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## Peace and prosperity of the nation rely on flourishing of Union Spirit

Peace and prosperity, development and perpetuation of the Union of Myanmar encompassing all the national races completely rely on the strength of national unity and flourishing of Union Spirit.

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

(From message sent to 59th Anniversary Union Day)

## Senior General Than Shwe sends felicitations to Iran

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Feb— Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Mahmood Ahmadenejad, President of the Islamic Republic of Iran, on the occasion of the National Day of the Islamic Republic of Iran, which falls on 11 February 2007. — MNA

Sittoung Basin Development Projects include 13 projects namely Paunglaung, Upper Paunglaung, Nancho, Thaukyehkat 1, Thaukyehkat 2, Bawgata, Khabaung, Kunchaung, Pyu, Shwegying, Zaungtu, Pathi, and Yenwe and three projects— Yenwe, Paunglaung and Zaungtu —have been built.

## Prime Minister General Soe Win attends inauguration of Yenwe hydro-electric power station The nation's electricity requirement will be fulfilled in the near future Yenwe hydro-electric power station inaugurated in Kyaukdaga Township

YANGON, 10 Feb— Hailing the 60th Anniversary Union Day, Yenwe hydro-electric power station was inaugurated in Kyaukdaga Township this morn-

ing, with an address by Chairman of Work Committee for Development of Electric Power Project Prime Minister General Soe Win.

Also present were member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than, (See page 8)



Chairman of Work Committee for Development of Electric Power Project Prime Minister General Soe Win inspects Yenwe Dam. — MNA

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

# PERSPECTIVES

Sunday, 11 February, 2007

## Preserve national characteristics of the Union

More than 100 national races have been living the length and breadth of the Union with family spirit sharing joys and sorrows since recorded history.

Thanks to the consolidated unity of national races and Union Spirit, the nation managed to regain independence and became a sovereign and independent one again.

The government managed to eliminate the doubts and suspicions running among the national races sowed by the imperialists. The Union Day, on which the Union of Myanmar was conceived, is a historic and auspicious day for all national brethren. So, the Union Day is celebrated annually with political essence across the nation.

Now, the delegates of states and divisions have arrived at Nay Pyi Taw to participate in the 60th Anniversary Union Day celebration. All national races have enjoyed golden opportunity to get together, to introduce and develop traditions and culture of each national race, and to study those of other national races. Thus, national solidarity and fraternal relations among the national races become more consolidated.

Now, the government is mobilizing the strength of national races in the drive for transforming the nation into a peaceful, modern and developed one. Therefore, the entire national people are to make earnest efforts in concert and amity as an indivisible family in line with the national characteristics of the Union to achieve the goal.

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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

## Ministry of Hotels and Tourism holds coord meeting

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Feb — The work coordination meeting of Ministry of Hotels and Tourism took place at the ministry here on 5 and 6 February.

Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing delivered an address.

First, the minister urged the officials to work hard to meet the targets of the ministry and to achieve success in carrying tasks of the State in accordance with policy of the State.

Officials of the Directorate of Hotels and Tourism reported on hotel projects and matters related to transportation and promotion of tourism industry.

Those present at the meeting also discussed

## Foreign Affairs Minister sends felicitations to Iran

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Feb— On the occasion of the National Day of the Islamic Republic of Iran, which falls on 11 February 2007, U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Manouchehr Mottaki, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

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and reviewed tasks of MHT and laid down future tasks. Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aye Myint Kyu discussed the reports of officials.

The meeting ended with concluding remarks by Minister Maj-Gen Soe Naing. — MNA



Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing delivers an address. — MNA

## Cash donated for cancer patients

YANGON, 10 Feb — Under the arrangement of Director Dr U Nay Win of National Health Lab, Yangon, Mr Teruo Harano, a wellwisher from Shikata Okayama University Graduate School of Medicine, Dentistry and Pharmaceutical Sciences, Department of Anti-aging Food Sciences of Japan, comforted patients at U Hla Tun Hospice Cancer Foundation in Dagon Myothit (East) Township on 7-2-2007. The Japanese wellwisher also donated K 5.6 million for the cancer foundation through Patron of the foundation Brig-Gen Abel (Retd) and members. — H

## Japanese Government grants aids for ex-poppy farmers

YANGON, 10 Feb— On the 29th of January 2007, the Government of Japan decided to contribute US\$ 948,200 through the United Nations Trust Fund for Human Security

Project to fund 'Support for ex-poppy farmers and poor and vulnerable families in border areas' Project in Myanmar.

The project will be implemented by World Food Programme (WFP), Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) with cooperation of the Government of the Union of Myanmar.

The object of this project is to help farmers find new way of gaining socio-economic situation in border areas. — H



Mr Teruo Harano donates K 5.6 million for U Hla Tun Hospice Cancer Foundation through Brig-Gen Abel (Retd) and members. H

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

**Russians accuse US of military expansion**

WASHINGTON, 9 Feb—A chill descended on relations between Washington and Moscow on Friday as Russia’s top defence officials criticised what they called US military expansion in Europe.

Sergei Ivanov, Russian defence minister and a possible successor to President Vladimir Putin, said he did not believe the Bush administration’s claims that its planned missile defence programme was aimed at protecting the US from Iran, North Korea or terrorist groups.

Speaking after meeting his NATO oppositenumbers in Seville, Mr Ivanov spelled out Moscow’s plans to counteract the US programme.

“What is the real intention of these activities?” he asked. “This will not harm the Russian deterrent. We will develop our own strategic system, which will have the capability to surpass any missile system. We want to be absolutely sure that under no circumstances are we under pressure.”

But he added: “We will not get back in the arms

race.” Mr Ivanov’s comments came after Russia’s army chief of staff warned that expansion of the US military presence in Russia’s traditional zones of influence was a top

security threat. General Yuri Baluyevsky said Russia faced even greater military threats than during the cold war, and needed a new doctrine to respond to them.—Internet

**Italy to try US soldier for agent’s Iraq death**

ROME, 9 Feb— A Rome judge ordered a US soldier to stand trial for killing an Italian intelligence agent in Iraq in 2005 while he was escorting a freed hostage to safety, court officials said on Wednesday.

Mario Lozano, of the US Army’s 69th Infantry Regiment, was charged with voluntary homicide for shooting Nicola Calipari at a checkpoint near Baghdad Airport.

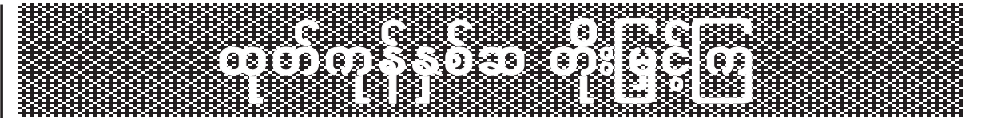
Lozano will almost certainly be tried in absentia. Pentagon spokesman Bryan Whitman said it was “a fair assumption” the US military would not hand over Lozano for trial.

Italy’s independent prosecutors disagreed and Judge Sante Spinaci granted their request to charge Lozano also on two counts

of attempted murder—one for the other Italian agent driving the vehicle and the second for the freed hostage inside.

Calipari became a national hero in Italy for securing the release of kidnapped left-wing journalist Giuliana Sgrena. He died trying to shield her from gunfire at a US checkpoint shortly after her release.

His widow Rosa, now a member of the Italian Senate, said at the hearing in a criminal court she was “satisfied”.



A girl looks out of a train window at a railway station in Shanghai before a 40 hour journey to Chengdu, capital of southwestern Sichuan Province on 8 Feb, 2007. China’s railway system is expected to carry some 155 million people over the upcoming Chinese New Year period. INTERNET

**British Columbia child dies of influenza**

VANCOUVER, 9 Feb—A Vancouver child has succumbed to influenza, marking the first pediatric death in Canada during this unusually late flu season.

The Public Health Agency of Canada said the child, who was between five and nine years old, died the week of 28 Jan. No other details were provided.

“For confidentiality and respect for the family, we can’t share any information,” said Naseem Nuraney, a spokesperson from Fraser Health, the regional authority responsible for health services for the area south and east of Vancouver.

Most people who die of the flu are elderly, but children do occasionally succumb. In an average year, about 4,000 Canadians die because of influenza, said Dr Theresa Tam of the Public Health Agency of Canada.

“In a bad year, that can go up to six to eight thousand influenza deaths in Canada,” she told CBC News.—Internet

*Competitors collide while taking part in ox-cart races in Thailand’s Phetchaburi province, nearly 130 km (81 miles) south of Bangkok, on 9 Feb, 2007. Both the oxen and cart rider in this photo were uninjured. —INTERNET*



A needle is placed on a pan of tofu during the ‘Hari-kuyo’ festival at the Senso-ji temple in Tokyo on 8 Feb, 2007.—XINHUA

**Four US Marines killed in western Iraq**

BAGHDAD, 9 Feb— Four US Marines were killed in the volatile area of Anbar Province in two separate incidents, the US military said on Thursday.

The Marines assigned to MultiNational Force West died on Wednesday from wounds sustained due to “enemy action”, the military said in a statement.

Since the US-led war in Iraq broke out in March 2003, more than 3,100 US soldiers have been killed in Iraq, according to media count based on Pentagon confirmed figures. — MNA/Xinhua





**Guo Guozhi, one of the 'China's Top Ten Extraordinary Men', uses his teeth to lift 5 chairs, each measuring 1.1m in length and 3.1 kg (6.8 pounds), at a shopping mall in Hong Kong on 9 Feb, 2007. —INTERNET**

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**Arroyo lauds Senate approval of anti-terror bill**

**MANILA, 9 Feb — Philippine President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo on Thursday praised the passage of the country's Anti-Terrorism Bill by the Senate, which was a step further to the creation of an anti-terrorism law.**

"I acknowledge the Senate for the passage of the anti-terror bill," the President said in a statement. "All peace-loving Filipinos are looking forward to its quick approval at the bicameral level and I will

wait for it, pen in hand, at my desk."

Thanks to the bill, the Philippines will continue to improve the capabilities of the Armed Forces and Police in a more professional way to fight terrorism, Arroyo said.

rism, she added.

The proposed law aims to establish more legal measures to crack down on suspected terrorists. The opposition members in the Senate had earlier filibustered the bill since it was proposed. Voting 16-2 with no abstentions, the Philippine Senate approved on third and final reading the Anti-Terrorism Bill on Wednesday before the Congress adjourned.

