

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



Only when there is strong Union Spirit, will the Union of Myanmar exist perpetually

Good foundations of Union Spirit are to be further strengthened and consolidated. Only when there is strong Union Spirit, will the territory of the Union of Myanmar exist perpetually.

Senior General Than Shwe
Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council
Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services

(From guidance given to trainees of
No 37 BEd Course of University for Development of National Races)

Secretary-1 delivers speech in meeting with Union Day delegates
National brethren of different regions able to exchange
adorable cultures, traditions while in Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Feb — Chairman of Central Committee for Organizing the 60th Anniversary Union Day for 2007 Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein met the delegates of states and divisions to the 60th Anniversary Union Day Celebration at the City Hall in Nay Pyi Taw this evening.

Also present on the occasion were Chairman

of Management Committee for Organizing the 60th Anniversary Union Day for 2007 Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Wai Lwin, members of the central committee and the management committee, the director-general of SPDC office, departmental heads and the delegates.

Secretary of the management committee Director-General U Myint Thein of Pyithu Luttaw Of-

fice acted as MC.

First, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein extended greetings and then made a speech. He said first of all, I am very glad to meet you the national race delegates of all regions of the nation. The Union Day Celebration to be held this year has turned sixty and it will take place in Nay Pyi Taw, the new capital of Myanmar for

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Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein extends greetings to delegates to the 60th Anniversary Union Day Celebration.—MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

Saturday, 10 February, 2007

Strive with Union Spirit for emergence of modern and developed nation

Myanmar is home to various national races such as Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Bamar, Mon, Rakhine and Shan who have been living in the Union through thick and thin since time immemorial.

Although the national brethren live in different parts of the nation in search of greener pastures they are united on the basis of Union Spirit. Therefore, the Union of Myanmar has been standing tall among nations of the world as an independent and sovereign country.

In an effort to build a peaceful, modern and developed nation the government has been giving priority to national reconsolidation, community peace and tranquillity and prevalence of law and order.

The national race organizations who had returned to the legal fold are now striving together with the government for national development. As a result, remarkable progress has been made in political, economic and social sectors.

With the prevalence of peace and stability the government has spent a large amount of funds on projects for development of border areas and national races. Consequently, the socio-economic life of border areas is making rapid progress.

Therefore, the entire national people are to make concerted efforts for further strengthening national solidarity and flourishing of Union Spirit while striving for the emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed nation and its perpetuation.

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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

Energy Minister receives President of EIA

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Feb — Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi received President of Eurasian Industrial Association (EIA) Dr Alexander A Machkevitch and party of the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Russian Federation, at his office here on 7 February.

They discussed matters related to cooperation in energy sector.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Than Htay, Director-General U Soe Myint of Energy Planning Department, Managing Director U Myint Kyi of Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise, Deputy Director-General U Soe Aung of EPD and officials concerned.— MNA



Energy Minister Brig-Gen Lun Thi receives Dr Alexander A Machkevitch, President of Eurasian Industrial Association.

ENERGY

MYANMAR GAZETTE

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Feb — The State Peace and Development Council has appointed the following persons as heads of service organizations shown against each on probation from the date they assume charge of their duties.

Name	Appointment
(a) Col Aung San Tin Ministry of Defence	Director-General Factories and General Labour Law Inspection Department Ministry of Labour
(b) Dr Tin Nyunt Deputy Director-General Health Department Ministry of Health	Director-General Traditional Medicine Department Ministry of Health

MNA

Minister meets Korean and Japanese guests

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Feb — Minister for Electric Power No 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint met with Mr Cheon Youn Ghil, Director of Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Energy (MOCIE) of the Republic of Korea, at his office here on 6 February.

Also present at the call were officials of the departments and enterprises under the ministry.

On 6 February, the minister also met with Deputy Managing Director of Daihen Electric Co Ltd Mr Masao Ochi and party of Japan at his office here.

Also present at the call were Director-General of Electric Power Department Dr Thein Tun, Managing Director of Myanmar Electric Power Enterprise Dr San Oo, Managing Director of Electric Power Supply Enterprise U Tin Aung and officials .

MNA

People can make complaints about malpractices of personnel of Ministry of Home Affairs

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Nov — In accord with the guidance of the Head of State, "Remove the practices of colonial period and safeguard the interest of the State and the people", the Ministry of Home Affairs has been serving the interest of the State and the people after forming the Ministry of Home Affairs, General Administration Department, Myanmar Police Force, Bureau of Special Investigation and Prisons Department. The ministry is responsible for undertaking the tasks for security of the State, prevalence of law and order, community peace and tranquillity and community welfare services.

If any service personnel of any rank from the Ministry of Home Affairs commit malpractices involving money, property and opportunity and oppress the people in administrative and economic and social affairs, making improper use of the rights which are not in conformity with the existing laws and procedures, those who suffer personally can complain to the minister (phone 067-412040, fax 067-412016), the deputy minister (phone 067-412072) and the deputy director-general (phone 067-412069, fax 067-412439), the Ministry of Home Affairs, Office No 10, Nay Pyi Taw and e-mail: ddg.gad@gad.gov.mm.

Investigation will be made by the inspection team legally formed by the Ministry. The people are urged to make true complaints and the ministry guarantees not to cause people's grievance. — MNA

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safely*

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Iran's leader warns US about carrying out any attack

TEHRAN, 8 Feb—Iran's supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, warned the United States on Thursday that Iran would retaliate against American interests worldwide if it was attacked. It was the latest volley in an escalating war of rhetoric between the countries.

Speaking to a group of airforce commanders about rumors of an imminent American military strike, Ayatollah Khamenei said, "Iranian people should not get scared of such issues," the Iranian Student News Agency reported. "Our enemies know very well that any aggression will have a response from all sides by Iranian people on their interests all over the world."

He added, "No one would commit such a blunder and jeopardize the interests of his country and people." Iran's Revolutionary Guards also said Thursday that as part of a war games exercise, they had successfully test-fired a land-to-sea missile capable of sinking large

warships.

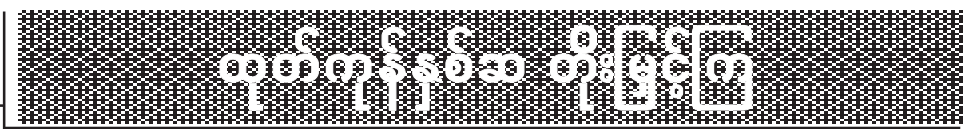
"These missiles, with a maximum range of 220 miles, can hit different kinds of big warships throughout the Persian Gulf, the Sea of Oman and the northern Indian Ocean," Ali Fadavi, a senior Revolutionary Guards naval commander, said on state television.

The speech by Ayatollah Khamenei was his first major public

appearance since the United Nations Security Council approved limited sanctions on 23 Dec because of Iran's refusal to halt efforts to enrich uranium. The United States and some European countries accuse Iran of having a secret weapons program, but Iran contends that its nuclear development is for peaceful purposes only.

Internet

Winner of the Best British Actress award at the 27th London Film Critics Circle Awards, Helen Mirren poses for the media at the Dorchester Hotel in central London, on 8 Feb, 2007.
INTERNET



Visiting Chinese President Hu Jintao (R) reviews the guard of honor in company with Mozambican President Armando Emilio Guebuza during a welcoming ceremony at the airport in Maputo, capital of Mozambique, on 8 Feb, 2007. Chinese President Hu Jintao and Mozambican President Armando Guebuza held talks on Thursday and pledged to advance the relations between their two countries to a new high.—XINHUA

Philippines rejects US accusation of dangerous for journalists

MANILA, 8 Feb—A top Philippine police official rejected Wednesday an accusation by a US-based group that the Philippines is one of the most dangerous places for journalists to work in.

Philippine National Police spokesman Samuel Pagdilao said it is not reasonable to say that the country is a dangerous place for journalists.

"If you will see our records, most of the

mediamen that were killed were not job-related," he said.

"They were not killed in the performance of their duties. Many of them were killed because they earned the ire of some people. This is

our position." A US group, the Committee to Protest Journalists, said on Tuesday the Philippines and Afghanistan are two most dangerous countries for journalists in Asia.

MNA/Xinhua

A commuter train runs over snow covered tracks in central London, 8 Feb, 2007. Britain has been hit by travel chaos as "the most widespread snow" of the winter swathed much of the country on Thursday.
XINHUA



Cuba says US blocks academic, sports travel

HAVANA, 8 Feb—Cuba criticized the United States on Tuesday for denying visas to Cuban intellectuals invited to a Soviet studies conference and barring American cyclists from competing in Cuba.

Ten Cuban academics and writers were refused visas to attend a discussion on "Cuba-USSR and the Post-Soviet Experience" at the University of Connecticut on Friday, the state news agency *Prensa Latina* said.

The ruling Communist Party newspaper *Granma* reported that a team of US cyclists planning to compete in next week's Tour of Cuba will not make the event because US officials told them they

needed six weeks to process the travel permits.

"Once again the government of the United States bars its athletes from travelling to Cuba," said *Granma's* front page headline. A US ban on

travel, enforced after Fidel Castro's 1959 revolution steered Cuba toward socialism, bars Americans from visiting the island without specific licences from the Treasury Department. The Bush

Administration has restricted the permits as part of its efforts since 2004 to reinforce sanctions against Havana and press for political change under Cuba's one-party state.—MNA/Reuters



An open, double-decker bus moves forward on a bustling street in China's financial centre Shanghai, on 9 Feb, 2007.—XINHUA

Dengue alert issued in S America

LONDON, 8 Feb—A health alert has been declared in Brazil, Paraguay and Bolivia after an outbreak of dengue fever.

The authorities have blamed higher rainfall this season as a cause of the unusually rapid spread of the disease. Experts also say the uncommonly warm weather has boosted the population of mosquitoes, which transmit the disease.

