (Pyapon) and wife Daw Thaw Mya Lwin of Tamway Township donate K 100,000 to Hninzigon Home for the Aged through Treasurer of the Home U Aung Than.— 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

Bagan Shwe Nandaw construction project inspected

YANGON, 30 Jan—Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint, accompanied by Director-General of Archaeological Department U San Win, on 27 January inspected the Archaeological Museum where officials conducted them round the museum.

The minister gave instructions on systematic maintenance of oil paintings, security, sanitation, greening and maintenance of the museum for its durability.

During his inspection of the second floor and chamber of the museum, the minister instructed officials to maintain exhibits, keep the lists of items systematically and carry out sanitation tasks.

At the Bagan Shwe Nandaw construction project site, the minister heard a report presented by Chief Engineer U Thaw of Htoo Trading Co on construction works and future tasks.

The minister gave instructions on painting and facilitating the palace with Myanma handicrafts, greening and beautifying of the environs and timely completion of the work.—MNA



Minister inspects electrical engineer's office in Monywa

YANGON, 30 Jan— Minister for Electric Power No 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint, accompanied by officials, inspected Division, District and Township Electrical Engineer's office and staff quarters in Monywa on 26 January.

In meeting with the staff, the minister gave necessary instructions and fulfilled the requirements. Next, he in-

spected power supply tasks through 132 KV sub-power station in Monywa.

Later, he inspected the control room of the main sub-power station and heard reports by the township electrical engineer on power supply tasks. He next attended to the needs.—MNA

Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint inspects construction tasks of Bagan Shwe Nandaw.—CULTURE

Course on Anaesthesiology on 1st Feb

YANGON, 30 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 Parkroyal Hotel Ballroom (1) and (2) commencing from 08.30 hours. All the members of the MSA are cordially invited.—MNA

USDA CEC members attend opening of tube-well in Kyauktada Township

YANGON, 30 Jan, —CEC Members of the Union Solidarity and Development Association (In-Charge of Yangon Division) Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin and Vice-Chairman Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa this morning attended the opening of a new tube-well sponsored by Yangon Division USDA in Kyauktada Township.

At the auspicious time, CEC Members (In-Charge of Yangon Division) Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa and Head of Engineering Department Dr Tun Than Tun formally opened the tube-well between 35th Street and Maha Bandoola Garden Street.

The second session of the ceremony took place at the meeting hall of Bayint Cinema with an address by CEC Member Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin. And the mayor accepted 150 membership applications presented by Ward Organizer U Kyi Win.

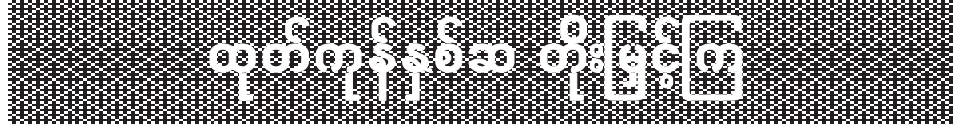
After that, Townselder U Nyi Lin Phyo expressed thanks and the ceremony came to an end.

The 132 feet deep tube well will be able to supply 8,000 gallons of drinking water to Ward-1 and Ward-2 of the township a day.—MNA

Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin opens the tube-well.

YCDC





China, Japan conclude strategic dialogue with pledge of closer ties

BEIJING, 29 Jan— China and Japan on Saturday concluded a strategic dialogue, with the two sides vowing to build “strategic, mutually beneficial” ties. The three-day dialogue, which began in Beijing on Thursday and concluded in Hangzhou, capital of east China’s Zhejiang Province, on Friday, was the latest move to improve ties. Chinese Vice-Foreign Minister Dai Bingguo and Japanese Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs Yachi Shotaro headed the two delegations at the meeting, officially known as the seventh round of China-Japan strategic dialogue. The two vice-foreign ministers smiled and traded jokes prior to the start on Thursday. “As participants in the dialogue, both of us are happy about the improvements in bilateral ties,” Dai told Shotaro before their closed door meetings began. Echoing Dai’s views, Shotaro joked that it was the first time that he had smiled while talking with Chinese officials at the strategic dialogue.—MNA/Xinhua



Russia’s President Vladimir Putin (R) welcomes Guyana’s President Bharrat Jagdeo during their meeting in Moscow’s Kremlin, on 29 Jan, 2007. Jagdeo is on a visit to Russia. INTERNET



Bollywood star Shilpa Shetty reacts after winning *Celebrity Big Brother* at the Elstree Studios on the outskirts of London on 28 Jan, 2007. INTERNET

Protest stages against US anti-missile shield in Warsaw

WARSAW, 29 Jan— More than hundred people staged an hour-long protest before Polish Presidential Palace in Warsaw on Sunday against plans to deploy elements of a US anti-missile shield in Poland. The protest was initiated by “Stop the War” Initiative social

movement. Maciej Wielkanowski of the movement said, arms race leads nowhere, only contributes to higher pays in the arms sector and increases the threat instead of diminishing it. “The shield would protect America while exposing Poland to wrath,” the PAP news agency quoted Polish New Left leader Piotr Ikonowicz as saying. The United States has made a formal offer to the Czech Republic and wants to open talks with Poland on the shield. Under the proposal, Poland could be the base for underground missile silos and the Czech Republic would host the

radar system. Last year, Poland demanded the United States to provide an additional guarantee for its security while locating the missile defence systems in the country. Fearing a strong protest from Russia, the United States rejected the demand and bilateral talks on the deployment collapsed. MNA/Xinhua

Clinton tells Bush to clean up his Iraq mess before he leaves

WASHINGTON, 29 Jan— President-hopeful Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton said Sunday that President Bush has made a mess of Iraq and it is his responsibility to “extricate” the United States from the situation before he leaves office. Clinton said that President Bush should withdraw all US troops from Iraq before he leaves office, asserting it would be “the height of irresponsibility” to pass the war along to the next commander in chief. “We expect him to extricate our country from this before he leaves office” in January 2008, the former first lady said. In her Iowa campaign she converted and thrilled old

fans, but left plenty of questions for Democrats evaluating the crowded field of White House contenders. On the two-day weekend swing across the state’s frozen farmlands, the New York senator not

only charmed big crowds of curious Democrats, but laughed at herself, patiently signed autographs, posed for photos and talked at length about issues from health care to education. INTERNET



A girl looks through a bus window in the morning hours of 29 Jan, 2007, in Russia’s southern city of Stavropol. The temperature dropped to minus 9 Celsius (15.8 Fahrenheit) on Monday. —INTERNET

A Peking Opera artist performs at the 2007 North America Spring Festival Gala held in Los Angeles on 28 Jan, 2007. INTERNET



Moderate earthquake hits Molucca Sea of Indonesia

HONG KONG, 29 Jan— An earthquake measuring 6.0 on the Richter Scale rocked Northern Molucca Sea, Indonesia, at 8:14 pm (1214 GMT) Sunday, according to the Hong Kong Observatory. The epicentre was initially determined to be 1.1 north latitude, 126.3 east longitude, about 170 kilometres east-southeast of Manado.— MNA/Xinhua

India urges US to offer further cuts in farm subsidies

DAVOS, 29 Jan—Indian Commerce Minister Kamal Nath urged the United States on Saturday to offer further cuts in trade-distorting farm subsidies so that the Doha Round trade talks could have a breakthrough.

Speaking to reporters after an informal meeting of more than 20 WTO members in Davos, Nath said the EU had made a new offer on cutting

agricultural tariffs, moving toward the position of the G-20 developing countries.

He said he looked forward to a similar US move, which means giving more ground on cutting domestic farm subsidies.

Nath also reiterated that the Doha Round trade talks must keep its mandate of development and any final deal

should ensure more trade flows from developing countries to developed countries.

On the informal ministerial meeting, Nath said it was based on a “statement of good intent”, and not on substantial numbers of tariff and subsidy cuts.

He hoped that the Doha Round would have some breakthrough instead of going “round and round” once the full process started in Geneva some time later.

MNA/Xinhua

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India's Prime Minister Manmohan Singh (R) speaks with his Sri Lankan counterpart Ratnasiri Wickremanayake during their meeting in New Delhi on 29 Jan, 2007. —INTERENT

Planes fly in formation over al Ain of United Arab Emirates during an air show, on 29 Jan, 2007.—INTERNET



Paper says oldest woman to give birth deceived clinic

LONDON, 29 Jan—The oldest woman ever to give birth deceived doctors to get the fertility treatment that let her have twins at 67 last month, a Sunday newspaper said.

Carmela Bousada, who gave birth to twins Christian and Pau on 29 December, convinced a Los Angeles clinic she was

55, the cut-off age for their in-vitro fertilization programme, Britain's *News of the World* said.

“They didn't ask for my age or my passport. I may look tired now but before the births I did look slim and a lot younger,” the newspaper quoted Bousada as saying in an interview.

The clinic, the Pacific Fertility Centre in Los Angeles, was not immediately available for comment. The clinic has confirmed in media reports that it treated Bousada.

It says its success rate for women over the age of 43 is just 2 per cent, compared to 56 per cent for women under 34.

Bousada, a Spaniard, sold her home in Spain to raise 30,000 pounds (60,000 US dollars) to pay for the treatment in the United States. She chose donor eggs from a “pretty, brown-haired 18-year-old” and sperm from a blond, blue-eyed Italian American.

“I picked them from photos in a catalogue. It was a bit like studying an estate agent's brochure and choosing a house,” the paper quoted her as saying.