MNA/Xinhua

**Five Americans indicted in Iraq reconstruction kickback scam**

WASHINGTON, 9 Feb — Three US Army Reserve officers and two civilians were indicted by a grand jury Wednesday on charges they steered more than 8.6 million US dollars in Iraqi reconstruction funds to a contractor in exchange for kickbacks that included vehicles, jewellery and real estate.

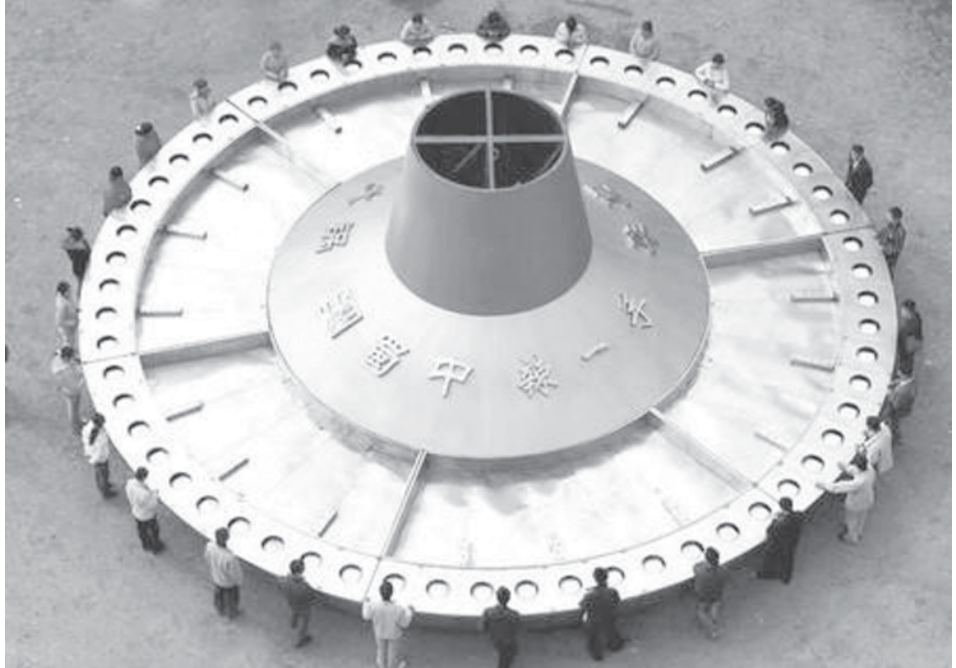
The 25-count indictment, filed in US District Court in New Jersey, includes conspiracy, bribery and money-laundering charges, and is the latest development in a wave of criminal charges stemming from the alleged fraudulent use of US funds in Iraq, CNN reported.

The indictment alleges that bids were rigged while

the US-led Coalition Provisional Authority (CPA) was attempting to establish control of Iraq after Saddam Hussein was

toppled. "This indictment alleges that the defendants flagrantly enriched themselves at the expense of the Iraqi people — the

very people they were there to help," US Deputy Attorney General Paul McNulty said in a news release.—MNA/Xinhua



**A super-sized hotpot is seen on a street in the southwestern Chinese city of Chengdu, a hotbed for hotpot fanatics, on 7 Feb, 2007. The recently made round pot measures at 12 metres in diameter and can cook enough food for up to 60 diners. —XINHUA**

**Valencia orange to pip petrol at filling station**

MADRID, 9 Feb — The Spanish region of Valencia has plans to turn orange pulp and peel into bioethanol to fuel its cars, a regional government member said on Wednesday.

"We have a car plant ... and we have the oranges," Esteban Gonzalez, head of planning and housing for the regional government, told a conference on climate change. The region grows 4 million tons of oranges a year and its existing five juice plants produce 240,000 tons of waste that could be turned into ethanol. With another new juice plant planned, waste output will rise to 500,000 tons, Gonzalez said.

"Experience in California shows that would be enough to produce 37.5 million litres of bioethanol," he added.

Mixing plant-based ethanol with regular petrol is a means of reducing emissions of carbon dioxide (CO2), the main greenhouse gas responsible for global warming.

Spain, with the rest of the European Union, has a goal of replacing almost 6 per cent of transport fuel with bioethanol or oilseed-based biodiesel by 2010 as part of its efforts to curb climate change.—MNA/Reuters

**A Tiger Airways aircraft taxis on the tarmac at Singapore's Changi Airport on 9 Feb, 2007. Singapore's Tiger Airways said on Friday it planned to launch a new domestic Australian airline.**

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**E C O N O M I C N E W S**

**Singapore to attract 10.2m visitors in 2007**

SINGAPORE, 9 Feb — Singapore announced Thursday it aims to achieve 13.6 billion Singapore dollars (about 8.83 billion US dollars) in tourism receipts and 10.2 million in visitor arrivals in 2007, after seeing strong performance last year.

“These aggressive targets are testimony of our confidence that the strong tourism performance could be sustained going forward,” Lim Hng Kiang, Minister for Trade and Industry, said at a tourism industry event.

2006 was a record breaking year for Singapore’s tourism sector, registering new records in tourism receipts of 12.4 billion Singapore dollars (about 8.1 billion US dollars) and visitor arrivals of 9.7 million.

He said that the Singapore Tourism Board (STB) will build a pipeline of projects this year that will capitalize on the heightened interest in Singapore as a tourism destination.

He announced that Berlin-based International

Tourism Fair (ITB), the world’s largest tourism trade show, has agreed to launch an Asian edition in Singapore in 2008, which he believed will attract tourism exhibitors and

trade visitors from all over the world, giving a boost to Singapore’s Meetings, Incentives, Conventions and Exhibitions (MICE) industry.

MNA/Xinhua



Japan Meteorological Agency (JMA) staff monitor seismic activity in Tokyo, on 7 Jan, 2005. Japan, one of the world’s most seismically active nations, on 8 Feb, 2007 began an alert system using satellites to instantly transmit warnings of natural disasters, such as tsunami, to speed up evacuations.

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A model shows the hairstyle named ‘Great Wall’ during a hairstyle show in Hong Kong on 8 Feb, 2007. The show, featuring famous buildings and sports items, was held to welcome the upcoming Spring Festival.

INTERNET

**HK’s electronic product exports value up 31.2% in 2006**

HONG KONG, 9 Feb — The value of domestic exports classified in the consumer electrical and electronic products industry rose 31.2 per cent in 2006 to 23.3 billion Hong Kong dollars (2.99 billion US dollars), Hong Kong’s Census & Statistics Department said Tuesday.

The value of domestic exports classified in the machinery, equipment, apparatus, parts and components industry fell 24.3 per cent, to 16.3 billion Hong Kong dollars (2.09 billion US dollars), while that in the apparel industry fell 7.8 per cent, to 21.8 billion Hong Kong dollars (2.79 billion US dollars), and that in the textiles industry dropped 7.3 per cent, to 34.6 billion Hong Kong dollars (4.44 billion US dollars).

The value of these four major industries together accounted for 72 per cent of Hong Kong’s total domestic exports.

As for other manufacturing industries, a notable increase was registered for the value of domestic exports classified to the basic metals and fabricated metal products industry, by 26 per cent over a year earlier, to 6.5 billion Hong Kong dollars (833.3 million US dollars), and that in the chemicals and chemical products industry by 14.3 per cent, to 9.2 billion Hong Kong dollars (1.18 billion US dollars). —MNA/Xinhua

Various “space flowers” are on show at the first space flower exhibition in Shenzhen on 8 Feb, 2007.

INTERNET

**Vietnam’s automobile sales up in January**

HANOI, 9 Feb — Automobile joint ventures in Vietnam posted total sales of 4,722 vehicles in January,

posting a year-on-year rise of 152 per cent, according to local newspaper Vietnam Economic Times on Thursday. However, the country’s automobile sales in January decreased 23 percent over last December, the paper quoted the Vietnam Automobile Manufacturers Association as reporting.

The joint ventures, sole producers of cars and main makers of other kinds of automobiles in the country, sold 1,190 cars and 1,459 multi-purpose vehicles last month, respectively down from 1,465 and 2,721 units in the previous month.

They sold 39,876 vehicles in 2006, down from 40,853 in 2005, said the association.

Vietnam, with a population of some 84 million currently houses 13 automobile joint ventures between foreign firms and local ones, with total registered capital of nearly 700 million US dollars and combined annual capacity of 173,000 units.

MNA/Xinhua



**Three Gorges Project generates 49.2b kwh of electricity in 2006**

YICHANG (Hubei Province), 9 Feb — The Three Gorges Project, the world’s largest hydropower project, generated 49.2 billion kilowatt-hours (kwh) of electricity in 2006.

The electricity generated by the project is used in 15 provinces in central, eastern, southern and southwestern China, alleviating power shortage in these regions.

About 298 billion cubic metres of water flowed through the Three Gorges dam in 2006, the lowest for 137 years and down 33.9 per cent from the average figure in previous years, according to an official in charge of the project.

In 2006, the Three Gorges Project Corporation signed contracts with the State Power Grids to presell nearly 300 billion kilowatt-hours of electricity to the State Power Grids for the 2006-2010 period, the largest bill for China’s power projects.

MNA/Xinhua

Hailing the 60th Anniversary Union Day:

# Let's march on in unity

*Ketu Nilar*

## Hundred fruits from a common stem — Our Union



Head of State Senior General Than Shwe gave guidance in Nay Pyi Taw on 7-11-2006, saying, "According to the experiences gained in the course of the nation's history, Our Three Main National Causes namely Non-disintegration of the Union, Non-disintegration of national solidarity and Perpetuation of sovereignty is the indisputable national policy for the entire national people. The government gave the first priority to prevalence of law and order, and restoration of peace and stability. Then, it took measures with great patience for achieving amicable relations and national reconsolidation. As a result, 17 major armed groups have returned to the legal fold, and some of them have unconditionally exchanged arms for peace. After peace and stability had been restored, the government laid down work programmes for national development. Only when our nation is transformed into a modern one in the present period, will it be able to develop perpetually".

The guidance reflects the past experiences and prevailing conditions of the nation and the people and the goals of the nation.