Globally, it infects 50m people a year, the UN says. It starts as a flu-like illness but without the proper help it can develop into a deadly fever.

Dengue fever is not uncommon in South America, where thousands of cases are recorded every year.—Internet

Canada's Defence Minister confirms probe of abuse allegations

OTTAWA, 8 Feb— Canada's Defence Minister Gordon O'Connor on Tuesday confirmed that an investigation is underway into allegations that Canadian soldiers abused prisoners last year in Afghanistan.

He pledged that corrective action will be taken if the complaints are indeed substantiated. University of Ottawa law professor Amir Attaran made the allegations in a letter sent last week to the Military

Police Complaints Commission, an independent and civilian body, according to Canadian media reports.

Attaran alleges that at least one, and as many as three, Afghan detainees "taken captive by the

Canadian Forces appears to have been beaten while detained and interrogated by them," national newspaper the *Globe and Mail* reported Tuesday.

The accusations are based on documents that Attaran obtained under the Access to Information Act.

Commission chairman Peter Tinsley has notified by letter to Chief of Defence Staff General Rick Hillier and Captain Steve Moore, who heads the military police, about the allegations.

The military then launched the probe, the reports said.

MNA/Xinhua

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A Romanian Gypsy contestant dances on stage during a Gypsy beauty contest in Bucharest, Romania on Sunday evening, 4 Feb, 2007.—INTERNET



Visitors admire a plane on display in Hong Kong, on 6 Feb, 2007. The Asian Business Aviation Conference and Exhibition opened simultaneously at the Asia World-Expo and Hong Kong International Airport on 6 Feb, 2007. —XINHUA

British coalition terms mily strike against Iran disastrous

LONDON, 7 Feb— A British coalition of charities, faith groups and unions warned Prime Minister Tony Blair that any military action against Iran would have "unthinkable" consequences, the BBC reported on Monday.

In a report "Time to Talk: The case for Diplomatic Solutions on Iran", the coalition accused Blair of using the prospect of military action as a negotiating tool.

The organizations were urging the Prime Minister to put pressure on the

United States to enter direct talks with Iran. But the US has refused to rule out the possibility of military action if Iran does not halt its nuclear activities.

The charity organization Oxfam, and the unions Unison, GMB and Amicus, were joined by the Muslim Parliament and Christian Solidarity Worldwide in signing the report.

They warned that a military strike against Iran would continue to destabilize the Middle East and

provoke further attacks against British forces in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"Military action is not likely to be a short, sharp engagement but could have a profound effect on the region, with shock waves felt far beyond," the report said.

The British Government is "well positioned to articulate objections to military action" and it should "not lose this opportunity to advocate for direct US engagement", the report added.

MNA/Xinhua

New contraceptive pills hazardous

NEW YORK, 7 Feb— Some of the newer birth control pills may double the risk of life-threatening blood clots, warn experts who are demanding a ban on their sale.

All contraceptive pills are known to carry some risk of blood clots that are a side effect of the hormones—oestrogen and progestin — contained in the pill, reported health portal *News Medical*.

However, many of the third-generation low-dose

oral contraceptives developed in the 1980s contain desogestrel — a type of progestin known to be a risk factor for blood clots — according to Public Citizen, an advocacy group.

American women used as many as 7.5 million prescriptions for third-generation oral contraceptives from November 2005 to October 2006.

A ban on the pills, said Public Citizen, could save hundreds of women a year from developing venous

thrombosis, or blood clots, which have disabling and sometimes fatal consequences. Venous thrombosis usually appears in a patient's legs, but can also occur in the abdomen, arms, veins of the brain and superficial veins.

This is particularly dangerous as the clots can travel through the veins and block blood flow at another location, causing a condition known as venous thromboembolism.—Internet

Woman hurt in explosion at British vehicle agency

LONDON, 8 Feb— A woman was injured on Wednesday in an explosion at Britain's vehicle licensing agency, the third attack in three days on motoring-related agencies or companies.

Police refused to confirm the nature of the explosion, but the BBC News reported that a parcel bomb had exploded

at the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency (DVLA) in Swansea, Wales.

"One female has been taken to hospital with injuries, which are not believed to be life-threatening," a police statement said.

"A cordon has been put in place and nearby residents are being

evacuated as a precautionary measure." DVLA said the injured woman dealt with the company's mail.

A letter bomb exploded at a business centre in Berkshire, southern England, on Tuesday at the office of Vantis, a business services firm, injuring two men.

MNA/Reuters



A woman and her child walk on a street in Shanghai, China, on 6 Feb, 2007. The highest temperature in Shanghai reached 23.4 degrees Celsius on Tuesday, which broke the corresponding record in the past ten years.

XINHUA

ECONOMIC NEWS

Chinese brands at British trade fair

BIRMINGHAM, 7 Feb—A total of 85 Chinese companies on Monday showed their products from gifts to house ware at the five-day Spring Fair in Birmingham, which opened on Sunday.

Chinese Deputy Commerce Minister Yi Xiaozhun said at the opening ceremony of the Chinese show that Chinese products come here with the purpose of promoting the economic and trade cooperation and exchange

with the European Union (EU), and to make Chinese brands better known on the EU market.

The Chinese show is dubbed as the European Showcase for Brands of China, which has been successfully held three

times now, since 2004.

Chinese businesses, on the basis of research and innovation and at the same time inheriting and developing traditional techniques, are paying ever more attention to raising the technology, content and quality of their products, and to nurturing their own brand names, said Huo Jianguo, head of the Chinese products delegation.

With ever-growing commitment to after-sales services, environmental protection and social responsibility, Chinese businesses are also focusing more on the promotion of their corporate and product images, Huo said.

Huo added that the Chinese Government has invested increasingly more in both materials and manpower in the protection of intellectual property rights, which have helped safeguard the independent innovation capability and brand image of the businesses and created a favourable environment for their development.

MNA/Xinhua



Guangzhou Catholics walk into Sacred Heart Cathedral to worship on Sunday, 4 Feb, 2007. Sacred Heart Cathedral, a Catholic church in southern China's Guangzhou city, has been reopened to public after two years' repair. The Gothic cathedral in downtown Guangzhou was built in 1863.—XINHUA

Costa Rica's exporters enthusiastic about China trade fair

SAN JOSE, 8 Feb—China is a reality that cannot be shunned, and that is why Costa Rica's Chamber of Exporters (Crecex) has created the Pro-China project, Crecex President Alvaro Aguilar told Xinhua on Tuesday.

Crecex is now sending an invitation to Costa Rican and other Central American business people to visit the 12th Canton Trade Fair in April, he said.

"One of the many trade missions we have undertaken is to create opportunities in China for our partners and for interested business people," he said.

Aguilar said that

China's dramatic change in recent years has brought the country to the centre of world trade, and Costa Rican businesses must develop links with China as soon as possible.

"China is the world's factory and the Chinese have made their country an incredible place. In the past, we saw them making simple goods, but now we see 'Made in China' on the most sophisticated things, such as the most advanced computers and cars," Aguilar said.

According to Aguilar, at least 130 businesses plan to take part in the trade fair in April. The Canton Fair experience

could be the determining factor for small-and medium-sized entrepreneurs who are seeking new markets and opportunities in Asia, he said.

MNA/Xinhua



Tomson Riviera sold the third unit on 6 Feb, 2007. The selling price of the 597.57-square metre unit was nearly 85 million yuan (US\$10.95 million), the highest price paid for a single unit in domestic market. One square metre was sold for 142,119 yuan.—INTERNET

Putin urges Russian tycoons diversify economy

MOSCOW, 8 Feb—President Vladimir Putin launched an ambitious campaign on Tuesday aimed at ending the dependence of Russia's economy on the export of mineral resources.

Putin urged top businessmen summoned to the Kremlin to join forces and diversify the economy through massive and concerted investment

in processing oil, gas, metals and timber.

"On this basis we will develop an innovative economy," Putin told members of the Union of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs (RSPP) dubbed by Russian media as the "oligarchs' trade union". Strong economic growth fuelled by high oil and gas prices has accompanied

most of Putin's seven-year presidency, helping to make him Russia's most popular politician.

Putin will step down in 2008, but he has said he wants a successor to continue his course and has made clear he will continue to play a significant, although so far unspecified, role in Russia after he quits.

MNA/Reuters

Vietnam may allow gold exports

HANOI, 7 Feb — Vietnam is likely to allow gold export in the near future, helping the country fetch foreign currency and balance the domestic market, local newspaper *Vietnam Investment Review* reported Tuesday.

The Vietnam Gold Traders Association has proposed the government to legalize gold export, and if approved, it could

balance the surplus local market, the paper quoted the association's vice-chairman Nguyen Thanh Truc as saying.

In addition, gold exports can bring about millions of dollars, as forecasted gold prices in the domestic market, this year, are lower than that in international one, he said.

The association forecast that average gold

price in the domestic market will stand at 12.6 million Vietnamese dong (VND) (787.5 US dollars) in 2007, possibly 50,000-100,000 VND (3.1-6.2 dollars) lower than in international one.

Moreover, allowing only gold imports will indirectly boost public speculation which has negative effects on the economy, Truc said.

There are 120 tons of gold held by individuals across Vietnam, an idle capital of about 3 billion US dollars.

MNA/Xinhua



The wreck of Yinchu, a 15,000-tonnage vessel, is salvaged in Shanghai, on 7 Feb, 2007. The 146.5-metre, 6,820-ton cargo ship was the largest vessel to capsize on Shanghai's Huangpu River since 1949.

