

Senior General Than Shwe sends Union Day message Warns against attempts to undermine national unity, cause recurrence of armed conflicts, hinder economic growth

YANGON, 12 Feb—*The following is a translation of the message sent by Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe on the occasion of the 60th Anniversary Union Day of the Union of Myanmar.*

Esteemed national brethren of the Union,

On the auspicious occasion of the 60th Anniversary Union Day, I would like to extend my warmest greetings to all the national brethren and may you be blessed with auspiciousness.

Since recorded history, various national races such as Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Bamar, Mon, Rakhine and Shan have been living in the motherland in harmony and unison

sharing joys and sorrows.

In the course of the Myanmar history, all national races have remained united in repulsing various forms of alien intrusion, and stood tall as a sovereign nation in the world. Here is a notable point that in the times of unifying the nation into a sovereign strong one, the unity of national races reached its peak with flourishing Union Spirit and thriving political, economic and social sectors.

However, in the times when national races were not cohesive nor equipped with Union Spirit well, the nation's political, economic and social conditions were declining and even the nation's sovereignty was threatened. In the 19th Century, Myanmar came under three aggressive wars waged

by the imperialists with superior weaponry power—in 1824, 1852 and 1885. Then, the colonialists annexed Myanmar and enslaved national races.

With a clever scheme to prolong their rule over Myanmar, the colonialists exercised the divide-and-rule policy between the plains and hilly regions. In addition, they suppressed national brethren's nationalistic fervour and patriotic spirit and drove a wedge to sow doubts and suspicions among them. When they had no choice but to grant independence to Myanmar, they plotted a conspiracy to leave hilly regions out of the independence programme.

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Kayin National Union (KNU)/Kayin National Liberation Army (KNLA) Peace Council's victory of peace welcoming ceremony held

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Feb — The victory of peace welcoming ceremony of Kayin National Union (KNU)/Kayin National Liberation Army (KNLA) Peace Council was held on a grand scale in Htotkawko Village of Kawkareik Township, Kayin State, this morning.

Kayin National Union (KNU)/Kayin National Liberation Army (KNLA) has made peace with the government after realizing the endeavours of the Government, the people and the Tatmadaw for national reconsolidation, peace and prosperity and modernization and development of the nation with sincerity.

Present on the occasion were Military Affairs Security Chief Maj-Gen Ye Myint, Chairman of Mon State Peace and Development Council Commander of South-East Command Brig-Gen Thet Naing Win, senior military officers, Chairman of Kayin State PDC Col Khin Kyu and officials, 309 members of KNU/KNLA and 11 family members totalling 320 led by Chairman of KNU/KNLA Peace Council Commander of No 7 Brigade Maj-Gen Htay Maung, guests, departmental officials, other peace groups, social organizations and local people, numbering over 7,500.

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Phado Aung San welcomes Chairman of KNU/KNLA Peace Council Commander of No 7 Brigade Maj-Gen Htay Maung. — MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Implement border area development projects with Union Spirit

With the prevalence of peace and tranquillity in border areas, the government has been able to systematically implement the border area development projects with greater momentum for further strengthening national solidarity.

The government has been building development infrastructures such as roads, bridges, energy, communication and social infrastructures such as education, health and public relations and economic infrastructures such as agriculture, irrigation, forestry and mining sectors for consolidation of national force in accord with the local requirements.

Border area development tasks have been carried out in every sector since 1989 for equitable progress in the respective regions and over K 97,699 million were spent on the tasks.

Regional development tasks have been a success due to the systematic implementation and there is mutual understanding and goodwill relations among the national races.

Arrangements are being made for local people to pursue higher and vocational education to raise the regional development momentum.

Moreover, institutes and technological colleges in 24 special development regions and degree colleges under the Ministry of Education were upgraded to university level on 20 January 2007. Therefore it is necessary for national race youths to strive for human resource development making good use of opportunities created by the government.

As the government is making endeavours for development of rural and border areas, all the national people are to participate unitedly in the task with spirit of national solidarity and Union Spirit.

Myanmar Tourist Map to be issued

YANGON, 11 Feb — The Union of Myanmar Travel Association is making arrangements to issue Myanmar Tourist Map in three designs. The map will be distributed to Yangon International Airport, International Travel Bourse (ITB)-Berlin, World Travel Mart (WTM)-London, ASEAN Tourism Forum (ATF), Thailand Travel Mart (TTM), Pacific Asia Travel Association (PATA Travel Mart) and Myanmar embassies abroad free of charge.

Tour agencies, hotels, airlines, souvenir shops, restaurants and tour operators may contact the Office of UMTA (Tel 559672 or 559673) not later than 20 February for advertisement.

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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

Prizes presented to winners in pre-primary children's talent competitions



Commander Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win and wife Daw Mar Mar Wai, Chairperson of Yangon Division MCWSC, watch pre-primary school children's talent competition. — MNA

YANGON, 11 Feb—Organized by Yangon Command Maternal and Child Welfare Association, the pre-primary children's talent competition in commemoration of the Union Day was held at the hall of Yangon Command Headquarters yesterday afternoon, attended by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win.

First, Chairperson of Yangon Division Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee Daw Mar Mar Wai explained the tasks for talent development of the children.

Next, the commander and wife watched entertainment of prize winning children.

Afterwards, the commander and wife, Deputy Commander Col Kyaw Kyaw Tun and wife, Chairperson of Yangon Command MCWA Daw Khin May Latt, the secretary of Yangon Division MCWSC and members presented prizes to the winners.

The Chairperson of Yangon Division MCWSC accepted K 3,650,000 from donors for talent development of the children.

The Chairperson of Yangon Division MCWSC presented prizes to outstanding MCWA branches of regiments and units under Yangon Command. The Chairperson of Yangon Command MCWA presented gifts to the panel of judges.

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Minister inspects arrival of containers

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Feb — Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Saw Lwin yesterday inspected transportation of containers containing machine parts from Thilawa Port in Thalyin Township to the site for the bulldozer and excavator factory project (Thagara) under Myanmar Automobile and Diesel Engine Industries. The machine parts were imported by the People's Republic of China as a third phase.

Officials reported on arrivals of containers

and arrangements being made for transportation of the containers to the project site .

The minister gave instructions on systematic transportation of the containers and fulfilled the requirements of the tasks.

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Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein inspects bee-keeping farm

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Feb — Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein together with officials visited the bee-keeping farm of Apiculture Department on 8 February.

The minister inspected production of honey and fulfilled the requirements of the task.

At the farm, thirty honey combs were kept and the purpose of establishing the bee keeping farm is to contribute to high yield of crops.

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Special market festival opens

YANGON, 11 Feb — As a gesture of hailing the 60th Anniversary Union Day, the Ministry of Industry-1 opened a special market festival in Thirimingalar sports ground in Ahlon Township today.

Chairman of Yangon West District Peace and Development Council U Aung Myint and Director U Ye Nyunt of Industrial Coordination and Inspection Department formally opened the festival.

Managing Director U Thaik Tun unveiled the archway.

They viewed the shops opened at the market festival.

It will last until 20 February.— MNA

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Putin says US pushing others into nuclear ambitions

MUNICH, 11 Feb — Russian President Vladimir Putin on Saturday blamed US policy for inciting other countries to seek nuclear weapons to defend themselves from an “almost uncontained use of military force.”

The stinging attack underscored growing tensions between Washing-

ton and Moscow.

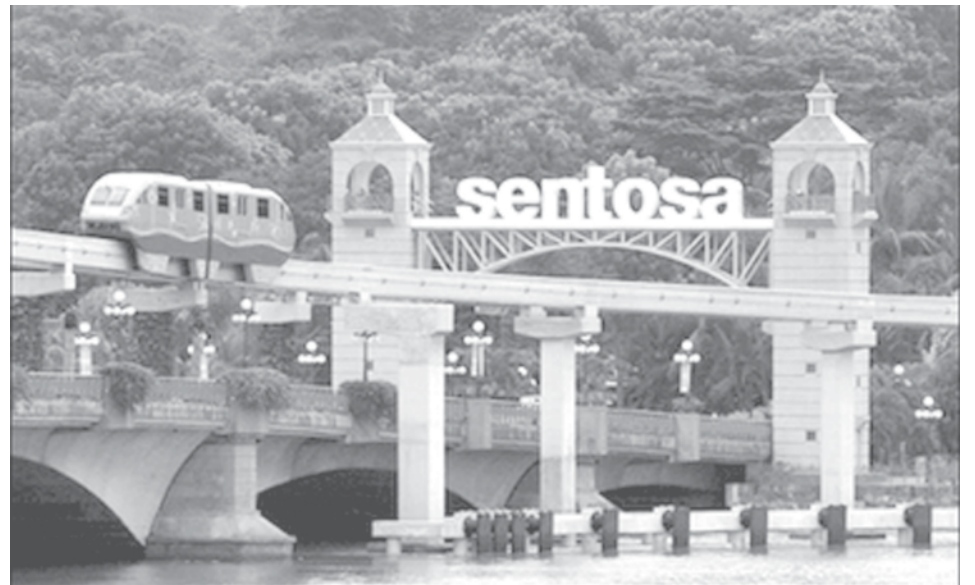
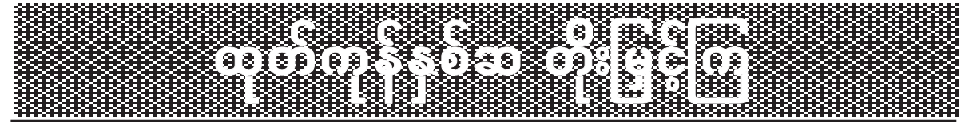
“Unilateral, illegitimate actions have not solved a single problem, they have become a hotbed of further conflicts,” Putin said at the Munich Conference on Security Policy, an annual forum attracting senior officials from around the world. “One state, the

United States, has overstepped its national borders in every way.”