National unity of Myanmar flourished with glory throughout the history. For example, King Anawrahta and King Kyansitmin, the founders of the First Myanmar Empire, used national solidarity as the foundation. Similarly, the builders of the Second Myanmar Empire, King Tabinshwehtee and King Bayintnaung, never failed to heed the importance of national unity. Likewise, King Alaungphaya consolidated national solidarity in building the Third Myanmar Empire.

Myanmar people launched anti-imperialist and anti-Fascist struggles to free the nation from 123 years of enslavement and regain independence. All the national races including Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Bamar, Rakhine and Shan have the fine historical tradition of unity. The result of national unity is the Union Spirit we have in our hearts to live in weal or woe. The Union Day was born of the Union Spirit on 12 February 1947. This year will mark the 60th anniversary of the Union Day. We will have to shape our nation's future after reviewing political, economic, and social

situations we have experienced during the period of 60 years.

Of the 60 years for about 40 years beginning from the time independence was regained, the people were facing the armed opposition of some nationalities that broke out due to evil legacy of imperialists to divide the nation and the BCP and multi-coloured insurgency born of extreme ideological beliefs. The national people suffered bitter experiences of instability and unrest instead of enjoying peace, prosperity and progress. The strong wish of the people was national stability and development. The firm belief of the people was that the Union would surely develop if there was unity and peace and stability.

Due to historical need, the Tatmadaw or the national force took over the State duties on 18 September 1988. The Tatmadaw government has striven to consolidate national unity based on broader view and its national stand. Since 1989, 17 major armed groups and many other minor groups have made peace with the government after realizing the latter's sincere political view.

The groups have been taking part in the regional and national development undertakings together with the national races. Hence, border areas and national races are enjoying unprecedented socio-economic progress. The peaceful political climate and unity bring social progress to the people. Border areas have been witnessing development in farming, industrial and trade sectors. All the states and divisions are linked one another with a network of roads and bridges large and small.

Thanks to the transport network, national unity flourishes through sympathy and understanding, the fruits of frequent social dealings among the people. The people further cement their trust among themselves with family spirit. They have further consolidated national unity with Union Spirit.

Hospitals, dispensaries, universities, colleges, vocational training schools and basic education schools also provide social development covering health, education and culture sectors. Communication and power supply services and TV programmes have reached even the villages of border areas. It is the general view of the political, economic and social developments of the areas enjoying peace and stability.

Union Day is now 60 years old, and of the 60 years, the nation faced the evil consequences of imperialism for 40 years. The Tatmadaw has kept in the fore Our Three Main National Causes or the national policy to end the evil consequences. It is also implementing 12 political, economic and social objectives as the work guideline. It is also building a peaceful, modern and developed discipline-flourishing democratic state, the goal of the nation.

So rapid is the national development that it is like a dream that comes true.

Agriculture is the main sector of Myanmar, and domestic food sufficiency is the primary need. The government has built 195 new dams and 298 new water pumping stations. It is also building 999 water pumping stations and many other artesian wells and mini dams. The nation's sown acreage at present has reached 29.3 million acres from 19.9 million acres in the past. Monsoon paddy sown acreage has reached 16.8 million acres, up from 11 million acres in the past. Likewise, summer paddy is grown on 3.4 million acres of land and more mixed-crops and double-crops are being cultivated across the nation. Hence there is 157 per cent increase in the

nation's sown acreage.

In addition, the government has been providing pedigree strains, agriculture techniques, farm equipment to farmers; running the existing fertilizer plants at full capacity and building new ones; extending large-scale farms with private investments and introducing mechanized agriculture; encouraging physic nut cultivation to help provide fuel for farm machines. The results are two fold increase in rice production, 11 times increase in beans and pulses production, three times increase in edible oil output and 400 per cent rise in kitchen crops output. All in all, the nation's food production has exceeded the domestic demand of over 55 million people, and even sufficient for the growing population in the future. Export of surplus crops has contributed to the national economy.

Up to now, the nation has established 18 industrial zones to promote the private sector. In 1988 the nation had 624 state-owned industries and 35,000 private industries. At present, there are 792 state-owned industries and about 80,000 private industries. The industrial sector sees 25 per cent annual growth. The whole nation saw 800 per cent rise in industrial output when compared with that in 1988. The number of industrial workers has increased to 4.8 million at present from 1.7 million in 1988. There are now 7.5 million employees in the services sector, up from 3.8 million. Farming sector now has 22.3 million workers, up from 10.4 million. The total number of workers has increased to over 34.7 million from over 16 million.

Simultaneously, it is constructing socio-economic infrastructures such as roads, railroads and bridges, and upgrading ports and airports. The entire nation has seen a network of transportation facilities built by the government making huge investments for ensuring smooth transport and swift commodity flow.

In addition, it is building Union Highways, roads for urban development, roads linking between states and divisions, town-to-town roads, town-to-village roads, roads for progress of border areas, and roads for national development wherever necessary across the nation. The total length of various sorts of roads has increased from more than 21,000 miles in 1988 to about 64,000 miles to date. Similarly, it is building railroads in the regions of the states and divisions where there were none in the past. So, there have emerged new railroads linking Yangon and Bagan, NyaungU, Myingyan and Mandalay with Pyay-Aunglan-Taungdwingyi Railroad through Central Yoma mountain range, Pakokku-Kyaw railroad with Gangaw-Kalay railroad through Pondaung Ponna mountain range, and with Shwe Nyaung-Taunggyi-Namhsan railroad through Shan Yoma mountain range.

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## Let's march on in...

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Furthermore, Patheingyi-Hinthada-Kyangin Railroad is being extended to Padaung on the west bank of the Ayeyawady River opposite of Pyay to link Pakokku. Before long, there will be a new railroad on the west bank of the Ayeyawady River stretching from north to south of the nation. It constructed river-crossing bridges wherever necessary to complete the extended roads and railroads. On the major rivers such as Ayeyawady, Chindwin, Sittoung and Thanlwin, there were only five bridges in 1988. It has constructed 15 more large bridges on the rivers. So far, it has built 219 bridges including 20 river-spanning bridges on motor roads each of which is 180 feet or above long, along with 34 bridges on railroads.

With the permission of the government, new private-owned airlines have been launched in the air transport. Meanwhile, it has constructed new airports and upgraded many. It has also built 17 more airports, each of whose runway is above 5000 feet long. It upgraded 28 airports to facilities that can be also used by jets, thereby providing smooth transportation to the people.

Regarding the water transport sector, in 1988, Myanmar saw only 15 international level ports. Now, the number of ports and container yards has increased to 31 including four port container yards and inland container yards. Regarding the communication sector, during the same period, the number of auto exchanges has risen from 245 to 866 and that of telephones, from 67,000 to 500,000. Many auto digital exchanges have been installed along with more than 190,000 mobile telephones through modern communication system. Besides, 56 microwave links and 207 microwave stations have been established to stretch the trunk call lines up to rural areas. Through 603 lines of international satellite system and 983 lines of Asia-Europe underwater cable system, the nation can now easily contact with foreign countries. Even local people in border areas have had easy access to telephones, telegraphs and post offices.

As electricity is a basic requirement for raising the standard of living of the people, the government is expediting the generation of electricity by constructing hydel power stations. Now, the nation can generate 712 megawatts of hydel power, up from 228 megawatts. When the 24 ongoing hydropower

station projects are completed, the nation will be able to produce more than 4000 megawatts of hydel power. At the same time, steps are being taken for boosting production of oil and gas for domestic consumption and export. At the present time, 13 foreign companies are running 33 inland and offshore oil blocks. The natural gas output has increased from 39,085 million cubic feet in 1988-89 to 402,896 million cubic feet in 2005-2006 (end of March), accounting for 4.7 per cent of annual production growth.

In the education sector, the opening of 6,797 new schools has added the number of basic education schools to 40,544. In addition, 6,003 post-primary schools have been opened so far, thus increasing the number of basic education students to about 7.8 million from 5.2 million. In the past, the number of the nation's colleges and universities stood at only 32 with more than 130,000 students. Now, it has surged to 160 with more than 700,000 students, accounting for the growth of 500,000 students. Due to more opportunities for pursuing education, the nation's literacy rate has stood at 94 per cent, up from 79 per cent. Therefore, the nation has been able to produce a greater number of post-graduates and educated persons.

In the health sector, the government has constructed 200 more hospitals, thus raising the number of hospitals to 831. In addition, it has upgraded 149 hospitals. In the meantime, 16 medical institutions including universities of medicines, dental institutes, institutes of pharmacy, institutes of paramedical sciences, institutes of nursing, universities of community health and universities of traditional medicines have been opened. With better health care, life expectancy of the people has improved.

On the basis of stability and peace restored across the nation, the people are now enjoying socio-economic development. The government has paid a serious attention to projects for the socio-economic development of border areas that lagged behind in development in successive periods due to various reasons. In fact, progress of border areas and national races is a historical necessity of the changes in the national politics.

This being the case, the Central Committee for Development of Border Areas and National Races was formed with the Head of State as Chairman. Then, the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs was established. In

## 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.

the drive for national development, the government gave priority to border areas that had low development rate due to security reasons. Thanks to the active participation of local national race leaders and national ethnic groups in the projects for progress of border areas and national races being implemented by the government, border areas and national races have enjoyed the socio-economic development remarkably in the 60th Anniversary of the Union Day, if compared with that in the 40th Anniversary of the Union Day. Up to now, the government has spent more than 90,000 million kyats on border areas development projects.

Therefore, all the national brethren are exhorted to take lessons from the past incidents of the nation and to be deeply committed to marching forward with the might of consolidated unity in order to achieve the national goal of shaping a peaceful, modern and developed democratic nation with flourishing discipline, while devoting themselves to the nation-building tasks through stability and peace of the State and national cohesion.

