

# Judicial sector to adapt itself to reforms made in conformity with forthcoming State Constitution

## People will loath courts if latter apply pressures and not protect them

### Prime Minister General Soe Win meets state/division judges and state/division law officers



NAY PYI TAW, 5 Feb — Prime Minister General Soe Win met with state/division judges and state/division law officers at the Attorney-General's Office here this afternoon.

Also present on the occasion were ministers, the Chief Justice, the Attorney-General, deputy ministers, deputy Chief Justices, deputy Attorney-Generals, Supreme Court Justices, the Director-General of State Peace and

Development Council Office, Director-General of Government Office, departmental officials, Directors-General and Deputy Directors-General of the Supreme Court and the Attorney-General's Office, heads of office, directors, State and Division judges, Law Officers, deputy directors, assistant directors, staff officers, and judges and law officers of Pyinmana District.

The Prime Minister

said that all the judges and law officers are striving with unity in their respective sectors. They will have to apply the check and balance system to serve the public interest more dynamically.

The Prime Minister said that he had already explained the do's and don'ts and the sectors which required amendments in 2006 for the judges and law officers to win public trust; that he

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Prime Minister General Soe Win meeting with state/division judges and law officers. — MNA

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



## PERSPECTIVES

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### Build more dams and reservoirs for agricultural and greening purposes

The government has built a large number of dams and reservoirs and lakes in the arid zone of the nation while implementing river water pumping and underground water tapping projects. As a result, there is sufficient supply of irrigation water and clean water.

The Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation is taking systematic measures in creating irrigated farmlands, boosting agricultural produce, cultivating quality strain crops and applying modern agricultural technology.

With the emergence of a network of dams and reservoirs, farmers have switched from the old method into new crop pattern of mixed and multiple cropping.

Tamar Dam and Phoni Dam built in Seikphyu Township, Pakokku District, Magway Division were opened on 31 January 2007. Tamar Dam is 194th of its kind and Phoni Dam 195th among dams built across the nation.

With the emergence of the two dams, local farmers of Seikphyu Township will be able to engage in extended growing of paddy as well as gram, pigeon pea and sesame on over 200 acres of farmland in the village-tracts.

As the government has built more dams and reservoirs in Magway Division, farmers in the region have been able to engage in double and mixed cropping and generate more incomes. Moreover, it will also contribute to self-sufficiency in food and greening of the region.

### Grand Royal Special Reserve Second Qualify Round on 10, 11 Feb

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Feb—Under the supervision of Myanmar Golf Federation, the Grand Royal Special Reserve Second Qualify Round, mainly sponsored by International Beverages Trading Co will be held at Ayetharyar Golf Course in Taunggyi on 10 and 11 February.

Rules of St Andrews will be applied at the competitions, which will be held under System (36).

The co-sponsors of the competitions organ-



ized by Han Event Management are Air Mandalay, Hotel Nikko, Srixon and Alpine.

Those wishing to take part in the competitions may contact phone numbers 081-27672/27702.

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## Peoples' Desire

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

### Fourth anniversary of Leprosy Elimination Commemorative Day marked

YANGON, 5 Feb—The fourth anniversary of Leprosy Elimination Commemorative Day, which falls on 6 February, was held at International Business Centre on Pyay Road here today. It was attended by Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win.

Also present were Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint, directors-general of departments under the ministry, Vice-Presidents of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association Dr Daw Tin Lin Myint and Daw Aye Aye, Secretary of MMCWA Dr Daw Wai Wai Tha, deputy directors-general, directors and medical superintendents, representatives of UN agencies, WHO and MICA and head of Yangon Division Health Department and others.

Minister Dr Kyaw Myint said that Myanmar had reached its leprosy elimination goal in January 2003, after combating



Commander Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win and Minister Dr Kyaw Myint view booth of leprosy elimination.— MNA

various constraints with the guidance of National Health Committee which was followed by local authorities, non-government organizations, World Health Organization and International Federation of Anti-Leprosy Association in terms of resources and technical assistance.

For those activities, the GAEL meeting congratulated the Government of the Union of Myanmar of setting a shining example

by effectively applying the global strategy and reaching the national goal of elimination in a most cost-effective manner.

For research and studies: The programme had done successively different kinds of health system research, with the support of Netherlands Leprosy Relief (NLR) and International Medical Centre of Japan (IMCJ). Outcomes and results of these research are applied for

more practical and scientific implementation of activities. Thanks again to IMCJ for their continuous support for further research and studies.

The prevalence rate gradually declines down to 0.47 patients per 10,000 population at the end of 2006 according to the data sources.

That is why, Ministry of Health selects slogan "Sustain Leprosy Control Activities: Let's continue our effort" for this commemorative day.

In conclusion the minister expressed thanks to International Medical Centre of Japan (IMCJ) for their supports to hold this ceremony as well as other research activities in leprosy.

The minister and Dr Uutaka Ishida of IMCJ presented prizes to the outstanding students who participated in the essay contest to mark the fourth leprosy elimination day. Those present were shown a documentary film on elimination of leprosy.

The commander, the minister and party viewed the booth of leprosy elimination.

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### Delegates arrive Nay Pyi Taw to attend Union Day ceremony

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Feb—To attend the 60th Anniversary Union Day ceremony, 53 delegates of national race traditional

cultural troupe led by U Freyei of Kayah State arrived here this morning. They were welcomed at Nay Pyi Taw airport by

officials of 60th Anniversary Union Day Accommodation Sub-committee who transport them to the guest houses.—MNA



Delegates of Kayah State to 60th Anniversary of Union Day at Nay Pyi Taw Airport.— MNA



**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

**Senior Cuban, Chinese officials meet to discuss ties**

HAVANA, 4 Feb—A senior Cuban official and Chen Fengxiang, deputy head of the International Department of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee, on Friday spoke highly of the bilateral friendship.

Ricardo Alarcon, member of the political bureau of the central committee of the Communist Party of Cuba, told Chen at their meeting that both countries witnessed an expansion of exchange in politics, economy, trade, culture and personnel, and strengthened mutual understanding and

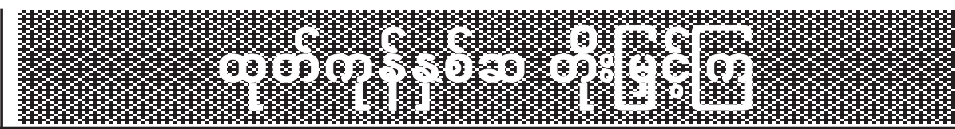
friendship in recent years.

Cuba appreciated and admired China's role in implementing its international responsibilities, saying that China could continue to play such an important role in dealing with international affairs, said Alarcon, also president of the National Assembly of People's Power. Chen, who was leading a goodwill dele-

gation of the CPC for a visit here, spoke highly of the achievements made by Cuba during its period of socialist construction.

He said the experiences Cuba's Communist Party accumulated in uniting its countrymen and conducting socialist construction could serve as an important reference for China.

MNA/Xinhua



*Journalists shoot pictures inside Iran's uranium conversion factory (UCF) in the central city of Isfahan, on 3 Feb, 2007.—XINHUA*

**New US report says Iraq to deteriorate further**

WASHINGTON, 4 Feb—A new US intelligence report predicted on Friday that the situation in Iraq will deteriorate further

unless efforts are made to reverse conditions, a portion of the report said.

A declassified version of the 90-page National

Intelligence Estimate was to be released at midday. It said US and coalition capabilities, "including force levels, resources and operations remain an essential element in Iraq" and that a quick US withdrawal from Iraq would have dangerous consequences such as an increase in violence.

The report describes a serious situation with Iraq, with Iraqi-on-Iraqi violence having surpassed al-Qaeda activities.

"Unless efforts to reverse these conditions show measurable progress during the term of this estimate, the coming 12 to 18 months, we assess that

the overall security of the situation will continue to deteriorate," according to a portion of the report made available to Reuters.

MNA/Reuters

**US says ground fire apparently brought down four helicopters**

BAGHDAD, 4 Feb—An ongoing US military investigation has found that ground fire apparently brought down four US helicopters in Iraq over the past few weeks, a Multi-National forces spokesman said Sunday.

The crashes killed 21 Americans.

"It does appear that they were all the result of some kind of Iraqi ground fire that did bring those helicopters down," US Maj Gen William Caldwell said.

The downed helicopters—which include two *Apaches*, a *Black Hawk* and a US security contractor's helicopter—pose a concern for the coalition in Iraq, where aircraft play a critical role. It could signal growing sophistication

among insurgents determined to shoot down coalition aircraft.

Caldwell said the military is already making adjustments in tactics, techniques and procedures.

On Friday, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen Peter Pace said that ground fire has been "more effective against our helicopters" in recent weeks and the military is studying the development.

The most recent crash occurred Friday when an *AH-64 Apache* flying northwest of Baghdad near Taji was shot down. Two US soldiers were killed.

Internet



*People stamp on symbolic toy arms during an anti-NATO protest in Seville, Spain, on 4 Feb, 2007.*

INTERNET

**Sweden shuts down 40% of nuclear reactors**

STOCKHOLM, 4 Feb—Four out of Sweden's 10 nuclear reactors were off-line on Saturday because of safety worries, capping a difficult week for the Nordic country's nuclear industry. Sweden relies on nuclear power for around half of its energy needs and electricity prices jumped last July when half the country's reactors were taken off-line

in the wake of an emergency shut-down at one unit.

On Saturday two reactors at the Forsmark plant were shut after a problem was detected in a rubber seal on the outer wall of one of the reactors, one of the owners said.

Earlier this week the Ringhals 3 reactor was shut down to check and adjust instruments after

some anomalous readings. Its sister reactor, Ringhals 1, has been off-line since Monday after a problem with its cooling system.

State-owned power group Vattenfall said the decision to shut down the Forsmark 1 reactor was taken after tests on Friday showed the rubber seal had lost some of its elasticity.

MNA/Reuters



*A girl plays with her mother among windmills in Beijing, capital of China, on 4 Feb, 2007. Over 5,000 windmills were set to decorate the Jianguomen area to celebrate the Beginning of Spring, the first of the 24 solar terms on the Chinese lunar calendar, falls on Sunday.—XINHUA*



# 500 million people in China to drink clean water

BEIJING, 4 Feb—About 500 million people will see an end to the days of drinking water of dubious quality over the next five years, as China invests to provide clean drinking water to rural populations, resources officials said on Thursday.

Rural populations in northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur autonomous

region will benefit from government funds of over 270 million yuan (about 35 million US dollars), said local officials.

In the last five years, the Chinese Government has invested more than two billion yuan (about 257 million US dollars) on water provision projects for nine million peasants and herdsmen,

officials said.

But 5,740,000 people — half of the rural population in Xinjiang Uygur autonomous region — still have to drink unclean water, according to the latest survey by the local water resources bureau.

Meanwhile, Guangxi Zhuang autonomous region will devote 420 million yuan (about 54 million US dollars) to clean water projects for its rural population of forty million, local officials said.

MNA/Xinhua

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Performers dance during the closing ceremony of the Sixth Asian Winter Games in Changchun, Northeast China's Jilin Province, on 4 Feb, 2007.