XINHUA

Hailing the 60th Anniversary Union Day:

Union Spirit and the beauty of the Union

Ushaunghmu (Yadanasi, Loilem)

Hundred fruits from a common stem — Our Union



The word “Myanmar” represents all the national races of the country. “Myan” means intellectual power and courage to swiftly solve an emergency problem. “Mar” stands for endurance, perseverance and nationalistic fervour.

The Union of Myanmar is over 1300 miles from north to south and 600 miles from east to west. Its area is 261,228 square miles. It stands tall among the world nations as a medium-size nation.

Over 100 national races including Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Bamar, Mon, Rakhine and Shan are living in the Union in unity.

From time immemorial, the national brethren have been living in the country under their own monarchs and with their own literature, culture, language and fine arts.

All the national people are descendants of a single stock living through thick and thin like brothers. They are always close to one another shaping the nation’s future in oneness.

After the imperialists colonized the nation in the late 19th century, the occupiers exploited the nation’s riches with excessive greed, and with evil plots, they sowed seeds of mistrust among the national people.

The nation had to live under enslavement for over 100 years. The national leaders restored national unity and launched the independence struggle.

When the granting of independence became inevitable, the imperialists said that they were going to give independence only to the Myanmar proper and that they would not grant independence to the hilly regions. But thanks to the goodwill of the national leaders, heads of the hilly regions even though they were under the imperialist instigation agreed to join hands with the Myanmar proper.

The Myanmar leaders signed the Panglong Agreement on 12 February 1947 in the presence of British representatives, showing their indivisible unity. Union Spirit was therefore conceived at Panglong.

The 12th of February 1947, on which the Panglong Agreement was signed, has been marked as the Union Day. All the states and divisions observe the Union Day annually on 12 February. Now the Union Day has reached its 60th Anniversary.

“Union Spirit means the spirit to love the race and the country and cherish the Union. Every national brethren should love the race and should defend the Union. All the national races should have the daring spirit to sacrifice even their lives and belongings for the nation. Our patriotic spirit will be full of essence only if we have the sacrificing spirit.”

The above paragraph was stated by Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of State Peace and Development Council, at his meeting with staff of the Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement and the Central Institute of Civil Service (Upper Myanmar) of the Civil Service Selection and Training Board in PyinOoLwin on 16 December 2006.

Union Spirit covers nationalism, courage, the evil-free mind, the spirit to love and safeguard the race, religion, language, literature, culture and customs, family spirit, mutual cooperation, unity and the spirit to remain always united in times of emergency.

The Union is embellished with the beauty of land, water, mountains, trees, flowers and natural riches, the traditions and culture of national people, Union Spirit and national developments. All the beauty must be preserved with the harmonious efforts of the government, the Tatmadaw and the national races.

The Tatmadaw government has given priority to national solidarity and made peace endeavours for the 17 major armed groups to return to the legal fold.

As peace is prevailing in the areas where the groups were once active, the government has been able to carry out more development undertakings for progress of the national races of border areas.

The government has increased the number of schools, universities and colleges to open basic and higher education opportunities equally in the entire Union. It also set up 24 special development zones for progress of the whole Union, built more institutions of higher learning and 200-bed hospitals and improved the living standard of the villages through the rural development project.

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Union Spirit and the beauty...

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The Academy for Development of National Groups in Ywathitkyi, Sagaing Division, was upgraded to University for Development of National Races on 11 June 1995 with the aim of cementing unity and cultivating Union Spirit of the nationality youths and to bring out youths who always keep in the fore Our Three Main National Causes and who understand and preserve traditions and culture. The nation now has 160 institutions of higher learning, up from 32 in 1988. The government upgraded 49 colleges of the Ministry of Science and Technology to universities and three degree colleges of the Ministry of Education to universities in all the 24 special development zones on 20 January 2007. Nationalities Youth Resource Development Degree Colleges were built in Yangon on 15 June 2000 and Mandalay on 12 July 2000.

In the past there was a great divide between the regions of national races because of colonialist

legacy. But now, the Tatmadaw government has bridged the divide.

Once, the border areas were under constant threat of bombs and guns. But now the sound of drums and gongs from festivals has taken the place of the sound of bombs and guns.

As the saying which goes, "Unity is strength", we all should have unity, cooperation, understanding and forbearance for perpetuation of the sound foundations of the present era.

All the national races will have to nurture the spirit of enhancing love, eliminating hate, sharing joys and sorrows together and joining hands for prosperity and the family spirit for the future generation to live in unity in a peaceful, stable and pleasant environment.

Myanmar will exist in the world as long as Union Spirit flourishes. So, let us all strive to beautify the Union, while further strengthening Union Spirit.

(Translation: TMT)

60th Anniversary Union Day Objectives

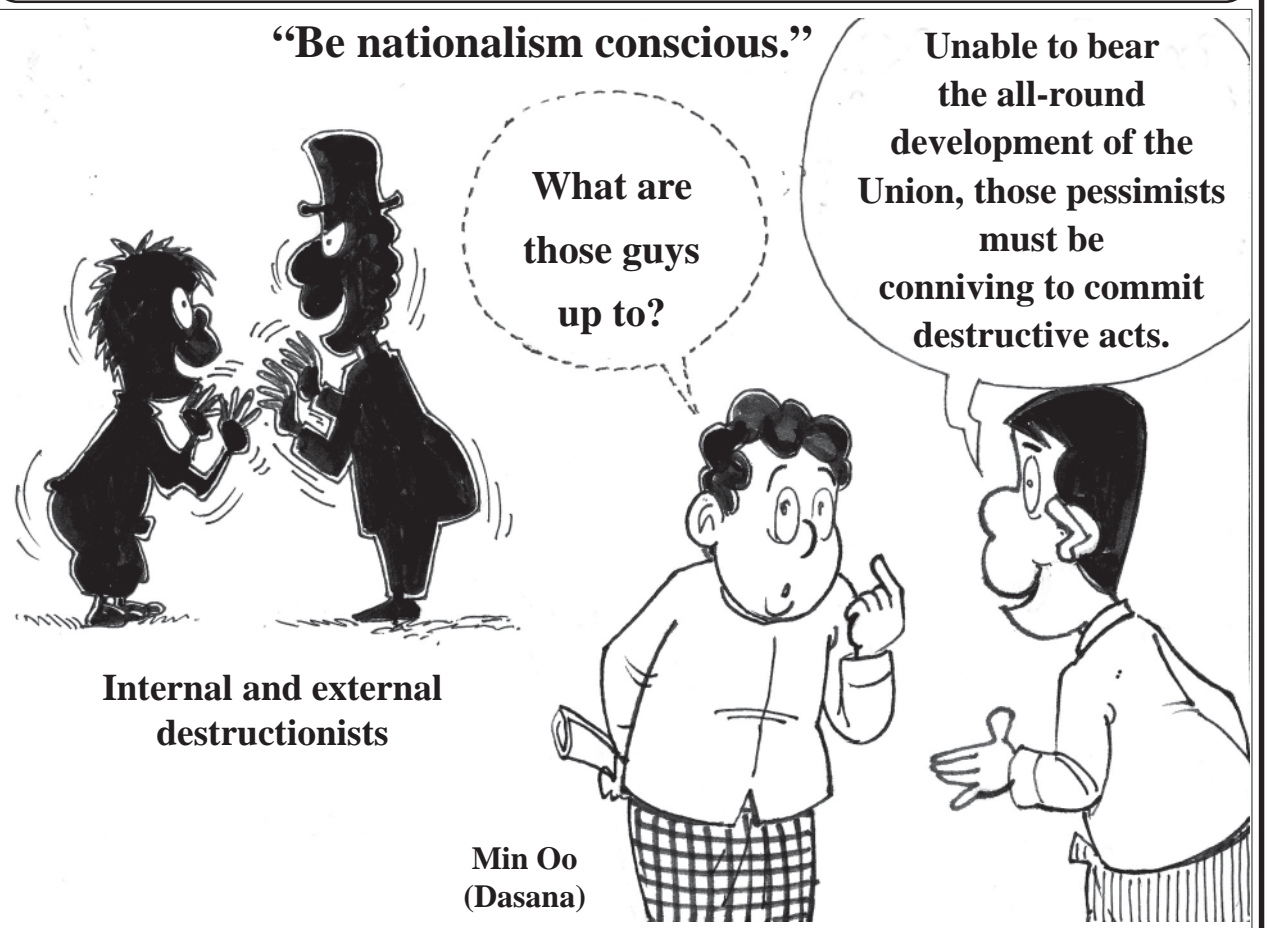
- For all national races to safeguard the national policy — non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty;
- For all the national races to keep Union Spirit ever alive and dynamic among the national people;
- For all the national races to defend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

POEM

Union Day Vow

- * Beloved youths, brethren born Union nationals
For perpetuation of our nation Myanmar
Our Three Main National Causes, have been laid down
What's important is Non-disintegration of national solidarity.
 - * Shan, Bamar, Rakhine, Kachin, Kayin, Mon, Chin, Kayah
All nationals together, convened the Golden Convention
For emergence of Constitution is laid
For perpetuation of Union Spirit. No matter which part of the Union
One may be, solidarity is to be forever
Safeguarded and protected
It is the duty of Myanmar-born, nationals
To hold in high regard and practise the inborn pride
Of the True Patriotic Spirit.
 - * Beloved youths, brethren born Nationals...
 - Let us re-emphasize Our tenet of solidarity.
 - Let us keep at heart our noble Union Spirit
 - Let us observe forever the vow Of true Union Spirit.
- Po Yan Naing (Kyaukkyi) (Trs.)
(In honour of 60th Anniversary Union Day.)

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the first time. In addition, not only the national race delegates from states but also those from divisions will attend the 60th Anniversary Union Day Celebration.

