

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

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win visits Lawpita Hydro-electric Power Stations 1&2

Officials urged to exert efforts to generate electricity at full capacity

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Feb — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Kyaw Win of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Shan State PDC Chairman Eastern Command Commander Brig-Gen Thaug Aye, Kayah State PDC Chairman Col Nyunt Tin and departmental officials, arrived at Baluchaung No 1 Hydro-electric Power Station (Lawpita) built by the Ministry of Electric Power No 1 on the right bank of Balu Creek, about 10 miles to the south-east of Loikaw yesterday morning, inspected running of the station and gave necessary instructions to officials.

Next, they visited Baluchaung No 2 Hydro-electric Power Station (Lawpita) built by Hydro-electric Power Enterprise, about 14 miles to the east of Loikaw. They were welcomed there by officials. At the control room, the manager of the station reported to Lt-Gen Kyaw Win on generation of electricity at full capacity and measures being taken to ensure the completion of machinery repair within 4

or 5 hours if it breaks down. Lt-Gen Kyaw Win left necessary instructions.

On arrival at the briefing hall of Baluchaung No 2 Hydro-electric Power Station (Lawpita), Lt-Gen Kyaw Win heard reports by the manager on the process of water way system and function of the station. In giving instructions, he stressed the need for regular maintenance of machinery and efforts for generation of electricity at full capacity.

He next gave a gift to the manager.

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Baluchaung No 1 Hydro-electric Power Station (Lawpita) was built in 1992 and it can generate 200 million units annually. Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and party proceeded to Loikaw University where they were welcomed by professor Daw Khin May Oo and faculty members. He was briefed on the background history of the university, strength of the

staff, academic matters and number of students, condition of lecture rooms and IT centre.

Deputy Chief Engineer U Zaw Win of Public Works reported on construction tasks including the main three-story building. Lt-Gen Kyaw Win gave necessary instructions.

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Lt-Gen Kyaw Win inspects control room of Baluchaung No 2 Hydro-electric Power Station (Lawpita) in Loikaw. — MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

Sunday, 18 February, 2007

For emergence of established jade and gems market

Myanmar's gems, being excellent in quality, have earned a global reputation and won the satisfaction of the customers from abroad.

Now, Myanmar's gem industry is booming and the precious stones are in high demand in the world market, thus benefiting the State and national gems entrepreneurs.

Oil, minerals and gems are, in reality, exhaustible natural resources. So, responsible persons are to supervise effectively the mining of gem stones for ensuring the long-term interest, averting possible damage to the environment.

And national entrepreneurs engaged in the gem mining should focus on fair share of the business with the State and avoid acts that can harm the national interests.

Officials concerned have to render technical assistance to gem entrepreneurs and help them have their products on the market so that they will be able to not only sell their products in raw but also make value-added items.

Therefore, all are to work together for the emergence of an established market for jade and gems at home in accordance with rules and regulations promulgated by the government in the interests of the State, while harmoniously combining gem mining and gem sales that bring benefits to the State and the entrepreneurs.

Literary talks organized in Mongphyat

MONGPHYAT, 1 Feb — In commemoration of the Sarsodaw Day, the literary talks were organized at Bayintnaung Hall in Mongphyat on 16 January afternoon.

Chairman of Mongphyat District Peace and Development Council U Thein Myint extended greetings. Writers Maung Nyein Thu (Gyobingauk), Myinmu Maung Naing Moe, Chit San Win and Chit Naing (Psychology) gave talks on literary affairs.

Officials presented gifts to the writers. Afterwards, Writer Chit San Win donated books to self-reliant village libraries through officials.

Myanma Alin

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

New Year holidays designated

Union of Myanmar State Peace and Development Council

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New Year holidays designated

The Thingyan Festival is the new year occasion held in esteem by Myanmar people. To enable Myanmar people to take part in the traditional water-throwing festival, go to pagodas and stupas to perform meritorious deeds and keep Precepts, pay respects to elderly persons and do charity and for the State service personnel to be able to take a vacation for rest and recreation after a long work of the whole year, a period of 10 days beginning from the day before Thingyan Akyo Day is designated as the Myanmar New Year holidays of the Union of Myanmar.

By order,

Sd/ Thein Sein

Lieutenant-General

Secretary-1

State Peace and Development Council

District News in Brief

Merits shared for third releasing of cattle

MAWLAMYINEGYUN, 8 Feb — A ceremony to share merits for the third release of cattle for 2006-07 financial year was held at Centennial Dhamma Beikman of Kannar Monastery in Mawlamyinegyun on 4 February morning.

Tipitakadhara Tipitakakovida Mawgyun Sayadaw Bhaddanta Silakkhandhabhivamsa delivered a sermon at the merit sharing ceremony for donating K 4.7 million by 200 wellwishers.

To release cows and buffaloes, the Mawgyun Sayadaw donated K 150,000, and Thiri



Mawgyun Sayadaw Bhaddanta Silakkhandhabhivamsa delivers a sermon.

Thudhamma Manijotadhara U Bo Gyi and Thiri Thudhamma Theingi Daw Than Than of Yangon

K 50,000 to responsible persons.

Also present on the occasion were member of the State Central Working Committee of the Sangha Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Çintitalankara, Chairman of

the Jivitadana Committee Chairman of the Township Sangha Nayaka Committee Kannar Monastery Sayadaw Agga Maha Ganthavaçaka Pandita Bhaddanta Kovida, local authorities and well-wishers. — *Myanma Alin*



BRIDGE BUILT: With a view to ensuring better transport, Bawapin rural bridge is under construction in Dawei. Township Development Affairs Committee Executive Officer Deputy Director U Kyi Than supervising construction of the bridge on 1 February. — MYANMA ALIN

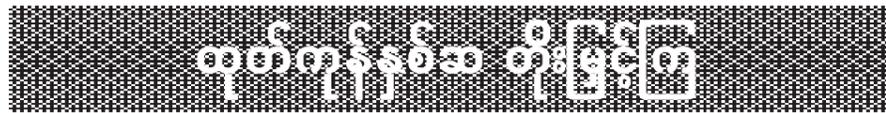
INTERNATIONAL NEWS

China calls for peaceful settlement of Iran nuclear issue

BEIJING, 16 Feb— China holds that relevant UN Security Council resolution should be conducive to peaceful settlement of the Iran nuclear issue through political and diplomatic means, Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Jiang Yu said Thursday.

It is reported that US Undersecretary of State for Political Affairs Nicholas Burns proposed new sanction resolution on the Iran nuclear programme by the UN Security Council as Iran rejected the previous Resolution 1737.

MNA/Xinhua



China's Foreign Minister Li Zhaoxing, left, and Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe share a joke during their meeting at the Prime Minister's official residence in Tokyo on 16 Feb, 2007. Cooperation at recent talks on North Korea's nuclear programme demonstrates how Japan and China can work together and get beyond issues that have soured their relations in recent years, Chinese Foreign Minister Li said Friday. —INTERNET

US House passes resolution opposing Bush's war plan

WASHINGTON, 16 Feb — The US House of Representatives on Friday passed a non-binding resolution that opposes US President George W Bush's decision to send more troops to Iraq.

The resolution was passed on a 246-182 vote, with more than a dozen Republicans joining the Democratic majority to endorse it.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, a Democrat from California, said the vote signals "a change in direction in Iraq that will end the fighting and bring our troops home."

"The stakes in Iraq are too high to recycle pro-

posals that have little prospect for success," she said.

The vote marks the first time that the House openly rejected Bush's war policy.

The resolution declares that "the Congress disapprove of the decision of President George W Bush announced on 10 January, 2007" to send 21,500 additional troops to Iraq.

But it also states that "the Congress and the American

people will continue to support and protect the members of the United States armed forces who are serving or who have served bravely and honorably in Iraq." The resolution is nonbinding, but it will add pressure to the Bush administration and its Iraq policy.

The US Senate Democratic majority said they plan to hold a test vote in the Senate

Saturday on whether to start a debate on the House resolution.

It is not clear whether the Democrats will get the 60 votes needed for the Senate to proceed with the resolution.

Opinion polls indicate a solid majority of the US public opposes Bush's plan, and Democrats said the November election victories that put them in control of Congress show Americans want to wind down the nearly four-year-old war.

But Bush has said repeatedly that he won't bow to the growing pressure on the Iraq issue from the Democrat-controlled Congress. In a speech on Wednesday, the president shrugged off the non-binding resolution opposing his Iraq policy.

"They (US lawmakers) have every right to express their opinion," he said, adding that it is "only a non-binding resolution."

Internet

Hijacker of Mauritanian plane arrested

LAS PALMAS (Spain), 17 Feb — Spanish police arrested the suspected hijacker of a Mauritanian plane who was knocked over by a hard landing and overpowered by passengers on Thursday, a source close to the Mauritanian presidency said.

The Air Mauritania Boeing-737 was on an internal flight in Mauritania when the hijacker, armed with pistols, demanded to be flown to France, officials said. The pilot landed in Spain's Canary Islands instead.

"When the pilot landed he deliberately braked very hard. The man fell to the ground and was jumped on by passengers. He fired two bullets but there are no serious injuries," the Mauritanian source told Reuters.

MNA/Reuters

The hijacked Air Mauritania plane on the tarmac of Las Palmas' airport in the Canaries Islands.

INTERNET



A lion dance is performed in front of the royal palace to celebrate Chinese New Year in Phnom Penh on 17 Feb, 2007. —INTERNET

South Korean woman sings 60 hours for love and hope

SEOUL, 16 Feb — A South Korean woman belted out nearly 1,000 songs at a karaoke bar in just under 60 hours to claim a world record before dropping to the floor on Valentine's Day.