XINHUA



Firemen battle a blaze in the Blue House hotel in Punta Arenas, Chile, on 3 Feb, 2007.

Ten tourists from Argentina, Germany and the Netherlands were reported dead. The dead included two Argentine, four German and two Dutch tourists.

XINHUA

## Iraqi Interior Ministry estimates 1,000 killed in one week

BAGHDAD, 4 Feb—The Iraqi Interior Ministry estimates that about 1,000 people have been killed throughout Iraq in the past week due to gunbattles, drive-by shootings and bomb attacks, a ministry official said Sunday.

The figure includes

members of militia and terrorist groups, civilians and Iraqi security forces. The official said the data was gathered by Iraq's Interior, Health and Defence ministries.

The grim estimate came just a day after a bloody bomb attack on a

crowded market in central Baghdad that killed 128 people and wounded 343 others Saturday, according to a Health Ministry official. (Watch chaos as dozens are rushed to hospitals)

The incident, which also destroyed cars and surrounding stores, occurred in Sedriya, a mixed district of Sunni Arabs, Shiites and Kurds.

The Health Ministry official said he expected the death toll from that attack to rise.

Already, it is the deadliest attack in Iraq since 23 November, when Shiites were targeted by coordinated car bomb attacks in Sadr City.

At least 200 civilians were killed in those attacks.—Internet

## British tourist in Cancun dies trying to kill girlfriend

CANCUN (Mexico), 4 Feb— A British tourist tried to push his girlfriend off a 13th floor hotel balcony during a drunken fight at a Mexican resort, but ended up leaping to his own death, police said on Friday.

Adrian Fletcher, 34, and his companion, also from Britain, began arguing on Thursday after an all-night drinking session with other guests at a luxury hotel in the Caribbean resort of Cancun, according to a police Press release.

Fletcher then lifted his girlfriend over the balcony of their 14th floor room, but she struggled and both tumbled onto the balcony one floor below, where he again tried to throw her off, police said.

When hotel security guards intervened and threatened to shoot him,

police said a naked Fletcher leaped over the railing and slammed into the deck of the hotel's swimming pool.

A police spokesman in Cancun gave no further details. Cancun, a mass of towering hotels crammed along a narrow strip of white sand beaches, attracts young Americans and Europeans and is renowned for its flowing alcohol, debauched party scenes and warm turquoise seas.

MNA/Reuters



Riders pass through palm trees during the third stage of the Le Tour de Langkawi in Simpang Pulai, Malaysia, on 4 Feb, 2007.—INTERNET

## Floods kill at least 24 in Bolivia

LIMA, 4 Feb— At least 24 people have been killed in floods caused by heavy rains in Bolivia, according to reports reaching here on Friday.

The floods have hit six of the nine provinces of the country, the reports said, citing a statement by the Bolivian Government.

More than 100,000 people have been affected by the floods, which have also damaged roads, houses, farmlands, bridges and the communication infrastructure. A state of emergency has been declared across the nation.

The Bolivian Government blamed the heavy

rains on the El Nino effect in which unusually warm water in the eastern Pacific Ocean brings large downpours to the eastern coast of South America, and droughts in the nations on the western side of the Pacific Ocean, like Australia.

MNA/Xinhua

## Building collapse kills 19 in India

MUMBAI, 4 Feb— Nineteen people were killed when a wall of a warehouse under construction collapsed near India's financial capital on Saturday, police said.

"We have recovered 15 bodies. Five or six more people can be under the rubble," said Ram Rao Wagh, police commissioner in the satellite city of Navi Mumbai on the northern outskirts of Mumbai.

He later told Reuters that four more bodies had been recovered and three injured people had been taken to hospital, adding that all the victims were labourers.—MNA/Reuters



**ECONOMIC NEWS**

**China voices pity about US consultation proposal on subsidies at WTO**

BEIJING, 4 Feb— It is a pity for the United States to seek consultation process at the World Trade Organization (WTO) over China's industrial subsidies, a spokesman for the Chinese Ministry of Commerce said Saturday.

Actually the two countries have kept bilateral contact over the issue all along, the spokesman said. China is deliberating the consultation proposal from the United States, the spokesman said.

The United States on Friday formally asked for a consultation process at the WTO over China's industrial subsidies.

The US Government

has filed a complaint with the WTO, alleging that China is using government support to help its companies compete in world markets, thus creating an unfair playing field, trade sources in Geneva said.

By filing the complaint, the United States asked for a consultation process with China in Geneva, which is the first stage of the dispute settlement procedure of the world trade body.

MNA/Xinhua

*Chinese President Hu Jintao and his Zambian counterpart, Levy Patrick Mwanawasa, jointly attend the inauguration of the Zambia-China Economic and Trade Cooperation Zone in Lusaka, on 4 Feb, 2007.— XINHUA*



**Brazilian President says new economic plan will stimulate growth**

BRASILIA, 4 Feb— Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva said on Friday that the new economic plan recently announced by the government, will stimulate the economic

growth of the country.

In a message delivered to Congress at the opening of the new legislative term, Silva said the government hopes to raise the country's annual economic growth to

about 5 per cent, up from the current rate of less than 3 per cent.

The President also said the government would boost investment to 25 per cent of GDP, up from the current rate of around 20 per cent.

Silva called for lawmakers's support for the measures that will require legislative approval to come into force.

The new plan calls for tax cuts of more than 2.9 billion US dollars annually, and seeks to make public and private sector investments of more than 237 billion dollars over the next four years.

MNA/Xinhua



*A woman talks into her mobile phone in January 2007. Some of Europe's biggest telecoms groups are to hold talks next week about creating a mobile phone search engine which could challenge US giants Google and Yahoo!.—INTERNET*

**US unemployment rate rises to 4.6% in January**

WASHINGTON, 4 Feb— The US economy added 111,000 new jobs in January but the nation's unemployment rate rose to a four-month high of 4.6 per cent, the Labour Department reported Friday.

The January figures defied analysts who had been expecting a job gain of around 150,000 and an unemployment rate of 4.5 per cent, the rate that was registered in December and November.

New jobs added in December were revised to 206,000 from 167,000 reported a month ago. Also, October and November payroll gains turned out to be 196,000 and 109,000 respectively, stronger than the 154,000 and 86,000 positions estimated earlier.

In January, "job growth continued in several service-providing

industries, and construction employment also rose", the Labour Department said. "The number of manufacturing jobs continued to decline."

Factories sliced 16,000 jobs in January, marking the seventh straight month of job cuts. The construction sector, meanwhile, added 22,000 jobs.

Retailers, education

and health services, professional and business services, financial firms, leisure and hospitality, and the government were among those posted jobs gains.

American workers' average hourly earnings rose 0.2 per cent to 17.09 dollars in January, compared with an increase of 0.4 per cent in December.

Over the 12 months ending in January, wages grew by 4 per cent.

Wages account for two-thirds of a company's production costs. While wage growth should help keep consumers spending, a contributor to overall economic health, mounting wage pressures could trigger a rise in inflation.

MNA/Xinhua



**Bird flu to ravage Britain's poultry industry**

BRITAIN, 4 Feb— Faces the loss of £370 million in export trade in meat and live birds following the arrival of the avian flu virus in the poultry industry.

Ministers today expect to receive reports from embassies outside the European Union that countries have banned trade with the UK on poultry meat. After a similar outbreak in France last year countries outside the EU imposed immediate trade bans of at least six months.

Chicken and turkey farmers and processors are also bracing themselves for a backlash against poultry meat in Britain and are desperately trying to persuade consumers to hold their nerve and save the £3.4 billion-a-year market in Britain.

However, leading vets are concerned that the disease may now be rife in wild birds around Britain and on the Continent and the country must be prepared to live with a constant threat of a bird flu outbreak. —INTERNET

**Earthquake jolts northwest China**

BEIJING, 4 Feb — An earthquake measuring 5.5 on the Richter Scale hit the Haixi Prefecture of Qinghai Province in northwest China at 6:32 am on Saturday, according to China's earthquake monitoring network.

The quake occurred at 91.8 East Longitude and 38.0 North Latitude, said the network in a bulletin. No casualties and damages have so far been reported.

MNA/Xinhua

*Students learn Chinese at Instituto Cultural Chino Huaxia Mexico in Mexico City, capital of Mexico, on 3 Feb, 2007.— XINHUA*



# Under the pretext of dialogue (1)

*Soe Mya Kyaw*

With the intention of interfering in the internal affairs of Myanmar, the US in complicity with Britain submitted a draft resolution on Myanmar affairs to the United Nations Security Council on 12 January 2007.

The main demand in the US-Britain-co-sponsored draft resolution was to begin a dialogue that would lead to a democratic transition.

Indeed, the demand of the US and Britain was an echo of the repeated demand of the National League for Democracy (NLD), expatriates and remnant insurgents for a dialogue and a tripartite talk.

I wonder whether the government failed to satisfy their persistent demand for a dialogue, and how far it has achieved in the process if it had held a dialogue.

As usual, I visited Bagyi Soe and Kye Kye Mya who are participating in the Myanmar politics and have a wide range of knowledge. Bagyi Soe, a retired professor in a university, and is now attending the National Convention as a member of the Delegate Group of Other Invited Persons, Kye Kye Mya, a retired headmistress of a basic education high school.

**Kye Kye Mya:** Hello, Maung Kyaw, come and take a seat. Your uncle is in his reading room. He asked me about you the other day.

**Soe Mya Kyaw:** Then, I would like to see him now.

**Kye Kye Mya:** All right. I will prepare some refreshments for you.

**Bagyi Soe:** Where have you been lately? You must be busy these days. I have not seen you since 29 December when the National Convention went into recess.

**Soe Mya Kyaw:** Sorry, uncle. It is like that I visit you only when I have something to discuss with you.

**Bagyi Soe:** Never mind. You often come over to ask us about what you want to know. It is a way to auspiciousness.

**Soe Mya Kyaw:** I think you already knew it. It is the case the US and Britain submitted a draft resolution to the United Nations Security Council to take action against Myanmar.

**Kye Kye Mya:** Have a cold drink, Maung Kyaw.

**Bagyi Soe:** Their intention had been clear to all before the two submitted it to the Security Council. They were just trying to put Myanmar's issue on the Security Council agenda. Their attempt had attracted widespread criticism since they put the issue on the agenda, hadn't it?

**Kye Kye Mya:** Yes, the government, the people, the nations that love truth and justice, and Non-Aligned Movement objected it.

**Soe Mya Kyaw:** Yes, many countries opposed their attempt when the issue was put on the agenda and when they submitted the draft resolution. The resolution was defeated by a rare double veto at the

Security Council.

**Bagyi Soe:** It is natural that truth usually prevails in the end.

**Kye Kye Mya:** That is for sure, Ko Soe. There was not a grain of truth in their accusations. I understood well that the accusations were far from the truth when I read related news stories in the newspaper and watched them on TV.

**Bagyi Soe:** That informed the people of the fact that the accusations were totally groundless. So, that made the situation clear to the international community and the people.

**Soe Mya Kyaw:** Yes, the purpose of my coming here is to hold discussions about the main demand in the draft resolution the US and Britain submitted with slanderous accusations.