The Bush administration said it was “surprised and disappointed” by Putin’s remarks. “His accusations are wrong,” said Gordon Johndroe, President Bush’s national security spokesman. However, the White House did not respond in kind. Putin attacked Bush’s administration for stoking a new arms race by planning to deploy a missile defence system in Eastern Europe and for backing a UN plan that would grant virtual independence to Serbia’s breakaway province of Kosovo.

Sen John McCain, R-Arizona, who was also attending the conference, described Putin’s remarks as “the most aggressive speech from a Russian leader since the end of the Cold War.”—Internet

People cook dumplings in Zhengzhou, capital of China’s Henan Province, on 10 Feb, 2007. Chinese people have a custom to offer sacrifices to the Kitchen God on the 23rd of the 12th lunar month, which is 10 Feb in 2007.—XINHUA



An express electric train heads to the Sentosa Island Resort in Singapore recently.—INTERNET

US House plans to challenge Bush on Iraq next week

WASHINGTON, 10 Feb — Democrats in the US House of Representatives on Thursday vowed to challenge President George W Bush’s Iraq strategy with a short, simple repudiation of his plan to send more troops to the war.

Unlike the Senate, which tied itself in knots over how to debate the issue and wound up shelving it, the House will take up Iraq next week.

“We’re just saying

no” to Bush’s recent decision to add 21,500 troops in Iraq, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, a California Democrat, said of the proposed non-binding resolution.

The Senate was still deadlocked over whether to pass judgement on the unpopular Iraq war, which Democrats believe propelled them into the majority in Congress and which both parties say is the most important issue now facing Americans.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, a Nevada Democrat, said that with Iraq in such turmoil, debate was inevitable and senators

would try again, perhaps before the end of the month.

He did not say how the procedural impasse would be broken, but pointed out that some Republicans now were calling for a return to the issue.

“This war is winding down no matter what President Bush says,” Reid said.

House Democrats said they would begin debate on a concise resolution on Tuesday declaring support for US troops, but opposing Bush’s plan to send more.

MNA/Reuters

Study says 20pc of women lung cancer patients are non-smokers

NEW YORK, 11 Feb—A US study has found up to 20 per cent of women who develop lung cancer have never smoked.

In comparison, the survey shows that just 8 per cent

of men who get lung cancer are non-smokers. Researchers say it is not clear why the figure for women is higher. They have attributed the high level of cancer among non-smokers to passive smoking.—Internet



Hairstyle models pose with the designer during a hairstyle show in Hong Kong, south China on 8 Feb, 2007. — XINHUA

Three drug dealers sentenced to death in Vietnam

HANOI, 10 Feb — A court in Hanoi, the capital city, Wednesday sentenced three people to death and 10 others to life imprisonment on charges of possessing and trading drugs, Vietnam News Agency reported.

Cao Thi Lan, the leader of a ring specializing in buying and selling heroin, and two others were sentenced to death by the People’s Court in the capital city.

In addition, the court also handed down

imprisonment sentences ranging from three years to 23 years for 42 people, including seven policemen in the district.

Nguyen Huu Tuoi, a policeman in charge of Thanh Nhan ward, received a 17-year

sentence for receiving bribes of 109 million Vietnamese dong (6,800 US dollars) to shelter the operation of the heroin ring. Six other policemen got sentences ranging from seven to nine years.

MNA/Xinhua

Pakistani PM speaks highly of Pak-Chinese relationship

ISLAMABAD, 10 Feb— Pakistani Prime Minister Shaukat Aziz said Friday that Pakistan was proud to have a deep and broad-based relationship with China, which has enhanced peace and stability in the region.

"The all-weather, time-tested relationship between Pakistan and China is to our mutual benefit and the strategic partnership enjoyed by the two countries has contributed to peace and stability in the region,"

Aziz said while talking to Cui Tiankai, assistant foreign minister of China who called on him here.

Aziz said that Chinese President Hu Jintao's visit to Pakistan last November gave new depth and dimension to the relationship and the signing of the Free Trade Agreement (FTA) between the two countries was a testimony to the mutual resolve to further strengthen multi-faceted relationship.

The Pakistani Prime Minister said there was still a vast potential of further enhancement of relations between the two countries in the field

of diplomacy, trade, economy, education, defence, security, culture, tourism and above all people to people contacts.

MNA/Xinhua

A woman views pictures during the exhibition of architectural designs to celebrate the 100th birthday of the great architect Oscar Niemeyer in Rio de Janeiro, on 8 Feb, 2007. Born in 1907, Niemeyer has contributed greatly to the design of the UN headquarters in New York, the Brasilia church, as well as the Brazilian parliament building. —XINHUA



Two models walk the runway during Child Magazine fall collection fashion show at New York Fashion Week on 9 Feb, 2007. — XINHUA

Accidental drug-poisoning deaths on rise in US

NEW YORK, 10 Feb— Unintentional deaths due to drug poisoning—primarily with prescription drugs—increased by 68 per cent between 1999 and 2004, and is second only to motor vehicle crashes as a cause of death from unintentional injury in

the US, investigators at the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention report. Dr L Paulozzi and Dr J Anest, both with the CDC in Atlanta, summarize the most current data from the National Vital Statistics System regarding accidental poisoning

deaths in the CDC's publication Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report. The annual poisoning-death rate increased from 4.4 per 100,000 population in 1999 to 7.1 per 100,000 in 2004.

Of all sex, racial, and ethnic groups, the greatest

increase was among non-Hispanic white females. The age group most affected was persons aged 15 to 24 years.

The state with the largest relative increase was West Virginia, where rates rose 550 per cent. Increases ranged from 195 per cent to 226 per cent in Arkansas, Montana, Maine and Oklahoma. Accidental poisoning mortality rates actually decreased in Delaware, Maryland, New York, and Rhode Island.

MNA/Reuters

Hot weather pushes ACT water consumption up

SYDNEY, 10 Feb— New figures show last week's water consumption in the ACT was well over target, despite stage three water restrictions.

Territory water supplier ACTEW wants to keep consumption below 140 megalitres, but the daily average last week was more than 180.

But ACTEW's Aspi Baria says despite the figures there are no plans to alter water restrictions at this stage. "We understand why the consumption is higher than our target," he said.

"Our target was devised based on what you'd expect a normal month to be, which is a few rainy days, a few colder days.

"But what we're seeing now is a very hot and dry December and January which has pushed the number up."—Internet

Five Indians killed by running train

PATNA (India), 10 Feb— Five people were run over to death by an express train in Begusarai District in the north Indian state of Bihar Thursday evening, police said.

The victims, all farm labourers, were returning to their house by crossing the railway line when the coming Guwahati-Jodhpur-Bikaner Express suddenly passed on the

track, killing all the five on the spot. Of the five killed, three happen to be of one family.

The incident occurred

near Lakho Station in Bihar's Begusarai District, some 40 kilometres from the state capital Patna.

MNA/Xinhua

Brazil launches programme to boost biotechnology

BRASILIA, 10 Feb— The Brazilian Government on Thursday launched a 4.76-billion-US-dollar biotechnology research programme aimed at exploiting the nation's rich biodiversity.

"The government will identify the demand and

create tools to transform knowledge store-housed in universities into industrial products," said Antonio Sergio Martins Mello, the Minister for Industrial Development in the Development Ministry. The research aims to find commercial

uses in fields as diverse as medicine, food, new materials, and electricity generation, and will focus on four main areas of study: animal health, agribusiness, industrial processes and environmental processes.

MNA/Xinhua



Foreign journalists report on the spot in the plant zone of the Shougang Group, one of the largest steel producers in China, in Shijingshan District of Beijing, capital of China, on 9 Feb, 2007. — XINHUA

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

Chen Zhili stresses role of technology in China's eco development

BEIJING, 10 Feb — Chinese State Councillor Chen Zhili on Friday stressed the role of technology in the country's economic and social development.

"More key technolo-

gical projects should be developed to contribute to the building of an energy-saving and environment-friendly society, the socialist new countryside and modern agriculture," said Chen at a national

technological conference.

Chen said enterprises should actively engage in technological innovation and develop projects that meet market needs.

Science and technology should make a greater contribution to economic and social development and the industrialization of key technologies should be given priority, she said.

MNA/Xinhua



A calf shelters from snow behind a dry stone wall in Leicestershire, central England, 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

Ecuador seeking return to OPEC

QUITO, 10 Febr— The Ecuadorean Government announced Thursday that it is seeking to rejoin the Organization of Petroleum-Exporting Countries (OPEC). Interior Minister Gustavo Larrea said the separation from OPEC 15 years ago has cost the country hundreds of millions of US dollars.