Kim Seok-ok, 52, said she performed her feat to cheer up her ailing husband and bring hope

to others living with sick family members.

Kim picked up the microphone at a karaoke bar on Monday and -- except for a five-minute break every hour -- did not stop for 59 hours and 48 minutes, 36 minutes beyond the previous record held by a German.

"Life may be painful,

but face the challenge," Kim said later. "I want people to live with hope like me."

"I wanted to send the message, for those who are living with patients in the family, that if you live cheerfully without being discouraged, it will give them immense strength."

MNA/Reuters



Britain's oldest woman dies aged 111

LONDON, 16 Feb—Ada Mason, Britain's oldest woman, has died aged 111.

Mason, from Upton, West Yorkshire, died in her sleep last Friday.

Relatives said on Thursday that she put her long life down to eating bread and dripping with salt every day, as well as "clean living".

Janet Howse, 61, said her grandmother always had a positive outlook on life. "She was wonderful," Howse, of South Kirkby, West Yorkshire, said.

"She had a hard life, but she was always really cheerful and never moaned like some women. She was always pleased to see people and ready for a chat.

"She was perfectly all right until a month ago — singing hymns and chatting."

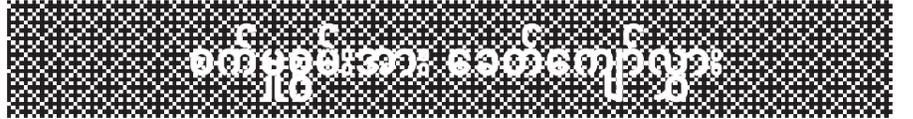
Born in 1895, in Chesterfield, Derbyshire, Mason remembered the sinking of the *Titanic* when she was 16-year-old as well as the funeral of Queen Victoria.

She left school when she was 13 and went into service before marrying miner John Mason in 1914. They lived together in Upton until 1962 when he died.

Mason lived on her own until she was 110, before going into a nursing home.

The centenarian, outlived all her five children, six generations of the family are expected to attend the funeral including her 12 grandchildren.

MNA/Reuters



Malaysia's Prime Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi (2nd R) takes a tour during the official launch of Al Jazeera English, the 24-hour English-language news and current affairs channel, in Kuala Lumpur, on 16 Feb, 2007. —INTERNET



Relatives and friends of those who died in a landslide tragedy cross a river on the way to the landslide area to attend a mass to commemorate the first year anniversary in Guisagon town, southern Leyte, central Philippines on 16 Feb, 2007. —INTERNET

Four US soldiers killed in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 16 Feb — Four US soldiers were killed by roadside explosions during combat operations in Iraq's Diyala Province on Wednesday, the US military said. Three soldiers died when bombs exploded near their vehicles northeast of Baghdad. A fourth died later of his wounds in hospital.

Two other soldiers were wounded in the attack, a US military statement said on Thursday.

The deaths came as US and Iraqi forces set up checkpoints and stepped up patrols in Baghdad on Wednesday as a long-promised offensive against militants got under way. —MNA/Reuters

Teenage boy shot dead in London, third this month

LONDON, 16 Feb — A 15-year-old boy was shot dead in south London on Wednesday, becoming the third teenage boy to be gunned down in the area this month, police said.

London Police Chief Ian Blair has called a meeting with colleagues on Thursday following the spate of murders, the Metropolitan Police said. —MNA/Reuters

Three killed in Iran helicopter crash

TEHRAN, 16 Feb — Three people aboard a helicopter were killed when it crashed in Iran's central province of Fars on Thursday, Iran's official IRNA news agency reported.

A provincial official said Iran's Oil Ministry owned the helicopter that crashed near the Shiraz Salt Lake, near the central city of Shiraz.

"The pilot and two technicians were killed in the crash," IRNA quoted local official Hamid Taghizadeh as saying. —MNA/Reuters

Portugal, Spain seize 5.5 tons of cocaine

MADRID, 16 Feb — Spanish police said on Wednesday they had seized at least four tons of cocaine on a ship near the Strait of Gibraltar, while Portugal seized 1.5 tons of the drug in a related operation near the island of Madeira. Spanish police said they boarded the merchant ship *Challenger* in the Alboran Sea between Spain and Morocco on Tuesday and have been searching the ship in the southern port of Almeria.

Police said up to now they had uncovered four tons of cocaine in plastic packets hidden in water tanks and the ship's engine room, adding that the search was continuing. —MNA/Reuters

Vietnam arrests Australian for heroin trafficking

HANOI, 16 Feb — Vietnamese police have arrested an Australian woman of Vietnamese descent on drug trafficking charges, state media

reported on Thursday. *The Saigon Giai Phong* (Saigon Liberation) quoted officials as saying the 33-year-old woman was detained on Tuesday after trying to board a flight from Ho Chi Minh City to Sydney with 1,550 grammes (3.41 pounds) of heroin hidden in her shoes and luggage.

Trafficking of more than 600 grammes (1.32 pounds) of heroin is punishable by death or life imprisonment in Vietnam.

MNA/Reuters

India ejects pilots for poor English

NEW DELHI, 16 Feb — India has sent home at least 20 foreign pilots flying for its airlines in the past year as their poor English posed safety concerns, the country's civil aviation regulator said on Thursday.

English is used by India's hard-pressed air traffic controllers, who are struggling to make sense of crowded skies following a surge in new airlines in the last few years. Rapid growth has led to carriers hiring

hundreds of foreign pilots —including from Central Asia and Eastern Europe.

"There have been cases where pilots have been sent back as their English proficiency was not up to the mark," Kanu Gohain,

Director-General of Civil Aviation, told reporters.

"Around 20-25 have been sent back, mainly from CIS (Commonwealth of Independent States) nations and Eastern Europe." —MNA/Reuters

Participants carry a 1,000-foot long dragon as they prepare to perform two days before the Chinese New Year on 16 Feb, 2007, in Manila, Philippines. Chinese all over the world will celebrate their Lunar New Year on 18 Feb, 2007. —INTERNET



ECONOMIC NEWS

China-Russia trade hits record \$33.4b in 2006

BEIJING, 16 Feb—Trade volume between China and Russia hit a record 33.4 billion US dollars in 2006, up 15 per cent from the previous year, according to the Ministry of Commerce.

Currently, Russia is the eighth largest trade partner of China and China is Russia's the fourth largest trade partner, according to the ministry.

China invested in 79 projects in Russia last year and Chinese investment, excluding the financial sector, reached 470 million US dollars, up 131.5 per cent year-on-year.

Chinese funds flew to such sectors as energy, development of mineral resources, forestry, trade, light and textiles industry, household electric appliance, telecommunications, construction and services. Russia invested in 126 projects in the fields of manufacturing, construction and transportation in China last year, with contracted investment topping 230 million US dollars.

The two countries also made progress in co-operation in the sectors of energy resources, nuclear energy, high technology

and aviation, according to the Chinese Ministry of Commerce, without providing details.

Border trade between the two countries rose 25 per cent to seven billion US dollars last year.

MNA/Xinhua

Land Rover to recall 356 vehicles in China

BEIJING, 16 Feb—British carmaker Land Rover will recall 356 Discovery 3s in China for a faulty bleeding pipe in the vehicle's fuel tank, said sources with the State Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine (SAQSIQ) on Wednesday.

Land Rover will replace the fuel tanks with new ones free of charge for the 365 cross-country vehicles that were produced between 3 May and 28 September, 2005.

Those which were produced after 28 September, 2005 do not have the problem, said the SAQSIQ.

In 2005, 104 Discovery

3s, produced between 1 July, 2004 to 30 April, 2005, were recalled in China for the same problem.

Meanwhile, Daimler-Chrysler decided to recall 29 Vianos in the country due to a problem that may cause fuel leakages.

None of the 29 minivans, produced between 4 to 18 October, 2006, were sold and the German-US carmaker will recall them from distributors.

MNA/Xinhua

A two-year-old piglet rests on its adoptive mother Sai Mai, a six-year-old tiger, at the Sriracha Tiger Zoo in Thailand's Chonburi Province, nearly 100 km (62 miles) east of Bangkok, on 16 Feb, 2007. Zoo staff outfitted the piglet in traditional Chinese wear, ahead of the Chinese Lunar New Year of the 'Year of the Pig', which starts on 18 Feb.—INTERNET



Chinese director Li Yu poses during a photocall to present the film 'Lost In Beijing' running in competition at the 57th Berlinale International Film Festival in Berlin, on 16 Feb, 2007. The festival runs from 8-18 February.—INTERNET



Indonesians stand near a dragon made with a million plastic glasses in Jakarta, Indonesia, on 15 Feb, 2007.—INTERNET

Chavez invites US to stop buying Venezuela oil

CARACAS, 16 Feb — Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez on Wednesday said the United States is free to stop buying oil from its No 4 supplier of imported crude amid persistent political tensions between Caracas and Washington.

"If they don't want to buy (our) oil, they can tell us and we won't sell them oil," Chavez said during a speech to retirees.

"Over there they are the biggest consumers on the planet, that's not our fault."

Chavez, who has repeatedly threatened to cut off oil sales to the United States if Washington moves against him, was responding to US Government efforts to reduce reliance on foreign oil.

US Energy Secretary Samuel Bodman on Wednesday told a Houston energy conference "the current level of energy insecurity in the world poses an unacceptable risk to our economies and security".

Venezuela under Chavez has worked to reduce its reliance on the US energy market by cultivating ties to countries like Russia and China.

