

Senior General Than Shwe felicitates Serbian President

NAY PYI TAW, 15 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 Boris Tadic, President of the Republic of Serbia, on the occasion of the National Day of the Republic of Serbia, which falls on 15 February 2007. — *MNA*

Prime Minister General Soe Win sends felicitations to Serbia

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Feb— General Soe Win, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Vojislav Kostunica, Prime Minister of the Republic of Serbia, on the occasion of the National Day of the Republic of Serbia, which falls on 15 February 2007. — *MNA*

Ngamoeyeik Bridge (Kamakyi), Dagon Bridge nearing completion

YANGON, 14 Feb—Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence inspected progress of the Ngamoeyeik Bridge (Kamakyi) Project on Kamakyi Street in Thuwunna, Thingangyun Township, and Dagon Bridge Project in Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Township this afternoon.

Together with Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win and Vice-Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa, Lt-Gen Myint Swe inspected the Ngamoeyeik Bridge (Kamakyi) Project. Deputy Chief Engineer of Yangon Division U Soe Tint reported on work progress, construction of approach roads, and arrangements to ensure comple-

tion of the project on schedule; the vice-mayor, on progress of resurfacing of the four-lane road with asphalt; Director-General of the Department of Human Settlement and Housing Development U Aung Win, on building of Strand Road and drains on Thakayta bank; and Senior Engineer (project) U Han Soe, on overall completion of the project. The commander gave a supplementary report.

In response to the reports, Lt-Gen Myint Swe instructed the officials to ensure completion of the project on schedule, and parallel completion of the four-lane tarred road and the bridge with the set standards, and the approach roads and laying of water pipeline.

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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

When the project is completed, local people can travel to Thanlyin, Kayan, Thongwa, Thilawa and Kyauktan Townships in Yangon South District in a short time through Yangon-Thanlyin Bridge (1) and Dagon Bridge, and will enjoy smooth commodity flow and economic development.



Lt-Gen Myint Swe of Ministry of Defence inspects progress in construction of Dagon Bridge in Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Township. — MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Dam and hydro-electric power projects for national development

Bago Yoma mountain ranges lie in Bago Division, and Sittoung River and Myitmakha River flow on either side of the Yoma. There are a lot of cultivable lands along the basin of the two rivers in the Division. However, cultivable lands cannot be fully exploited because of the floods in the basins and surrounding areas.

Utilizing land and water resources in the division, the government is implementing dam projects and hydro electric power projects. Altogether 42 dams have been built in the division and they benefit over 700,000 acres of cultivable land.

Khabaung, Kunchaung, Shwegyin and Yenwe dams and hydro electric power projects are being undertaken in the Sittoung River Basin. Yenwe hydro electric power station of Yenwe multi-purpose dam project was opened the other day. The project can generate 25 megawatts and supply water to over 100,000 acres of farmland.

Similarly, Khabaung Multipurpose Dam project will generate 30 megawatts and supply water to about 100,000 acres of farmland and Kunchaung project 60 megawatts and supply water to over 100,000 acres of farmland.

Shwegyin hydel electric power project is under construction and it will generate 75 megawatts.

Extended cultivation of paddy and other crops can be undertaken as flood preventive measures are being carried out in Sittoung and Myitmakha Basins and arrangements are being made for reclamation of land in low-lying areas.

Early completion of the irrigation networks will ensure food sufficiency in the region and more electric power will be supplied to the region.

44th Myanma Gems Emporium 2007 scheduled to be held in March

YANGON, 14 Feb— The 44th Myanma Gems Emporium 2007 will be launched at Myanma Gems Mart and Myanmar Convention Centre, here, from 8 to 20 March.

National entrepreneurs undertaking gems mining and selling jewellery in line with the Myanmar Gems Law will have the opportunity to attend and buy gems at the emporium.

The Central Committee for Myanma Gems Emporium has announced that those wishing to attend the emporium may contact the office of the management subcommittee at MGM and MCC commencing 23 February.—MNA

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

U Wunna Maung Lwin presents credentials to King of the Belgians

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Feb— U Wunna Maung Lwin, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Union of Myanmar to the Kingdom of Belgium, presented his Credentials to His Majesty King Albert II, King of the Belgians, on 31 January 2007 in Brussels.—MNA

Foreign Minister sends felicitations to Serbia

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Feb— U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Vuk Draskovic, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Serbia, on the occasion of the National Day of the Republic of Serbia, which falls on 15 February 2007.—MNA

13th National Level meeting between Myanmar and India held

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Feb — The 13th National Level Meeting of Border Authorities between Myanmar and India was held at the Ministry of Home Affairs here this morning.

It was attended by departmental officials led by Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Phone Swe and Indian representatives including Indian Ambassador to the Union of Myanmar Mr Bhaskar K Mitra led by Indian Secretary of Home Affairs Mr VK Duggal.

At the coordination meeting, they held discussions on security issues between Myanmar



and India, preventive measures against drug trafficking, matters related to border management, border trade and transborder development plans.—MNA

The 13th National Level Meeting Between Myanmar and India in progress.—MNA

Tiger Myanmar Amateur Open 2007 continues



YANGON, 14 Feb — Nay Bala Win Myint maintained his lead in the second round by firing a four-over-par 76 for a two-over-par 146 in total today at the Tiger Myanmar Amateur Open 2007 held at Yangon Golf Club, here, this morning.

Yan Myo Aye took his position behind the leader by shooting a four-over-par 148 in the second round. Kyaw

Thiha, Bo Bo, Yan Naing Phyo and Htay Aung Htay shared their position at the third place with 149 each.

The golf tournament is being organized by Myanmar Golf Federation. Myanmar Brewery Ltd sponsored the tour together with co-sponsors Alpine Purified Drinking Water, Srixon, Point Golf Gear Factory, Air Mandalay, Osim and Accel International Co Ltd. The tour is under the management of Han Event Management.

The third round of the competition continues tomorrow.

MNA

Cyclists reach Taungdwingyi

YANGON, 14 Feb — Eighty-one cyclists participated in the Pyay-Taungdwingyi route, the third leg of 1000-mile cycling race, in Pyay today.

The race started at 6 am and the 65 cyclists reached Taungdwingyi, the third destination, at noon.

Prizes were given to three cyclists who stood first, second and third at the third leg of the race. The Taungdwingyi-Magway route, the fourth leg of the race will start tomorrow.—MNA



Nay Bala Win Myint tees off in the second round of Tiger Myanmar Amateur Open.—MGF

INTERNATIONAL NEWS



Russia's President Vladimir Putin (C) and Jordan's King Abdullah II bin Hussein (R) attend a welcoming ceremony upon Putin's arrival in Amman on 13 Feb, 2007. —INTERNET

US House clashes on Iraq policy

WASHINGTON, 13 Feb—There have been sharp exchanges in the US House of Representatives at the start of a marathon debate on Iraq.

Legislators will vote on Friday on a non-binding resolution opposing President George W Bush's decision to send extra troops.

Democrat House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said the US public had lost faith in the president's strategy.

Republican minority leader John Boehner said attempts to undermine US policy would embolden terrorists worldwide.

The resolution was introduced on Monday. Each member will have five minutes to speak ahead of Friday's vote.

This is the first full debate in the House since

the Democrats took control of Congress in November.

Ms Pelosi said the US commitment in Iraq had "no end in sight" and there should be "no more blank cheques". "The American people have lost faith in President Bush's course of action in Iraq and they are demanding a new direction," she said.

Iraq war veteran, Democrat Patrick Murphy, said: "Three years after I left Iraq, Americans are still running convoys up and down Ambush Alley and securing Iraqi street corners." But Republicans stoutly defended the new Bush strategy. —Internet

Quake jolts Lisbon

LISBON, 13 Feb— An earthquake off the coast of Portugal shook Lisbon on Monday and sent tremors across Morocco and southern Spain, but there were no immediate reports of damage or injuries.

The US Geological Survey (USGS) said the 6.0 magnitude earthquake struck at 1035 GMT 335 kilometres (210 miles) from Lisbon and 345 kilometres (215 miles) north-west of Casablanca in Morocco. —MNA/Reuters

Los Angeles to beef up subway security

LOS ANGELES, 13 Feb— Los Angeles authorities are working on a plan to beef up lax security at subways by adding barriers, gate attendants as well as more security officers, it was reported on Sunday.

This came after slow response to a mercury spill drew criticism over the lack of security at the subways, the *Los Angeles Times* reported.

As Los Angeles transit officials pour millions of dollars into cameras and other high-tech security devices in the wake of 9/11, one major security gap persists: No one is stationed underground to help subway passengers in a crisis, the paper said.

Los Angeles' subways have no gates to pass through, no turnstiles that open when a fare is paid and no attendants — let alone police officers — stationed on the platforms.

But the botched response to the mercury spill that was left on a downtown platform in December for eight hours prompted calls for improving security at the subways, said the paper.

Some officials said the mercury incident proved that the city's reliance on closed-circuit cameras to show what is going on underground was inadequate.

MNA/Xinhua



A worker sweeps snow in front of a store in downtown Cochrane, Alberta, Canada on 12 Feb, 2007. —INTERNET

China, Japan pledge to strengthen defence exchanges

BEIJING, 13 Feb—Chinese Defence Minister Cao Gangchuan met here Monday with visiting former Japanese director-general of Defence Agency Nukaga Fukushima, vowing to strengthen bilateral defence cooperation.

"China has always kept an active attitude towards developing relations between the two defence departments," said Cao, also vice-chairman of the Central Military Commission and State Councillor. He said the Chinese side is ready to strengthen security dialogue and exchanges

with Japan, in accordance with the consensus reached between the leaders of both countries, to enhance mutual trust and further promote bilateral defence cooperation.

Cao also briefed Nukaga on China's defence policy and position on the Taiwan issue, saying China's defence policy is defensive in nature.

Nukaga, member of the House of Representatives, said he believed the two countries should enhance dialogue and exchanges in defence and other fields,

which will be conducive to a health development of bilateral relations.