MNA/Reuters

Cold air to bring temperatures down in northern China

BEIJING, 29 Jan—Strong cold air moving southward from Siberia will bring lower temperatures, strong winds and even snow to most parts of northern China over the next two to three days, China's Central Meteorological Station forecast on Sunday.

The cold front is expected to bring temperatures down by four to eight degrees Celsius in most areas of north China, western part of northeastern China as well as Ningxia Autonomous Region and the northern part of Shaanxi Province.

In the eastern part of Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, the temperature will drop by 10 to 13 degrees.

Meanwhile, snow is expected in parts of Inner

Mongolia and northeast China.

Strong winds at force five to seven will sweep northeast China and most parts of north China including sea areas, said the station.

The station reminded the public of taking necessary precautions against the forthcoming strong wind and temperature slump.

MNA/Xinhua

Nigeria fines actress \$7,800 for cocaine smuggling

LAGOS, 29 Jan—A Nigerian court has fined a popular film actress 7,800 US dollars for trying to smuggle 1.2 kilos of

cocaine to Britain, local media reported recently.

The sentence by a Lagos High Court judge on Thursday came a day

before Singapore hanged a 21-year-old Nigerian for importing 727 grammes of heroin.

Actress Hassanat Taiwo Akinwande burst into tears after the judge read the sentence, which gave her the option of serving three years in jail instead, newspapers said.

MNA/Reuters

French actress Eva Green attends the premiere of the movie *Casino Royale* in Beijing, China on 29 Jan, 2007. James Bond is finally coming to Chinese cinemas, and producers of the British superspy's latest romp, 'Casino Royale', are pulling out all the stops to promote it.—INTERNET



Moderate aftershock jolts eastern Indonesia

JAKARTA, 29 Jan— Another moderate aftershock jolted eastern part of Indonesia on Saturday, no casualty or damages reported, Indonesian Meteorology and Geophysics Agency said here.

The shock with magnitude of 5.2 struck at 17:21 Jakarta Time, three hours and 20 minutes after the latest 5.4 magnitude aftershock, an official of the agency said.

The epicentre of the 11th moderate aftershock was at 118 kilometres southeast Bitung Regency of North Sulawesi province and at 30 kilometres under sea bed, said the official.— MNA/Xinhua



Japan's oldest person Yone Minagawa blows off some of the candles on her birthday cake with a nursing home official as they celebrate her 114th birthday at a special nursing home in Fukuchi town in Fukuoka prefecture, southwestern Japan, on 4 Jan, 2007. —INTERNET

Armed bank robbery attempt foiled in Lagos

LAGOS, 29 Jan—About 50 armed robbers attacked the branch of a First Generation bank on Kofo Abayomal Street in Nigeria's largest city of Lagos on Thursday midnight, but their attempt was foiled, local police authority said recently.

According to the police, the robbers assaulted the bank with housebreaking instruments like sledge hammers, gas cylinders and assorted weapons.

The anti-robbery squad from the Lagos State Criminal Investigation Department (SC-ID) drove an armoured carrier to the scene with the support of the policemen.

The robbers' weaponry

was no match to the police's and they attempted to escape in their bus and jeep, but the police crushed the bus and jeep. During exchange of fire, one of the robbers was killed and the corpse of another was found a few metres away from the shooting scene.

MNA/Xinhua

At least 12 killed as power line hits train in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 29 Jan—At least 12 people were electrocuted while scores of others injured when people sitting on roof of a crowded passenger train were hit by an overhead power line on Sunday in

southern Pakistani city of Shikarpur, the private Geo TV reported.

The train with hundreds of people on board was heading southeast from Jacobabad to Rohri to join a Muharram mourning procession.

Many of the passengers were sitting on roof of the train, when an electric wire fell on the train near a rail crossing in Shikarpur, some 380 kilometres northeast of Karachi, the capital of south province Sindh.

Initial reports say at least 12 persons died and dozens of others injured in the incident, said the television report.

The train was stopped after the incident, and those injured have been rushed to local hospitals.

MNA/Xinhua

Oil derricks are seen at a plant of Shengli Oil Field, the second largest oilfield in China, in Dongying, eastern Shandong Province in this photo taken on 24 Jan.

Local police have smashed 720 cases of stealing crude oil in 2006 and retrieved 9,000 tons of oil and 300 tons of other missing materials.

INTERNET

ASEAN nations to foster "family sense" through education

SINGAPORE, 30 Jan—As the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) turns 40 this year, the member countries agreed Monday to conduct a series of activities to bring about a

stronger sense of "The ASEAN Family".

"The role of education in building an ASEAN socio-cultural community", a conference organized by the Singapore-based Institute of

Southeast Asian Studies, was one of the initiatives to raise awareness and understanding of ASEAN among younger Southeast Asian citizens through education.

"Such research would help to define and exploit the many roles of education in addressing the challenges and opportunities of the region's multi-ethnic and multi-religious societies," Lui Tuck Yew, Singapore's Minister of State for Education said at the conference.

He added that building an ASEAN community is important for a regional grouping like ASEAN, which has a population of over 500 million people, spread across ten countries with different histories, cultures and languages.

MNA/Xinhua



Ship runs aground near Gibraltar, fuel leaking

MADRID, 29 Jan — A refrigerator ship ran aground on a Spanish beach in stormy seas on Sunday, breaching the hull and spilling engine fuel over protected coasts near Gibraltar, Spanish media reported environmental groups as saying.

The ship *Sierra Nava* was anchored in Gibraltar Bay when strong winds blew it onto a beach just south of Algeciras, a port across the bay from the British colony, the Spanish Coast Guard said.

The web edition of newspaper *El Pais* reported environmental group Greenpeace as saying fuel from the 100-metre vessel had washed up along 4 kilometres (2.5 miles) of coast inside the Estrecho National Park.

The paper quoted maritime sources as saying the *Sierra Nava* is thought to have around 350 tons of fuel on board in four compartments though only one had been damaged.

The sources put the size of the fuel slick at nearer 1 kilometre.

A Coast Guard helicopter rescued the crew of 14 who earlier had to put out a fire in the ship's engine room, *El Pais* reported.

Spain has been buffeted by strong winds and freezing temperatures over the past week, bringing snow to much of the peninsula including the normally balmy Mediterranean coast.

MNA/Reuters



A mother orangutan cuddles its baby at the Tama Zoo Park in suburban Tokyo on 28 Jan, 2007.

INTERNET



Spectators cover themselves from sand raised by a helicopter during an air show in Mumbai on 27 Jan, 2007.—INTERNET



Russia's Maria Sharapova (L) speaks next to Switzerland's Martina Hingis at a news conference of Pan Pacific Open Tennis Tournament in Tokyo on 29 Jan, 2007. —INTERNET

Japanese minister dubs women "birth-giving machines"

TOKYO, 29 Jan — Japan's Health Minister called women of child-bearing age "birth-giving machines" on Saturday, saying each should do her best to help boost the nation's rock-bottom birth rate, *Kyodo News* agency reported.

Japan's ageing and shrinking population has raised concerns about the country's economic growth potential and the government's ability to finance ballooning pension requirements.

"The number of women aged between 15 and 50 is fixed. Because the number of birth-giving machines and devices is fixed, all we can ask for is for them to do their best per head, although it may not be so appropriate to call them

machines," *Kyodo* quoted Health Minister Hakuo Yanagisawa as telling local party members.

Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, who took office in September, has pledged to take steps to make it easier for people to juggle work and child-bearing.

Japan's fertility rate, or the average number of children a woman bears

in her lifetime, fell to a record low of 1.26 in 2005.

Estimates show the fertility rate probably increased slightly in 2006 but it is expected to resume its decline this year.

Japan's population started shrinking in 2004, and already one-fifth of the population is 65 or older.

MNA/Reuters

Beijing opens 37 new outpatient clinics for rabies vaccination

BEIJING, 29 Jan — Beijing has opened 37 new outpatient clinics to provide rabies vaccination since the beginning of 2007, bringing the total number of the clinics to 82, according to the municipal health bureau.

The clinics, which are also designed to raise public awareness of rabies prevention, are required to be open round the clock and make regular reports to local centres for disease control and prevention, according to the bureau.

Rabies, often spread by dogs, attacks the nervous system and is fatal to humans if not treated prior to the onset of symptoms. It is followed by tuberculosis, AIDS, Hepatitis B and infant tetanus on the list of the most deadly infectious diseases in China.

The districts and counties of the Chinese capital are required to set up more clinics to provide inoculations against rabies.

Although no permanent resident of Beijing has contracted rabies in 2006, nine people who contracted rabies in other parts of the country were brought to Beijing for treatment in local hospitals before they died.

Another woman living in Beijing, who was not a permanent resident here, contracted rabies from a dog she had brought from outside the city.

MNA/Xinhua

Lighter collides with boat in Vietnam, one killed, three missing

HANOI, 30 Jan — A 150-ton lighter carrying sand collided with a small boat in Vietnam's southern An Giang Province, killing a local woman and leaving her husband and two children missing, local newspaper *Young People* reported Monday.

The lighter owned by a local private enterprise hit the boat possessed by a 29-year-old man named



Japan's Murakami Daisuke soars through the air during the men's Snowboard/Halfpipe event at the Asian Winter Games in Jilin, northeastern China's Jilin Province on 30 Jan, 2007. —INTERNET

Cao Van Hai from the province on Sunday morning in the Tien River. After the accident, local rescuers found Hai's wife, but she had died due to severe injuries.

