

**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 on tour of Shan State

## Mongpon Bridge construction inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Feb — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Kyaw Win of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council Commander of Eastern Command Brig -Gen Thaung Aye and departmental officials inspected construction of Mongpon Bridge across Nampon Creek in Mongpon Township on 18 February.

The Mongpon Bridge is being built by bridge construction special group-9 of Public Works.

Deputy Superintending Engineer U Than Swe reported on the project. The commander also gave a supplementary report. Lt-Gen Kyaw Win gave instructions on construction of the bridge in accord with standards set, supervision for durability of the bridge, worksite safety and

*Lt-Gen Kyaw Win inspects construction of Mongpon Bridge across Nampon Creek.*  
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repair of the old bridge.

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win, the commander and party inspected the construction site. The concrete bridge, 202 feet long and 24 feet wide, is on Meiktila-Taunggyi-Loilem-Kengtung-Tachilek Union Highway. Its clearance is 48 feet wide and six feet high and it can withstand 60-ton loads.

They also inspected regional development cultivation of physic nut and other crops and road and bridge work in Hopong, Mongpon, Loilem, Panglong and Laikha.

They went to University of Computer Studies (Panglong) where Lt-Gen Kyaw Win discussed requirements in meeting with university in-charge Dr Ohnmar Myaing and officials.

They left Laikha for Mongshu. Lt-Gen Kyaw Win gave instructions on cultivation of crops suitable for the region.—MNA

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



## PERSPECTIVES

Wednesday, 21 February, 2007

### For progress of Myanmar gems industry

Tapping its natural resources extensively, a nation can achieve greater success by means of economic development. With this context, the government has paid a careful attention to the gems industry in the mining sector.

Myanmar's jade wins the satisfaction of the customers and is in high demand in the international gem market. In Asia, Myanmar is famous as a nation that produces quality jade more than any other country.

Now, Myanmar's gem industry is making progress and Myanmar's precious stones are earning an increasing international demand. Those who are engaged in the gem industry are to enjoy fare profit share of the business with the State.

The government has designated jade and gems blocks in the nation in accordance with the Myanmar Gems Law. Therefore, national entrepreneurs and gem companies have to take great care in exploring precious stones to avert possible damage to the environment including forests, rivers, creeks, villages and roads.

In order to earn healthier income, gems should be on sale as finished value-added items rather than being sold in raw.

The government is rendering various forms of assistance to the gem entrepreneurs. Thus, it is incumbent upon the companies who are engaged in the mining of gems with the State through the profit-sharing system to do the job in accordance with rules and regulations for emergence of an established gem market in the nation.

## 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

### Healthy environment and aedes, rubbish, tobacco-free schools launched

YANGON, 19 Feb — Bahan Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association held a ceremony to designate the schools of the township as healthy environment and aedes, rubbish and tobacco-free schools yesterday morning at No 2 Basic Education High School, Bahan Township.

Yangon Division Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee Chairperson Daw Mar Mar Wai, No 3 Basic Education Department Director-General U Aye Kyu and Yangon City Development Committee Joint-Secretary U Aung Than Win for-

mally opened the ceremony and Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win unveiled the signboard which says 'the tobacco, mosquito and rubbish free school'.

Daw Mar Mar Wai spoke on the occasion and accepted 1,000 membership applications. The commander accepted a donation of K 455,000. Later, prizes were awarded to students who won the essay competition and school health activities were briefed.

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### Finance & Revenue Ministry invites complaints

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Feb— Public may file complaints against any malpractice of the staff of the Ministry of Finance and Revenue.

The ministry announced phone numbers and e-mail address to file complaints about any delays or difficulties caused due to malpractice of staff, abuse of power, official harassment, asking of bribes and dissatisfaction.

Public may dial 067-410055 (the Minister), 067-410194 (Fax), 067-410042 (the Deputy Minister), 067-410182 (Fax), 067-410046 (the Head of Office) or 067-410189 (Fax) or contact the ministry

at No 26, Nay Pyi Taw, or e-mail to mofnr@mptmail.net.mm.

The ministry will look into the complaints to take prompt and punitive action against staff for any malpractice.