Since then Ecuador has been unable to receive technological assistance and favourable soft loans provided by OPEC due to its exit from the organization, he said. Ecuador joined OPEC in 1972 but left 20 years later, mainly due to not agreeing with the oil cartel's quota requirement. — MNA/Xinhua

A whale shark, the world's largest fish, was put on display in an aquarium in Guangzhou, capital of South China's Guangdong Province, on 7 Feb, 2007. This three-year-old whale shark is about five metres long and weighs more than 1,000 kilogrammes.

INTERNET



Tourists take pictures at a bird market in Hong Kong, on January 2007. Tests on a blue magpie found dead in Hong Kong have shown it was infected with the deadly H5N1 bird flu virus, the government said recently.—INTERNET

LatAm Eco Forum in Cuba discusses energy, migration issues

HAVANA, 10 Feb — Regional integration, including energy and migration issues, are being discussed in Cuba's capital Havana at the five-day International Economists' Meeting on Globalization and Development Problems.

At the forum, which runs from Monday till Friday, Venezuela's Deputy Energy Minister Bernard Mommer stressed sovereignty in a speech delivered on Thursday on natural resources policy.

Venezuela, a major supplier of crude oil to the United States, has vowed to safeguard its sovereignty in years of tensions between

Caracas and Washington.

John Saxe, a professor from the National Autonomous University of Mexico, addressed the session on the Mexico-US energy links.

Other speakers, including Chandra Muzaffar, head of the International Movement for a Just World, Ali Rodriguez, Venezuela's Ambassador to Cuba, and a former secretary-general of the Organization of Petroleum-Exporting Countries, talked about energy integration within the framework of the Bolivarian Alternative for the Americas (ALBA).

The Venezuela-initiated ALBA aims to act as a

counterweight to the US proposed hemisphere-wide trade deal.

On Wednesday, delegates warned about the globalization-linked migration problem, saying the issue has affected regional economic development.

They said neo-liberal globalization has boosted the number of migrants, with complex effects.

They, among others, called for greater participation by educators in a Latin American integration campaign. MNA/Xinhua



Cindy Crawford poses at the Rodeo Drive Walk of Style Award event honouring Italian fashion designers Donatella Versace and her late brother Gianni, in Beverly Hills California on 8 Feb, 2007. —INTERNET

Dubai company wins contract to build container terminal in China

JINAN, 10 Feb — Dubai Ports World, one of the largest marine terminal operators in the world, has won approval from Chinese authorities to build a container terminal in eastern Chinese city of Qingdao.

DP World, based in the United Arab Emirates, will invest 3.48 billion yuan (435

million US dollars) into the project, said a spokesman with the Municipal Development and Reform Commission of Qingdao, east China's Shandong Province on Friday.

China's State Development and Reform Commission also approved the company to build two

100,000-ton and two 30,000-ton berths with a designed annual throughput of 2.2 million TEUs (twentyfoot equivalent unit), accounting for about one third of current container handling capacity of Qingdao Port, the spokesman said.

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Nonetheless, as the sayings “Blood is thicker than water” and “Indivisible is water”, Myanmar national races renewed anti-colonialists spirit, Union Spirit, and national fervour and sought all possible ways in various aspects to regain independence. Consequently, leaders of national races could show consolidated national unity necessary for regaining independence at Panglong on 12 February 1947. On 4 January 1948, Myanmar became a sovereign nation under the name of the Union of Myanmar and since then it has stood tall in the world.

In addition to driving a wedge among national races, the colonialists resorted to various means to widen the development gap between a region and another, and sowed and raised doubts among national brethren. Consequently, an armed insurgency was smouldering for more than 40 years after the independence. And the Union was on the brink of collapse for three times. Up to now, Myanmar still has to tackle such evil legacies. Resulting from lack of peace and stability, national development tasks could not be carried out effectively. So, the nation lagged behind in development.

Again, certain powerful countries desirous of gaining dominance over the Union of Myanmar are stirring up racial conflicts to break up national unity and cause the recurrence of armed conflicts. Moreover, they are imposing economic sanctions against the nation and making political interference in the internal affairs to slow down the nation’s economic growth. So, national people are to develop the national awareness of such destructive acts.

Taking lessons that the nation was strong with economic development due to consolidated national unity and the nation was weak with a slow-down in economic growth due to disintegration of

national solidarity, the State Peace and Development Council laid down the national policy “Non-disintegration of the Union, Non-disintegration of national solidarity and Perpetuation of sovereignty” to strengthen national unity. As a result, 17 national race armed groups have returned to the legal fold. It is also pursuing its determination to achieve cent per cent unity of national races by offering a warm welcome to the remaining armed groups so that they will enter the legal fold.

Owing to the achievement of national reconsolidation, the entire nation is enjoying fruitful results of peace and stability. The government is now taking necessary measures to ensure all-round development of rural areas including border areas that lagged behind in development in transportation, water supply, economic, health and education sectors. At the same time, it is enhancing national unity and ensuring non-disintegration of the Union.

After building these basic foundations, the government laid down the State’s seven-step Road Map. Now, it is holding the National Convention, the first and the most important step, with representatives of the entire national people, and the majority of them represent national races. It is also implementing the political objectives such as “Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution” and “Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution” to transform the nation into a peaceful, modern and developed one that keeps abreast of other nations. Before long, there will emerge a State Constitution, collectively written by national races, that will guarantee further burgeoning of liberty, justice, equality, and prevalence of law and order based on the noblest and worthiest of worldly values throughout the nation, perpetual flourishing of fine traditions of peace, harmony and unity among the national races born in the Union, and ensuring that national races will equally enjoy fruitful results of development.

The government has already announced the seven-step Road Map. So, all national races have to steadfastly pursue it for the emergence of a modern

and developed nation with flourishing discipline. All the people who cherish the motherland are to march forward through the programme with Union Spirit and the spirit of national unity.

Therefore, the entire national people are duty-bound to preserve the already-achieved national solidarity with Union Spirit so that the Union of Myanmar will be able to stand tall as long as the world exists.

Furthermore, the people are to continue to strive through consolidated unity of the government, the Tatmadaw and national people as well as the strong national force, for accomplishment of the projects the government is implementing to enable the nation to meet the international level by means of development.

In conclusion, on the auspicious occasion of the Union Day of the Union of Myanmar, I would like to urge the entire national people to energetically participate in the implementation of the objectives of the 60th Anniversary Union Day (2007)—

- 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 the national races to make concerted efforts for successful implementation of the seven-step Road Map, while making efforts to be equipped with patriotic fervour and Union Spirit for ensuring the emergence of a modern and developed nation.

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Dry Day inspection teams supervised

YANGON, 11 Feb — Members of Dry Day Supervisory Committee together with departmental heads supervised dry day inspection teams checking vehicles of Tatmadaw and departments at the main points here in the morning and evening.

The dry day inspection teams checked dry day pass, driver’s licence, wheel tax and wearing of uniforms at the main points here from 7 am to 5 pm. They took action against those who violated the traffic rules.

MNA

All this needs to be known

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

Establishment of liaison offices between Myanmar and China discussed

YANGON, 11 Feb — The first meeting on establishment of liaison offices to accelerate anti-human trafficking between Myanmar and China was held in Ruili of the People’s Republic of China on 7 February, attended by the delegation led by Deputy Director-General of Myanmar Police Force Police Brig-Gen Zaw Win and the delegation led by Deputy Director-General Mr Yuximmin Criminal Investigation Department, Ministry of Public Security, the People’s Republic of China together with officials of UNICEF, UNIAP, UNODC of UN

agencies and ARTIP, World Vision, SC (Myanmar) of INGO.

At the meeting, they agreed to open the liaison offices in Muse and

Ruili to expedite anti-human trafficking between the two countries.—MNA



Representatives pose for documentary photo at the meeting on establishment of liaison offices to accelerate anti-human trafficking between Myanmar and China. — MNA

**Tatmadaw government upholds Our Three Main National Causes after taking up State duties
17 internal armed groups and numerous small groups make peace with
government after realizing genuine goodwill and sincere attitude of Tatmadaw
Special regions in cooperation with Tatmadaw have developed rapidly
Tatmadaw, government and people welcome members of (KNU)/(KNLA) with open arms
Government assures necessary assistance to members of
KNLA and their families as they are brethren**

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Feb — Commander of South East Command Brig-Gen Thet Naing Win extended greetings to family members of Kayin National Union (KNU)/Kayin National Liberation Army (KNLA) Peace Council led by Maj-Gen Htay Maung at the victory of peace welcoming ceremony held in Htotkawko Village of Kawkareik Township, Kayin State, this morning.

The commander said he wished happiness to the Military Affairs Security

Chief, the Chairman of Kayin State Peace and Development Council, senior military officers, heads of departments, local people, guests, Maj-Gen Htay Maung of (KNU)/(KNLA) and members.

National people have been residing in the Union of Myanmar peacefully from time immemorial. Due to the divide-and-rule policy of the colonialists, there were armed struggles in the country soon after regaining the independence. The country also

lagged behind in development. In retrospect the long history shows, the country was strong when there was national solidarity. It is obvious that the country became weak when there was no unity.