MNA/Reuters

India cuts oil retail price

NEW DELHI, 16 Feb—Indian Government announced Thursday that the price of petrol will reduce 2 rupees (about 4 cents) and diesel will go down 1 rupee (2 cents) a litre from Thursday midnight.

According to the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, the petrol price will be 42.85 rupees (0.95 US dollars) a litre to 30.25 rupees (0.67 US dollars) in Indian capital Delhi.

The decision was made under a background of price reduction in the global oil market and increasing inflation in India.

The Indian Oil Basket futures has gone down from 75 US dollars per barrel in August last year to 52 dollars in recent weeks.

Meanwhile the annual rate of inflation based on the official wholesale price index increased to 6.73 per cent for the week ended 3 February, up over 3.98 per cent a year ago.

MNA/Xinhua



Wild Konik stallions seen on a pasture inside the nature reserve near Gelting at the Baltic Sea, northern Germany, on Friday, 16 Feb 2007.

INTERNET



Foreign students take pancakes as they celebrate 'Maslenitsa' in Russia's far eastern city of Vladivostok, on 16 Feb, 2007. Millions on the territory of the former Soviet Union celebrate 'Maslenitsa', marking the end of winter this week, which the Orthodox Church has accommodated as a week of feasting before Lent. INTERNET

IAF needs to prepare for technology driven warfare

BHUJ (Gujarat), 16 Feb — With wars of the future set to be fought in space and deep sea with weapons like ballistic missiles, President A P J Abdul Kalam Thursday asked the Indian Air Force (IAF) to prepare itself for technology-driven warfare.

"National security consists of two important components. One is economic growth and prosperity and the second is the capability to defend the nation from all kinds of threats," he said during his address at an IAF base here after presenting the coveted President's Standard to a Bhuj-based MIG-21 squadron and a Chandigarh-based An-32 transport squadron.

"You should remember that national development and national security has to go together," Kalam said. The supreme commander of the Armed Forces said the IAF had a greater responsibility in guarding the country's frontiers and providing security to economic installations, including those in space.

"Commerical activities in space are increasing," the scientist-President noted,

explaining how India had launched several satellites, including those meant for remote sensing and meterological uses.

"I am glad the aerospace command is taking shape," Kalam said, indicating how this formation was essential in protecting India's interests in outer space. "IAF should equip itself for technology-driven warfare," he observed. — MNA/PTI

Indonesia's dengue fever death climbs to over 300

JAKARTA, 16 Feb — The death toll of seasonal dengue fever in Indonesia since January has reached 307 out of more than 20,000 cases, a Health Ministry official said here Wednesday.

The number could still rise as the source of the disease, the aedes aegypti mosquito, would still have a favourable

environment to proliferate until the end of the wet season in March, said Cicilia Windyaningsih, an official with the directorate of arbovirology in the ministry.

The disease has hit provinces in the vast archipelago country including Jakarta, West Java, Central Java, East Java and East Kalimantan,

according to the ministry.

However, the death figure is still lower than in the same period last year, the official told *Xinhua*. The Health Ministry has taken measures to decrease the rate of fatalities from the disease that spreads during the rainy season through the mosquito.

MNA/Xinhua



A Sri Lankan police and Washington DC teams fight for the ball during the elephant polo tournament's second day in Galle on 16 Feb, 2007. —INTERNET

Police officers suspected of misdeeds in US city

LOS ANGELES, 16 Feb — Police officers in California Maywood City were suspected of sexual misconduct, racism and brutality, it was reported Thursday.

This prompted the City Council to urge the state attorney general's office to investigate the claims, the Los Angeles Times said.

There have been complaints from residents that the mostly Latino city's 37-officer police force was involved in the misdeeds, said the report.

California Assembly Speaker Fabian Nunez also urged the City Council to take action to address a growing list of alleged misdeeds, the paper said.

Residents have claimed that officers beat up people, and several women said police stalked and sexually abused them, according to a document published by the paper. One mother claimed that her 14-year-old daughter was groped by an officer.

In the past, the department was criticized for large-scale afternoon sobriety checks that opponents said were designed to catch unlicensed illegal immigrants and generate money. Nearly 2,000 cars a year were impounded from immigrants, before the city banned the operations a few years ago.

Two officers have been suspended in connection with internal investigations and others are under investigation, said Maywood City police Chief Richard Lyons.

MNA/Xinhua



A model wears an outfit by designer Bora Asku during his show at London Fashion Week in London, on 16 Feb, 2007. The designers are showing their Autumn/Winter 2007/08 collections. —INTERNET

Three killed, six missing in freighter accident near Japan

TOKYO, 16 Feb — Three crew members died and six are still missing after a South Korean cargo ship encountered storms in the Pacific off central Japan, Kyodo News said Thursday.

Japan Coast Guard has found three bodies till late Thursday during their search started a day ago.

The 2,016-ton freighter sank in stormy weather off Mie Prefecture Wednesday. The two survivors were quoted as saying the ship sank after it was deluged by waves in rough seas. Local officials have spotted an oil spill about 500 metres long and up to 20 metres wide in the vicinity.

The ship made an emergency call around 3:20 pm local time (0620

GMT) on Wednesday, saying it was taking on water some 23 kilometres off the city of Shima, Mie Prefecture.

The vessel, heading for South Korea, left Kisarazu port in Chiba Prefecture at around 3:00 pm (0600 GMT) on Tuesday.

MNA/Xinhua

**DONATE
BLOOD**

Indoor stadium of Kengtung, Shan State (East) put into commission

Sai Thein (Kengtung)

This year's cold season of Kengtung, Shan State (East) is very chilly. It can be said that the weather is frigid.

Like others I left the house to take part in the mass walk. Included also in the mass walk were Chairman of Shan State (East) Peace and Development Council Commander of Triangle Region Command Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing and wife, Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Wai Lin, senior military officers and their wives, officers and other ranks of the local station and their families, members of Shan State (East), Kengtung District and Township Peace and Development Councils, departmental personnel, students and local people.

The participants of the mass walk assembled at the monument in downtown Kengtung at 5.25 am on 30-12-2006. At 5.30 am, the commander and the mass left the monument and marched along Kengtung-Tachilek Union Highway. We arrived at the junction of the golf course, the entrance to Kengtung at 6.15 am, and then



The newly-opened indoor stadium in Kengtung, Shan State (East).

walked back to the sports grounds of the Triangle Region Command.

The participants at 6.50 am arrived at the sports grounds of the Command where they collectively took physical exercise. The mass sports activities ended at 7 am.

While walking along the road

to the market after participating in the mass walk, I met U Noe Wai of Kengtung District General Administration Department, who stopped his motorcycle and asked me to get onto his bike to go to the opening ceremony of the Indoor Stadium which had been upgraded. So, we proceeded to the stadium where the opening ceremony was to be held.

It was already 9 am when we arrived at the stadium. Also present on the occasion were Commander Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing, Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Wai Lin, members of Shan State (East), Kengtung District and Township Peace and Development Councils, heads of department, volleyball players, athletes of Karatedo and Taekwondo teams, students of aerobic dance troupe, donors and sports fans.

Commander Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing formally opened the stadium, and the commander and those present took their designated places in the stadium.

The commander made an opening speech. He said that sports meets are being held all over the world with the aim of enhancing the dignity of the State and the people; that in implementing one of the four social objectives which calls for uplift of health, fitness and education

standards of the entire nation, enhancing the standard of sports, which is a contributing factor for health and fitness, amounts to safeguarding and defending the State; that to keep abreast of the world, the government had built sports grounds and stadiums, provided sports equipment and courses and held sports meets in the states and divisions; that at a time when efforts are being made for development of the sports sector the Command upgraded the gymnasium into an indoor stadium and organized different sports courses and sports meets; that as efforts are being made for uplift of the sports standard of Shan State (East), building of the stands of Shan State (East) Sports Grounds and upgrading of Myoma Sports Grounds and its stands were carried out; that at present, an indoor stadium is under construction in Monghsat; that the emergence of a grand indoor stadium amounts to paving the way for emergence of athletes who bring honour to Shan State (East) and the nation, and that as there emerged the Shan State (East) Sports Grounds, Shan State (East) Gymnasium and the Command's Indoor Stadium, battalions and regiments under the command and local people are required to maintain those sports facilities for their durability.

Afterwards, skills demonstrations of Karatedo and Taekwondo teams of the Command and students of aerobic dance troupe were performed and invitational volleyball tournament between the Command's selected volleyball (men's) team and Shan State (East)'s selected volleyball (men's) team was held.

The upgrading of the Indoor Stadium includes building the stands, flooring, facilitating the stadium with 300 plastic chairs and others. At present, indoor games including volleyball, basketball, badminton, sepak takraw, judo, karatedo, taekwondo, boxing and aerobic can be held at the stadium.

Translation: TS

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That sports meets are being held all over the world with the aim of enhancing the dignity of the State and the people; that in implementing one of the four social objectives which calls for uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation, enhancing the standard of sports, which is a contributing factor for health and fitness, amounts to safeguarding and defending the State; that to keep abreast of the world, the government had built sports grounds and stadiums, provided sports equipment and courses and held sports meets in the states and divisions; that at a time when efforts are being made for development of the sports sector the Command upgraded the gymnasium into an indoor stadium and organized different sports courses and sports meets; that as efforts are being made for uplift of the sports standard of Shan State (East).