He noted that the Japanese Government has always supported the one-China policy. Also on Monday, Nukaga met with Sheng Huaren, vice-chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress, China's top legislative body, and Wang Jiarui, head of the International Department of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China, respectively.

MNA/Xinhua



Akie Abe (C), wife of Japan's Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, sees off wives of ambassadors from Asian and Pacific countries at the entrance hall after a reception at the premier's official residence in Tokyo on 13 Feb, 2007. —INTERNET

Small explosion near US base in Japan

TOKYO, 13 Feb— A small explosion was heard near a US military base in Japan but there were no reports of any injuries, a police spokesman said early on Tuesday.

Police searched the area near the US Army's Camp Zama base southwest of Tokyo and found two pipes about 300 metres (yards) from the base, the spokesman said, adding they were investigating the incident.

In Washington, a Pentagon spokesman, US Air Force Major David Smith, said the explosion had not been on the base itself and there were no reports of any injuries. He said there had also been reports that some flares had been seen in the area of the base at around the same time. The base is about 25 miles (40 kilometres) southwest of Tokyo. —MNA/Reuters

Zambia needs another 35,000 health workers

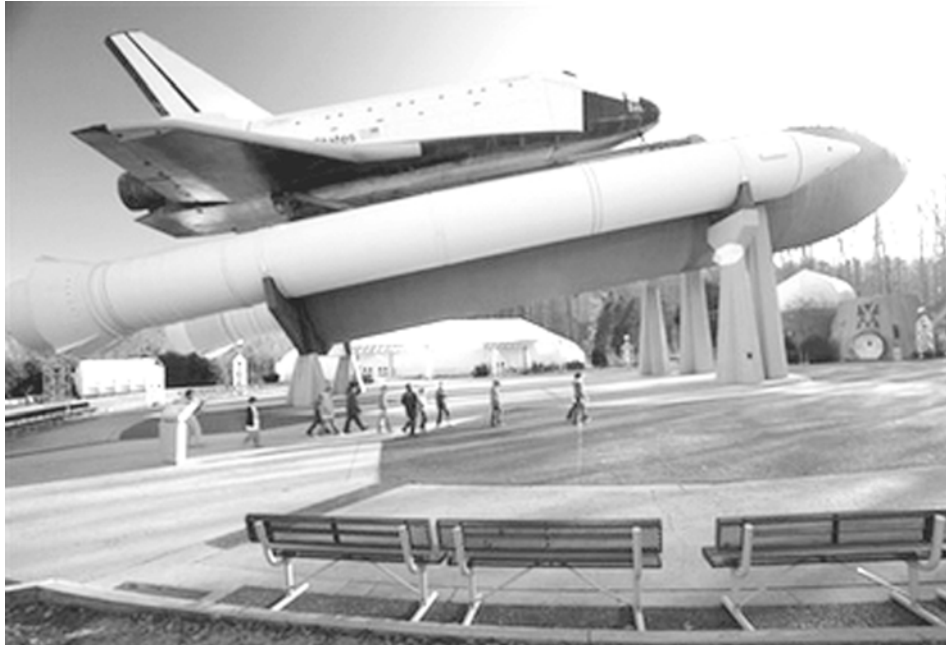
LUSAKA, 14 Feb—Zambia needs another 35,000 health workers to supplement its current 16,000-strong health personnel to cater for the demand of the country's 10.5 million people, a health official was quoted by *The Post* as saying on Tuesday.

Currently there are only 25,000 people engaged in the health sector in the country, including about 9,000 support staff who include accountants, auditors, classified daily employees and drivers, said the Ministry of Health spokesperson Canisius Banda.

It means that there are only 16,000 health workers catering for the whole country, Banda said.

The spokesperson said about 51,000 health workers were needed countrywide.

MNA/Xinhua



Space Campers walk under the Pathfinder space shuttle replica at the US Space & Rocket Centre on 5 Feb, 2007 in Hunstville, Ala. Parts of Rocket Park were in scenes during the filming of the movie 'Constellation.'

INTERNET

China vows action on pollution after missing target

BEIJING, 14 Feb — China said on Monday that it would step up its efforts to curb emissions of pollutants by temporarily suspending the approval of some investment projects, after falling short of its goal for 2006.

The State Environmental Protection Administration said on its

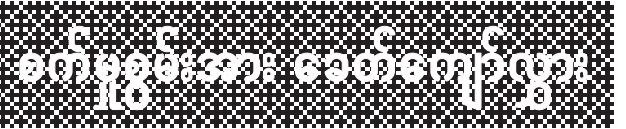
website (www.sepa.gov.cn) that the country had missed its target of reducing overall emissions by 2 percent in 2006, without giving detailed figures.

However, the agency said that emissions of acid rain-causing sulfur dioxide had amounted to 25.9 million tons in 2006.

That was 1.8 per cent more than in 2005, when such pollution grew by 13.1 per cent.

The agency said that starting this year, it would publish biannual figures on emissions in each province to give poor performers more pressure from the public to clean up their act.

MNA/Reuters



Breastfeeding 'aids class status'

LONDON, 13 Feb—Babies who are breastfed are more likely to move up the social ladder as adults, a study has suggested.

The University of Bristol team looked at 1,400 babies born from 1937-1939 and followed their progress for 60 years. Those who were breastfed were 41% more likely to move up in class than those who were bottle-fed.

Experts said the Archives of Disease in Childhood study supported the idea that breastfeeding led to better long-term outcomes for children.

The people studied had all originally taken part in the Boyd Orr Study of Diet and Health in Pre-War Britain carried out in 1937-1939.

They were followed up until an average age of 73. Whether or not a baby was breastfed was less to do with class than it is now, when the practice is often more popular with middle-class families.

In fact, there may have been a slightly increased chance that richer families would bottle-feed babies, because they would be able to afford formula milk and nannies. The study found there was no difference in breastfeeding rates when the researchers looked at household income or social class.

Those who had been breastfed had a 58% chance of moving up the social ladder compared to 50% of those who were bottle-fed — a relative difference of 41% when the statistics were adjusted to take into account other factors which might influence the outcome. —Internet



Thai surgeons perform an operation to collect stem cells from an unidentified patient in Bangkok. —INTERNET

Cell phones mobilized to fight "AIDS" in Africa

BARCELONA, 14 Feb — Mobile phones are being harnessed to fight HIV/AIDS in Africa under a new 10-million US dollar scheme announced on Tuesday with the backing of leading companies and the US Government.

The "Phones-for-Health" project will use software loaded on to a standard Motorola handset to allow care workers in the field to enter critical health information into a central database in real time.

It will be transmitted

using a standard GPRS mobile connection or, where this is not available, via an SMS channel.

The idea is to tap into the growing reach of mobile technology, which has leapfrogged older communication systems in many African countries.

Fixed-line telephone and Internet connections are rare across much of the continent,

making pen and paper still the principal way of recording the spread of disease.

But more than 60 per cent of Africans now live in areas with mobile phone coverage and that figure is expected to rise to 85 per cent by 2010, according to the GSM Association, a global trade group representing leading mobile operators.

MNA/Reuters

Expert stresses importance of calcium

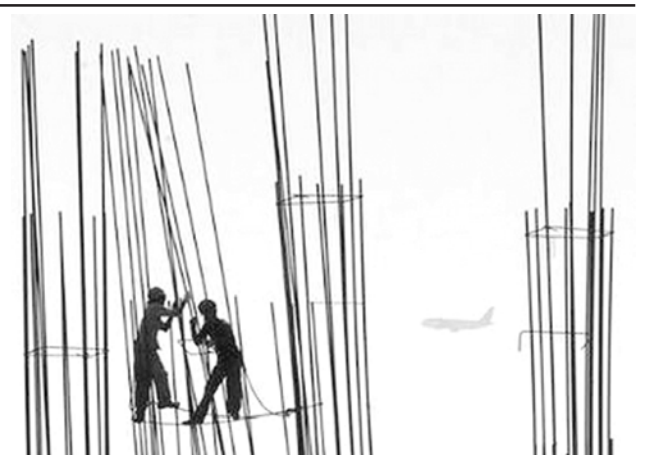
LOS ANGELES, 12 Feb — Calcium isn't just important to bones, but also important to help prevent colon cancer and for good muscle contraction, including heart muscle, a US health expert said.

In addition, calcium "might even be important for lowering blood pressure and helping to burn off fat," said Katharine Tallmadge, a Washington, DC, dietitian and a spokeswoman for the American Dietetic Association. In fact, calcium is so important to so many aspects of health that "if we don't get enough in our diet, our body pulls it from the bones," Tallmadge said. "It's a critical mineral."

While many people turn to supplements for their calcium, food is always a better bet, Tallmadge said in remarks published recently by the *HealthDay News*.

The US Department of Agriculture's recommended daily allowance of calcium amounts to about 1,000 milligrammes a day for adults ages 19 to 50 years of age and 1,200 milligrammes a day for adults over 50.

"I encourage people to get three high-dairy foods per day, each containing about a third of the daily requirement," she said. "That could be a cup of milk, fortified soy milk, fortified orange juice, a cup of yogurt, one-and-a-half ounces of hard cheese." Lactose-intolerant individuals should still be able to consume skim or lactate-free varieties of milk, or they can turn to fortified non-dairy products, she recommended. There are also calcium-laden food sources besides dairy products — such as grains and vegetables — but it's tougher for the body to get enough of the nutrient from these foods, Tallmadge said. — Internet



Workers tie a series of steel bars together at a construction site in Manila on 12 Feb, 2007.

INTERNET

ECONOMIC NEWS

IBM plans open source software for business desktops

BEIJING, 13 Feb—IBM unveiled on Monday its plan to reduce costs of managing Apple or Linux desktops and wipe out Microsoft's software by offering a new open source software system for business desktops, media reported.

The plan, called the Open Client Offering, combines IBM's Lotus Notes and Sametime software for e-mail, calendar and messaging; WebSphere software for server-based applications;

a special version of the open-source OpenOffice.org software suite; and Lotus Expeditor for hybrid applications that can run either when a computer is connected to the network or not, according to IBM.

