

### 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

## Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects No 1 Integrated Farm, water supply facilities in Mandalay

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Feb — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw, Chairman of Mandalay City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han and officials, yesterday inspected thriving physic nut plants at No 1 Integrated Farm of MCDC in Patheingyi Township, Mandalay Division.

After inspecting physic nut plantations, Lt-Gen Ye Myint gave instructions on watering, weeding and spraying of insecticides.

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120 acres of physic nut plants are thriving at the farm.

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Next, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party viewed thriving of physic nut plants, raising of 1,000 pigs, poultry and fishes at No 1 Integrated Farm and the Breeding Farm (Yetaguntaung).

After that, Lt-Gen Ye Myint looked into producing of bio-diesel from physic nut seeds.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party proceeded to the 500,000 gallon-capacity tank and the Water Pusher No 4 construction project site where Head of MCDC's Water and Sanitation Department U Tun Kyi con-



*Lt-Gen Ye Myint of Ministry of Defence inspects thriving physic nut plants at No 1 Integrated Farm of MCDC. — MNA*

ducted them round.

Next, they inspected the chlorine factory building and installation of 110-HP water pushers and attended to the needs.

At the briefing hall,

Head of MCDC's Water and Sanitation Department U Tun Kyi reported on work being carried out for supply of more water to Mandalay City and

Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han other salient points.

After hearing the reports, Lt-Gen Ye Myint fulfilled the requirements.

The water supply factory will be able to supply drinking water to 40,000 people of 6,500 households in Mandalay City.

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- \* **Local people in Kyaukpyu and Yanbye Townships who relied on the sea for transport in the past can now travel to other states and divisions by car through Yangon-Kyaukpyu Road.**
- \* **So, it also serves as a land exit for more than 300,000 local people of 480 villages in Kyaukpyu, Yanbye Townships and Yanbye Island and they can travel by car to any other region across the nation including Yangon and Nay Pyi Taw.**

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



## PERSPECTIVES

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### Make strenuous efforts for development of industrial sector of State

The government established industrial zones in industrial towns for development of industrial sector. Scattering industries are concentrated in 18 industrial zones in various regions of the country.

Priority is being given to the greater use of locally available materials and spare parts in industries where most of the imported raw materials are used.

In the industrial zones, endeavours are being made for upgrading conventional industries to light industries and then to medium and heavy ones.

Monywa Industrial Zone manufactures spare parts for industries and irrigation, parts for vehicles, farm implements, ironware as well as personal goods.

Factories and workshops in the zones are working on production of better quality products in one place.

Production of substitute-materials for industries saves foreign exchange. It is necessary for all the national people to use home-made items for development of import substitute products.

Therefore, national industrialists in the industrial zones are to make strenuous efforts with national outlook for greater development of industries and industrial sector of the State to achieve the objective of uplifting national economic life.



*A responsible person of Myanmar Overseas Seafarers Association presents prize to a winner at 5th annual golf tournament held at Yangon City Golf Resort on 27 January and the dinner was hosted at Oasis Restaurant.— 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

### Commander inspects factories in Mawlamyine Industrial Zone

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Feb — Chairman of Mon State Peace and Development Council Commander of South-East Command Brig-Gen Thet Naing Win arrived at Phayagon Village Basic Education Primary School in Mawlamyine Township on 27 January afternoon. Mawlamyine District PDC Chairman U Maung Maung reported on construction of a two-storey school building. The commander gave necessary instructions and inspected construction work.

Next, the commander viewed the assembling of light trucks and machine parts at Shinche auto

factory in Mawlamyine Industrial Zone and left necessary instructions.

On arrival at the crumb rubber factory of Ever Flow River Manufacturing Co Ltd, the commander was briefed by Manager U Myint Oo on production process, packaging and exporting of rubber.

The commander called for boosting producing to exceed the target.

The factory produces 100 tons of rubber per year and it is arranging to produce 900 tons of rubber per year during the project season. — MNA

*Sri Lankan Ambassador to Myanmar Mr P A D Samarasekera welcomes U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs, and wife at a reception to mark 59th Anniversary of Independence Day and National Day of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka Sunday. — MNA*



### Volunteers participate in sanitation task

YANGON, 4 Feb — A voluntary sanitation to mark the 60th Anniversary Union Day which falls on 12 February 2007 took place at Theingyi Market in Pabedan Township this morning.

Vice-Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa inspected sanitation tasks.

The officials, members of different services and shopkeepers participated in the sanitation tasks in and around the market place.

At the market in-charge office of Theingyi Market Complex-B, an official



briefed the vice-mayor on the sanitation tasks carried out. Next, the vice-mayor made arrangements to fulfil the requirements of the task. — MNA

*Vice-Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa inspects sanitation task at Theingyi Market.*

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## Putin pledges effective response to US anti-missile plan

Moscow, 3 Feb — President Vladimir Putin criticized Washington's plans for an anti-missile system in Central Europe and said on Thursday Russia would come up with a "highly effective" response.

The US has proposed stationing a radar station in the Czech Republic and a battery of rockets in Poland to detect and shoot down hostile missiles, which the Pentagon says could be fired from Iran in the future.

Putin dismissed Washington's arguments about defending Europe from Iran and said the anti-missile system would "directly affect" Russia.

"Our specialists don't think that anti-missile systems in Eastern Europe are aimed against terrorists or Iran. Can you really fight terrorists with ballistic missiles?" he told a news conference in Moscow.

Iran, he said, did not possess long-range ballistic missiles, only medium-range devices.

"We are also thinking about how to ensure our

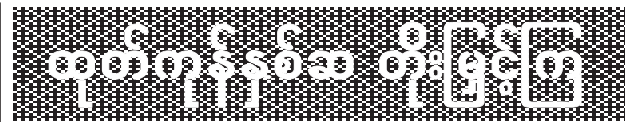
external security," Putin added. "All our responses will be asymmetric but they will be highly effective."

PutinsaidRussiaalready had systems capable of overcoming missile defences but promised a future generation of weapon on which missile defence systems "will have absolutely no effect". He did not give details.

Putin also complained

about Washington's decision last year to impose sanctions on Russian arms firms because of sales to Iran and Syria. The real motive, he said, was to stop Russian arms firms from taking business away from US rivals.

"We have taken a serious niche on the arms market in recent years and will continue to boost our position," Putin told the news conference. "I consider (the) sanctions as a sign of unfair competition." —MNA/Reuters



The carrier rocket Long March 3-A blasts off from the Xichang Satellite Launch Centre in southwest China's Sichuan Province, on 3 Feb, 2007. China successfully launched a navigation satellite aboard Long March 3-A early on Saturday, Xinhua News Agency reported. — XINHUA



Indonesian men wade through flood in Jakarta, Indonesia, on 3 Feb, 2007.

INTERNET

## Thousands stranded as floods strike Jakarta

JAKARTA, 3 Feb — Torrential rain triggered floods in the Indonesian capital on Friday, blocking roads and trapping residents in their homes as torrents of muddy water reached a depth of 2 metres (6.7 feet), police and witnesses said.

Floods during the rainy season in Indonesia

are common, but the heavy rains this week have caused chaos on roads and shut some train lines around Jakarta, police said.

"There is waist-deep water outside my building," said Rhea Chand, who works in the development sector and lives in south Jakarta.

There had been no

reports of deaths so far, but a string of major roads and flyovers in the city were closed, police said.

A major toll road leading to the airport was closed briefly and telephone lines were also down in some parts of the city of 9 million as flooding affected underground cables, officials said. — MNA/Reuters

## Malaysia vows not to bow to US pressure in FTA talks

KUALA LUMPUR, 3 Feb — Malaysian Prime Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi Friday said his country will not bow to any political pressure from the United States in the negotiations of the bilateral Free Trade Agreement (FTA).

Badawi made the remarks in Kedah State in reaction to the warning given by US House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee Chairman Tom Lantos who demanded that US

Government should cut off FTA talks with Malaysia in protest over an energy development deal signed between a Malaysian company and Iran's national oil company.

"We reject the pressure being inflicted upon us. We are a sovereign country and has our own stand," the Malaysian leader was quoted as saying by the national news agency *Bernama*. Badawi said Washington has no right to prevent Kuala Lumpur from forging trade ties with other

countries just because of the bilateral FTA.

"This is a question of business. Do not insert political matters in the talks. For this agreement, no political matter needs to be brought to the negotiating table," said Badawi.

When asked if the latest development will cast shadow on the Malaysia-US relationship, Badawi insisted his country holds the views that political matters should not be brought to business issues.

MNA/Xinhua

## Three more US soldiers killed in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 3 Feb — Three US soldiers were killed on Friday in separate incidents in the volatile western Iraq province of Anbar, the US military said.

A Marine and a sailor, assigned to MultiNational Force West died on Friday from wounds sustained due to "enemy action" while operating in the province, the military said in a statement.

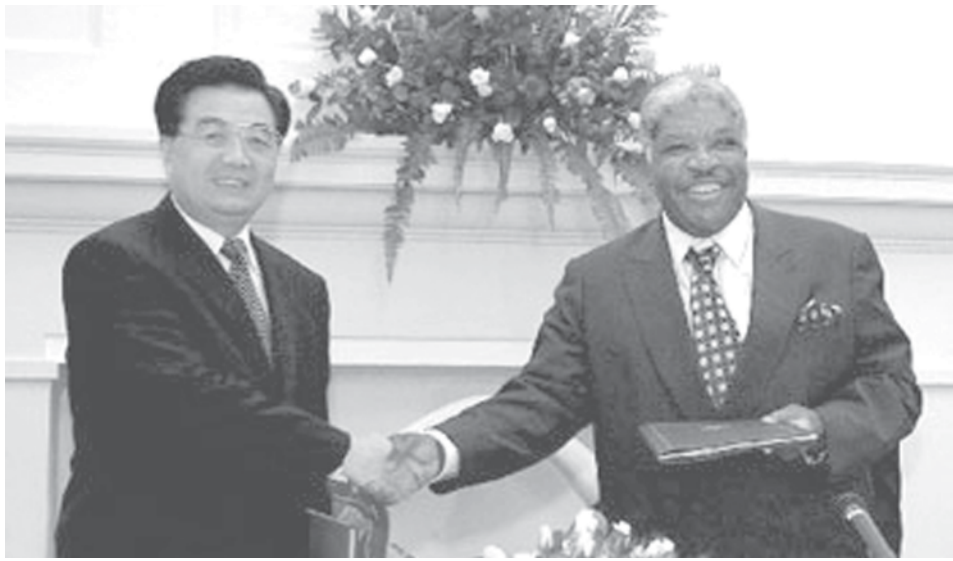
Another Marine assigned to the same unit also died on Friday from "non-hostile causes", while operating in the same province, said the statement.