Lt-Gen Kyaw Win meets reverends at Loikaw Catholic Church.— MNA

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win visits Lawpita Hydro-electric Power Stations 1 & 2

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Lt-Gen Kyaw Win, the commander and party met Tatmadaw members at Nyeinchanyay Hall of the regional battalion in Loikaw.

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win gave instructions on three capabilities, agriculture and livestock breeding and cooperation in re-

gional development tasks and community welfare services. Officials presented gifts to family members.

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win met departmental officials at the city hall in Kayah State. Officials concerned reported on implementation of the respective tasks. Chairman of Kayah State

Peace and Development Council Col Nyunt Tin reported on work being done for regional development.

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win urged the officials to undertake the development tasks with greater momentum and to hold a meeting between respective District PDCs and townsenders once a

month.

He spoke of the need to make concerted efforts for emergence of a peaceful modern developed discipline-flourishing nation in cooperation with local authorities at different levels, departments and local people.

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and party went to Loikaw Catholic Church and presented gifts to reverends.

There are 58 churches

and two seminary/ divinity schools in Loikaw Township; 98 churches and one seminary/divinity school in Dimawhso Township; 87 churches in Pruhso Township and 21 churches in Shardaw, Bawlake, Phasaung and Mese Townships. There are 129,707 Christians, 24 reverends and 68 preachers in Kayah State and religious services are held.

They went to the construction site of Myole Dhammayon and Lt-Gen

Kyaw Win presented K 700,000 to the chairman and the member of the board of trustees.

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win, Commander Brig-Gen Thaug Aye and the party met secretaries and EC members of State, District and Township Union Solidarity and Development Associations.

Secretary of Kayah State USDA U Kyaw Swe reported on work done and Lt-Gen Kyaw Win gave instructions.

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Progress of industrial zones in Dagon Myothit (South) Township



Commander Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win visits Finished Wood Factory of National Wood Industry Co Ltd in Dagon (East) Industrial Zone.

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YANGON, 17 Feb — Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win

heard reports on progress of industrial zones in respective districts of the division, production sector and water and power supply presented by officials at No 1 Industrial Zone Management Committee in Dagon Myothit (South) Township this

morning. The commander inspected factories of private entrepreneurs.

In Dagon (East) Industrial City, the commander met with entrepreneurs and departmental officials and heard reports on matters related to the zone, operating of factories, sanitation, power supply and transport matters.

Later, the commander inspected factories and workshops of private entrepreneurs. — MNA

Minister receives WFP's Country Director and Representative

YANGON, 17 Feb—Minister for Immigration and Population Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe received Country Director and Representative Mr Christopher Kaye of WFP at his office on 13 February.

Also present on the occasion

were Director-General of Immigration and National Registration Department U Maung Maung Than, Director-General of Population Department U Tin Yi, Head of Office U Than Naing Tun and the officials.

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Minister Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe receives Mr Christopher Kaye, Country Director and Representative of WFP.

IMMIGRATION AND POPULATION

Medical equipment provided for MCWA's delivery rooms in Yangon Div

YANGON, 17 Feb — CEC member of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association Dr Than Oo and the executive director donated a bed and medical equipment to the delivery room of Maternal and Child Welfare Association in Mingon in Hlegu Township, Yangon Division on 14 February.

Dr Than Oo briefed on the donation by MMCWA and presented medical equipment worth K 400,000 for the delivery room to a responsible person of the association.

They also donated medical



MMCWA CEC member Dr Than Oo donates bed and medicines for delivery room of Mingon MCWA to a responsible person.

MCWA

equipment worth K 350,000 to the delivery room of Hline Township MCWA.—MNA

Bo Bo clinches title in Tiger Myanmar Amateur Open



YANGON, 17 Feb—The fourth day event and final round of the Tiger Myanmar Amateur Open 2007, organized by Myanmar Golf Federation and mainly sponsored by Myanmar Brewery Ltd, was held at Yangon Golf Club, here, yesterday afternoon.

After the fourth round, General Manager Mr Peter Ong of Myanmar Brewery Ltd spoke words of thanks at the prize presentation ceremony.

Deputy General Manager Lt-Col Maung Maung Sein (Retd) presented prize to Soe Moe Win in the putting challenge event. Singaporean Ambassador Mr Robert Chua awarded prizes to daily best scorers. General Manager Mr Peter Ong gave prizes to the winners from 7th to 10th positions.

General Secretary of Myanmar Olympic Committee Director-General U Thaung Htaik of Sports and Physical Education Department presented prizes to the respective winners from



MPGA and MGF President Maj-Gen Win Hlaing (Retd) presents championship trophy to Bo Bo in Tiger Myanmar Amateur Open.

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4th to 6th positions.

MPGA and MGF President Maj-Gen Win Hlaing (Retd) presented the first prize to Bo Bo who fired 294 strokes, the second prize to Nay Bala Win Myint 297 and the third prize to Aung Win 299.

General Manager Mr Peter Ong gave a thank you plaque to U Khaing Soe Tha of Yangon Golf Club.

Co-sponsors of the tournament were Alpine Purified Drinking Water, Srixon, Point Golf Gear Factory, Air Mandalay, Osim and Accel

International Co Ltd together with tour management of Han Event Management.—MNA



MMCWA provides aid to Shan State (South) MCWSC

YANGON, 17 Feb — Vice-President of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association Dr Daw Tin Lin Myint and Secretary Dr Daw Wai Wai Tha, together with Chairperson of Shan State (South) MCWSC Daw Thin Myo Myo Aung, Secretary Dr Sai Kham Hlaing and members, gave gifts and cash assistance to 30 older persons at Shan State (South) MCWSC Office on 13 February.

The Vice-President and the Chairperson of Shan State (South) MCWSC formally opened the village education centre in Naungta Model Village.

On 14 February, they presented refreshment and cash to patients at Pindaya Township Hospital.



MMCWA Vice-President Dr Daw Tin Lin Myint presents K 5 million and medicines to Shan State (South) MCWSC Chairperson Daw Thin Myo Myo Aung. — MCWA

Dr Daw Tin Lin Myint handed K 5 million and medicines to Chairperson Daw Thin Myo Myo Aung for implementing the Maternity Waiting Home Project in Pindaya.

Secretary Dr Daw Wai Wai Tha also gave cash assistance and equipment for Pindaya Township MCWA through Chairperson Daw Thin Myo Myo Aung.

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Pre-primary skills contests held

YANGON, 17 Feb—The Supervisory Committee of Yangon West District Maternal and Child Welfare Association organized a skills contest for pre-primary school children at No 2 Basic Education High

School in Sangyoung Township this morning.

Chairperson of Yangon Division MCWSC Daw Mar Mar Wai delivered an address and enjoyed the competition of the children. She presented prizes to the

winners.

Later in the morning, Daw Mar Mar Wai also attended a similar contest held at No 1 BEHS in Hlinethaya Township, Yangon North District, and presented prizes to the winners.—MNA

Cyclists continue Kyaukpadaung-Myingyan leg

YANGON, 17 Feb — Member of Kyaukpadaung Township Peace and Development Council Commander of Township Police Force police Capt Chit Sein launched the Kyaukpadaung-Myin-

yan leg of Tour of Myanmar 1,000-mile Cycling Race-2007 in Kyaukpadaung at 6.20 am today.

The cyclists left Kyaukpadaung and arrived at Myingyan at 9

am through Mount Popa, Byattapansat Junction, Myinsaingtaung reserve forest, Welaung and Taungtha.

Local people cheered up the cyclists along the route. Out of 76 cyclists, 70 athletes arrived at the finishing line in Myingyan.

Of them, Win Hlaing (A&I) stood first, Myint Aye (Finance and Revenue) second and Kyaw Myo Hlaing (Finance and Revenue) third.—MNA

Cyclists in Letpadan-Pyay leg of 1,000-mile men's cycling race on 13 February. — MNA

Iranian President urges Europe not to support US policies

TEHERAN, 17 Feb — Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad has called on European countries not to back Washington's "unilateralist hegemonic" policies in the Middle East, the state television reported on its website on Friday.

By doing so, Europeans would gain confidence of countries in the region, Ahmadinejad was quoted

as telling new Belgian Ambassador to Iran Herve Goines on Thursday.

Iran and Belgium could play an effective role in bringing peace, tranquility and welfare to nations of the world, Ahmadinejad said. "Today's global problems would be resolved through exhibiting mutual respect, justice and prudence," he said, adding that Middle

East states and Europe could collaborate on achieving progress in this respect.

For his part, Goines said that his country was willing to develop ties with Iran, especially in the realms of science, the economy and culture.

The United States has been seeking to impose tougher sanctions on Iran through the UN Security

Council on the grounds that Teheran is developing nuclear weapon under the guise of a civilian-use programme.

Iran has insisted that its nuclear programme be only for peaceful purposes and voiced hope for talks on the nuclear standoff. But it rejected a prerequisite of suspending nuclear work for such talks.

MNA/Xinhua

In this photo released by Japanese government-affiliated Institute of Cetacean Research in Tokyo, Nisshin Maru, a Japanese whaling ship, left, tied along side one of its fleet vessels Yushin Maru No 2, is seen on Friday, 16 Feb, 2007, in Antarctic waters after a fire broke out on Thursday.
INTERNET



UN says over 100 Somalis, Ethiopians drown off Yemen

GENEVA, 17 Feb — More than 100 Somali and Ethiopian migrants drowned when a smugglers' boat capsized off Yemen earlier this week and 130 more are missing after they were forced off a second ship, the United Nations said on Friday.

The United Nations refugee agency (UNHCR) said 107 bodies had already

been buried from Monday's sinking, but that 133 people were still unaccounted for, although many of them may have reached land safely.