"We worked with the open source community and found a way to write software once that will work regardless of operating system," said Scott Handy, vice president of Linux and open source at IBM. "It

will run on Windows, Macintosh or Linux."

To get around the issue, the Open Client Offering uses software that grew out of the IBM-launched Eclipse project called the Rich Client Platform (RCP). This package includes a "runtime" foundation that lets the same software run on multiple operating systems, presenting the application with a native look. IBM was not hiding its intentions to wipe out Microsoft's software from desktops all over the world.

"In big organizations, a large, double-digit percentage of users don't require Windows Office suite licenses, meaning they can save a lot of money," said Handy, pointing to roles like customer call center operators or Web software programmers. —Internet

HP unveils new iPaq smart-phone

BEIJING, 13 Feb—Hewlett-Packard company unveiled its latest smart-phone, a device delivering a flexible wireless email experience for business customers through convenient voice control and hands-free operation.

The iPaq 500 smart-phone, unveiled Sunday by HP at the 3GSM World Congress 2007 in Barcelona, will run on the new Windows Mobile 6.0 platform and come with voice over Internet Protocol compatibility, push e-mail,

via GSM/GPRS/Edge networks, as well as via Wi-Fi that can be protected with Wi-Fi Protected Access 2 security.

While the iPaq 500 comes only with a numeric keyboard, it has speech translation so that users can listen to e-mail and text messages, and can use voice commands to work the phone.

The 20 voice prompts programmed into the device allow the owner to do things like navigate phone functions, open applications and use its calendar features. People also can send voice replies to e-mails, the PC giant said.

The company claimed the phone features Bluetooth, 64MB of memory and 128MB of storage with a micro SD card slot to expand memory. The rechargeable lithium-ion battery offers about six hours of talk time and over seven days of standby.

The smart-phone will be available this spring in the US directly from HP and authorized dealers. The company has not yet released the phone's price or disclosed which carrier will offer it. —Internet



This is a HP iPaq smart-phone.

INTERNET

Microsoft Internet Explorer and Outlook Mobile, media quoted the company as saying. The smart-phone connects to the Internet

Putin not to reject idea of creating "OPEC-style" gas cartel

KUWAIT CITY, 13 Feb—Russian President Vladimir Putin said on Monday that he does not reject the idea of creating an "OPEC-style" gas cartel, according to news reaching here from Doha.

"We do not reject the idea of creating a gas cartel," Putin was quoted as saying, adding that the proposal put forward by Iran last month "requires more study".

"Do we need it (a gas cartel)? Will we create it? This is a separate issue. But gas producers should coordinate their activities," Putin said.

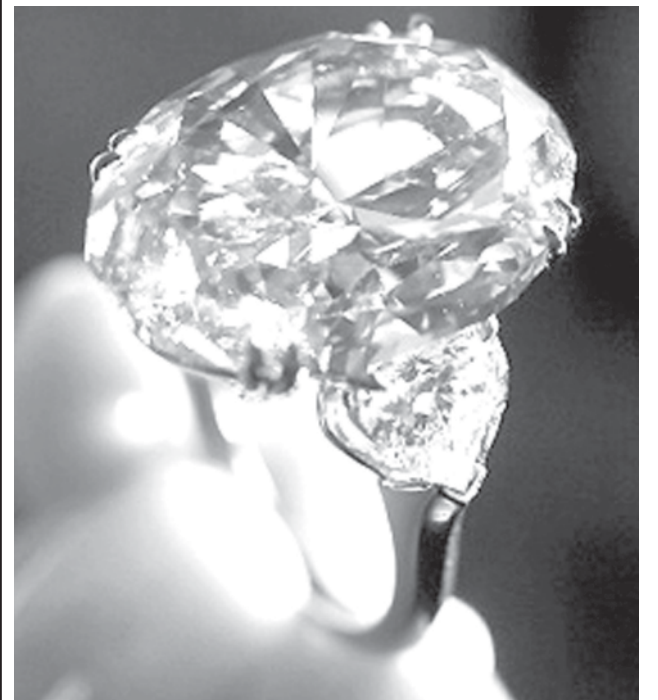
The Russian President, on a visit to Qatar, his second leg of a Middle East tour, made the remarks after talks with Qatari Emir Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa al-Thani.

As for cooperation between Russia and Qatar, two of the world's largest producers of natural gas,

Putin said the two gas-rich countries are not competing in the market as the gas markets of Russia and Qatar are "separated".

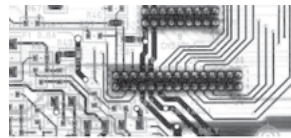
He added that Qatar, the world's third largest gas reserves after Russia and Iran, was of special interest to Russia.

MNA/Xinhua



A fancy vivid yellow cushion-shaped diamond ring, weighing 20.02 carats is presented by a Christie's employee during a Press preview in Geneva, Switzerland, on 12 Feb, 2007. This fancy vivid yellow cushion-shaped diamond ring is estimated to sell 1,000,000-1,500,000 US dollars.—XINHUA

Intel introduces experimental Teraflop Chip



BEIJING, 12 Feb—Intel will demonstrate Monday at the International Solid States Circuits Conference its experimental Teraflop

Chip with 80 separate processing engines that company executives say is a model for commercial chips to be used in desktop, laptop and server computers within five years.

Although the chip is not compatible with Intel's current chips, the company said it has already started design-

ning a commercial version that would essentially have dozens or even hundreds of Intel-compatible microprocessors laid out in a tiled pattern on a single chip.

The chip's design is meant to take advantage of a new generation of manufacturing technology the company

introduced last month. Intel said it had changed the basic design of transistors in such a way it would be able to continue to shrink them to smaller sizes — offering lower power and higher speeds—for at least a half-decade or more.

During a briefing on Thursday in a hotel room here, Nitin Borkar, one of the chip's designers, showed an air-cooled computer based on the chip running a simple scientific calculation at speeds above one trillion mathematical calculations a second.

Such computing power matches the performance speed of the world's fastest super-computer of just a decade ago. However, Intel acknowledged the experimental chip was not a complete system necessary to do real computing work.

Internet



An employee displays gold ornaments made in the shape of pigs for sale at a jewellery store in Hong Kong recently. This year is considered particularly auspicious as, according to the Chinese zodiac and fortune tellers, it is a 'golden pig' year that falls once every 60 years.—INTERNET

170,000 couples married in 2006 in Beijing

BEIJING, 13 Feb — More than 170,000 couples married in Beijing in 2006, up 77 percent over 2005, a year witnessing the most weddings in the past 25 years.

Beijing Evening News reports the Beijing administrative office of marriage says the annual number of weddings totaled only 70,000 to 120,000 in the past five years.

The wedding peak in 1981, in which year more than 200,000 couples married, ushered in the birth peak in the 1980s. The generation born in the 1980s is now reaching legal age for marriage in recent years. Beijing also attracts talents into the high-tech industry and college graduates from other provinces and cities, who add to pool of marriageable youth. In 2001, about 28 percent of

marriages were combinations of local residents and citizens from other provinces. That number rose to 40 percent in 2006.

Remarriages have also increased. About 20,000 couples divorced and returned to being single in 2006.

An official with the Beijing administrative office of marriage told a journalist at Beijing Evening News that couples prefer auspicious days in traditional Chinese culture for their wedding days.

The administrative office always sees the busiest times on such days. — Internet



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Number of overseas Chinese up to 35 million

BEIJING, 13 Feb — The number of overseas Chinese has reached 35 million, making it the largest migrant group in the world, according to a report by the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS).

The Report on International Politics and Security said that overseas Chinese have been living and working in 151 countries, with Australia, European and North American countries their main inhabited areas.

Overseas Chinese are usually employed in construction, farming and deforestation sectors or run their own businesses in retail, real estate and importing.

Some 460,000 migrants from the Chinese Mainland settled down in the United States in the 1990s, doubling the total number of Chinese Mainland migrants in the United States.

MNA/Xinhua



A sign for a popular short-stay hotel in Manila, on 9 Feb, 2007, offers clients a discreet and easy way to check-in using hand signals. The days before and after 14 February are red-hot for the Philippines' motel industry. — INTERNET

Malaysia, Thailand exchange biometrics info

KUALA LUMPUR, 13 Feb — Malaysia and Thailand have started a pilot project to exchange biometrics information to resolve the issue of dual citizenship, Malaysian Foreign Minister Syed Hamid Albar said Monday.

The two countries have each provided on a voluntary basis 500 fingerprints and other

information on their respective citizens through the cooperation between Malaysia's Home Affairs Ministry and Thailand's Interior Ministry, Syed said in Bangkok.

Syed is accompanying Malaysian Prime Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi on a three-day official visit to Thailand.

"They (the two

ministries) will start to verify and see if there is overlapping of citizenship," Syed was quoted as saying by the *Bernama* news agency.

Meanwhile, the two sides acknowledged the technical barriers posed by differences in the database software of the Thai and Malaysian electronic

identification cards.

Thailand has claimed there are between 50,000 and 100,000 people holding the citizenship of both countries, making it easy for suspected insurgents to hide in Malaysia after committing violence in three southern Thai provinces, the *Bernama* reported. — MNA/Xinhua

(TICAD), provided a face-to-face round of negotiations for business people involved in agriculture and food processing, textiles, pharmaceutical and health products, furniture, machineries, construction, transportation, tourism, environment, energy and mining.

Africa's small businesses, including those run by women, youth and entrepreneurs in the Diaspora, are expected to secure deals in terms of cash investment and trade through the forum held concurrently with a symposium on financing small- and medium-sized enterprises organized by the United Nations Development-Programme's South-South Cooperation Unit.

MNA/Xinhua

4th Africa-Asia Business Forum held in Tanzania

DAR-ES-SALAAM, 14 Feb — Tanzanian President Jakaya Kikwete on Monday opened the Fourth Africa-Asia Business Forum in Dar-es-Salaam where representatives from some 300 companies gathered to seek business opportunities through closer intercontinental cooperation.