Earlier on Friday, the US military also announced deaths of three US soldiers in two separate vehicle accidents on Thursday. Since the Iraq War broke out in March 2003, more than 3,090 US soldiers have been killed in Iraq, according to media count based on Pentagon figures. — MNA/Xinhua



An avian flu-affected poultry farm is seen from behind a police cordon at Holton near Halesworth in eastern England on 3 Feb, 2007. An outbreak of bird flu on a farm run by Europe's biggest turkey manufacturer Bernard Matthews has killed 2,500 birds, government officials said on Saturday. — XINHUA





Chinese President Hu Jintao shakes hands with Zambian President Levy Patrick Mwanawasa in Lusaka, capital of Zambia on 3 Feb, 2007. Hu Jintao held talks with Mwanawasa on 2 Feb, 2007 and attended a signing ceremony of the cooperative documents of the two countries.—XINHUA

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### Non-Aligned envoys tour Iran nuclear site

ISFAHAN (Iran), 4 Feb— Iran showed UN surveillance cameras to envoys from the Non-Aligned Movement of developing nations during a tour of a nuclear site on Saturday, in a bid to demonstrate openness about its atomic programme.

The six NAM diplomats, accredited to the UN nuclear watchdog, the International Atomic Energy Agency, visited the site near the central Iranian city of Isfahan that converts uranium ore

into feedstock uranium hexafluoride (UF6) gas. About 90 Iranian and foreign journalists were also shown round the site, where employees in white overalls and face masks feed uranium "yellow

cake" into a conversion line. "All these journalists can see and tell the world that Iran's activities are peaceful," Ali Asghar Soltanieh, Iran's IAEA envoy, said during the tour.

Soltanieh said the trip showed Iran's "transparency" and pointed out two IAEA cameras to monitor work in a room where UF6 is produced at the site, situated in a barren area southeast of Isfahan and surrounded by anti-aircraft guns.

MNA/Reuters

### US intelligence sees elements of Iraq "civil war"

WASHINGTON, 3 Feb — US intelligence concluded that key elements of Iraq's violence rose to the level of "civil war" in a report on Friday that the White House said justified a troop increase and Democrats seized on as proof of a failed strategy.

Escalating violence between Iraqi Sunnis and Shiites met the definition for a civil war, but the politically charged term did not describe all the chaos in Iraq, the report said.

Reflecting the consensus views of Washington's intelligence community, the report also suggested that President George W Bush's strategy for controlling Iraqi violence must show progress within 12-18 months or risk further deterioration.

Bush plans to send

another 21,500 US troops to Iraq to quell violence, especially in Baghdad, as part of a joint operation with a more prominent Iraqi security force.

But the National Intelligence Estimate (NIE) said Iraqi security forces, particularly the Iraqi police, will be hard-pressed to undertake security responsibilities or operate independently against Shiite militias.

Even if violence is reduced, the NIE warned, Iraqi leaders will still have a very difficult time achieving sustained

political reconciliation by the middle of 2008.

Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Joseph Biden, a Delaware Democrat and 2008 presidential contender, called the report "a devastating repudiation of the President's new tactics in Iraq" and said it showed the "dire need for a political settlement".

MNA/Reuters



America's Next Top Model winner CariDee English arrives at the Maxim Super Bowl XLI party on 2 Feb, 2007, in the South Beach section of Miami Beach, Fla. INTERNET

### Czech leftists turn against US radar base

PRAGUE, 3 Feb — The Czech opposition Social Democrats turned against a plan to build part of the US missile defence shield in the country on Friday, laying a stumbling block to the plan's approval in Parliament.

Washington asked its central European NATO ally to host a radar station, while a larger base with rockets meant to shoot down missiles that could be fired from hostile countries would be based in Poland.

The centre-right Czech Government has agreed to start talks on the US request, saying it would raise security in the central European NATO member country.

But the Social Democrats, whose previous Cabinet had led technical consultations

with the United States on the base for several years and showed non-binding interest in taking part in the project, changed its stance on Friday.

The party said the country should anchor its security through collective

organizations such as NATO and the EU.

"The Czech Republic cannot safeguard its security through bilateral arrangements with another country," the party said in a position paper approved by its leadership on Friday

and still to be considered by a wider party body.

"Therefore (the party) does not consider placing the radar base of the US missile defence system on Czech territory to be needed," it said.

MNA/Reuters

### Helicopter crash kills co-pilot in south India

NEW DELHI, 3 Feb— A helicopter crashed to the ground killing one of its pilots in a rehearsal for aerial display at the upcoming Aero India show Friday in south Indian state of Karnataka, Indo-Asian News Service reported.

Squadron Leader P. Sharma died when the Dhruv advanced light helicopter plummeted to the ground at the Yelahanka Air Force station, about 22 kilometres from Karnataka's capital Bangalore at 10 to 11 am Friday, an Indian Air Force (IAF) spokesman said.

He was the co-pilot on

the chopper while the pilot, Wing Commander V Jetley, was seriously injured.

They were taking part in a rehearsal for aerial display for Aero India show, which is to open on 7 February in Bangalore.

It was not known whether the crash would affect the performance during the air show, the reports said.—MNA/Xinhua

An elderly Czech shouts during a rally in Jince, some 60 kilometres southwest of Prague, where some 300 residents protested against the plans to build a US radar station in a military area close to their town, on 3 Feb, 2007. They also called for a referendum to be held on the base. —INTERNET





**ECONOMIC NEWS**

**ASEAN Tourism Forum closes in Singapore**

SINGAPORE, 3 Feb — The annual tourism forum, aiming to promote the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) region as a single tourist destination, closed here Friday.

The 26th ASEAN Tourism Forum, which opened on Monday, comprised the meetings of ASEAN 10 members' tourism ministers, industry associations and dialogue partners, as well as a travel mart.

Key outcome of the forum included strengthening integration in the region, with focus on increasing connectivity and liberalizing travel barriers

to facilitate easy cross-border intra-ASEAN travel, as well as making it convenient for visitors to travel into and within ASEAN, Lim Neo Chian, chief executive of the Singapore Tourism Board, said at the closing ceremony.

More than 1,700 delegates including government officials, buyers, sellers and reporters from over 50 countries and

regions participated in this year's forum, according to the organizers.

Last year, tourist arrivals to ASEAN, which groups Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam, reached 56 million, 8 per cent higher than in 2005. Thailand will host the next year's ASEAN Tourism Forum.

MNA/Xinhua



*A woman in costume performs as others display anti US posters during a play on the eve of the commemoration of the 108th anniversary of the Filipino-American War in 1899, on 3 Feb, 2007, in San Juan, east of Manila, Philippines. The performers portrayed Filipinos who were still under fire from an alleged American interventionist policy and demanded a public apology from the US government for the death of some 300,000 Filipinos killed during the war.—INTERNET*

**Canada inks deal to buy 4 "C-17" from Boeing**

OTTAWA, 3 Feb — Canada has signed a deal worth 3.4 billion US dollars with American company Boeing to buy four C-17 Globemaster heavy-lift military cargo planes, government officials announced Friday.

The plane can lift 76 tons and are capable of carrying any piece of equipment in Canada's military inventory, including tanks and armoured vehicles, General Rick Hillier, the chief of defence staff, told reporters. "This marks a beginning of a new era for Canada's Armed Forces," Defence Minister Gordon O'Connor said.—MNA/Xinhua

**UAE calls for regional cooperation to boost business aviation**

ABU DHABI, 3 Feb—A senior official of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) government called on civil aviation authorities in the Middle East for cooperation in adapting regulation to the booming business aviation, local media reported on Friday.

With a number of positive factors, business aviation is coming into its own as a regional industry, said Sheikha Lubna Al Qasimi, Minister of

Economy of UAE, in a keynote address to the Middle East Business Aviation (MEBA) conference at Airport Expo Dubai on Thursday.

However, "the regulation around business aviation is still very much a grey area in the Middle

*Japan's Prince Hisahito is held by his mother, Princess Kiko, during a stroll through a park near their imperial villa in Hayama, south of Tokyo, on 3 Feb, 2007. Prince Hisahito is the first boy to be born into Japan's imperial family in nearly 41 years.*

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**Sony Ericsson to make phones in India**

STOCKHOLM, 3 Feb — Swedish-Japanese phone maker Sony Ericsson has announced plans to begin manufacturing handsets in India, local media reported on Thursday.

The venture is to be based in Chennai in the south of the country, starting in May, with output from the factory destined for the Indian market, the company wrote in a Press release.

Sony Ericsson has signed deals with contract manufacturers Flextronics and Foxconn to achieve a capacity of 10 million mobiles by 2009.

The Indian factory will initially produce Sony Ericsson's more basic colour-screen models as well as phones with music players.

Sony Ericsson has been

present on the Indian market since 2002 and is one of the three largest GSM phone makers in the country.

According to the Press release from the group, "with a GSM subscriber

base of 105.4 million, India is one of the fastest growing mobile markets in the world, and forms a priority growth market for Sony Ericsson world-wide".

MNA/Xinhua

**S Korean electronics exports rise 11% in January**

SEOUL, 3 Feb — South Korea's digital electronics exports rose by more than 11 per cent in January from a year earlier on the back of strong overseas demand for DRAMS and displays, said the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Energy on Friday.

According to the ministry, the exports of digital electronics goods was 9.85 billion US dollars last month, up 11.6 per cent from a year earlier. The exports of DRAMs and flat panels rose 30.8 per cent and 47.5 per cent respectively. However, shipments of mobile phones and colour televisions respectively fell 2.2 per cent and 26.9 per cent, the ministry said.—MNA/Xinhua



*Actress Sandra Bullock arrives for the Santa Barbara International Film Festival's American Riviera Award presented to Academy Award-nominee Forest Whitaker, on 3 Feb, 2007.*

INTERNET



# Pentagon official resigns over detainee remark

WASHINGTON, 3 Feb — The Pentagon official who criticized law firms for defending detainees held at the US military prison at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, has resigned due to the backlash over his remarks, a Defence Department spokesman said on Friday.

Charles “Cully” Stimson, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Detainee Affairs, last month called it “shocking” that major US law firms represented Guantanamo detainees for free and said they would likely suffer financially after their corporate clients learned of the work.

“He made the decision based on the current controversy,” Pentagon spokesman Bryan Whitman told reporters. “He

believed it hampered his ability to be effective in this position.”