Hai and the two children remained missing by Sunday evening, the newspaper said. Investigation into the accident is underway.

MNA/Xinhua

Civilian killed in bomb attack in Baghdad busy market

BAGHDAD, 29 Jan — A civilian was killed and three others wounded when a homemade bomb inside a vehicle went off in a popular market in eastern Baghdad on Sunday, an Interior Ministry source said.

"A homemade bomb detonated inside a vehicle near the Souq al-Awra market in Sadr City neighbourhood after midday Sunday, killing a civilian and wounding three others," the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity. A series of bomb attacks and an assassination attempt earlier in the day killed at least six more people and wounding nine others, the police said. —MNA/Xinhua

670 kilos of drug destroyed in southern Nigeria

LAGOS, 29 Jan — The Nigerian National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) has destroyed 670 kilos of drugs in Bayelsa State in southern Nigeria.

The 670 kilos of the hard drugs destroyed were made up of 584.94 kilos of Indian hemp, 67.5 grammes of heroin and 10.2 kilos of psychotropic drugs.

On a public gathering held Thursday to monitor the drug destruction, Alhaji Ahmadu Giade, national chairman of the NDLEA, said the agency has devised new strategies to effectively combat drug trafficking in the country.

Giade said the menace of drug trafficking had become a global affair, stressing that there was no part of the world today that did not have its fair share of the problem.

Giade warned that

Nigeria would never be a safe haven for any drug dealer, adding that culprits would be fished out and dealt with, no matter how long it takes.

Earlier, State Commander of the agency Michael Adie said the public destruction of the seized drugs was evidence of the agency's success in its anti-drug smuggling war. He said the hard drugs were seized from traffickers in the state between June 2004 and the first quarter of 2006, adding that there were 20 other drug related cases still pending at the federal high court, Yenagoa, capital of Bayelsa.

He urged the agency to take the fight against hard drugs to all the nooks and crannies of the state and country at large.

MNA/Xinhua

Investigators walk past the remains of a military helicopter that crashed near the town of Sesma, in the northern Spanish region of Navarra, on 29 Jan, 2007. Two of the four people that were inside the helicopter at the time of the accident died, according to Spanish media reports. —INTERNET



A visit to villages of the delta

Chit Naing (Psychology)

December winter days were colder than expected this year. Temperatures reached 0°C in Chin hilly region and 4°C in PyinOoLwin, Pinlaung and Kengtung regions. Particularly, early mornings before dawn were colder.

In Yangon also, it was cold in mornings. One day, braving the cool weather, a group of four comprising assistant director U Myint, driver U Tun Shwe, my son Maung Kaung Htaik and me left Yangon in a Toyota car at 6 am. We rose from bed at about five o'clock to prepare the trip.

The day broke only when we reached Hlinethaya. We had to ride the car at low speed between Hlinethaya and Hsamalauk as it was foggy. We started to see everything clearly only when we reached the turn-off for Maubin. We saw shrimp and fish breeding ponds and vast stretches of rice fields on both sides along the route. As we went far away, we got more fresh air.

We reached Maubin after 7 o'clock and proceeded to Kyaiklat. The Maubin Bridge inauguration was attended by Head of State Senior General Than Shwe himself when General Thura Shwe Mann was serving as Commander of South-West Command. They helicoptered there then. I was among those present on the occasion. Maubin was not a very busy town at the time. Nowadays, included in the 24 special development regions, Maubin is developing with the universities, colleges and institutes.

Kyaiklat looks neat and tidy and it is a religious town from which famous writers such as Maha Gita U Pyone Cho, Sayagyi Thukha (U Thein Maung), and Sayagyi Dagon Tara (U Htay Myaing) were hailed. The town is also known for its upholding the national cause. On the National Day every year, all the houses are seen flying State flags and commemorative

songs are sung and literary talks are held. The town has the fewest criminal cases.

We arrived in Pyapon before 9 o'clock through Kyaiklet after passing Gonnyintan Bridge. We already covered about 120 miles. One can take the roadway as river-crossing Hline, Panhlaing, Ayeyawady and Gonhnyintan bridges have been built. We stopped for a while at the district Information and Public Relations Department in Pyapon.

Secretary of Pyapon District Peace and Development Council U Phone Myint was to accompany us. As he had been the head of Planning Department in Botahtaung and Twantay Townships, he was well acquainted with me in the past. He was desirous of visiting Thamainghtall village, Kani village, Aukkanpa village in Pyapon Township and Myinkakon village in Bagalay Township since he had never been there before. It was about one month that he was given the duty as a secretary according to changes in the administrative system.

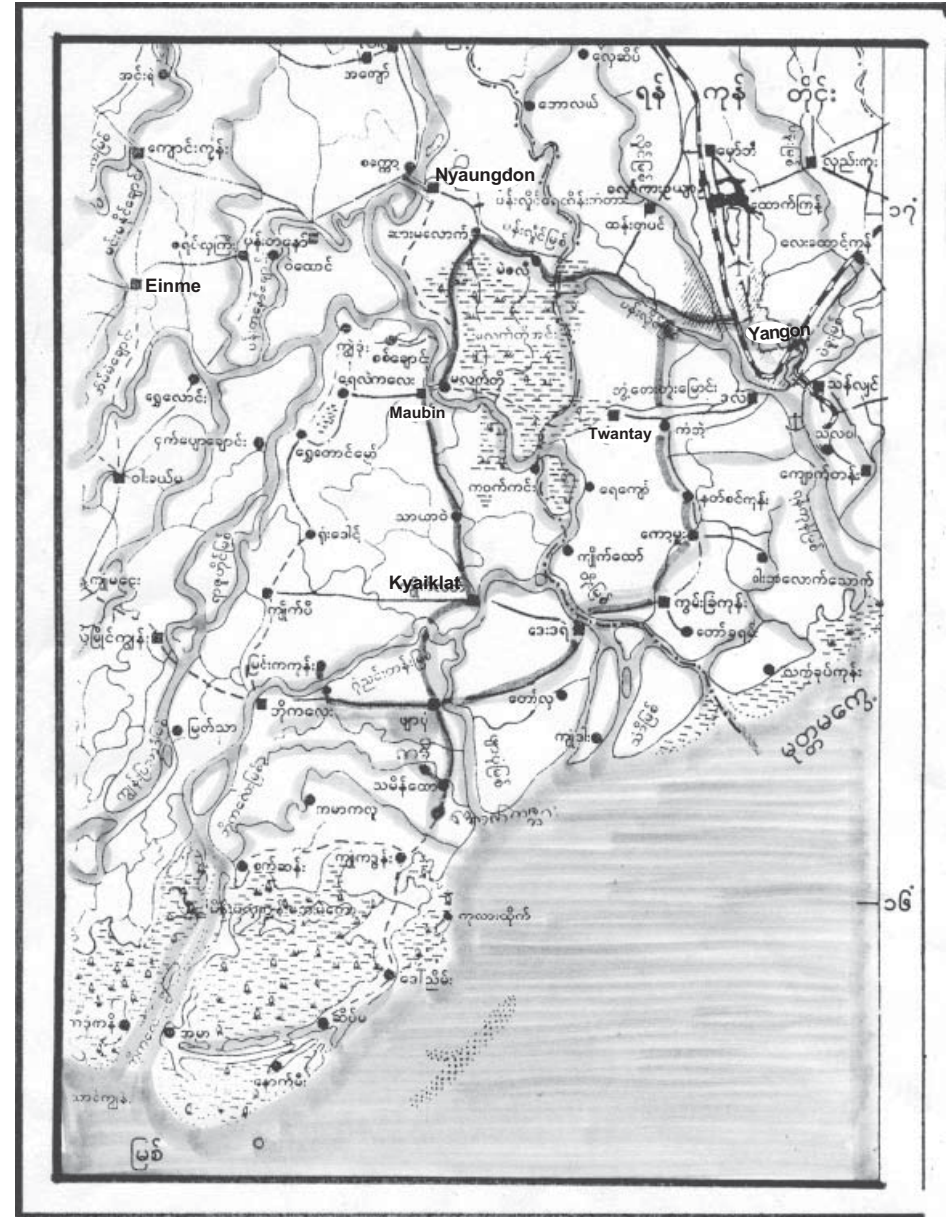
The two vehicles—a green Mazda jeep and a Toyota Superroof were on their way to those villages. The two vehicles were bumper to bumper on the road. The road is of earthen type and dusty.

The following three-year project has been laid down and is being

	village	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	Established
1. Pyapon Township	140	50	50	40	140
2. Kyaiklat Township	420	140	140	140	421
3. Dedaye Township	382	127	128	127	382
4. Bogale Township	492	145	145	146	492
5. Ahmar	100	50	50	—	100
Total	1,480	512	515	453	1,480

implemented for the emergence of village libraries in Pyapon District.

Arrangements have been made for establishment of 512 self-reliant village libraries in 2006-2007 fiscal



year. It is learnt that up to 31 December 2006, there were 537 village libraries were established in line with the five Bs (Book, Building, Budget, Brain, Borrower), exceeding the target. A large number of village libraries have emerged in the region which is the native of Sayagyi Zaw Gyi who made

efforts with might and main for flourishing of library science in Myanmar.

National Literati Sayagyi Zaw Gyi who was born on 12-4-1907 in

Pyapon. He will be about 100 years in 2007 if he were still alive. Townselders, literati and those who cherish literacy are making all the necessary arrangements to celebrate the centenary of Sayagyi Zaw Gyi in 2007.