The three-day forum, orchestrated by the Tokyo International Conference on African Development



Valentine's Day, the festival of romance, is viewed in some countries as a litmus test of love and in others as a commercialized waste of time, puts these romances under the microscope. — XINHUA

Thai Govt guarantees bird flu-free fowl for Chinese New Year

BANGKOK, 13 Feb — Thailand's Livestock Development has confirmed that more than 4 million poultry on sale at markets across the country during the Chinese New Year festival beginning this weekend are free from the deadly bird flu virus.

Department deputy director Chawewan Leowijuk said that since the "Safe Poultry Meat" campaign was launched on 8-9 January ahead of the Chinese New Year 2007 celebration which falls on this Sunday, it has already certified that more than four million fowl expected to be on the market during

the festival have not contracted the avian influenza H5N1 virus.

A total of 4,068,000 stamps carrying the department emblem, as certification marks, have been issued to poultry vendors nationwide to guarantee that their products are safe for sale during the festival in which poultry is usually in high demand, Chawewan was quoted by the *Thai News Agency* as saying.

A total of 5,315 operators, including 2,074 poultry farm owners, 1,303 abattoirs, and 1,938 distributors across the country had participated in the campaign, she said. — MNA/Xinhua

National development originates in rural areas

Chit Naing (Psychology)

The drive for establishment of rural libraries has showed success in Ayeyawady Division thanks to the active participation of local people. Of the 60,000 villages of the nation, more than 11,000 are in Ayeyawady Division, accounting for the largest number in Myanmar. We made a field tour of the region recently.

Kani Village in Pyapon Township is about 10 miles from the coast of the sea. It is well-known for the altruistic school Abbot Ashin Candobhasa (1919-1997) of Maha Bonsan Monastery established in 1958 to nurture over 100 needy children including orphans. Owing to the contributions of wellwishers, the village has seen Thamasitta library built at a cost of over 10 million kyats in the time of Abbot Ashin Pandita. A library under the name of Thamasitta existed in the village during the period between 1920 and 1930. So, the present library was named Thamasitta to preserve the fine tradition of flourishing dynamism of the nationalistic spirit among the people in the independence struggles more than 80 years ago.

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Then, we proceeded to Aukkanpar Village, less than five miles from the coast of the sea. A library under the name of "Yaung Chi Oo" was built in the village in two months, spending more than 1.6 million kyats contributed by wellwishers. It has 184 members and 534 various kinds of books, magazines and journals. At the opening of the facility, we met with responsible persons from Kani Village and Aukkanpar Village to hold discussions about steps to be taken for durability of the libraries. In that regard, we won the

wholehearted support of local people who were enthusiastic to upgrade their facilities. The two villages are far from urban areas, but the villagers are united with a lot of knowledge. More and more local people are cultivating a good habit of reading.

We crossed the Gonnayindan River by powered schooner and arrived on the other bank at sunset on 31 December 2006. Myinkakon Village in Bogale Township is a large village with more than 2,000 houses. The village's self-reliant library "Ywet Nu Wai" was built with the contribution of more than 10 million kyats solely made by U Kan Hla-Daw Po. It has 149 members and over 2,000 publications. With a 13-member committee and a complete set of furniture, the library got a TV as the model library award presented by Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung.

Doing well in business, Myinkakon Village has a large number of fine buildings. I spent a night there. On the evening of 31 December, the village held a ceremony to mark the successful establishment of the library and I gave a 40-minute talk to local people.

On 1 January morning, I enjoyed the progress of the village with a new library, concrete road and pontoon bridge (donated by U Kyaing) that emerged due to self-reliant efforts and enthusiasm of local people.

On our return journey from Bogale and Pyapon Townships to Yangon, we passed through newly-built Pyapon, Dedaye, Twantay and Panhlaing bridges that reflect the development of the regions.

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Simon Warren of Sotheby's takes a look at a cast bronze sculpture by Leonid Sokov called 'Meeting of Two Sculptures' estimated at 20,000 - 25,000 (US\$38,000 - 48,000) at Sotheby's auction rooms in London, on Monday 12 Feb, 2007. The sculpture is part of a sale dedicated to modern and contemporary Russian art, which takes place on Thursday 15 Feb, 2007.

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FBI criticized over 320 missing weapons, laptops

WASHINGTON, 13 Feb — The FBI had more than 300 weapons and laptops lost or stolen in just under four years, and some of the computers contained sensitive or classified information, the US Justice Department inspector general said on Monday in a highly critical report.

Fewer had gone missing than before a 2002 report in which Inspector General Glenn Fine's office reported 354 FBI weapons and 317 laptops lost or

stolen over the previous 28 months, but he said the bureau had done too little to address the problem.

"Our review determined that the FBI has made some progress in improving its controls over weapons and laptops," Fine said. "However, significant deficiencies remain, particularly with regard to the FBI's response to lost or stolen laptops that may contain sensitive information."

It was impossible for

the FBI to determine the extent of the damage the losses might have had on its operations or national security, the report said.

The 160 missing weapons and 160 laptops disappeared during the 44 months that ended on 30 September, 2005. At least 10 laptops contained sensitive or classified information, including one with personal identifying information on FBI personnel.

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Minister Maj-Gen Thein Swe back from ASEAN Transport Ministers' Meeting

YANGON, 14 Feb — A Myanmar delegation led by Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe arrived back to Nay Pyi Taw on 11 February afternoon after attending the 12th ASEAN Transport Ministers' Meeting, the 22nd ASEAN Senior Official Meeting, and other related meetings held in Bangkok of Thailand from 5 to 9 February.

On 8 February, Minister Maj-Gen Thein Swe and party attended the ceremony to open the 12th ASEAN Transport Ministers' Meeting. Thai Prime Minister retired General Surayud Chulanont delivered an opening address.

On 9 February, Minister Maj-Gen Thein Swe and party also attended the 5th ASEAN and Chinese Transport Ministers' Meeting in the morning and the ASEAN and Japanese Transport Ministers' Meeting in the afternoon.

Together with ministers from ASEAN countries, partnership countries the People's Republic of China and Japan, Minister Maj-Gen Thein Swe took part in the discussions on acceleration of multimodal transport infrastructure linkages and connectivity in facilitating transport and tourism integration, expanding liberalization opportunities in air and maritime transport sectors and in realizing a single air transport market in ASEAN by 2015.

After the meeting, Minister Maj-Gen Thein Swe, together with other ministers, signed the Transit Transport Routes and Facilities of the ASEAN Framework Agreement on Facilitation of Goods in Transit and the Fifth Package of Commitments on Air Transport Services under the ASEAN Framework Agreement on Services.

Members of the Myanmar delegation Director-General U Win Pe of the Transport Department, Superintending Engineer U Khin Maung of Public Works, Director Daw Aye Aye Kyi of the Attorney-General's Office, Deputy Director U Kyaw Myo of the Department of Civil Aviation and Assistant Director U Htin Kyaw of Directorate of Road Transport also arrived back. — MNA



Transport Minister Maj-Gen Thein Swe participates in 12th ASEAN Transport Ministers' Meeting. — MNA

8 members quit TadaU Township NLD

YANGON, 14 Feb — A total of 8 members of TadaU Township National League for Democracy including U Maung Ko Gyi, U Thant Zin, U Than Lwin, U Soe Hlaing, Daw Ma Ma Lay, U Toe Toe and U Myint Than of Hanthawady Village of Kyaukse District, Mandalay Division, resigned from the NLD of their own accord and sent their resignation letters to the NLD Headquarters and local authorities on 18 January.

In the letters sent to Mandalay Division Multi-party Democracy General Election Sub-Commission, they said they no longer took interest in the NLD and had lost faith and trust in the party.

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Yangon Division Sangha Nayaka Committee members meet

YANGON, 14 Feb — Meeting of Yangon Division Sangha Nayaka Committee and the 7th Meeting of Yangon Division Working Committee of Sangha were held today in Bahan Township.

Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win supplicated on religious affairs and donated offertories to Sayadaws.

In his supplication, Commander Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win called on the Sayadaws to supervise disciplines of novices and members of the Sangha with the aim of propagation of the Sasana.

Member of the State



Commander Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win presents offertories to a Sayadaw.

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Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Sayadaw of Insein Ywama Monastery Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Tiloka Bhivamsa presided over the meeting and Agga

Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Dhamma Nanda acted as the master of ceremonies. At the meeting, the meeting chairman approved the replacement of 25 % seats in the

Yangon Division Sangha Nayaka Committee. A total of 25 wellwishers made cash donation amounted to K 5,514,000 at the meeting. — MNA

F & R Minister receives World Bank's official

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Feb — Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun received Executive Director Mr Mat

Aron Deraman of SEA Voting Group of World Bank, at the ministry here today. They discussed matters related to functions of World Bank and financial affairs. Also present at the call were Vice-Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar U Than Nyein, Managing Director U Myat Maw of Myanma Economic Bank, Director-General Daw Myo Nwe of Foreign Economic Relations Department and officials concerned. — MNA

Air Bagan's six employees receive flying skills in Malaysia

YANGON, 14 Feb — Air Bagan Ltd, a private airline, send its six employees to Malaysia to attend a two-year training for flying skills.

The selected six staff — four men and two women — will be trained at Integrated Aviation Academy in Malaysia for two years.

After the training, they will fly the domestic and international flights of Air Bagan and the two women will be the first pilots in Myanmar.

International pilots and officials selected six out of 40 candidates for the training on the results of competitive examinations. The six trainees left here for Malaysia today.

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Selected six employees of Air Bagan to receive flying skills seen at Yangon International Airport before departure for Malaysia.

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Ngamoeyeik Bridge (Kamakyi)...

(from page 1)

Next, he inspected the project site and gave instructions on construction tasks and saw over progress of building the sections of the four-lane road on Thakayta Township side.

The facility will link Thuwunna in Thingangyun Township and Thakayta Township. The 970-foot-long bridge will have a 48-foot-wide motorway and two three-foot-wide pedestrian lanes on it. Its clearance is 65 feet wide and 11 feet high. It can withstand 60 tons of load with 520-foot-long approach road on Thuwunna side and 400-foot-long approach road on Thakayta side.