That was why the Tatmadaw government upheld Our Three Main National Causes— non-disintegration of the union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty after taking up the State duties. Moreover, the



Commander Brig-Gen Thet Naing Win extends greetings at KNU/KNLA Peace Council's victory of peace welcoming ceremony.— MNA

Despite hindrance and obstacles, members of Kayin National Union (KNU)/Kayin National Liberation Army (KNLA) Peace Council and their families led by Maj-Gen Htay Maung made peace with the government in accord with the desire of peace-loving Kayin nationals.

government laid down the first political objective— stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order in implementation of the

twelve objectives. He said the government built national reconsolidation with might and main. Seventeen internal armed groups and numerous small groups made peace with the

government after realizing the genuine goodwill and sincere attitude of the Tatmadaw.

Tatmadaw members have been to various parts of (See page 10)

**Ultimate goal of all Kayin nationals is peace and prosperity Development gap vividly seen between regions with peace and those without
Remaining armed groups urged to achieve peace soonest**

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Feb —The following is a translation of the welcoming speech delivered by Kayin national U Saw Daniel of Daweitan Village at the victory of peace-welcoming ceremony of Kayin National Union (KNU) / Kayin National Liberation Army (KNLA) held in Htotkawko Village of Kawkareik Township, Kayin State, this morning:

On behalf of all Kayin

nationals, I would like to say that I am very glad to see the victory of peace welcoming ceremony. I have experienced armed clashes throughout my life. That is why the ultimate goal of all Kayin nationals is peace and prosperity. Being honest and simple, our Kayin people easily fell pray to alien instigation. The proof of the very first instigation was that Capt Vivian was captured dead by the Tatmadaw in an

armed clash that happened in our region on 12 August 1950. He was the person who issued weapons to Galon U Saw to commit high treason. Later, our efforts to make peace were hampered many times due to outside instigation. Such incidents happened when peace was within reach. So we were kept away from peace and we feared that our region would be without peace in our life time.

We longed for peace as we had learned some other regions saw significant progress after the Tatmadaw's assumption of State duties. Even in our Kayin State, development gap can be vividly seen between the regions with peace and those without.

Tatmadaw government built roads and bridges including Thanlwin Bridge (Hpa-an), universities and hospitals in Kayin State. Moreover, it built the Thanlwin Bridge (Mawlamyine) that contributes much to our state. But only peaceful regions are in a position to enjoy such fruits of development. I felt very sorry for families of the

Kayin armed groups from refugee camps suffering in mind and body.

However, today, the peace council led by Maj-Gen Htay Maung has lit the torch of peace and for that

all our Kayin nationals are very proud and glad. And I would like to urge the remaining armed groups to achieve peace for the sake of our state soonest.

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U Saw Daniel expresses thanks.— MNA

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Those present at KNU/KNLA Peace Council's victory of peace welcoming ceremony.— MNA

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Local people warmly welcomed and garlanded 309 members of peace group and 11 family members led by KNU/KNLA Peace Council Chairman No 7 Brigade Commander Maj-Gen Htay Maung.

At the ceremony, No 7 Brigade Commander Maj-Gen Htay Maung clarified the purposes of the victory of peace welcoming ceremony.

(The clarification of Maj-Gen Htay Maung is reported separately.)

Col Saw Htawt Lay of KNU/KNLA Brigade No 7 Peace Council expressed thanks for the victory of peace welcoming ceremony.

(The clarification of Col Saw Htawt Lay of KNU/KNLA Brigade No 7 is reported separately.)

On behalf of local people, Kayin national U Saw Daniel of Daweitan Village of Kawkareik Township spoke words of thanks.

(The speech of U Saw Daniel is reported separately.)

Commander of South-East Command Brig-Gen Thet Naing Win extended greetings to KNU/KNLA Peace Council Chairman Maj-Gen Htay Maung, members and families.

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Military Affairs Security Chief Maj-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence presented gifts to KNU/KNLA Peace Council Chairman Maj-Gen Htay Maung and members.

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Likewise, Chairman of Kayin State Peace and Development Council Col Khin Kyu presented gifts to Maj-Gen Htay Maung and members.

Afterwards, Maj-Gen Htay Maung and members cordially greeted the local people.

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Those present have a documentary photo taken at KNU/KNLA Peace Council's victory of peace welcoming ceremony.— MNA

Peace made to set up peaceful...

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abroad, I firmly believe that the living standard of local Kayin people will not improve in the absence of peace and tranquillity.

Those who had ever fought battles and experienced the scourge of wars knew the value of peace most. As I was loyal to the Kayin national activities in the course of history, I had paid serious attention

to the desires of Kayin people who always long for peace.

We made peace to set up peaceful regions that are free from armed conflicts and remove those profiting at the expense of politics and local people with sea of troubles, using KNLA as a tool and those who make use of the KNU's power, living in Maesot with peace of mind. Putting aside ism, racism, localism and sectarianism, we will make constant efforts for stamping out evil consequences of armed conflicts experienced by local people.

As a matter of fact, peace often missed even when it was within reach as lackeys of foreign organizations made demands which are not directly concerned with Kayin national affairs to the latter's liking.

Therefore, the Kayin State and local Kayin people missed opportunities of development and became war victims.

They have been subject to the scourge of wars for over 58 years. Joining hands of KNU/KNLA Peace Council with the Tatmadaw government is a move to integrate history of KNU/KNLA into historical needs of the State. This amounts to carrying out Kayin national activities that are practical. I am honoured to be able to materialize

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Military Affairs Security Chief Maj-Gen Ye Myint presents gifts to Commander of No 7 Brigade Maj-Gen Htay Maung.— MNA



Commander Brig-Gen Thet Naing Win gives presents to Commander of No 7 Brigade Maj-Gen Htay Maung.— MNA

Destructive elements and I

Phado Aung San

I was very pleased to hear the news that a group led by KNU brigade No (7) commander Maj-Gen Htay Maung was holding peace talks with the government and before long they would make peace and participate in the regional development tasks. And I wished them success in their plan. According to the news I initially got, commander Maj-Gen Htay Maung would be accompanied by Captain Johnny. However, he changed his mind, yielding to the incentives of promotion and privileges. Anyhow, I am delighted with the firm determination of Maj-Gen Htay Maung who had a good reputation in the KNU. I have something to tell the remnant members, so I write this article.

In the KNU, the person who was most well-versed in warfare and won the support of the people best in Kayin State was Maj-Gen Mya, and his runner-up was KNU brigade No (7) commander Maj-Gen Htay Maung. I admired both of them who adhered to the national duty. I knew their brilliant performance best. The ability of Maj-Gen Htay Maung made brigade No (7) the strongest force with the best warfare in the KNU. Captain Tu Tu (deceased) and Captain Johnny were latecomers. Captain Johnny who became well-known under the reputation of Maj-Gen Htay Maung. Anyone who wants to know about him may inquire me. I am the person who knows about him very well. I am now attending the National Convention and have to abide by its procedures and rules, so I do not present all the facts about him now. I plan, when the National Convention is over, to make known to the people facts about the persons in the KNU like disloyal person Johnny who has no moral conduct. I am sure captain Johnny will meet his tragic end one day for defying his mentor.

Phado Mann Shar is a sort of person who does not know about himself. He is one of the persons who do not deserve sympathy at all. He is also one of the Kayin communists. At a meeting of the KNU, KNU leaders said that it was very apparent that Mann Ba Zan was a communist. However, their accusation met with the silence of Mann Ba Zan. Indeed, the KNUP members are Kayin communists, and so is

Phado Mann Shar. However, he was pretending that he was not a communist. He is like a fox in disguise of a sheep. He was also pretending that he was an upright person and shouting at his full blast that he was working in the interests of Kayin nationals. But, only some people who do not know about him and saboteurs trust his words.

All Phado Mann Shar is shouting, demanding and doing is totally against the desire of today's Kayin national people. Due to the armed insurgency that began just after the regaining of independence, Kayin State has been deprived of peace and stability, the majority of local people have fallen victim to the battles, and the state lagged behind in development if compared with that of the regions of other national races. Phado Mann Shar should have realized these salient points. Instead, he sticks to the scheme to secede from the Union and to establish independent Kayin State with federal system, and to continue his armed insurgency making demands that can cause collapse of the Union and relying on weapons. In reality, the real desire of local people in Kayin State is to ensure peace, stability and development of their region, and to lead a peaceful life like the people in other states and divisions where peace and stability have been restored. What Kachin nationals suffering from evil consequences of armed conflicts among national races for more than 50 years wants most is none other than peace. They want the rights to be enjoyed in accordance with the forthcoming State Constitution.

Phado Mann Shar is showing his total disregard for peace and stability that Kayin nationals have been longing for. He has no will to fulfil the desire of the people of his own. It is because he has to give priority to the desire of certain neo-colonialist countries that are supporting the KNU for their own-interest, rather than to that of Kayin nationals. On the pretext of serving the interests of Kayin people, he is attempting to secede from the Union through federal system, putting his trust in the alien instigation that the ruling government will get into trouble only if peace and stability cannot be restored and the people fall victim

to the battles.