Stimson, himself a lawyer, submitted his resignation on Thursday and his last day in the position would be Friday, Whitman said, stressing Defence Secretary Robert Gates did not ask him to resign.

The Pentagon disavowed his remarks and Stimson apologized, saying he supported pro

bono work and that the legal system worked best when both sides had competent representation.

Stimson had been in his post since January 2006 and Whitman defended Stimson’s work, saying he had strengthened the department’s relations with non-governmental organizations, especially the International Committee of the Red Cross.

MNA/Reuters



Chinese New Year lights decorate a street in Singapore’s Chinatown, on 3 Feb, 2007. Chinese around the world are preparing to welcome the Lunar New Year of the Pig on 18 February. The characters read: ‘Prosperity in All Matters’. —INTERNET

# Gas explosion kills 26 bus passengers in Philippines

MANILA, 3 Feb — A packed bus was ripped apart and at least 26 people killed when it took the full force of a gas truck explosion on a highway in the southern Philippines, officials said on Friday.

The delivery truck, which was carrying liquefied petroleum gas (LPG), overturned after its brakes failed and the resulting explosion engulfed the passing bus, provincial police director Senior Superintendent

Ramon Ochotorena said in a radio interview.

Ochotorena said police were scouring areas around a nearby ravine for bodies after parts of the truck were found around half a mile from the crash site in Tigbao, Zamboanga del Sur Province, some 500 miles (800 kilometres) south of Manila.

“Our troops counted 23 bodies but there were also a lot of body parts strewn all over the

place,” Brigadier-General Raymundo Ferrer, Army commander in Zamboanga, told Reuters by phone.

“The number of casualties could actually exceed 30 because the delivery truck was vaporized and the bus was a total wreck.

“We are having difficulty identifying the fatalities because the victims were badly mutilated.”

MNA/Reuters



Children watch a traditional puppet show at an outdoor market in Singapore, on 3 Feb, 2007. INTERNET

# 15 injured as passenger train derails in southern Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 3 Feb — At least 15 passengers were injured when six coaches of an Allama Iqbal Express train derailed near southern Pakistani city of Hyderabad on Friday evening, the state-run Associated Press of Pakistan (APP) reported.

The train left southern Pakistani port city of Karachi at 2 pm and was heading to Sialkot, an industrial city in east province of Punjab, according to the private News Network International news agency.

The mishap occurred near Latifabad railway crossing close to Hyderabad, some 150 kilometres northeast of Karachi, the capital of Sindh Province, according to APP.

Some 15 injured passengers had been shifted to local hospitals for treatment, said the APP report, quoting sources of two local hospitals.

It is not immediately known what caused the accident.

But APP quoting driver of the train as saying that the speed of the train was slow at 30 to 35 kilometres per hour as it was reaching Hyderabad Junction when the incident took place after crossing the Kotri Railway Bridge at 4:50 pm.

MNA/Xinhua

# Romania investigates situation of nationals detained in Iraq

BUCHAREST, 3 Feb — Romanian President Traian Basescu said on Thursday that the country was investigating whether the

two Romanians detained in Iraq were involved in espionage or if it was merely an accident.

“I hope their situation

will clarify very soon,” the President said.

The two, a carpenter and an electrician, were detained on 31 October after they had

allegedly taken pictures without permission in a US military base in Iraq.

They had been working at the base for a US contractor since May 2006.

The two workers are waiting for the final hearing and after that the court will pass a verdict. The procedure for the hearing of arrested persons, regardless of nationality, is seven months.

The Romanian Foreign Ministry has been assured by US authorities that they would arrange a speedy hearing, said Corina Vintan, a spokesperson with the ministry.

The two Romanians denied they had filmed in the US military base, but admitted having infringed the military rules, which their labour agreements required them to observe.

MNA/Xinhua



Smoke billows after an explosion in Baghdad. Death toll in the bomb attack in central Baghdad’s Sadriyah market rose to at least 120 people and some 200 wounded on 3 Feb, 2007. XINHUA



# Yangon-Kyaukpyu Road, a dream come true

*Kyaw Min Khaung*

Bound by lush and green Yoma mountain range and sea and situated in the western part of Myanmar, Rakhine State is rich in meat and fish and grain with a favourable climate for farming. In addition, it has many waterfalls from which hydel power can be generated, and many forests producing a wide range of timber. Sittway, Kyaukpyu and Thandwe in it are the port cities. Despite having prospects for development, Rakhine State lacked good transportation, a fundamental factor for progress of a region. Consequently, its development rate was very slow with little contact and relations with other national races before 1988.

At that time, Rakhine State was accessible only by air and by sea. At times when weather was bad, it was inaccessible by any transport means.

British colonialists that enslaved the nation levied taxes heavily from local people of Rakhine State, but failed to construct a single bridge for improving the region's transport sector. In the article by J Ogilvy Hay, an Englishman of the 4-11-1876 issue of the Arakan News daily, it was said that Rakhine region had been under the rule of the British for about 50 years. The British government collected about 2 million kyats as revenues from local people of Rakhine State, but they did not build even a 50-mile road in it, said the article.

In the time of British imperialists, the national races suffered backwardness in all the sectors. However, the poorer transport between one region and another, the more it was to the liking of British colonialists. Less contact between one national race and another contributed much towards the "divide and rule" policy of the imperialists. If the regions were easily accessible and national brethren could cement their relations and friendship, that would adversely affect their colonial administration. So, the colonialists ignored the poor transport of Rakhine State intentionally.

After the independence, successive governments were unable to improve the transportation of Rakhine State. The Tatmadaw government gave priority to the transport sector necessary for the progress of the

areas of national races. Perceiving the poor transport of Rakhine State, Head of State Senior General Than Shwe gave guidance, saying that Rakhine State was difficult of access and the majority of local people had to rely on only waterways for transport. Sometimes the situation deteriorated due to bad weather and insufficient number of passenger ships along with long distance of the journey. Only the limited number of the passengers enjoyed convenience of air transport. The difficulty could not be tackled in successive periods, so necessary steps were to be taken for improving the transport sector of Rakhine State in the time of the Tatmadaw government, he said. Owing to the goodwill of the Head of State to Rakhine State, the region has now seen a large number of roads and bridges emerging one after another. One of them is Yangon-Sittway Union Highway.

In compliance with the guidance on building a network of roads in Rakhine State and ensuring easy access to other states and divisions, the project for the 407.3-mile Yangon-Kyaukpyu Road, the second Union Highway, was launched on 1 December 2001.

Geographically, Rakhine State was constituted with a large number of mountains, rivers, creeks, swamp portions, mangrove forests, large and small islands and plains. So, a great deal of effort had to be exerted to complete the Yangon-Kyaukpyu Road Project, which had three sections—Taungup-Ma-ei section, Ma-ei-Sane (Khonmin Pagoda) section, and Sane (Khonmin Pagoda)-Kyaukpyu section. In Ma-ei-Sane (Khonmin Pagoda) section, Ma-ei (Pyinwhan) to Sane-Khonmin Pagoda (between mile posts 8/1 and 26/0) is swamp portion between the Thanzip River and the Kalein Mountain. So, geotextile was applied to complete that section. Taungup-Ma-ei section consisted of 540-foot Kaingshei Bridge, 600-foot Tanhlwe Bridge, 200-foot Hsarbyin Creek wooden Bridge, 500-foot Lamu Creek Bridge and 940-foot Ma-ei River-crossing Bridge, and Ma-ei-Sane (Khonmin Pagoda) section, 300-foot Kyaukkyipauk Bridge, 789.34-foot Sanepauk Bridge, 1154.5-foot Lontawpauk Bridge, 472.4-foot Thanthamagyi Bridge, 707.3-mile Thanthamache Bridge, 592.4-foot Thazintanpauk

Bridge, 707.4-foot Wunphaik Bridge, and 2704.2-foot Mingyaung Bridge.

The Mingyaung Bridge is the longest one among the 13 river or creek-spanning bridges between Taungup and Kyaukpyu. The government had to spend thousands of millions of kyats plus foreign exchange on those bridge projects.

The inauguration of Yangon-Kyaukpyu Road took place on 17 April 2006 and it was graced by the presence of Head of State Senior General Than Shwe.

Thanks to the emergence of that facility, people can travel to Bago, Magway, Mandalay and Sagaing divisions through Taungup Valley road and to Ayeyawady and Yangon Divisions through Gwa-Ngathaingyaung exit. Moreover, it links Nay Pyi Taw-Magway-Kyaukpyu Road, Toungoo-Pyay-Kyaukpyu Road and Patheingyi-Kyaukpyu Road. So, it serves as a bridge between the southern part and northern part of Rakhine State.

Local people in Kyaukpyu and Yanbye Townships who relied on the sea for transport in the past can now travel to other states and divisions by car through Yangon-Kyaukpyu Road. So, it also serves as a land exit for more than 300,000 local people of 480 villages in Kyaukpyu, Yanbye Township and Yanbye Island and they can travel by car to any other region across the nation including Yangon and Nay Pyi Taw.

Ma-ei Village located at the junction of Yangon-Kyaukpyu Road was upgraded to a town. Now, it has enjoyed development in various sectors particularly in the economic and social sectors. Surely, Kyaukpyu and Yanbye regions will enjoy significant progress due to Kyaukpyu deep sea port that will come into existence soon, oil exploration services of foreign CNOCC Co and offshore Shwe and Shwebyu gas fields in A-1 block.

With the emergence of Yangon-Kyaukpyu Road, national brethren in other states and divisions can reach Rakhine easily. That is helping strengthen amicable relations and friendship among national races.

Previously building of a road to Yangon through Kyaukpyu and Yanbye was just a dream. However, now the dream has come true thanks to the benevolent goodwill of the government.

Now, peace and stability have been restored throughout the nation, and the seven-step Road Map is being implemented for transition to a modern and developed nation. When the National Convention is completed, an enduring State Constitution will come into force. It is required to make concerted efforts with the use of the already-built good foundations in the drive.

Local people of Rakhine State are therefore urged to make endeavours with might and main with the effective use of the transport and economic infrastructures for regional and national development.

**Translation: MS**

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## Commander looks into development tasks in Htantabin Township

YANGON, 4 Feb— Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win this afternoon inspected Kogyi sluice gate being implemented by the Irrigation Department near Htantabin, Htantabin Township, Yangon North District.

At the briefing hall of the project, Director of Irrigation Department U Kyaw Thein reported on facts about the project, progress of work and future tasks, Assistant Director of Water Resources Utilization Department U Htay Lwin on water supply to the farmlands and Chairman of Htantabin Township Peace and Development Council U Tha Noe Aung on cultivation of summer paddy and availability of water to the commander, and officials gave supple-



Commander Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win inspects supply of water to the farmlands by water pump in Htantabin.— MNA



mentary reports.