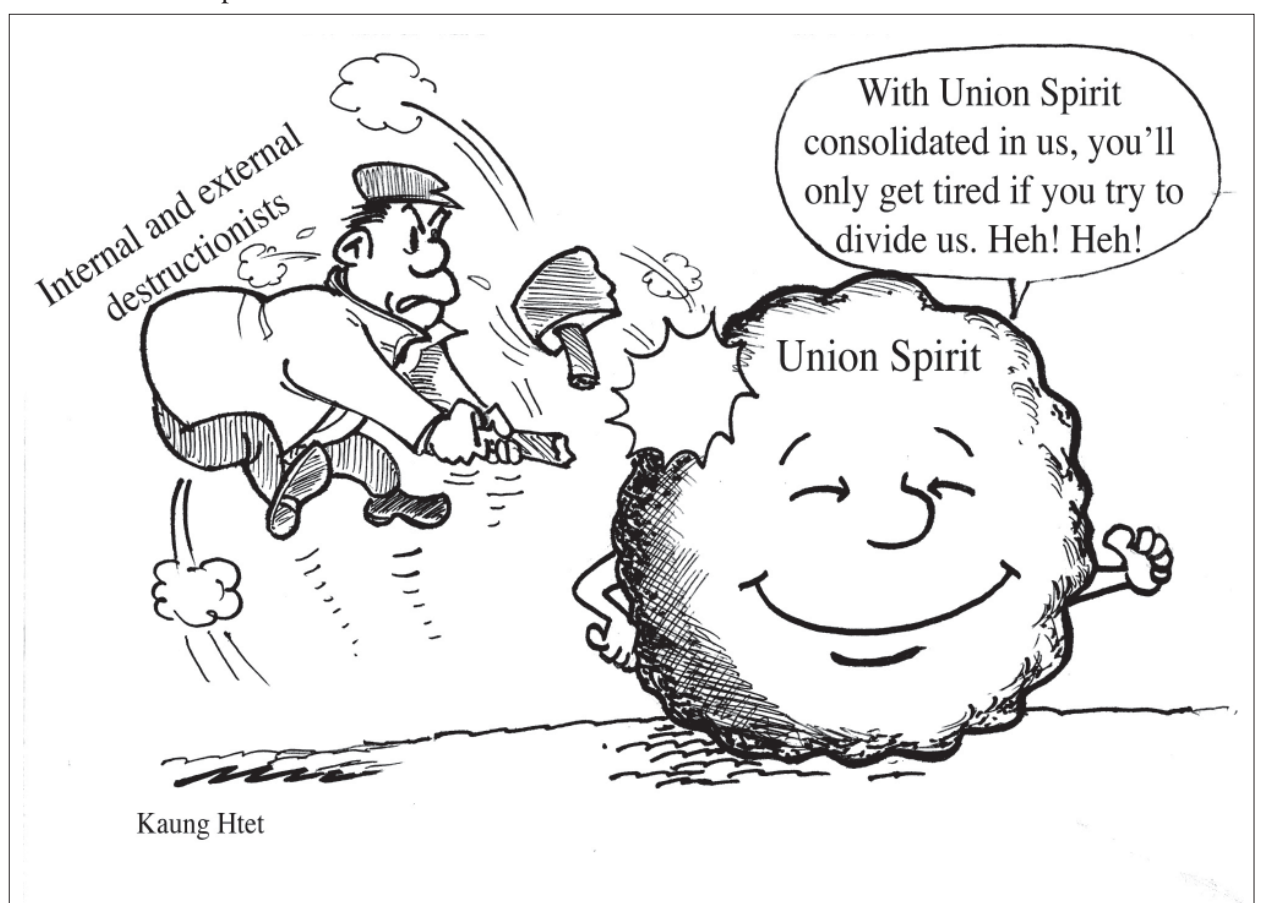
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## Belief for Future

- \* Lush and green  
The Motherland  
Developed, enhances beauty.  
There's progress all-round  
The pleasant Motherland  
Auspicious and proud.
- \* Love of nation, land and race  
Patriotic Spirit all-round  
Noble, straight, helpful  
Brethren Union citizens  
Brethren born of the Union  
Self-reliant, depending on personal pride  
Do good for your own kind  
Be more vigilant than before  
Belief on fragrant patch of flowers  
Let fragrance of love spread.

Cheint Naing (Trs)

(In honour of 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Union Day.)



## Prime Minister General Soe Win attends...

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Chairman of Bago Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Southern Command Maj-Gen Ko Ko, the ministers, director-general of the Government's Office, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, heads of departments, China National Electric Equipment Corporation (CNEEC) of the People's Republic of China, local authorities, members of the Union Solidarity and Development Association, teachers, students and local people.

The Prime Minister



Prime Minister General Soe Win addresses the inauguration of Yenwe Hydel Power Plant. — MNA

vate-owned ones, workshops and industrial zones were built. The industrial sector has developed rapidly and production of the agricultural sector has also boosted, he said. Manual

power development projects are being undertaken by the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation and the Ministry of Electric Power No 1 in order to supply power.

under construction in Bago Division.

He also spoke on implementation of four projects in upper region of the Ayeyawady River. Feasibility study is being

Chindwin and Thanlwin Basin regions. The government has made arrangements for implementation of various-size hydro-electric power projects along Ayeyawady, Chindwin, Thanlwin and Sittoung Rivers, he added.

The government in cooperation with local people is undertaking small-scale hydro-electric power projects in the regions.

He cited the guidance

of the Head of State, as saying that in the drive to fulfil the electricity requirement of the State, the nation's water sources are to be tapped effectively; and that all possible hydropower projects are to be implemented simultaneously instead of doing so one after another.

In compliance with the guidance, the government is now implementing many hydel power station projects at the same time.

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Prime Minister General Soe Win unveils the stone inscription of Yenwe Hydel Power Plant.

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said in his address, Yenwe multi-purpose project is one of the Sittoung Basin Development Projects and it generates 25 Megawatts and can irrigate 118,000 acres of farmland.

He said the Sittoung Basin Development Projects include 13 projects namely Paunglaung, Upper Paunglaung, Nancho, Thaukyehkat 1, Thaukyehkat 2, Bawgata, Khabaung, Kunchaung, Pyu, Shwegying, Zaungtu, Pathi, and Yenwe and three projects—Yenwe, Paunglaung and Zaungtu—have been implemented.

Paunglaung Project inaugurated in 2005 is a major electric power project and Zaungtu and Yenwe are medium ones.

With the introduction of market-oriented economy, new State-owned factories and pri-

mary farming is being transformed into mechanized one with the application of modern farm implements. Mechanized farm makes the industrial sector develop, he added.

As the urban regions develop, electrical goods and electronic devices are widely used. As a result of this, the volume of power consumption increases considerably year by year, he said.

The government is implementing the projects to provide requirements in electric power in accord with the guidance of the Head of State.

He said the Ministry of Electric Power was reconstituted as the Ministry of Electric Power No 1, which produces electric power, and Ministry of Electric Power No 2 which distributes electricity. Moreover, electric

The government is implementing hydro-electric power projects, tapping a lot of water resources. Nine hydro-electric power projects are

conducted for Ayeyawady Confluence Project and Trappain project.

Preparation is under way for implementation of similar projects in

**The government is making self-reliant efforts to implement tasks for national development so that the nation will be able to enjoy the taste of peace and stability and stand tall among the world nations.**



Prime Minister General Soe Win and local people pose for a documentary photo.—MNA



**Prime Minister General Soe Win...**

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Good experiences have been gained from the hydel power projects such as Zaungtu, Zawgyi and Thaphanseik on the Bago River, Zawgyi River and Mu River, and the Mone Hydel Power Station Project on the Mone Creek for which a variety of natural barriers had to be overcome. That led to the implementation of greater hydel power station projects such as Yeywa Hydel Power Project on the Myitnge River and Htamanthi Hydel Power Project on the Chindwin River.

Yenwe Dam can generate 25 megawatts only, but good experiences can be gained from it for construction of other similar dams. In addition, it contributes towards the electricity sector to an extent. And it can benefit more than 100,000 acres of farmland. So, even posterity will benefit from the prudent project.

Not only hydel power station projects but also agricultural projects are being implemented based on



**Prime Minister General Soe Win and party inspect Yenwe Hydel Power Plant. — MNA**



**Commander Maj-Gen Ko Ko and Minister Col Zaw Min cut the ribbon to open Yenwe Hydel Power Plant. — MNA**

economic difficulty and to make collective efforts to develop the nation's economy.

The energy sector including electricity plays an important role in the drive for economic development of the nation. More and more hydel power projects will be implemented only when the nation's economy is strong. So, it is needed to make the nation's economic life strong. In this regard, it is wise to make own investments and exert own strength at highest degree instead of relying on foreign aids. Only then will it be possible to enhance the national integrity and the national forces be further consolidated.

Now, the nation has to gather speed in implementing various sectors for smooth transition to a new system. And democratic processes are being carried out. Now, the State's future structure is taking shape.

At such a time, the entire national people are to overcome the alien instigation, accusations and pressure through national solidarity and to preserve the nation's liberty and national prestige. Furthermore, the people are to protect the nation from becoming a lackey nation owing to the destructive acts of national traitors.

In conclusion, the Prime Minister honoured the employees who had undertaken the project and expressed thanks to local people who assisted it. Hydropower stations will be able to run at full capacity only when there is moderate climate and rivers and creeks flow regularly. To ensure moderate climate with full rivers and creeks, all are to conserve forests and trees in the regions concerned, he urged.

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the water resources in Bago Division. To date, Bago Division has seen 42 irrigation facilities that benefit more than 785,000 acres of arable lands. As a result, the number of paddy sown acreage of Bago Division is increasing remarkably. So, the region has good prospects to become an economically reliable division in future. What is the most important is that local people are to use natural resources effectively and to restore peace and stability fully.

The government is making self-reliant efforts to implement tasks for national development so that the nation can enjoy the taste of peace and stability and stand tall among the world nations.

Thanks to the efforts and goodwill respective engineers who are exerting under the leadership of the government, the 1,200-megawatt Htamanthi Hydel Power Project and the 7,000-megawatt Thanlwin Tarhsan Htamanthi Hydel Power Project will soon be

completed.

Similarly, ongoing projects along the Sittoung River will be implemented in the coming year. In addition, such hydel power projects as Kengtaung, Shweli and Kyee Ohn Kyee Wa will be accomplished before long. So, the nation's electricity requirement will be fulfilled in the near future.