All Myanmar people are typical national people who were born and brought up in the same Union and they did not come from other lands. Firm evidence has shown that primates had existed in the land since the Stone Age, the Bronze Age and the Iron Age.

Although national races are different in complexion, appearance and language due to geographical conditions while seeking greener pastures in land, they are all national brethren. So, this concept is to be upheld by all national people. More than 100 national races have been living the length and breadth of the country through thick and thin since human history with their common characteristics such as honesty, sympathy and helpfulness based on family spirit. They are now living together in amity and unity in the respective states and divisions of the Union and it is like a big family.

Head of State Senior General Than Shwe in his guidance to the trainees of Course No 38 (BE) of University for Development of National Races said national races have been living without any dissension. All the national races have the duty to safeguard the Union and keep it in oneness, while upholding and enhancing the fine traditions and the good spirit of unity. In accord with the guidance, all national people are to live in amity and unity based on family spirit by totally ignoring narrow racism. Historic events of the Union of Myanmar have been connected with the degree of national solidarity. During the times when national unity was forged, the nation was strong and it could stand tall with glory winning the respect of other countries in Asia.

However, during the times when national solidarity was weak, the nation lagged behind in progress in political, economic, social and security affairs. And it had to suffer foreign aggressions and sovereignty was lost. Therefore, the perpetuity of the Union standing tall among the international arena mainly depends on the unity and amity and family spirit of the national people.

In the late 1900s when colonialism was growing in the world, the imperialists drove a wedge among the ruling feudalists in Myanmar to cause disintegration of national solidarity and enslaved the country by waging three aggressive wars.

Knowing Myanmar national races such as Kachins, Kayahs, Kayins, Chins, Mons, Rakhines and Shans having strong nationalist spirit and Union Spirit, the imperialists drove a wedge first to break up the national solidarity and then tried to prolong Myanmar's enslavement.

However, by thwarting dissension among the national brethren, Myanmar national people struggled to restore strong national solidarity in order to regain



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein cordially converses with Union Day delegates. — MNA

sovereignty.

As you know, with the solemn determination to regain independence of regions together, representatives of national races signed the Panglong Agreement in Panglong on 12 February 1947 to show consolidated unity of national races. On 4 January 1948, Myanmar became the sovereign Union of Myanmar and since then it has stood tall among the nations.

The 12th of February was the day on which independence was conceived and it is necessary for ensuring perpetual existence of the Union. And it is the day that should be kept in mind forever with deep political essence. So, the day was designated as Union Day, and is celebrated yearly on a grand scale across the nation with national objectives.

After regaining the independence, the instigation of the colonialists was still smouldering. Due to the wedge driven by the imperialists to cause racial conflicts and ideological deception, the entire nation saw violent armed conflicts. So, the nation and national races were on the verge of becoming the followers of neo-colonialists.

At such an emergency time, the Tatmadaw crushed the armed insurgency at risk to the lives of its members. So, the majority of urban areas started to enjoy the taste of peace and stability, but the people of rural areas especially border areas had to live in a state of alarm for many years and many of them lost their lives.

Historic events show that Myanmar is a union country. So, national races living in various regions throughout the Union are to be firmly equipped with the spirit of national unity given a birth by harmony, mutual understanding, forgiveness, reciprocal help, and mutual trust and reliance.

The Union will be able to stand tall as a sovereign nation among the world nations only when the unity

among national races is consolidated. So, the Tatmadaw Government laid down the national policy "non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty" that is in conformity with the Union and has placed emphasis on steps for national reconsolidation and progress of the Union.

Building national reconsolidation with great patience through the national policy brought an end to the armed conflicts of national races that broke out for more than 40 years. Moreover, peace and stability were restored in border areas due to rebuilding of national unity.

With the aim of ensuring rapid development of national races in border areas that lagged behind in development with low standards of the socio-economic life because successive governments were not able to implement regional development projects effectively, the Central Committee for Development of Border Areas and National Races chaired by Head of State Senior General Than Shwe along with the Work Committee, regional committees and subcommittees and a ministry was formed to implement development projects systematically.

In the process, the government gave priority to infrastructures for regional development such as transport, education, health, electricity, agriculture, livestock and mineral sectors to ensure that the people in border areas could enjoy fundamental rights fully.

Consequently, the border areas that were difficult of access in the past are now enjoying remarkable development with fine transportation facilities serviceable in all weather. The areas with small villages have been upgraded to urban areas with modern buildings, educational institutions, hospitals and health care centres, markets, offices, hotels, museums, parks, and electricity. And it is very encouraging to note for the nation that the youths in these areas have had an easy access to higher education in addition to modern learning aids in the basic education schools.

In addition, in the health care centres such as hospitals, dispensaries and delivery rooms, medical staff such as doctors, nurses and midwives are giving medical treatments with goodwill to the local people with infected diseases, chronic diseases, and seasonal diseases. As a result, local national races are enjoying better health and their life expectancy is on the rise.

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At a time when concerted efforts are being made with Union Spirit for the emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed nation and when the National Convention is being held, some nations of West bloc in collusion with saboteurs at home are attempting to disintegrate the national solidarity and undermine national development and the National Convention, resorting to various means. And the entire national people are to exercise a constant vigilance against their perpetration.

Secretary-1 delivers speech in meeting with Union Day...

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The Government has provided assistance to farmers to expand the cultivation of perennial crops as opium substitute crops. As the regional agricultural produce has increased, they have sold the produce in neighbouring regions and export them. The livestock breeding sector has also been extended from manageable scale to commercial scale. As hydel power stations and factories were set up and hotels were constructed, tourism in the country has developed.

Border areas home to national races were not easily accessible in the past. As transportation facilities in the areas have been upgraded, farming, industrial, trade and tourism businesses are booming in the region. Schools, hospitals and clinics have also been established in the areas.

As Myanmar was divided into the plain and the hilly regions and ruled by imperialists during the colonial times, there were no close relationships among the national races. Better transportation has now improved the relations among the national races and strengthened the unity of national races.

While implementing the projects for development of border areas and national races, the

State has also made efforts for narrowing the socio-economic gap between rural and urban areas. Therefore, rural areas are now on the road to development. The State has also been implementing the 24-region development project to achieve the equitable development in economic, education and health sectors in states and divisions.

Now, the state is implementing the seven-step Road Map to build a modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation. National Convention, which is the first and major step of the Road Map, has been convened.

Taking seriously the perpetuation of the Union is a matter of life and death for national races, the entire national people are to actively take part in drive for successful realization of the seven-step Road Map by doing their bit.

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The national brethren of different regions will be able to exchange their adorable cultures, and traditions while they are meeting each other in Nay Pyi Taw and to witness the cultures and traditions mingled together.

The Secretary-1 stressed the need for the national brethren to cultivate the habit of safeguarding own culture, tradition and race and to share knowledge on changes and developments of their regions.

In conclusion, the Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein urged all the national brethren to strive for the emergence of a peaceful, modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation by doing their bit, upholding the objectives of the 60th Anniversary Union Day: for all national races to safeguard the national policy, non-disintegration of the Union, disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty; for all national races to keep Union Spirit ever alive and dynamic among national people; for all national races to defend and safeguard the Union for its perpetual existence; for all national races to prevent, through national unity, the dangers of internal and external destructive elements; and for all national races to make concerted efforts for successful realization of the seven-step Road Map.

Afterwards, the Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein greeted Union Day delegates from various states and divisions. — MNA

Aphyauk gets electricity



Commander Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win launches supply of power through 11-KVA cable in Aphyauk, Taikkyi Township. — MNA

YANGON, 9 Feb — The inauguration of 11 KVA power line took place at Aphyauk in Taikkyi Township, Yangon North District yesterday.

Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win made a speech in the inauguration ceremony.

Thanks to the new power line, electricity will be supplied for locals in Aphyauk. In the past, there were a 50-kilowatt generator and 100-kilowatt generator in Aphyauk and power was supplied only three hours a day.

Similarly, the X-ray room was

opened in Aphyauk Station Hospital. Chairperson of Yangon Division Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee Daw Mar Mar Wai and Head of Yangon Division Health Department Dr Hla Myint formally opened the X-ray room.

The chairperson presented K100,000 and K 700,000 donated by Yangon Division WAO and MCSC to the commander for the station hospital. The X-ray room cost 14.3 million.

The commander and officials inspected crop plantations near Chaung Thongwa village in Taikkyi Township.

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Internal, external saboteurs committing...

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Soe Maung Maung (former joint-Secretary of All Burma Students Union) who went abroad in September 2006, is making contacts with the NLD (LA) to re-enter the nation and to meet with Min Zeya and Htay Kywe (former All Burma Students Union members) who are members of '88' generation students. He has already arrived Thailand from Norway and held discussions with members of ABSDF and VBSW.

The authorities concerned urge the people to render assistance to the security programmes to ward off government opponents inside the nation and terrorists who are making conspiracies to blow up bombs and cause unrest in the nation.

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Terrorist dies when bomb he is...

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At 9:10 pm on 8 February this year, a terrorist died when the bomb he was planting in the brick compound of Jamil Mosque in Kyauktaga, Bago Division, exploded.

The terrorist who died in the explosion was about 40 years old, and on his chest were tattooed the words "Hein Sai Hsan". A revolver he took with him was loaded five rounds. Near the body were found a six-inch dagger and an M-40 mine.

The terrorist rode a bicycle along Yangon-Mandalay Road, and stopped at mile post 115/1. He left the bicycle on the platform lying, and climbed up the brick wall from the mile post to enter the compound. He died when the time bomb he was planting at a place one foot from the wall exploded.

Internal and external saboteurs have been making slanderous accusations against Myanmar under the pretext of religion to make political gains. The attempt to blow up the bomb in Kyauktaga was a plot to stir up a civil commotion resulting from misunderstanding between one religion and another.