The commander gave instructions on soonest completion of the work, wider use of water pumps and attended to the needs.

Next, the commander viewed the demonstration of the use of fertilizer at a farm land near the project and gave instructions on extensive use of fertilizer for boosting the per acre yield.

After that, the commander looked into

thriving summer paddy, supply of water to the farmlands by water pumps and fulfilled the requirements.

On arrival at the Township People's Hospital, the commander viewed round medical store, operation theater and medical ward and presented cash for the hospital.

Next, the commander proceeded to Htantabin Township Basic Education High

School where he inspected computer application room, computer instruction room, language lab and reading corner and stressed the need for the teachers to make arrangements so that students can have a constant contact with teaching and learning aids.

Later, the commander met with departmental officials, social organizations and local people at the Township Peace and

Development Council Office and gave instructions on regional development tasks.

Afterwards, the commander presented K 1 million donated by Yangon Division PDC, K 100,000 each by Yangon North District PDC, Htantabin Township PDC, U Ba Kyi-Daw Aye Myint and departmental staff of the Township towards the funds of the Township People's Hospital.

After inspecting water supply to the farmlands, fertilizer making and thriving summer paddy Kyaunggon Village, the commander gave instructions on wider use of water pumps and attended to the needs.

Next, the commander looked into thriving summer paddy in Thanpayagon village, Ywathitgyi village and Hteintabin village in the township.— MNA

## H&T Minister attends 10th Meeting of ASEAN Tourism Ministers

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Feb — Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing, accompanied by Director-General of Directorate of Hotels and Tourism U Htay Aung, Chairman of Myanmar Hoteliars Association Dr Khin Shwe, Chairman of Union of Myanmar Travel Association U Khin Zaw and responsible personnel attended the 10th Meeting of ASEAN Tourism Ministers, 6th Meeting of ASEAN Plus Three Tourism Ministers, a press conference on 6th Meeting of ASEAN Plus Three Tourism Ministers and ASEAN Tourism Exhibition held in Singapore from 29 to 31 January.

Present on the occasion were Tourism

Ministers from ASEAN, the ASEAN Secretariat, authorities concerned from ASEAN and high ranking officials. A joint-statement was released at the meeting.

Next the 6th Meeting of ASEAN Plus

Three Tourism Ministers was held on 30 January and the meeting passed a joint-statement. Afterwards, a press conference on the 6th Meeting of ASEAN Plus Three Tourism Ministers followed in the afternoon. The ASEAN Tourism Exhibition was held in the

evening.

Minister Maj-Gen Soe Naing viewed Myanmar booths and others on display at the exhibition held at Suntee City Exhibition and Convention Centre in Singapore on 31 January.

MNA



Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing attends 10th ASEAN Tourism Ministers Meeting.— H & T

## Commander, Minister inspect Monywa Industrial Zone

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Feb — Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein and officials inspected cultivation of physic nut at the compound of the sport ground near the airfield in Monywa on 28 January.

The commander and the minister inspected cultivation of kitchen crops of regional battalion and visited foundry shop in Monywa Industrial Zone. They observed the products of the zone including fire-engines, Chindwin jeeps and three-wheel motor cycles.

They also discussed production of items and requirements in meeting with departmental officials, members of Monywa Industrial Zone Supervisory Committee and Management Committee.— MNA

## Korean football team arrives

YANGON, 4 Feb— The University of Ulsan FC of the Republic of Korea led by Mr Dong Young Kim arrived here by air yesterday to play friendly matches against football clubs of the Myanmar League under Myanmar Football Federation (MFF). They were welcomed at Yangon International Airport by officials of Ministry of Sports and responsible persons of MFF.

The Korean football club comprises 30 members — four members of the administrative board and 26 football players. The team will play soccer friendly against Finance and Revenue Club at 3:30 pm on 5 February and Commerce Club on 6 February at Aung San Stadium.— MNA



# Information Minister attends cash donation for all-round renovation of Shwe Phone Pwint Pagoda

YANGON, 4 Feb— The first cash donation for the fourth all-round renovation of Shwe Phone Pwint Pagoda was held in conjunction with the fourth meeting of the Central Committee for All-round renovation of the pagoda, in Pazundaung Township this morning.

At the cash donation ceremony, Chairman of the Central Committee Secretariat Member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan explained the brief history of the pagoda and progress of renovation.

First, the minister accepted K 3,250,000 for five gold plates donated by U Hlaing Win-Daw Khin

Than Than of Singapore; K 650,000 for one gold plate each by Managing Director U Aung Myo Myint of Myanma Motion Picture Enterprise-Daw Marlar Win, Chairman of the Pagoda Board of Trustees U Tint Lwin-Daw Myint Myint Kyi, film actor Khant Sithu, Film actor Lu Min-Daw Khin Sabei Oo, U Soe Than-Daw Mar Mar Soe of Dawei Film and Video, U Tin Aung-Daw Yi Yi Htay of Myitta Yaungbyan Film and U Aye (Maung Café) of Yegyaw in Pazundaung Township.

Members of the Leading Committee, departmental heads and Chairman of the Pagoda Board of Trustees U Tint Lwin accepted K 650,000

for one gold plate each donated by wellwishers, and K 1.3 million by U Pho Zaw-Daw Zin Zin Myint of South Okkalapa Township.

In the first cash donation, 47 wellwishers donated 52 gold plates worth K 33.8 million.

Next, the coordination meeting of the central committee followed at the Buddha Footprint Hall.

Chairmen and officials of the subcommittee reported on their respective sectors.

In his speech, the minister stressed the need to strive for completion of renovation tasks before rainy season, supervise minimizing loss and wastage in the tasks and



Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan accepts cash donation by a wellwisher to renovate Shwe Phone Pwint Pagoda.— MNA

safety of installation of power lines, and emphasize on renovation tasks without losing its original handicraft.— MNA

## Myanmar first-ever country in the world, ...

(from page 16)

Myanmar is a first-ever country in the world, laying down the plan to open self-reliant libraries in all villages across the nation. Due to cooperation of the wellwishers, a number of self-reliant village libraries could be set up.

The minister thanked the wellwishers for their book donations and urged them to continue participating in the tasks to maintain durability and development of the libraries in cooperation with the Ministry of Information. It is necessary to carry out five tasks for development of the libraries with the strengths of the wellwishers, the government, local authorities, social organizations and departmental personnel. In conclusion, the minister said he firmly believes that wellwishers will donate more and more books for the libraries in the future.

Afterwards, the minister accepted 11,714 books worth K 10,479,000 donated by 12 wellwishers — 4,170 books worth K 4,288,300 donated by Dr Tha Tun Oo of Today Publication Ltd; 800 books worth K 2.8 million by Managing Director U Moe Kyaw of Yangon Directory; 1,350 copies of magazines worth K 1,350,000 by U Thaug Su Nyein of Myanmar Pyithar Magazine; 500 books worth K 620,000 by U Thet Oo (a) Shar Nyo of Say Sar Yar Media Group; 2,110 books worth K 343,500 by U Min Ko Ko and family of Aphwa Yadana Sarpay; 350 books worth K 280,000 by U Aung Kyaw Thu Lwin of Shwe Kyarbyan Co; 1,248 copies of magazines worth K 249,600 by U Win Myo Thu of Beauty magazine; 180 books worth K 124,000 by U Khin Maung Sein of Zaw Sarpay; 716 copies of Idea and Hmukhin Yaungson magazines worth K 123,600 by Maung Myo of Kyaung Hnakaung Sarpay; 140 books worth K 100,000 by U Kyaw Soe of Taung Chun Construction Co; 100 books worth K 100,000 by U Soe Shein (Maung Soe Htaik-Thonze) of Amaythar Htaik Sarpay; and 50 books worth K 100,000 by Ko Nay (Kawlin) of Kyawzeyer Ward in Kawlin.

Next, the minister presented certificates of honour to the wellwishers.

Later, Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan cordially greeted the wellwishers.— MNA

## Education Minister meets faculty members

YANGON, 4 Feb— Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein, accompanied by Director-General of Higher Education Department (Lower Myanmar) U Zaw Htay, visited Dagon University this morning.

Pro-Rector U Hsan, Professors and heads of department reported on research work, academic matters and use of teaching aids. The minister fulfilled the requirements.

Next, the minister

visited Yangon Institute of Economics (Ywathagyi). Rector of the University Dr Kan Zaw, Professors and heads of department reported on academic and management matters. The minister called for nurturing qualified faculty members, extensive use of language labs and practical teaching of science subjects.

On arrival at Yankin Education College, the minister was briefed by the principal U Me Aung and teachers on academic matters. The minister called for nurturing qualified teachers, full supply of teaching equipment and turning out brilliant students. Later, the minister visited Yangon West University where the pro-rector reported on management and academic matters and research work.

The minister stressed the need for conducting research work that serves the State's interest, and cooperation between the universities in teaching related subjects.— MNA

## Minister attends work coord meeting

YANGON, 4 Feb — The Ministry of Home Affairs held its coordination meeting of the central farming and production supervisory committee at Prisons Department this morning, with an address by Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo.

During the meeting, Director-General of Prisons Department U Zaw Win and directors briefed the minister on cultivation of paddy and production, growing of other crops and condition of breeding and production.

In connection with the reports, the minister gave instructions on utilization of good strains, reduction of loss and wastes and high yield and made arrangements to fulfill the requirements.

MNA



Prize presentation for those who passed the Cetiyanagara Pariyatti Dhammanuggaha organized by the Board of Trustees of Shwedagon Pagoda in progress.— MNA



## 13 designers vie for moon rover design in China

BEIJING, 4 Feb — Thirteen domestic designers have vied to design for the moon rover used in China's *Chang'e I* Moon Orbiting Project.

The remote-controlled moon rover shall be used to perform experiments and send data back to the earth following the moon orbiting project, said Ouyang Ziyuan, moon probe programme chief scientist.

Ouyang did not disclose when China's first circumlunar exploration satellite, *Chang'e I*, would be launched this

year, but he noted that it would be sent three days ahead of the 35-minute period which is suitable for launching, or called "the launching window", he was quoted as saying on Saturday by the *Beijing Morning Post*.

The satellite will be used for the launch of China's first lunar orbiter in 2007, which will provide 3D images of the moon's surface, probe the distribution of 14 usable elements on the moon, study lunar microwaves and estimate the thickness of the moon's soil. The

craft will also monitor the space environment between the moon and earth.