So far, the project has been completed 96 per cent.

When the project is completed, local people can travel to Thanlyin, Kayan, Thongwa, Thilawa and Kyauktan Townships in Yangon South District in a short time through Yangon-Thanlyin Bridge (1) and Dagon Bridge, and will enjoy smooth commodity, flow and economic development.

Next, Lt-Gen Myint Swe inspected the Dagon Bridge Project. Senior Engineer (project) U Tint Lwin reported on facts about the project, and progress of construction of the approach bridges and the main bridge.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe instructed officials to work in compliance in accordance with the guidance given by the Head of State, calling on the relevant departments to contribute towards the project for completion according to schedule.

Next, Lt-Gen Myint Swe looked into the work site. On completion, the 4540-foot-long reinforced concrete type bridge will be able to withstand 75-ton loads with 130-foot-wide and 18-foot-high clearance area. And it will have a 72-foot-wide six-lane motorway. Overall the project has been completed 88.5 per cent up to now.—MNA



Lt-Gen Myint Swe of Ministry of Defence being welcomed by Ambassador of the People's Republic of China Mr Guan Mu at reception for Spring Festival of PRC on Wednesday.

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Ngamoeyeik Bridge linking Thuwunna and Thakayta nearing completion. — MNA



Dagon Bridge linking Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Township and Thanlyin Township under construction. — MNA

Procure Brand Soap introduced

YANGON, 14 Feb—The Beauty Palace Co introduced its new brand of Procure Soap at the Kandawgyi Palace Hotel here on 10 February evening.

The process of producing international level Procure Soap was demonstrated to the sales representatives and guests.

The healthy product can help the consumer resist various species of virus for about 12 hours.—MNA

Signboard advertising Procure Soap being unveiled. — MNA



Thai delegation arrives to attend 9th Myanmar-Thai Consultation on Technical Cooperation

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Feb — A Thai delegation led by Director-General Mr Piemsak Milintachinda of Thai International Cooperation Agency (TICA), Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Thailand, arrived at Yangon by air today to attend the 9th Myanmar-

Thai Consultation on Technical Cooperation.

The Thai delegation was welcomed at Yangon International Airport by Director-General U Win Mra of International Organizations and Economic Department, officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and staff of Thai Embassy.

In the afternoon, the annual consultation was conducted to review the activities in 2006 and prepare for new projects of cooperation. Myanmar-Thai Technical Cooperation Programme was initiated in 1992. Under the programme, Myanmar scholars from agriculture, livestock breeding, transport, culture, and educa-

Union Day delegates leave



Union Day delegates leave Nay Pyi Taw. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Feb — Union Day delegates of states and divisions who attended the 60th Anniversary

tion sectors study in Thai Universities and Institutes and multimedia facilities have also been extended. The Consultation is held on an annual basis alternately in Myanmar and Thailand.

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Union Day reception and dinner held at Nay Pyi Taw returned to their respective regions by air and train this morning and evening. They were seen off at the hostels by Chairman of accommodation subcommittee Deputy Minister for Rail Transportation Thura U Thaung Lwin and members, officials of respective subcommittees.

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GNU/KNLA Peace Council...

(from page 16)

The victory of peace welcoming ceremony of GNU/KNLA Peace Council was held on a grand scale in Htotkawko Village of Kawkareik Township, Kayin State, on 11 February, with hearty welcome of local.

Chairman of GNU/KNLA Peace Council Commander of No 7 Brigade Maj-Gen Htay Maung, members and family members cordially greeted the local people.

On the occasion, Kayin national U Saw Daniel, on behalf of all Kayin nationals from hilly and plain regions, expressed gratitude for celebrating the victory of peace with a view to undertaking regional development.

Likewise, Col Saw Htawt Lay of No 7 Brigade of GNU/KNLA Peace Council spoke words of thanks for celebrating the victory of peace.

As the speeches clearly highlighted the contributions of GNU/KNLA Peace Council to the current requirements of Kayin State, the excerpts from the speeches are published. —MNA

Excerpts from the speech of local Kayin national U Saw Daniel

- * I have experienced armed clashes throughout my life.
- * That's 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 who issued weapons to Galon U Saw was captured dead by the Tatmadaw in an armed clash that happened in our region on 12 August 1950.
- * Later, our efforts to make peace were hampered many times due to outside instigation.
- * 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.
- * I felt very sorry for families of the Kayin armed groups from refugee camps suffering in mind and body.

- * Today, the Peace Council led by Maj-Gen Htay Maung has lit the torch of peace.
- * All our Kayin nationals are very proud and glad for the endeavours of the Peace Council.
- * I would like to urge the remaining armed groups to achieve peace for the sake of our state soonest.

Excerpts from the speech of Col Saw Htawt Lay of No 7 Brigade of GNU/KNLA Peace Council

- * From now on, there will be no hiding or fleeing villages in fear of armed conflicts nor refugees in our region.
- * From now on, there will be no refugee camps 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.
- * I would like to invite leaders and members of GNU/KNLA, who have not yet made peace with the Government, to join hands with us to be able to live in peace in Kayin State.

Major religions stand harmoniously...

(from page 16)

discrimination on grounds of race, religion and gender throughout its long history. As Myanmar people are devout, universal sentiments such as loving kindness, compassion and sympathetic joy flourish across the nation. Because of such a strong influence of cultural heritage, traditions and religious devotion, all major religions— Islam, Christianity, Hinduism and Buddhism have coexisted in harmony for long.

3. Now, many churches, Islamic mosques, Hindu temples, Buddhist monasteries and other religious buildings are standing side by side throughout the nation. That represents a symbol of freedom of religion. And it is common to see churches, mosques, temples and pagodas coexisting closely in cities and townships the length and breadth of the country. **This striking situation so impressed the first United Nations Independent Expert on Human Rights to visit Myanmar that she was moved to place on record that in record to religious tolerance, Myanmar may be regarded as a model society.**

4. In Myanmar there are five leading Islamic religious organizations, four leading Christian religious organizations, one leading Hindu religious organization, all of them are officially recognized by the Ministry of Religious Affairs. Whenever there arise any religious problems or disputes, the Ministry of Religious Affairs always solves and settles them peacefully as soon as possible in consultation and coordination with those recognized religious organizations. In such situations, the Ministry has never failed to render necessary assistance and attend to requirements for helping religious organizations to promote and develop

their religions.

5. So, it can be deduced from the above-mentioned facts that Myanmar is one of the very few countries in the world where major religions stand harmoniously and freedom of worship is fully vested in every citizen. There might be some isolated cases of minor religious disagreements sometimes. Similar cases are common elsewhere in the world. Then, the government takes a prompt action in consultation with the leaders of respective religions to prevent any form of possible religious incidents from flaring out of control and solves the cases in a peaceful way.

6. We really appreciate the Christian Solidarity Worldwide for its deep concern over the existence of different religions in Myanmar. However, the CSW's report manifests a sweeping assertion with regard to restriction, discrimination and persecution against Christians and other religions in Myanmar. Actually, the assertion is totally groundless since it is based on speculation. In Myanmar, there is no discrimination, persecution or repression of any group based on ethnic, racial or religious grounds. Those accusations are designed to sow discord, bad blood and enmity among the different religions in Myanmar.

7. Accusations made against the Government of Myanmar with the baseless and distorted news stories gathered from unscrupulous persons are aimed at degrading and tarnishing the image of our country. That is, in reality, nothing other than a political motivation. We have to condemn your one-sided hearsay report. We hope going through our authentic statement will clear up misunderstanding and biased views on our country. Therefore, we would say, please remove your dark glasses so that you will see the true colours.

Myanmar Muslim National Affairs Organization

Eight primary schools in Kawhmu Township benefit from aids

YANGON, 14 Feb — Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation donated benches, stationary, clothes and cash to eight primary schools in Kawhmu Township today.

The donation ceremony was held at the primary school in Magyikan Village in Kawhmu Township and Vice-President of MAAF Daw Khin Thet Htay handed over benches to heads of eight primary schools in the township.

Wellwishers also donated stationery and clothes to the schools.

After the donation ceremony, MAAF Vice-President Daw Khin Thet

Htay, Head of Administration Department Dr Daw Khin Hsan Nwe and Patron of Yangon Division WAO Daw Mar Mar Wai

participated in the round table discussion held at Kawhmu Basic Education High School to improve general knowledge of

schoolgirls. Daw Khin Thet Htay accepted the applications for member of MAAF.