Once, the KNU sent an organizing group to Kachin State. Phado Mann Shar was one of the group members. Disobeying the order not to meet BCP, he held a clandestine meeting with the BCP en route. On his arrival back at Marnerpalaw, the KNU headquarters, he was thus removed from the central committee as a candidate member. Due to the acts of Kayin communists like Phado Mann Shar, the KNU is still doing misdeeds and continuing its armed struggle line. Selfish and egotistic Kayin communists would not have any feelings even if the entire Kayin State and its people met with their tragic end. Surely, they will cling on to their destructive acts.

The people with narrow-mindedness on racism like Phado Mann Shar and captain Johnny will definitely come to a bad end. I cannot stand at all the accusation made by Phado Mann Shar against Maj-Gen Htay Maung who was popular in the KNU and won the admiration of Kayin nationals. He accused that Maj-Gen Htay Maung conceded defeat due to the latter's plan to hold peace talks and then make peace with the government, and work for regional development. Maj-Gen Htay Maung violated the KNU's policy and resolves, he said. As a matter of fact, Maj-Gen Htay Maung had to make peace due to the fact that KNU leaders did not follow, could not follow and did not want to follow the instructions laid down by the former leaders of the KNU.

Phado Mann Shar knew best that how his future would be like if he said so when I was in Marnerpalaw. All members will get into trouble if political activities are carried out with wrong ideas and negative outlook. For the time being, luck smiles on Phado Mann Shar. He will have to sacrifice his life if he takes a wrong step.

My decision to make peace was not to seek self-interest. I have never sought personal interest through a demand. My purpose was just to work for peace and stability and development of my region. The government provided all necessary assistance for us. In the past with lack of peace, Phayagon region and surrounding areas were covered with shanty huts. Unlike the past, now the houses in the region have been changed into one-storey or two-storey brick buildings and fine houses. And local people are leading a peaceful life with progress in the education, health, economic and social sectors. If in doubt, anyone can pay a visit to our region. Agriculture and livestock are thriving in our region. Local residents are enjoying the taste of peace and stability. They are rejoicing at the positive changes.

Therefore, I would say that it is high time a handful of people like Phado Mann Shar and Johnny using their energy in a wrong place, relying on external elements rather than on internal strength, and making local people Kayin State get bogged down in a variety of adversities, realized the prevailing conditions, got a correct outlook and did wise moves.

Translation: MS

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Kayin National Union (KNU)/ Kayin National...

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After the ceremony, KNU/KNLA Peace Council Chairman Maj-Gen Htay Maung and the guests viewed equipments provided by the State.

The assistance provided by the government to Maj-Gen Htay Maung, the members and families were five Leyar-16 tractors, five 21-inch TVs, one VCD, 30,000 pieces of corrugated iron sheets, 132 tons of sawn timber, 100 acres of rubber, clothes and various kinds of textile, blankets and mosquito nets, foodstuff and kitchen utensils.

Later, KNU/KNLA Peace Council Chairman Maj-Gen Htay Maung, the members posed for documentary photo with Military Affairs Security Chief Maj-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, Commander Brig-Gen Thet Naing Win and Chairman of Kayin State PDC Col Khin Kyu.—MNA



Chairman of KNU/KNLA Peace Council Commander of No 7 Brigade Maj-Gen Htay Maung cordially greets local residents. — MNA

Tatmadaw government upholds Our Three Main National...

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the country including border areas and mountainous regions and witnessed the real life of the people where there was no peace. The government is desirous of improving the living standard of local people. However, it could carry out the development tasks only in the regions of the peace groups.

He said some regions in Kachin, Kayah and Shan (north and south) States and

other regions of the peace groups were designated as special regions and the necessary assistance was provided to those regions. Therefore, the special regions in cooperation with the Tatmadaw have developed rapidly and health and education standards of members of peace groups and local people have also improved considerably. Agriculture and livestock breeding grew stronger. Now local

people are enjoying the taste of peace joyfully. Moreover, the leaders of various peace groups could discuss the drafting of the constitution of the Union at the National Convention.

Continuing, he said, the government continued to welcome all the organizations that had not made peace with it.

Despite hindrance and obstacles, members of Kayin National Union (KNU)/Kayin National Liberation Army (KNLA)

Peace Council and their families led by Maj-Gen Htay Maung made peace with the government in

Gen Htay Maung for his worthy decision.

The commander said Kayin National

government and all the people would provide assistance to members of KNLA and their families



A local resident welcomes member of KNLA Peace Council. — MNA



Chairman of Kayin State PDC Col Khin Kyu presents gift to Col Saw Htawt Lay of No 7 Brigade of KNU/KNLA Peace Council. — MNA

accord with the desire of peace-loving Kayin nationals. The commander said the Tatmadaw, the government and the people welcomed them with open arms and he honoured Maj-

Liberation Army (KNLA) has become a reliable force of the government and local people. He urged the group to participate in the regional development tasks and he reassured that the

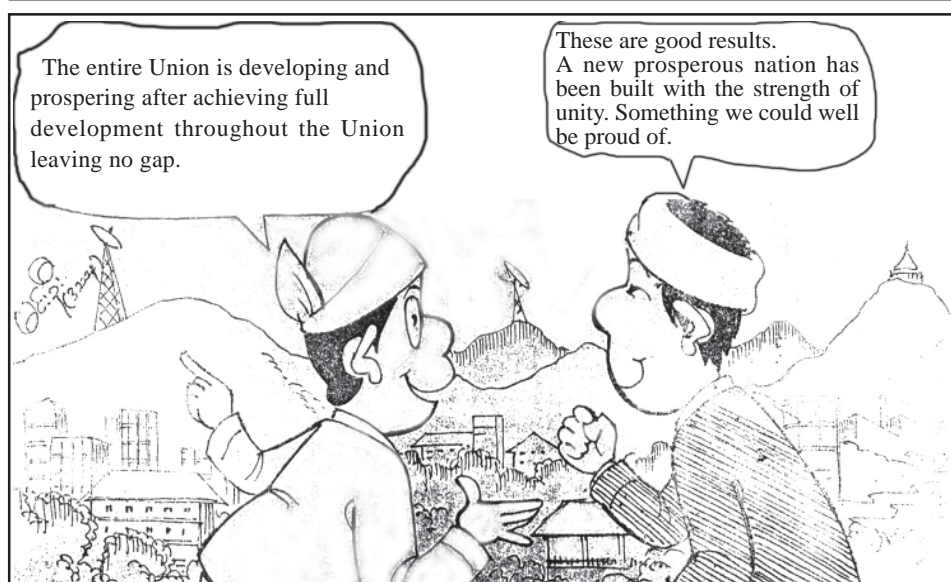
as they are brethren.

In conclusion, he invited members of remnant armed groups to make peace with the government.

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Those present at KNU/KNLA Peace Council's victory of peace welcoming ceremony. — MNA



KNU/KNLA Brigade No 7 expresses...

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in their own Kayin State through thick and thin.

From now on, there will be no hiding or flee-

ing villages in fear of armed conflicts nor refugees in our region. The people of Kayin State can enjoy the taste of freedom.

I thank all organizations for their efforts to make peace with the government.

MNA

Peace made to set up peaceful...

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the Kayin national objectives laid down by Kayin national leader Saw Ba U Gyi and peace programmes adopted by General Saw Bo Mya.

In the course of Kayin revolution, I had to witness a series of hardships and difficulties in various battle fields. I had also to fight major battles at the risk of lives along with comrades. Therefore, I would like to say to comrades left behind in the jungles for various reasons not to give troubles again to Kayin people and not to commit subversive acts for a handful of people. I warmly welcome you all if you wish to participate in the process of peace in Kayin State and improvement of the living standard of local people.

In conclusion, I thanked the Tatmadaw, the government and the people that extended a warm welcome and provided us with necessary assistance and pledged to serve the interest of the State and the people, building a long-lasting peace.

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Aims of the Victory of Peace of KNU and KNLA Peace Council

- * As a matter of fact, peace was almost made quite often.
- * Peace often missed even when it was within reach as lackeys of foreign organizations made demands not directly concerned with Kayin national affairs
- * Therefore, the Kayin State and local Kayin people missed opportunities of development and became war victims. They have been subject to the scourge of wars for over 58 years.
- * Joining hands of KNU and KNLA Peace Council with the Tatmadaw government integrates history of KNU and KNLA into historical needs of the State.
- * This amounts to carrying out Kayin national activities that are practical.
- * I am pleased to be able to materialize the Kayin national objectives laid down by Kayin national leader Saw Ba U Gyi and peace programme adopted by General Saw Bo Mya.
- * I would like to say to those left behind in the jungles for various reasons not to give troubles again to Kayin people and not to commit subversive acts for a handful of people.
- * Remnants are welcome to participate in the process of peace in Kayin State and improvement of the living standard of local people.