The orbiting project and moon rover programme are both part of China's overall lunar exploration programme that began in 2004, which shall be followed by the third phase when a module will drill out a chunk of the moon and bring it back to the earth.

All three will be completed by 2017, when China will consider a manned lunar probe mission. — MNA/Xinhua



A couple runs along Lake Michigan in 6 degree Fahrenheit (-14 degree Celsius) weather before sunrise in Chicago, on 2 Feb, 2007. — INTERNET



A polar bear carries a small toy chair down snow-covered steps in its grotto at the Como Park Zoo, on Thursday, 1 Feb, 2007, in St Paul, Minn, apparently enjoying frigid temperatures. Even colder weather is expected over the weekend in Minnesota. — INTERNET

## Circus agent pleads guilty in US visa fraud case

MIAMI, 4 Feb — A circus agent helped nearly 900 illegal immigrants jump through the hoops of the US visa application process by falsely declaring they were performers hired to work in Florida circuses, authorities said on Friday.

Bulgarian-born Kristo Ivanov, a former circus acrobat, admitted that from 2001 through February 2006 he helped as many as 870 immigrants enter or remain in the United States by preparing fraudulent visa applications for them, the US Department of Justice said in a statement.

Ivanov charged

between 500 US dollars and 2,500 US dollars for each of the bogus applications and agreed, as part of a plea agreement unveiled in US District Court in Orlando on Friday, to forfeit 600,000 US dollars, the department said.

It said Ivanov, 70, came to the United States in 1980 to work for Ringling Bros Barnum & Bailey Circus. He owned Magic Star Entertainment, a Florida-based circus booking agency, and used it to sponsor immigrants and prepare visa applications claiming they were performers recruited by Florida circuses.

MNA/Reuters

## Staying active keeps seniors steady on their feet

NEW YORK, 4 Feb — Older people who have long been physically active, and remain so, have better balance than less vigorous seniors, while those who pick up the exercise after retirement fare almost as well, French researchers report.

However, individuals who exercised in the past, but stopped after retirement, had balance control nearly as bad as those who had never been active, Dr Philippe Perrin of the Universite Henri Poincare-Nancy, Villers-les-Nancy, and colleagues report.

Many older people experience a decline in their balance control, reducing their independence and putting them at increased risk of falling, Perrin and his team note in the January issue of the *International Journal of Sports Medicine*.

Exercise interventions, such as tai chi programmes, improve balance and reduce fall risk, they add. There is also evidence that people who have been active for a long time can control their balance more effectively due to stronger muscles and a better ability to gauge their position in space using sensory receptors and the inner ear's balance system. — MNA/Reuters

## China cracks down on pornographic cards ahead festival

BEIJING, 4 Feb — China has launched a crackdown on pornographic cards, which students are giving as gifts for the upcoming Chinese Lunar New Year's Day, according to a government circular.

The Chinese Lunar New Year's Day, or the Spring Festival, falls on 18 February this year.

"The number of card peddlers have mushroomed around some primary and middle school campuses across the country, selling poor-taste and pornographic Spring Festival cards to passing students," said the circular issued by an office directing China's crackdown on pornographic and illegal publications.

It said many students

buy the cards and send them to classmates, which is apparently exerting a bad influence on young people's mental development.

"The cards are full of erotic pictures and flirtatious words," it said.

Chinese teenagers, especially primary school students, are in the habit of writing sending each other New Year's cards, which often feature cartoons and only cost a few cents each. Students often send them to friends

on festive occasions such as the New Year's Day, Chinese Lunar New Year's Day, Christmas and Valentine's Day. The circular calls on education departments to ask students not to buy cards that are sexually explicit and have asked the police to crackdown on the porn card peddlers and producers.

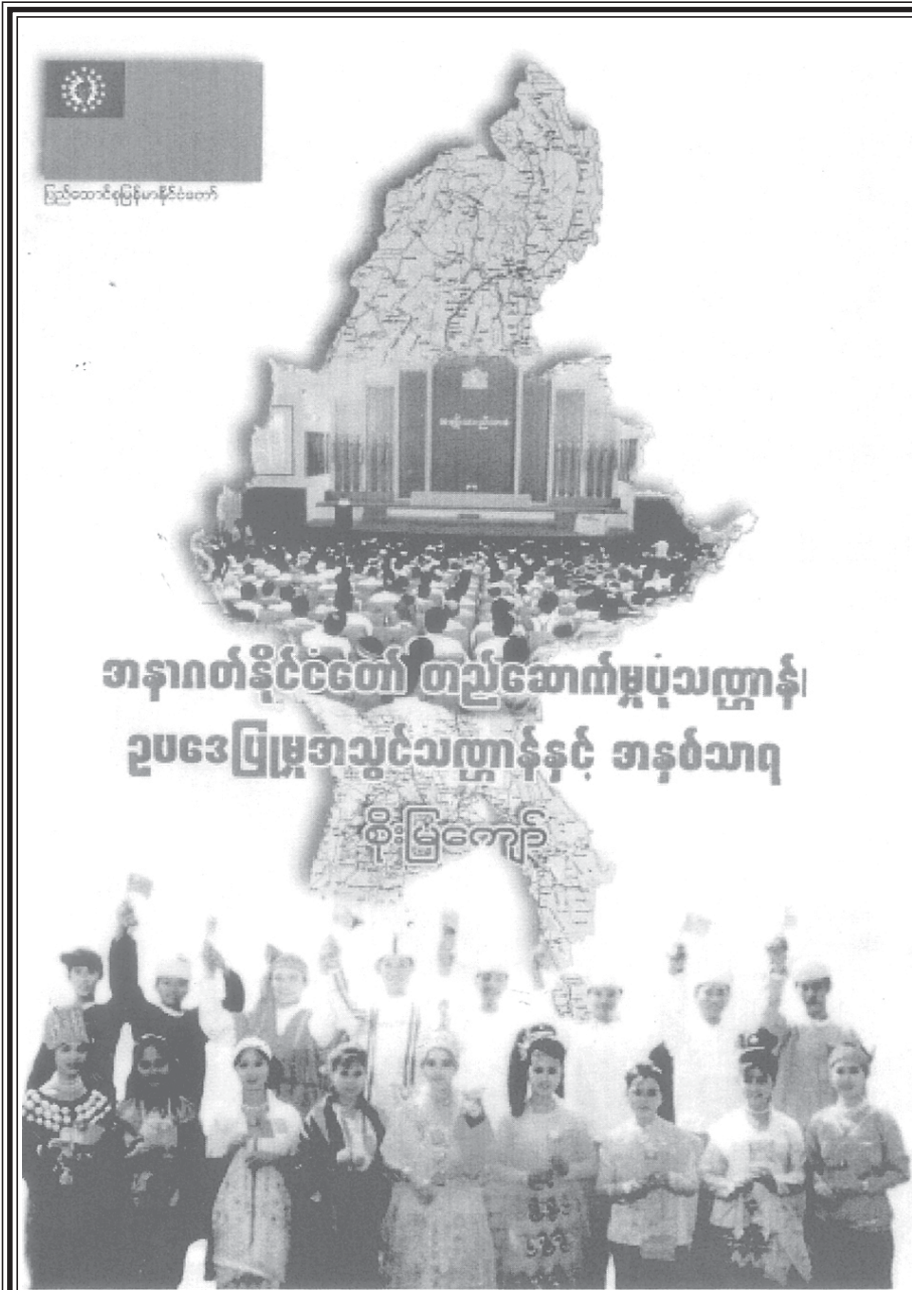
Chinese police seized about 150 million illegal, pirated and pornographic publications last year.

MNA/Xinhua



Filipino artist John Luzadas, 43, shows his unique technique of painting by using a syringe to apply the mixture of acrylic paint and epoxy paints to give a long lasting effect to his work in Baguio city, north of Manila, on 30 Jan, 2007. — INTERNET





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**2008 Democratic hopefuls call for Iraq war's end**

WASHINGTON, 4 Feb — Six Democratic presidential hopefuls courted party leaders on Friday with calls to end the Iraq war but offered divergent views on how to do it, saying the debate would be a crucial test of Democratic leadership.

In separate appearances before nearly 400 members of the Democratic National Committee and hundreds of other activists who jammed a hotel ballroom, the 2008 White House contenders said Democrats in Congress must find a way to pressure President George W Bush to stop the war.

Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton of New York, who has been criticized for her 2002 vote authorizing the war and for being slow to turn against the conflict, promised to bring US troops home if she was elected to the White House.

"If we in Congress don't end this war before January 2009, as president I will," she said, speaking loudly at times to be heard over a few anti-war

hecklers. Clinton said a looming vote in Congress on a non-binding resolution against Bush's plan to send more troops to Iraq "would be the first time we have said no to Bush".

Several other candidates said US voters who put Democrats in control of Congress in November's election expected more.

"I am disappointed we can't find a way to do more than send a meaningless message to the White House," said Senator Chris Dodd of Connecticut. "I don't believe spending a week debating a non-binding resolution is the change that America voted for."

The appearances at the DNC gathering are important for candidates launching an early hunt

for party donors and endorsements, and the campaigns tried to pack the spacious ballroom with cheering supporters and signs.

The three early favorites in the Democratic race — Clinton, Illinois Senator Barack Obama and John Edwards, the 2004 vice-presidential nominee — drew the warmest ovations. Obama avoided easy applause lines with a quiet, sober speech calling for an end to political cynicism.

Edwards, a former North Carolina senator who also voted in 2002 to authorize the war but now says his vote was wrong, said Democrats had to stop the troop buildup. He brought the crowd to its feet by asking it to "stand up" for America.

MNA/Reuters

**IEA calls for global efforts to combat climate change**

PARIS, 4 Feb — The International Energy Agency (IEA) said on Friday a "global effort" was urgently required in order to combat global warming, following the release of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) report.

With current policies, "global gas emissions (greenhouse gases) will increase by 50 per cent by 2030 and more than double by 2050", said the agency.

"If we take action today, this dangerous and unsustainable development model can be modified," added the IEA.

The improvement of energy efficiency in energy intensive sectors such as construction, transport and manufacturing should be given priority, said the IEA.

The agency estimates that "10 per cent of world energy consumption can be saved by 2030" by making use of currently available technologies.

Nevertheless, the IEA explains that "in order to ensure long-term sustainable development, we must diversify energy

sources and greatly reduce carbon emissions in order to reduce climatic warming". — MNA/Xinhua



A camera flash goes off as Stephen Hooker of Australia comes down from the pole vault at the running of the 100th Millrose Games at Madison Square Garden in New York, on 2 Feb, 2007. — INTERNET



## Indonesia plans new tactic to curb massive mud flow

JAKARTA, 3 Feb— Indonesia will drop hundreds of concrete balls into a mud volcano in a bid to brake the flow of hot liquid that has displaced more than 10,000 people and inundated entire villages in Java, an official said on Friday.