The departments and enterprises under the ministry are working in accord with the rules and regulations and aims for the administrative machinery to win public trust.

Public may ask any information about banking and financial services, tax collection systems at the respective institutions of the ministry. — MNA

### Roads construction inspected in Bago Div

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Feb— Accompanied by officials, Director-General U Myo Myint of Development Affairs Department under the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs inspected construction of district-to-district road No 2 in Bago Division yesterday.

After meeting with officials in Kayinchaung Village in Toungoo Township, the director-general looked into the laying gravel at the road section between mile post No 7/3 and 9/0 in the township.

The director-general also inspected laying of gravel and building of bridges in Yedashe Township and expansion of roads in Koegway-Gamonetaung road section and gave instructions to officials. — MNA

### Energy Ministry welcomes complaints about malpractice

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Feb— Quick and punitive action will be taken against staff at all levels for any malpractice including the practice of bribery and corruption, breaking of rules and regulations or abuse of power and position for self-interest and official harassment, said the Ministry of Energy today.

People if they face any of those misconduct may file complaints about them to the ministry by post, phone or e-mail, it said, adding, official inquiry concerning the cases will be swift and effective.

For any complaint the public may dial 067-411049 (the Minister), 067-411054 (the Deputy Minister), 067-411060 (the Head of Office) or 067-411012 (Fax) or contact the ministry at No 6, Nay Pyi Taw or e-mail to myanenergy@mptmail.net.mm.

The ministry has formed the Ministry of Energy, the Energy Planning Department, the Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise, the Myanmar Petrochemicals Enterprise and the Myanmar Petroleum Products Enterprise to serve the public interest.

As the government has been taking all measures to ensure a clean administrative machinery through effective supervision of its functions from all angles, the Ministry of Energy is also striving to offer smooth and efficient services to the public.

Public cooperation is required in combating malpractices, the ministry said. — MNA



Director-General of Development Affairs Department U Myo Myint inspects district-to-district linking road in Yedashe Township. — DAD



**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

**US forces deploy ten Stealth fighters in Okinawa**

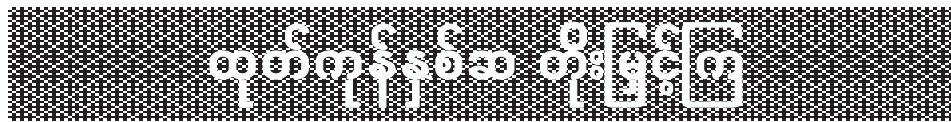
TOKYO, 19 Feb— The US forces deployed 10 F-22A Raptors, the newest US stealth fighters over the weekend at the Kadena Air Base in southern Japan's Okinawa Prefecture, *Kyodo News* said. Eight of the Raptors arrived at the base on Sunday, following the arrival of the first two on Saturday, the report said.

The F-22A Raptor, developed as the successor to the F-15 fighter, is capable of supersonic flight and air-to-land attacks.

Two more Raptors, now landed on Wake Island in the Pacific Ocean due to technical problem, and due to be deployed at the base later in the week. The fighters are reportedly to be on temporary

deployment for three or four months.

Lieutenant-Colonel Wade Tolliver said that the fighters are slated to take part in joint drills with the US Air Force at the Misawa Base in northern Japan's Aomori Prefecture and with the US Navy around waters near Okinawa, according to *Kyodo*.—MNA/Xinhua



*Germany's Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier speaks during a news conference at Georgia's Foreign Ministry in Tbilisi, on 19 Feb, 2007.*

INTERNET

**Five US soldiers killed in Iraq**

BAGHDAD, 19 Feb—Iraqi guerillas, using a suicide bomber to explode a fuel tanker, launched one of their biggest assaults in months on a joint US and Iraqi outpost on Monday, killing two US soldiers and wounding 17 others.

The attack, north of Baghdad, was part of a day of bombings and shootings by militants as tens of thousands of US and Iraqi forces fanned out in the capital in a new operation to crack down on rampant sectarian violence. Three US soldiers were killed and two others wounded in a roadside bomb blast southwest of Baghdad, the US military said.