The missing were mostly from a second boat whose crew forced them to jump into the sea after the first craft went down, the UNHCR said. Two other vessels made it to shore with 235 people aboard.

It was the second mass drowning of African migrants this month in the Gulf of Aden. Fifteen people died after traffickers forced hundreds of passengers off two boats far from the Yemeni coast in early February. Smugglers, usually Somali, often drop migrants in deep waters because the Yemeni authorities have increased

sea patrols closer to shore.

Some 27,000 people made the perilous journey from Somalia last year, fleeing battles in the volatile Horn of Africa nation between the Ethiopian Army and an Islamist movement.

Islamist forces ran most of south Somalia for six months until they were ousted in an offensive by the government and Ethiopia over the New Year. — MNA/Reuters



Labourers work at the construction site for the National Olympic Stadium, also known as the 'Bird's Nest', in Beijing 17 Feb, 2007. Chinese and foreign spectators at next year's Beijing Olympic Games will pay the same ticket prices, and almost two-thirds of tickets will cost less than 100 yuan (\$12.89), a state newspaper said.
REUTERS

Vodka-fuelled fisherman wrestles with shark

CANBERRA, 17 Feb — A fisherman fuelled by vodka caught a 1.3-metre (four-foot) shark and wrestled it onto a jetty on Australia's south coast, suffering only small tear marks in his trousers, media reports said on Friday.

Phillip Kerkhof, 41, caught the bronze whaler shark by hand on Monday after he spotted it chasing squid lures near the jetty at the tiny seaside town of Louth Bay in the South Australia state.

"I just snuck up behind him and eventually I went for the big grab and I fluked it and got him," Kerkhof told Australian Broadcasting Corp.

The area near Louth Bay, around the southern tip of South Australia's Eyre Peninsula, is well known for sharks, and live shark action for the 1975 movie "Jaws" was filmed nearby. Kerkhof, who said he had "a fair few vodkas" before he went fishing, said he only realized the danger of his actions the following day.

"It's not something I'd recommend to do," he said. "When I sobered up I thought about it and I said, 'I'm a bit of an idiot doing it'." — MNA/Reuters

Emirates flight hits bird, escapes accident

KOLKATA, 17 Feb — Passengers aboard an Emirates flight from Dubai on Friday escaped unhurt after the plane hit a bird while landing at the airport here, official sources said.

"While landing at the NSC Bose International Airport here, the flight had hit a bird but the impact was not particularly felt and the plane landed safely. However, the return flight to Dubai had been rescheduled to around 1 pm (IST) today," an Emirates Airlines official said.

"The flight was to take-off for Dubai at 8.55 am. But technical personnel readying the aircraft for the return flight detected signs of the bird hit at 8.30 am. Our technical team is looking into all aspects before the aircraft was ready to fly," the officer added.

There were nearly 250 passengers on board and the flight landed safely at Netaji International Airport at 7.30 am. — MNA/PTI

Florida girl cannot stop hiccups

LOS ANGELES, 17 Feb — A Florida girl has hiccuped for more than three weeks and there has been no way to stop her hiccuping, the ABC News reported on Friday. Jennifer Mee can not stop hiccuping for more than three weeks now, said the report.

The 15-year-old girl in St Petersburg, Florida has hiccuped close to 50 times a minute despite the best efforts of doctors and home remedies, said the report.

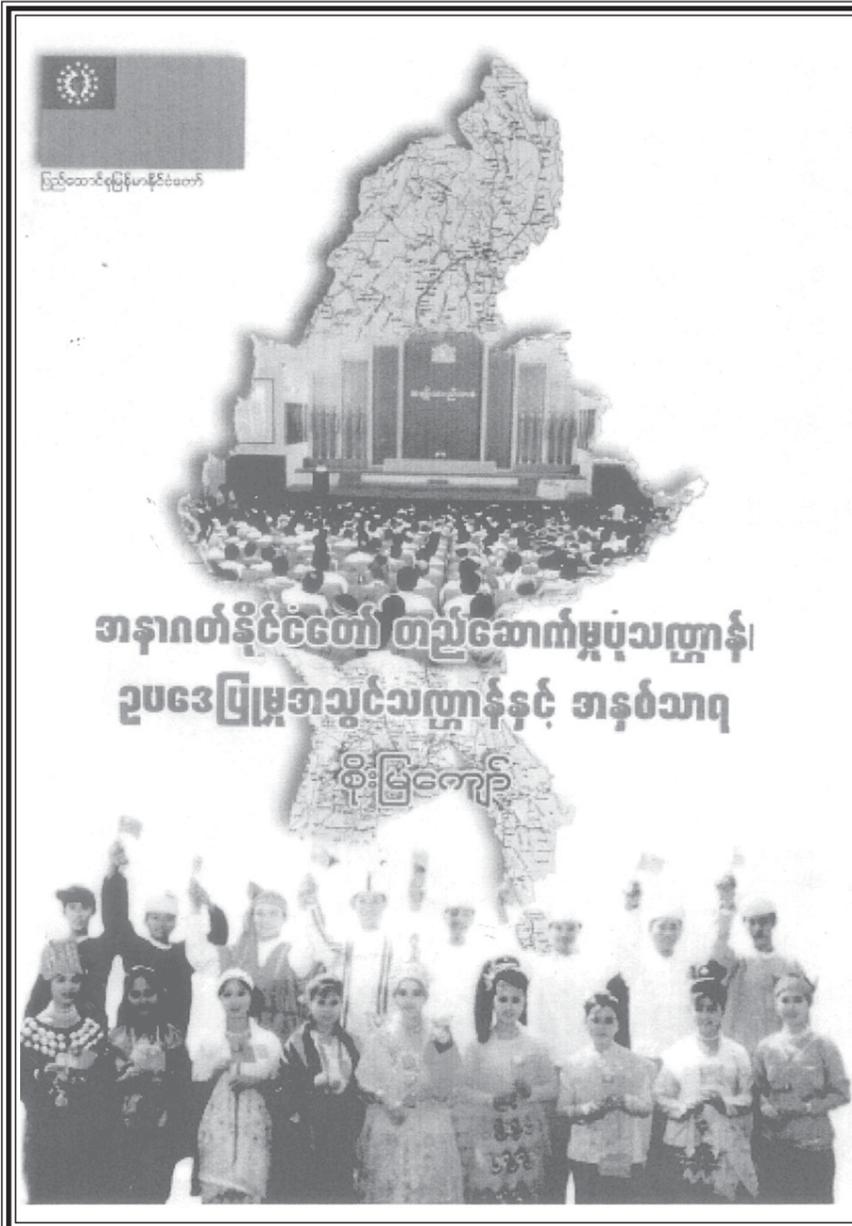
It is not clear what triggered Jennifer's hiccups, which started in school January 23.

No answer has been found to the cause of the hiccups despite blood tests, a CT scan and an MRI, according to the report.

Drugs have not worked. Neither have home remedies which included holding her breath, putting sugar under her tongue, sipping pickle juice, breathing into a paper bag, drinking out of the wrong side of a glass and even scaring, said the report.

The hiccups do stop when she is sleeping.

Hiccups are caused by involuntary contractions of the diaphragm, which causes vocal cords to briefly close, according to the National Institutes of Health. They can start for no reason or be triggered by anything from spicy foods to stress. — MNA/Xinhua



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Historical site discovered near Rohtak

CHANDIGARH, 17 Feb — A new archaeological site dating back to the Harappan period had been discovered near Rohtak in northern state of Haryana.

Haryana Archives, Archaeology and Museums Minister Meena Mandal, who Thursday visited the site, said it was discovered on a link road from Julana to Kirsola Village, about 35 kilometres from Rohtak, adding it could provide information about the “disappearance

of Harappan Culture and its merger with post Grey Ware Cultures”. The site was discovered by a team of the state Archaeological Department led by Deputy Director JS Khatri in December last year. Mandal said explorations were conducted by the department from

January 2006 in the palio-channel of River Drishadvati, specifically in and around Meham in district Rohtak. The site was found after earlier discoveries of Harappan culture near village Farmana, known locally as Daksh-Khera, led the team to further explore areas towards

Julana in the Northeast direction, she said. The team's efforts had also led to the discovery of three more sites — Bedwa, Farmana two and Kheri Meham — at regular intervals of five kilometres each. Giving details of the newly discovered site, Mandal said it was spread over 11 acres and rose to a height of about four metres from the ground.

MNA/PTI

Singapore PM urges people to maintain traditional duties of family

SINGAPORE, 17 Feb — In his Chinese New Year message on Friday, Singapore Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong called on Singaporeans to strengthen kinship ties, loyalty and commitment to families and look after the elderly. “Chinese New Year is a time of reunion and bonding for the family,” Lee said in his message, calling on his people to renew commitments to families not just during this festive period but throughout the year.

state pensions and medical care. As a result, family members often feel little responsibility to care for one another,” said Lee. He added that Singapore must avoid these pitfalls.

He referred to how generous state welfare benefits for the employed and the elderly have led to the weakening of the family unit in many Western countries. “When somebody loses his job, he falls back on state unemployment insurance. When he grows old, he relies on

The Singapore Government just announced Thursday a generous Workfare to help lower-income workers and a four billion Singapore dollars (about 2.6 billion US \$) goods and services tax (GST) Offset Package to help the people adjust to the GST increase.

Lee said the government is doing its part by strengthening community networks to reach out to the elderly, but no institution or old folks’ home can replace the love and warmth of family members, nor can the government.