The torrent of hot mud has been flowing since an oil drilling accident in May in Sidoarjo, an industrial suburb of East Java's Surabaya, Indonesia's second-largest city.

Numerous attempts to cap or curb the flow since it started have failed.

But now the government plans to try concrete balls linked by metal chains.

"We will insert high density chained balls inside the mud volcano. This technique is expected to reduce the amount of mud flow and ease the pressure at the source of the gushing," Rudi Novrianto, the

national mudflow disaster commission spokesman, said by telephone.

He put the cost at three billion rupiah (330,800 US dollars) and said PT Lapindo Brantas, the company in charge of the well drilling at the time of the accident, would pay.

"The chains of balls weigh around 400-500 kilogrammes (880-1,100 pounds) each. We plan to insert up to 300 ... We will do it gradually. Our target is we will try to put 50 chains of balls in a day," Novrianto added.

The work was expected to begin next week, he said.

The mud flow has become a political and environmental issue in Indonesia, with the government under fire from critics for what they say were lax safety standards behind the initial accident and for not doing enough to resolve the situation.

MNA/Reuters

## Buses collide head on in Kashmir, 17 killed

JAMMU (India), 3 Feb— At least 17 people were killed and 13 injured when two buses collided head on in Indian Kashmir on Friday, police said.

The accident occurred at a sharp bend in the mountainous district of Rajouri, 170 kilometres (105 miles) northwest of Kashmir's winter capital, Jammu, local police chief M Anjum told Reuters.

Buses in Kashmir are often overcrowded and accidents on narrow mountainous roads are common as highway safety is neglected by drivers and poorly enforced by the authorities. —MNA/Reuters

## Teenager killed in level crossing crash in N Scotland

LONDON, 3 Feb— A teenager was killed and two seriously injured when a train collided with their car on a level crossing in northern Scotland on Friday, emergency services said.

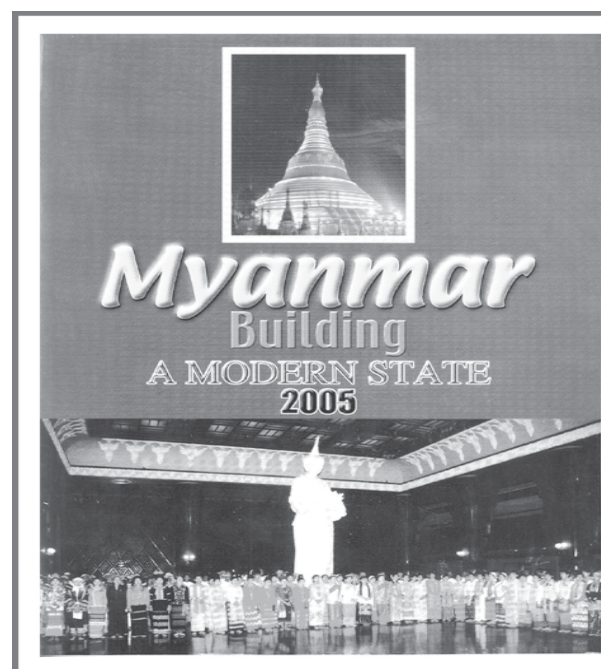
One of those hurt was flown by air ambulance to hospital in Inverness with serious multiple injuries, a Scottish

Ambulance Service spokesman said.

A third person with leg injuries was taken to hospital by road. All three were teenage boys.

"We are not aware of any injuries on the train, although the driver is shaken up badly," he said.

The accident happened near the village of Barbaraville, close to the



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Sr. No	Description	Closing Date
1.	Extension of Ceramic Tiles Plant	26-2-2007
2.	Renovation of Sanitary & Tablewares Plant	26-2-2007

Tender documents shall be available from 5<sup>th</sup> February, 2007, during the office hour, at the Planning Department, Myanma Ceramic Industries.

Please contact Phone No. 01.562036, 067-408336 or Fax 01-578226 for further information.

Managing Director  
Myanma Ceramic Industries

## Moderate earthquake hits E Indonesia

JAKARTA, 3 Feb— An earthquake with magnitude of 5.6 rocked eastern part of Indonesia earlier Saturday, with no report of casualty or damage, Indonesian Meteorology and Geophysics Agency said here. The quake struck at 00:20 Jakarta Time with epicentre 146 kilometres southwest Saumlaki of Maluku Province, and 30 kilometres under sea bed, according to an official of the agency.

Indonesian is laid on a vulnerable quake hit zone that is called "the Pacific Rim of Fire", where continental plates meet causing frequent seismic and volcanic activity.

MNA/Xinhua

## Italy sounds alarm over cocaine use

ROME, 3 Feb—Italy is becoming a nation of cocaine users, according to a senior government minister.

Interior Minister Giuliano Amato said Italians are consuming a gigantic amount of cocaine because blue-collar workers and the middle class have joined the rich in snorting the white powder.

"There is a frightening demand for the drug,"

Amato told reporters on a recent trip to crime-ridden Naples.

"The phenomenon can't be fought by the authorities alone if it is a demand that comes from families, youths and adults — that is, from across all segments of society."

Italian newspapers on Friday called Amato's comments a cause for nationwide alarm and said the drug had become a "mass market" product.

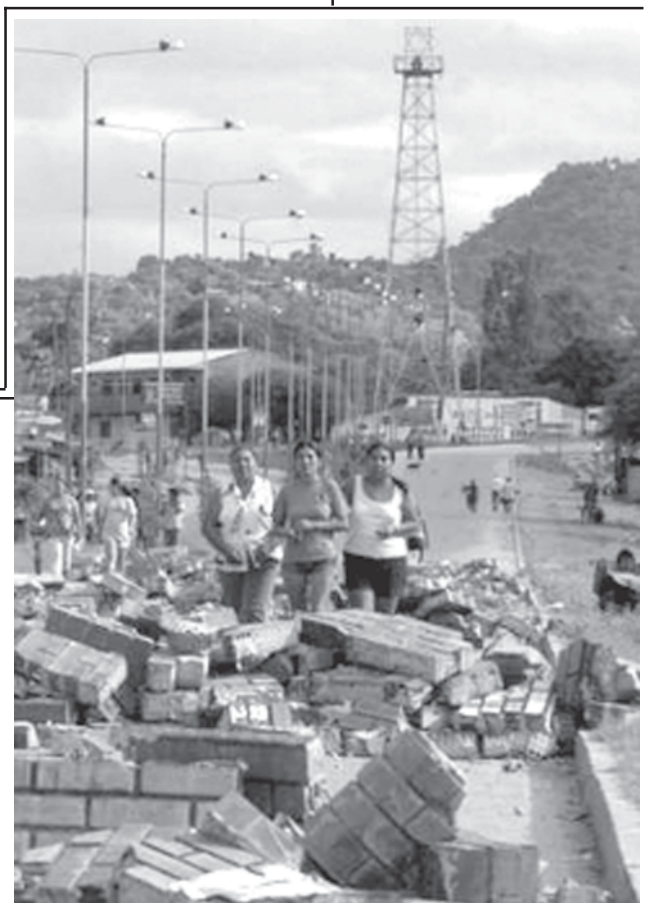
Cocaine use in Italy has more than doubled in

the past five years and about 7 per cent of Italians snort it, according to some estimates. In the wealthy business centre of Milan, one in 10 people are said to use it.

MNA/Reuters

Women walk along a blocked road in Camiri, some 1,250km (766 miles) southeast of La Paz, on 3 Feb, 2007. At least five people were injured when police and troops evicted protesters armed with sticks and dynamite from two natural gas facilities in southeastern Bolivia.

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## S Korea to hold cultural events to promote exchange with China

SEOUL, 3 Feb — South Korea's state-run Korean Tourism Organization (KTO) announced on Friday that it will host cultural events next Wednesday on a passenger ship between South Korea and China to promote bilateral exchanges.

"About 1,200 Yantai citizens will attend a joint performance held by the KTO and Yantai's government at 11:00 am next Wednesday at the Yantai Port.

Some famous South Korean stars, including Cho Jung-en, who has become a popular star in China with her excellent

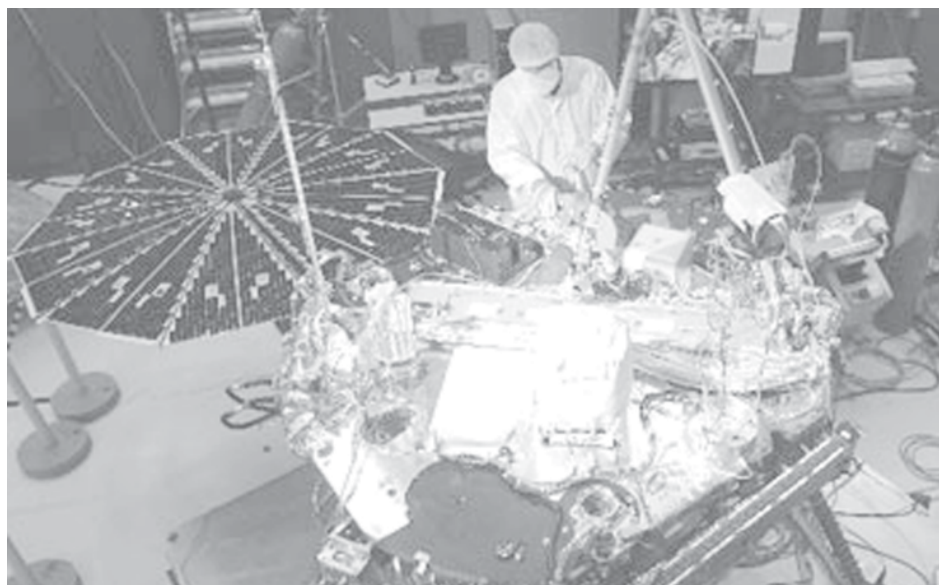
performance in the South Korean drama Dea-Jangeum, before a ferry ship bound for South Korea's Incheon Port," Kang Song-jea, an official of the KTO told *Xinhua*. Yantai is located at the eastern coast of China and has close exchanges with South Korea.

On the ferry to Incheon, KTO will introduce South Korean cultures and food to about 390 Chinese travellers on board and hold a photo exhibition of tourist attractions in South Korea during their 16-hour voyage, Kang said.

