

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

People of Pale, Yinmabin and Salingyi regions and Pontaung-Ponnya region enjoy fruitful results of social and economic sectors

Lt-Gen Ye Myint on tour of Sagaing Division



Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence inspects Hlinechaung Dam project. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Jan—Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Sagaing Division PDC Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye and departmental officials, yesterday morning, inspected maintenance of North Yama Creek Bridge on Monywa-Yinmabin Road near Yondaw Village.

They viewed thriving onion plantations

on sand bank of the creek. Along Monywa-Salingyi-Yinmabin-Pale Road, they also viewed thriving gram and sunflower plantations and natural forests of Powin Hill and Ingyin Hill.

At the site of Hlinechaung Dam Project, Director U Victor of Construction 4 of Irrigation Department reported on salient points of the project and digging of canals.

The commander submitted reports on construction of the road to the

project site linking village-to-village roads for Nwein, Chinpyit, Phalepin and Mintaingpin villages of Pale Township.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspected construction of the main embankment and flow of water into the dam.

The dam was built to irrigate farmland in Pale and Yinmabin regions. The embankment, 73 feet high and 4,500 feet long, can store 5,370 acre feet of water. In coming cultivation season, the dam will supply water to

1,000 acres of farmland.

At North Yama Supporting Dam Project,

they viewed installation of 19-inch diameter steel pipelines for generating

500 kilowatt and the water control tower.

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

PERSPECTIVES

Thursday, 1 February, 2007

Literati to safeguard national interest through literary might

Literature is the source of national culture and reflects the high standard of culture.

As literati have inherited Myanmar literature in the Myanmar history they will have to hand down national heritage to younger generation. At the same time, concerted efforts are to be made for flourishing of Myanmar literature.

The literary world is developing with greater acceleration. Outstanding literati and fine literary works are selected every year and the government honours the literati at the prize-presentation ceremony.

The prize-presentation ceremony for Lifetime achievement award for 2005, National Literary Award, Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Award and the 17th National Motto, Literature and Photo Competition was held at the city hall in Nay Pyi Taw the other day and awards were presented to the outstanding literati.

The literati are responsible for widening the horizon of the people, observing international affairs and possessing dynamic nationalistic spirit with the use of the literary might.

With the intention of interfering in Myanmar's affairs, some Western nations are planning to dominate Myanmar people with western culture and customs. They make use of the superiority of communication technology in such fields as economy, culture and film and music.

It is time for literati to rebut various forms of accusations and made-up stories created at home and abroad through literature. It is believed that the literati will safeguard the national interest through literary might while serving literary duties and kindling nationalistic spirit.



Major Thar Nu (Retd)-Daw Thein Tin and family of Dagon Myothit (East) Township donate K 100,000 to Hninzigon Home for the Aged through U Chit Myaing, member of Administrative Board of the home.—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

Infectious diseases, hygienic environment discussed



Daw Mar Mar Wai, Chairperson of Yangon Division MCWSC, gives talks on infectious diseases and hygienic environment.— MNA

YANGON, 31 Jan — Mayangon Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association held talks on infectious diseases and hygienic environment at No 1 Basic Education High School in Mayangon Township on 29 January morning.

First, Chairperson of Yangon Division Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee Daw Mar Mar Wai made a speech. Next, she accepted

membership applications from Chairperson of Mayangon Township MCWA Daw Aye Aye Mar.

Afterwards, Acting Head of Mayangon Township Health Department Dr Daw Thi Thi Thein gave talks on prevention against infectious diseases, and Chairperson Daw Aye Aye Mar reported on hygienic environment.

MNA

Measures being taken for the nation to be perpetually free from bird flu

YANGON, 31 Jan — Altogether 13 townships in Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions were struck by an outbreak of avian influenza from 8 March to 7 April. Consequently, a total of 330,000 poultry and 320,000 quails were culled.

Laboratory tests were conducted in the areas where the disease broke out, related areas and other suspected areas. However, no H5N1 virus strain that causes bird flu was found. Regarding this, Myanmar made an announcement to OIE, saying that the nation is free from bird flu.

After conducting a field survey in Myanmar on 16-10-2006, UN Bird Flu and Human Flu Senior Coordinator Dr David Nabarro held a press briefing in Bangkok. At the press briefing, he recognized the frank presentation of outbreak of bird flu by Myanmar, the nation's cooperation with international community, and disclosed that Myanmar has been able to control bird flu in a short time and announce itself free from such kind of disease and that there was no spread of bird flu to human.

Measures for rehabilitation, reconstructing and restocking were taken in Monywa, YeU, Kanbalu, Shwebo Townships with the assistance of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council in the aftermath of the outbreak of bird flu.

Under the arrangements of the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries, altogether 78,388 chicks were distributed and loans disbursed to breeders of Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions. Myanmar is cooperating with FAO, OIE and UNICEF with the aids of Japanese grassroots assistance, JICA, China, Thailand, CARE Myanmar, USAID, AusAID, Japanese Trust Fund.

Various courses on control of bird flu were

conducted along with workshops. The Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department in cooperation with FAO, WHO, UNICEF, JICA and CARE Myanmar launched a media campaign against bird flu.

With the assistance of FAO, LBVD conducted laboratory tests based on samples of poultry, ducks, quails and pigs in suspected regions. There was no sign of H5N1 virus.

For the nation to be perpetually free from bird flu, the entire people including consumers are requested to come forward with information to the Village and Township Peace and Development Councils and LBVD as soon as possible if something suspicious is found.

The Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries

Tiger Myanmar Amateur 2007 scheduled 13-16 February

YANGON, 31 Jan — The Tiger Myanmar Amateur 2007, organized by Myanmar Golf Federation and mainly sponsored by Myanmar Brewery Ltd, will be held at Yangon Golf Club in Danyingon, here, from 13 to 16 February.

The amateur golfers from 0 to 12 handicaps may dial 723221 and 542989 to enlist, not later than 2 pm on 11 February. The co-sponsor list includes



Alpine Purified Drinking Water, Srixon, Point Golf Gear Factory, Air Mandalay and Accel International Co Ltd (Canon) together with tournament organizer Han Event Management.

MNA

India, Russia to hold joint exercise in September

Moscow, 30 Jan—Russia is expected to host a joint military exercise with India in northwestern Pskov Region in September, RIA news agency quoted paratroop

commander Colonel-General Alexander Kolmakov as saying on Sunday.

Close ties between the Russian and Indian military are part of a “strategic

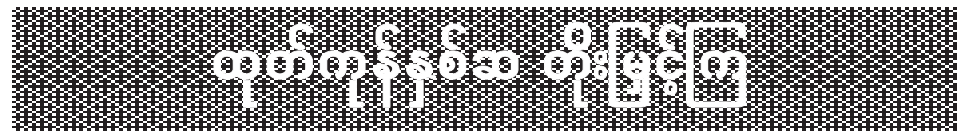
partnership” between Moscow and New Delhi, which has replaced the Cold War alliance of the two nations.

India is one of two top buyers of Russian arms. Together with China it accounts for most of Russia’s annual arms sales of around 6 billion US dollars

Kolmakov’s remarks followed Russian President Vladimir Putin’s visit to India last week. New arms sales were high on the agenda of Putin’s talks with the Indian leaders. — MNA/Reuters



A painted replica of the Trojan archer Paris is displayed at the National Archaeological museum in Athens on 30 Jan, 2007.—INTERNET



Chinese President Hu Jintao (L) and his wife Liu Yongqing wave well-wishers upon their arrival in the Cameroonian capital of Yaounde, on 30 Jan, 2007, kicking off his eight-nation Africa tour. Hu will also visit Liberia, Sudan, Zambia, Namibia, South Africa, Mozambique and Seychelles. —XINHUA

Poll shows most Americans want Bush presidency to be over

WASHINGTON, 30 Jan—More than half the Americans, or 58 per cent, say they wish the Bush presidency to be simply over, a sentiment that is almost unanimous among Democrats (86 per cent), according to a latest Newsweek poll.

The poll, published on the Newsweek magazine’s website Monday, also found US President

George W Bush’s approval ratings are at their lowest point in the poll’s history —30 per cent.

With Bush widely viewed as an ineffectual “lame duck” (by 71 per cent), over half (53 per cent) of the poll’s respondents now say they believe history will see him as a below-average president, up three points from last May. Sixty-seven per cent say the president’s decisions are influenced more by his personal beliefs.

This, said pollsters, perhaps explains why only about half (49 per cent) of adult Americans even bothered to watch or listen to any of the State of the Union speech as it happened.

Public fatigue over the war in Iraq is not reflected solely in the president’s

numbers, however. Congress is criticized by nearly two-thirds (64 per cent) of the poll’s respondents for not being

assertive enough in challenging the Bush administration’s conduct of the war.

MNA/Xinhua



Leonardo DiCaprio, right, greets Vanessa Williams as they arrive at the 13th Annual Screen Actors Guild Awards on 28 Jan, 2007.—INTERNET

Czechs protest against US radar base plan

PRAGUE, 30 Jan—Several hundred Czechs demonstrated Monday in Prague against government plans to negotiate with the United States over the installation of an anti-ballistic missile site in the country without holding a referendum.

Demonstrators rallied at the Wenceslas Square, outside the US embassy and government offices. They claimed that the US plan would seriously undermine the safety and interests of the Czech people.

The base would become the target of the first strike in the event of a military conflict, the added.— MNA/Xinhua



Activists wave banners during a protest rally against a possible location of a US missile defence radar system in the Czech Republic on Wenceslas Square in Prague, on 29 Jan, 2007. About three hundred activists joined the rally. Banner at left reads: ‘No Bases in Czech Republic.’—INTERNET

Argentine rainstorm affects thousands as rivers break banks

BUENOS AIRES, 30 Jan—A major rainstorm in northern Argentina has left at least 5,000 people without water and gas, and 500 more homeless, Argentina’s Civil Protection Authorities said on Monday.