MNA/Xinhua



Winner Katie Uhlaender from the US, center, is flanked by runner-up Germany's Anja Huber, left, and Noelle Pikus-Pace from the US, right, who placed third, as they celebrate during the winner presentation of the women's Skeleton World Cup competition at the bob run in Winterberg, western Germany, on Friday, 16 Feb, 2007. — INTERNET

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Mexico ready to prevent possible terror attacks

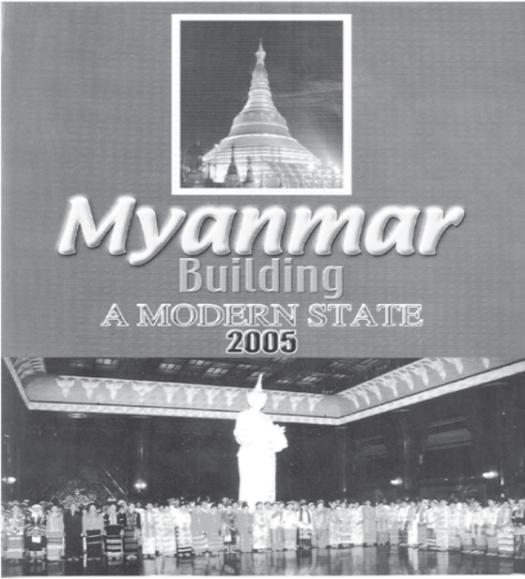
MEXICO CITY, 16 Feb — The Mexican Government is examining the origin and truthfulness of alleged threats from the terrorist network al-Qaeda, to nations that supply oil to the United States, the President's public relations coordinator said on Wednesday.

The official, Maximiliano Cortazar, said he did not wish to anticipate what the nation's final response would be.

An organization calling itself the Arabian Peninsula al-Qaeda Organization made the threat on a web page of the electronic newspaper *Saut al Jihad* (Voice of the Holy War). The message called on supporters to attack oil facilities in Mexico, Venezuela and Canada, because they supply oil to the United States.

Mexico's Tourism Minister, Rodolfo Elizondo, said that the threat was no more worrying than many others, and he would wait for further information.

Carlos Abascal, acting general secretary of the National Action Party, said that Mexico was ready to prevent possible terrorist attacks, and also that Mexico has no reason to break relations with any nation based on the al-Qaeda threats. — MNA/Xinhua



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Malaysia to recruit 150,000 Bangladeshi workers

DHAKA, 16 Feb — Malaysia will recruit 150,000 workers from Bangladesh and the process for sending the workers has already started, Bangladeshi Foreign Affairs Adviser Iftekhar Ahmed Chowdhury said here Wednesday.

The adviser told a weekly Press briefing that the government has set up a coordination committee with officials from the ministries of Foreign, Labour and Employment and Civil Aviation as well as the Passport and Immigration Department to resolve problems in sending more skilled manpower abroad.

Of the 150,000 workers, 26,000 got clearance from the Malaysian authorities and 18,000 already left for Kuala Lumpur. The Malaysia-bound workers are to pay 85,000 taka (about 1250 US dollars) each.

Presently, some

300,000 Bangladeshi workers are employed in Malaysia.

The Foreign Affairs Adviser assured that appropriate steps are being taken against the unscrupulous manpower agencies for forgery and harassment while sending Bangladeshi workers abroad as the present government is engaged in combating corruption.

He said the Labour Wings in Bangladesh Missions abroad are being

strengthened while Consul Generals or honorary Consuls would be appointed wherever necessary to boost manpower export.

Bangladesh receive remittance of more than five billion dollars annually from the expatriate workers.

So far, some five million skilled and unskilled Bangladeshi workers have gone abroad since 1976.

MNA/Xinhua

Gas leak kills four Asian sailors in Korean ship

MONTEVIDEO, 16 Feb — An ammonia gas leak on Wednesday killed four sailors and injured 14 others onboard a South Korea-registered fishing boat docking at a port here, said the Uruguayan authorities on Wednesday.

He said that the four dead sailors, three South Koreans and a Vietnamese, were working in the engine room of the *101 Sea World* boat when the leak occurred in the afternoon.

Three of the injured, who are of South Korean and Vietnamese origin, are in a critical condition, said Carlos Nicola of the Fire Brigade Public Relations Department.

The injured were taken to hospitals nearby. Four Chinese sailors escaped unhurt, and 11 Indonesian sailors who were on shore were also left untouched by the leak.

MNA/Xinhua

Brazil mother dies after phone kidnapping scam

SAO PAULO, 16 Feb — A con artist phoned a Brazilian mother to demand a ransom to free her kidnapped son and the panicked 67-year-old retiree died of a heart attack before she realized she was a victim of a scam, local media reported on Thursday.

Mercia Mendes de Barros sent her husband to fetch 60,000 reais (28,708 US dollars) and asked neighbours for help negotiating with the faux kidnapper.

But her husband told reporters Mercia died before he returned from the bank and a neighbour successfully contacted her son — who never was taken hostage — on his cell phone.

MNA/Reuters

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New York's Empire State Building is lit up with colorful lights on 15 Feb, 2007. The tallest building in New York has been decorated with 1,327 colorful lights since Thursday celebrating the Chinese lunar New Year. —XINHUA

Study says human brain makes new cells to treat damage, disease

BEIJING, 16 Feb (Xinhuanet) — Scientists have discovered that the human brain can manufacture fresh brain cells which may lead to a better way to treat brain damage and disease like Alzheimer's, Parkinson's and stroke, according to media reports Friday.

Neuroscientists from Auckland University and Carlsson Institute for Neuroscience in Sweden found a cell pathway through which the adult brain may repair itself. The report will be published as the cover story next week in the journal "Science."

These cells are born in one part of the brain and then migrate to the olfactory bulb, where smells are processed. They mature into neurons on the way. Scientists have known that other animals, such as rats and mice, make new brain cells throughout their lives and there had been indirect evidence that humans beings could also.

Since humans have far more developed brains, searching for these cells has been harder than it was in rodents. The Auckland-Sweden collaboration was the first to trace the path of the human "neurogenesis motorway". "The excitement from this pathway is if we can try and develop an understanding of what makes these cells multiply and travel - if we could enhance this to help people who have brain cells die."



Brain

Auckland University's Professor Richard Faull, one of the leaders of the eight-year study said. —Xinhua

Spacecraft provides new hints of past groundwater flows on Mars

WASHINGTON, 16 Feb — A spacecraft recently arrived at Mars has provided new evidence that fluids, likely including water, once flowed widely through underlying bedrock in a canyon that is part of the great Martian rift valley, according to a NASA research released on Thursday. The new colour images from the HiRISE camera aboard NASA's Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter show an equatorial landscape of hills composed of dozens of alternating layers of dark- and light-toned rocks, and crossed by dark sand dunes.

Within those layered deposits, the exquisitely detailed images show, there are a series of linear fractures, called joints, that are surrounded by "halos" of light-toned bedrock. In a paper to be published 16 February in the journal *Science*, researchers argue that the "halos" offer clear evidence of past fluid flow through the bedrock.

Minerals in the fluid acted like cement to strengthen and bleach the rock, they say. The cemented rock proved more resistant to wind erosion than other features on the canyon walls and floor. It now serves as an exposed record of hydrological

activity and offers a promising site to search for evidence of habitable niches in the Martian past.

Chris H Okubo, the principal author of the paper said the new images strongly suggest that subsurface fluids — probably water, liquid carbon dioxide or a combination of the two — once flowed abundantly in the western Candor Chasma region of Mars. —MNA/Xinhua



Local residents dine around a huge hot pot in Chengdu, Southwest China's Sichuan Province, on 16 Feb, 2007. The huge hot pot measures 12 metres (39 feet) in diameter, and 4 metres (13 feet) in total height. The maker of the pot has applied for a World Guinness Record as the world's largest hot pot. —XINHUA

Murphy's run for Oscar sparks applause, barbs

LOS ANGELES, 16 Feb — Eddie Murphy has been loved, hated and ignored but now he is back with Hollywood heavyweights rallying around him for his career-redefining turn in "Dreamgirls", a role that may win him an Oscar.

Murphy, 45, is one of the biggest wildcards in show business, making his best supporting actor Oscar run one of the most controversial Academy Awards stories this year.

After 25 years of mostly comic roles, Murphy took the leap into drama with "Dreamgirls" as a thwarted cocaine-sniffing soul singer James "Thunder" Early, earning him the Oscar nomination as well as Golden Globe and Screen Actor Guild wins.

MNA/Reuters



The space shuttle Atlantis makes its way to launch pad 39A at the Kennedy Space Centre in Cape Canaveral, Florida, on 15 Feb, 2007. —XINHUA

Winter storm hits US Northeast

WASHINGTON, 16 Feb — A strong winter storm hits US Northeast on Wednesday with heavy snow and icy rain, CBS News reported. The National Weather Service has issued blizzard warnings for parts of New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Maine, according to the report. Governors of Maine and Virginia respectively declared statewide emergencies.

In New York, Governor Eliot Spitzer activated elements of the state Army National Guard to assist in removing the massive amounts of snow in Oswego County on Lake Ontario and to prepare for other missions as needed. Washington DC, Philadelphia and the New York City are expecting a combination of snow and freezing rain.