Local people warmly welcome Chairman of KNU/ KNLA Peace Council Commander of No 7 Brigade Maj-Gen Htay Maung and members.— MNA



Provisions donated by State at KNU/ KNLA Peace Council's victory of peace welcoming ceremony.— MNA

Developing nations, donors agree to improve resources management

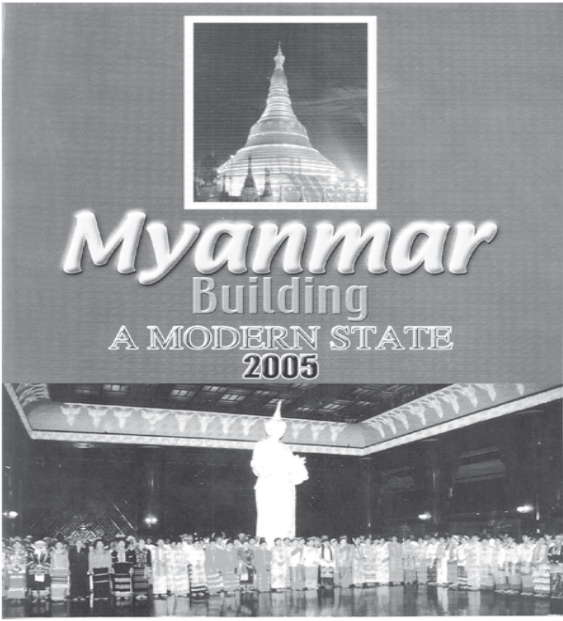
HANOI, 9 Feb — The delegates to the third international roundtable on managing for development results Thursday agreed that developing countries and donors should enhance their management of resources to gain better, verifiable development results, guided by a spirit of mutual accountability.

The delegates, over 400 government officials and experts from 40 countries, 33 aid and donor agencies and 30 non-governmental organizations and private companies, agreed that both the countries and donors need to invest more in systems and capacity for managing for results, including in such areas as national statistical systems, and sector-wide monitoring and evaluation.

“The roundtable is a good opportunity for countries to get experiences and lessons on effectively using both official development assistance and domestic sources, and promote the South-South cooperation and the cooperation model involving two developing countries and a donor,” Cao Viet Sinh, Vietnamese Deputy Minister of Planning and Investment, said at the three-day event's closing session.

The delegates were much interested in fostering South-South learning, in mainstreaming managing for development results across governments and agencies, in strengthening capacity, and offering better information, communication and incentives for achieving results.

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One in 150 children has autism in US

BEIJING, 9 Feb — Autism disorders affect one in 150 children in the US, much higher than previous estimates, according to the report from the US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) on

Thursday. Earlier estimates placed the rate at 1 in 166 children. But Catherine Rice, lead author on the new surveillance from CDC said the previous estimates were based on a variety of studies, most of them smaller than these latest ones, involving different study methods from several countries.

The difference means roughly 50,000 more children and young adults may have autism and related disorders than was previously thought — a total nationwide of more than half a million people.

“Autism is more common than we believed and is an urgent public health concern,” said Rice.

Autism is a complex neurobiological disorder that typically lasts throughout a person's lifetime. It is part of a group of disorders known as Autism Spectrum Disorders. Autism impairs a person's ability to

communicate and relate to others. It is also associated with rigid routines and repetitive behaviors, such as obsessively arranging objects or following very specific routines. It affects four to five times more boys than girls.

Children having autism generally have difficulty relating to others; they may hardly speak, and if they do, they may not communicate in ways that other people can easily understand (they may screech loudly when they're upset, for example, instead of crying). They don't usually sustain eye contact — it's too intense — and have trouble reading social cues. They're also prone to repetitive behaviors, flapping their hands constantly or uttering the same phrase over and over again. They may also be more sensitive than typically developing children, or dramatically less so, to sights, sounds and touch.

Internet

Drought leaves 300,000 short of drinking water in N-W China

XI'AN, 9 Feb — Drought has left 300,000 people short of drinking water and affected thousands of hectares of

cropland in northwest China's Shaanxi Province in the past two months, say local authorities.

The average rainfall in January in central Shaanxi was 50 to 90 per cent below the average and temperatures were one to two degrees centigrade higher, according to the Shaanxi Provincial Flood Control and Drought Relief Headquarters.

Only two to six millimetres of rain fell in January in Baoji City, and no rainfall was reported in Weinan City, the headquarters said. Sporadic drizzle fell on Xianyang and Xi'an.

Water shortages had affected more than 300,000 rural residents and 60,000 livestock in Tongchuan, Xianyang and Weinan, three cities in central Shaanxi. Local water resources authorities had organized 1,840 vehicles to carry drinking water for those severely affected.

MNA/Xinhua



A girl is covered in a bubble created by Andrew Suttar, also known as 'Bubblemania Master' Dr Froth, from Perth, Australia, during a performance in Hong Kong on 8 Feb, 2007.

INTERNET

Egypt-US naval drills start in Red Sea

CAIRO, 9 Feb — Egypt and the United States started on Wednesday naval exercises, code-named “Eagle Salute”, in the Red Sea to exchange military expertise, an Egyptian Defence Ministry official told Xinhua.

The war games conducted with live ammunition were aimed at enhancing the capabilities of search and rescue with the support of Air Force, and training of refuelling-at-sea, according to the official MENA news agency. It said that the manoeuvres also include training on searching and storming suspicious ships in order to test the combat capabilities of both sides. The drills, which have been carried out annually since 1991, is part of the Egyptian Armed Forces' plans of exchanging expertise with other countries, it added. — MNA/Xinhua

A set of golden pig dolls welcomes holiday shoppers at a store in Hangzhou in eastern China's Zhejiang Province on 7 Feb, 2007. The 101 pigs, each with a different design, have been placed in a miniature house resembling a big family.

INTERNET



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Hangzhou, Chengdu, Dalian named “China’s best tourist city”

BEIJING, 10 Feb — One city was described as “the most splendid and luxurious in the world” by Marco Polo in the 13th century.

Another, with a history that dates back more than 2,000 years, is known as the “Kingdom of Heaven” because it has never seen

country’s most liveable cities. On Thursday the three Hangzhou, Chengdu and Dalian received another

They won the acclaim the first for any Chinese city based not only on what they are famous for, but also on a set of criteria

environment to friendly service and availability of information.

They had to pass appraisal in such sectors as tourism resources, protection of natural scenery and cultural sights, communications and infrastructure, tourism facilities and services, as well as tourism marketing.

More cities are expected to apply for the title this year.

Liu Zhenwan, head of the Dalian tourism administration, said he hoped the honor would bring more tourists from home and abroad, boosting job opportunities, revenues and taxes. — *Internet*



A picture taken from the Holiday Zone of Jinshi Beach in Dalian City, Northeast China’s Liaoning Province. Hangzhou, Chengdu and Dalian were named “China’s best tourist city” on 8 Feb, 2007. — XINHUA

flood or drought thanks to its unique geological and weather conditions.

And the third is a coastal city that consistently pops up in the list of the

honor: they were named “China’s best tourist city” by the National Tourism Administration and the United Nations World Tourism Organization.

compiled by the world tourism body.

They range from clean accommodation, sanitary facilities, scenery and sights in an unpolluted

Japan starts disaster-alert system using satellites

TOKYO, 10 Feb — Japan, one of the world’s most seismically active nations, on Friday began an alert system using satellites to instantly transmit warnings of natural disasters, such as tsunami, to speed up evacuations.

Tremors occur in Japan at least every five minutes, and the country accounts for about 20 per cent of the world’s earthquakes of magnitude 6 or higher.

Last month, a powerful Pacific earthquake prompted widespread tsunami warnings, although only small waves hit Japan. The new system, called “J-ALERT”, will send disaster warnings from the Meteorological Agency via satellite to city and town offices, automatically activating warning sirens and

emergency broadcast systems. Until now, local officials have had to activate these systems themselves after receiving warnings.

“By getting information out more quickly, we’ll be able to evacuate faster, saving lives,” a Fire Agency official said. Initially, the system will operate in 10 prefectures and four towns. The agency hopes to eventually extend it to all local areas, but no timetable has been set.

Warnings will be issued for tsunamis and volcanic eruptions along with other extreme weather conditions. In future, the agency also hopes to be able to issue warnings of earthquakes before they occur.

MNA/Reuters

US astronauts wrap up successful spacewalk series

WASHINGTON, 10 Feb — With all scheduled tasks and one get-ahead accomplished, the third spacewalk in nine days by International Space Station Commander Michael Lopez-Alegria and Flight Engineer Sunita Williams wrapped up on Thursday.

The last in an unprecedented series of three spacewalks lasted six hours and 40 minutes on Thursday. NASA station programme reported that major tasks of this spacewalk included removing and jettisoning two large shrouds and

installation of attachments for cargo carriers.

The three spacewalks, from the Quest airlock in US spacesuits, and a Russian spacewalk scheduled for 22 February will be the most ever done by station crew members during a single month, said

Mike Suffredini, station programme manager. The three spacewalks are termed EVAs 6, 7, and 8 because there were five previous station spacewalks from the US airlock Quest during times when no shuttle was present.

MNA/Xinhua



The gangster movie “Blood Brothers” produced by John Woo with a star cast includes Chen Chang, Daniel Wu(L), Liu Ye and Hsu Chi(M) has finished shooting recently. — INTERNET



Girls enjoy having a bath incorporating chocolate at a hot springs spa resort in Hakone, west of Tokyo, on 9 Feb, 2007 in preparation for Valentine’s Day. — XINHUA

Study says adolescent girls more likely to gain weight

LOS ANGELES, 9 Feb — Pre-teen girls between the ages of nine and 12 are most likely to gain weight, a new study says.

For this study, US researchers enrolled more than 2,300 girls aged nine and 10 and followed them for at least a decade.