**Kye Kye Mya:** I see, Maung Kyaw. What you mean is a dialogue with Daw Suu Kyi who threatened the government on behalf of the US in 1995, asking which way the government would choose — dialogue or utter devastation.

**Soe Mya Kyaw:** You are right, Kye Kye. In the draft resolution, it is said, to "begin without delay a substantive political dialogue which would lead to a genuine democratic transition" and would include all political stakeholders, ethnic national groups and political leaders for a genuine dialogue".

**Bagyi Soe:** As your aunt said, they are demanding a dialogue as the demand of 1995. The people hate to hear the expression "utter devastation" Daw Suu Kyi said in 1995 when she made a demand for a dialogue. They replaced the expression "utter devastation" with a similar expression "calling on the UNSC to act in Myanmar".

**Soe Mya Kyaw:** I see, uncle. In 1995, the US threatened Myanmar by making Daw Suu Kyi say to the government "Which way would you choose—a dialogue or utter devastation?" Again this year, it used the Security Council to force Myanmar to choose a dialogue or punishment. Am I right?

**Kye Kye Mya:** Exactly, so the people have to be vigilant against political tricks the US, Daw Suu Kyi and their associates have made.

**Soe Mya Kyaw:** I would like to know how the government is striving with a sense of duty and how it is faithful to the nation for responding to their persistent demand for a dialogue so that the people and the international community will notice that fact.

**Bagyi Soe:** Since 1988 when the Tatmadaw took up State's duties, it tried to find out the root cause of why the nation lagged behind in development. Then, it noticed that the nation would become a modern and developed one only when national development tasks were carried out through the foundation

of national reconsolidation.

**Kye Kye Mya:** That was why the government laid down Our Three Main National Causes "non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty" as the national policy. Then, it tried to mobilize the participation of the entire national people including aboveground and underground elements in nation-building tasks.

**Bagyi Soe:** Yes, in that regard, it has been holding peace talks with national race armed groups since 1989 to put an end to the armed conflict.

**Soe Mya Kyaw:** Yes, uncle. The first success was that Kokang national race armed group broke away from the Burma Communist Party and returned to the legal fold under the name of Myanmar National Democracy Alliance (Kokang) on 31 March 1989.

**Kye Kye Mya:** More than one month later on 9 May, Wa national race armed group also broke away from the BCP and returned to the legal fold under the name of Myanmar National Solidarity Party.

**Bagyi Soe:** In brief, BCP brigade 815 of Mongla region in Shan State (East) consisting of Shan and Akha national races returned to the legal fold on 31 June 1989, and BCP No 101 military region on the eastern bank of the May Kha River in Kachin State consisting of Laung Waw and Lacheik ethnic groups, on 15 December 1989.

**Soe Mya Kyaw:** All the national race armed groups broke away from the BCP and made peace with the government in a year, didn't they?

**Bagyi Soe:** Yes, it was. I noticed that the success was due to three factors.

**Soe Mya Kyaw:** What are they, uncle?

**Bagyi Soe:** The first factor was that the government and the armed groups took the common stance, giving priority to national reconsolidation or national interests.

**Soe Mya Kyaw:** What about the other two factors?

**Bagyi Soe:** The second factor was because of alien instigation and interference. And the third factor was that they held discussions based on the national policy without personality cult, dogmatism and attachment to the party concerned.

**Kye Kye Mya:** I still remember that before 1988, the government held meetings with the BCP many times. The peace talks did not yield any good returns for the nation and the people because BCP politicians attempted to exploit the talks.

**Soe Mya Kyaw:** Peace could be made because the peace talks between the government and national race armed groups were based on the policy that internal affairs was to be tackled with national cause.

**Bagyi Soe:** Absolutely right. If the government did not hold peace talks directly with national race armed groups rather than with the politicians of the BCP, I am sure our country would be getting bogged down in the armed conflicts.

**Kye Kye Mya:** It is very encouraging to note that as a result of the peace talks, now all the national races are enjoying fruitful results of development.

**Soe Mya Kyaw:** Due to the peace talks the Tatmadaw Government held with its benevolent attitude, so far, 17 major national race armed groups and many small armed groups returned to the legal fold and made peace. Some of these groups unconditionally exchanged arms for peace.

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**Bagyi Soe:** I am sure our national people will enjoy more and more results of the benevolent efforts of the government.

**Soe Mya Kyaw:** Uncle, you said that the government managed to bring an end to the armed insurgency. Didn't it do anything to settle political conflicts, then?

**Bagyi Soe:** Of course, it did. It has been holding peace talks with political parties and politicians. These evidences have been documented.

**Soe Mya Kyaw:** Explain it to me, please.

**Bagyi Soe:** In 1988, the Tatmadaw had to assume the State's duties because the nation's situation was deteriorating rapidly. Since then, certain so-called politicians and expatriates have been aggressive to the government and considered it to be their enemy. Then, they started to attack the government with various means.

**Soe Mya Kyaw:** What happened to them? Even national race armed groups that had been engaged in the fight with the Tatmadaw for more than 40 years made friends and joined hands with the Tatmadaw in face of national cause. But, why couldn't those politicians consider the Tatmadaw to be their friend or colleague?

**Bagyi Soe:** It was because they placed too much reliance on external elements to seize the power. Then, they were caught in the trap of the imperialists and had to dance to the tune of their masters.

**Kyee Kyee Mya:** It was still in my mind. Since 1989, Daw Suu Kyi and the NLD have regarded the Tatmadaw as their enemy. And they attacked the latter, using the words like defiance of all orders, and taking the course of confrontation and relying on foreign nations.

**Soe Mya Kyaw:** They and their political activities have been as such right from the start.

**Bagyi Soe:** Daw Suu Kyi and the NLD are constantly inciting unrest in order to create political upheavals like "the 88 disturbances" using popular political words which are groundless, instead of consolidating the party.

**Soe Mya Kyaw:** Oh! I remember that. I had read in the newspapers that they made attempts to create unrest, pulling the people into participating in the chaos on 19-7-1989, the 42nd Anniversary Arzarni Day.

**Bagyi Soe:** That was why Daw Suu Kyi was put under restrictions under Section-10 of the Law for protecting the nation from dangers of saboteurs.

**Kyee Kyee Mya:** Before that time, there were incidents that some terrorist insurgents were allowed to stay in the compound of Daw Suu Kyi's House, and that some NLD party members who were responsible for bomb blasts at Thanlyin Oil Refinery were arrested with firm evidences. As to the incidents, the authorities concerned just warned her rather than taking action against her. In the latest incident, the authorities concerned had to take action against her unavoidably as she showed a total disregard for the authorities' warning.

**Bagyi Soe:** It was found that the NLD's Central Executive Committee reviewed and assessed the unlawful acts of Daw Suu Kyi and introduced reforms in the party.

**Soe Mya Kyaw:** Was it right, Ba Gyi?. Explain the incident to me, please, as I missed to notice it.

**Bagyi Soe:** The NLD's Central Executive Committee on 26-3-1990 announced that they expelled General Secretary Daw Suu Kyi from the party since action could be taken against her under Section-3 (D) of Political Parties Registration Law and reconstituted the NLD's Central Executive Committee with U Aung Shwe as chairman and U Lwin as secretary.

**Soe Mya Kyaw:** This being so, Daw Suu Kyi can neither be a member of NLD party nor the NLD

General Secretary since 26-3-1990. Bagyi, I would like to know why action can be taken against her under Section-3 (D).

**Bagyi Soe:** At that time, there emerged documents of classified nature in the NLD party. The documents stated that Daw Suu Kyi was expelled from the party as she had been in contact with the insurgents.

**Soe Mya Kyaw:** So, since then, there had been a separation between Daw Suu Kyi and the NLD. From that time on, is there any progress in Myanmar politics?

**Bagyi Soe:** So, it can be said that NLD's Central Executive Committee which was free from the influence of Daw Suu Kyi was able to participate in the nation's political developments through its own decisions for a certain period.

**Soe Mya Kyaw:** This was an encouraging setting in Myanmar politics for the State and the people.

**Kyee Kyee Mya:** However, we felt unhappy over the attempts perpetrated by Daw Suu Kyi who is hand in glove with the United States to undermine the national unity.

**Soe Mya Kyaw:** Can it be possible, Kyee Kyee? Daw Suu Kyi was placed under restrictions, wasn't she? And how could she contact with the United States?

**Kyee Kyee Mya:** We all are sincere and honest like Maung Kyaw. With ulterior motives, however, neo-colonialists are resorting to various ways to cause disintegration of the Union at every opportunity. As a result, we are facing such bitter experiences.

**Soe Mya Kyaw:** Explain it to me, please, Kyee Kyee.

**Bagyi Soe:** I will explain to you what you would like to know. Hearing that, your Kyee Kyee would fall unconscious due to deep resentment.

**Kyee Kyee Mya:** Of course, Ko Soe. I felt very angry whenever I thought about Ahchoktan Saya Pe's expressions criticizing national traitors.

**Soe Mya Kyaw:** Let me know about that if it is worthy of getting angry.

**Bagyi Soe:** I will not intervene in this matter. But lessons can be drawn from those incidents in the interest of the State and the people.

**Kyee Kyee Mya:** Well, please explain it in detail, Ko Soe.

**Bagyi Soe:** The Tatmadaw government bore no grudge against Daw Suu Kyi although it had to put her under restrictions unavoidably. It hopes that with the passage of time Daw Suu Kyi will one day on the right path since to err is human. Therefore, Daw Suu Kyi was not only allowed to meet with her husband Michael Aris, a British citizen, but also to be with him for months although she was placed under restrictions.

**Soe Mya Kyaw:** This being the case, Daw Suu Kyi has been in contact with the United States and Britain through Michael Aris, isn't it? How many times did Michael Aris come and meet her and how long did he stay with her?. As he was engaged in politics he had been in different parts of the world. It is known to all that his mother was a member of an organization in Britain to oppose Myanmar.

**Bagyi Soe:** Travel restriction on Daw Suu Kyi was imposed on 20-7-1989. Then, Michael Aris arrived on 22-7-89 and stayed with Daw Suu Kyi up to 12-8-89.

**Soe Mya Kyaw:** Did he pay a visit to the country only once, didn't he, Bagyi?

**Bagyi Soe:** It's more than one. He visited the country twice in 1990. He came to the country ten times between 1990 and 1994 and stayed with her for about nine and a half months (284 days).

**Kyee Kyee Mya:** That was why I got angry. There is a Myanmar expression. Parents would take about one month to ask their son/daughter something. A wife needs only one night to ask her husband do something. Daw Suu Kyi listened to what her husband said. The ensuring acts showed how Daw Suu Kyi behaved under the influence of her husband

after staying together.

**Bagyi Soe:** Yes, Maung Kyaw, the government gave Mr Aris permission to enter the country whenever he applied for a visa. If the term of the visa expired, his visa was extended. There were no strict checks on him at the airport. The government assumed that Mr Aris would act like a gentleman and it did not forbid him from computer connection.

**Kyee Kyee Mya:** I want to interrupt you. Despite patience of the government, the British Embassy in Yangon made accusations. Although Michael Aris and Daw Suu Kyi lived under the same roof, the embassy said the British citizen was under watch and restrictions.