MNA/Xinhua

Greek shipping fleet has 2,013 vessels

ATHENS, 16 Feb (Xinhua) — The Greek shipping fleet had 2,013 vessels with a total tonnage of 34.7 million tons by the end of last year, the National Statistics Service said on Friday. The statistics service, in a report, said of the total 2,013 vessels, 632 were cargo ships, 467 tankers and 914 passenger ferries. The report said the Greek shipping fleet recorded a 1.1 percent decline in 2006 from the previous year, reflecting a 0.6 percent increase in cargo vessels, a 5.3 percent rise in total tonnage, a 3.1 percent decline in passenger ships, a 4.7 percent rise in total tonnage of cargo ships and a 0.6 percent rise in tankers. —Xinhua

SPORTS



Lille's Johan Audel (L) challenges Lyon's Jeremy Toulalan during their French Ligue 1 soccer match at Lille Metropole Stadium in Villeneuve d'Ascq on 16 Feb, 2007.—INTERNET

Late goals give leaders Lyon 2-1 win at Lille

PARIS, 17 Feb— Leaders Olympique Lyon scored two late goals to grab a fortunate 2-1 victory at third-placed Lille in Ligue 1 on Friday.

France centre back Sebastien Squillaci got the winner in the 89th minute when he deflected a Jeremy Toulalan freekick into the net to steal the win.

The result gives Lyon a 14-point lead over RC Lens, who travel to Monaco on Sunday, and a confidence boost ahead of next week's Champions League clash against AS Roma.

"It might be the turning

point of the season," Lyon coach Gerard Houllier told French TV channel Canal Plus. "It was tough against a Lille side who do not let you play your game."

Brazilian striker Fred had cancelled out Lille's opener — scored by Johan Audel seven minutes after the break following a poor clearance by Cris — with a freekick in the 83rd minute.

Lille, who stay on 39 points, are now 18 points adrift of Lyon, who travel to Roma in the Champions League first knockout round on Wednesday.

Lille coach Claude Puel, whose team host Premier League leaders Manchester United in the same competition on Tuesday, said: "We lost the game on details. They did not have an opportunity until they scored."—MNA/Reuters

Stuttgart go second with 4-0 rout of Frankfurt

BERLIN, 17 Feb— Classy VfB Stuttgart strengthened their claims to a Champions League place with a 4-0 win at Eintracht Frankfurt on Friday.

Roberto Hilbert swept in the opener in the second minute, Mario Gomez and Ricardo Osorio made it 3-0 by halftime and Thomas Hitzlsperger completed the rout when he scored on the rebound after his penalty had been saved 12 minutes from time. Victory took Stuttgart up to second place for at least a night.

With 22 games played, they have 44 points while Werder Bremen slip to third on 42. Werder can reclaim second spot by winning at home to Hamburg SV on Saturday.

Schalke 04, who lead the table on 48 points, travel to VfL Wolfsburg on Saturday. Champions Bayern Munich, struggling in fourth place on 37 points, visit Alemannia Aachen.

The top two in Germany go straight into the Champions League, with third place enough for a qualifying berth.

Stuttgart looked well worth one of those places as they took Frankfurt apart.

Cacau started the move for the opening goal after 100 seconds. He played the ball out wide to Gomez, who in turn set up Hilbert to score.

Gomez then netted his 13th league goal of the season, exchanging passes with Hitzlsperger before shooting low.—MNA/Reuters

Leaders Porto crush Naval 4-0

LISBON, 17 Feb— Porto crushed Naval 4-0 in the Portuguese Premier League on Friday as they warmed up for next week's Champions League clash with Chelsea.

Porto are top with 43 points from 18 games, six clear of Sporting who visit Pacos Ferreira on Saturday. Benfica, who meet Nacional at Madeira Island on Sunday, are third on 36.

Argentine striker Lisandro Lopez scored in each half for Porto, the first from an unmarked position inside the area after a neat pass by Bruno Morais after 21 minutes.—MNA/Reuters



France's Amelie Mauresmo returns the ball towards Russia's Dinara Safina during the quarter finals at the Diamond games in Antwerp, Belgium, on 16 Feb, 2007. Mauresmo won 6-1, 6-3.—INTERNET

Clijsters, Mauresmo reach last 4 in Antwerp

ANTWERP, 17 Feb— Second seed Kim Clijsters cruised into the semifinals of the Diamond Games with a 6-2, 6-1 victory over Serbia's Ana Ivanovic on Friday.

The world number four was joined in the last four by top seed Amelie Mauresmo, who beat Russia's Dinara Safina 6-1, 6-3 to move closer to claiming a diamond-studded racket worth one million euros (1.31 million US dollars).

The prize is awarded for three title wins here in five years. The Frenchwoman scored back-to-back victories in 2005 and 2006.

Clijsters next plays France's Tatiana Golovin or Russia's Elena Likhovtseva. The tournament is the Belgian player's last on home soil as she plans to retire at the end of the season.

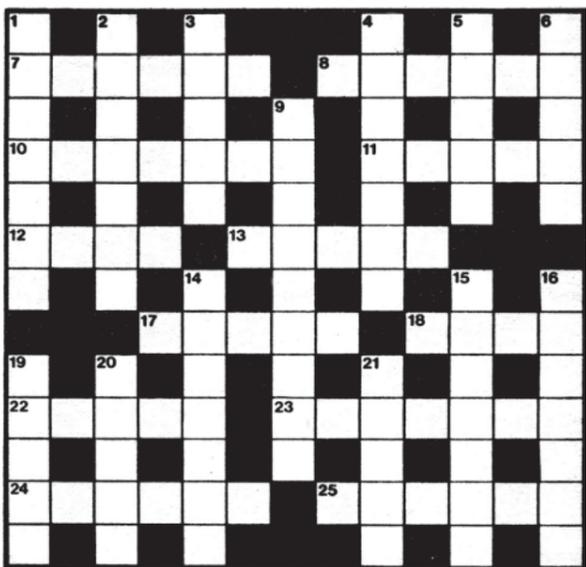
"I feel good and the crowd again were terrific. It's such a great feeling out there," Clijsters told reporters.

"But I am just focusing on each day and each game. Hopefully I can make it through to the final on Sunday."—MNA/Reuters



Japan's Tomoka Takeuchi competes during the women's parallel giant slalom race at the Snowboard World Cup in Furano, northern Japan, on 16 Feb, 2007.—INTERNET

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



ACROSS

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- 8 Chess piece
- 10 Moving force
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Becker eases past listless safin in San Jose

SAN JOSE, 17 Feb— A listless Marat Safin was upset by sixth seed Benjamin Becker in the quarterfinals of the San Jose Open on Friday, the Russian former world number one beaten 6-4, 6-3 by his German opponent.

The fourth seeded Safin played well short of his best and world number 49 Becker took full advantage to set up a semifinal against another giant-killer, Ivo Karlovic, who had earlier dispatched fifth seeded American Mary Fish 7-6, 6-4. Safin, the world number 24, won a five-set battle with Becker at the Australian Open last month, but made a stack of unforced errors in their latest meeting and could not even force a break point.

The German broke once to win the first set and again in the fourth game of the second, before serving out to love to reach his third ATP Tour semifinal and second this month.—MNA/Reuters

Soederling knocks out Gasquet in Marseille

MARSEILLE (France), 17 Feb — Unseeded Swede Robin Soederling reached the Marseille Open semifinals by outgunning local favourite Richard Gasquet 6-1, 7-6 on Friday. Big-serving Soederling next meets unseeded Frenchman Gilles Simon, who defeated Jonas Bjorkman of Sweden 7-6, 6-2.

Soederling, who beat top seed Nikolay Davydenko in the first round, claimed the first set in 30 minutes before clinching victory over sixth seed Gasquet by taking the tiebreak 7-4.—MNA/Reuters

Dinosaur eggs fossil from China seized in US

LOS ANGELES, 17 Feb — A nearly perfectly preserved fossilized nest of dinosaur eggs that may have been illegally taken from China was seized at a Los Angeles-area auction house by agents who were tipped off by a newspaper article, US officials said on Thursday.

Bonhams & Butterfields sold the fossil specimen — which is believed to contain the eggs of a predatory raptor from the Cretaceous Period — at auction last December, but the sale was subsequently canceled, according to an affidavit signed by a US

Immigration and Customs Enforcement agent.

A wire service story printed in *USA Today* before the auction stated that the nest had been unearthed in China's Guangdong Province in the early 1980s, then bought by an American collector in 2003.

ICE officials said evidence gathered so far suggests the fossilized nest — which was seized last week — was brought to the United States illegally.

ICE agents also said the original shipping label on the nest understated its value, declaring it to be

only 500 dollars. Experts now estimate the nest is worth as much as 350,000 dollars, according to ICE.

The winning bidder had agreed to pay 453,296 dollars according to the affidavit.

Officials said undervaluing goods is a common ploy used by smugglers to avoid detection.

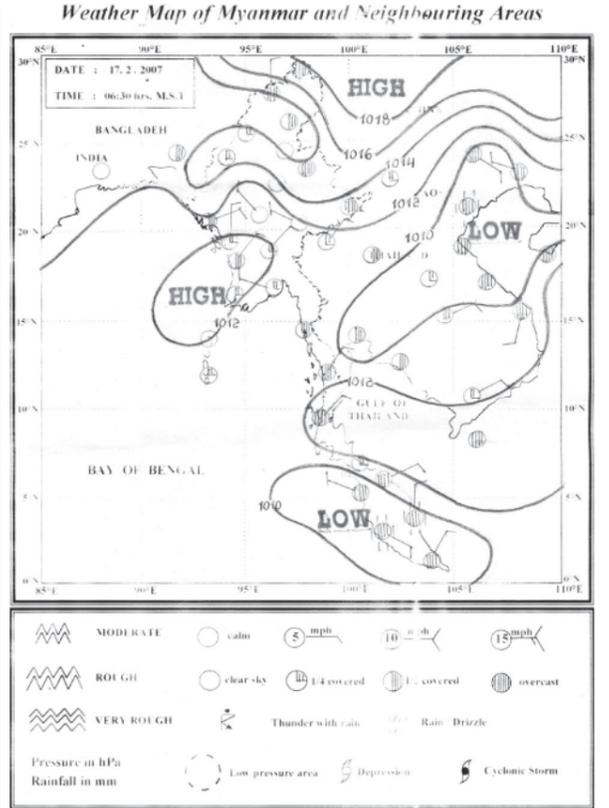
Investigators are now trying to trace the fossil's origins. Officials say the specimen is so well preserved that remains of the dinosaur embryos are still visible inside the eggs.