Due to the storm some canals overflowed, flooding homes and damaging infrastructure in the north of Salta Province, 1,500 kilometres northeast of Argentina’s capital Buenos Aires, mostly affecting Pocitos, Araguay and Salvador Mazza areas.

“Above average rainfalls led to rivers breaking their banks and carrying off people’s homes and livestock. It also uprooted the gas mains in Salvador Mazza; so we are left with neither drinking water nor gas,” said local mayor Francisco Ibanez. The provincial government has sent aid to residents and declared a state of emergency in the affected areas.— MNA/Xinhua

Iran says coop with Russia effective to prevent US unilateralism

TEHERAN, 30 Jan—Iran said on Sunday that active cooperation between Tehran and Moscow on regional issues within a defined framework could effectively hold back the US unilateralism, the local *Fars* news agency reported Monday.

“The US has not achieved its goal in the region despite all its efforts, active cooperation between Iran and Russia on regional issues within a defined framework can hinder the US ambitious

and unilateral plans,” Iran’s Supreme Leader Ayatollah Seyed Ali Khamenei was quoted as saying, in a meeting with visiting Russian National Security Council Secretary Igor Ivanov.

The leader also stressed Tehran welcomed development of relations with Russia in all grounds, adding that the capacity for expansion of ties between the two sides is higher than the present level.

Referring to the abundant gas reserves the two

countries own, Khamenei suggested that both sides establish an organization of gas-exporting countries similar to OPEC (Organization of Petroleum-Exporting Countries) through mutual cooperation.

For his part, Ivanov submitted the Iranian leader a letter from Russian President Vladimir Putin, stressing the firm determination of Moscow to continue its cooperation with Teheran in all areas.

MNA/Xinhua

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Technicians at Yunnan Observatory debug the optical telescope on 28 Jan, 2007. Asia’s largest optical telescope, with an aperture of 2.4 metres, a height of 8 metres and a weight of over 40 tons, has been installed at Lijiang Observation Station under Yunnan Observatory, the Chinese Academy of Sciences. —XINHUA



Gaojia Opera artists perform in a theatre in Quanzhou, southeast China’s Fujian Province, on 30 Jan. Gaojia Opera is a regional drama popular in Fujian and famed for various clown roles. —XINHUA

Moderate earthquake jolts E Indonesia

JAKARTA, 30 Jan— A 5.2 magnitude earthquake rocked eastern part of Indonesia on Monday, no reports of casualty or damages, Indonesian Meteorology and Geophysics Agency said here.

The quake struck at 12:06 Jakarta Time with epicentre 118 northwest Ternate, the capital of North Maluku Province

and 33 kilometres under sea bed, an official of the agency said.

Indonesia is laid on a zone vulnerable to quake

hit called “the Pacific Rim of Fire”, where continental plates meet, causing frequent seismic and volcanic activity. —MNA/Xinhua

Crashed tugboat spills fuel into Paraguay River

BUENOS AIRES, 30 Jan — Around 130,000 litres of fuel have been spilled in the Paraguay River following a tugboat crash, threatening nearby hunting and fishing clubs, the Asuncion newspaper *ABC Color* reported on Monday.

UABL, the company that owned the boat, had tried to cover up the incident, the newspaper said.

The newspaper said the area was suffering from a “penetrating pestilent” stink close to Puerto Ortiz and Ita Enramada, where hunting and fishing clubs are set by the Paraguay River.

The Paraguay Army told media that the boat, the *Cavaliere I*, had been moored close to the Casino Ita Enramada on Sunday after witnesses reported the accident. —MNA/Xinhua



Workers stand near a helicopter that crashed in the Canal Zone area in Panama City, on 25 Jan, 2007. Two people were injured in the crash, according to the aviation authority.

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Juices found as beneficial to health as fruits, vegetables

WASHINGTON, 30 Jan — One hundred per cent fruit and vegetable juices do help reduce risk factors related to certain diseases, according to a European study published in the *International Journal of Food Science and Nu-*

trition. The study was designed to question traditional thinking that 100 per cent juices play a less significant role in reducing risk for both cancer and cardio-vascular disease than whole fruits and vegetables.

The British research team analyzed a variety of studies that looked at risk reduction attributed to the effects of both fiber and antioxidants.

As a result, they determined that the positive impact fruits and vegetables offer

come not from just the fiber but also from antioxidants which are present in both juice and the whole fruit and vegetables.

So they concluded that juices are comparable in their ability to reduce risk compared to their whole fruit/vegetable counterparts.

Sue Taylor with the US Juice Products Association, a non-profit organization not associated with this research.

MNA/Xinhua

Intense fog shrouds eastern Pakistan, seven die in accidents

ISLAMABAD, 30 Jan — Pakistan’s east province Punjab remained in the grip of intense fog on Sunday and at least seven people died and many others were injured in road accidents caused by poor visibility, the Geo TV channel reported.

The provincial capital Lahore, and some other Punjab cities including

Gojranawala, Faisalabad, Bhawalnagar, Vehari, Lala Musa, Sahiwal and Shor Kot struck by thick fogs remained blanketed since Saturday night until Sunday noon.

The fog led to the closure of the Lahore Airport for all sorts of air traffic while the train schedules “went hay-wire” besides triggering

accidents at different places that killed at least seven people and wounded many others, said the television report.

MNA/Xinhua

China's intestine transplant survivor gets married

XI'AN, 30 Jan — A small intestine transplant patient, a 27-year-old man from the central Henan Province, married on Saturday nearly eight years after an organ transplant from his father saved his life.

Yang Feng was diagnosed with diverticulosis, a serious intestinal disease, as a baby and had to rely on large doses of antibiotics throughout his childhood to ease inflammations.

When he was 18, surgeons had to remove almost 500 centimetres, or 90 per cent, of his small intestine, causing serious digestion and excretion problems that were threatening his life.

The operation in May 1999 involved more than 60 medical staff at the Xijing Hospital in Xi'an. About 150 centimetres of

the father's ileum, part of the small intestine, was transplanted into the son.

Yang's bride Li Yali was his classmate at primary school and witnessed his ordeal over the years. "I always believed he would recover and live a normal life," she said.

Sources at the Xijing Hospital in Xi'an said Yang was by far the longest surviving small intestine transplant patient in Asia.

The hospital has also given Yang a temporary job as a cleaner.

MNA/Xinhua

China may achieve industrial economy by 2015

BEIJING, 30 Jan — A report by China's top scientific institutions says that China is likely to be transformed from an agricultural into an industrial economy by 2015. By then, its social and economic indicators will reach the level of developed countries in 1960s, says China's Modernization Report 2007.

The report details research and opinions of experts and scholars in the Chinese Academy of Science, the Ministry of Science and Technology and China's elite universities. The prediction was based on China's economic growth from 1980 to 2004. — MNA/Xinhua



The photo taken on 30 Jan, 2007 shows the flowing ice on the Yellow River near the Yellow River Bridge in Yinchuan, northwest China's Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region. As the temperature in the area is higher than that in 2006, frozen parts in the Ningxia section of the river began to melt. —XINHUA



Fireworks light the sky to celebrate the launching of Microsoft Corp's new 'Windows Vista' operating system behind the Grande Arche de la Defence at the esplanade of Paris's modern La Defence area on 30 Jan, 2007.—INTERNET

Oil, biscuits wash up on beaches in western France

PARIS, 30 Jan — Lumps of oil mixed in with packets of biscuits that may have come from a ship grounded off the southern English coast have washed up on beaches in western France, a local official said on Sunday.

The pollution could equally have come from a ship that decided to take advantage of the publicity surrounding the stricken cargo ship *MSC Napoli* and cleaned out its tanks hoping that nobody would notice, the official said.

"Since Friday evening, we noticed quite a significant amount of fuel on the beaches of the Cotes d'Armor," said Sylvain Le Berre, a spokesman for the maritime authorities in Brest in the western French region of Brittany.

Some beaches in Finistere area were also affected. The beaches of Brittany are a popular summer tourist destination.

The blobs of oil are around 50 centimetres (19.7 inches) in diameter and often stuck to packets

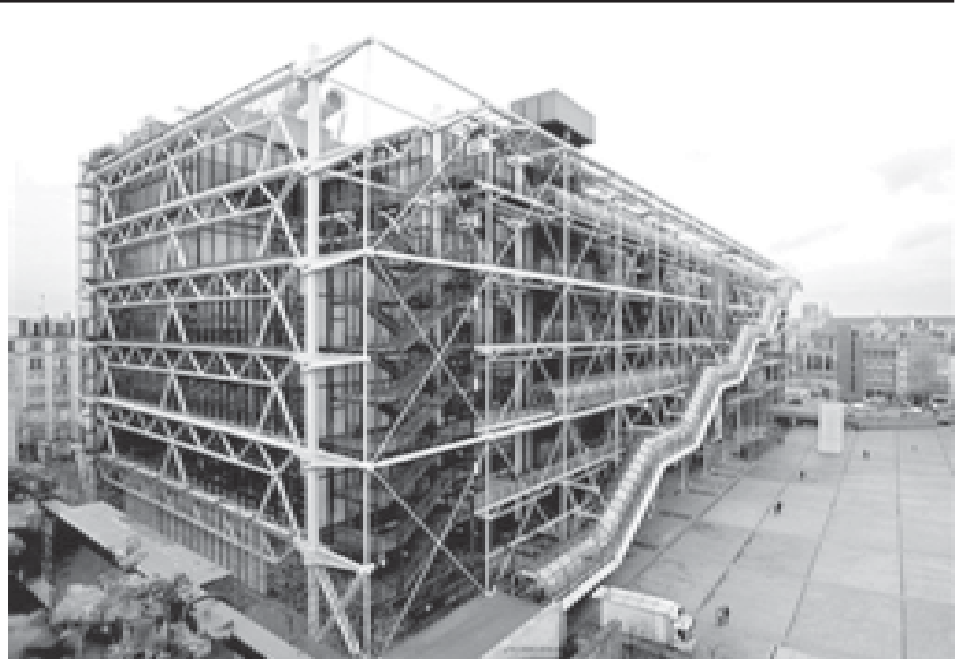
of biscuits, he said.