Such a long-term project costs a large sum. Therefore, all are to be convinced well of the temporary



**Yenwe Hydel Power Plant. — MNA**

## Prime Minister General Soe Win attends...

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Commander Maj-Gen Ko Ko delivered an address, saying that Yenwe Hydel Power Plant is the second facility of its kind in Bago Division. Thanks to the dam and hydel power projects implemented by the government, Bago Division enjoys fruits of development. Zaungtu Hydel Power Plant was opened in Bago Division on 7 December 1996. In accord with the guidance of the Head of State, Khabaung, Pyu, Kunchaung, Thaukyekhat and Pathi hydel power plants are being implemented in Toungoo District and Shwegyin hydel power plant in Bago District. On completion of these plants, over 1,000 kwh of electricity will be generated for development of education, health and social sectors plus the industrial sector. In conclusion, the commander thanked the Head of State for his guidance to implement the power plant and departmental personnel and local people for their contribution to construction tasks. And, he urged all to maintain the dam for its durability.

Minister for Electric Power No 1 Col Zaw Min delivered a speech. He said in accord with the guidance of the Head of State, the ministry is implementing 16 hydro-electric power projects by spending a huge amount of money and Yenwe Hydro-electric Power Station is among those projects. It is the 45th of the projects implemented by Hydro-electric Power Implementation Department.

It was built at a cost of K5,322 million plus US\$ 8.47 million. Upon completion of the 16 projects of the ministry, measures are being taken to generate 10,423 megawatts. Out of the remaining 15 projects, Khabaung, Kengtung, Shweli, Kunchaung, Pyuchaung, Shwegyin and Yeywa projects are being implemented during the period from 2007 to 2010. Next, Yeywa the minister thanked CITIC and CNEEC of the People's Republic of China and service personnel and all responsible persons for efforts to complete the project in time. He also called for maintenance of the station. U Kyaw Hsan Oo, secretary of Phado Village-tract USDA in Kyaukdaga Township, expressed thanks to the government for building Yenwe Hydro-electric Power Station.

The Prime Minister and party greeted those present. Commander Maj-Gen Ko Ko and Minister Col Zaw Min formally opened the station. They then posed for a documentary photo. The Prime Minister unveiled

the stone plaque of the station.

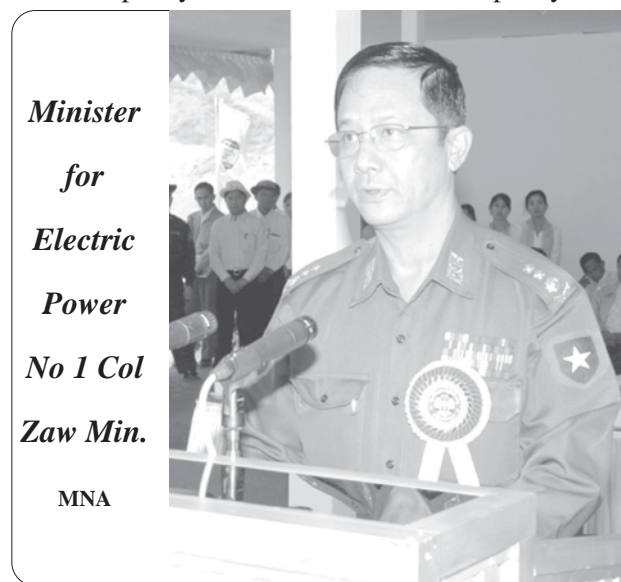
Next, he inspected the control room and called for generating electricity at full capacity. Afterwards, the Prime Minister presented a basket of fruits to Vice President Senior Engineer Prof Mr Liao Shengsong of CNEEC and they had a documentary photo taken. He also inspected the station and storage of water in Yenwe Dam.

At the briefing hall, Minister Col Zaw Min reported on matters related to the project; Irrigation Department Director General U Kyaw San Win on irrigation work; and Commander Maj-Gen Ko Ko on matters related to preventing Sittoung and Myitmakha basins and their surrounding regions and the eastern and western parts of Bago Division from flooding and others.

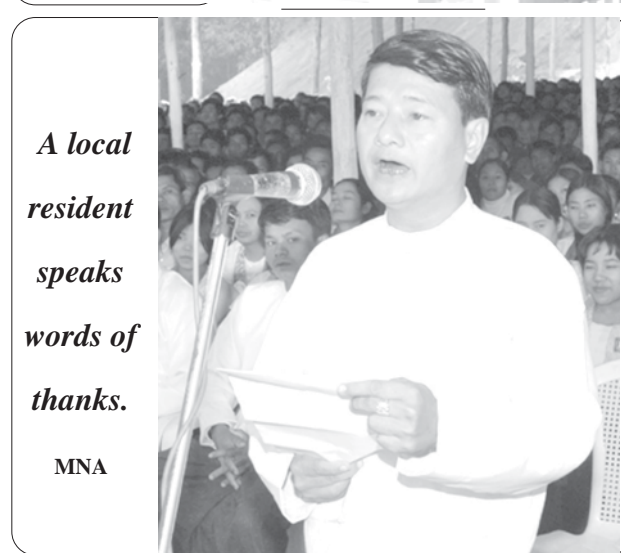
Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than reported on arrangements being made for cultivation of 3 million acres of monsoon paddy and extension of summer paddy culti-



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vation; and Deputy Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Than Htay and Deputy Minister for Electric Power 1 U Myo Myint on construction tasks. The Prime Minister called for completion of irrigation system as dams and reservoirs have been built. He next inspected Yenwe Dam.

Yenwe Hydro-electric Power Project was implemented at Yenwe Creek about two miles from Myochaung Village in Kyaukdaga Township. An earth dam with 1,050 feet in length and 251 feet in height was built at Yenwe Creek. The intake structure with 48 feet in length and 40 feet in height is of reinforced concrete type. Yenwe Hydro-electric Power Station is 128 feet long, 82 feet wide and 85 feet high. It can generate 123 million kilowatt hours annually and irrigate 118,500 acres of farmland.

The project was implemented by Construction-4 of Hydro-electric Power Implementation Department and Irrigation Department. — MNA

## Kan Chun leads in Grand Royal Special Reserve Second Qualify Round

YANGON, 10 Feb — The Second Qualify Round of Grand Royal Special Reserve Golf Tournament began at Ayethaya Golf Course in Taunggyi today.

Kan Chun is leading in the second round scoring a 3-under-par 69.



Chief of Armed Forces Training Lt-Gen Aung Htwe teed off and launched the second qualify round. Later, Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council Commander of Eastern Command Brig-Gen Thaung Aye and Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Win Myint and responsible persons also opened the first-day events of the second round.

Han Win Aung and Myo Thein San have scored nett total of 70 strokes each.

The main sponsor of the Golf Tournament is International Beverages Trading Co Ltd and co-sponsors are Air Mandalay, Hotel Nikko, Srixon and Alpine. And it is organized by Han Event Management.

The second day events continue at the golf course tomorrow. — MNA

## Services of U CAN Floating Restaurant introduced

YANGON, 9 Feb — U CAN Floating Restaurant family held a gathering with journalists at its restaurant at Wardan Jetty 1-2 in Seikkan Township this morning.

It was attended by Chairman of Myanmar Writers and Journalists

Association U Hla Myaing (Ko Hsaung), vice-chairmen, CEC members, officials of News and Periodicals Enterprise and journalists.

Director U Tint Swe of the restaurant explained matters concerning U CAN

Floating Restaurant.

The restaurant can provide wedding service with one 500-person-capacity ballroom and car parking. Consumers may taste the food and beverages at the restaurant at 9 am daily.

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## Three-year Movies and Plays course opened

YANGON, 10 Feb — The opening of under a graduate three-year Movies and Plays course for 2006-2007 academic year of University of Culture (Yangon) under

the Fine Arts Department, the Ministry of Culture was held at the university on 1 February.

Rector U Tin Soe of the university made an opening speech.

The course takes in directing, acting, editing, script writing and cinematography as well as other subjects.

Present on the occasion were Daw Saw Mon Nyin, U Bo Galay Tint Aung, Managing Director U Aung Myo Myint of Myanmar Motion Picture Enterprise and others. — MNA

**Director U Tint  
Swe of U CAN  
Floating  
Restaurant extends  
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# Religious examinations play a significant role in perpetual existence of the Sasana

**Commander offers certificates and alms to members of the Sangha at 53rd Maha Convocation**



*The 53rd Maha Convocation in progress in Maha Pasana Cave on Kaba Aye Hill.—MNA*

YANGON, 10 Feb — The 53rd Maha Convocation, organized by Yangon Division Peace and Development Council, was held at Maha Pasana Cave on Kaba Aye Hill, here, at noon today, attended by Chairman of Yangon Division PDC Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win.

Also present on the occasion were member Sayadaws of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee, Tipitakadhara Tipitakakovida Dhammabhandagarika Sayadaws, rector Sayadaws of State Pariyatti Sasana University and International Theravada Buddhist Missionary University, Sayadaws of Yangon Division Sangha Nayaka Committee, member Sayadaws of Central Academic Committee, the monks who passed the religious examinations, Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, Adviser U Arnt Maung, departmental heads, local authorities, disciples and guests.

Chairman of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Magway Sayadaw Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Bhaddanta Kumara administered the Five Precepts, and gave Saraniya Ovdakatha of the SSMNC.

Commander Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win supplicated on the religious affairs that the government offered alms and religious titles to members of the Sangha from Pariyatti and Patipatti fields at opportune time. He said he firmly believes if all the global people observe the teachings of the Lord Buddha and Desanas, peace and tranquillity will prevail in the entire world. Consequently, all-out efforts are being made for promotion and propagation of the Pariyatti Sasana throughout the country. This being so, religious examinations play a significant role in perpetual existence of the Sasana. While preserving fine tradition of propagation of the Sasana, the government has been holding the Tipitakadhara Tipitakakovida

Selection Examination, the Dhammaçariya Examination, the Pahtamabyan Examination, the Nikaya Examination, the Abhidhamma and Visuddhimagga Examination and the cultural examinations yearly. In doing so, authorities at different levels are joining hands the Ministry of Religious Affairs in holding the religious examinations.

He continued to say that today's ceremony is to confer certificates of religious title and alms on 467 members of the Sangha who passed the religious



*Commander Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win presents certificate to a Sayadaw.—MNA*

examinations. In conclusion, the commander supplicated that while members of the Sangha are performing missionary tasks and carrying out promotion and propagation of the Theravada Buddha Sasana in the nation, the authorities will strive with added momentum for serving the interest of the Sasana.