The authorities concerned have urged the people to take heed of the news reports about the acts of internal and external terrorists, issued by the government in time, to have security awareness, to expose the subversive acts of the terrorist operatives, and to inform about them and their movements to the authorities.

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**The best time to plant a tree was
20 years ago.
Second best time is now.**

Talent contest of pre-primary children organized



Daw Mar Mar Wai, Chairperson of Yangon Division MCWSC, speaks at prize presentation ceremony of talent contest for pre-primary children. — MNA

YANGON, 9 Feb — In commemoration of the International Children's Day, the talent contest of pre-primary children, organized by Yangon East District Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee, was held at the hall in Thingangyun Township this

morning.

Chairperson of Yangon Division MCWSC Daw Mar Mar Wai gave a speech and watched participation of children in the contest. She presented prizes to the respective winners. — MNA

15th Medical Conference of Myanma Tatmadaw concludes successfully

YANGON, 9 Feb — The 15th Medical Conference of Myanma Tatmadaw concluded at Defence Services Orthopaedic Hospital (500-bed) this afternoon.

On behalf of the Chairman of the Defence Services Medical Research and Development Committee Director of Medical Services, Brig-Gen Myint Maung delivered an address and presented prizes to the resource persons.

In the morning, the paper reading session was held. Col Daw Marlar Than presented prizes to winners for the best paper and poster.

Brig-Gen Mya Thein Han (Retd) and Brig-Gen Kyaw Win (Retd) gave special talks.

During the conference, resource persons read out 38 research papers and displayed 12 posters and three symposia, one forum, one Chinico-Pathological Conference and nine academic talks were held.

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Radio play hailing Union Day to be broadcast

YANGON, 9 Feb — Hailing the 60th Anniversary Union Day, Radio Myanmar will broadcast a radio play entitled Pyidaungsu Thitsa scripted by Yin Yin Hla at 7.15 pm on 11 February.

Film actor Chit Thu, actresses Hsu Shoon Lè, Pwint and staff of Radio Myanmar participated in the radio play. — MNA

Some townships see fires

YANGON, 9 Feb — A fire broke out in Thayettaw Ward 1, Aungmye, Magway Division, at about noon on 5 February, when U Than Tun, owner of a shop in the ward, wrongly linked the positive pole and negative pole of a battery and then a shower of sparks from the battery set the nearby petrol tank on fire. Two houses were burnt down and two people were injured in the incident.

At about 2.30 pm on 6 February, excessive heat in the process of heating raw rubber caused a fire at the three-unit one-storey RC building of factory in charge U Myint Aung and supervisor U Win Hlaing Soe in the IMRU rubber factory on Phanchetwun U Shwe Oh Street, 24th block of the Industrial Zone in Hlinethaya Township, here.

When U Aung Khin of the house No 22 on Zagasein Street in Saw Yan Paing West Ward, Ahlon Township, here, holding a burning candle checked a seeping petrol tank, the candle set the tank on fire at about 8.35 pm on 6 February.

Due to a discarded live cigarette butt, a fire broke out at the house of Daw Ma Ma Lay on Yaw Min Gyi Street in Aung Chan Tha Ward, Monywa, Sagaing Division, at about 11.30 pm on 6 February. The fire destroyed two houses.

Kanbalu in Sagaing Division saw a fire at about 4.30 pm yesterday. The fire started at the house of U Khaing Zaw Win on Pathe Street in Ward 2 due to the live charcoal stove to warm the chicks. In the incident, two houses with a meter box were destroyed, 250 chicks killed and his two sons Maung Myo Min Tun, 7, and Maung Aung Phyo Zaw, 6, lost their lives.

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Progress of No 1 district-to-district road inspected



Officials of Development Affairs Department inspect district-to-district road between Mandalay and Magway.

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NAY PYI TAW, 9 Feb — Director-General U Myo Myint of Development Affairs Department inspected tarmacking of No 1 district-to-district road between Mandalay and Magway Divisions yesterday morning.

Directors of Development Affairs Departments in Mandalay and Magway Divisions reported on progress of construction in respective road sections.

The road section linking Mahlaing, Kyaukpadaung and Natmouk townships will be constructed in 2006-07 financial year. The road will be 22 miles and two furlongs long in Mandalay Division and 14 miles and four furlongs long in Magway Division.

In 2003-04 financial year, 17 miles and two furlongs was constructed in Mandalay Division. By the end of this fiscal year, it is expected to complete 54 miles of road in Mandalay and Magway Divisions.

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Cash and kind donated to monasteries, patients, students

YANGON, 9 Feb — A ceremony to donate clothes for monasteries in Maungtaw of Rakhine State, patients at the military hospital in Sittway and children of staff of the Border Area Immigration Inspection Control Headquarters was held at No 30 on Nawade Road in Yawmingyi Ward of Dagon Township this afternoon.

Excellent Performance in Social Field (First Class) title winner Agga Maha Thiri Thudamma Theingi Daw Hse (Ngwe Hse Co) presented K 200,000 to the fund of Myoma Pariyatti Monastery of Maungtaw, 900 pieces of school uniforms for children of staff of the headquarters, 128 school uniforms, 62 skirts and 14 pants for children of two monasteries in Maungtaw Township, three sets of robes, one box of jaggery and 15 viss of dry fish for Myoma Pariyatti Monastery of Maungtaw, 70 shirts and one box of jaggery for patients at Sittway Military Hospital to Acting Commander of the Headquarters Lt-Col Myint Khaing.

Today's donations totalled K 1,658,680.

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China to donate \$20,000 to floods-ravaged Indonesia

BEIJING, 7 Feb—China will donate 20,000 US dollars to Indonesia to help reconstruct the flood-ravaged capital of Jakarta, said Chinese Foreign Minister Li Zhaoxing at a regular Press conference.

Chinese Foreign Minister Li Zhaoxing has sent a message to his Indonesian counterpart Hasan Wirajuda, expressing his sympathy for the casualties and damages suffered by Indonesian people in the current floods, according to Jiang.

Two days of incessant rain in late January triggered floods in Jakarta and its surroundings, a total of 29 people were killed and 350,000 forced to flee their homes as overflowing rivers sent muddy water into homes and shops. This is considered to be one of the worst floods in the capital city.

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The children show the tea art in Qintai Road, Chengdu, Southwest China's Sichuan Province. Hangzhou, Chengdu and Dalian were named "China's best tourist city" on 8 Feb, 2007. —XINHUA

Vietnam to build high-speed rail with Japan aid

HANOI, 8 Feb—Vietnam will build a high speed railway with aid from Japan at an estimated cost of 33 billion US dollars a project that would cut travel time by two-thirds between Hanoi in the north and southern Ho Chi Minh City, the government said. Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung gave approval to state-run Vietnam Railways to invest in the 1,630-kilometre (1,010-mile) track, a statement on the government's website (www.vietnam.gov.vn) late on Monday said.

Dung has assigned the unlisted railways firm to work with Japanese experts on a detailed investment plan, the statement said.

Seventy per cent of the funding will come from the government, mainly in the form of Japanese official development

assistance, and Vietnam Railways will raise 30 per cent of the cost from loans, Nguyen Huu Bang, director of the state firm said.

The train service monopoly does not release profit figures, but its revenues in 2006 rose 13.2 per cent from the previous year to 5.3 trillion dong

(330 million US dollars), the *Vietnam News* reported on Tuesday.

Japan is the single biggest country donor to Vietnam. It has pledged 890 million US dollars in aid for the country this year, or 6.5 per cent higher than the 2006 level of 835.6 million US dollars.

MNA/Reuters

Kyrgyz nurse sells baby boy to police for \$600

BISHKEK, 7 Feb—A nurse in a Kyrgyz maternity hospital sold a baby boy to undercover police officers for 600 US dollars, police video footage obtained by *Reuters* showed on Tuesday.

The nurse was filmed toasting the sale, saying the baby — swaddled in

white and blue cloths — was now happy because he had found a family.

Policeman Bakyt Karmankulov said the undercover officers were offered the choice of a girl or boy. The nurse has been detained. "We are interested in nipping in the bud such cases which are outrageous," said health

ministry spokesman Kasymbek Mambetov.

A report on Russia's First television channel said that, according to one of the investigators, the nurse had told the baby's mother he had died. According to another investigator, the mother had abandoned her son after a difficult birth.

Police suspect this is one of many such deals in the impoverished Central Asian country. A UN report last October showed that up to 80 per cent of Kyrgyz children under 15 live in extreme poverty, defined as a household with less than 2.15 US dollars per person per day. —MNA/Reuters



Japanese artist Jinnai Sakata flicks off snow from his 1.5 metre (5 feet) globe art work as part of his exhibition named 'White Square - homage to Isamu Noguchi' on the eve of 'snow village project' event at Moerenuma park in Sapporo, northern Japan on 7 Feb, 2007. —INTERNET



File photo shows Lisa Marie Nowak. A NASA astronaut was arrested on 5 Feb, 2007 after she drove over 1,400 kilometres and donned a disguise to subdue a romantic rival and abduct her, police said. —XINHUA

Winter arrives late, bites hard in Canada, US

TORONTO, 7 Feb—Winter arrived late but compensated with a burning blast of cold in parts of eastern Canada and the northern United States on Monday, as plunging temperatures and biting winds made it deadly to be outdoors.

Toronto, Canada's largest city, took emergency measures to get homeless people off the streets and into shelters, while snow and frost halted some rail services in New York state.

"The parka was well back in our closet up until the middle of January and now it's the only thing we're using now," said David Phillips, spokesman for Environment Canada, noting Canada's record warm weather for December and much of January.

"The whole eastern half of North America is under

this Siberian air. It's Arctic air and it's covering the entire country."