**Soe Mya Kyaw:** They said so. It seemed that, Mr Aris and Daw Suu Kyi were to be accommodated at hotels like Sedona or Traders in comfort.

**Kyee Kyee Mya:** In fact, the couple had been treated well. On 20-9-1994 Head of State Senior General Than Shwe himself cordially met Daw Suu Kyi at No 1 Tatmadaw guest house.

**Soe Mya Kyaw:** I remember, Kyee Kyee. Their meeting was shown on TV and appeared in the newspapers. The people were pleased to see and they hoped that a problem of the State was going to be settled.

**Bagyi Soe:** We were also happy at that time. A week after on 28-10-1994, high-ranking officials of the State met Daw Suu Kyi for the second time.

**Soe Mya Kyaw:** Yes, Bagyi. The news reported that they discussed the current situation in the country, political and economic changes and measures to be undertaken for long-term interest. Their discussions were made public.

**Kyee Kyee Mya:** The government gave them opportunities to meet high-ranking officials. If you heard their response, you would be heart-broken. I don't want to tell you any more. Your Bagyi will explain it to you.

**Bagyi Soe:** Despite the sincere discussions, positive results did not come up to the people's expectation. On 24-12-1994, Michael Aris came to Daw Suu Kyi and stayed for nearly one month. On 20-1-1995, Michael Aris made an announcement of Daw Suu Kyi at Bangkok Airport. The announcement expressed that Daw Suu Kyi would carry on her campaign.

**Soe Mya Kyaw:** The announcement meant that she would continue to oppose the Tatmadaw government regarding it as an enemy without changing her attitude of defiance of all orders and confrontation.

**Bagyi Soe:** Right. In other words, she would dance to the tune of the neo-colonialist masters. She wanted to start a dialogue with the Tatmadaw government holding a burning firewood in one hand and a bowl of water in another. She reported to governments of the US and Britain.

**Kyee Kyee Mya:** Not only that, Maung Kyaw. When she was under restrictions, the NLD CEC decided to participate in the National Convention according to the democratic practice in the party. Later we learnt that she wrecked the participation of NLD in the National Convention.

**Soe Mya Kyaw:** Yes, of course. We looked back the activities of Daw Suu Kyi between 1989 and 1994. We need to study the activities of the NLD that made the decisions freely, escaping from the influence of Daw Suu Kyi since 26-3-1990.

**Bagyi Soe:** If we continue our discussions on the complex affairs at one sitting, your Kyee Kyee would not have the stomach to listen. Let's stop for today and we'll continue tomorrow.

**Soe Mya Kyaw:** Yes, Bagyi. Take a rest, Kyee Kyee. If you wish to pass out your anger you can do so tomorrow.

**Kyee Kyee Mya:** Don't forget to come tomorrow.

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will review and point out the areas where amendments are needed and which should be noticed as all levels of courts, judges, law officers and police officers are under constant public criticism.

**At present, the government has been transforming the administrative sector in conformity with the forthcoming State Constitution, while taking actions against staff for misconduct and inviting public criticism and complaints. At a time when general administrative reforms are in progress to be in conformity with the forthcoming State Constitution, the judicial sector should adapt itself to the changing conditions.**

Officials of the past successive eras had already urged personnel of the judicial sector to respect and maintain the value of law and to steer their sector with straightforwardness, while warning them against practices of bribery and corruption.

**The Raja Dhamma Singaha Treatise compiled by Myanmar scholar U Po Hlaing said that no one in this world can prosper if he ignores the law or fails to observe it; that the deterioration of a human society is the result of its failure to abide by the law; and that progress and prosperity of a human community is the fruit of the observance of the law.**

Based on suggestions of the successive Myanmar scholars, the judicial and executive

have been the places reaching verdicts in solving the legal problems justly in accord with the law.

Generally, specific punishments for specific crimes, means of judges in returning verdicts, bribery and bias among judges, their behaviours in the courts and the qualifications of lawyers are the talk of the people. **The sector of judicial affairs will be small, but it has much broader impacts.**

**Hence, judges, law staff, police officers and lawyers, and officials whose tasks have relations with judicial affairs should dare to put their qualifications and morals to test. They should always preserve their moral conduct to become persons trusted by the people.**

Today, the government has been getting into gear in every sector for a gentle transition to another system. Hence, judicial affairs, police operations and administrative functions should have relations with the nation-building tasks, and they should be carried out with broader outlook. **If the staff concerned pay attention only to their task, they will become sectorial, while disregarding the public and keeping themselves away from human society. As educated persons, judges should realize with vision that the bureaucratic mind that serves the interest of only a few will be against the new system.**

In conducting judicial affairs, a concept of ensuring stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity and rule of law must be adopted. **Courts are required**

leadership of the State Peace and Development Council. Therefore, it is necessary to know the role of those administrative bodies. All governmental organizations are to apply check and balance system among them. Being farsighted ones, judges need to carry out their functions with consideration. And they must stay away from going to extremes.

Likewise, administrative bodies should not take a great interest in carrying out judicial affairs wanting to know even a single criminal case in detail, and this can spark a problem of interfering with the judicial sector.

Doing any bad deeds must be avoided. **The most important thing is to get the cooperation of local administrative bodies for ensuring the uprightness, fairness and justice of the judicial pillar, facilitating court procedures and returning verdicts correctly and justly. As the courts are the eye and mirror of the nation, they reflect life and reality of the people correctly.**

There are complaints about weakness and failure and corruption of judges and law officers regarding the administration of justice.

Judicial system in which the people trust is to be established in the process of transition to democracy. In reviewing the weakness and shortcomings, it is found that they occur not because of the system, code of conduct and procedures but because of personal weakness.

## Public-trusted judicial system to be established in the process of transition to democracy

prescriptions of Myanmar were enacted by the royal authority and with public respect and abidance. The prescriptions are in accord with the Code of Laws, criminal laws, rulings and quotations of learned persons and have firm historical and legal backgrounds.

Law should have the capacity to facilitate human relations, ensure equality and protect public tranquillity.

**If courts instead of protecting the people in accord with the law are applying pressures on them, they will not become the public eye; they will become the places loathed by the public.**

The dignity of courts will continue to rise as much as they can solve all the social problems correctly and fairly in accord with the law. Moreover, people will recognize them as the mirror reflecting the people and their social problems and the nation's image.

It is usual in the past and also at present that the people have interest in and criticized the courts as they

**to educate their clients to know the value of law and the protection of law without giving priority to merely reaching a verdict of wins or failures over their clients. Only when those responsible for judicial affairs are able to pass a fair judgment, will the courts be able to raise their dignity.** Laws as well as the courts must be in the interest of the people.

The people must respect the law, and the law must protect the people as well. Moreover, the conducting of judicial affairs must be in consistency with the State policies and existing laws. It is necessary to have political as well as judicial views. An extensive use of law terms may confuse the people and ignoring the nature of law is a kind of extreme act. If needs arise to solve the issues of community peace and tranquillity, and to end misconduct, the courts and local administrative bodies are to cooperate and coordinate each other. Peace and development councils at various levels are regional administrative bodies under the

Some weaknesses belong to inefficiency in work, negligence and lack of discipline but not individual character. Therefore, it is necessary for the judges and law personnel at different levels are to undergo training systematically and improve themselves to be qualified persons in accord with their status.

The judges must be skilled in their functions and law officers are to be well-versed in law and to safeguard the people.

Efforts are to be made for establishment of judicial system in conformity with genuine democratic social life.

**Moreover, the verdicts reached at the courts must be free from corruption and be educative.**

There is a basic principle in law that major cases should be minimized and minor ones should be settled. However, deterrent punishment must be given to those who commit crimes that harm the State and the people.

In conclusion, the Prime Minister said the judges and law personnel represent the courts and laws of the State. He urged them to preserve the dignity of the their organizations, to safeguard the people in cooperation with law enforcement organizations and under the supervision of administrative authorities, to ensure the rule of law and order and to build the nation after realizing that policy and tasks of the State.

Afterwards, the Prime Minister cordially greeted the judges and law officers from states and divisions and officials.

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**If the staff concerned pay attention only to their task, they will become sectorial, while disregarding the public and keeping themselves away from human society. As educated persons, judges should realize with vision that the bureaucratic mind that serves the interest of only a few will be against the new system.**





**Secretary 1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein greets trainees at opening ceremony of special refresher course No 8 for faculty members.— MNA**

## Success achieved today...

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shape, continued efforts are to be made for the emergence of a new State, the national goal. As progress has been made in the holding of the National Convention, the first and crucial stage of the seven-step Road Map, steps are to be taken to establish sound infrastructures that are capable of guaranteeing the perpetuation of the Union and that are in conformity with a discipline-flourishing democratic nation.

In doing so, efforts are to be made for prevalence of peace and tranquillity in the nation, ensuring strong national economy and widening the scope of knowledge of the people. The government is endeavouring for national consolidation, community peace and prevalence of law and order in all parts of the nation including border areas.

In the meantime, it has laid down and is implementing the 24 special development zones and the five rural development tasks to bring about equitable development in transport, agriculture, education, health and social sectors across the nation. Such efforts can further cement friendship among national races.

Moreover, dams and reservoirs were built for development of the agricultural sector, the main pillar of the national economy while striving for boosting the per acre yield of quality crops. All the meantime, industrial zones were established and steps are being taken for development of State and private industrial sectors while making arrangements for development of electric sector.

In the same way, efforts are being made for development of trade and service sectors as well as development of private sector to be in accord with one of the four economic objectives which calls for the initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national peoples. The development of human resources plays a pivotal role in creating the strong national economy. Only when the scope of knowledge of people is widened will a discipline-flourishing nation emerge.

Therefore, the government has laid down the national education promotion plans and is implementing them for the emergence of an educated nation.

He said as there was no peace and tranquillity in border areas local national races lost their learning opportunities. The education standard and regional development were low and there were no national solidarity and peace and tranquillity.

He said under the Tatmadaw government schools, colleges and universities were built in the various regions of the Union to possess education foundations.

Arts and science university, government technological college and government computer college were built in the 24 social development regions based on focal points of states and divisions.

In January, the three remaining arts and science colleges and all technological colleges and government computer colleges were upgraded to universities.

In health sector, a 200-bed specialist hospital was built in every development region and arrangements are being made for equal development of education and health sectors in every region.

He spoke at length on construction of hospitals in the nation and provision of hospital equipment and specialists and health technology for high performance, opening of medical universities, conducting medical seminars and producing doctors, physicians and medical scientists.

He also said that arrangements are being made for use of high technology in forestry, mining, agriculture and livestock breeding sectors. In other words, universities and colleges, workshops and laboratory and electronics-based infrastructures were opened for development of every sector in every region, he said.

The nation will own large and qualified human resources only if it strives for progress and propagation of modern sciences and technologies in all strata of people of various sectors, and for emergence of intellectuals and intelligentsia.

It has been building infrastructures to open education opportunities for every region, race and class and to pursue further studies.

The entire nation will develop only if all educational institutions from schools to universities meet their set standards.