A poem titled "Thin-the-thwa-thaw" meaning "If you die" written by Sayagyi Zaw Gyi in 1935 (When he was 28 years old) came to my mind.

The flourishing of village libraries is a national concern for the entire national races. The entire people, regardless of race, religion and political concept, are to strive for development of human resources and national development. Those with national outlook are to actively participate in the drive for the successful realization of the project by doing their bit.

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Men and women of letters will be...

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Myanmar to stand tall among the nations in the international community. It is also making efforts for national development and strong economy. It is necessary for the people to enhance national education and standard of national culture and kindle patriotism, he said.

In making a new modern developed nation, the government is building infrastructures on physical development nationwide and is giving priority to the improvement of literature, Thabin, music and fine arts for spiritual development of the people, he said.

Continuing, he said the government is giving encouragement to the development of national literature which is the source of national culture and a dignity that reflects the standard of the people and culture. He said the government's encouragement and efforts of literati play a vital role in flourishing Myanmar literature.

All literati are to make concerted efforts for turning out fine literary works and classic literature that serve the interest of the people and the country, he added.



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and party pose for documentary photo together with Lifetime Achievement Literary Award Winner Daw Yin Yin (Saw Monnyin). — MNA

Whether a creative work or an informative work, their perpetuation depends on the aims and message of the author. Men and women of letters will

be dutiful to the nation only if their works serve the public interest.

Noteworthy works can be called literature that serves national interest. Such works provide correct thoughts and knowledge, help vitalize national spirit, the spirit to love the race, patriotism and the spirit to preserve noble traditions, and enhance human intellectual power.

Hence, writers should create their works in accord with religious and secular codes of conduct while helping enhance general knowledge, national outlook and nationalistic fervour of readers. A book's power to disseminate cultural and informative knowledge depends on the goodwill of the writer to share it. Myanmar are the people with fine traditions since their existence. Literature is one of the most valuable heritage the Myanmar people have been preserving.

All should try to become persons who deserve to accept national heritage. It is a historic duty of the men and women of letters to preserve the rich literary heritage and to hand it down to the younger generation.

The people may fully enjoy literature and acquire knowledge only if all preserve the national literature with national spirit. Moreover, men and women of letters will be able to create classic works for the new generation literati.

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Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and party pose for documentary photo together with National Literary Award winners. — MNA

He said the government holds literary award presentation ceremony every year as a noble tradition with the intention of promoting Myanmar literature.

The literary awards include National Literary Award, Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Award and Pakokku U Ohn Pe Literary Award and prizes for winners of National Motto, Literature and Photo Competitions, he said.

At present, the literary world is developing with greater acceleration. About 3,500 kinds of books were published in 2000. At present, over 10,000 kinds of books including over 140 kinds of monthlies and over 150 kinds of weeklies are being published in a year. As the literary standard is also rising, literature of high value including the National Literary Award winning works have emerged.

Lifetime National Literary Award has been presented since 2001. The competition for Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Awards has been divided into 12 categories. The competition has opened opportunities for new writers and contributed to the flourishing of works representing Myanmar styles and customs, modern views and thoughts, and advanced technologies.



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and party pose for documentary photo together with Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Award winners. — MNA



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presents award to Lifetime Achievement Literary Award Winner Daw Yin Yin (Saw Monnyin). — MNA



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presents award to Ambassador (Retd) U Pe Thein Tin, winner of Literature on Politics Award. — MNA



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presents award to Dr Aye Kyaw (Medical Research), winner of National Literary (General Knowledge, Science) Award. — MNA

Men and women of letters will be...

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Thanks to the literary works that have been emerging throughout the successive eras, the Myanmar people are gentle, sincere, stable, brave and endowed with nationalistic fervour. Moreover, they have the clear national outlook. The government will continue to use the literary essence as an effective tool in preserving the good heritage and serving the national interest.

The nation at present is trying to ward off the penetration of alien cultures, to dominate Myanmar culture, resulting from the effects of globalization. Literature has become the bastion to protect Myanmar culture in all areas.

At the present time, certain Western countries desirous of gaining domination over Myanmar are



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presents award to a person who accepts on behalf of the winner of poems competition. — MNA



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presents award to Tin Lin Zaw, winner of Children Literature Award. — MNA



Minister Maj-Gen Saw Lwin presents award to Tin Tun Oo (Culture), winner of Sarpay Beikman Manuscript (General Knowledge, Arts) Award. — MNA



Minister Maj-Gen Thein Swe presents award to Cadet Lwin Bo Bo Aung, first prize winner of Quiz. — MNA

making a good use of their superior communication technology and media in a campaign to influence Myanmar people with Western culture, customs, ideology and social norms through the economic, cultural, film and music fields.

In addition, abetting internal saboteurs, armed insurgents in border areas and expatriates, they are fabricating stories, slanderous news, and groundless accusations against Myanmar through Western media to mislead international community into misunderstanding the nation.

Therefore national writers and literati are to effectively utilize the might of national literacy to widen the horizon of the people, to enable them to be able to distinguish between good and bad, and especially to enhance their national outlook and dynamism



Minister Maj-Gen Tin Htut, presents award to a person who accepts on behalf of winner of Sarpay Beikman Manuscript (General Knowledge, Science and Applied Science) Award. — MNA



Minister Col Thein Nyunt presents award to Chaint Naing, first prize winner of poems competition. — MNA

of nationalistic spirit.

At such a time when the world sees tremendous changes, measures are to be taken through the strength of literacy to uplift the dynamism of nationalistic fervour, nationalistic spirit, the spirit of cherishing the nation and people, patriotic spirit and Union Spirit of the people. Only then, will it be possible to safeguard the national interest at all times.

Now internal and external elements are resorting to various means on a wider scale to tarnish the image of Myanmar and its dignity. So, it is time to compile a mass of literary works designed to rebut various forms of accusations and made-up stories created at home and abroad, and to enable the international community to have a clear outlook on Myanmar.

He called for organizing measures with the use of literary strength to enhance reasoning power and
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broaden the horizon of the people, enable them to view international events from the angle of national outlook and ensure continuous flourishing of Myanmar's culture and traditions that have stood tall in successive periods.

In conclusion, he urged the writers to nurture the national literature for its improvement, to rekindle the awareness of the people with the use of literature for ensuring successful completion of the State's seven-step Road Map, to protect and safeguard the national interest, effectively using literature as a media tool, to strengthen the national literature that can prevent alien culture from penetrating the country, and to join hands with the people in implementing the goal of the people "building a discipline-flourishing democratic nation".

Next, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein awarded a prize to Daw Yin Yin (Saw Monnyin) who won the Lifetime Achievement National Literary Award for 2005. He also awarded prizes to National Literary Award winners in various genres — Hsinbyukyun



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein greets a literary award winner. — MNA



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and party pose for documentary photo together with winners of 17th National Motto, Literature and Photo Contest. — MNA

Aung Thein in novel genre; Yin Yin Nu (Mandalay) in collected short stories genre; Maung Moe Yan in belles-letters genre; Minshin Aung (Twantay) in Myanmar culture and fine arts literature genre; Tin Lin Zaw in child literature genre; Nan Mya Kay Khine in translation genre; Ma Kyan in general knowledge (arts); Dr Aye Kyaw in general knowledge (science); ambassador U Pe Thein Tin in political genre.

Commander Brig-Gen Wai Lwin presented prizes to Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Award winners — Thein Zaw (Shweli Oo) who won the third prize in the novel genre; Myaylat Min Lwin who won the first, Nanda Khin (Thakkalamyay) who won the second and Nyunt Hlaing Chit who won the third in the collected short stories genre. Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan presented first, second and third prizes to Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Award winners in collected poems genre — Maung Pyae Hlaing (Thandwe), Tint Tun (Chauk) and Takkatho Tawtha. Minister Maj-Gen Saw Lwin presented first, second and third prizes to Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Award winners in general knowledge genre (arts) — Tin Tun Oo (Culture), Maung Nwe Than (IPRD), Dr Myint Than (Nyaunglebin). Minister Maj-Gen Tin Htut presented first, second and third prizes to Sarpay

Beikman Manuscript Award winners in general knowledge genre (Science and Applied Science) — Naing Shwe Moe, Dr Tin Tin Myaing (University of Veterinary Science) and Aung Kyaw Phyo. Chief Justice U Aung Toe presented first, second and third prizes to Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Award winners in belles-letters genre — Tin Myint, reporter Thaug Nyunt (Pyapon) and Tin Lin Zaw.

Attorney-General U Aye Maung presented first, and second prizes to Sarpay Beikman Manuscript



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Award winners in culture and fine arts literature genre — Aung Nyein Chan (Mann Tekkatho), and Myoma Myint Kywe and first, second and third prizes to Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Award winners in child literature genre — Nay Soe Thaw, Phone Ye Naing (Gangaw) and Saw Nge Nge (Monnyin). Minister Brig-Gen Ohn Myint presented second and third prizes to Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Award winners in child literature genre — Maung Sanda (Lewe) and Maung Soe Htaik (Thoneze); first and second prize winners in play genre — Zin Min (Thameinhtaw) and Maung Sanda (Lewe), first prize to Dr Nyunt Shwe in translation genre.

Later, Minister Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein, Minister Col Thein Nyunt, Minister Dr Kyaw Myint, Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung, Minister Maj-Gen Thein Swe, Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min and Minister Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint also awarded other prize winners in the 17th National Motto, Literature and Photo Contest, the 17th quiz on general knowledge of Tatmadaw affairs.