Temperatures were well below freezing in many cities, including a 5 February record low of minus 40 Celsius (minus 40 Fahrenheit) in the Prairie city of Winnipeg, often dubbed Winterpeg for its inclement weather.

In Ottawa, Canada's capital, the temperature fell to minus 25 Celsius (minus 13 Fahrenheit) with windchill that made it feel like minus 37 Celsius (minus 35 Fahrenheit). Officials issued a frostbite warning, which says exposed skin could be frostbitten within 10 minutes. Phillips said Toronto has already had five days colder than last year's chilliest day, with half the winter still to go. —MNA/Reuters

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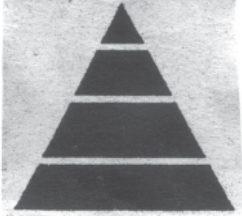
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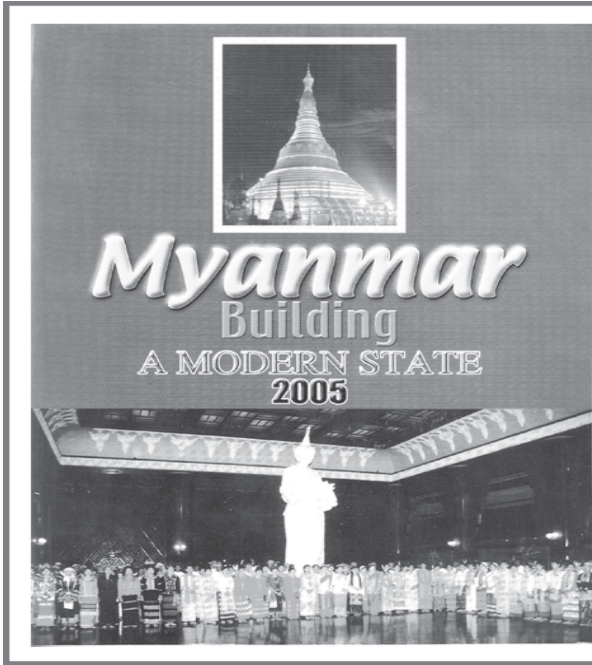
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French EU diplomat killed in Ivory Coast

ABIDJAN, 8 Feb—A French EU diplomat was killed by unidentified attackers overnight in Ivory Coast, diplomats said on Wednesday.

"I can confirm the violent death of a member of the delegation," a senior European Commission official told Reuters by telephone, without giving further details.

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- (3) Art Card (အထူ) (260/275 Gsm) (31" x 43") (Sheet)
- (4) Art Paper (အပါး) (105/ 110 Gsm) (31" x 43") (Sheet)
- (5) Sheedfed Offset Ink (Black, Green)
- (6) Ortho Film 22" x 32" (50 Sht/Pkt)
- (7) Negative Plates (a) 915 x 626 x 0.3 mm (b) 1035 x 740 x 0.3 mm (c) 889 x 609 x 0.3 mm (d) Developer (ပုံဖော်ဆေး)
- (8) Positive Plates 740 x 615 x 0.3 mm
- (9) Stitching Wire (23 Guage, 24 Guage)
- (10) Gold Embossing Powder
- (11) Silver Embossing Powder
- (12) Gum Arabic (20 Lit/Bot)
- (13) Riso Ink (Black)
- (14) Riso Master Roll

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Mozambique floods kill 29, thousands left homeless

MAPUTO, 8 Feb — Floods in Mozambique have killed 29 people and wrecked thousands of homes after torrential rain and hurricanes swept through the country in the past two weeks, the government said on Wednesday.

It said it had warned thousands of people living by the country's main rivers, including the lower banks of the Zambezi which runs from southern Angola across southern Africa to the Indian Ocean, to evacuate.

"Strong winds, flooding and rains... have caused 29 deaths, total destruction and partial destruction of 4,677 houses, 111 classrooms, 4 health posts serving 46,500," the Mozambique Government said in a statement printed by Maputo daily newspaper *Noticias*. The floods hit both northern and southern regions after rain and heavy winds battered the country for the past two weeks.

MNA/Reuters

Brazil seizes record haul of pirated goods

RIO DE JANEIRO, 8 Feb—Brazilian authorities said that a total of 70 tons of pirated products was seized during January at the port of Rio de Janeiro, the largest amount ever recorded.

The shipment was valued at 18 million reais (8.6 million US dollars), and included 32,000 pairs of false Nike sneakers and 800 handbags of major brands such as Louis Vuitton and Victor Hugo, according to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

MNA/Xinhua

Pakistan Air Force "Mirage" aircraft crashes

ISLAMABAD, 8 Feb—A *Mirage* fighter aircraft of Pakistan Air Force crashed in the eastern province of Punjab on Wednesday but the pilot ejected safely, the Geo Television reported. The aircraft was on a "routine operational training mission" when it crashed about near the city of Jhang, some 290 kilometres south of the capital city Islamabad, Geo Television quoted a military official as saying.

"The crash apparently occurred due to technical malfunction," he said. No loss of civilian life or property on ground had been reported. An inquiry has been ordered to determine the cause of the accident, the official said.—MNA/Xinhua

Fire kills 12 in Russian furniture factory

YEKATERNIBURG (Russia), 8 Feb—Twelve people died in a fire which destroyed a furniture factory in the Russian city of Yekaterinburg, a spokeswoman for the regional Emergency Ministry said on Wednesday.

brought the fire under control in the early hours of Wednesday, around 15 hours after it started, the spokeswoman, Natalya Zyryanova, said. "We can't discount the possibility of more deaths," she said. Ten of the factory workers were taken to hospital. "There were

people jumping from the windows. There was simply not a proper fire escape," she said. She did not identify the company which owned the factory in the Ural mountains.

MNA/Reuters

DONATE BLOOD

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Singapore Embassy in Cambodia to host show on bilateral art

PHNOM PENH, 7 Feb— The Singapore Embassy is to present an art exhibition and talk to highlight bilateral art here on Wednesday, said an embassy Press release received on Tuesday.

The exhibition will feature new works by Cambodian artist Chhim Sothy entitled “Gold Leaf on Wood”, while Joyce Fan, curator at the Singapore Art Museum, will present a talk on Singapore art entitled “Pioneering Art

in Singapore”, it said.

The exhibition and talk are the first in a series of events, which the embassy plans to hold over the year aimed at showcasing the arts of Singapore and Cambodia as well as promote cultural

linkages between the two countries, it said.

Chhim Sothy’s exhibition will feature exciting new art works involving traditional Khmer mythological tales and figures in gold leaf painted on old wood, including door panels, tree bark and window frames.

MNA/Xinhua



A tourist walks under colourful lanterns on display at the Kek Lok Si temple in Penang Island, Malaysia, for the upcoming Chinese New Year celebrations on 7 Feb, 2007.—INTERNET



A pair of human skeletons lie in an eternal embrace at an Neolithic archaeological dig site near Mantova, Italy, in this photo released on 6 Feb, 2007. Archaeologists in northern Italy believe the couple was buried 5,000-6,000 years ago, their arms still wrapped around each other in a hug that has lasted millennia.—XINHUA

Vietnam to inaugurate first tsunami warning centre on 10 February

HANOI, 7 Feb— Vietnam’s first tsunami warning centre will become operational on 10 February, according to local newspaper *Young People* on Tuesday.

The Centre for Warning Tsunamis and Reporting Earthquakes under Vietnam’s Global Physics Institute will operate around the clock, basing on data from 25 observation stations of the country and relevant information of the United States, Japan and the Philippines.

In 2007 alone, the Vietnamese Government will spend 1.5 billion

Vietnamese dong (nearly 93,800 US dollars) on purchasing machines and equipment for the centre, and paying salary to its staff, said the report.

Now, sea meteorology stations under Vietnam’s National Hydro-Meteorology Centre and earthquake measurement stations under the institute are not able to forecast tsunamis. —MNA/Xinhua

Chinese police hunt for arsenic soaked carp

BEIJING, 7 Feb— Police in central China have launched a massive hunt for a poisonous carp that went missing from a line where it was hanging out to dry, the *China Daily* reported on Tuesday.

The carp’s owner, who runs a private clinic in the Hubei city of Xiangfan, said he soaked the 3-kilogramme (6.6-pound) fish in an arsenic solution to be used in a traditional medical treatment.

He hung it outside the clinic but later discovered that the headless fish had disappeared and notified police.

Fearing someone might eat it, dozens of police from 31 stations and hundreds of workers from neighbourhood committees fanned out across the city, handing out flyers, broadcasting hourly TV and radio updates and blitzing mobile phones with text messages.

“Anyone who discovers suspicious headless preserved fish should call the police,” the newspaper quoted police as saying. “And anyone who finds any suspicious dead cats or dogs should call the police.”

MNA/Reuters

Drug to slow bleeding leads to more deaths

CHICAGO, 8 Feb— A drug used to limit blood loss while patients undergo coronary-artery bypass surgery also carries a higher five-year risk of death than cheaper generic alternatives, a researcher said on Tuesday.

Based on five years of data on 3,876 heart bypass patients from around the world, the death rate among the 1,072 patients

given Bayer AG’s drug aprotinin was nearly 21 per cent, two-thirds higher than the mortality rate among surgery patients not given anti-bleeding drugs.

In coronary-artery surgery, a clogged artery that normally feeds the heart is bypassed with a section of vein or artery transplanted from the patient’s leg or from elsewhere.

Many heart patients are

given a blood thinner upon arriving at the hospital, while aprotinin administered during surgery would cause blood to clot.

“These patients have come to the hospital because they have vessels that are clotted,” said study author Dr Dennis Mangano of the Ischemia Research and Education Foundation, based in San Bruno, California.