All educators including faculties, should effectively use the infrastructures in striving to accelerate the development of regions and the nation with the help of advanced sciences and technologies.

At present, IT advancement has been dominating all areas of development. Hence, all need to effectively use the IT that is flourishing in the international community for progress and prosperity of the nation and the people as ordinary efforts are not enough to reach this end.

The dynamic nature, high intellectual ability and firm spirit of Myanmar should be combined with advanced IT to catch up with the international changes and developments.

The people including student youths will be able to develop their own country only if they are vitalized with the spirit to love and honour their own race. In other words, they will be able to make self-reliant efforts for the success and prosperity of their nation and race only if patriotism and nationalistic fervour are instilled in their minds.

The eternal flourishing of national unity and Union Spirit is important.

Teachers will have to nurture their pupils to further strength their spirit to love the Union and develop their education qualification.

With the intention of grabbing power through short-

cut, saboteurs are trying to incite the younger generation to rely on aliens losing nationalist spirit and Union Spirit. Looking to the past history, being under alien influence, the Union collapsed due to the adoption of foreign plans and strategies.

Trying to copy alien style, method and culture led the country to suffer bitter experiences such as sectarianism, ideological prejudice, personality cult and racism and thus to cause disintegration of national consolidation, armed clashes, splits of political parties and instability of the State.

In consequence, the interest of the State and the people could not be served and the Union was about to collapse. Therefore, the government is implementing the seven-step Road Map to shape an ever-flourishing Union that is consistent with Myanmar's prevailing history, traditions, customs and cultures. Shaping a bright future of the State is dependent upon the successful implementation of the Road Map. Only then would there be sound foundations such as peace and stability of the State, strong national economy and national education promotion. To achieve such goals, the education sector take the leading role. So, all faculty members are to participate in the nation-building tasks through the education sector.

All in all, faculty members are to successfully carry out national education promotion programmes knowing the importance of the education sector in order that the Union of Myanmar can stand tall among the international community. They are to actively take part in an effort for building a peaceful, modern and developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation by doing their bit.

After the ceremony, the Secretary-1 cordially greeted the trainees. A total of 912 trainees from universities and colleges of the Upper Myanmar are attending the one-month course.

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## Myanmar in Golden Gleam

- \* **Nationals throughout Myanmar  
Without difference, holding helping hands  
In all communities, for national weal  
Prosperous and peaceful, transporting  
Via rail and bridges, big and small  
In networks, going about  
In Myanmar, in Golden Gleam.**
- \* **Myanmar's economy, meat and fish  
Rice, tea, mango and orange  
Apple, varied cereals, sugarcane, cotton,  
sesame  
Variegated, teak, hardwoods and oil  
Dams and resources  
Natural gas so plentiful  
In Myanmar, in Golden Gleam.**
- \* **In areas near Myanmar, such places  
Across land and maritime borders  
Those who understand us, these people  
In peace, moving together, helping  
Five Principles, non-aligned  
With Six, not to lose friendship  
With right mind, they deal  
In Myanmar, in Golden Gleam.**
- \* **In Myanmar, Motherland, nationals  
With strength of nation, lying within.**
- \* **Friends and relatives in region  
Espouse what is correct.**
- \* **True friends, in different nations  
Help and disseminate loving-kindness.**
- \* **The non-aligned nations  
Value peace.**
- \* **Inordinate, awkward beings  
Don't apply pressure, we pay no attention.  
Po Yan Naing (Kyaukkyi) (Trs.)**



# Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein inspects Pyinmana-Myohaung railroad, construction tasks in Mandalay

NAYPYI TAW, 5 Feb — Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein inspected the construction of railroads and bridges on Pyinmana-Myohaung (Mandalay) on 3 February.

The railroad is 157.75 miles long and links Pyinmana and Myohaung (Mandalay).

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and party arrived Mandalay in the evening and they were welcomed by Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw, Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung and officials.

Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thein Sein met with military officers in the Central Command at the command in Mandalay on 4 February.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, Commander Maj-Gen Khin Zaw and military officers of the command attended the meeting.

At the meeting, Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thein Sein briefed on political, social, education and health sectors of the State.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Ye Myint called for growing crops and conducting livestock farming for welfare of the families of officers and other ranks and also urged them to grow physic nut plants and to participate in implementing the rural area development tasks.

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein attended the opening ceremony of the 8th Refresher Course for Faculty Members at Central Institute for Civil Services (Upper Myanmar) this morning and delivered an opening address.

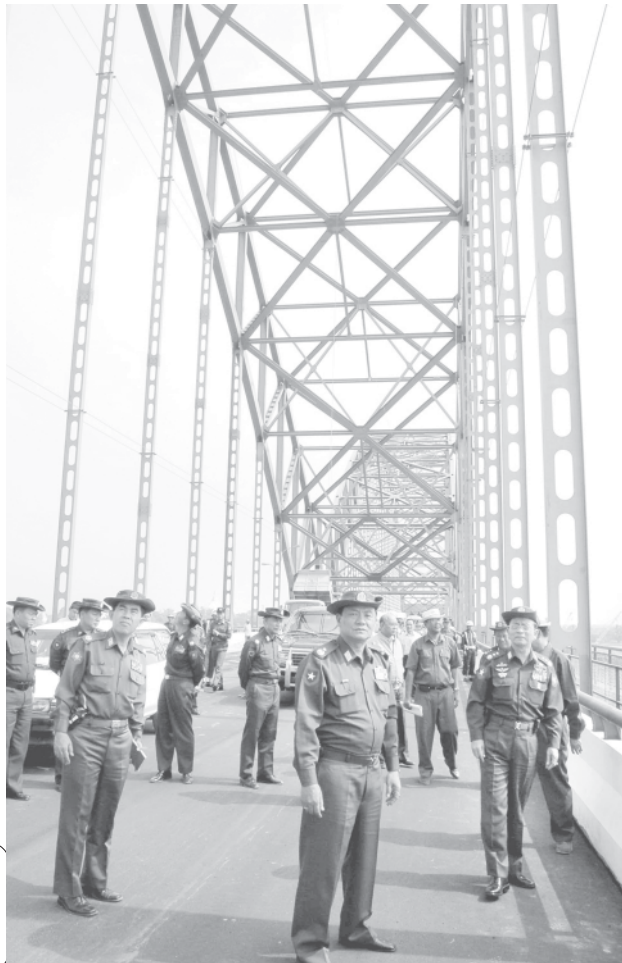
Afterwards, Lt-Gen Thein Sein and party inspected construction of the short-cut road linking Htonebo and Myitnge. Htonebo-Myitnge Road is 9 miles and 3 furlongs long and 18 ft wide.

During the tour, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein also inspected construction of Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadanabon) spanning Ayeyawady River. Deputy Minister for Construction U Tint Swe reported on matters related to construction tasks. He also reported on tarring on the bridge. Lt-Gen Thein Sein and party inspected construction tasks of the main bridge and the approach roads in a motorcade.

The main bridge is reinforced type and 3,694 ft long. The motor road of the bridge is 49 ft wide, and there are two 6-foot wide walkways. The clearance of the bridge is 700 ft high. Each approach bridge is 1,920 ft long.

Over 78 % of Ayeyawady Bridge Project has been completed. — MNA

**Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein inspects construction of Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadanabon).** — MNA



**Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadanabon).** — MNA

## S'porean doctor gives talks on liver transplant

YANGON, 5 Feb — Educational talks on liver disease and liver transplant were held at Oriental House in Mandalay on 28 January.

Also present on the occasion were Chairman of Mandalay City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han, Specialist of Parkway Group Health Care Pte Ltd of Republic of Singapore Dato Dr Tan Kai Chah and party, Professor Dr Than Sit of Liver Unit of Mandalay General Hospital and others.

First, Professor Dr Than Sit briefed on the liver disease. Next, Dato Dr Tan Kai Chah gave talks on liver disease and liver transplant and replied to the queries raised by those present.

More information on liver disease and liver transplant are available at Parkway Group Health Care Information Center, No 44 on Latha Street in Yangon and telephone number.— 0951 31510.

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## Book on Min Shin's biography and literary experience comes out

YANGON, 5 Feb — Book on Min Shin's biography and literary experience has been in circulation. The book compiled by Dr Htila Sithu depicts the letters of congratulations by Myanmar's well-known writers and journalists. It also features literary outlooks of writers Htay Maung, Maung Nay Myo, and U Thaw Kaung. It was published by Myanmar Shwepyithar Publishing House. It is available at K 2,500 per copy. — MNA



**Dato Dr Tan Kai Chah of Parkway Group Health Care Pte Ltd gives talks on liver transplant.**

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Eden Esquivel, an American woman working in China, serves tea for her spouse's father and mother according to Chinese tradition during the wedding ceremony at Yichang, central China's Hubei Province, on 3 Feb, 2007. Eden married a Chinese man called Cai Xiaozhong on Saturday. —XINHUA

## East African Community to set up Peace Research Centre

**DAR-ES-SALAAM, 4 Feb** — The East African Community (EAC) has announced its decision to set up a Peace Research Centre in Arusha of northern Tanzania.

An EAC Press statement received here on Friday said that the centre will be named after the founding president of the United Republic of Tanzania, Mwalimu Julius Nyerere.

The Nyerere Peace Research Centre will focus on exchange programmes on conflict management and resolution. The programmes at the centre will provide a link between theory and practice

relevant to peace building, conflict resolution, policy research, data collection and analyses as well as training, the statement said.

The main objective of the Nyerere Peace Centre is to provide support for

policy-makers in governments and in communities with a view to increasing capacity to promote peaceful settlement of conflicts in the East African region.

MNA/Xinhua

## Light aircraft wreckage found off British coast

**LONDON, 4 Feb** — Rescuers searching for two men whose plane went missing off the northwest coast of England on Saturday have found some of the wreckage of a light aircraft, the Coast Guard said.

The single-engine plane, thought to have been travelling from Exeter to Blackpool, disappeared from air traffic radar screens at about 5 pm off the coast of Blackpool.

A rescue operation was immediately launched involving several lifeboats and helicopters. "A lot of the wreckage has been

found but there has been, as yet no sign of the missing men," a Coast Guard spokesman said.

Thick fog in north-western England contributed to a collision earlier on Saturday between a passenger ferry carrying 300 people and a cargo vessel in the river Mersey in Liverpool. No-one was hurt in that incident.

A spokesman for Liverpool's Maritime and Coast Guard Agency, which is coordinating the search for the missing airmen, said conditions were good with visibility of 500 metres and a flat calm sea. —MNA/Reuters

**A racing enthusiast looks on during the McDowell Indian Derby in Mumbai, India, on 4 Feb, 2007. The Derby is one of India's prestigious racing events and carries a purse of Rs 10 million (about US\$224,000). — INTERNET**



## Musharraf urges Pakistan, India stay firm for peace

**RAWALPINDI (Pakistan), 4 Feb** — Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf said on Friday Pakistan and India should stay steadfast against hardliners and militants opposed to a peace process between the two old rivals.

Musharraf told a news conference relations with India had never been better and he was "reasonably optimistic" about their three-year-old peace process but there was a danger of setbacks. "I think there is good optimism towards a resolution but we have to tread the ground carefully so that we don't slide back," he said.