Researchers measured their height, weight, blood pressure and cholesterol every year through age 18, then had the teens report their own measures at ages 21 through 23. Roughly half of the girls were white and

half were black.

The study finds that rates of overweight among the participants increased through adolescence, from 7 percent to 10 percent in the white girls and 17 percent to 24 percent in the black girls. Girls were 1.6 times more likely to become overweight when they were aged nine through 12 than later in adolescence, and girls who were overweight during childhood were 11 to 30 times more likely to be obese as young adults,

according to the study which is published in the January issue of the *Journal of Pediatrics*.

“We really need to get to kids before age nine and 10, and this really puts the pressure on elementary school, preschool and whatever societal institutions we have to really focus on young ages,” said study co-author Eva Obarzanek, a research nutritionist at the US National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute.

Internet

SPORTS

Victory pushes Alkmaar within 3 points of leaders

AMSTERDAM, 11 Feb— AZ Alkmaar moved within three points of Dutch league leaders PSV Eindhoven with a 2-0 home victory over Willem II Tilburg on Saturday. The visitors missed two good chances before striker Danny Koevermans opened the scoring in the 15th minute with his 17th goal of the season.

Maarten Martens sealed the win with 19 minutes to go when he curled a free kick into the top corner.

Alkmaar have 53 points from 24 matches. PSV play their game in hand at Sparta Rotterdam on Sunday.

Third-placed Ajax Amsterdam, who have 51 points from 23 games, visit bottom club ADO Den Haag on Sunday.— MNA/Reuters



Rui Kitada of Japan tees off on the third hole during the Ladies European Tour golf tournament in Gold Coast on 10 Feb, 2007. INTERNET

Fred gives Lyon first league win of the year

PARIS, 11 Feb— An early Fred goal was enough to secure Olympique Lyon's first league win this year as the five-times French champions beat Lorient in Ligue 1 on Saturday.

The Brazilian striker scored the only goal of the game in the sixth minute with an impressive 30-metre volley that went under Remy Riou's crossbar.

Leaders Lyon, who now have 54 points from 24 matches, extended their lead to 14 points. Second-placed RC Lens entertain Sochaux on Sunday.

Lille, who are third, lost 1-0 at Toulouse after Gregory Tafforeau's own goal two minutes into stoppage time while St. Etienne moved up to fifth with a 1-1 draw at AJ Auxerre.

In Saturday's early kickoff, Amara Diane scored a double and Mickael Landreau saved a penalty as Paris St. Germain ended a 12-match Ligue 1 winless streak with a 4-2 victory over Monaco.

The result lifted troubled PSG to 16th with 25 points from 24 matches, two points above the relegation zone while Monaco dropped to 14th on 29 points.

Striker Diane opened the scoring when he headed home Jerome Rothen's corner in the fifth minute. He doubled the tally half an hour later during a goalmouth scramble.— MNA/Reuters

Ronaldo to start Milan appearance on bench against Livorno

ROME, 11 Feb— Milan, will start Sunday's home match against Livorno on the substitutes' bench as he is short of fitness.

"Ronaldo is well, he's worked hard and his condition has improved," AC Milan coach Carlo Ancelotti said on Saturday. "He will be called up but will start on the bench, and if the right opportunity arises, he will play."

Milan are hoping to get the go-ahead to allow their 38,000 season-ticket holders into Sunday's match after originally being told it would have to be played behind closed doors.

MNA/Xinhua

Beckham scores on Madrid return

MADRID, 10 Feb— David Beckham scored on his return to Real Madrid's starting line-up in the 2-1 win over Real Sociedad on Saturday.

The 31-year-old equalised with a 25-yard free-kick in the 37th-minute of his first start since 20 December.

Madrid coach Fabio Capello had vowed Beckham would not play for Real again after he last month agreed to a lucrative move to Los Angeles Galaxy.

But Capello had a change of heart this week, saying he had been impressed with Beckham's professionalism in training.

Ruud van Nistelrooy, another ex-

Manchester United star, scored the second-half winner in a victory that lifts Real into third place in the Primera Liga.

It also eased the pressure on Capello after two consecutive defeats.— Internet



Former England skipper Beckham

Barclays Premiership Table 11 Feb, 2007

	P	G	PTS
1 Man Utd	27	45	66
2 Chelsea	27	29	60
3 Liverpool	27	21	50
4 Arsenal	26	26	49
5 Bolton	27	4	47
6 Reading	27	7	43
7 Portsmouth	27	10	41
8 Everton	26	9	39
9 Newcastle	27	-2	36
10 Blackburn	27	-8	34
11 Tottenham	26	-8	33
12 Middlesbrough	27	-3	32
13 Aston Villa	27	-5	32
14 Fulham	27	-12	32
15 Sheff Utd	27	-12	30
16 Man City	26	-12	30
17 Wigan	26	-16	25
18 West Ham	27	-24	20
19 Charlton	27	-27	20
20 Watford	26	-22	18

Internet



Arsenal midfielder, Theo Walcott, right, battles for the ball with Wigan Athletic defender Leighton Baines, during their Premier League soccer match at the Emirates Stadium, London, on Sunday, 11 Feb, 2007. Arsenal defeated 2-1. INTERNET

Arsenal 2-1 Wigan

LONDON, 11 Feb — Tomas Rosicky's first Premiership goal broke Wigan hearts as Arsenal fought back from a goal down in the last 10 minutes to move back into third spot.

Wigan took the lead when Denny Landzaat crashed home a superb strike from 35 yards that gave Jens Lehmann no chance.

Emile Heskey hit a post and missed another good chance to extend the lead, while Thierry Henry was also wasteful.

However, Fitz Hall put into his own net for the leveller, before Rosicky headed in Julio Baptista's cross to win it.

It was a sensational ending to a thrilling affair, and helped Arsenal regain fourth spot and close the gap on third-placed Liverpool in the race for Champions League places.— Internet



Bolton's Gary Speed scores a penalty against Fulham during their English Premier League soccer match at The Reebok Stadium, Bolton, England, on Sunday 11 Feb, 2007. Bolton wins 2-1.— INTERNET

Answers to yesterday's Crossword Puzzle

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Schalke extend Bundesliga lead after Bremen lose

BERLIN, 11 Feb— Schalke 04 stretched their lead over Werder Bremen at the top of the Bundesliga to six points with a 2-0 win over Hertha Berlin on Saturday as Bremen lost 4-1 away to third-placed VfB Stuttgart.

Germany international striker Kevin Kuranyi gave Schalke the lead with a brave header from Lincoln's corner on 64 minutes.

Danish striker Peter Lovenkrands, who scored both in Schalke's 2-0 win over Bremen last weekend, slid home the rebound from his own shot 11 minutes later to secure the home side's 10th victory in 11 matches.

Striker Mario Gomez became the league's sole top scorer with Stuttgart's second and his 12th of the season as the southern German side closed the gap on Bremen to one point.

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**U Maung Maung Tin (Stanley)
Myanma Port Authority (Retd),
Marine Dept, Aged 82 Yrs**

Son of the late Wunna Kyaw Htin U Ba Htoo and Daw Ngwe Yin, beloved husband of Anita Melendez (deceased), father of Angela Tin Moe Thu - Mr Ivan Guest (Toronto-Canada), Michael Tin Mg Ko-San San Yi, Mona Tin May Thi - U Soe Yi, Linda-U Myint Sai, Laura Tin Myo Thwe, Tin Zaw Min- Khin Than Win, Tin Kyaw Min-Khin Mar Cho), Tin Aung Moe and Tin Soe Lwin (Joe) passed away peacefully at his residence 18/20 101st Street, Kandawlay at 7:40 am on Friday (9.2.07). Burial will take place at 2pm on Tuesday, 13.2.07 at Yeway Cemetery.

Buses will leave the above address at 12:30 pm.

Bereaved Family

**U Maung Maung Tin (Stanley)
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Son-in-law of the late Mr & Mrs B.Melendez, beloved husband of Anita Melendez (deceased), brother-in-law of Ms. Teresa, (Freddy Melendez- Marie), Rita - U Soe Win, Carlo Melendez - Daw Hla Hla, Daw Christine - (U San Lwin), Janet - Noel Franse, (Patsy Melendez-U Than Aung) expired peacefully at his residence 18/20 101st Street Kandawlay at 7:40 am on Friday (9.2.07). Burial will take place at 2pm on Tuesday, 13.2.07 at Yeway Cemetery.

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The Melendezs

**Putin accuses West of bid
to force will on world**

MUNICH(Germany), 11 Feb — Russian President Vladimir Putin sharply criticized the United States and its Western allies on Saturday for what he said was an attempt to force their will on the world.

Speaking at an annual gathering of top security and defence officials in Germany, Putin attacked the concept of a “unipolar world” — implying the United States is the sole superpower — and said US actions abroad had made conflicts worse.

“What is a unipolar world? No matter how we beautify this term it means one single centre of power, one single centre of force and one single master,” Putin said.

“It has nothing in common with democracy because that is the opinion of the majority taking into account the minority opinion. People are always teaching us democracy but the people who teach us democracy don’t want to learn it themselves.”