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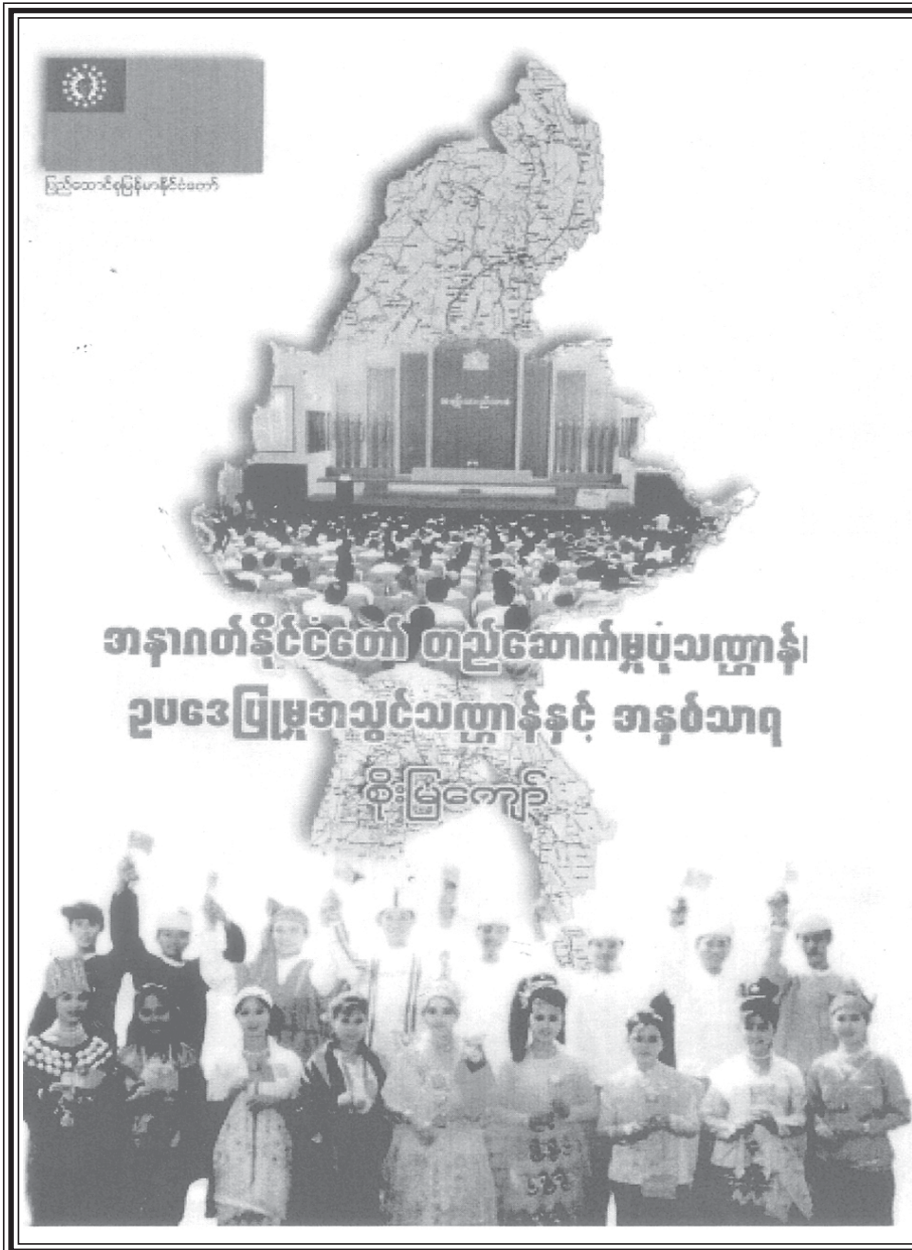
MAAF holds round table discussion to improve knowledge of schoolgirls. — YCDC

Ceremony of peace, this victory flower

- * With this organizing power of Kayin nationals National independence of blood-brothers They have arrived to warm welcome Great victory, tumultuous Celebrate together at this milestone Will go into the chronicle.
- * Because of desire to be battle-free They have clarified their return His word is simple and correct.
- * Peace yearned for, over and over again Though the desire, but for outside incitement It wasn't obtained, for long Now we've arrived at peace The area people voice reciprocation Such words touch the heart with feeling.
- * Tatmadaw and people generously hold hands Will cultivate the gift of peace Warmly offer the pledge Blood brothers love more than ever Happy and joyous, this celebration of peace This victory flower Shall be chronicled forever.

Tekkatho Tin Kha (Trs)

(Hailing the victory of peace welcoming ceremony.)



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Moscow demands clarification from US over Gates' remarks

Moscow, 14 Feb — Russia has demanded an explanation from the United States over Defence Secretary Robert Gates' remarks, which suggested that Russia was being identified as a potential threat, the Foreign Ministry said on Monday.

Russia has asked the United States to clarify whether Gates' remarks represented the official position of the US Administration, said Foreign Ministry spokesman Mikhail Kamynin in a statement.

On 7 February, Gates addressed a committee meeting of the US Congress, suggesting that Russia poses a potential threat to US security.

He said: "We don't know what's going to develop in places like Russia..., in North Korea (DPRK), in Iran and elsewhere."

Kamynin said Russia had noticed what Gates had said, which were among a series of recent remarks by the US military and intelligence officials that has greatly bewildered Russia.

Over the past few days, there have been a

series of verbal battles between the United States and Russia.

Addressing a high-profile security conference in Munich, Germany on Saturday, Putin condemned the United States for "almost uncontained" use of force.

He said the United States "has overstepped its national borders in every way" and is fostering a new global arms race.

In response, Washington immediately dismissed Putin's accusations as false.

In a statement later on Saturday, White House national security spokesman Gordon Johndroe said, "We are surprised and disappointed with President Putin's comments."

On Sunday, Russian Defence Minister Sergey Ivanov justified Putin's

accusations against the United States after the security conference in Munich.

Ivanov said that Putin's remarks were simply "a reminder" of the

fact that the United States is breaking its promises it made a decade ago that NATO would not move any closer to Russian borders.

MNA/Xinhua

Indonesia to import 500,000 tons of rice to stabilize price

JAKARTA, 14 Feb — Indonesian Vice-President Jusuf Kalla said on Tuesday that the government will import 500,000 tons of rice in a bid to stabilize price in anticipation of bad weather which can affect the harvest time of the commodity.

"The government decides to import 500,000 tons of rice to meet the

supply in the Logistic Agency," he said after meeting with the Head of the State Logistic Agency Widjanarko Puspoyo, Trade Minister Mari Elka Pangestu, State Enterprises Minister Sugiharto and Coordinating Minister for Economy Boediono.

Kalla said that the imported rice would help stabilize price, which has increased in some places.

The government aimed to cut rice price from 5,000 rupiah (about 0.5 US dollars) per kilogramme to 4,000 rupiah (some 0.4 US dollars) per kilogramme.

Earlier, the government has imported 250,000 tons of rice which will arrive in March this year. — MNA/Xinhua



Protesters shout slogans during a rally against Free Trade Agreement (FTA) between South Korea and the US in Seoul on 13 Feb, 2007. The banners read 'Just stop the free trade agreement between South Korea and the US.'

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Turkish security forces seize 452 kilos of hashish

ANKARA, 13 Feb—Turkish security forces seized 452 kilos of hashish in an operation launched in the eastern city of Bingol, the semi-official *Anatolia* news agency reported on Sunday.

Security forces searched six houses in Bulgurlu Village of Genc Town in Bingol and seized 452 kilos of hashish, the local governor's office said in a statement, adding that seven people were arrested in the operation— *MNA/Xinhua*

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Singapore's Cosco 2006 profit up 28%

SINGAPORE, 13 Feb—Shipbuilder Cosco Corp (Singapore)Ltd, majority-owned by China Ocean Shipping Co, has recorded a 28-per-cent rise in full-year earnings, due to strong business at its ship repair and marine engineering operations.

According to a statement issued by Cosco on Monday, the earnings was 205.4 million Singapore dollars (about 134 million US dollars) while revenue increased 39 per cent to 1.2 billion Singapore dollars (about 782 million US dollars).

Cosco has entirely

focused on high-yield projects, such as repairing ships and building offshore oil rigs and floating production, storage and offloading (FPSO) vessels.

It completed and secured a strong order book of high-value oil rig repair, major ship conversion and new building projects, including the repair of Very Large Crude Carriers, conversion of Floating, as well as Storage and Offloading tankers from single to double hulls.

MNA/Xinhua

Russian Defence Minister justifies Putin's remarks on US

MUNICH, 13 Feb—Russian Defence Minister Sergey Ivanov on Sunday justified President Vladimir Putin's heavy accusation against the United States over NATO's expansion.

"I don't think Putin's remarks are aggressive," he told reporters at a Press conference after a high-profile security conference here. Putin's remarks were simply "a reminder" of the fact that the United States is

breaking its promises it made a decade ago that NATO would not move closer to Russian borders, said the minister.

Russia, for its part, has no intention of starting a second Cold War, he said. "A Cold War would not be a good development," he said. Russia remains committed to non-proliferation of weapons,

but the United States has been spending much more than it did in the Cold War period, which has sparked grave concerns across the world, said the minister.

The accession to NATO in 2004 by three former Soviet republics—Lithuania, Estonia, Latvia—brought the military alliance to the gates of Russia. — *MNA/Xinhua*

Magazine says US provokes Iran for possible war

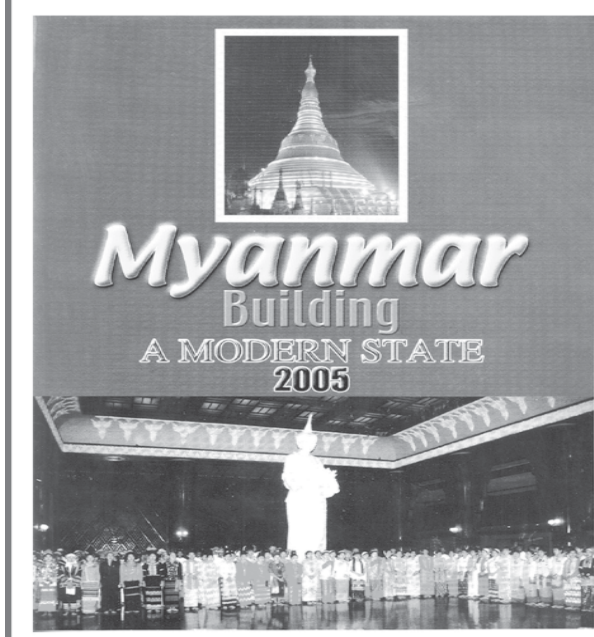
WASHINGTON, 13 Feb—The United States has been trying to provoke Iran for a possible war with the Islamic country, the *Newsweek* said in a report on Sunday, citing a former White House official.

"They intend to be as provocative as possible and make the Iranians do something (America) would be forced to retaliate for" Hillary Mann, the Bush Administration's former National Security Council director for Iran and Persian Gulf Affairs, was quoted by the magazine as saying. The United States has dispatched two aircraft carriers to the Gulf region and this has fuelled speculation that the United States will launch a war with Iran, although the White House has repeatedly claimed it has no plan to go to war with Iran.