The nuclear-armed neighbours have fought three wars since their independence in 1947 and nearly went to war a fourth

time in 2002.

But tension has eased since they began peace talks in early 2004 but progress has been slow, including on their core dispute over the divided Himalayan region of Kashmir, where Muslim militants have been fighting Indian rule since 1989.

Musharraf, in an apparent reference to the militants who have for years enjoyed Pakistani support, said some people were opposed to the peace process. —MNA/Reuters

## Hundreds of Russian fishermen rescued from ice floe

**Moscow, 5 Feb** — Hundreds of fishermen were rescued from an ice floe in Russia's Okhotsk Sea on Saturday after it drifted away from the coast in strong winds.

An Emergencies Ministry spokesman said rescue workers used helicopters and rubber boats to reach the fishermen.

"All 442 people have been saved," the spokesman said.

Residents of Sakhalin and other regions in the far east — historically Russia's poorest — rely heavily on fishing in Pacific waters to make ends meet.

MNA/Reuters

## Jakarta seriously hit by floods

**JAKARTA, 4 Feb** — Floods in Jakarta, capital of Indonesia, have killed five people and forced 106,095 others flee their homes, an official of local disaster management agency told Xinhua here Saturday.

Two days of incessant rain triggered floods in the city that inundated thousands of homes, government buildings and businesses, forcing authorities to cut off electricity and water supplies. With many parts of the city still under neck-deep water, the authorities warned Saturday that more rivers may burst their banks.

Many parts of Jakarta were on Friday morning covered by flood waters following heavy down-

pours since Thursday night, causing the closure of a number of streets and severe traffic snarls.

In some of the inundated areas such as Cipinang Muara, Kalimalang, Ciledug, Kapuk, Tomang, Larangan, Bendungan

Hilir, Kampung Melayu and Pasar Minggu, the level of the flood waters had risen to between 1 and 2.5 metres on Friday from a height of 70-100 centimetres on Thursday. The floods also virtually cut off roads connecting

Jakarta's city centre with suburbs like Bekasi, Tangerang, Bintaro, Ciputat and Depok, creating difficulties for people living there but working in the capital to reach their work places on time. —MNA/Xinhua



Cars are stationary as they are trapped by flood water, as seen in this aerial view of a flooded neighborhood of Jakarta, Indonesia, on 4 Feb, 2007. —INTERNET



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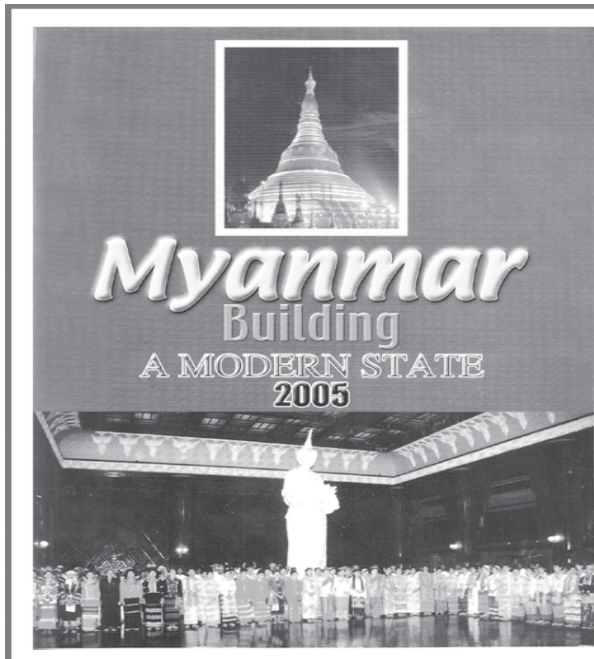
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**Two Romanians arrested in Iraq released**

BUCHAREST, 4 Feb—US military authorities in Iraq decided on Friday to release the two Romanian citizens arrested on 31 October, 2006 for filming in a US military base, the Romanian Foreign Ministry said in a Press release on Friday. US military authorities made the decision convinced that the two Romanians did not act in bad faith, according to the release.

MNA/Xinhua



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**Quartet meeting reaffirms support for M-E peace process**

WASHINGTON, 4 Feb — The Quartet meeting, involving the United States, the United Nations, the European Union and Russia, reaffirmed on Friday its support for the Middle East peace process and the establishment of a Palestinian state.

“The Quartet welcomes the upcoming meeting between (Israeli) Prime Minister (Ehud) Olmert, (Palestinian) President (Mahmoud) Abbas and (US) Secretary

of State (Condoleezza) Rice,” UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon said in a statement after the meeting held here.

“The Quartet affirmed the primacy of the roadmap and welcomed US efforts to accelerate progress on the roadmap,” Ban said, adding that the Quartet noted the continuing importance of the Arab peace initiative,

particularly its reflection of a shared commitment to a two-state solution.

Ban also said that the Quartet calls for end of violence and terror as well as Palestinian unity.

The Quartet held a meeting one year ago and issued a statement urging Hamas, who won the Palestinian legislative elections at that time, to renounce violence,

recognize Israel as well as previous peace agreements between Palestine and Israel. However, Hamas has rejected the appeal.

The United States has suspended contacts and aid to the Hamas-led Palestinian Government and said Hamas will not be a peace partner unless it renounces violence and recognizes Israel.

MNA/Xinhua

**Uganda gets \$45 m to develop agriculture**

KAMPALA, 4 Feb—Uganda has acquired a loan of 45.13 million US dollars from the African Development Bank (AfDB) to upgrade its agriculture infrastructure across the country.

According to the Tunis-based AfDB, an estimated 35 per cent of the East African country's population will benefit

from the loan project that is to address agricultural-related basic issues.

The money will also be used to repair 390-kilometre district roads and 3,510-kilometre community access roads, as well as for annual routine and recurrent maintenance of 587-kilometre roads and 5,267-kilometre community

access roads.

“The specific objectives of the project are to enhance farmers' access to markets, attract competitive prices and increase incomes through improvements in rural infrastructures and their management,” said an AfDB statement quoted by *New Vision* on Saturday.—MNA/Xinhua

**California requests “major disaster” declaration from Bush**

LOS ANGELES, 4 Feb— Californian Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger on Friday requested President George W Bush to declare a major disaster for 31 Californian counties.

California has suffered catastrophic losses due to recent record setting low temperatures, Schwarzenegger said in a letter to Bush. “As a result of these devastating events, I request that you declare a major disaster” for the 31 Californian counties, which suffered catastrophic losses due to the extreme cold weather last month.

An arctic air mass moved into the state in January and extreme cold weather conditions pushed nighttime temperatures to record and near record lows throughout the state.

In spite of the

significant efforts to protect crops, agricultural communities in California have sustained substantial crop losses and unknown long-term tree damages, estimated to be in excess of 1.14 billion US dollars,

Schwarzenegger said.

“The effects of the freeze have been far-reaching and estimated losses are expected to rise as damage assessments continue statewide,” he said. —MNA/Xinhua



*Chinese New Year decorations hang at a shop 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 Feb, 2007. —INTERNET*

**Russia jails three for 2004 Moscow metro blasts**

MOSCOW, 4 Feb —A Moscow court on Friday sentenced three men to life imprisonment for two Moscow metro blasts in 2004 which killed 49 people and injured many more, a lawyer for one of the accused said.

An explosion shattered a metro carriage in Moscow in February 2004, and another blast near a metro station and a crowded shopping centre followed in August that year.

The court found the three men guilty of committing acts of terrorism as part of an armed rebel group, Maxim Ponarin's lawyer Natalia Alyoshina told *Reuters*.

“We will appeal the verdict,” she said. “We need to read the verdict in full and then decide what we disagree with.”

MNA/Reuters



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**China puts new navigation satellite into orbit**

XICHANG (Sichuan), 4 Feb — China successfully put a navigation satellite into orbit early Saturday from the Xichang Satellite Launch Centre in southwest China's Sichuan Province.

The carrier rocket, *Long March 3-A*, blasted off at 0:28 am (Beijing Time). The satellite separated from the rocket about 24 minutes later.

Data from the Xi'an satellite monitoring centre showed that the satellite had accurately entered its orbit.

It is China's fourth *Beidou* (Big Dipper) navigation experimental

satellite in orbit. The previous three were sent in space on 31 October, 2000, 21 December, 2000 and 25 May, 2003 respectively.

Experts said the *Beidou* satellite navigation experimental system is operating well and has played a significant role in cartography, telecommunications, water conservation, transportation, fishery, pro-

specting, forest fire monitoring and national security.

The fourth *Beidou* navigation satellite, serving as a backup satellite for the *Beidou* satellite navigation experimental system, may replace the first *Beidou* satellite, when necessary, continuing to provide all-weather and all-day navigation and positioning information. *MNA/Xinhua*



A man waves the flag as the *Queen Mary 2* enters a harbour in San Francisco, California, on 4 Feb, 2007. The ship, currently on an 81-day voyage around the world, is the largest vessel to ever sail into the San Francisco Bay. — INTERNET

**British scientists find way to spot fake drugs in packet**

LONDON, 4 Feb — British scientists have developed a new technique that can spot fake drugs in the packaging.

Scientists at the Rutherford Appleton Laboratory in Didcot, UK, developed the technique using a variant of Raman spectroscopy, which enables fake drugs to be distinguishable from their genuine counterparts, according to the latest issue of *New Scientist* available on Friday.

Raman analyzers shine laser light into a sample, causing molecules to emit infrared radiation, which is collected at the same point where the laser is focused

and each chemical emits a different range of infrared Raman frequencies, producing a unique spectral fingerprint for that substance, according to the scientists.

Current devices cannot analyze substances within packaging because that material interferes with and obscures the sample's signal.

New technique developers Pavel Matousek and Charlotte Eliasson modified their spectro-meter to collect the returning signal at a point a few millimetres from where the laser is focused and this works because Raman signals generated deep within a

sample shift sideways slightly before exiting the surface, unlike those generated on the surface itself, the report said.

The signal from the packaging surface is effectively diluted, while that from the drug inside is amplified, the scientists said.

Matousek has used the procedure to detect branded versions of the painkillers paracetamol and ibuprofen, both in blister packs and plastic containers. According to the report, by the end of the year, hand-held devices capable of spotting packaged fakes could be available, helping inspectors seized drugs. — *MNA/Xinhua*



The grounded ship 'Sierra Nava' is seen near Algeciras in southern Spain, on 4 Feb, 2007. — INTERNET

**Heavy drinking risky for women with Hepatitis**

NEW YORK, 4 Feb — Heavy alcohol use increases mortality with Hepatitis C virus (HCV) to a greater extent in women than in men, according to a report.

"Previous studies indicated that alcohol use is a risk factor for HCV disease progression, but they seldom examined the effect on women and men separately," lead author Dr Chiung Chen, from CSR, Inc, Arlington, Virginia, said in a statement. "Even fewer studies were able to examine the effect of alcohol on HCV mortality. Our study provides empirical evidence to fill the gap."

Chen and colleagues analyzed 132,468 deaths due to HCV and/or heavy alcohol use entered in National Centre for Health Statistics data bases between 2000 and 2002.