Samples are being analysed to see exactly where the oil came from and several beaches have been closed.

Scavengers on an English beach made off

with motorcycles, wine barrels and other cargo washed ashore after the *MSC Napoli* was run aground after it was damaged in storms 10 days ago.

MNA/Reuters



A general view of the Pompidou art museum in Paris, on 30 Jan, 2007. The museum will celebrate on Wednesday its 30th anniversary with French President Jacques Chirac. —INTERNET

Malaysia to reconstruct ancient fortress ruins in Malacca

KUALA LUMPUR, 30 Jan — Malaysia will reconstruct the famous ruins of the fortress A' Famosa in the historical city of Malacca to display it to the world, local Press reported Monday.

The Heritage Department under the Culture, Arts and Heritage Ministry will implement the project in stages and the overall work is expected to be completed by year 2010, said Commissioner of Heritage Siti Zuraina Abdul Majid.

About 350 metres of the ancient walls of the fortress built in 1511 will be reconstructed stone by stone to its original dimensions of eight metres by five metres, she

said, adding the 23 historical structures within the fort's confines will also be conserved and restored.

"When completed, the fort will be one of the nation's prominent historical structures and will completely transform Malaysia's historical landscape. Visitors will literally be able to journey to the past and relive history," Siti was quoted as saying by *The Star*.

Built by the Portuguese in 1511 as a fortress, A' Famosa sustained severe structural damage during the Dutch invasion in 1641. The ruins of the fortress has now become a famous scenic in Malacca for tourists from all over the world. — MNA/Xinhua

Samsung Electronics leads world LCD market last year

SEOUL, 30 Jan — South Korea's Samsung Electronics Co remained in the top place in sales of liquid crystal display (LCD) panels worldwide in 2006, keeping the top status for a fifth consecutive year, a report by Display Search said Monday.

According to the report, Samsung Electronics sold 14.85 billion US dollars worth of LCD panels last year, up 22 per cent from 2005.

LG Philips LCD Co was the second largest LCD provider in the world, which sold 11.19 billion US dollars worth of products last year.

The third LCD provider is Taiwan's AUO with sales of 9.15 billion US dollars.

MNA/Xinhua



A resident cleans a slaughtered pigeon as part of a campaign to stem a flare-up of bird flu in central Jakarta on 27 Jan, 2007. Indonesia called on the military on Friday to help fight bird flu, a day after a young girl became the country's sixth victim this month. —INTERNET

Health Ministry says no new bird flu cases in Thailand

BANGKOK, 30 Jan — Lab tests have confirmed that 222 people nationwide earlier suspected of contracting bird flu were free of the deadly virus, a spokesman of Thailand's Public Health Ministry said Sunday.

The spokesman, Supan Srithamma said lab tests were conducted on 268 patients from 42 provinces with suspected bird flu symptoms between 1-27 January and that the results of lab tests have confirmed that 222 of them only suffered from ordinary cough and influenza, not bird flu disease, according to *Thai News Agency*.

Results of lab tests on the remaining 46 persons

are yet to come out, though, said Supan.

Although no new bird flu cases have been confirmed since the beginning of this month, Supan urged people to take precautions.

Earlier this month Thailand successively announced two resurfacing outbreaks of the H5N1 bird flu virus found among dead poultry respectively in two provinces, after the country's six-month clearance from the disease. No human cases have been confirmed this year.

17 persons out of the 25 reported human cases of contracting bird flu have died in Thailand since it was hit by the pandemic early 2004. —MNA/Xinhua



Switzerland's Dominique Gisin reacts after crossing the finish line during the women's Alpine Ski World Cup Downhill race in San Sicario on 27 Jan, 2007. —INTERNET

Iran says reviewing IAEA chief's proposal takes time

TEHERAN, 30 Jan — Iran said on Sunday that it takes time to review UN nuclear watchdog chief Mohamed ElBaradei's "timeout" proposal, which calls for simultaneous suspension of Iran's uranium enrichment work and UN sanctions.

"We should spend enough time to review (the proposal)," Iranian Supreme National Security Council Secretary Ali Larijani told a joint Press conference with his visiting Russian counterpart Igor Ivanov, who arrived in Teheran

Saturday night.

"Such a proposal should be examined to see if it can resolve the (nuclear) issue," he added.

ElBaradei, chief of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), proposed the simultaneous "timeout" plan on Friday during the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland.

Commenting on the "timeout" proposal, Ivanov said that it "can be considered" and a political solution could be found through this suggestion if both sides

agreed to it.

"We are currently discussing to remove obstacles from the way of negotiations," Ivanov said, adding that there was "no military solution" to Iran's nuclear issue.

The UN Security Council adopted Resolution 1737 on 23 December, 2006, demanding Iran to "suspend all enrichment-related and reprocessing activities, including research and development, and work on all heavy water-related projects".

MNA/Xinhua

UNSG hails Uganda for role in resolving regional conflict

KAMPALA, 30 Jan— The UN Secretary-General, Ban Ki-moon, has hailed Uganda for its role in conflict resolution in Africa while he pledged to keep Africa high on his agenda during his first visit to the continent after taking office.

"We appreciate the role Uganda has played in assisting to resolve conflicts, especially in the Great Lakes region," Ban was quoted by state-owned *Sunday Vision* as saying when he met the Minister for East African Cooperation Eriya

Kategaya during a brief stopover on Friday night at Entebbe International Airport, 40 kilometres south of Kampala.

Ban, the former South Korean Foreign Minister, made the comment on his way to the Democratic Republic of Congo. He is also visiting Kenya and attending the African Union Summit in Ethiopia

on Monday during his five-day Africa tour.

"Africa is very well endowed with natural resources which should be exploited to develop the continent. Africa needs to harness its immense resources. The lack of infrastructure is impeding investments in Africa," he said.

MNA/Xinhua

Reid expects more of Britain's Home Office problems

LONDON, 30 Jan — John Reid said on Monday he expected more problems to emerge from the Home Office but denied he was feeling "beleaguered".

The Home Secretary told the *Guardian* newspaper he had inherited many problems such as those involving foreign national prisoners or overseas convictions when he took over the sprawling department last year.

"If you renovate a house you start by taking the wallpaper off. Only then do you discover more

problems. That's what it is like at the Home Office," he wrote in a comment for the paper.

He said being Home Secretary was his biggest challenge, but "it isn't mission impossible."

"Judge me not on the challenges but on my response to them," he said.

The dreadful headlines for Reid continued on Sunday with a newspaper revealing that police had lost track of 322 registered sex offenders.

MNA/Reuters

Belgian killed in Nigeria's oil delta, two arrested

ABUJA, 30 Jan — A Belgian man working for a building materials company has been murdered in the oil city of Warri, in Nigeria's lawless Niger Delta, and two suspects have been arrested, police said on Sunday.

The police commissioner of Delta state, where Warri is located, said the man's Nigerian girlfriend and driver had been arrested on suspicion of hiring two gunmen to ambush and kill the man on Saturday so they could keep his property.

"He died of gunshot wounds yesterday evening. It is a clear case of murder," the commissioner said by telephone from Warri. —MNA/Reuters



Japanese principal dancers Mika Yoshioka (L) and Naoki Takagishi from the Tokyo Ballet perform 'La Sylphide' during a dress rehearsal at the Deutsche Oper opera house in Berlin on 27 Jan, 2007. —INTERNET

“Is that so Maung Ka Lu?” “It is more than that”

Maung Ka Lu

Grandpa: Where have you been lately, Maung Ka Lu? Where have you been when our entire country is intolerant of the attempt of the US and Britain to put the Myanmar issue on the UNSC agenda by accusing her of posing a threat to regional and international peace and security at a time when our country is enjoying peace and stability and development and actively cooperating with regional and neighboring countries?

Maung Ka Lu: Sorry, I had no time to come over. It was because I had been watching and reading the declarations of NGOs and peace groups opposing the acts of the US and Britain on TV and in daily newspapers. We still remember that America has always been interfering in our internal affairs and that the intrusion of Kuomintang renegade troops into the country was due to the US instigation.

Grandpa: In the past, the Kuomintang renegade troops were called the KMT of Chian Kai-Shek's nationalist Chinese government, which was under the domination of the US and Britain. But, attacks of Mao Zedong-led Chinese revolutionaries prompted Chian Kai-Shek and his followers to flee to Formosa Island. Then the CIA helped some KMT troops intrude into Shan State (East) and station there.

Lu: That's right. The CIA helped the KMT troops station in Kengtung, Tachilek, Mongton, Monghsat and Mongpa regions, close to Yunnan province, and provided them with all necessary assistance such as rations, weapons, funds and trucks in order to collect information from Mainland China and interfere in its internal affairs.

Grandpa: The aim of KMT troops was not only to recapture Mainland China but also to try to occupy the western bank of the Thanlwin River and then to make our land the nation of Kuomintang. That was why the Tatmadaw had to counter the enemies. The people held mass rallies to oppose and condemn KMTs, the lackeys of the US. The issue was discussed and decided at the Pyithu Hluttaw and submitted to the UN. A US military mission came to Yangon to ask the Tatmadaw to cease its offensives against KMT troops. Myanmar turned down the request.

Lu: At that time, KNDO arrested some university female students on their way home on summer vacation and sent them to KMT troops in exchange for arms. The KMT troops raped the girl students.