The Secretary-1 and party posed for documentary photos together with Writer Daw Yin Yin (Saw Monnyin) and Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Award winners.

Later, the Secretary-1 cordially greeted those present. — MNA

At such a time when the world sees tremendous changes, measures are to be taken through the strength of literacy to uplift the dynamism of nationalistic fervour, nationalistic spirit, the spirit of cherishing the nation and people, patriotic spirit and Union Spirit of the people. Only then, will it be possible to safeguard the national interest at all times.

Minister inspects power ...

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of township electricity supply board reported on power lines and sub-power stations, the strength of staff and distribution of electricity with the aids of charts. The minister met with the staff and fulfilled their requirements.

Next, the minister proceeded to the power station in Tharkayta Township and gave necessary instructions.—MNA

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein attends dinner hosted in honour of outstanding literati and photographers

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Jan — Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein attended a dinner hosted by Information Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan in honour of winners of the lifetime literary award, national literary award and Sarpaybeikman manuscript award for 2005, the 17th National Motto, Literature and Photo Competitions and members of the prize scrutinising committee, here, today.

It was also attended by Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Wai Lwin, ministers, the Chief Justice, the Attorney-General, the Auditor-General, departmental officials, members of the central executive committee of Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association, the prize winners and guests.

After the dinner, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein cordially greeted doyen literati and the award winners. — MNA

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein attends a dinner hosted in honour of literary award winners and winners of 17th National Motto, Literature and Photo Competitions. — MNA



Two checkpoints on Lao-Myanmar border upgraded



Deputy Minister U Maung Myint, Mr Phongsavath Boupha, Col Myint Han and Mr Khammanh Sonevileth formally open Wan Pong Check Point. — FOREIGN AFFAIRS

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Jan — Border checkpoints at Wan Pong in Tachilek, Shan State (East), and at Ban Muang Mom in the Laos were upgraded to meet the international standard.

The opening ceremonies of the checkpoints held on 29 January were attended by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint, Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Lao People's Democratic Republic Mr Phongsavath Boupha, Commander of Tachilek Tactical Command Col Myint Han and local residents.

First, Ban Muang Mom Border Checkpoint on the Laos side was opened

by Governor of Bokeo Province Mr Khammanh Sonevileth and U Khin Than, Chairman of the Tachilek District Peace and Development Council.

Wan Pong Border Checkpoint on Myanmar side was formally opened by Mr Khammanh Sonevileth, Col Myint Han, Commander of the Tachilek Tactical Command and U Khin Than, Chairman of the Tachilek District Peace and Development Council.

The opening ceremony was attended by nearly 1000 people including authorities from both sides and local people of Tachilek District.

The border checkpoint is situated at Wan

Pong on Myanmar side and at Ban Muang Mom in Laos side. Mekong River flows between the two towns as a border line. As the two border checkpoints meeting international standards were opened, local authorities from both countries expected that more tourists would visit these border areas and explore its natural scenic beauty and simple, traditional lifestyle of the local people and will thus help develop the local economy and living standard of the people in the border area.

Before the opening ceremonies, the Lao delegation led by the deputy minister of LPDR visited Wan Pong and

Chinese information delegation arrives

YANGON, 30 Jan — To promote cooperation and friendship in the information sector between Myanmar and China, a six-member information delegation led by State Council Information Department Deputy Director (Deputy Head of Department) Mr Cai Mingzhao of People's Republic of China arrived

here by air this afternoon.

They were welcomed by Director-General U Khin Maung Htay of Myanmar Radio and Television and Chinese Ambassador Mr Guan Mu and officials at Yangon International Airport. In the evening, the delegation visited MRTV on Pyay Road. Director-General U Khin Maung Htay of MRTV

explained facts about MRTV.

Next, Mr Cai Mingzhao signed the visitors' book and exchanged gifts. The delegation was conducted round the MRTV by officials.

It also visited the Shwedagon Pagoda and the leader signed the visitors' book and donated cash. — MNA

22nd Gem and Jade Sales held

YANGON, 30 Jan — Myanmar Economic Holdings Limited held its 22nd Gem and Jade Sales for 2007 at Myanma Gem Mart on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road this morning.

Managing Director Maj-Gen Win Than of the Myanmar Economic Holdings Limited and members of the board of directors and responsible personnel visited the gem mart.

Tachilek in Myanmar on 27 January and the Myanmar delegation led by the deputy minister for foreign affairs paid a visit to Huay Xai on the Lao side on 28 January. During the visit, the Myanmar delegation also attended the Kaopk flower festival at Done Xao on the Lao side. — MNA

A total of 308 gem lots and 943 jade lots will be sold through bargain and competitive bidding. Gem merchants can check lots of gem and jade on display at the gem mart from 9 am to 5 pm till

tomorrow. Lots of gem and jade will be sold beginning at 9 am on 2nd February.

A total of 391 local merchants and 162 foreign ones visited the gem mart. — MNA



Merchants observe gems at 22th Gems and Jade Sales of Union of Myanmar Economic Holdings Ltd. — MNA

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Lens Barrel Incorporating the Advancing/Retracting Mechanism

Reg : No.4/7747/2006

In respect of : An advancing/retracting mechanism of a lens barrel, comprising:
 a rotatable ring which is rotatable about a rotational axis extending in a direction of an optical axis, and includes at least one rotation transfer groove located on an inner peripheral surface of the rotatable ring to extend generally parallel to the optical axis;
 an advancing/retracting guide ring positioned inside the rotatable ring to be non-rotatable, wherein the advancing/retracting guide ring includes at least one inclined lead slot which penetrates through the advancing/retracting guide ring and which is inclined with respect to both a circumferential direction of the advancing/retracting guide ring and the optical axis direction, and at least one circumferential slot which is communicatively connected with the inclined lead slot and which extends only in the circumferential direction of the advancing/retracting guide ring;
 a driven member having at least one follower engaged in the inclined lead slot and the circumferential slot, and further engaged in the rotation transfer groove so as not to move relative to the rotation transfer groove in a rotational direction of the rotatable ring and to be slidably movable in the rotation transfer groove in the optical axis direction;
 at least one optical element supported by the driven member; and
 a ring spring positioned inside the rotatable ring along an inner peripheral surface thereof and supported by the rotatable ring, the ring spring including at least one follower pressing portion which is engaged in the rotation transfer groove, and is resiliently deformable in the optical axis direction,
 wherein the follower is disengaged from the followers pressing portion of the ring spring, when the driven member and the rotatable ring are positioned relative to each other in the optical axis direction such that the follower is engaged in the inclined lead slot; and
 wherein the follower is engaged with the follower pressing portion and resiliently deforms the follower pressing portion by pressing the follower pressing portion against one of two opposed edges of the circumferential slot in the optical axis direction, when the driven member and the rotatable ring are positioned relative to each other in the optical axis direction so that the follower is engaged in the circumferential slot.

Optical Element Retracting Mechanism for a Retractable Lens

Reg : No.4/7748/2006

In respect of : A retracting mechanism for a lens barrel, the mechanism comprising:
 a non-rotatable member having an engagement surface;
 a frame movable along an axis towards and away from the non-rotatable member without rotation and having a holder configured to hold an imaging element, the holder being movable between an aligned position in which the imaging element is substantially aligned with the axis and a displaced position in which the imaging element is displaced relative to the aligned position;
 wherein the holder comprises an engagement surface configured to contact the engagement surface of the non-rotatable member during movement of the frame towards the non-rotatable member, and move the holder from the aligned position to the displaced position; and
 wherein the non-rotatable member comprises one of a guide key and a key groove, and the frame comprises the other of the key groove and the guide key, the

guide key and the key groove being slidably engageable with each other and guiding the frame in the axis direction.

Optical Element Retracting Mechanism for a Photographing Lens

Reg : No.4/7749/2006

In respect of : An optical element retracting mechanism for a retractable lens including an optical system having a plurality of optical elements, the optical element retracting mechanism comprising:
 a linearly movable ring configured to be guided along an optical axis of the optical system without rotating, and retracting toward a picture plane along the optical axis when the retractable lens moves from an operational state to a fully-retracted state;
 a swingable holder pivoted on a pivot and swingable about the pivot, and positioned inside and supported by the linearly movable ring, the swingable holder supporting a retractable optical element as one of the plurality of optical elements;
 a holding device holding the swingable holder such that the retractable optical element remains on the optical axis when the retractable lens is in the operational state; and
 a retracting device configured to rotate the swingable holder about the pivot such that the retractable optical element retracts to a position which deviated from the optical axis, when the linearly movable ring, together with the swingable holder, retracts toward the picture plane,
 wherein the holding device comprises:
 an adjusting shaft having a shaft axis generally parallel to the optical axis, supported by the linearly movable ring and rotatable about the shaft axis, and including an eccentric pin having an axis eccentric to the shaft axis of the adjusting shaft, wherein the eccentric pin is engaged with the swingable holder to set a limit for rotational movement of the swingable holder when the swingable holder is in a photographing position in which the retractable lens is in the operational state; and
 a spring configured to bias the swingable holder to rotate the swingable holder in an advancing direction to engage the swingable holder with the eccentric pin; and
 wherein a position of the retractable optical element is configured to be varied in the operational state, in a plane generally orthogonal to the optical axis by a rotation of the adjusting shaft.