MNA/Xinhua



Pig shaped buns are displayed in a confectionery store in Singapore on 12 Feb, 2007. Chinese around the world are preparing to welcome the Lunar New Year of the Pig on 18 Feb 2007.—INTERNET



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Yahoo integrates messenger into mail

NEW YORK, 12 Feb — Yahoo Inc announced on Monday an integration between mail and instant messenger, a move to consolidate its leading position on web mail and online communication. John Kremer, vice president of Yahoo! Mail, told *Xinhua* that the integration will take effect in the United States from Monday while overseas user would get the new product within three months.

After the integration, Yahoo! Mail users can chat in real-time and put online messages into mail by simply click the "Convert" key.

"It's a really seal integration between mail and messenger. Within the mail

interface, you now have the ability to chat with your contacts, and you also have the ability to convert back and forth between mail and messenger. You can choose to send message or mail as you like," said Kremer.

Yahoo! Mail, who has provided mail services since 1997, was No1 web mail provider in the world with 249 million users in 2006, according to comScore Media Metrix.

MSN's Hotmail, a major competitors of Yahoo! Mail, with 236 million users, was listed as the second major provider followed by AOL and Google with 50 million and 60 million users respectively.

Internet



Henri Muca, technical director of Albania's DigitAlb Mobile, poses with a mobile phone displaying a television image in preliminary tests made by the company while it prepares to roll out television broadcasts for mobile phones using digital video broadcast handheld (DVB-H) technology in Tirana on 9 Feb, 2007. —INTERNET

Land Securities to buy 30 British hotels from Accor

LONDON, 13 Feb— British property firm Land Securities said its Trilium business had agreed on the terms for a 439-million-pound (855 million US dollars) deal to buy 30 British hotels from Accor of France.

Under the deal, Land Securities will lease the hotels, which are operated under the IBIS and Novotel brands, back to

Accor on 84-year leases, Europe's largest listed real estate investment trust said in a statement on Monday.

Land Securities will retain responsibility for the maintenance of the buildings, and it has a commitment involving property improvements of around 35 million pounds over four years.

MNA/Reuters

"International Space Station" recovers from power loss

WASHINGTON, 13 Feb— NASA reported on Monday mission control teams are working to assess systems affected by a power loss aboard the *International Space Station* early Sunday morning.

NASA's ISS programme said the station is recovering from the electronic glitch, and three crew members on station were not in any danger, however it did turn an off-duty day into a full work shift.

About 1 am EST (0600 GMT) on Sunday, one of the power channels of a solar array electrical system went down because of a glitch with a device known as a direct current switching unit. It controls power distribution from the solar array to the battery systems and other hardware. The glitch resulted in a temporary loss of communications, and shut down some equipment, including a few science facilities and heating units and control moment gyroscope 2. — MNA/Xinhua



US actress Sharon Stone and Irish singer Bob Geldof dance during the 'Cinema for Peace 2007' charity gala supporting UNICEF in Berlin on 12 Feb, 2007. The gala was held during the annual Berlinale film festival, which ends on 18 Feb. —INTERNET



Indonesian flood victims carry food aid from the World Food Programme in East Jakarta on 13 Feb, 2007. Hospitals in the Indonesian capital were overwhelmed on Tuesday with hundreds of flood victims suffering from water-borne diseases after the city's worst flooding in five years. —INTERNET

Turkey seizes 220 kilos of heroin in Edirne

ANKARA, 13 Feb— Turkish security forces seized 220 kilos of heroin stashed in 29 coffins in a truck in northwestern province of Edirne, the semi-official *Anatolia* news agency reported on Monday. Anti-drug teams performed a detailed search in a truck carrying 40 coffins from Istanbul after an x-ray scan, *Anatolia* said, adding that security forces teams seized 220 kilos of heroin by the help of sniffer dogs.

MNA/Xinhua

Singaporean Co invests castor oil plantation in Cambodia

PHNOM PENH, 13 Feb— The government of Cambodia's Pursat Province has sign an agreement with a Singaporean company to invest a castor oil plantation there, a government official said on Monday.

Chay Sareth, governor of Pursat Province and Peter Cheng, representative of Vander Horst Jatropa oil plantation Pte Ltd of Singapore, signed the agreement at the provincial hall on 7 February, Pich Horn, deputy governor of Pursat province told *Xinhua* by phone.

The Singaporean company will provide local people with the seeds and technique for planting *Jatropha Curcas*, a kind of plant which can be refined into castor oil, and they will buy it back in appropriate price, Pich Horn said.

This investment will help local people to get jobs and promote economic development of the country, he said.

MNA/Xinhua

Four shot dead in Philadelphia

NEW YORK, 12 Feb— Four people were killed and another critically injured in a shooting in the US city of Philadelphia on Monday, local media reported.

Police said that the shooting occurred in an office building in Philadelphia's Navy Yard, where a gunman opened fire on at least four people then turned the gun on himself. Three of those shot were killed, while a fourth was hospitalized. — Internet

SPORTS



Blas Perez (R) of Cucuta Deportivo fights for the ball with Emir Gonzalez of Deportes Tolima during their Libertadores Cup soccer match in Cucuta on 13 Feb, 2007. —INTERNET

Peru named as Japan's first opponents of 2007

TOKYO, 14 Feb— Asian champions Japan will face Peru at home on 24, March in their first match of 2007, the Japan Football Association (JFA) confirmed on Tuesday. Only two other games, both in June against as yet unknown opponents, have been scheduled before Japan begin their bid for a third successive Asian Cup title in July.

"It will be a good test for us against Peru," Japan coach Ivica Osim told reporters. "We need to start thinking about the Asian Cup so hopefully Peru will bring their strongest side."

Osim has yet to select any of his European-based players since taking over from Brazilian Zico after Japan's 2006 World Cup flop.

His decision to call up several lesser-known players from Japan's J-League has led to swathes of empty seats at Japan games and provoked a predictable line of questioning on Tuesday. "It's all about timing," the former Yugoslavia coach said. "The players who play in Europe are always in my plans but you have to know when to play your trump cards."—MNA/Reuters

Robinho joins list of discontented at Real Madrid

MADRID, 14 Feb— Brazil forward Robinho has become the latest Real Madrid player to voice his discontent at his lack of opportunities under coach Fabio Capello.

"Right now I'm not happy because I'm not playing, but I'm going to keep working to change that," Robinho told a news conference on Tuesday.

"I know that he (Capello) doesn't have confidence in my football because I'm not playing and I have to make him change his mind."

Asked whether he would consider leaving the club at the end of the season, he replied: "I don't know. All I know is that with Capello I've been on the bench and if things carry on like that I will have to see what's best for me."

But the 22-year-old, who joined Real from Santos on a five-year contract for a fee of 30 million US dollars in August 2005, said his case was different from that of Brazil colleague Ronaldo who was forced to leave the club because he did not feature in Capello's plans.

"Ronaldo is the best striker in the world, but he wasn't happy because the coach didn't want him to stay here. I'm younger, I've still got a lot to learn and I've got a future."—MNA/Reuters

IOC starts tour of 2014 candidates in South Korea

PYEONGCHANG (South Korea), 14 Feb—International Olympic Committee (IOC) inspectors began their tour of the three candidates to host the 2014 Winter Games with Tuesday's stop in South Korea where thousands waited in the snow to greet them.

The IOC evaluation

team travel to the rustic mountain town of Pyeongchang, Russia's Black Sea resort of Sochi and the historic Austrian city of Salzburg over the next few weeks before the winning bid is announced in July.

"This is great. I am overwhelmed," said Japan's

Chiharu Igaya, head of the 16-member IOC team, of the raucous welcome.

Several thousand residents braved heavy snowfall and shouted "Welcome. Yes, Pyeongchang", as the inspectors left their bus, escorted by young women who held umbrellas for them.

Pyeongchang, which narrowly lost out to the

Canadian city of Vancouver in its bid to host the 2010 Olympics, has put together a proposal to keep the Games in a compact area at sites that have already hosted international ski and snowboard events.

The IOC team will spend three days here talking with officials and visiting proposed venues.

MNA/Reuters

Contractor says Wembley will be ready for final

LONDON, 14 Feb— The company rebuilding Wembley Stadium said on Tuesday it would be ready for the FA Cup final on 19, May contrary to media reports that a legal dispute could delay its long-overdue completion.

A report in *The Guardian* said an impending legal case involving Australian construction company Multiplex and one of its sub-contractors Honeywell could delay the staging of test events at the stadium, which has cost over 750 million pounds (1.5 billion US dollars).

But Multiplex sent out a Press release later on Tuesday refuting the reports, saying the end-of-season final should go ahead at Wembley.

"Contrary to misleading reports in today's media, Multiplex can see no reason why the FA Cup final should not be held at Wembley in 2007," the statement said.

"Legal issues currently being resolved between Multiplex and Honeywell do not impact on site progress."—MNA/Reuters



Phil Mickelson hits his tee shot at the second hole during the final round of the Pebble Beach National Pro-Am golf tournament at Pebble Beach Golf Links in Pebble Beach, California on 11 Feb, 2007. — INTERNET

FA charges Wigan coach Jewell

LONDON, 14 Feb— Wigan Athletic manager Paul Jewell was charged with improper conduct by the Football Association on Tuesday for his behaviour towards referee Phil Dowd after Sunday's 2-1 defeat at Arsenal.

Wigan had looked set to inflict a first defeat on Arsenal at their Emirates Stadium after leading through Denny Landzaat's first-half goal. But the Londoners scored twice in the last 10 minutes to keep the visitors deep in relegation trouble.

Jewell was furious Dowd failed to award Wigan, who are one place above the Premier League drop zone, a penalty when Emile Heskey tumbled under a challenge from Mathieu Flamini.

MNA/Reuters



Israeli tennis player Oblziler Tzipora plays a shot against Russia's Alla Kudryavtseva, unseen, during the first round match of the Sony Ericsson WTA Tour in Bangalore, India, on 13 Feb, 2007. Tzipora won the match 4-6, 6-3, 6-3.—INTERNET

Eto'o critical of Barcelona coach Rijkaard

MADRID, 14 Feb— Samuel Eto'o has hit out at Barcelona coach Frank Rijkaard for saying the striker refused to come on as a substitute in Sunday's 2-0 victory over Racing Santander.