Afterwards, Minister Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung supplicated on the religious affairs. He said that all the people are to preserve three authentic sectors of Buddhism such as Pariyatti, Patipatti and Pativedha Sasanas for its existence. The strengthening of Pariyatti Sasana contributes to propagation of Patipatti Sasana. In consequence, Patipatti Sasana can provide assistance for flourishing of Pativedha Sasana. As such, Buddhist people and members of the Sangha can rely on the Sasana.

The minister added that there are about 1,000 monasteries across the nation, where over 50 members each of the Sangha are learning Pariyatti Sasana. Nowadays, not only authorities but also disciples and laypersons donate cash and kind to the funds of the monasteries for their durability. In the time of the State Peace and Development Council, Nikaya examinations in addition to Tipitakadhara Tipitakakovida Selection Examination, the Dhammaçariya, Pahtamabyan, Abhidhamma and Visuddhimagga and cultural examinations have been organized yearly, and donations

as prizes have been increased. In conclusion, the minister said that it is a good news that a total of 21,433 monks out of 61,588 passed the Dhammaçariya examination for



*Magway Sayadaw Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Bhaddanta Kumara gives Saraniya Ovdakatha of the SSMNC.—MNA*

2006, and 338 Nikayavidu title recipient monks came out from the Nikaya exam.

Next, the commander offered certificates of honour to Ashin Jotipala who stood first as Agga Maha Akyaw in the Dhammaçariya exam, and Ashin Devasukha who stood second in the same exam. The minister also offered certificates of honour to Ashin Lokasirilankara who stood third in the Dhammaçariya exam and the first prize as Pahtamakyaw to Ashin Javanalankara who stood first in Pahtamagyi exam.

Afterwards, Adviser U Arnt Maung, Chairman of Yangon City Electric Power Supply Board Col Khin Maung Soe, Director-General U Myo Kyaw of Religious Affairs Department, Director-General Dr Myo Myint of Department for Promotion and Propagation of the Sasana, Pro-Rector (Admin) Dr Myint Kyi of ITBMU and officials also offered certificates of honour to other monks who passed the religious exams. Daw Myint Myint Yi, wife of Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko, advisers to the RAD Daw Khin Hla Thi and Daw Khin Nwe Han Kyi presented certificates to outstanding nuns in the religious examinations.

Secretary Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Nyaungdon Sayadaw Bhaddanta Osadhabhivamsa delivered a sermon, and the commander and party shared merits gained.

Later, the commander, the minister, officials and wellwishers donated alms to the monks who passed the religious examinations. — MNA



*Minister Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung offers certificate to a Sayadaw.—MNA*

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**Malaysia, Thailand to boost border economy for peace**

KUALA LUMPUR, 9 Feb— Malaysia and Thailand will revive efforts to develop their common border area to help end violence in Thailand's Muslim-dominated south, a Malaysian minister said on Thursday.

"This (Thai) government is serious in addressing certain issues and we will work with them ... to bring about peace, stability and prosperity ... especially in the southern side of Thailand," Foreign Minister Syed Hamid Albar told reporters. He was speaking ahead of a February 12 meeting in Bangkok between Ma-

laysian Prime Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi and Thailand's Army-appointed prime minister, Surayud Chulanont.

Tension between the neighbours over various issues has put on hold plans for joint development schemes, which were agreed in 2004 to provide more jobs and boost the border economy.

Mainly Muslim Malaysia is keen to help its neighbour stamp out the three-year-old insurgency, in which some 2,000 people have been killed, as it fears the violence could spill over into its territory.

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**Violence fears shut glitzy London nightclubs**

LONDON, 9 Feb— Eight top nightclubs, frequented by young royals, celebrities and sports stars, have temporarily closed amid fears partygoers could get caught up in clashes between rival doormen, media reports said on Thursday.

They include the ultra-fashionable Chinawhite, Modiva and Pangaea in London's Mayfair District, newspapers said.

"Following intelligence received, we contacted representatives of eight nightclubs on Monday who volunteered to close for business," the Metropolitan Police said in a

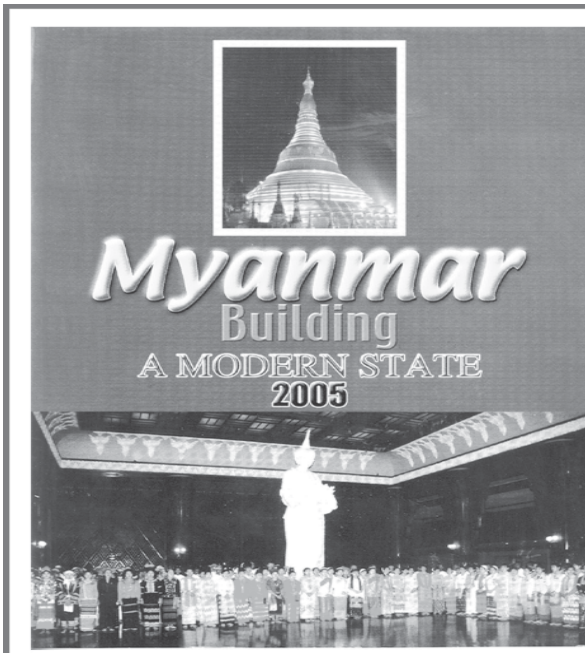
statement.

"At this time we consider the risks to public safety are still such that we must continue to request that the venues remain closed."

The Evening Standard newspaper said the measures were taken after a violent incident involving security guards last week. It said there was concern that revellers could become caught up in revenge attacks.

Prince Harry has been photographed leaving some of the clubs named by papers as being involved.

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**ပြန်ကြားရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန ပုံနှိပ်ရေးနှင့်စာအုပ်ထုတ်ဝေရေးလုပ်ငန်းအတွက်လုပ်ငန်းသုံးစက်ပစ္စည်းများ ဝယ်ယူရန် တင်ဒါခေါ်ယူခြင်း**

၁။ ပြန်ကြားရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန၊ ပုံနှိပ်ရေးနှင့် စာအုပ်ထုတ်ဝေရေးလုပ်ငန်း အတွက် အသုံးပြုရန်လိုအပ်သောအောက်ဖော်ပြပါ စက္ကူ၊ မင်နှင့်ပုံနှိပ်လုပ်ငန်းသုံး စက်ပစ္စည်းများကို ဝယ်ယူလိုပါသည်။

- (1) Newsprint Paper (48.8 Gsm) 281/4", 30", 40"
- (2) Woodfree Paper (70/80 Gsm) (30", 31" x 42", 231/2 x 33")
- (3) Art Card (အလှ) (260/275 Gsm) (31" x 43") (Sheet)
- (4) Art Paper (အပါး) (105/ 110 Gsm) (31" x 43") (Sheet)
- (5) Sheefed 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

၂။ တင်ဒါ ပေးသွင်းမှုကို (၁၉-၂-၂၀၀၇) ရက် (၁၆:၃၀) နာရီတွင် ပိတ်ပါမည်။

၃။ တင်ဒါပုံစံနှင့် အသေးစိတ်အချက်အလက်များကို အောက်ပါလိပ်စာတွင် လာရောက်စုံစမ်း ဝယ်ယူနိုင်ပါသည်။

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ဝယ်ယူရေးနှင့်ထုတ်ဝေရေးဌာန  
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**Jet makes emergency landing for suspected overdose**

LISBON, 9 Feb— A woman died from a suspected drugs overdose and a man was critically ill after a plane had to make an emergency landing in the Azores because the couple were showing signs of drugs use, a Portuguese Air Force spokesman said.

He said the airliner, flying from Cancun in Mexico to Brimingham in central England with about 280 people on board, made the unplanned stop late on Tuesday on the island of Terceira so the English couple could go to hospital. A spokeswoman at the hospital of Angra do Heroismo in Terceira said the woman died, while the man was still in a critical condition "probably due to the use of high quantities of cocaine".—MNA/Reuters

**Overloaded Chinese truck overturns, kills 14**

BEIJING, 9 Feb— A central province of Hubei, China truck meant to carry a maximum of five people overturned and killed 14 of the 31 villagers aboard on Wednesday morning, Xinhua news agency said.

Two buses crashed head on into each other, killing 14 and injuring 75, in the southern region of Guangxi on Saturday.

China's roads are the deadliest in the world with accidents killing about 100,000 people a year.

MNA/Reuters

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**Breast-feeding enhances kids' eyesight**

NEW YORK, 9 Feb — Breast-fed children are significantly more likely to do well in measures of stereoscopic vision than are those who received formula during infancy, according to UK researchers. "Our study", Dr Atul Singhal of the Institute of Child Health, London, told Reuters Health, "adds to the growing evidence that breast-feeding has long-term benefits for visual development".

A higher concentration of the fatty acid DHA (docosahexaenoic acid) in breast milk than in formula has been proposed as one explanation for this effect, Singhal and colleagues note in the *American Journal of Clinical Nutrition*, and this has been a rationale for adding DHA to infant formula.

To further investigate, the team studied 78 previously breast-fed and 184 previously formula-fed children ages 4 to 6 years who were followed prospectively from birth. In the first 6 months of life, the formula-fed group was randomly assigned to formula with or without supplementation with DHA or arachidonic acid. When they were tested, breast-fed children were significantly more likely to have greater stereo-acuity than did children in either formula-fed group. The researchers conclude that "these findings support the hypothesis that breast-feeding benefits long-term stereoscopic development". — MNA/Reuters



Steel plates cover the site at the intersection of 28th and L Streets near Sutter's Fort where human remains believed to date to the Gold Rush era were found by construction workers excavating under the street in Sacramento, Calif, on 8 Feb, 2007.

INTERNET

**Vietnam's flower export to China rises**

HANOI, 9 Feb — Vietnam's flower export to China has soared since early this month, due to its increasing demand for the traditional lunar New Year festival, which begins next week, the Vietnam News Agency reported on Thursday.

Exports of flowers through the Mong Cai border gate in Vietnam's northern Quang Ninh Province to China have doubled since early February, reaching about four tons a day, the agency quoted

the Vietnamese Trade Ministry as reporting. Roses from Da Lat City in the central highlands Lam Dong Province are one of the best sellers, said the ministry.

Vietnam has planned to grow 10,000 hectares of flowers by 2010, which are expected to annually turn out 3.5 billion of flower sprigs, according to the country's Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development. — MNA/Xinhua

**Microsoft unveils new Windows Mobile version**

BEIJING, 9 Feb — Microsoft announced on Thursday a new version of Windows Mobile operating system, Windows Mobile 6, in advance of next week's 3GSM event in Barcelona.