Retracting Mechanism of a Retractable Lens

Reg : No.4/7750/2006

In respect of : A retracting mechanism of a retractable lens, comprising:
 an external barrel movable in an optical axis direction;
 an adjustment frame positioned in the external barrel and guidable in the optical axis direction;
 a stopper that sets a rear movement limit of the adjustment frame with respect to the external barrel;
 a lens frame that holds a lens group, the lens frame positionable in the adjustment frame;
 a fixing frame fixed to the external barrel and configured to prevent the adjustment frame coming off the external barrel; and
 at least one spring positioned between the fixing frame and the adjustment frame and configured to bias the adjustment frame toward the rear movement limit of the adjustment frame with respect to the external barrel.

Fraudulent imitation or unauthorized use of the said Patent shall be dealt with according to law.

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Azeri boy suspected of having bird flu dies

BAKU, 29 Jan—A 14-year-old Azeri boy, treated for suspected bird flu in a medical institute in the capital, Baku, died on Sunday before his diagnosis could be finally established, a Health Ministry spokesman said.

“According to information from the institute, the boy died today in the morning,” Anar Kadyrly said. “Azeri specialists suspected he had bird flu, but three tests conducted in Baku showed he had acute pneumonia.”

Kadyrly said the boy's blood sample had been sent

for analysis to a laboratory in London endorsed by the World Health Organization (WHO), but no results had returned so far.

The boy was from the southern region of Salyan, one of two centres of last year's bird flu outbreak.

His sister was one of five people who died last year in an outbreak of H5N1 strain bird flu in the former Soviet republic lying between Turkey and Russia.

Bird flu has killed more than 160 people since 2003, according to the WHO. H5N1 is the most deadly strain so far identified.— *MNA/Reuters*

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Bullet trains make slow debut



A CRH2 China Railway High-speed bullet train heads out of the Shanghai South Railway Station in Shanghai, China on 28 Jan, 2007. —INTERNET

BEIJING, 29 Jan — Crowds of people packed into Shanghai's two train stations yesterday for the debut of Chinese-made express trains capable of travelling at speeds up to 250 kilometres an hour.

The trains won't travel at top speeds until later this year, but that didn't dampen enthusiasm to be one of the first riders yesterday.

The first high-speed express left the city from Shanghai South Railway Station at 8:30am sharp yesterday, bound for Hangzhou in Zhejiang Province. The train was fully packed carrying about 1,200 passengers, according to railway authorities.

From yesterday morning until the end of the peak Spring Festival travel period in the middle of March, seven bullet trains will run between the Shanghai South Railway Station and Hangzhou and the Shanghai Railway Station and Nanjing in Jiangsu Province. —Internet

Indonesia to enforce airplane passengers decree for safe flying

JAKARTA, 29 Jan — The Indonesian Government will begin enforcing a nearly 20-year-old regulation requiring airplane passengers to show an ID during check-in at airline counters.

"Airlines must implement the policy, stipulated in a 1989 Transportation Ministry decree, by March 31 or face sanctions," Air Transportation Director General M Ikhsan Tatang said Saturday during a discussion at the ministry.

"The decree is aimed at avoiding deviations between the manifest and the actual passengers

aboard an airplane," the *Jakarta Post* daily Sunday quoted Ikhsan as saying.

Ikhsan said the regulation was meant to improve security and facilitate the insurance claims process in the event of an accident, by ensuring the names printed on tickets matched those on ID cards.

He said a public awareness campaign was

needed to ensure public participation in showing IDs at check-in counters, as regulators did not have authority over passengers.

However, the ministry can punish airlines that fail to ensure compliance with the regulation, including imposing various sanctions, from issuing warnings to revoking operational licenses," said Ikhsan. —MNA/Xinhua



Visitors climb the Great Wall at Badaling, China recently. China could surpass Spain as the world's second most popular tourist destination by 2010, and draw level with France by 2020, the United Nations World Tourism Organization said. —INTERNET

Gates says Internet to revolutionize TV in five years

DAVOS, (Switzerland), 29 Jan— The Internet is set to revolutionize television within five years, due to an explosion of online video content and the merging of PCs and TV sets, Microsoft chairman Bill Gates said on Saturday.

"I'm stunned how people aren't seeing that with TV, in five years from now, people will laugh at what we've had," he told business leaders and politicians at the World Economic Forum.

The rise of high-speed Internet and the popularity of video sites like Google Inc's YouTube has already led to a worldwide decline in the number of hours spent by young people in front of a TV set.

In the years ahead, more and more viewers will hanker after the flexibility offered by online video and abandon conventional

broadcast television, with its fixed programme slots and advertisements that interrupt shows, Gates said. —MNA/Reuters

Workers replace old medicine price labels with new ones in a drugstore in Wuxi city in east China's Jiangsu Province, on 26 Jan, 2007. According to the announcement of the National Development and Reform Commission, the prices of more than 240 drugs are cut by 20 percent on average, while some drugs be slashed to as much as 85 percent. —XINHUA



Australians to swallow unpalatable recycled water

SYDNEY, 29 Jan — All Australian states will be forced to use purified waste water for drinking if the current 100-year drought continues, said the premier of Queensland State on Monday, after being the first to approve recycled water.

"I think in the end, because of the drought, all of Australia is going to end up drinking recycled purified water," said Peter Beattie, premier of the tropical state of Queensland. "These are ugly decisions, but you

either drink water or you die. There's no choice. It's liquid gold, it's a matter of life and death," he told local radio.

Beattie announced on Sunday that Australia's second largest state would become the first to use

recycled water for drinking.

But the practice, which is used in Israel, Singapore, the United States and parts of Europe, does not have widespread public support in Australia. To try to change opinions, Prime

Minister John Howard and Environment Minister Malcolm Turnbull have backed Queensland's move.

"I am very strongly in favour of recycling and Mr Beattie is right and I agree with him completely," Howard said on Monday.

Turnbull said Australian cities, all now facing falling dam levels because of the worst drought on record, must incorporate recycled water in their water plans.

"Recycling is a real option for our cities," Turnbull told reporters on Monday. "All of our big cities have to expand the range of water sources they have and include sources which are not dependent on rainfall," he said.

—MNA/Reuters

SPORTS



England's Alexandra Scott (C) is tackled by Germany's Celia Mbabi (R) as Germany's Petra Wimbersky watches during the Four-Nation women's soccer tournament in Guangzhou on 30 Jan, 2007.—INTERNET

Van der Sar stays confident

LONDON, 29 Jan—Edwin van der Sar has exclusively told skysports.com that he is confident Manchester United remain in pole position to win the Premiership title.

The recent 2-1 defeat at Arsenal left United with a six-point advantage at the top of the table, following champions Chelsea's 2-0 reverse at Liverpool.

While Van der Sar accepts a nine-point cushion would have been a bonus, the experienced keeper is staying upbeat about the leaders' title

prospects.

"I think we're in pole position in the league," Van der Sar told skysports.com. "Of course, we're six points clear."

"At the moment we would rather have taken nine points, but the lead is still six points."

"Everybody is confident and we're not a team that's having problems."

At Emirates Stadium, United conceded twice in the last 10 minutes, prompting comments from the Arsenal camp that Sir Alex Ferguson's side are vulnerable in the



Edwin Van der Sar

closing stages of matches.

Ferguson dismissed the claims as 'petty' and Van der Sar felt the issue was due to Arsenal adopting a more positive approach.

He added: "It went quite well until 10 minutes before time. They put on two offensive players in the

team and when they are going to try and get an equaliser, sometimes you concede one.

"But we didn't count on the second to come also. "We were in control of the game, but you can never take your eye off the opposition."

"They throw as many bodies forward as they can and our job is to keep them at bay, and maybe counter attack."

"But it didn't really happen, so the only thing that didn't really work out was the last 15 minutes."

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Jose says no to new signings



Jose Mourinho

LONDON, 28 Jan—Jose Mourinho has ruled out any new signings arriving at Stamford Bridge before 31st January.

The Chelsea boss is preparing to welcome back John Terry from injury and is adamant his skipper, along with the likes of Petr Cech, Arjen Robben and Joe Cole are better players than any available in the market.

All four players have been out injured for extended spells this term - indeed, Cole is unlikely to play again until the end of the season.

But Mourinho has

faith in his squad, despite recent rumours that he was unhappy at being prevented from signing new players following a dispute with owner Roman Abramovich.

"I prefer John, I prefer Petr Cech, I prefer Robben and Joe Cole," Mourinho told Sky Sports.

"I know Joe Cole will only be able to play if we reach finals at the end of the season, he will be able to play these big matches for us, but John is the man for now and until 31st January and Robben is not ready now but on 3rd or 4th February we can have him."

"These are the players that I want, more than any other players available in the market."

Asked if that means he will not be signing anyone in January, Mourinho replied simply: "Yes."

Internet

Mourinho to leave Chelsea at the end of 2007

LONDON, 30 Jan—Chelsea manager Jose Mourinho has dismissed speculation that he will leave the Premier League champions at the end of the season.

"I don't have to be confident I am staying. I have a contract until 2010, which is important," he told the BBC before Chelsea's 3-0 FA Cup win over Nottingham Forest on Sunday.

"I am manager today, I am the manager until the end of the season and I believe I will be the manager until the end of 2010," he added. "If I believe what I read in the Press there are 11 candidates for my job but I don't get influenced by that."

"I just want to do my work well — the best I can," he said. "The players feel that I am exactly the same — with the same desires and motivation."

"We are together to chase our targets and we are alive in all of them," he said referring to the pur-

suit of four trophies — the Champions League, Premier League, League Cup and FA Cup.