"Fossil smuggling may seem like a plot twist in an Indiana Jones movie, but it is a serious crime," said Robert Schoch, special agent in charge of the ICE investigations office in Los Angeles.

Bonhams & Butterfields is cooperating with the ongoing investigation, officials said. — MNA/Xinhua



Russia's Anna Chakvetadze serves during the semi-finals of the Proximus Diamond Games against France's Amelie Mauresmo at the Sportpaleis in Antwerp, Belgium, on Saturday 17 Feb, 2007. — INTERNET



WEATHER

Saturday, 17 February, 2007

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, light rain or thundershowers have been isolated in upper Sagaing Division, weather has been partly cloudy in Kachin, Chin, Shan and Rakhine States, lower Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway, Bago and Taninthayi Divisions and generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below normal in Kachin, Shan, Chin and Rakhine States, lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions and about normal in the remaining areas. The significant night temperatures were Haka (2°C), Mogok (3°C) and An (4°C).

Maximum temperature on 16-2-2007 was 95°F. Minimum temperature on 17-2-2007 was 66°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 17-2-2007 was 60%. Total sunshine hours on 16-2-2007 was (9.0) hours approx.

Rainfall on 17-2-2007 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 (6) mph from Northwest at (17:15) hours MST on 16-2-2007.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 18-2-2007: Rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated in Kachin State and upper Sagaing Division and weather will be partly cloudy in Chin, Shan and Rakhine States, Lower Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions and generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of slight decrease of night temperatures in the upper Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 18-2-2007: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 18-2-2007: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 18-2-2007: Partly cloudy.



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Sunday, 18 February
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<p>7:00 am</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> ကျေးဇူးရှင် မင်းကုန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃာမဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ရွက်၊ အဘိဓမ္မာမဟာရာဇဂူရု၊ အဘိဓမ္မာအဂ္ဂမဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မဇောတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ မေဃာဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော် ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော် <p>7:25 am</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> To be healthy exercise <p>7:30 am</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Morning news <p>7:40 am</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Nice and sweet song <p>7:55 am</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> ယဉ်ကျေးလိမ္မာ (၃၈) ဖြာ မင်္ဂလာ <p>8:05 am</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ <p>8:15 am</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> ထပ်ဆင့်အောင်ပွဲ ဧရာဝတီတံတား (ဒေးဒရေ) <p>8:20 am</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ <p>8:30 am</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> International news 	<p>8:45 am</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Say it in English <p>11:00 am</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Martial song <p>11:15 am</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Musical programme <p>11:25 am</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Round up of the week's international news <p>11:40 am</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Yan Can Cook <p>11:55 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> ရသစုံလင်ပြုံးပျော်ရွှင် မြန်မာ့ရုပ်မြင်အစီအစဉ် (ခန့်စည်သူ၊ ချောရတနာ၊ ရတနာ၊ မြိုးမြိုးခိုင်၊ လှလှ၊ ကျော်ထူး၊ ဟန်နီထွန်းမင်းခန့်၊ ဇေယျာ၊ ရက်တယ်၊ နေယံ) <p>1:45 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> “ဘာမထီမောင်တို့စွမ်းအား ပုံညာတောင် ဥမင်ဖောက်လုပ်သွား” <p>2:00 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> အကပြိုင်ပွဲ <p>2:15 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> ဘာသာစကား သင်ကြားလေ့လာ တက္ကသိုလ်မှာ (အပိုင်း-၂) <p>2:25 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> “ပေါင်ပေါ်ကျတဲ့စီး” (ရဲအောင်၊ ထွန်းထွန်းဝင်း၊ ညီညီမင်းထက်၊ ဘုန်းလျှံ၊ ဟန်နီထွန်း၊ ဝိုင်းစုခိုင်သိန်း) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မောင်မောင်မြင့်လွင်၊ မင်းအုပ်စိုး) <p>2:35 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Musical programme 	<p>2:45 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> International news <p>4:00 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Martial song <p>4:15 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Song to uphold National Spirit <p>4:30 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> English for Everyday Use <p>4:45 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ -တတိယနှစ် (ဓာတုဗေဒ အထူးပြု) (ဓာတုဗေ) <p>4:55 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Dance of national races <p>5:10 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Sing and enjoy <p>6:00 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Evening news <p>6:30 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Weather report <p>6:35 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> သီရိဓမ္မာ <p>7:00 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> တွေ့ဆုံဆွေးနွေးရေး၊ တွေ့ဆုံဆွေးနွေးရေးဟုဆိုကာ (အပိုင်း-၃) <p>7:10 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “သမားတော်” (အပိုင်း-၃) <p>8:00 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> News <p>8:05 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> International news <p>8:10 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Weather report <p>8:15 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “လှပသောနေ့ရက်များ” (အပိုင်း-၂၆) <p>8:20 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The next day's programme
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Radio Myanmar

Sunday, 18 February
Tune in today

8:30 am Brief news

8:35 am Music
-On & On & On

8:40 am Perspectives

8:45 am Music
-Get back

8:50 am National news/
Slogan

9:00 am Music
-Lay back in the arms of someone

9:05 am International news

9:10 am Cultural images of Myanmar

9:20 am Music

1:30 pm News / Slogan

1:40 pm Children's delight (story)

1:50 pm Song for children

9:00 pm Weekly news review

9:10 pm Article

9:20 pm Music/LIETS
-Will you be there
-Heaven knows
-So much in love

9:45 pm News / Slogan

10:00 pm PEL

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Physic nut seeds sown at nursery in Tatkon

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Feb — A ceremony to nurture physic nut was held at the nursery in Tatkon Township this morning, attended by Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Wai Lwin and wife Daw Swe Swe Oo.

Chairman of Tatkon Township Peace and Development Council U Nay Aung reported on the plan to grow physic nut in Tatkon Township for 2007-08 and nurturing task.

Next, Commander Brig-Gen Wai Lwin and wife, Chairman of Pinyin District Peace and Development Council U Khin Maung Zaw and Lt-Col Soe Htet of Tatkon Station distributed physic nut seeds and small bags to departmental personnel, social organization members and local people.

Afterwards, the commander, wife and officials sowed physic nut seeds and planted saplings.

They viewed participation of local people in sowing physic nut seeds at the nursery.

So far, a total of 120,000 physic nut seeds have been sown and 1,400 saplings nurtured in Tatkon Township. Plan is under way to cultivate 11,149 acres of physic nut in the township.

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Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Wai Lwin and wife Daw Swe Swe Oo plant physic nut grafts at the nursery in Tatkon Township.

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Cash donation for water supply in Taungtha

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Feb — A cash donation ceremony for water supply in Taungtha Township was held at the Township Union Solidarity and Development As-

sociation Office yesterday.

Minister for Industry-1 Secretariat Member of USDA U Aung Thaung spoke on the occasion. Executive U Khin Maung

Tin accepted K 3.05 million donated by wellwishers of No 6 Ward in Taungtha Township.

Chairman of Township War Veterans Or-

ganization U Aung Than accepted K 6.5 million donated by wellwishers from Mandalay. Police Lt-Col Soe Lwin accepted K 7.5 million from Yangon.

Minister U Aung Thaung also accepted K 96 million by wellwishers.

In the evening, the minister inspected vest factory and the finished products.

The minister also inspected the Taungtha Dam and the site for construction of 50,000 gallons capacity tank on Taungni Mountain. He also presented offertories and K 500,000 to members of the Sangha.

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USDA Secretariat Member Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung inspects production process of Vest Factory (Taungtha). — INDUSTRY-1

Eight members of Bogale Township NLD resign

They no longer place any trust in NLD

YANGON, 17 Feb — Eight members of Bogale Township National League for Democracy namely U Tun Shin and U Tun Aye of Than Htoe Wah village, U Tin Hla, U Naing Oo and U Ohn Hla of Kayuchaung village, U Hla Kyi of Bangala village, U Tin Shwe and U Soe Naing of Sein Ton Hle village in Ayeyawady Division resigned from NLD of their own accord on 10 February. They sent their resignation letters to the NLD Headquarters and local authorities.

In their letters sent to Bogale Township Multi-party Democracy General Election Sub-Commission, it was stated that NLD had not served the interests of the people but committed the acts detrimental to the State. Therefore, they no longer placed any trust in NLD and its leaders.—MNA

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The upgrading of the Indoor Stadium includes building the stands, flooring, facilitating the stadium with 300 plastic chairs and others. At present, indoor games including volleyball, basketball, badminton, sepak takraw, judo, karatedo, taekwondo, boxing and aerobic can be held at the stadium.

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WEATHER FORECAST FOR 18-2-2007

Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas
Partly cloudy.

Yangon and neighbouring areas
Partly cloudy.

Mandalay and neighbouring areas
Partly cloudy.