Female Hepatitis C patients who were not heavy drinkers died at an average age of 61.0 years, while those who drank died at 49.1 years.

By contrast, heavy drinking had less effect on lifespan in men, lowering the average age of death with Hepatitis C from 55.1 to 50.0 years.

The findings emphasize that heavy drinking is a key factor that influences Hepatitis C mortality, the researchers state. More importantly, the study provides the first evidence of a gender difference in alcohol intake-related Hepatitis C mortality. — *MNA/Reuters*

**Author Cussler sues over film treatment of "Sahara"**

LOS ANGELES, 4 Feb — Action-novel hero Dirk Pitt has overcome myriad obstacles on his way to finding buried treasures and shipwrecks but his career and that of his creator — novelist Clive Cussler — was nearly destroyed by a bad script, a court was told on Friday.

Best-selling writer Cussler, who has featured Pitt in 19 of his 32 books, is suing Crusader Entertainment, owned by Denver billionaire Phil Anschutz, for making so many script and plot changes to the film version of his book "Sahara" that it was doomed to box-office failure.

Cussler's lawyer Bert Fields told a Los Angeles

Superior Court jury that because of the poor adaptation of the work, it was now impossible for author Cussler to get future film deals.

"This was not the dramatic, gripping story Clive Cussler told.

As a result, the audience just didn't care," Fields said in his opening statement.

He added that the movie "Sahara" released in 2005 with Matthew Mc Conaughey and Penelope Cruz lost between 60 million US dollars and 70 million US dollars.

Lawyers for Crusader Entertainment were to give their opening statement later on Friday.

*MNA/Reuters*



One-month-old bear cubs are fed in a bear orphanage in the Tver region 450 km (279 miles) northwest of Moscow, on 3 Feb, 2007. — XINHUA



# SPORTS

## Fergie confirms bad break



**Edwin van der Sar**

LONDON, 4 Feb— Manchester United boss Sir Alex Ferguson has confirmed that Edwin van der Sar has broken his nose following his side's 4-0 win over Tottenham at White Hart Lane.

United had far too much for Tottenham in a convincing second half display which saw them score three goals, to add to Cristiano Ronaldo's late first half opener.

While delighted with the manner of his side's victory in the capital, Ferguson concedes that the three-point haul was tempered by the injury sustained when Van der

Sar went in to challenge Spurs striker Robbie Keane.

Also of concern to the Scottish tactician was the sight of Wayne Rooney having to be replaced in the second half, with the striker now a doubt for England's game against Spain on Wednesday.

"Wayne was injured in a challenge, he was limping about for a bit so I had to take him off," Ferguson told *Sky Sports*.

"We'll assess him in the morning but he may be doubtful for Wednesday.

"Edwin has broken his nose, there was a lot of blood so he had to come off."

Having already made three substitutions when Van der Sar came off, with around five minutes remaining, John O'Shea was forced between the posts and the Irishman, along with Ronaldo, received special praise from his manager.

*Internet*



*Olympique Marseille's Samir Nasri (22) tries to get past Paris Saint Germain's Jerome Boateng (R) during their French Ligue 1 soccer match at the Velodrome stadium in Marseille on 4 Feb, 2007.—INTERNET*

## Troyes tame Lyon 1-0 with injury-time winner

PARIS, 5 Feb— An injury-time winner by captain Benjamin Nivet gave strugglers Troyes a 1-0 victory over Olympique Lyon to leave the clear Ligue 1 leaders chasing a first league victory this year.

Nivet slotted in from close range four minutes into stoppage time to hand Lyon their third defeat in their last five league outings. The defending champions, who have not won a Ligue 1 match since the 4-0 thrashing of Racing Lens on 17 December, have

had their lead cut down to 11 points with 15 games remaining.

Goalkeeper Ronan Le Crom was a key player in Troyes' victory as he produced a string of dramatic saves to deny all Lyon's efforts.

Le Crom stopped two trademark free kicks by playmaker Juninho before the break and saved a close-range header from midfielder Tiago midway through the second half.

In the dying minutes, Le Crom dived in front of teenage striker Hatem Ben Arfa after a shot from new recruit Milan Baros was deflected in the box.

"This victory is just huge because we never thought we could beat them. There is such a gap between the two teams, we never thought we could close it," said Troyes coach Jean-Marc Furlan.

*MNA/Reuters*



*Ryuji Imada, of Japan, hits from the second fairway during the third round of the FBR Open golf tournament on 3 Feb, 2007, at the TPC in Scottsdale, Ariz.—INTERNET*

## Celtic bounce back to beat Livingston in Cup

GLASGOW, 5 Feb— Celtic came from a goal down at Second Division Livingston to cruise into the Scottish FA Cup quarterfinals with an emphatic 4-1 win on Sunday. Their reward is a clash away to Inverness Caledonian Thistle.

Livingston took a shock lead with a Dave MacKay head-flick from seven metres on 18 minutes, but Celtic surged back with Darren O'Dea angling his body to blast a six-metre shot into the net on the half hour.

In first half stoppage time, Derek Riordan rifled home a fine goal from the left of the penalty area to make it 2-1.

Two second half goals inside a minute wrapped up the tie for Celtic as Riordan blasted a near-post shot past keeper Colin Stewart from 10 metres in 59 minutes.

*MNA/Reuters*

## Morientes double takes Valencia up to third

MADRID, 5 Feb— Fernando Morientes scored twice to help Valencia climb to third place with a 3-1 home win over direct rivals Atletico Madrid in the Primera Liga on Saturday.

Roberto Ayala and Morientes put Valencia in command with goals early in each half, but on his return to the Mestalla Mista pulled one back for Atletico in the

56th minute. Former Liverpool striker Morientes made sure of a deserved victory with his ninth goal of the season midway through the second half. "We have some of the best wingers in football in our side and it's up to the forwards to make the most of their work. I was able to do that," Morientes told television station La Sexta.—*MNA/Reuters*

## Real Madrid lose 1-0 at home to Levante

MADRID, 5 Feb— Real Madrid's problems in front of goal returned to haunt them as they lost 1-0 at home to struggling Levante in the Primera Liga on Sunday.

Having sold Brazilian striker Ronaldo to AC Milan during the week all eyes were on the side to see how they would respond, but they never recovered from falling behind to Salva Ballesta's 11th-minute penalty.

Real have scored just three times in their last eight games in all competitions, and remain fourth in the standings with 38 points.

Earlier, Sevilla missed out on the chance to go top when they were held to a goalless draw at home by lowly Real Sociedad.

The UEFA Cup holders dominated throughout but were unable to break the Basque club's resistance and stay second, level on 42 points with leaders Barcelona, who visit Osasuna later on Sunday.

Valencia are third with 39 points after beating Atletico Madrid 3-1 at home on Saturday, with two goals from Fernando Morientes.—*MNA/Reuters*

## Big Phil: Ronaldo needs move

LONDON, 5 Feb— Portugal boss Luiz Felipe Scolari thinks Cristiano Ronaldo needs to leave Manchester United and continue his career with Barcelona.



**Cristiano Ronaldo**

The former Sporting Lisbon winger, who turned 22 on Monday, has been enjoying his best season with United so far.

The winger was again highly-influential in Sunday's 4-0 demolition of Tottenham Hotspur, having taken his goal tally to 15 with a controversially-awarded penalty at White Hart Lane.

Ronaldo's displays have attracted the interest of Spanish giants Barcelona and Real Madrid, and the midfielder's international manager Scolari believes a move to Barca is essential for the player's footballing education.

"The basic education stage of his career is ending and I know Cristiano is ready for a change of atmosphere," Scolari told *The Sun*. —*Internet*

## Bueno scores 4 for Sporting, Porto suffer shock defeat

LISBON, 5 Feb— Uruguayan Carlos Bueno struck four times in the second half to help Sporting

crush Nacional Madeira 5-1 and leaders Porto suffered a shock home defeat by Estrela Amadora in the

Portuguese Premier League on Saturday. The victory lifted Sporting into second place, three points behind leaders Porto who lost 1-0 to Amadora. Porto top the standings with 40 points, followed by Sporting on 37 and Benfica, who were held 0-0 at home by Boavista on Friday, on 36.

Sporting fell behind after 26 minutes to a goal by Bruno Amaro but struck back after halftime with three goals by Bueno, the first a header from a cross by Joao Moutinho. The Uruguayan winger grabbed his fourth goal in stoppage time.—*MNA/Reuters*



*A1 Team China's Tung Ho-Pin Tung rounds a bend during the feature race of the A1 Grand Prix at Eastern Creek Race raceway in Sydney, Australia, on 4 Feb, 2007. Germany's Nico Hulkenberg won the race with Jonny Reid of New Zealand second and Tung placing third.—INTERNET*



# Russia worried by US arms build-up

BERLIN, 5 Feb — Russia is alarmed by the growing military advantage enjoyed by NATO and the United States in Europe, for which there appears no need, Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov was quoted as saying on Saturday.

Looking ahead to the annual Munich security conference next weekend, which Russian President Vladimir Putin will attend, Lavrov told weekly *Der Spiegel* Moscow was worried the balance of military power between West and East was becoming too one-sided. "There are alarming developments. The

balance of conventional weapons in East and West has shifted considerably," he said, noting most former members of the Soviet-aligned Warsaw Pact had joined NATO since the break-up of the Soviet Union.

"And ultimately the military presence of the United States in Europe is becoming a strategic

factor," he added.

Lavrov reiterated Russian concerns about US plans to site a missile defence system in Poland and the Czech Republic and noted there was little to separate this technology from systems that could be used for offensive purposes.

"This is creating a completely new situa-

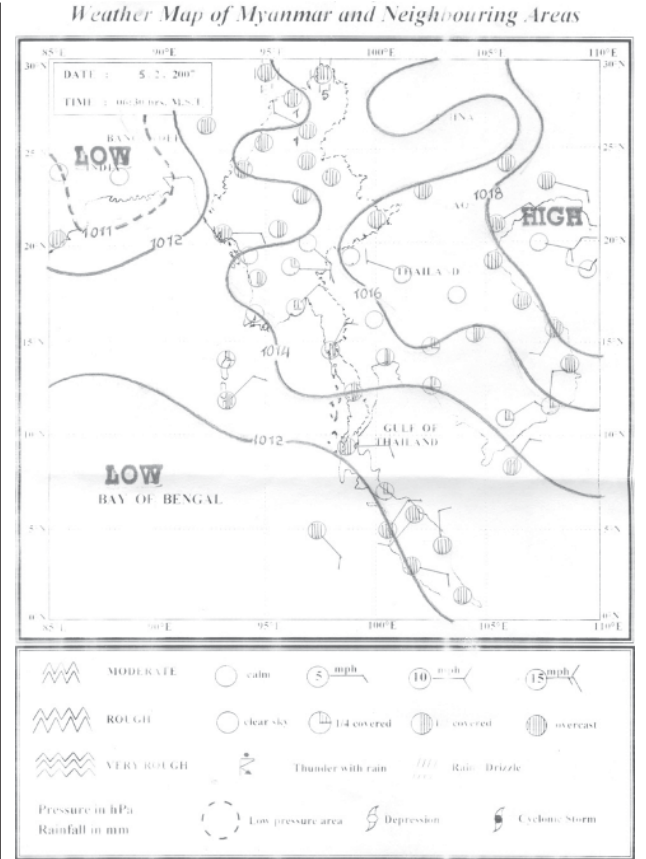
tion," he said. "We want to be told quite clearly why this is happening. We don't see any objective reason for this step."