Grandpa: Do you know what the US did to cut the financing of KMT? It persuaded KMT to grow poppy in the golden triangle region bordering Myanmar, Laos and Thailand, and provided necessary equipment to refine heroine. The reason why the golden triangle region had been notorious for producing heroin was due to the evil legacy left by the British imperialists. Moreover, Americans used KMT to process poppy into heroin. The effect of heroin is one hundred times stronger than poppy. The acts of the US and KMT like Mafia made the golden triangle region notorious for its heroin. That is why our country is driving out Ywet Sit's SSA-S members who are engaged in drug trafficking like KMT. Now, Mongla, Wa and Kokang regions in Shan State (East and North)

are opium free.

Lu: Subsequently, the CIA created the problem of stimulant tablets in the triangle region. Our country neither manufactures the chemicals used for producing stimulant tablets nor imports them. Am I right?

Grandpa: Yes. Old and neo-colonialists tried to demoralize the youth by using the weapon of heroin and stimulant pills with the intention of wiping out our country's young persons who are active, dynamic and patriotic. That was why opium wars broke out between China and Britain. Regional countries comprising Myanmar are thus taking measures for elimination of narcotic drugs in cooperation with international organizations including the UN.

Lu: Let's continue the issue of KMT.

Grandpa: Myanmar submitted the problem of Kuomintang intrusion to the UN. The UN passed a resolution calling on the Kuomintang to leave Myanmar soil. There were tricks. Troops in Kuomintang uniforms were transported back to Taiwan by air from the other country. But Myanmar representatives and media persons were not allowed to enter the airport. In reality, most of the persons in Kuomintang uniforms were national races of Myanmar who were tricked into doing so. Till now, those national races are living in Taiwan.

Lu: The Kuomintang story was presented as directed by the US. A large number of actual Kuomintang troops stayed behind in Myanmar, as most of the persons in Kuomintang uniforms were national races of Myanmar.

Grandpa: It has been featured in the articles, news reports and books compiled by media persons of the West that Kuomintang troops continued to run opium business and launched armed insurgency against the Myanmar government. The Tatmadaw had to drive them out. Kuomintang built 28 Nationalist Chinese villages on the mountains inside the territory of the other nation. Those Kuomintang villages were engaged in drug production and trafficking.

Lu: The US and Britain continued to interfere in Myanmar's internal affairs in the later periods. They continued to provide assistance to insurgents, expatriates, terrorists and the persons who tried to cause unrest or break up the Union. The two powers used them as their stooges.

Grandpa: The British had colonized many world nations including our country and America is now trying to interfere in the affairs of others, making slanderous accusations. And now, Britain is slandering others with various kinds of false accusations. Hence, Britain is like Bontaw chicken thief.

Lu: What does Bontaw chicken thief mean?

Grandpa: Why are you so naive? Bontaw means the early morning town criers who wake up people to cook meals for Buddhist monks. But thieves disguising themselves as Bontaw steal chicken. Some powers after killing peoples with bombs and guns seized their countries, exploited them, destroyed human rights and democracy and rob the countries of their riches and undermined independence and sovereignty. And yet, they are shouting sweet, but, false slogans, saying that they have come to save the people. So, they are like the Bontaw thieves. We must beware of such

Bontaw thieves.

Lu: Oh! That's why the People's Republic of China and the Russian Federation killed the US-Britain-sponsored draft resolution calling for tougher sanctions on Myanmar with a double veto. South Africa objected it and Indonesia, Qatar and Congo abstained. The draft resolution was submitted to the UNSC by the two nations on 11 January this year.

Grandpa: The entire world has known that the US act to unjustly give trouble to others is a serious crime. NGOs and national race organizations have been condemning the act of US and Britain almost every day, and declaring their stand and expressing thanks to the nations that stood by Myanmar.

Lu: In September 2006, the US tried to put Myanmar affairs on the UNSC agenda and the US ambassador to the UN unjustly made slanderous accusations against Myanmar. The 1081 delegates of the National Convention representing various national races and all walks of life unanimously condemned and opposed the evil act of the US.

Grandpa: NLD issued an announcement supporting the draft resolution which was killed by the double veto the following day on 12 January. The NLD ignored the public anger as it dared to commit an act that was against the people. Its intention was just to please the West and encourage expatriates.

Lu: In the past, politicians were quarelling with and attacking one another resulting from their ideological, political and factional prejudices. But the politicians in those days were real politicians. Most of them did not take allegiance to the external powers but they upheld some imported political ism. They were obsessed by the ism, grandpa. Politics means the State's affairs, the people's affairs. The politicians serve the interest of the nation and its people. In those days, the majority of the politicians participated in the struggle for independence at the risk of their lives. Today, the so-called politicians relying on external elements are demanding loudly that foreign countries should impose sanctions against the country to aggravate the poverty, cut the assistance and invade the country.

Grandpa: Right. The countries they rely on are old imperialists from Europe. It is the US that meddles in the world affairs today. The so-called politicians invited the imperialists and they planned to grab power as their share. They do not believe in the people's strength and they are not sure to win the public vote. They have become aloof from the people because they undermine the interest of the people.

Lu: Reliance on foreign countries is totally wrong. At a time when the old and neo-colonialists are raising their heads, reliance on them is very foolish. The so-called politicians make contact with western embassies and the western media every day. Myanmar people realize that such elements are not nationalists. They serve the other country rather than their own. They are the followers or lackeys of the imperialists.

Grandpa: You are right. I read an article about the Nobel Prize. The Nobel Prize committee refused
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USDA members who scaled Mount Phonyin honoured

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Jan — USDA members who scaled Ice-Capped Mount Phonyin in Putao District, Kachin State, were honoured on 28 January in Mandalay.

The USDA members climbed up the ice-capped mountain which is 14,100ft high, from 15 to 24 January.

At the ceremony to honour the climbers held at Mandalay Division USDA Office, Patron of Mandalay Division Union Solidarity and Development Association Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace

and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw and Secretariat Member of USDA Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw presented the gifts to the climbers.

Next, Leader of the climbing team Dr Khin Maung, who is also Secretary of Myanmar Trekking and Mountaineering Federation, recounted the mountaineering experiences.

The climbing team also scaled the 11,500-foot high Iced Mount Phonkanrazi last year. — MNA

Foreign Affairs Minister arrives back from Sri Lanka

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Jan — A Myanmar delegation led by Foreign Affairs Minister U Nyan Win arrived back here today after paying a goodwill visit to Sri Lanka.

At the invitation of Mr Mangala Samaraweera, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, the delegation visited Sri Lanka from 25 to 28 January.

During his stay in Colombo, Sri Lanka, Minister U Nyan Win held talks with his counterpart Mr Mangala Samaraweera on 25 January and discussed matters related to further strengthening of bilateral relations and



Foreign Affairs Minister U Nyan Win being welcomed by President of Sri Lanka Mahinda Rajapaksa in Colombo. — MOFA

cooperation between Myanmar and Sri Lanka. During the talks, the two ministers identified possible areas of cooperation between the

two countries and agreed to activate the Joint Commission which was established between the two countries in 1996.

During his visit

in Sri Lanka, Minister U Nyan Win paid a courtesy call on Hon Ratnasiri Wickramanayaka, Prime Minister of Sri Lanka, and Mahinda Rajapaksa, President of Sri Lanka.

Minister U Nyan Win also visited the Myanmar Embassy in Colombo and met with staff of the embassy on 28 January.

Members of the delegation U Nyan Lynn, Director-General of Political Department, U Kyaw Tin, Director, Political Department and U Win Zeyar Tun, Assistant Director and Daw Cho Cho Soe, Head of Branch-1 of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs also arrived back on the same flight. — MNA



Foreign Affairs Minister U Nyan Win being welcomed by Prime Minister of Sri Lanka Mr Ratnasiri Wickramanayaka.

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The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago.

Second best time is now.

People of Pale, Yinmabin and Salingyi Regions and Pontaung-Ponnya region...

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Lt-Gen Ye Myint instructed officials to complete the tasks of the project on schedule and priority to be given to worksite safety.

In Pale, they inspected Win Thuza Shop and Women's Vocational Training School.

While in Yinmabin Township, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party looked into sinking of wells and supply of water to farmlands.

The lake and 99 artesian wells supplied 5,145 acres of monsoon paddy and 650 acres of summer paddy in 2006-07.

At Yinmabin Women's Vocational Training School, they viewed practical skills of the trainees. At the school, Lt-Gen Ye Myint met with departmental officials of Pale, Yinmabin and Salingyi Townships, social organizations and local people.

The commander and officials reported on development of the townships.

In his address, Lt-Gen Ye Myint said that the Government had constructed Pakokku-Monywa Road, Monywa-Yagyi-Kalewa road, Kalay-Gangaw-Kyaw-Yemyetni-Pakokku railroad through Ponnyataung Tunnel for development of the western part of Chindwin and Ayeyawady Rivers. As a result, people of Pale, Yinmabin and Salingyi regions and Pontaung-Ponnya regions enjoy fruitful results of social and economic sectors. Hence, all are to maintain the roads, dams and bridges for their durability. Furthermore, he stressed the need to extend cultivation of paddy, pea, wheat, sunflower and industrial crops to meet the target.

While in Yinmabin, Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspected Win Thuza Shop.

Next, they proceeded to Monywa and inspected the strand road. — MNA

Two innocent people wounded in mine explosions in Kyaukkyi Township

YANGON, 31 Jan — Insurgents are disturbing stability and tranquillity of the country, prevalence of law and order, and security of the people by using various ways and means.

On 26 and 27 January, two innocent people were wounded in explosion of mines planted by insurgents in Kyaukkyi Township of Bago Division.

At noon on 26 January, Saw Than Win, 35, of Phohtaung Village-tract in Kyaukkyi Township, on his way home after cutting bamboo in the forest, stepped on a mine planted by insurgents, at Migyaung Village-tract. Due to the mine blast, he lost his left foot.

Likewise, Maung Chan Myae, 21, of Ward 5 in Mone region of Kyaukkyi Township, trod on a mine of insurgents while cutting wood in Taungkhabyat Forest near Kawpyin Village at 11 am on 27 January. In the incident, he was injured at the right calf.