There have been widespread reports in the Brit-

ish media that Mourinho's relationship with Chelsea owner Roman Abramovich has been strained but he declined to discuss the issue.—MNA/Reuters



China's Li Na shots the ball against Lilia Osterloh of the US during women's singles first round match at Pan Pacific Open tennis tournament in Tokyo, on 30 Jan, 2007.—INTERNET

Woods seals 2 shot victory at Torrey Pines

SAN DIEGO, 30 Jan—Tiger Woods clinched his seventh consecutive title on the PGA Tour, and the 55th of his career, with a two-shot victory at the Buick Invitational on Sunday. Two strokes off the pace at the start of the day, Woods eagled the par-five ninth on his way to a six-under-par 66 and a fifth triumph in 10 starts at Torrey Pines.

The American world number one also rattled up five birdies and one bogey to finish on 15-under 273, one ahead of compatriot Charles Howell III (68).—MNA/Reuters

Carlo defends Ronaldo move

MILAN, 29 Jan—Milan coach Carlo Ancelotti has defended the club's impending signing of Ronaldo.

Ronaldo is expected to seal his move from Real Madrid to Milan later this week after holding talks with the Rossoneri.

Real are willing to let Ronaldo leave as he does not figure in Fabio Capello's long-term plans at El Santiago Bernabeu.

Ronaldo's move to Milan has raised some eyebrows, but Ancelotti believes the Brazilian still has a lot to offer.

"Ronaldo fat? I don't think so, he is just sturdy and has an imposing figure," said Ancelotti. "He is very motivated and I think he has proved that by choosing to come here even if he might earn less."

"He's a great striker and is very fast." "He hasn't trained much after being dropped at Real Madrid, but he remains an excellent player, who scored almost 100 goals with the Merengues in five years."

Milan president Silvio Berlusconi claims Ronaldo has rejected lucrative moves to the United Arab Emirates and the United States to make the switch to Milan. "Ronaldo refused Emirates and USA money," said Berlusconi.

"He told me he still dreamt Milan and that he wants to come with us to show everybody he's still a champion."—Internet



Milan coach Carlo Ancelotti

Sporting miss chance to reclaim second place after draw

LISBON, 30 Jan—Sporting missed the chance to reclaim second place when they drew 1-1 at Boavista in a Premier League match that saw both teams finish with 10 men on Sunday.

Champions Porto remain top with 40 points from 16 matches, five ahead of Benfica, despite suffering their second league defeat this season when they lost 1-0 at Uniao Leiria on Friday.

Sporting, who are third a point behind Benfica on 34, went ahead five minutes after the break as Brazilian striker Liedson headed home a superb cross by Chilean winger Rodrigo Telo.

Boavista equalized five minutes later when midfielder Sousa sent Sporting's keeper Ricardo the wrong way from the penalty spot after Telo had handled the ball in the area.—MNA/Reuters

Japan's Defence Minister chides US again

TOKYO, 29 Jan — Japan's Defence Minister has criticized Washington's handling of the relocation of an American base in Japan in his second attack on US decision-making inside a week, *Kyodo News* agency said on Sunday.

Fumio Kyuma irked the Bush Administration on Wednesday by saying the United States was wrong to start the war in Iraq.

Kyodo reported that his remarks on Iraq had prompted James Zumwalt, director of the Office of Japanese Affairs at the US State Department, to say that any further critical comments from Japan

might make it difficult to hold the next round of Japan-US talks involving foreign and defence ministers.

The "two plus two" talks were last held in Washington in May.

While the two governments have reached an agreement over the relocation of a US base on the southern island of Okinawa, Kyuma said on

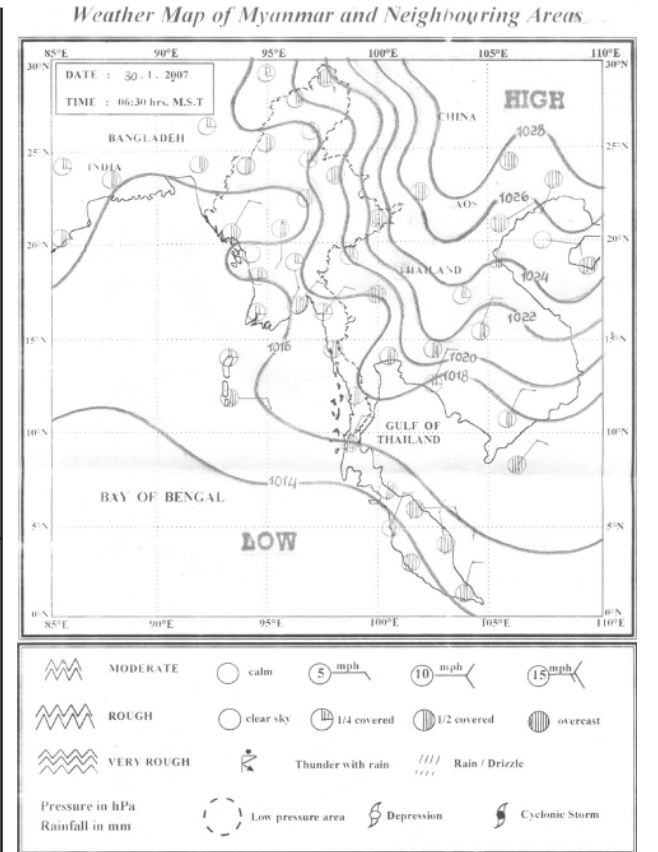
Saturday Washington did not understand the need for the cooperation of Okinawa's governor for the deal to go ahead.

"When we have to go about this by taking the governor's opinion into account, the United States doesn't understand mat-

ters around it," *Kyodo* quoted Kyuma as saying in a speech in the south-western prefecture of Nagasaki.

"The United States doesn't understand (the importance of) spade-work," he said.

MNA/Reuters



WEATHER

Tuesday, 30 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 Mandalay and Magway Divisions, (6°C) below normal in Taninthayi Division, (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Kachin and Shan States, (5°C) above normal in Bago Division and about normal in the remaining states and divisions. The significant night temperatures were Ann and Pinlaung (4°C) each.

Maximum temperature on 29-1-2007 was 90°F. Minimum temperature on 30-1-2007 was 66°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 30-1-2007 was 82%. Total sunshine hours on 29-1-2007 was (7.6) hours approx.

Rainfalls on 30-1-2007 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 (21) mph from Southeast at (10:15) hours MST on 29-1-2007.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 31-1-2007: Weather will be partly cloudy in Kachin, Shan, Chin and Rakhine States, Sagaing, Mandalay and Taninthayi Divisions and generally fair in the remaining states and divisions.

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) mph. Seas will be slight elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

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

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 31-1-2007: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 31-1-2007: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 31-1-2007: Partly cloudy.

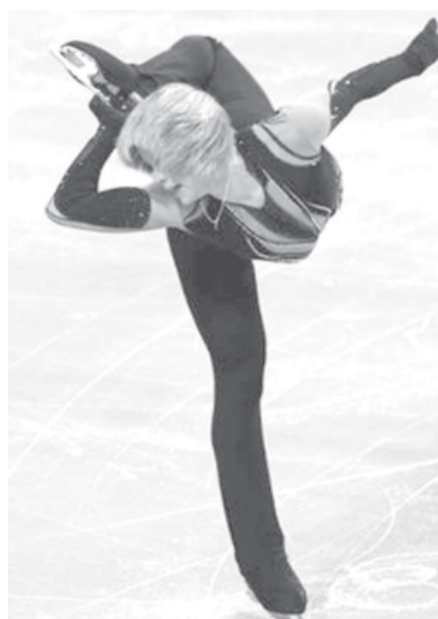
EARTHQUAKE REPORT
 (Issued at 04:30 hours MST Today)
 A moderate earthquake of intensity (5.4) Richter Scale with its epicentre (outside Myanmar) about (619) miles South of Kaba-Aye Seismological observatory was recorded at (02) hrs (02) min (46) sec MST on 30th January 2007.

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Miss Lata Bharadwaja
MA., M.Ed
 (Ex-Head of History Department,
 Mandalay University)
Aged (88) Years

Miss Lata Bharadwaja of No 76, 123 Street, Mingala Taung Nyunt, Yangon, daughter of late Sri B M Bharadwaja and Smt Vedy Vati, youngest sister of late Sri P M Bharadwaja - Smt Padmavati; late Sri Gautam Bharadwaja- Smt Alamalu (MLA); late Smt Dr Gargi Bharadwaja; late Sri Ved Vyas Bharadwaja - Daw Khin Mya Oo, beloved aunt of late Dr Indira Bharadwaja; Sri Rishi Raj - Daw Aye Aye Myint; Sri Rabindra Nath; late Sri Ravi Raj; Smt Mala Bharadwaja (SES Health care) - U Win Lwin (Dawn Light); Smt Neela Bharadwaja (BEC) -Sri Tony Singh, Sri Dr Vasant- Dr Nina; grand aunt of U Khin Mg Oo; Daw Thidar -U Aung Naing; Kavita, Mohini, Julian Vishwamitra, Anita and Sonia, passed away peacefully on 30-1-2007 at 5:15 pm.

The cortege will leave the above residence at 1:00 pm on 31-1-2007 for cremation at Ye Way Hindu cemetery at 2:00 pm.

Bereaved family
(Indian papers please copy).