MNA/Reuters

Overuse of skin numbing creams can cause death

WASHINGTON, 8 Feb— People who use large amounts of skin-numbing creams and lotions, often in conjunction with cosmetic procedures, are at risk of irregular heartbeats, seizures and even death, US health officials warned on Tuesday.

The Food and Drug Administration, citing two deaths, said such topical anesthetics can be applied in amounts so large that a lethal dose of the chemicals can enter the bloodstream.

A 22-year-old woman and a 25-year-old woman who applied numbing creams after laser hair removal on their legs later died, the agency said

After the procedure, “these women then wrapped their legs in plastic wrap, as they were instructed, to increase the creams’ numbing effect. Both women had seizures, fell into comas, and subsequently died from the toxic effects of the anesthetic drugs”, the FDA said.

Numbing creams and lotions, available both by prescription and over the counter, are approved to soothe burning or itching skin as well as pain before, during and after various procedures.

They contain numbing drugs that can include lidocaine, tetracaine, benzocaine and prilocaine.

But the FDA said consumers should be cautious about using them without medical supervision.

MNA/Reuters



Passengers wait for delayed flights at London Stansted airport in Essex on 8 Feb, 2007. Travel chaos ensued on Thursday as much of the country was covered by a thick blanket of snow at the height of the morning rush-hour.—INTERNET

SPORTS

Mexico to clamp down on soccer violence

MEXICO CITY, 9 Feb — Mexico's soccer federation has announced measures to clamp down on crowd violence after three recent matches were hit by trouble.

The federation said on its website that organized supporters groups known as "porras" would not be allowed into away games until further notice.

It also banned clubs from giving free tickets to supporters clubs and ordered the installation of closed circuit television in and around stadiums.

Mexican football crowds have traditionally been peaceful, with matches attracting large numbers of families.

The emergence of the "porras", who are often modelled on Argentina's barras bravas, has livened up the atmosphere at matches but has also brought incidents of violence.— *MNA/Reuters*

Abreu penalties sink Colombia on Pinto's debut

CUCUTA (Colombia), 9 Feb — Sebastian Abreu converted two penalties as Uruguay beat Colombia 3-1 to hand debutant coach Jorge Luis Pinto a losing debut on Wednesday.

Pinto, who replaced Reinaldo Rueda in the hot seat, made sweeping changes to the Colombia side but his new-look team were quickly in trouble.

After only 15 minutes, Colombia goalkeeper Miguel Calero upended Luis Suarez in the area, conceded a penalty and was sent off. David Ospina replaced Calero for his senior international debut and his first job was to pick the ball out of the net as Abreu swept home the penalty.— *MNA/Reuters*

Chakvetadze books quarterfinal place at Paris Open

PARIS, 9 Feb — Russian Anna Chakvetadze recovered from a shaky start to reach the Paris Open quarterfinals with a 4-6, 6-4, 6-4 victory over Spaniard Anabel Medina on Thursday.

Eighth seed Chakvetadze will next play either holder Amelie Mauresmo or Nathalie Dechy, who meet in an all-French second round clash later on Thursday.

Medina converted one of her two break points to edge the first set but Chakvetadze's efficient groundstrokes eventually saw the Russian through after two hours and nine minutes. — *MNA/Reuters*



Dutch player Ryan Babel, centre, controls the ball as Russia's Igor Semshov, right, and Alexander Anjoukov, rear, make a challenge during the friendly international soccer match Netherlands versus Russia in the Arena stadium in Amsterdam, on 7 Feb, 2007.—INTERNET

Gerrard gives credit to Benitez for taken-over Liverpool

LONDON, 9 Feb— Liverpool's Steven Gerrard has hinted his preference for the current manager Rafael Benitez instead of any changes in that regard as new owners George Gillett and Tom Hicks took the club over.

The English Premiership giants on Tuesday accepted a 438-million pound (665-million-euro) take-

over offer from the American tycoons.

Gillett, who owns the National Hockey League's Montreal Canadiens, joined forces with Hicks, owner of the NHL's Dallas Stars and the Texas Rangers baseball team, to trump rival bidders Dubai International Capital last week.

Gerrard and club teammate Jamie Carragher pulled no punches at their first meeting with Gillett and Hicks but presented the pair with a signed shirt each.

Gerrard said they keep faith with Benitez because he views the Spaniard as "one of the great geniuses of the modern game." Gillett said: "They spoke extremely warmly about Rafa and made us aware that they feel this man is truly one of the great geniuses in the recent history of the sport."— *MNA/Xinhua*



England's Shaun Wright-Phillips is surrounded by Spanish players during their international friendly soccer match at Old Trafford Stadium, Manchester, England, on 7 Feb, 2007.—INTERNET

McClaren stays up-beat



England head coach Steve McClaren

LONDON, 8 Feb — England head coach Steve McClaren refused to condemn his side following their disappointing 1-0 defeat to Spain.

McClaren's men went down 1-0 at Old Trafford, as Andres Iniesta's second-half strike won the game for Spain. England were booed off the pitch by those fans still in the ground and McClaren admits he could not blame them.

"I can understand everybody's reaction - we lost the game and nobody

likes to lose a game," he told Sky Sports News.

"But this was an exercise — it was always going to be a difficult, Spain are a very good side technically and there were certain aspects and performances that pleased me."

McClaren admitted that England's blatant lack of quality played a part in their downfall.

"We lost a football match, we just didn't quite have that final quality around the box that Iniesta had for his goal, we just needed one moment, we created chances and opportunities, but it was disappointing that we didn't score tonight," he continued.

"We are building towards next month, Israel is the key game —I am not making excuses, but we had half a squad missing and big players, and they will come back and make a difference."—*Internet*

EU seeks talks with UEFA's Platini on violence

BRUSSELS, 9 Feb — The European Commission called on Thursday for urgent talks with the new head of European soccer, Michel Platini, on ways to fight hooliganism and racism. The move by European Union Justice and Security Commissioner Franco Frattini came after Italy imposed tough security measures despite resistance by clubs following the killing of a policeman by rioting Sicilian fans last week.

"I can confirm that Vice-President Frattini has invited Michel Platini, president of UEFA, to discuss issues of violence and racism," Commission spokesman Friso Roscam Abbing told a news briefing.

"It's clear it won't be at end of the year because things are urgent. It will be in the coming days or weeks." He said Frattini wanted to discuss freedom of movement or travel restrictions on hooligans in the EU, racism in and around stadiums and the exchange of information on hooligans. — *MNA/Reuters*

Ballack injures thigh in friendly

DUSSELDORF, 8 Feb — Michael Ballack played a key role in Germany's opening goal.

Michael Ballack suffered a thigh injury in Germany's 3-1 victory over Switzerland in Dusseldorf on Wednesday.

The Chelsea midfielder limped off the pitch one minute before the break after straining his right thigh and did not return for the second half.

"It is definitely a strain, but I hope it's not serious,"



Michael Ballack

said Ballack.

"We have to wait and see in the next few days how the pain is. It's annoying as I've been getting through the season quite well in terms of injuries."

Chelsea play Middlesbrough at Stamford Bridge on Saturday. — *Internet*

Solid Rock takes first round lead in Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR, 9 Feb — England's Robert Rock shot a six-under-par 66 to take a one-shot lead as the big names struggled in the first round of the Malaysian Open on Thursday.

Rock had seven birdies and one bogey over the par-72 Palm course at the Saujana club on the out-

skirts of Kuala Lumpur but European Ryder Cup stars Darren Clarke and Lee Westwood, along with New Zealand's former US Open winner Michael Campbell, failed to master the hot conditions.

Clarke shot 74, eight strokes off the pace, while Westwood and Campbell

opened with 75s.

India's Shiv Chowrasia was in second place one stroke behind Rock after firing a five-under-par 67 while Australia's Kane Webber, American Edward Loar and Argentine Rafael Echenique shared third place on four-under 68.

Rock was forced to pull out on the eve of last year's event because of illness but is happy to know that he will be around this time at least for the second round.

"It was pretty boring being stuck in the hotel room all week," the 29-year-old Rock told reporters.— *MNA/Reuters*

More rains hit flood-stricken Indonesian capital

JAKARTA, 9 Feb — More heavy rains struck Indonesia's capital on Thursday, hampering clean-up efforts and piling on misery for hundreds of thousands of people camping under make-shift shelters after days of floods.

However, an official at the Jakarta Flood Crisis centre said the latest flooding was less widespread than in the past week.

The official, Kartawi,

added that water levels at sluice gates controlling flows into the largely flat, low-lying city had returned to normal in all cases but one.

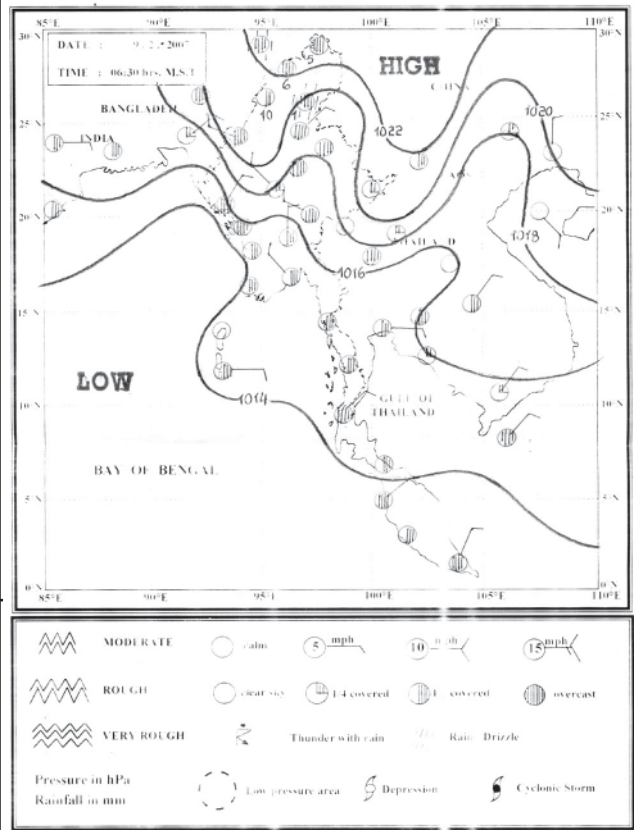
The death toll from the floods, Jakarta's worst for at least five years, remained at about 50, the official said, with around 230,000 still displaced.