Saw Than Win and Maung Chan Myae are undergoing medical treatment at Mone Station Hospital, and necessary assistance was provided for them.

Officials concerned in cooperation with the local people are making efforts to seize those insurgents who planted mines. — MNA

Demonstrations staged two days...

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A leaflet with a heading "Democracy leader" addressed to the US citizens said that the US citizens and Myanmar citizens were having friendly relations, but the US government attempted to put Myanmar's internal affairs on the UNSC agenda to make a decision; that it was an amazing and disappointing act; that Myanmar had never made atomic threats, terrorist threats, military threats and any other threats; and that the US felt uneasy as it had failed to install a puppet government in Myanmar.

A banner says, "Better push your Bush into the bush; then you will all have less enemies."

Regarding the two-day demonstrations that took place in front of the two embassies, **people are now expressing their stance saying that those who staged the protests might be some of the people with nationalistic fervour who could no longer tolerate the continuous hegemonic acts of the US and Britain over Myanmar and the repeated insults to the nation and the people;**

that they said that protesters' claims and stances were in harmony with the State's policies and people's desire;

that the protests were staged in a peaceful manner within the frame of community peace and prevalence of law and order, and so the protests deserved welcome of everyone who wanted to serve the national interest;

that they would never accept any destructive acts that were against the people's desire and national interests;

that the events reflected the dynamism of patriotic spirit of the people who had lost their patience with alien instigation; and that such demonstrations had to be staged to respond to the unjust acts of the US and Britain.—MNA

Stance and opinion of people Warnings to Governments of the United States and Britain to stop their hegemonic acts

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- ❑ **Protests are staged in a peaceful manner within the frame of community peace and prevalence of law and order, and so the protests deserve welcome of everyone who wants to serve the national interest. The people will never accept any destructive acts that are against the people's desire and national interests;**
- ❑ **The events reflect the dynamism of patriotic spirit of the people who have lost their patience with alien instigation; and**
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Gas-fuelled power stations plan for full supply



Minister Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint inspects Thakayta Power Station.—MNA

YANGON, 31 Jan — Minister for Electric Power No 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint inspected Thakayta, Hlawga and Ywama power stations here yesterday and attended to the needs for the stations to run at full capacity.

On his inspection tour of Thakayta Power Station, the minister called for the timely completion of the replacement of machinery at the station to ensure the running of the station at full capacity.

At Hlawga Power Station, Minister Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint inspected the installing system of pipelines and refinement of natural gas supplied to the station.

At Ywama Power Station, the minister met with officials of the station and heard reports on arrangements for refinement of natural gas and supply of gas to the station. He gave instructions on extended supply of power to Yangon. Minister Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint went to the natural gas store/distribution station (Ywama) of Ministry of Energy where Engineer In-charge U Ye Myint reported to him on the installing system of gas pipelines linking offshore and inland gas fields. After hearing reports, the minister and party inspected the supply of natural gas to power stations.

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Is that so Maung Ka Lu?...

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several times to award the Prize to Mahatma Gandhi who struggled to regain independence of India through peaceful means. The prize was given to those who were to be used by the West. I think you have read it.

Lu: Yes, of course, Grandpa.

Grandpa: There was CIA involvement in presentation of Nobel prizes. Those who will be used by the West were awarded the prizes. Do you notice what happened to the Nobel laureates finally?

Lu: Tell me, please.

Grandpa: Lef Lesamady, a shipyard engineer and leader of uprising group, who tried to overthrow the government of Poland, has now been removed. After former President of the Soviet Union Mr Gorbachev had received the Nobel Prize, the Soviet Union collapsed. He no longer achieved success as a politician. Alexandr Solzhenitsyn, a Nobel Prize winner in literature lived in obscurity surviving on assistance of CIA. Palestine leader Yasser Arafat signed the 1993 Palestine-Israel Peace Agreement to the liking of US President Clinton. Later, he faced the US hostility and died in a hospital in France. The reason for the cause of his death was not recorded. Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin who signed the Peace Agreement was shot dead by an extremist in 1995. Separatist leader, a minister in exile of East Timor, was removed from the cabinet. Nobel peace laureate Desmond Tu Tu of South Africa did not serve the interest of Black people in his country. He carried out the tasks assigned by CIA. There are many such cases. CIA installed Ngo Dinh Diem of South Vietnam as president. When the people did not support him, CIA made the army, stooge of CIA, seize the power. He was shot dead in the downtown area. Such incidents were many.

Lu: In the final day of the axe-handles is that the handle will decay and break into pieces. If it is no longer useful, it becomes firewood and is to be burnt. An axe is a useful tool of a timber thief. The thief posing as a woodcutter carries a chopper in his hand but hides the axe without the handle in his bag to outwit the forsters. When no one is around he finds a suitable branch and uses it as the axe handle. Then he chops trees of his choice with the use of the axe. However, in the end, all axe-handles end up as firewood.

Grandpa: Is that so Maung Ka Lu?

Lu: It's more than that.

(Translation: ST+TMT+NY)

Chinese delegation calls on Information Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan



Information Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan receives Mr Cai Mingzhao, Deputy Director (Deputy Head of Department) of State Council Information Department of China, and party. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Jan — Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan received a Chinese delegation led by State Council Information Department Deputy Director (Deputy Head of Department) Mr Cai Mingzhao of the People's Republic of China at his office here this afternoon.

They were in Myanmar to promote cooperation and friendship in the information sector.

Also present at the call were managing directors, deputy directors-general, general managers and responsible personnel under the ministry.

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Mayor inspects progress in repaving Thanthuma Road

YANGON, 31 Jan — Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin accompanied by officials this morning inspected repaving of asphalt concrete on Thanthuma Road from Pyidaungsu Overpass to the junction of the roads to Dagon Myothit (South) and (North) Townships and gave necessary instructions.

Next, the mayor and party proceeded to Panchankyaung Street, Ward 13, Hline Township. Head of Parks and Playgrounds Department U Nyunt Pe and officials reported on construction of two football grounds and two lakes and growing of flower plants for public relaxation.

The Mayor gave necessary instructions.

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22nd Gem and Jade Sales continue

YANGON, 31 Jan — Union of Myanmar Economic Holdings Limited continued the 22nd Gem and Jade Sales for 2007 for the second day at Myanma Gem Mart on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road here this morning.

Managing Director Maj-Gen Win Than of Union of Myanmar Economic Holdings Limited, members of the board of directors and responsible personnel visited the gem mart. A total of 506 local merchants and 288 foreign ones visited the gem mart and observed lots of gem and jade

today.

Gems and jade will be put on display at the gem mart until 1 February.

Sales of gems and jade will be opened on 2 February.

Gems and jade will be

sold through bargain and competitive bidding until 3 February.

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

Pagoda No 1500-A consecrated

YANGON, 31 Jan — An ancient pagoda No 1500-A in Bagan Archaeological Region was consecrated on 28 February.

The pagoda was renovated with the contribution of Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint and wife Daw Khin Pyone and family.

At the renovation ceremony, the minister and family donated offertories to members of the Sangha and shared merits gained.

So far, 1,175 pagodas have been renovated with the donations of the State and the people.

Ministry of Culture has invited wellwishers to contribute to the renovation and to contact Ph 067-408032, 067-408038, 408040, 061-60269, 02-39156, 36365, 01-512137, 515074.

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Aye Chan Aung Myin Pagoda to be built

YANGON, 31 Jan — A stake-driving ceremony for building a 27-cubit-high pagoda to be named Aye Chan Aung Myin will be held under the patronage of Abbot Bhaddanta Janapati (Dhammacariya) along with the presenting of donations at Yadana Kangyi Pariyatti monastery on Strand Road in Anauk Ward, Insein Township, Yangon North District, at 8 am on 4 February.

The wellwishers are to attend the ceremony without fail. — MNA

Htamanei served to pilgrims

YANGON, 31 Jan — The 10th ceremony of the Shwe Phone Pwint Pagoda to serve the pilgrims with Htamanei (traditional delicacy) in charity was held at the new Dhammayon (prayer hall) of the pagoda in Pazundaung Township, here, at 3 pm today.

Altogether 150 large pans of Htamanei contributed by the wellwishers were served to the pilgrims from far and near till 7 pm. — MNA

Myanmar Info-Tech Corporation Limited to hold annual meeting

YANGON, 31 Jan — Myanmar Info-Tech Corporation Limited will hold its fifth annual general meeting for 2005-2006 fiscal year at Myanmar Info-Tech Conference Hall on University of Hline Campus at 9.30 am of 2 February 2007.

All share-holders are to attend the meeting without fail. The public will have access to buy one share K 1,000.

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All this needs to be known

- * Do not be frightened whenever intimidated
- * Do not be bolstered whenever flattered
- * Do not be softened whenever appeased



Dancers perform during the opening ceremony of the Sixth Asian Winter Games in Changchun, northeastern China's Jilin Province, on 28 Jan, 2007.

INTERNET

Ban proposes structural reforms to UN peacekeeping, disarmament moves

UNITED NATIONS, 31 Jan — UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon has proposed structural reforms to the world body's peacekeeping and disarmament operations, according to a UN letter issued on Tuesday.

In the letter, which was dated on 26 January and addressed to Sheikh Haya Al Khalifa of Bahrain, president of the 61st General Assembly, Ban proposed splitting the UN peacekeeping functions and downgrading the current disarmament department.

Ban said the reforms were aimed at "strengthening the United Nations peace and security operations, including advancing the disarmament agenda".

According to the

plan, the Department of Peacekeeping Operations will be realigned into two departments: a Department of Peace Operations and a Department of Field Support.

Each of the new departments will be headed by a UN Under-secretary General.

The Department for Disarmament Affairs, currently led by a Under-secretary General, will be downgraded to the Office for Disarmament Affairs, led by a special representative of the

Secretary-General.