Putin said the United States had repeatedly overstepped its national borders in questions of international security, a policy that he said had made the world less, not

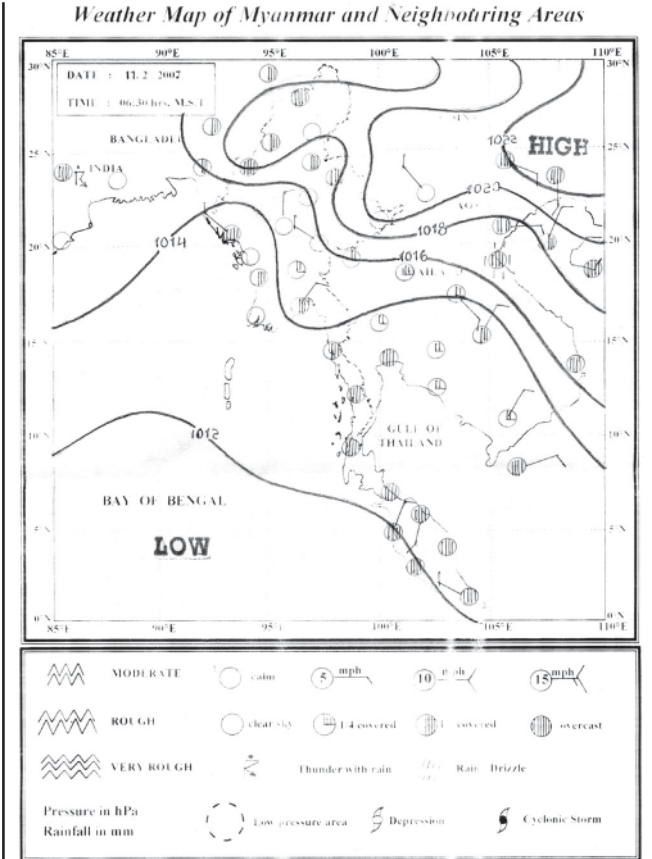
more, safe.

“Unilateral actions have not resolved conflicts but have made them worse,” Putin said, adding that force should only be used when backed by the United Nations Security Council.

“This is very dangerous. Nobody feels secure any more because nobody can hide behind international law,” he said.

Putin mentioned no specific conflicts. But he has been very critical of the 2003 US-led invasion of Iraq, where US soldiers are still struggling to crush an insurgency.

MNA/Reuters



WEATHER

Sunday, 11 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 Shan State and upper Sagaing Division, (5°C) below normal in Chin State, (3°C) above normal in Mon State, (5°C) above normal in Taninthayi Division and about normal in the remaining areas. The significant night temperatures were Haka (1°C), Lashio and Pinlaung (4°C) each.

Maximum temperature on 10-2-2007 was 98°F. Minimum temperature on 11-2-2007 was 66°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 11-2-2007 was 60%. Total sunshine hours on 10-2-2007 was (7.7) hours approx.

Rainfall on 11-2-2007 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 (12) mph from Northwest at (11:50) hours MST on 10-2-2007.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 12-2-2007: Isolated rain or thundershowers are possible in Kachin and Chin States, upper Sagaing Division, weather will be partly cloudy in Shan and Rakhine States, Mandalay, Bago, Yangon, 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 isolated rain in Northern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 12-2-2007: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 12-2-2007: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 12-2-2007: Partly cloudy.

EARTHQUAKE REPORT

(Issued at 20:30 hours MST Today)

A moderate earthquake of intensity (5.7) Richter Scale with its epicentre outside of Myanmar about (730) miles Southwest of Kaba-Aye Seismological observatory was recorded at (17) hrs (17) min (30) sec MST on 11th February 2007.



**Monday, 12 February
View on today**

- 7:00 am**
1. နှစ်(ဝေ)ပြည့် ပြည်ထောင်စုနေ့ အခမ်းအနားကျင်းပပုံတိုက်ရိုက် ထုတ်လွှင့်မှုအစီအစဉ်
- 8:00 am**
2. နှစ်(ဝေ)ပြည့် ပြည်ထောင်စုနေ့ ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်
- 8:30 am**
3. International news
- 8:45 am**
4. Grammar Made Easy
- 4:00 pm**
1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm**
2. Song to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm**
3. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေးရုပ်မြင်သံကြား

- သင်ခန်းစာ -တတိယနှစ် (အင်္ဂလိပ်စာအထူးပြု) (အင်္ဂလိပ်စာ)
- 4:45 pm**
4. Dance variety
- 5:00 pm**
5. နှစ်(ဝေ)ပြည့် ပြည်ထောင်စုနေ့ ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်
- 5:10 pm**
6. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစကား
- 5:20 pm**
7. Song and dances of national races
- 5:25 pm**
8. “ချစ်သောမြေချစ်သောရေ” (ရှာဇာနေဝင်း၊ ခိုင်နှင်းဝေ) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ခင်နွဲ့နွဲ့မူ)
- 5:35 pm**
9. Musical programme (The Radio Myanmar Modern Music Troupe)
- 5:45 pm**
10. “စက်မှုဇုန်မှာကျွန်မစက်ရုံ လာတည်တော့မယ်” (ပြီးငွေစိုး၊ မိုးဒီ၊ စောနိုင် (ရှမ်းပြည်)၊ သဇင်၊ နှင်းဆီ၊ ခင်မိုးမိုးအေး) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-တင်အောင်ရွှေ-သုတေသီ)

- 5:50 pm**
11. နှစ်(ဝေ)ပြည့် ပြည်ထောင်စုနေ့ ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်
- 6:00 pm**
12. Evening news
- 6:30 pm**
13. Weather report
- 6:35 pm**
14. နိုင်ငံခြား ကာတွန်းဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “တောတွင်းသားငယ်လေး” (အပိုင်း-၅၀)
- 6:50 pm**
15. အလှူရှာမယ်၊ လှူကမ္ဘာဝယ်
- 7:00 pm**
16. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ချစ်ညီမငယ်ပါသေး” (အပိုင်း-၁၅)
- 7:50 pm**
17. ဘာသာစကားသင်ကြားလေ့လာတက္ကသိုလ်မှာ
- 8:00 pm**
18. News
- 19. International news
- 20. Weather report
- 21. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “တကယ်သဘောကျတယ်” (အပိုင်း-၂၃)
- 22. The next day’s programme



**Monday, 12 February
Tune in today**

- 8:30 am** Brief news
- 8:35 am** Music -Bop Bop baby
- 8:40 am** Perspectives
- 8:45 am** Music -Let’s dance
- 8:50 am** National news/Slogan
- 9:00 am** Music -Dance Dance Dance
- 9:05 am** International news
- 9:10 am** Music -Love at first sight
- 1:30 pm** News / Slogan,
- 1:40 pm** Lunch time music -It’s the way you make me feel -How do you love -For your love -There you’ll be
- 9:00 pm** Special radio play “Just near”
- 9:10 pm** Spotlight on the star -Wings
- 9:15 pm** Article
- 9:20 pm** Drug/Women Affairs
- 9:35 pm** Golden land melody/Vocal gems -I want to live with you
- 9:45 pm** News / Slogan
- 10:00 pm** PEL

Four political objectives

- * Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order
- * National reconsolidation
- * Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution
- * Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution

Four economic objectives

- * Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well
- * Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
- * Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investments from sources inside the country and abroad
- * The initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national peoples

Four social objectives

- * Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
- * Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
- * Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit
- * Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

**Peace made to set up peaceful regions free from armed conflicts and remove those profiting at expense of politics
Peace often missed even when it was within reach as lackeys of foreign organizations made demands not directly concerned with Kayin national affairs**

Move integrates history of KNU/KNLA into historical needs of State

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Feb —Chairman of KNU and KNLA Peace Council Commander of Brigade No 7 Maj-Gen Htay Maung explained the objectives of victory of peace at the victory of peace welcoming ceremony of KNU

and KNLA Peace Council held at Htokawko Village in Kawkareik Township, Kayin State today.

The full text of the clarification is as follow:

I am a senior Kayin soldier who has been sacrificing much and experi-

encing various hardships and difficulties since I was 17 years old. When assessing the latest political developments at home and

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KNU/KNLA Peace Council's Chairman Maj-Gen Htay Maung clarifies objectives of the victory of peace.

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WITH UNION DAY SUPPLEMENT

KNU/KNLA Brigade No 7 expresses gratitude to all villagers for warm welcome

Thanks to all organizations for their efforts in peace process

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Feb — Col Saw Htawt Lay of Kayin National Union (KNU)/Kayin National Liberation Army (KNLA) Peace Council Brigade No

7 expressed thanks for victory of peace at the victory of peace welcoming ceremony in Htokawko Village of Kawkareik Township, Kayin State

today.

The following is a translation of the speech of Col Saw Htawt Lay:

The auspicious day to welcome the victory of peace is timed to coincide with Kayin National Day today.

I thank all villagers for their warm welcome to us on our arrival at the region.

I would like to warmly invite other KNU/KNLA leaders and members who have not yet participated in the peace process to live

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Col Saw Htawt Lay, No 7 Brigade of KNU/KNLA Peace Council, expresses thanks.— MNA

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Therefore, I would say that it is high time a handful of people like Phado Mann Shar and Johnny using their energy in a wrong place, relying on external elements rather than on internal strength, and making local people Kayin State get bogged down in a variety of adversities, realized the prevailing conditions, got a correct outlook and did wise moves.

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