MNA/Xinhua



Chinese Shen Xue/Zhao Hongbo (C) and Pang Qing/Tong Jian (L), and Marina Aganina/Artyom Knyazev of Uzbekistan attend the awarding ceremony for the pairs figure skating at the 6th Asian Winter Games in Changchun, capital of northeast China's Jilin Province, on 3 Feb, 2007. Shen Xue/Zhao Hongbo triumphed in the event on Saturday. Pang Qing/Tong Jian took the silver medal. Marina Aganina/Artyom Knyazev shared the bronze medal with Chinese Li Jiaqi/Xu Jiankun.—INTERNET



Jack Farmerie, a Lockheed Martin space technician, looks over the Phoenix Mars lander in a Lockheed cleanroom in Denver, Colorado, on 1 Feb, 2007.—INTERNET

## Official says China needs outstanding film producers

BEIJING, 3 Feb — The Chinese film industry needs to resurrect its producer system and find a new generation of producers who are politically, aesthetically and economically competent, a senior film administrator said here on Friday.

In the 1920s, China saw the emergence of a batch of outstanding producers — such as Zhang Shichuan, Zhang Shan-kuan, Xiang Yunhu, Gu Eryi, and Gu Yelu — who,

like their Hollywood counterparts of the period, had both artistic and financial control of the filmmaking process.

But the system broke down in the 1950s when the state took over all the film studios and copied the Soviet Union model of total control of home-made films.

The studio director and film director system was the right choice for a period when China pays tribute to revolutionary heroes, Jiang Ping, deputy director of the Film Bureau of State Administration of Radio, Film and Television (SARFT) told *Xinhua*.

MNA/Xinhua

## MSF rallies support for Thailand's licensing on "AIDS" drugs

BANGKOK, 3 Feb — The Medecin Sans Frontieres (MSF)/Doctors Without Borders (DWB) on Friday voiced its strong support for the Thai Government's recent decision to issue compulsory licences for production of three drugs for AIDS and cardiovascular treatment.

The MSF, at a news conference at Bangkok, invited international health activists and law experts to rally support for the Thailand's move, which they maintained were fully compatible with international trade rules, patent laws and public health principles set by the World Health Organization (WHO) and other groups on improving access of medical treatment to people in need.

Dr Carlos Correa, an intellectual property rights expert from Argentina, said that the WTO's Doha Declaration in 2001 have stated that the Agreement on Trade-

Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) should not prevent members from taking measures to protect public health, which guarantees governments' right to issue compulsory licences, among other

measures, to reduce price of patented-drugs for epidemics that threatens national health.

The Thai Government on last November announced it intended to issue a compulsory licence for imported and local-pro-

duced generic version of Efavirenz, a key anti-retroviral drug, and later in January this year declared a similar move regarding another AIDS drug Kaletra, and Plavix, the blockbuster anti-clotting agent.

MNA/Xinhua

## Bolivia reports 7 new suspected dengue cases

LIMA, 4 Feb — Seven new cases of dengue fever have been detected in recent days in the northern Bolivian province of Beni, authorities from the regional Health Service said on Friday, according to reports reaching here.

Cesar Ligeron, head of the vector control programme, urged residents to work together to eliminate the Aedes Aegypti mosquito that spreads dengue. As intense rain in the region diluted the effect of insecticide, it is almost

useless to conduct spraying there, he said.

Instead he called on authorities from the regional capital Trinidad to clean up and collect garbage in areas within the city that could help the spread of mosquitoes.

He said that his organization wanted daily reports on the appearance of new cases and asked anyone who suspected they have dengue to take a test provided by the National Tropical Diseases Service.

MNA/Xinhua



Serbia's Ana Ivanovic reacts after getting a point against Russia's Maria Sharapova during the semi-finals of the Pan Pacific Open tennis tournament in Tokyo, on 3 Feb, 2007. Sharapova withdrew from the semi-final after experiencing pain in her left hamstring.—INTERNET



# SPORTS



Arsenal's Thierry Henry, left, scores against Middlesbrough during the English Premiership League soccer match at the Riverside Stadium, Middlesbrough, England, on 3 Feb, 2007. The match ended in a 1-1 draw.—INTERNET

## Liverpool held at home by Everton in derby

LONDON, 4 Feb— Liverpool's hopes of mounting a late title challenge suffered a knock on Saturday when they were held 0-0 at home by Everton in the city derby. Both sides had chances during a typically high-tempo start with Liverpool's Peter Crouch shooting straight at the keeper before fellow striker Craig Bellamy had a goal ruled out for offside after 10 minutes. Everton, who beat their rivals 3-0 at home in September, came closest in the second half when Andy Johnson's effort was saved by Pepe Reina after a mix-up in the home defence.

The visitors, who remain in eighth, then defended stoutly to deny a frustrated Liverpool their sixth successive league win.

Liverpool manager Rafael Benitez, who employed three strikers, labelled rivals Everton a "small club" and bemoaned their defensive mind-set.—MNA/Reuters

## Hertha strike late to leave Hamburg reeling

BERLIN, 4 Feb— New Brazilian signing Mineiro struck with a long range blast in the final minute to give Hertha Berlin a 2-1 win at home to luckless Hamburg SV on Saturday.

Mineiro, who joined Hertha from Sao Paulo on transfer deadline day, cracked in from 30 metres to leave Hamburg three points adrift at the bottom of the Bundesliga.

It was a deflating finish for coach Huub Stevens in his first match since replacing Thomas Doll in one of three coaching switches in the Bundesliga on Wednesday.

Borussia Moenchengladbach were able to celebrate their change of boss by beating Arminia Bielefeld 2-0 for a first win in 14 games on Saturday.

There was no such luck for Bayern Munich, however, with the faltering champions losing 3-0 at Nuremberg in Ottmar Hitzfeld's first game back in charge on Friday.

With 20 games played, Bayern are down in fourth place with 34 points, eight behind leaders Werder Bremen and Schalke 04, who meet at the Weserstadion on Sunday.—MNA/Reuters

## Alkmaar win 3-2 at PSV to revive title race

AMSTERDAM, 4 Feb— AZ Alkmaar opened up the Dutch title race as striker Danny Koevermans scored a late goal to seal a stunning 3-2 win at leaders PSV Eindhoven on Saturday.

PSV, who suffered their first home defeat since December 2004, remain top with 56 points from 23 matches but are now only six points ahead of second-placed Alkmaar.

PSV, who have now lost two successive games, went ahead when Phillip Cocu set up Peru striker Jefferson Farfan with a brilliant backheel after 19 minutes. However, just after the break Moussa Dembele equalized for Alkmaar with a fierce shot.

Just past the hour mark Julian Jenner put the visitors in front direct from a corner which went in off the post after Cocu failed to clear, although the PSV captain made up for his error three minutes later when he levelled the scores at 2-2.

MNA/Reuters

## Lens go second with 3-1 win at Valenciennes

PARIS, 4 Feb— A clinical 3-1 victory at Valenciennes lifted RC Lens to second place in Ligue 1 on Saturday after Lille were held 0-0 by struggling Nantes.

Former France midfielder Eric Carriere headed home on 28 minutes to open the scoring, with captain Seydou Keita doubling the tally on the stroke of halftime from a packed goalmouth.

Striker Steve Savidan reduced the gap from the spot, only for Tunisia forward Issam Jemaa to wrap up the win in injury time.

MNA/Reuters

## Singapore takes ASEAN Championship

BANGKOK, 4 Feb — Singapore fought Thailand to a 1-1 draw Sunday to retain the winner's trophy in the final of the ASEAN Football Championship at Bangkok's Supachalasai Stadium.

Singapore defended its title winning 3-2 on aggregate, after scoring 2-1 in the first leg in a controversial home game on Wednesday.

Thailand had a 1-0 lead Sunday at halftime after a 37th minute goal by Pipat Thonkanya.

Singapore evened up the score in the 81st minute when substitute Khairul Amri charged past the Thai defence to kick in the equalizer.

Since the biennial championship's inauguration in 1996, Thailand has won it three times — a record Singapore has now equaled. Singapore as winner received prize money of US\$100,000, while runners-up Thailand took US\$50,000. — Internet



Singaporean players celebrate success retaining title in ASEAN Football Championship.—INTERNET

## Man Utd romp to victory at Spurs

LONDON, 4 Feb — Manchester United brushed Tottenham aside to restore their six-point lead at the top of the Premiership.

Spurs had matched the visitors until Cristiano Ronaldo put United ahead from the spot after he was adjudged to have been fouled by Steed Malbranque.

United took control after the break with Nemanja Vidic heading home Michael Carrick's corner and Ronaldo setting up Paul Scholes to score from close range. Ryan Giggs ran clear to slot home a fourth and complete the rout late on.

The only hiccup for United was a nasty facial injury to van der Sar before the end — with John O'Shea putting on the goalkeeper's jersey to repel Tottenham in the closing minutes.

To be on the end on such a battering was slightly harsh on Spurs — who gave the leaders a real run for their money in the first half — but in the end they simply had no answer to Ronaldo. — Internet



Ivan Ljubicic from Croatia serves to Mikhail Youzhny from Russia, during their semi final PBZ Zagreb Indoors ATP tennis tournament match in Zagreb, Croatia, on 3 Feb, 2007.—INTERNET

**DONATE BLOOD**

Tottenham 0-4 Man Utd: Cristiano Ronaldo puts United ahead with a penalty after being tripped by Steed Malbranque. INTERNET

## Answers to yesterday's Crossword Puzzle

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**U Thein Swe Toe  
GWAN 45 years  
(Shipping Engineer)**

Grandson of (U Thein Toe-Daw Thein) and (Dr Saw Sein Lyaung-Daw Than) of Yangon, nephew of (U Maung Maung-Daw Khin Myint), Chief Justice U Aung Toe-Daw Aye Kyi, Daw Khin Yi, (Dr U Aung Thein)-Daw Khin Tint, Daw Mya Han, (Dr U Win Maung-Dr Daw Khin Hla Thein), Dr U Zaw Win-Dr Daw Thandar Phyu, and (Capt U Than Maung Yin)-Daw Khin Than Aye, beloved father of Tone Tone, U Thein Swe Toe passed away on 2-2-2007, and the remains were cremated at Yayway Cemetery on 4-2-2007. **Bereaved family**



**Larone Clarke, of Jamaica, passes Maurice Greene as he falls while competing in the 60-Metre Dash event of the 100th Millrose Games, on 2 Feb, 2007 at Madison Square Garden in New York. —INTERNET**

**46 nations call for tougher  
UN environment role**

**PARIS, 4 Feb — Forty-six nations called for the creation of a more powerful UN environment agency on Saturday, saying the survival of humanity was at risk, but the United States, China and Russia did not sign up.**

“We must realize that we have reached a point of no return, and have caused irreparable damage,” according to the “Paris Call for Action” read out by French President Jacques Chirac after a two-day conference at his Elysee Palace.