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A young 'Joaldunak' carnival reveller wearing big copper bells on his back and carrying a horse tail dances during a traditional carnival celebration in Ituren, in the northern Spanish region of Navarra, on 30 Jan, 2007.—INTERNET

Experts call for monitoring of cats, dogs for H5N1

JAKARTA, 31 Jan — The discovery of avian influenza in cats and dogs has heightened concerns about a virus that experts had thought was basically infecting chickens, ducks and other fowl.

Health experts have called for closer monitoring of the H5N1 virus in domestic animals after Indonesian scientists detected it in stray cats near poultry markets in some parts of the country.

They worry that if the virus adapts to mammals it could more easily spread among people.

A survey by Chairul Anwar Nidom, a scientist at Airlangga University in Surabaya, found H5N1 antibodies in 20 per cent of 500 stray cats near poultry markets in four areas in

Java, including Jakarta, and one area in Sumatra where there had been recent human H5N1 cases or outbreaks of the disease in poultry. The survey said the findings suggested the cats had probably been infected because they ate infected poultry.

In another case, Gusti Ngurah Mahardika, a virologist at Udayana University, surveyed pigs and domestic animals in Bali between September and December last year and found the virus in two dogs and a cat. Although

the cases in cats and dogs are not widespread, scientists are concerned.

Lo Winglok, an infectious disease expert in Hong Kong, said it's bad news whenever the H5N1 jumps species.

"With more species of mammals infected, that could be a sign that the virus is mutating to adapt to mammalian hosts. If they are adapting to mammals, they could be on the way to adapting to humans, to become a human virus," Lo warned.

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ASEAN promoting region as single tourist destination

SINGAPORE, 31 Jan — To promote the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) as a single tourist destination, member countries need to open skies, build up single-visa regime and improve infrastructure, Singapore's Senior Minister Goh Chok Tong said here on Tuesday.

He made the appeal at the opening ceremony of the 26th ASEAN Tourism Forum (ATF), which is hosted by Singapore for the third time after 1994, 1999.

ASEAN should also engage dialogue partners like China, Japan, South Korea, India and Russia, in tourism cooperation, as well as deal with transnational issues such as terrorism, avian flu and tsunami, he added.

The nine-day tourism forum from 26 January to 3 February, carrying the

theme "Embracing ASEAN's Past and Together Shaping the Region's Future", is attended by more than 1,600 participants who include ASEAN tourism ministers, heads of national tourism organizations and industry players from Asia and other regions.

In conjunction with the forum, the 10th Meeting of ASEAN Tourism Ministers was held on Monday. The ministers emphasized the need to hasten ASEAN

tourism integration so as to strengthen ASEAN's appeal as a single destination.

ASEAN groups Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.

Last year, ASEAN attracted more than 56 million visitors, posting an 8-per-cent growth over 2005 while intra-ASEAN travel accounted for 49 per cent of total visitor arrivals.

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Blair's chief party fundraiser arrested again

LONDON, 31 Jan — The top fundraiser for British Prime Minister Tony Blair's Labour Party was arrested on Tuesday on suspicion of conspiracy to pervert the course of justice, a police source said.

Labour fundraiser Lord Michael Levy was arrested when he returned to a London police station for a bail hearing in connection with alleged offences in a loans-for-favours scandal following his first arrest last year.

Police said in a statement a man had been arrested and bailed pending further inquiries.

A source close to the investigation confirmed that Levy had had a pre-arranged meeting with police on Tuesday.

Levy denies all allegations against him, a spokesman said. Levy was arrested in July 2006 as part of a police investigation into a long-simmering party funding scandal that has hurt Blair amid a series of sleaze and mismanagement allegations surrounding members of his Cabinet.

Blair in December 2005 became the first Prime Minister since David Lloyd George in the 1920s to be interviewed by police in a cash-for-honours probe.

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A man wearing a horse mask to promote a musician walks in Tokyo's Harajuku district on 28 Jan, 2007.—INTERNET



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S Korea to offer job opportunities to Nepalis

KATHMANDU, 30 Jan—South Korea will provide job opportunities to Nepali workers once the country's Employment Permit System comes into effect, visiting senior Korean officials said here Sunday.

Visiting South Korean Labour Minister Lee Sang Soo assured that Nepalis would be given job opportunities in the Korean labour market when meeting with his Nepali counterpart Ramesh Lekhak on Sunday.

A formal agreement regarding the issue would be officially signed in early March, local media group's website eKantipur reported, quoting Nepali State Minister for Labour Lekhak

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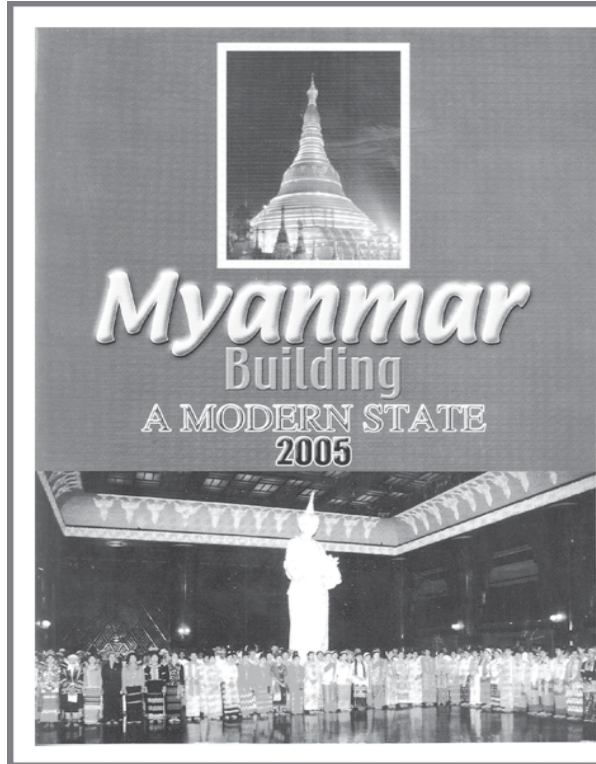
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Malaysia to import cattle from China

KUALA LUMPUR, 30 Jan—Malaysia will soon import young cattle from China to boost the country's meat production industry, local Press reported Monday.

The Agriculture and Agro-based Industry Ministry has reached an agreement with suppliers from China and the import will start soon, the ministry's Director-General Zulkifli Idris said.

The move is to supplement supply from traditional sources of cattle for livestock farming, such as Australia, Zulkifli told reporters Sunday in Kuantan, Pahang State. He said the Chinese yellow cattle breed would be cheaper and easier to rear compared with those imported from other countries, the *New Straits Times* reported.—MNA/Xinhua



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Vietnam, India cooperate in cashew exports

HANOI, 30 Jan—Vietnam and India, two of the world's three biggest cashew exporters, have established an alliance to promote global cashew consumption, local newspaper *Vietnam Investment Reviews* reported Monday.

The alliance between the Vietnam Cashew Association and the Cashew Export Promotion Council of India will promote indirect consumption of cashew nuts, such as ingredient in candies, baked confectionaries, and other foodstuffs. The two agencies have also invited the Association of the Cashew Producers of Brazil, the third leading cashew producer, to join the alliance by 30 April.

Through the alliance, the three countries will help increase cashew consumption in the world, and promote the cashew sector, Chairman of the Vietnam Cashew Association Pham Van Bien said, noting that they will also work to set up a system for regular information exchanges among the associations.

Vietnam shipped abroad 127,000 tons of cashew nuts valued at 505 million US dollars in 2006, posting respective year-on-year rises of 16.5 per cent and 0.6 per cent.

MNA/Xinhua

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A poster reading, "These premises are now non-smoking" is posted on the door of a high school in Paris. France, home to a lively tobacco-scented cafe culture, this week moves to enforce a ban on smoking in public places that will extend to embrace bars, restaurants and cafes next year. —XINHUA

Zambian newspaper hails bilateral relations with China

LUSAKA, 30 Jan — Zambia and China have enjoyed good diplomatic relations for about 43 years, during which the former has greatly benefited from the highly industrialized country, said Zambia's *Sunday Mail* in a feature looking at the fruitage of the friendship between the two countries.

The forthcoming visit to Zambia by Chinese President Hu Jintao dawns hope of China's renewed commitment to the aid package to Zambia and other African countries, it said.

During the visit Zambia would want to position itself to benefit from one of the five trade and economic cooperation zones that China would

establish in Africa in the next three years, it said.

The visit must be a culmination of the closed-door meeting between Hu and Zambian President Levy Mwanawasa last November during the Beijing summit of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation, it said.

The feature reviewed the commitments the

Chinese Government made during the summit to Zambia and Africa as a whole, the cooperation between Zambia and China, and Chinese assistance to Zambia.

Apart from the fruitful economic cooperation the two countries enjoy each other's political support at international fora, said the feature. — MNA/Xinhua

Venezuelan President agrees to raise gasoline price

CARACAS, 30 Jan — Venezuela's President Hugo Chavez said on Sunday that he had agreed to increase gasoline price from 3 US cents to less than 5 US cents a litre, which is still the cheapest in the world.

Chavez said the plan to increase gasoline prices would not affect the cost of living, because the price had not been raised in the last eight years.

He also rejected opposition warning that the increase could trigger a wave of protests and looting.

He said that he would reduce the fares of subways and trains and add modern and comfortable public buses to encourage people to use public transport.

He also announced a plan to eliminate vehicles that used gasoline in favour of vehicles that use natural gas, saying that "one day, all vehicles will run on gas".

An earlier version of this project had been sabotaged by the US-owned multinational corporations, the President said, adding that Venezuela cannot continue wasting petrol.

MNA/Xinhua

World leaders urged to act on global warming study

PARIS, 30 Jan — World governments should take heed of the most wide-

ranging scientific assessment so far of a human link to global warming and

agree prompt action to slow the trend, the chairman of a UN climate

report said on Monday.