"Telling a news conference I didn't want to

play is the behaviour of a bad person," the Cameroon international told reporters on Tuesday.

"They can say what they want but I've always met my obligations to my team mates. If you want to know what really happened you should ask

Rijkaard."

The Dutch coach asked Eto'o, who recently returned after four months out with a knee injury, to come on in the closing minutes at the Nou Camp but the striker rejected the request.

MNA/Reuters

Thailand threatens to produce more copycat drugs

BANGKOK, 13 Feb — Thailand, which has upset big drug companies by issuing patent-overriding licences for generic versions of heart and HIV/AIDS pills, said on Monday it would issue more unless the firms cut prices.

Health Minister Mongkolna Songkhla told *Reuters* a ministry panel was studying drugs Thailand needed and could make or buy copies of while haggling for “appropriate” prices of patented versions.

“If they give us a certain amount of discount, we won’t do it,” Mongkol said, referring to compulsory licences governments are allowed to issue to domestic firms to produce generic versions of drugs in

emergencies. “We don’t call this a threat, but a negotiation for the country’s benefit,” Mongkol said in a telephone interview. Last week, the Health Ministry issued compulsory licences for

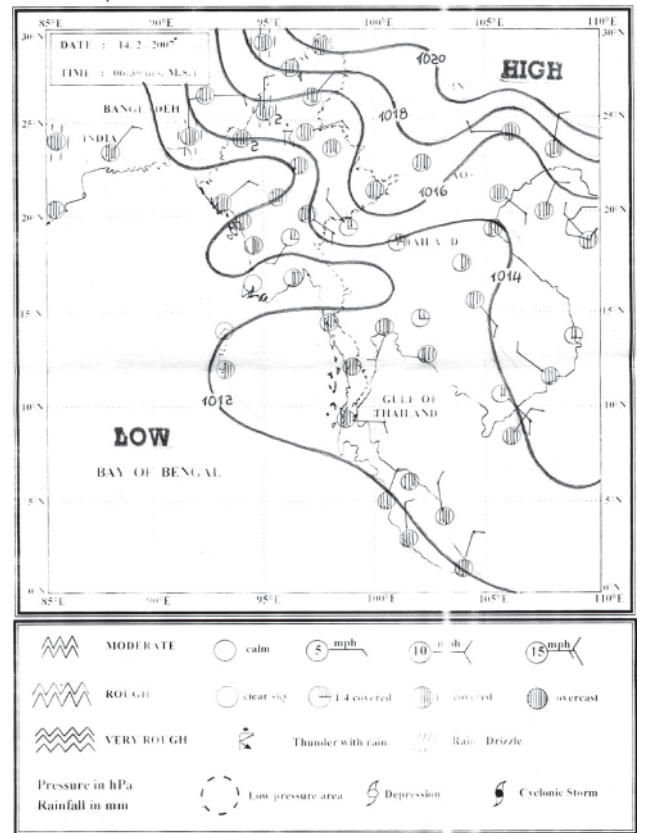
the heart disease drug Plavix, made by Bristol-Myers Squibb and Sanofi-Aventis and Abbott Laboratories’ Kaletra to treat HIV/AIDS.

The licences, which Thai health officials said would save the country up to 800 million baht (24 million US dollars) a year, drew praise from AIDS activists, but flak from Washington and the drug industry, which are urging the ministry to rescind them.

Mongkol said the ministry would enforce the licences only if it failed to get the two patented drugs from the firms at prices it was prepared to pay.

MNA/Reuters

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Wednesday, 14 February, 2007

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Chin State, lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, scattered in Kachin State, widespread in upper Sagaing Division, weather has been generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions. Night temperatures were (3°C) below normal in Bago Division, (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Kachin, Rakhine and Mon States, Taninthayi Division, (5°C) to (6°C) above normal in Shan State and upper Sagaing Division and about normal in the remaining areas. The significant night temperature was Pinlaung (5°C). The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Mingin (0.32) inch, Homalin, Mawlaik and Kalewa (0.20) inch each, Kalay (0.16) inch, Haka and Hkamti (0.12) inch each and Myitkyina (0.04) inch.

Maximum temperature on 13-2-2007 was 98°F. Minimum temperature on 14-2-2007 was 68°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 14-2-2007 was 69%. Total sunshine hours on 13-2-2007 was (8.7) hours approx.

Rainfall on 14-2-2007 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 Northwest at (11:15) hours MST on 13-2-2007.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 15-2-2007: Rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated to scattered in Kachin, Chin, Northern Rakhine and Shan States, Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions, weather will be partly cloudy in Bago, Ayeyawady, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and generally fair in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Continuation of likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers in the Upper Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 15-2-2007: Partly cloudy to cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 15-2-2007: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 15-2-2007: Partly cloudy to cloudy.



In this photo released by Japan’s Coast Guard, rescued crews of fishing boat *Yukiyoishi Maru* sit in a patrol boat, off Kushima City, Miyazaki Prefecture, southern Japan, on 12 Feb, 2007. Three Japanese men missing for 72 hours were rescued on Monday after being found drifting on a raft off Japan’s southern coast, an official said. — INTERNET



Thursday, 15 February
View on today

- 7:00 am
 1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Ottamathara
- 7:25 am
 2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am
 3. Morning news
- 7:40 am
 4. Nice and sweet song
- 7:50 am
 5. Dance of national races
- 8:05 am
 6. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:10 am
 7. Dance variety
- 8:20 am
 8. Musical programme

- 8:30 am
 9. International news
- 8:45 am
 10. Let’s Go
- 4:00 pm
 1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm
 2. Song to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm
 3. English for Everyday Use
- 4:45 pm
 4. Musical programme
- 5:00 pm
 5. အဆေးသင်တန်းသို့လှည့်ပညာရေးရပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ - စတုတ္ထနှစ် (ဥပဒေပညာ အထူးပြု) (ဥပဒေပညာ)
- 5:05 pm
 6. Cute little dancers
- 5:25 pm
 7. “မူးလျှင်မမောင်းနဲ့၊ မောင်းလျှင်မမူးနဲ့.” (လူမင်း၊ သူသူဟံသာ၊ အိမ်အိမ်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-သက်တင်)
- 5:30 pm
 8. ကြယ်ပွင့်များရဲ့ရင်ခုန်သံ

- 5:45 pm
 9. Musical programme
- 6:00 pm
 10. Evening news
- 6:30 pm
 11. Weather report
- 6:35 pm
 12. သိရှိစေဟာ
- 7:00 pm
 13. Discovery
- 7:05 pm
 14. နိုင်ငံစီးပွားအလေးထား ကျေးလက်ထုတ်ကုန်များ (ရိုးရာအသွင်ဆန်း ကျေးလက်ရက်ကန်း)
- 7:15 pm
 15. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “အချစ်ဆိုသည်မှာ” (အပိုင်း-၂၂)
- 8:00 pm
 16. News
- 8:35 pm
 17. International news
- 8:45 pm
 18. Weather report
- 9:00 pm
 19. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “အကြင်နာနွေဦး” (အပိုင်း-၁၂)
- 9:15 pm
 20. The next day’s programme



Thursday, 15 February
Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music
 - A night to remember
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music
 - The reflex
- 8:50 am National news/Slogan
- 9:00 am Music
 - Once in a while
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music
 - Don’t stop the music
- 1:30 pm News / Slogan,
- 1:40pm Lunch time music
 - The gift
 - All I ever need is you
 - Another day in paradise
 - Baby come to me
- 9:00pm A spectra of Myanmar
- 9:10pm Article
- 9:20pm Pourri
- 9:30pm Favourite songs chosen by music lovers
- 9:45 pm News / Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL

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KNU/KNLA Peace Council lights the torch of peace in accord with wishes of Kayin nationals who long for peace

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The victory of peace welcoming ceremony of Kayin National Union (KNU)/Kayin National Liberation Army (KNLA) in progress. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Feb — After realizing and accepting the endeavours of the Government, the people and the Tatmadaw for national reconsolidation, peace and prosperity and modernization and devel-

opment of the nation, 309 members of Kayin National Union (KNU)/Kayin National Liberation Army (KNLA) and 11 family members totalling 320 led by Chairman of KNU/KNLA Peace Council Commander

of No 7 Brigade Maj-Gen Htay Maung decided to cooperate with the government and celebrated with victory of peace with the government.

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WEATHER

Noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded

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INSIDE

Doing well in business, Myinkakon Village has a large number of fine buildings. I spent a night there. On the evening of 31 December, the village held a ceremony to mark the successful establishment of the library and I gave a 40-minute talk to local people.

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**Major religions stand harmoniously and peacefully in Myanmar
CSW's report is slanderous and groundless accusation**

MMNAO denounces CSW's report designed to obtain political gains

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Feb — Certain powers of the West and their cohorts have been levelling slanderous accusations against Myanmar with intention of interfering in and manipulating her affairs.

Britain-based Christian Solidarity Worldwide (CSW) issued a 23-1-2007 dated report, saying that Christians in Myanmar were under suppression in its conspiracy to tarnish the image of Myanmar internationally.

Regarding the report, the Union of Myanmar Myanmar Muslim National Affairs Organization issued a statement opposing the slanderous accusations. — MNA

**The Union of Myanmar
Myanmar Muslim National Affairs Organization
Response to the Christian Solidarity Worldwide's Report**

1. We have learnt that the Christian Solidarity Worldwide (CSW) will be launching a new report on the restriction, discrimination and persecution of Christians allegedly perpetrated by the government in Myanmar. The CSW's characterization for Myanmar as a land without religious freedom is, in fact, a misrepresentation to the highest degree. Therefore, we would like to

present some facts to refute all the allegations.

2. In Myanmar, all the fundamental rights are bestowed upon every citizen by law in accordance with its customs, culture and traditions. Tolerance, compassion and gentleness are hallmarks of its unique culture. The Union of Myanmar has never seen
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