In the Prumtung cemetery in east Jakarta, hundreds of people were living under tents made of plastic next to gravestones after their homes were flooded, relying on food

handouts.

"I've already been here for seven days with four children," said Kusmiah, who uses just one name. With so many displaced since the floods started late last week, there are concerns about disease and sanitation in the city and its suburbs, home to an estimated 14 million people. — MNA/Reuters

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Friday, 9 February, 2007

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thunder-showers have been fairly widespread in Kachin State, scattered in upper Sagaing Division and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Kachin State, Northern Shan and Mon States, Sagaing and Bago Divisions, (5°C) above normal in Taninthayi Division, (3°C) below normal in Chin State and about normal in the remaining states and divisions. The significant night temperatures were Namhsan, Pinlaung and Heho (5°C) each. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Homalin (0.39) inch, Hkamti (0.23) inch and Putao (0.19) inch.

Maximum temperature on 8-2-2007 was 94°F. Minimum temperature on 9-2-2007 was 64°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 9-2-2007 was 67%. Total sunshine hours on 8-2-2007 was (6.5) hours approx.

Rainfall on 9-2-2007 was (nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2007 was (nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (3) mph from Southeast at (09:30) hours MST on 9-2-2007.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 10-2-2007: Rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated in Kachin, Shan States and upper Sagaing Division and weather will be partly cloudy in Chin, Rakhine and Mon States, lower Sagaing, Mandalay, Ayeyawady, 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: Likelihood of slight increase of night temperatures in the lower Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 10-2-2007: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 10-2-2007: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 10-2-2007: Partly cloudy.

Weather outlook for third weekend of February 2007: During the coming weekend, weather will be partly cloudy in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon and Mandalay Divisions.



A man swims in an ice hole in the Neva River in St Petersburg, Russia, on 8 Feb, 2007. The temperature on Thursday is sunny but still cold, averaging -19C (-2F). — INTERNET

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Saturday, 10 February

View on today

7:00 am

- ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃာ့မဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ရွက်ပုံ၊ အဘိဓမ္မမဟာရဋ္ဌဂုရု၊ အဘိဓမ္မအဂ္ဂမဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မဇောတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော်ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am

- To be healthy exercise

7:30 am

- Morning news

7:40 am

- Nice and sweet song

7:55 am

- အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:05 am

- ဒေသဖွံ့ဖြိုး တိုးတက်စေမည့် ဒုဋ္ဌဝတီ

8:10 am

- အတိုးပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:20 am

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8:30 am

- International news

8:45 am

- Grammar made easy

11:00 am

- Martial songs

11:15 am

- နှစ်(၆၀)ပြည့်

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11:30 am

- News

11:40 am

- Games for children

12:05 pm

- Round up of the week's TV local news

12:40 pm

- ကြားမြင်သုတပြည့်ဝစေရာ စာပဒေသာ

12:50 pm

- “ပိုင်နိုင်နိုင်မြဲအောင်” (ခန့်စည်သူ၊ ထွန်းထွန်းဝင်း၊ ထင်ပေါ်၊ မျိုးစန္ဒီကျော်၊ ငွေစင်သွန်း၊ သူသူဟံသာ) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-သက်တင်)

1:25 pm

- နှစ်(၆၀)ပြည့် ပြည်ထောင်စုနေ့ ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်

1:35 pm

- စစ်ကိုင်းတိုင်း ပုထိုးလုံးတံတား

1:45 pm

- Dance of national races

2:00 pm

- အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

2:10 pm

- “အန္တရာယ်ဆိုတာ လက်တစ်ကမ်းမှာ” (စိုးသူ၊ နန်းကလျာလှိုင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-စောစန္ဒာလှိုင်)

2:20 pm

- မြူးမြူးကြွကြွ ယဉ်ကျေးမှုအက

2:30 pm

- အတိုးပြိုင်ပွဲ

2:45 pm

- International news

4:00 pm

- Martial song

4:15 pm

- Song to uphold National Spirit

4:30 pm

- English for Everyday

Use

4:45 pm

- နှစ်(၆၀)ပြည့် ပြည်ထောင်စုနေ့ ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်

5:00 pm

- အေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေးရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ -ပထမနှစ် (သမိုင်းအထူးပြု) (သမိုင်း)

5:15 pm

- ပြည်ထောင်စုနေ့ ဂုဏ်ပြု ဆိုင်း အဖွဲ့ဖျော်ဖြေခန်း (ဓမ္မစိန်လှမြိုင်၊ မွန်ပြည်နယ်-ကိုကိုနိုင်၊ ရွှေသရဖူစိုးစော်စိုလ်)

5:30 pm

- ရသပေါ်လွင် သရုပ်ဆောင်လွင်ပြင် အစီအစဉ်

5:45 pm

- နှစ်(၆၀)ပြည့် ပြည်ထောင်စုနေ့ ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်

6:00 pm

- Evening news

6:30 pm

- Weather report

6:35 pm

- အလှူရှာမယ် လှကမ္ဘာဝယ်

7:05 pm

- နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ကြယ်ကြွေရင်စုန်သံ” (အပိုင်း-၁၉) (ဇာတ်သိမ်းပိုင်း)

7:45 pm

- ပြည်ထောင်စု စိတ်ဓာတ် မပြတ်ရင့်သန် ခိုင်မာရန်မှာ ဒို.ဝန်တာ (အသီးတစ်ရာ အညာတစ်ခု ဒို.ပြည်ထောင်စု)

8:00 pm

- News

8:00 pm

- International news

8:00 pm

- Weather report

8:00 pm

- နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “လှပသော နေ့ရက်များ” (အပိုင်း-၂၃)

8:00 pm

- The next day's programme

Saturday, 10 February

Tune in today

8:30 am Brief news

8:35 am Music

8:40 am Perspectives

8:45 am Music

8:50 am National news/Slogan

9:00 am Music

9:05 am International news

9:10 am Music

1:30 pm News / Slogan,

1:40 pm Music at your request/ Lunch time music

9:00 pm ASEAN news review

Exchange news from ASEAN member countries

9:10pm Article

9:20pm Myanmar culture by Dr Khin Maung Nyunt

9:30 pm Souvenirs

9:45 pm News / Slogan

10:00 pm PEL

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Lt-Gen Myint Swe inspects sales of goods at tax-free markets

YANGON, 9 Feb — Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence inspected tax-free markets in Yangon City this morning, and gave necessary instructions to officials.

Accompanied by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa and officials, Lt-Gen Myint Swe inspected the tax-free market on Pantaya Road in Dagon Township this morning.

Next, they proceeded to Hanthawady Tax-free Market at the corner of Hanthawady and Kyundaw Streets in Sangyoung Township, another tax-free market near Htilaingshin Housing Estate on Kyansittha Road in Hlinethaya Township and the next one on Thiri Mingala Road in Ward 5 of Shwepyitha Township.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe and party inspected sales of vegetables, meat, fishes and other goods at the tax-free markets. — MNA



Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence inspects tax-free market on Pantaya Road.—MNA

Internal, external saboteurs committing timed conspiracies for launching terrorist missions, political opposition to make further accusations against Myanmar Public urged to have security awareness

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Feb — As the conspiracy of internal and external saboteurs to take action against Myanmar through the UNSC failed, they are launching terrorist missions timed with the political opposition inside the nation to make further accusations against Myanmar.

ABSDF Chairman Than Khe, Secretary Kyaw Ko, Thant Zin Oo of Vigorous Burmese Student Warriors, and BCP Po Than Gyaung (a) Htet Aung collectively organized nine hardcores and sent them into the nation. Included in the nine is Kyaw Min of ABSDF, who entered the nation at the end of January.

Kyaw Min was to make contacts with '88' generation students, and two representatives-elect of NLD. The other eight will distribute letters of instigation at the crowded places in Yangon and Mandalay in connection with their destructive acts.

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Terrorist dies when bomb he is planting in Mosque compound in Kyauktaga explodes

Evil attempts to cause doubts and strained relations between faiths, confusion timed with plots to make political gains under pretext of religion

Public urged to expose, crush internal and external terrorists, while taking heed of news reports about them

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Feb — Internal and external saboteurs sent a letter bomb and planted mines in the first week of January this year. The saboteurs are committing terrorist acts in accord with the timetable of anti-government acts inside the country.

As the government has already received information about planned terrorist missions and political opposition inside the country, it has been issuing warnings in time.

The internal and external saboteurs are launching political opposition and terrorist acts according to their schedule with the evil intention of causing doubts and strained relations between nations, faiths, organizations and individuals, and religious conflicts and public confusion.

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HAILING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY UNION DAY:

Hundred fruits from a common stem—Our Union

ARTICLE

The 12th of February 1947, on which the Panglong Agreement was signed, has been marked as the Union Day. All the states and divisions observe the Union Day annually on 12 February. Now the Union Day has reached its 60th Anniversary.



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Union Day Vow

* Beloved youths, brethren born Union nationals
For perpetuation of our nation Myanmar
Our Three Main National Causes, have been laid down
What's important is Non-disintegration of national solidarity.

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"Be nationalism conscious."