A draft of the report, due for release on Friday, projects a big rise in temperatures this century and warns of more heatwaves, floods, droughts and rising sea levels linked to greenhouse gases, released mainly by the use of fossil fuels.

"I hope policies and action will be formed to address the problem," Rajendra Pachauri, chairman of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), told reporters.

"I think, based on the awareness that is growing very rapidly in every part of the globe, you will see a certain political resolve developing." Governments and scientists began a final review of the IPCC draft in Paris on Monday before its release on 2 February.

The report draws on research by 2,500 scientists from more than 130 countries and has taken six years to compile. It is unlikely there will be major changes between the draft and the final conclusions, according to diplomatic sources.

Thirty-five industrial nations have signed up to the United Nations' Kyoto Protocol, capping emissions of carbon dioxide.

MNA/Reuters



A worker in a protective suit prepares to spray antiseptic at a poultry farm in Takahashi in Okayama prefecture, western Japan, on 28 Jan, 2007. A new outbreak of bird flu is suspected in Japan after 23 birds died at a poultry farm in the southwestern prefecture of Miyazaki. —INTERNET



Traffic queues on the elevated section of the A4, one of the main approach roads into London. Municipal councillors in an affluent London suburb have voted to introduce controversial residential parking charges that penalise the most polluting cars, the local authority said recently. —INTERNET

Missouri man, 84, wins \$254m US lottery

CHICAGO, 30 Jan — An 84-year-old retired electrician from Missouri has won 254 million US dollars in the Powerball lottery, lottery officials announced on Monday.

James Wilson, a World War Two veteran from St Louis, bought the winning ticket for the multi-state lottery about an hour before the drawing on January 24, officials said in a statement in Missouri.

Wilson asked for a 5-US-dollar ticket at a store

shortly before the drawing, and the clerk mentioned that the shop had some 5-US-dollar Powerball "Quick Pick" tickets with computer-selected numbers already printed, the statement said.

Wilson agreed and took the next ticket, which turned out to be the single winner.

The state lottery said it was the 10th biggest lottery jackpot in the world ever won on a single ticket.

MNA/Reuters

SPORTS

Kilmarnock crush Falkirk 3-0 in Cup with Naismith treble

GLASGOW, 31 Jan— Kilmarnock hammered Falkirk 3-0 in their Scottish League Cup semifinal clash with a Steve Naismith hat-trick at Motherwell's Fir Park on Tuesday.

They meet the winners of Wednesday's tussle between St. Johnstone (II) and Hibernian in the final at Hampden on Sunday, 18 March.

Naismith scored the opener on 30 minutes after collecting a flick on from Colin Nish to bury a 15-metre shot into the bottom right.

He then volleyed a superb second after 71 minutes from the edge of the box as Falkirk keeper Kasper Schmeichel started to come for the ball, then retreated and could only manage a hand on the shot.

Naismith wrapped up the tie with a penalty six minutes later after he'd been brought down by defender Kenny Milne. —MNA/Reuters

Ronaldo moves to AC Milan from Real Madrid

ROME, 31 Jan— Real Madrid striker Ronaldo has joined Italian Serie A side AC Milan, it was announced here on Tuesday.

The 30-year-old Brazilian, a three-time FIFA World Player of the Year, returned to Italy on a 7.5-million-euro (9.73-million-US-dollar) deal.

Milan striker Ricardo Oliveira will move to Madrid on loan as part of the deal, the club said.

Ronaldo agreed to personal terms with Milan and on Friday passed a medical test in the Italian city, where he spent five years with Inter Milan. — MNA/Xinhua



China's Zhang Tong battles the ball with Lori Chalupny of United States during the Four Nation Women's Tournament 2007 in China's southern city, Guangzhou on 30 Jan, 2007. United States won the tournament after defeating China 2-0.—INTERNET

Wang Fei grabs opening gold at Asian Winter Games

CHANGCHUN (Northeast China), 30 Jan — Wang Fei pulled off the opening victory in the women's 3,000m speedskating for China at the 6th Asian Winter Games here on Monday.

In the battle vying for the first gold of the Games, newly-crowned Asian all-round champion Wang, among the last two to compete, clocked four minutes and 13.08 seconds to win the title, beating the previous Asian record of 4:15.86 set by Japanese Nani Nemoto in 2005.

The 24-year-old from neighbouring Heilongjiang Province contributed her victory partly to the familiar home speed skating rink.— MNA/Xinhua



Formula One Super Aguri driver Takuma Sato, from Japan, leads on French Toyota driver Frank Montagni during a training session at the Ricardo Tormo racetrack in Cheste, near Valencia, Spain, on 30 Jan, 2007.—INTERNET

Sochaux, PSG reach Cup quarterfinals

PARIS, 31 Jan— Troubled Paris Saint-Germain reached the French Cup quarterfinals on Tuesday courtesy of an error by Valenciennes goalkeeper Nicolas Penneteau.

Uruguayan striker Cristian Rodriguez was the lucky scorer in the 55th minute. The result boosts the Paris club, who have not won in their last 11 league games and were defeated at home by Valenciennes in a Ligue 1 match on 13 January.

Earlier in the day, Sochaux cruised into the last eight with a 2-0 win at Ligue 1 rivals Monaco.

Romain Pitau scored the opening goal in the 28th minute with a 20-metre shot into the far corner.

Sochaux, whose only Cup triumph was in 1937, sealed victory in the 64th minute with a header by Anthony Le Tallec, who had just come off the bench.

The surprise of the day came when Ligue 2 side Montpellier were ousted by third division Vannes after extra time. Jerome Lebouc and Cedric Rjillo scored

in the 100th and 102nd minutes.

Ligue 1 Sedan came back from behind to win 2-1 at Libourne Saint-Seurin, who were promoted to Ligue 2 at the end of last season and have a reputation as Cup giantkillers. —MNA/Reuters



Washington Wizards' Antonio Daniels (L) battles for a rebound with Detroit Pistons' Dale Davis during their NBA basketball game in Washington on 30 Jan, 2007.—INTERNET

Deportivo defender Arbeloa to sign for Liverpool

MADRID, 31 Jan— Deportivo Coruna have agreed to sell defender Alvaro Arbeloa to Liverpool, the Primera Liga side said on Tuesday.

"It's a good option for the club and I'm sure they'll sell him for more than they bought him for five months ago," Deportivo coach Joaquin Caparros told a news conference.

Spanish media reported

Liverpool would pay four million euros (5.18 million US dollars) for the 24-year-old who joined Depor from Real Madrid for about 1.3 million at the start of the season.

"I'm as surprised as everyone," Arbeloa told reporters. "It looks like a good move for me and Depor especially as they are going to get double what they paid for me."

Arbeloa will join fellow Spaniards Pepe Reina, Luis Garcia, Xabi Alonso and Miki Roque at Liverpool where he will be coached by fellow countryman Rafa Benitez. —MNA/Reuters

Chinese Olympic champion mulls retirement

JILIN (Northeast China,) 30 Jan— Chinese freestyle skiing men's aerials Olympic champion Han Xiaopeng has considered retiring after the 2010 Winter Olympic Games. "I may retire after the Vancouver Games," Han told Xinhua on Monday, three days before the men's aerials competition of the sixth Asian Winter Games.

"Aerials athletes can have a long career, because it is a sport that requires more skills than physical strength. However, it is also a very dangerous sport. It's very easy to get injured," Han added. "I think I will not do it too long." — MNA/Xinhua

Dauids goes home to Ajax

LONDON, 31 Jan— Dutch midfielder Edgar Davids has rejoined Ajax Amsterdam on an 18-month contract from Tottenham Hotspur, the Dutch club said on Tuesday.

"Ajax have reached agreement with Tottenham Hotspur about the immediate transfer of Edgar Davids. The 33-year-old midfielder has signed a contract with Ajax through

30 June 2008," Ajax said in a statement on their website.

Dutch Press agency ANP reported on Sunday that Davids would join Ajax as a free agent.

The former Dutch international began his career at Ajax, making his debut in 1991, and went on to play 149 matches for the former European champions. Davids helped Ajax win three league titles from 1994-96 plus the UEFA Cup in 1992 and the Champions League in 1995.

A year later he joined AC Milan before switching to Juventus where he won three titles in 1998, 2002 and 2003, Barcelona and Inter Milan before moving to Spurs in 2005.

MNA/Reuters

Japanese Isa Hidenori wins men's 10km sprint

JILIN (Northeast China), 30 Jan— Japanese Isa Hidenori stormed to victory at the biathlon men's 10km sprint event of the 6th Asian Winter Games at the Beidahu ski resort on Monday. The 31-year-old Japanese veteran did not even miss one single shot before clocking 29 minutes 35.66 seconds on a windy and snowy day.

Zhang Chengye, missing four shots in all the shooting leg, finished second with a clocking of 29 minutes 43.33 seconds on back of his superb cross-country run.

MNA/Xinhua



Czech Republic's Tomas Berdych plays the ball during his match against Russia's Nikolay Davydenko at the Australian Open tennis tournament in Melbourne on 22 Jan, 2007. World number 12 Berdych will head the Czech Republic's team in their Davis Cup World Group first-round tie against the United States.—INTERNET

Hizbollah leader accuses Bush of creating chaos in Lebanon

BEIRUT, 31 Jan — Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah, leader of Lebanese Shiite group Hizbollah, Tuesday accused US President George W Bush of creating chaos in Lebanon, the Naharnet news website reported.

In an address marking the Shiite Ashoura Anniversary, Nasrallah said that Bush and his Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice had “ordered the Zionists to launch the war on Lebanon”, referring to last summer’s Israel-Hizbollah

conflict.

The remarks came one day after Bush accused Hizbollah and its allies Iran and Syria of stirring up the latest violence in Lebanon in a bid to topple its government.

“While Lebanon’s

friends seek to help the Lebanese Government build a free, sovereign, and prosperous country, Syria, Iran and Hizbollah are working to destabilize Lebanese society,” Bush said in a statement.