Asked how Moscow would respond if Washington failed to make concessions, Lavrov said Putin had made it clear Russia was not interested in beginning another arms race.

Lavrov criticized NATO for failing to ratify a treaty limiting conventional arms in Europe, and said some in the West were still caught up by the idea they had won the Cold War.

"This victor's mentality leads them to believe that they can now dictate the rules of the game to us," he said.

MNA/Reuters



## WEATHER

Monday, 5 February, 2007

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Kachi State, isolated in Chin State, upper Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions, and weather has been generally fair in the remaining areas. Night temperatures were (4°C) below normal in Kayin State and Taninthayi Division, (5°C) below normal in Bago Division and (3°C) above normal in Kachin State and upper Sagaing Division and about normal in the remaining areas. The significant night temperature was Pinlaung (3°C). The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Putao (0.31) inch, Machanbaw (0.20) inch and Haka (0.12) inch.

Maximum temperature on 4-2-2007 was 91°F. Minimum temperature on 5-2-2007 was 63°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 5-2-2007 was 82%. Total sunshine hours on 4-2-2007 was (8.0) hours approx.

Rainfalls on 5-2-2007 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 (9) mph from East at (11:15) hours MST on 4-2-2007.

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

**Forecast valid until evening of 6-2-2007:** Rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated to scattered in Kachin, Shan, Chin and Rakhine States, Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions, weather will be partly cloudy in Magway, Bago, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and generally fair in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

**Outlook for subsequent two days:** Continuation of isolated rain are likely in upper Myanmar areas.

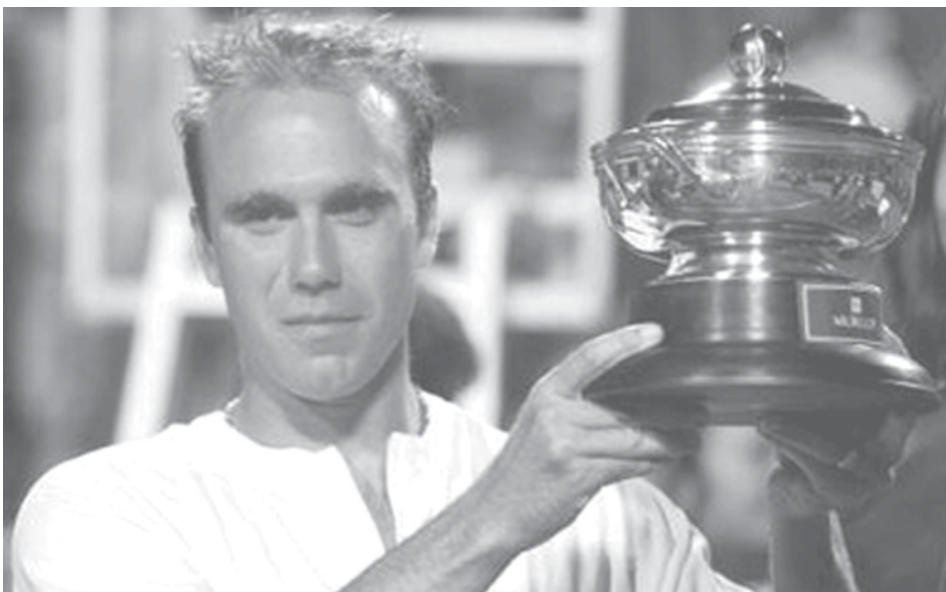
**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 6-2-2007:** Partly cloudy.

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 6-2-2007:** Partly cloudy.

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 6-2-2007:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty (60%).

### "Untimely Rainfall Warning"

Issued at (13:00) hours MST on 5 February 2007  
Due to the influence of movement of the western disturbance, at (06:30) hours MST today, rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated to scattered in North Rakhine, Chin, Kachin and Shan States, Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions within next (48) hrs commencing this afternoon.



Luis Horna of Peru celebrates his victory after defeating Nicolas Massu of Chile during their final match at the ATP tennis tournament in Vina del Mar city, 137km (85 miles) northwest of Santiago, on 4 Feb, 2007. — INTERNET

**TV Myanmar**

**Tuesday, 6 February**

**View on today**

<p><b>7:00 am</b></p> <p>1. ကျေးဇူးရှင် မင်းကုန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃာ့ မဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော် ဆောင်ရွက်၊ အဘိဓမ္မမဟာရဋ္ဌ ဂုရု၊ အဘိဓမ္မအဂ္ဂမဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မ ဇောတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော် ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်</p> <p><b>7:15 am</b></p> <p>2. တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ အဂ္ဂမဟာပဏ္ဍိတ၊ ဘဒ္ဒန္တသီရိန္ဒာ ဘိဝံသ (ယောဆရာတော်) ဟောကြားတော်မူ အပိသော ဥပ္ပါတသန္တိပါဠိတော်</p> <p><b>7:25 am</b></p> <p>3. To be healthy exercise</p> <p><b>7:30 am</b></p> <p>4. Morning news</p> <p><b>7:40 am</b></p> <p>5. Nice and sweet song</p> <p><b>7:50 am</b></p> <p>6. ကဗျာပန်းဥယျာဉ်</p>	<p><b>8:00 am</b></p> <p>7. Song of yester years</p> <p><b>8:10 am</b></p> <p>8. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p><b>8:20 am</b></p> <p>9. နှစ်(၆၀)ပြည့် ပြည်ထောင်စုနေ့၊ ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်</p> <p><b>8:30 am</b></p> <p>10. International news</p> <p><b>8:45 am</b></p> <p>11. Let's go</p> <p><b>4:00 pm</b></p> <p>1. Martial song</p> <p><b>4:10 pm</b></p> <p>2. Song to uphold National Spirit</p> <p><b>4:30 pm</b></p> <p>3. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာတော်ယူနှစ် (သင်္ချာအထူးပြု) (သင်္ချာ)</p> <p><b>4:40 pm</b></p> <p>4. Dance of national races</p> <p><b>4:55 pm</b></p> <p>5. နှစ်(၆၀)ပြည့် ပြည်ထောင်စုနေ့၊ ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်</p> <p><b>5:05 pm</b></p> <p>6. "တန်ဖိုး" (ညီညီနေနိုင်၊ လှိုင်ဖြူဖြူထွန်း) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-သက်တင်)</p> <p><b>5:10 pm</b></p> <p>7. နှစ်(၆၀)ပြည့် ပြည်ထောင်စုနေ့၊ ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်</p>	<p><b>5:20 pm</b></p> <p>8. ဆိုကြမယ် ပျော်ကြမယ်</p> <p><b>5:45pm</b></p> <p>9. စတုတ္ထအကြိမ်မြောက် အနာကြီးရောဂါကင်းဝေးရေး အထိမ်းအမှတ်</p> <p><b>6:00 pm</b></p> <p>10. Evening news</p> <p><b>6:30 pm</b></p> <p>11. Weather report</p> <p><b>6:35 pm</b></p> <p>12. နိုင်ငံခြားကာတွန်း ဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "တာတွင်းသားငယ်လေး" (အပိုင်း-၄၉)</p> <p><b>6:50 pm</b></p> <p>13. ကြယ်ပွင့်များရဲ့ရင်ခုန်သံ</p> <p><b>7:05 pm</b></p> <p>14. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ရုစီညီမငယ်ပါသေး" (အပိုင်း-၁၄)</p> <p><b>7:45 pm</b></p> <p>15. ပြည်ထောင်စုစိတ်ဓာတ် မပြတ်ရင့်သန်ခိုင်မာရန်မှာ ဒို့ဝန်တာ (အသီးတစ်ရာအညှာတစ်ခု ဒို့ပြည်ထောင်စု)</p> <p><b>8:00 pm</b></p> <p>16. News</p> <p>17. International news</p> <p>18. Weather report</p> <p>19. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "တကယ်သဘောကျတယ်" (အပိုင်း-၂၂)</p> <p>20. The next day's programme</p>
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**Radio Myanmar**

**Tuesday, 6 February**

**Tune in today**

**8:30 am** Brief news

**8:35 am** Music:  
-You to me are everything

**8:40 am** Perspectives  
-Is it love you're after

**8:45 am** Music:  
-And the best goes on

**9:00 am** Music:  
-Forget me not

**9:05 am** International news

**9:10 am** Music:  
-Love is love  
-Eyes on my  
-Words

**9:00 pm** English speaking course level( )unit( )

**9:10 pm** Article

**9:20pm** Weekly sport reel

**9:30pm** Music at your request listening pleasure

**9:45 pm** News /Slogan

**10:00 pm** PEL



**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

**Success achieved today is not due to perfunctory efforts but the fruitful results of concerted efforts of the State, the Tatmadaw and the people  
Entire nation will develop only if all educational institutions meet set standards**

**Special Refresher Course No 8 for Faculty Members of Universities and Colleges opens**



*Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein delivers an address at special refresher course No 8 for faculty members at Central Institute of Civil Services (Upper Myanmar). — MNA*

istry of Defence, Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw, the ministers, the Chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board, the deputy ministers, the Mandalay Mayor, members of CSSTB, senior military officers, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office and heads of department, the Rector of CICS (Upper Myanmar), pro-rectors, heads of department, faculty members, course in-

velopment Council has been taking systematic steps in all spheres for the emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed nation.

In the process, relentless efforts are being made day in, day out to bring about better transport and to narrow development gap between the hilly regions and the plains. With the emergence of development infrastructures the length and breadth of the nation, the government has been able to put the national economy back on track.

Modern towns and cit-

regions the national races were able to disperse dissension and discord among them.

The success achieved today is not due to a perfunctory effort but the fruitful results of the concerted efforts of the State, the Tatmadaw and the people under the leadership of the visionary Head of State.

However, there is still much to be done although progress has been made to the most possible degree in all spheres. Hence, the entire national races are to make continued efforts in order to reach the national



NAY PYI TAW, 5 Feb— A ceremony to open the Special Refresher Course No 8 for Faculty Members of Universities and Colleges conducted by Central Institute of Civil Service (Upper Myanmar)

was held at the Yadana Hall of the Institute in Pyin Oo Lwin Township, Mandalay Division this morning with an address by Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 of the State

Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein.

Also present on the occasion were member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Min-

structors and trainees.

In his address, Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein said that the State Peace and De-

velopment Council has been taking systematic steps in all spheres for the emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed nation. In the process, relentless efforts are being made day in, day out to bring about better transport and to narrow development gap between the hilly regions and the plains. With the emergence of development infrastructures the length and breadth of the nation, the government has been able to put the national economy back on track. Modern towns and cit-

ies have emerged in border areas that lagged behind in development in the past due to insurgencies and armed conflicts among national races.

With the prevalence of peace and stability in those goal, maintaining the momentum of achievements already in place. At a time when a peaceful, modern and developed nation is taking

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