Windows Mobile 6, formerly codenamed Crossbow, looks more like

by Microsoft as Windows Mobile 6 Classic (non-phone Pocket PCs), Standard (Windows Mobile non-touch-screen Smart-phones), and Professional (Pocket PC Phone Edition) devices.

With the new system, users will be able to view e-mails in their original HTML format and follow Web links from their phones. It also will offer instant messaging and more robust editing capabilities for documents created in Office applications, such as Word and Excel. Windows Mobile 6 will appear within the next few months on new smart phones, including Verizon's Samsung SCH-i760, which was demonstrated at CES in January.

While it's theoretically possible to upgrade some existing phones to the new OS, that's up to each additional manufacturer and carrier, Microsoft said.

The software giant also said sales of mobile phones running on Windows Mobile would double this fiscal year to mid-2007 and are set to double again in the year beyond. — Internet



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Windows Vista and adds more features previously only available on personal computers.

The devices have been reclassified

**Study says doctors should heal body, comfort soul**

BEIJING, 9 Feb Researchers from Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and

Harvard Medical school announced on Thursdayspiritual support appears to improve the quality of life for people facing death and suggests doctors may have to take a more active role.

But among the patients with advanced stages of cancer who were studied, many said they were not getting that support from religious communities or the medical system. In the

study of 230 patients, 88 percent of whom considered religion to be at least somewhat important, nearly half said their spiritual needs were largely or entirely ignored by organized religion and 72 percent said the same needs were not addressed by the medical system.

Doctors need not become spiritual advisers, but "they can participate appropriately in spiritual care — by recognizing spiritual needs and advocating for attention to them," the study said. One technique, they suggested, would be to routinely draw up a "spiritual history" of patients. — Internet

**Experts call for Asia regional collaboration to tackle dengue**

SINGAPORE, 9 Feb — Dengue experts, who are attending a World Health Organization (WHO) meeting here to chart a roadmap to tackle dengue, agreed that regional collaboration is key to the success of dengue prevention.

According to Channel NewsAsia reports on Thursday, the WHO said the frequency of dengue outbreaks is increasing and spreading, with Asian countries experiencing such outbreaks every three to five years.

Experts said Singapore is a good example of a country that has successfully controlled the mosquito population.

Just 3,100 dengue cases were reported in Singapore last year, dropping significantly from the previous year's number of 14,200, thanks to the dengue prevention campaign launched by the government. — MNA/Xinhua



Bety, a female white tiger, is with one of her three 45 days-old cubs at the Buenos Aires Zoo, on 8 Feb, 2007. The captive Bengal white tiger gave birth to two females and one male on 23 Dec, boosting these animals' endangered population.

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# SPORTS

## Hanover battle to 2-2 draw with Wolfsburg

BERLIN, 10 Feb — Hanover 96 twice came back from a goal behind to draw 2-2 with VfL Wolfsburg in a scrappy Lower Saxony derby in the Bundesliga on Friday. Wolfsburg's Spanish striker Diego Klimowicz gave them the lead in the third minute, sidefooting home after goalkeeper Robert Enke had blocked Marcelinho's low drive.

Hanover, who had scored nine goals in their last two league matches, equalized after 22 minutes when Hanno Balitsch slammed a loose ball through Klimowicz' legs into the net from close range.

Brazilian Marcelinho was again involved when Wolfsburg retook the lead three minutes later, squaring the ball into Jacek Krzynowek's path for the Polish midfielder to drive a left-foot shot high into the goal from the edge of the box. Defender Frank Fahrenhorst made it 2-2 in the 62nd minute, bundling

the ball home with his thigh.

Despite sustained pressure on the Wolfsburg goal and a number of clear chances, Hanover were unable to find a winner and remain eighth in the table ahead of the weekend's other matches. Wolfsburg move up one place to 10th.

MNA/Reuters

## Vliegen shocks Hewitt for Belgium to lead 1-0

LIEGE (Belgium), 10 Feb — Belgium's Kristof Vliegen shocked former Wimbledon champion Lleyton Hewitt 4-6, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4 to give his country a 1-0 lead over Australia in their Davis Cup world group tie on Friday.

It was Belgium's first rubber victory over Australia after two previous encounters between the two countries ended with the Belgians suffering a whitewash.

In an enthralling encounter the Belgian, ranked 23 places below world number 18 Hewitt, came from behind twice to win in nearly four and a half hours.

Hewitt took the opening set comfortably after his opponent racked up 19 unforced errors. But the Australian made a number of mistakes in the second set and Vliegen fought back to level with a high percentage of first serves. — MNA/Reuters

## Real Madrid put eyes on Milan's Kaka

MADRID, 9 Feb — Real Madrid are gearing up for a new attempt to buy AC Milan's Brazilian midfielder Kaka to the Bernabeu, AS sports daily reported on Friday. Not content with buying half a team last summer and again in mid-season



AC Milan's Kaka

the Spanish giants put their eyes on the Milan's playmaker.

Milan, who have just snapped up Ronaldo from Real, fended off persistent approaches from the Spaniards last year but now Madrid are ready to offer midfielders Robinho and Mahamadou Diarra, as well as Italian defender Fabio Cannavaro, for a deal, says AS.

The paper reported that the Italians may opt to try to sign Ronaldinho from Barcelona if Kaka leaves.

Kaka, 24, has been with AC Milan since 2003 and the Italians want an estimated 60 million euro (75 million dollar) for his signature. — Internet



Manchester United's Ji-Sung Park, top left, scores against Charlton Athletic during their English Premier League soccer match at Old Trafford Stadium, Manchester, England, on Saturday 10 Feb, 2007. — INTERNET

## Premiership

10 Feb, 2007

Chelsea	3-0	Middlesbrough
Everton	1-0	Blackburn
Man Utd	2-0	Charlton
Newcastle	2-1	Liverpool
Reading	2-0	Aston Villa
Sheff Utd	2-1	Tottenham
West Ham	0-1	Watford
Portsmouth	2-1	Man City

Internet



Chelsea's Didier Drogba, left, of Ivory Coast scores a freekick past Middlesbrough's defensive wall during their English Premier League soccer match at Stamford Bridge stadium in London, on Saturday 10 Feb, 2007. — INTERNET

## Reading 2-0 Aston Villa

LONDON, 10 Feb — Steve Sidwell's double earned Reading their fourth successive win in the Barclays Premiership as they stayed on course for a European spot with a 2-0 home win over Aston Villa.

The midfielder struck his third and fourth goals of the campaign to maintain the Royals' unbeaten start to 2007 and strengthen their place in the top six.

Villa had enough chances to have salvaged a point, but they were denied by a mixture of poor finishing and a solid display from Reading goalkeeper Marcus Hahnemann. — Internet

## Stunning Safarova sets up Henin clash in Paris

PARIS, 10 Feb — Czech Lucie Safarova stunned world number five Svetlana Kuznetsova of Russia 6-3, 6-4 to set up a semifinal clash with Belgium's Justine Henin at the Paris Open on Friday.

Former world number one Henin, returning to competitive tennis after a three-month break for personal reasons, outlasted Frenchwoman Tatiana Golovin 6-2, 3-6, 6-3.

Top seed Henin, who had played her last competitive match when she won the season-ending Tour championships in Madrid on November 12, started brightly. — MNA/Reuters

## Canas celebrates Davis comeback after drug ban

LINZ (Austria), 10 Feb — Guillemos Canas celebrated his Davis Cup comeback after a drugs ban with a comfortable 7-6, 6-2, 6-4 victory over Jurgen Melzer on Friday and was all smiles afterwards. Argentina took a 2-0 lead in the first-round tie after Jose Acasuso also beat Stefan Koubek.

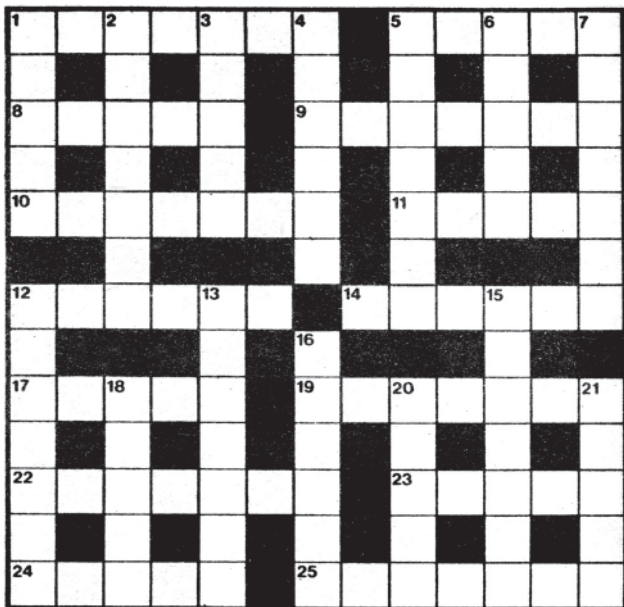
In August 2005, Canas was suspended for two years after testing positive for the diuretic hydrochlorothiazide.

On appeal the Court for Arbitration in Sport accepted Canas had been given the substance in error by tournament staff and the sentence was reduced to 15 months. He returned to competition at a Challenger Series tournament in Brazil last September. — MNA/Reuters



France's Tatiana Golovin returns the ball to Belgium's Justine Henin during their quarter-final match at the Paris Open tennis tournament at Pierre de Coubertin stadium, on 9 Feb, 2007. — INTERNET

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE



### ACROSS

- 1 Gave off vapour
- 5 Split
- 8 Pippin
- 9 Deer meat
- 10 Co-operation
- 11 Precise
- 12 Meditate
- 14 Dormant
- 17 Bumptious
- 19 Graceful
- 22 Persuaded
- 23 AngloAmerican poet
- 24 Large inn
- 25 Posy

### DOWN

- 1 Shoulder wrap
- 2 Elucidate
- 3 Encounters
- 4 Heavenly
- 5 Forestry officials
- 6 View
- 7 Uninterrupted (3-4)
- 12 Bring out
- 13 Moral
- 15 Deleting
- 16 Blush
- 18 Examination of accounts
- 20 Quits
- 21 Shabby

# Vietnamese PM goes online in first for one-party rule

HANOI, 10 Feb — Vietnam's youngest Prime Minister on Friday became the highest-ranking Communist Party official to go online to answer citizens' questions on corruption, government waste and management of the fast-growing market economy.