Nasrallah rejected

Bush’s accusation, saying that “they (Bush and Rice) are the ones plotting a new conspiracy for a civil war in Lebanon, Palestine and Iraq”.

The situation in Lebanon has been deteriorating for days as clashes broke out between Lebanese anti- and pro-government supporters.

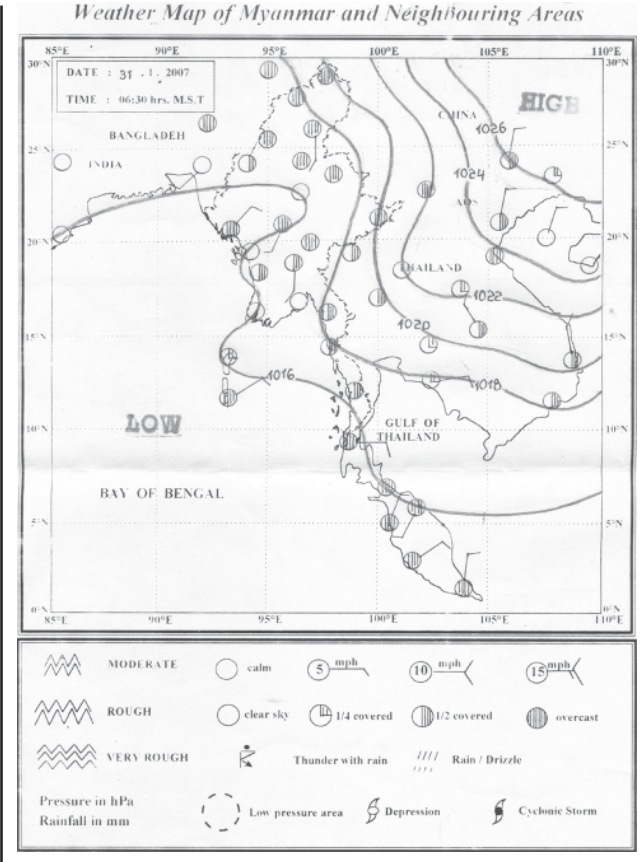
In his speech, the Shiite group leader also called for the formation of a multi-faction movement to liberate the Israeli-occupied Shebaa Farms.

He said, there should be a “sole national resistance (movement) to liberate our national land ... the state is responsible for protecting the borders”.

MNA/Xinhua



Germany’s Alois Vogl drops out of the race during the first run of an Alpine skiing men’s World Cup slalom race, in Schladming, Austria, on Tuesday, 30 Jan, 2007. — INTERNET



WEATHER

Wednesday, 31 January, 2007
Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, light rain have been isolated in Kachin State and upper Sagaing Division, weather has been generally fair in the remaining areas. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below normal in Chin, Kayin and Mon States and Taninthayi Division, (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Mandalay and Bago Divisions, (5°C) to (6°C) above normal in Kachin and Shan States and about normal in the remaining states and divisions. The significant night temperature was Pinlaung (4°C). The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded was Hkamti (0.04) inch.

Maximum temperature on 30-1-2007 was 91°F. Minimum temperature on 31-1-2007 was 64°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 31-1-2007 was 82%. Total sunshine hours on 30-1-2007 was (7.7) hours approx.

Rainfalls on 31-1-2007 were (nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2007 were (nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (6) mph from Southeast at (10:20) hours MST on 30-1-2007.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 1-2-2007: Possibility of isolated light rain in Kachin State and upper Sagaing Division, weather will be partly cloudy in Chin, Rakhine and Kayin States, Bago and Yangon Divisions and generally fair in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty (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) mph. Seas will be slight elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Continuation of increase of night temperatures are likely in the upper Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 1-2-2007: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 1-2-2007: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 1-2-2007: Partly cloudy.



Thursday, 1 February Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music:
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music:
-Hit by love
- 8:50 am National news/
Slogan
- 9:00 am Music:
-Baby come back
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music:
-The reflex
- 1:30 pm News / Slogan
- 1:40 pm Lunch time music:
-Love is on the way
-Baby come to me
-You to me are everything
-The girl
- 9:00 pm Aspects of Myanmar
- 9:10 pm Article
- 9:20 pm Pourri
- 9:30 pm Favourite songs chosen by music lovers
- 9:45 pm News / Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL



Thursday, 1 February View on today

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| <p>7:00 am</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ကျေးဇူးရှင် မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော် သံဃမဟာ နာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ရွက်၊ အဘိဓမ္မဟာရဋ္ဌာရုံ၊ အဘိဓမ္မဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မဇာတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော်ဘဒ္ဒန္တ ဝိစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော် 7:15 am 2. တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ အဂ္ဂမဟာပဏ္ဍိတ၊ ဘဒ္ဒန္တသိရိန္ဒာဘိဝံသ (ယောဆရာတော်) ဟောကြားတော် မူအပ်သော ဥပ္ပါတသန္တိပါဠိတော် 7:30 am 3. Morning news 7:40 am 4. Nice and sweet song 7:50 am 5. Dance of national races 8:00 am 6. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ | <p>8:10 am</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Dance variety 8:30 am 8. ယာကြီးရေထိန်းတံခါး 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. Musical programme 4:45 pm 4. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ ပထမနှစ် (ပထဝီဝင်အထူးပြု) (ပထဝီဝင်) 5:00 pm 5. Cute little dancers 5:15 pm 6. “အားဆေး” (မိုးဒီ၊ ဇော်ထက်အောင်၊ ဆောင်းအိန္ဒြေထွန်း) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-စောစန္ဒာလှိုင်) 5:20 pm 7. ကြယ်ပွင့်များရဲ့ ရင်ခုန်သံ | <p>5:30 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 8. သီတဂူဆရာတော် အရှင် ဉာဏိဿရ၏ တပို့တွဲလပြည့် သြဝါဒ ပါတိမောက် အခါတော်နေ့ တရားတော် 6:00 pm 9. Evening news 6:30 pm 10. Weather report 6:35 pm 11. သီရိဂေဟာ 7:00 pm 12. Discovery 7:10 pm 13. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “အချစ်ဆိုသည်မှာ” (အပိုင်း-၁၈) 8:00 pm 14. News 15. International news 16. Weather report 17. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “အကြင်နာဇွဲဦး” (အပိုင်း-၈) 18. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး ဦးဝိစိတ္တသာရာ ဘိဝံသ၏ အရပ်ဆယ်မျက်နှာ ဓမ္မတာဘာဝနာ ပွားများခြင်း တရားတော် 19. The next day's programme |
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Demonstrations staged two days in a row outside US, British embassies

People can no longer tolerate attempts to interfere in Myanmar's internal affairs

Reflecting people's desire and stance, neo-colonialists warned to end hegemonic acts

YANGON, 31 Jan—Two demonstrations took place simultaneously in front of the embassies of the United States of America (USA) and Great Britain at about 11 am yesterday.

Some witnesses said that at about 11 am, a procession of about 30 people with two or three persons abreast came from Maha Bandoola Park Street and marched towards the US embassy along Merchant Street; that some of them were holding placards carrying some English words; that after walking past the embassy, the demonstrators turned back and dropped the placards and leaflets in front of the embassy and dispersed quickly; that they did not shout anything; and that a staff member and a security guard of the US embassy picked up the placards and leaflets.

Similarly, some other witnesses said that at about 11 am, a group of nearly 40 people took to Strand Road from the direction of the Strand Hotel and marched towards the British embassy; that some of them were holding placards bearing English words; that they were seen dropping the placards and leaflets in front of the embassy; and that they dispersed beyond the embassy.

Two more protests also occurred in front of the two embassies at 3 pm today.

In one incident about 40 people with banners condemning the US and Britain came from the junction of Merchant Street and Sule Pagoda Road and marched to the US embassy. They walked past the embassy back and forth several times and dropped the placards and leaflets and dispersed.

In another demonstration, a group of nearly 30 people with placards opposing the US and Britain came from the direction of General Post Office along Strand Road and walked past the British embassy to and fro in protest. They left the placards and leaflets in front of the embassy and dispersed.

The banners and leaflets said "Don't use the United Nations Security Council as a tool to interfere in Myanmar's internal affairs", "Don't tarnish the image of Myanmar", "Down with the hegemony of the US and Britain", "Down with neo-colonialism", "Myanmar's affairs is our concern" and "Down with axe-handles who want to seize power through short-cut".

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Conspiracy to interfere in Myanmar's internal affairs abortive, Sein Win of NCGUB and Maung Maung of FTUB meet in US

Saboteurs sent to the country to accelerate their terrorist activities

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Jan — The People's Republic of China and the Russian Federation objected by double veto a draft resolution submitted by the US and Britain to the UN Security Council with the intention of interfering in Myanmar's affairs.

As the draft resolution was rejected conspirators who were expatriate Sein Win of NCGUB, Maung Maung (a) Pyithit Nyunt Wai of FTUB, Kyaw Kyaw of NDD and Dr Naing Aung of FDB in the US discussed acceleration

of their terrorist activities. External anti-government organizations will provide necessary assistance for the terrorist acts.

Expatriate terrorist combined group sent Myint Zaw of ABSDF, Ye Htut and Myint Naing of NDD, Tin Moe of ALP, Myo Naing, Tin Naing, Than Zaw and Hla Tun of MLOB, Naw Bi Lwin, Wai Zin Zaw, Aye Aye and Kay Win Pwint of KWO to Bago Division and Yangon via Myawady, Kawkareik-Kyondoe-Hpa-an-Mawlamyine route to commit terrorist acts.

The expatriate operatives were enticed with a prize money of baht 10,000 for every successful terrorist act inside Myanmar.

The government is making arrangements to curb terrorist acts.

The people are urged to keep a watchful eye on terrorists and destructive elements to prevent them from infiltrating into the socio-economic atmosphere and to send information about them to authorities concerned in time.

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