On Friday, the world’s top climate scientists said global warming was man-made and said rising temperatures could cause more droughts, heatwaves and rising seas for more than 1,000 years even if emissions of greenhouse gases are capped.

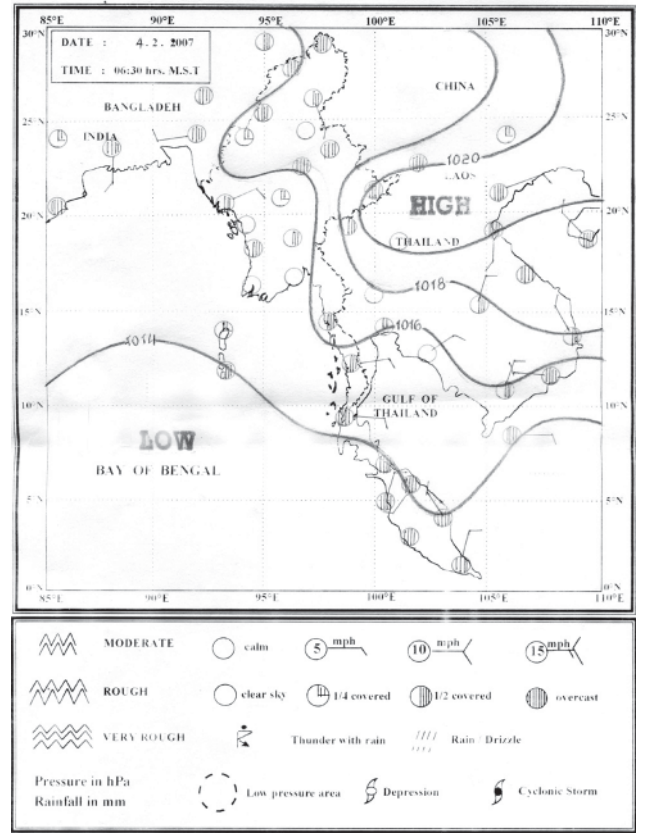
“We are coming to realize that the entire planet is at risk, that the well-being, health, safety, and very survival of humankind hangs in the balance,” Chirac said after talks with politicians, scientists, business leaders and foreign leaders.

The Paris appeal seeks the creation of a new UN Environment Organization (UNEO) to fight threats such as global warming, water shortages or a loss of species. And it urges “massive international action to face the environmental crisis”.

The existing UN Environment Programme, based in Nairobi, is often faulted for having too limited powers. The “Paris Call for Action” was backed by European Union countries and others including Algeria, Ecuador, Cambodia, Vanuatu, Seychelles, Gabon and Burundi.

MNA/Reuters

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



**WEATHER**

**Sunday, 4 February, 2007**

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, light rain has been isolated in Southern Shan State and weather has been generally fair in the remaining areas. Night temperatures were (5°C) below normal in Taninthayi Division, (3°C) to (4°C) below normal in upper Sagaing Division, Chin, Kayin and Mon States, (3°C) above normal in Northern Shan State and about normal in the remaining areas. The significant night temperatures were Haka and Mogok (2°C) each and Pinlaung (3°C).

Maximum temperature on 3-2-2007 was 89°F. Minimum temperature on 4-2-2007 was 61°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 4-2-2007 was 74%. Total sunshine hours on 3-2-2007 was (7.0) hours approx.

Rainfalls on 4-2-2007 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 (7) mph from North at (13:30) hours MST on 3-2-2007.

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

**Forecast valid until evening of 5-2-2007:** Light rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated in Kachin, Shan and Kayah States and upper Sagaing Division, weather will be partly cloudy in Chin and Rakhine States, lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Taninthayi Divisions and generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

**Outlook for subsequent two days:** Isolated rain are likely in Northern Myanmar areas.

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 5-2-2007:** Partly cloudy.

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 5-2-2007:** Generally fair weather.

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 5-2-2007:** Partly cloudy.



Monday, 5 February

**View on today**

- 7:00 am**
- 1. ကျေးဇူးရှင် မင်းကုန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃာမဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ရွက်၊ အဘိဓမ္မမဟာရဋ္ဌဂုရု၊ အဘိဓမ္မမဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မဇောတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော် ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်
- 7:15 am**
- 2. တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ အဂ္ဂမဟာပဏ္ဍိတ၊ ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိရိန္ဒာဘိဝံသ (ယောဆရာတော်) ဟောကြားတော်မူ အပီသော ဥပ္ပါတသန္တိပါဠိတော်
- 7:30 am**
- 3. Morning news
- 7:40 am**
- 4. Nice and sweet song
- 7:50 am**
- 5. Song of national races
- 8:00 am**
- 6. “မြူတီမီကင်းသောနေ့” (ထွန်းထွန်းဝင်း၊ မင်းထက်ကျော်စင်စိုးမိုးကြည်၊

- ပုလဲဝင်း) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-သိန်းဟန်-ဖိုးနစ်)
- 8:15 am**
- 7. Cute little dancers
- 8:20 am**
- 8. နှစ်(၆၀)ပြည့်ပြည်ထောင်စုနေ့ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်
- 8:30 am**
- 9. International news
- 8:45 am**
- 10. Grammer Made Easy
- 4:00 pm**
- 1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm**
- 2. Song to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm**
- 3. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ ဒုတိယနှစ် (ဓာတုဗေဒအထူးပြု) (ဓာတုဗေဒ)
- 4:45 pm**
- 4. Dance variety
- 4:55 pm**
- 5. မြန်မာစာ၊မြန်မာစကား
- 5:10 pm**
- 6. နှစ်(၆၀)ပြည့်ပြည်ထောင်စုနေ့ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်
- 5:20 pm**
- 7. မူးလျှင်မမောင်းနဲ့ မောင်းလျှင်မမူးနဲ့ (လူမင်း၊ သူသူဟံသာ၊ အိမ်အိမ်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-သက်တင်)

- 5:25 pm**
- 8. Song and dances of national races
- 5:30 pm**
- 9. Musical programme (The Radio Myanmar Modern Music Troupe)
- 5:45 pm**
- 10. နှစ်(၆၀)ပြည့်ပြည်ထောင်စုနေ့ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်
- 6:00 pm**
- 11. Evening news
- 6:30 pm**
- 12. Weather report
- 6:35 pm**
- 13. နိုင်ငံခြား ကာတွန်းဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “တာတွင်းသားငယ်လေး” (အပိုင်း-၄၇)
- 6:50 pm**
- 14. အလှူရာမယ်လှကမ္ဘာဝယ်
- 7:10 pm**
- 15. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ချစ်ညီမငယ်ပါလေး” (အပိုင်း-၁၃)
- 7:45 pm**
- 16. ပြည်ထောင်စုစိတ်ဓာတ် မပြတ်ရင့်သန်နိုင်မာရန်မှာ ဒိုဝန်တာ (ပြည်ထောင်စု တိုင်းရင်းသား လူမျိုးများပွဲ ပြီးရေး တက္ကသိုလ်)(တစ်သက်တာ)
- 8:00 pm**
- 17. News
- 18. International news
- 19. Weather report
- 20. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “တကယ်သဘောကျတယ်” (အပိုင်း-၂၁)
- 21. The next day’s programme

**Radio Myanmar**  
Monday, 5 February  
Tune in today

- 8:30 am** Brief news
- 8:35 am** Music: -Cheri Cheri lady
- 8:40 am** Perspectives
- 8:45 am** Music: -Cover me
- 8:50 am** National news/ Slogan
- 9:00 am** Music: -Part time lover
- 9:05 am** International news
- 9:10 am** Music: -Witoh doctor
- 1:30 pm** News / Slogan
- 1:40 pm** Lunch time music: -Hello -Am I the only one -Two in a million
- 9:00 pm** Spotlight on the Star: 5 -Feel the love -On top of the world -Closer to me -Got the feeling
- 9:10 pm** Article
- 9:20pm** Drug/ Women Affairs
- 9:35pm** Golden land melody/ Vocal gems -Anyone of us
- 9:45 pm** News / Slogan
- 10:00 pm** PEL

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## Public welfare tasks to be carried out as national duty

### Secretariat Member meets USDA executives in Mandalay Division

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Feb — Secretariat Member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung heard reports on regional development works and future tasks presented by Secretary U Maung Maung Ohn of Township USDA, executives and organizers at the Amarapura Township USDA Office yesterday.

The Secretariat Member explained the lofty aims of the association and instructed them to take part in the public welfare tasks, cooperate with local people in carrying out five rural development tasks and keep in touch with latest developments at home and abroad.

While in Amarapura, the Secretariat Member viewed the production process of silkware and cottonware at Shweyamin Silkware Industry.

He also inspected the site for construction of Village USDA Office in Ngeboe Village-tract.

The minister also viewed weaving and pro-

duction of silkware at Daw Saw Shin Silkware Industry and Shwe Hsin Taing and Shwe Hninsi Weaving Houses.

At the office of Mandalay Division USDA, the Secretariat Member met with the secretary, the joint secretary and executives of Mandalay Division USDA.

Division USDA Secretary U Tin Maung Oo reported on participation in public welfare tasks and future plans.

After attending to the needs, the Secretariat Member instructed them to carry out the public welfare task as a national concern. — MNA

*Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung meeting with secretaries, executives and members of USDAs in Amarapura.*  
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### 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.

**Self-reliant village libraries are being set-up in the entire nation. By donating books to the libraries, wellwishers perform noble and meritorious deeds. So far, libraries have been opened at 54,707 villages out of 61,949 throughout the nation.**

## Myanmar first-ever country in the world, laying down the plan to open self-reliant libraries in all villages across the nation

### 12 wellwishers donate 11,714 books worth K 10,479,000 to self-reliant libraries



*Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan accepts books donated by a wellwisher.*

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YANGON, 4 Feb — A ceremony to donate various kinds of publications for self-reliant village libraries set-up by the Information and Public Relations Department was held at the hall of Printing and Publishing Enterprise on Theinbyu Street here yesterday morning, attended by Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan.

Speaking on the occasion, the minister said that there are various sectors being brought about for development of the nation. Of them, priority is being given to widening the scope of knowledge of the people, ensuring development of human resources and turning out technicians. In doing so, self-reliant village libraries are being established in the entire nation. By donating books to the libraries, wellwishers perform noble and meritorious deeds. So far, libraries have been opened at 54,707 villages out of 61,949 throughout the nation.

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