Russia's Elena Sokolova performs during the women's Free Programme of the European Figure Skating Championships at the Torwar ice rink in Warsaw on 27 Jan, 2007.
 INTERNET

TV Myanmar

Wednesday, 31 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

7:55 am
 5. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:05 am
 6. မြူးမြူးကြွကြွ ယဉ်ကျေးမှုအက

8:20 am
 7. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:30 am
 8. International news

8:45 am
 9. Let's Go

4:00 pm
 1. Martial song

4:15 pm
 2. Song to uphold National Spirit

4:30 pm
 3. အစေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ တတိယနှစ် (စီးပွားရေးပညာ အထူးပြု) (စီးပွားရေးပညာ)

4:45 pm
 4. Song of national races

5:00 pm
 5. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစကား

5:15 pm
 6. Classical song

5:30 pm
 7. "အနိုင်အရုံး" (ဝိစိ၊ ကောင်းမြတ်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ခင်နွဲ့နွဲ့မူ)

5:35 pm
 8. ရှုဖွယ်စုံလင် အာဆီယံအစီအစဉ်

5:45 pm
 9. ရသပေါ်လွင် သရုပ်ဆောင်လွင်ပြင်

6:00 pm
 10. Evening news

6:30 pm
 11. Weather report

6:35 pm
 12. သုတစုံလင် ရွှေညောင်ရှင်

7:00 pm
 13. Discovery

7:10 pm
 14. "အသိစိတ်ကလေး အရင်းတည်၍" (ဖြိုးငွေစိုး၊ ထက်ရှား၊ မိုးပြည့်ပြည့်မောင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ကြည်စိုး)

7:25 pm
 15. ကြားမြင်သူတပြည့်ဝစေရာ စာပဒေသာ

7:35 pm
 16. The mirror images of the musical oldies

7:45 pm
 17. နိုင်ငံစီးပွားအလေးထား ကျေးလက်ထုတ်ကုန်များ (မြန်မာရိုးရာ ကျီးသဲစည်း လှံချည်အလှ)

8:00 pm
 18. News

8:05 pm
 19. International news

8:10 pm
 20. Weather report

8:15 pm
 21. လပတ်မိုးလေဝသနှင့် ဇလဗေဒ ခန့်မှန်းချက်

8:20 pm
 22. Myanmar movie: "နုနုငယ်ငယ်" (ကျော်ဟိန်း၊ ဝင်းညွန့်၊ ကြည်ကြည်ဌေး၊ စန္ဒာ) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-တင်အောင်မြင့်ဦး)

8:25 pm
 23. The next day's programme

Radio Myanmar

Wednesday, 31 January
Tune in today

8:30 am Brief news
8:35 am Music:
 -In 100 years

8:40 am Perspectives
8:45 am Music:
 -The boy is mine

8:50 am National news/Slogan
9:00 am Music:
 -Babe

9:05 am International news
9:10 am Music:
 -Listen to your heart

1:30 pm News /Slogan
1:40 pm Lunch time music:
 -Still remind me
 -Walk on by
 -Everytime

9:00 pm Variations on a tune:
 When you say nothing at all
 -Ronan Keating, Alison Krauss, Instrumental Version

9:15 pm Article
9:25 pm Music at your request:
 -Only you
 -I'm gonna getcha good

9:45 pm News /Slogan
10:00 pm PEL

Minister assists in Dagon Bridge construction

YANGON, 30 Jan — Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun went to the construction site of Dagon Bridge in Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Township today and assisted in the construction tasks of the bridge.

On the tour of inspection, In-charge of the bridge construction project Senior Engineer U Tint Lwin reported to the minister on tasks carried out and future tasks. After hearing reports, Minister Maj-Gen Saw Tun called for timely completion of the bridge, and inspected construction of the concrete floor and fixing of reinforced concrete beams on the bridge.

Upon completion, the reinforced concrete bridge linking Yangon and

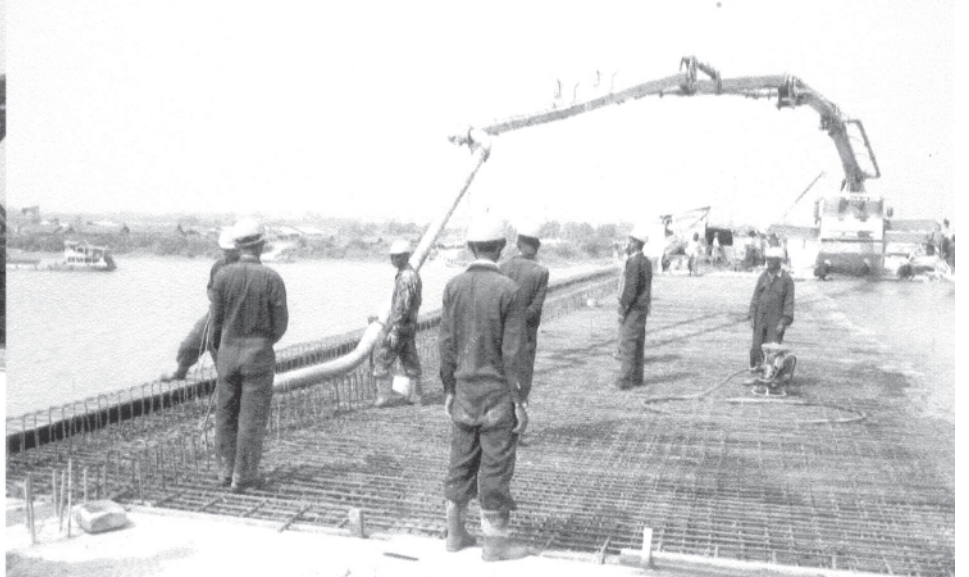
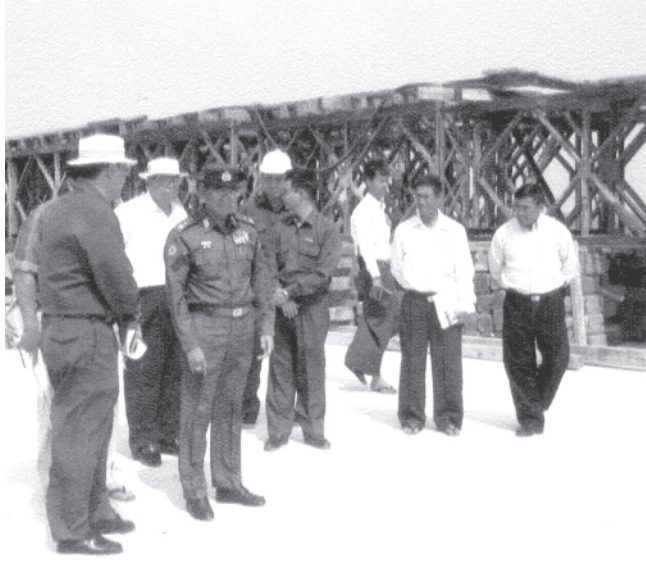
Thanlyin will be 4,450 ft long and 72 ft wide, and is expected to withstand 75 tons of load. There will be six lanes on the bridge and 6-ft-wide walkways on each side of the bridge. The two approach bridges on Yangon side and Thanlyin side are completed. There will be 18 spans on the main bridge on comple-

tion and 14 spans are completed. Out of 22 bore piles at P-12, 16 piles have been constructed. At P11, works are under way to fix reinforced concrete beams

to construct the road surface. The construction of the road surface on other four spans are being carried out.

MNA

*Minister for Construction
Maj-Gen Saw Tun inspects Dagon Bridge
construction in Dagon Myothit (Seikkan)
Township. — MNA*



60th Anniversary Union Day Objectives

- For all national races to safeguard the national policy — non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty;
- For all the national races to keep Union Spirit ever alive and dynamic among the national people;
- For all the national races to defend and safeguard the Union for its perpetual existence;
- For all the national races to prevent, through national solidarity, the danger of internal and external destructive elements undermining peace and stability of the State and national development; and
- For all national races to make concerted efforts for successful implementation of the seven-step Road Map.

WEATHER

Significant night temperatures

Ann (4°C)

Pinlaung (4°C)

Minister inspects power station in Thakayta Township

YANGON, 30 Jan— Minister for Electric Power No 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint and officials arrived at the office of Thanlyin Township Electricity Supply Board yesterday morning. They inspected the cash counter, staff quarters and distribution of power

from Myoma sub-power station.

U Kyaw Min Tun of Thanlyin Township Electricity Supply Board reported on distribution of electricity, condition of the power lines and the strength of service personnel at the district electrical engineer's office.

The minister urged the staff to try to become those who win the love of the people and to minimize the loss of electricity, and fulfilled the requirements.

The minister and party went to the electricity supply board office in Kyauktan Township where U Soe Moe (See page 10)



Minister for Electric Power No 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint inspects Myoma sub-power station in Thanlyin Township. — MNA

1000-mile cycling race to be held

YANGON, 30 Jan — With the assistance of Myanmar Olympic Committee and the Ministry of Sports, Myanmar Cycling Federation will hold men's and women's 1000 miles cycling race from 12 to 24 February.

Interested persons can contact the secretary of MCF at the Youth Training Centre (Tel-200310, 200309 and 297380) not later than 9 February. The cycling route is Yangon-Latpedan-Pyay-Magway-Myingyan-Mandalay-Meiktila-Pyinmana-NayPyi Taw-Toungoo-Nyaunglaybin-Yangon. The finishing line is the Youth Training Centre (Thuwunna). The participants must be between 18 and 50.

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