The online chat by Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung, 57, was part of an effort by the one-party rulers to appear more accountable to Vietnam's 84 million people, more than half younger than 35 and more exposed to the world than previous generations.

In the space of 12 years, Vietnam has emerged from isolation

and a US economic embargo to join the World Trade Organization in January and host last November's Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation summit. Its economy was one of the fastest-expanding in the world at 8.17 per cent in 2006.

Dung, who was installed last June and is Vietnam's youngest-ever premier, in January

became the first prime minister to attend the elite World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland.

On Friday Dung sat in front of four computer screens inside the office of the government website (www.chinhphu.vn) to answer questions submitted by the public.

Dung said he has received more than 20,000 questions prior to the online chat.

"I understand deeply and highly appreciate the attention by our comrades and by our people about the developments of our country as well as the leadership of the party and the government," he told reporters.

The party, which has embraced market reforms of the mostly state-controlled economy, maintains one-party rule and state control of all media.

"This is part of a government drive to increase the transparency of our operations and we will do it regularly," the head of the government office Doan Manh Giao said on Friday.

Only about 3.1 million Vietnamese are Communist Party members, according to the party, and about 16 per cent of Vietnamese have access to the Internet.

Hanoi imposes legal and technical controls to block access to writings and people on the Internet who challenge one-party rule.

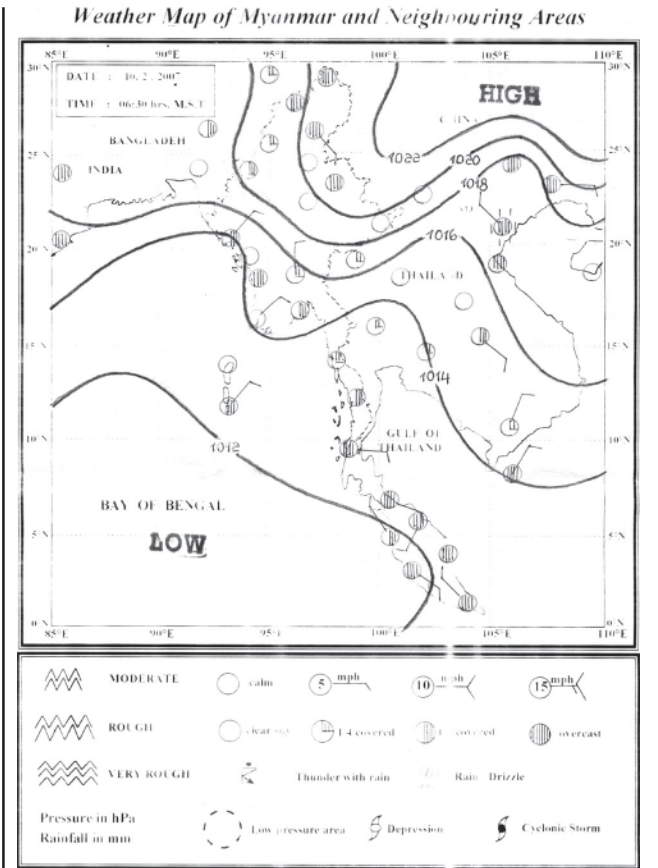
"One of the key issues for 2007 is the administration reform. If we cannot do that the production forces will not be freed up to help with investment in the nation's economy," Dung said.

MNA/Reuters



Children of Colombians working in a farm that grows flowers for export take a group lesson in potty-training at a day care center located on the same farm in Chia on 8 Feb, 2007.

INTERNET



## WEATHER

Saturday, 10 February, 2007

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, weather has been generally fair in the whole country. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below normal in Kayin and Chin States and (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Rakhine, Mon States and Taninthayi Division and about normal in the remaining States and Divisions. The significant night temperatures were Namhsam (4°C) and Pinlaung and Heho (5°C) each.

Maximum temperature on 9-2-2007 was 96°F. Minimum temperature on 10-2-2007 was 68°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 10-2-2007 was 64%. Total sunshine hours on 9-2-2007 was (8.8) hours approx.

Rainfall on 10-2-2007 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 (8) mph from Northeast at (12:30) hours MST on 9-2-2007.

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

**Forecast valid until evening of 11-2-2007:** Possibility of rain or thundershowers are isolated in Kachin State and upper Sagaing Division and weather will be partly cloudy in Chin, Shan and Rakhine States Mandalay, Yangon, Bago, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions and generally fair in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (40%).

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

**Outlook for subsequent two days:** Likelihood of slight fall of night temperatures in the Eastern Myanmar areas.

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 11-2-2007:** Partly cloudy.

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 11-2-2007:** Partly cloudy.

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 11-2-2007:** Partly cloudy.



Sunday, 11 February

View on today

- 7:00 am
- 1. Recitation of parittas by Missio-nary Sayardaw U Ottamathara
- 7:25 am
- 2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am
- 3. Morning news
- 7:40 am
- 4. Nice and sweet song
- 7:55 am
- 5. ယဉ်ကျေးလိမ္မာ (၃၈)မြောက်လွှာ
- 8:10 am
- 6. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:20 am
- 7. နှစ်(၆၀)ပြည့် ပြည်ထောင်စုနေ့ ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်
- 8:30 am
- 8. International news
- 8:45 am
- 9. Say it in English
- 11:00 am
- 1. Martial songs
- 11:15 am
- 2. နှစ်(၆၀)ပြည့်

- ပြည်ထောင်စုနေ့ ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်
- 11:25 am
- 3. Round up of the international news
- 11:35 am
- 4. Yan Can Cook
- 11:50 pm
- 5. Myanmar movie: "မလိခချစ်သူ" (မြတ်လေး၊ ကောလိပ်ကျင်နေဝင်း၊ ခင်ယုမေ) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မြတ်လေး)
- 1:40 pm
- 6. ဆက်သွယ်ဆင့်ပွား အိပ်မက်တံတား
- 1:50 pm
- 7. နှစ်(၆၀)ပြည့် ပြည်ထောင်စုနေ့ ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်
- 2:05 pm
- 8. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 2:20 pm
- 9. "အလံလေးတော့ကိုပြပါ" (ရွှေနိုင်ဝင်း၊ ရတနာခင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ- မင်းအုပ်စိုး)
- 2:35 pm
- 10. မြေခဲတောင်ရေလှောင်တံခံ
- 2:45
- 11. International news
- 4:00 pm
- 1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm
- 2. Song to uphold national spirit
- 4:30 pm
- 3. အေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေးရုပ်မြင်သံကြား

- သင်ခန်းစာ
- ဒုတိယနှစ် (အရှေ့တိုင်းပညာအထူးပြု) (အရှေ့တိုင်းပညာ)
- 4:45 pm
- 4. နှစ်(၆၀)ပြည့် ပြည်ထောင်စုနေ့ ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်
- 5:00 pm
- 5. Song of national races
- 5:15 pm
- 6. နှစ်(၆၀)ပြည့် ပြည်ထောင်စုနေ့ ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်
- 5:25 pm
- 7. Sing and enjoy
- 6:00 pm
- 8. Evening news
- 6:30 pm
- 9. Weather report
- 6:35 pm
- 10. သီရိလောက
- 7:00 pm
- 11. "ဘာမထီမောင်တို့စွမ်းအား ပုံညာတောင်ဥမင်မောက်လုပ် သွား" (အပိုင်း-၁)
- 7:45 pm
- 12. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "သမားတော်" (အပိုင်း-၁)
- 8:00 pm
- 14. News
- 15. International news
- 16. Weather report
- 17. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "လှပသော နေ့ရက်များ" (အပိုင်း-၂၄)
- 18. The next day's programme



Sunday, 11 February  
Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music -Dream come true
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music -See right through you
- 8:50 am National news/ Slogan
- 9:00 am Music -It's the way you make me feel
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Cultrual images of Myanmar
- 9:20 am Music -I miss you
- 1:30 pm News /Slogan,
- 1:40pm Children's delight (story)
- 1:50 pm Songs for children
- 9:00pm Weekly news review
- 9:10pm Union day feature
- 9:20pm Article
- 9:30pm Music/ LIETS
- 9:45 pm News /Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL

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## Vice-Senior General Maung Aye sends felicitations to Iran

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Feb— Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Parviz Davoodi, First Vice-President of the Islamic Republic of Iran, on the occasion of the National Day of the Islamic Republic of Iran, which falls on 11 February 2007. — MNA

## Secretary-1 inspects preparations for Union Day Dinner, rehearsal dances of traditional cultural troupes

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Feb — Chairman of the Central Committee for Organizing the 60th Anniversary Union Day Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein this afternoon inspected preparations for the dinner to mark the 60th Anniversary Union Day and rehearsal dances of traditional cultural troupes at the square of City Hall, here.

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein was welcomed at the City Hall by Member of the SPDC Quartermaster-General Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo,

Chairman of the Management Committee Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Wai Lwin and members, senior military officers, deputy ministers and departmental heads.

The Secretary-1 inspected preparations for holding the Union Day Dinner and the rehearsal dances of the cultural troupes of national races.

Later, the Secretary-1 cordially greeted the traditional cultural troupes and left the City Hall.

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### 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



Chairman of the Central Committee for Organizing 60th Anniversary Union Day for 2007 Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein views rehearsal of traditional cultural troupes at the square of City Hall in

Nay Pyi Taw. — MNA



## The flag-hoisting ceremony to mark Union Day to be telecast live

YANGON, 10 Feb—The flag-hoisting ceremony to mark the 60th Anniversary Union Day to be held on 12 February 2007 will be telecast live by Myanma Radio and Television from Nay Pyi Taw commencing 7 am.

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### HAILING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY UNION DAY:

#### Hundred fruits from a common stem—Our Union

ARTICLE

Due to historical need, the Tatmadaw or the national force took over the State duties on 18 September 1988. The Tatmadaw government has striven to consolidate national unity based on broader view and its national stand.



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POEM

#### Belief for Future

- \* Lush and green  
The Motherland  
Developed, enhances beauty.  
There's progress all-round  
The pleasant Motherland  
Auspicious and proud.

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