More than 40 Iraqis were killed, including 10 in bombings in Baghdad, in other attacks. Iraqi police said a suicide bomber at the wheel of a fuel tanker blew himself up as US forces entered an Iraqi police station in the town of Tarmiya, which US troops use as an outpost. The self-styled Islamic State in Iraq, an al Qaeda-linked group, claimed responsibility for the attack via a Web statement.—Internet

**Iraq reopens border crossings with Iran**

BAGHDAD, 19 Feb—Iraq reopened its border crossings with Iran on Sunday after a three-day closure, which was part of border operations to crack down on insurgent violence in Iraq, Iraqi officials said.

The border point of Shalamcha, 70 kilometres east of the southern city

of Basra, has been reopened along with other border points on the 1,300 kilometres border line between the two countries, commander of the director of operations said.

On Tuesday, Lieutenant General Abboud Gambar, commander of the Iraqi troops in Baghdad

said that the borders with Syria and Iran would be closed for at least three days. Washington accused Iran of providing aid and supplies, including parts of roadside bombs that targeted US troops in Iraq, to the insurgents in Iraq. Iran denies the accusations.—MNA/Xinhua



*This undated photo released by the Egyptian Supreme Council of Antiquities on Monday, 19 Feb, 2006 shows an artifact from a recently discovered mud brick tomb dating back to the late fifth dynasty and early sixth dynasty which was found at the Teti necropolis located to the northern side of Teti pyramid in Saqqara, Egypt. — INTERNET*

**Study shows two-thirds of Iraqis impoverished**

AMMAN, 19 Feb — About 18 million Iraqis out of the 27 million total population are living in "abject poverty", according to a study released Sunday by the Iraqi Ministry of Planning and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

The study, entitled "Map of Deprivation and Living Standards in Iraq", relied on multidimensional human poverty indices, including education, health, infrastructure, living standards, housing and family economic situation. The study indicated that the southern areas of Babel, Qadisiya and al-Muthana provinces were the most deprived area in health and infrastructure services in Iraq.—MNA/Xinhua

**Suspect arrested over Indian train bombing**

NEW DELHI, 19 Feb—The Indian Government says police have detained a man in connection with the firebombing of a train from India to Pakistan that killed at least 67 people.

Two coaches of the 'Friendship Express' train, which connects New Delhi to the northern Pakistani city of Lahore, erupted in flames about 100 kilometres north of the Indian capital.

Railways Minister Laloo Prasad Yadav says survivors have told him two alleged suspects were sitting in the carriage, "their faces hidden behind mufflers and looking suspicious".

"On the basis of information given by eye-witnesses, one person who was present in one of the two carriages that caught fire has been detained," Mr Yadav said.

He says police have launched a hunt for the man's associate, who has been missing since the midnight blasts. Explosives were earlier found in two suitcases, pointing to sabotage. No group has claimed responsibility for the firebombing.

India and Pakistan have said the attack will not

disrupt their peace process.—Internet



*Indian Rapid Action Force (RAF) personnel patrol near the wreckage of a train in Deewana near Panipat town on 19 Feb, 2007. Two bombs exploded aboard a train bound from India to Pakistan, sparking a fire that killed at least 67 passengers on Monday in what the Indian government called an 'act of terrorism'.*

INTERNET



*Workers prepare a large gold curtain at the entrance of the Kodak Theatre as preparations are made for the 79th Academy Awards in Hollywood, California, on 19 Feb, 2007.—INTERNET*





Residents watch a Chinese opera performance at a temple fair in Beijing as part of Chinese Lunar New Year festivities in China on 19 Feb, 2007. Chinese around the world welcomed the Lunar New Year, believed to be an especially auspicious 'golden pig year', which only comes around every 60 years.

INTERNET



## Anti-aircraft missiles found near Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 19 Feb— Iraqi security forces found 50 surface-to-air missiles in a weapons cache near Baghdad recently, an Iraqi military spokesman said.

“These were Russian-made surface-to-air missiles that were still useable,” said Brigadier Qasim Moussawi, spokesman for the Iraqi general in charge of a new security

crackdown in Baghdad.

Moussawi did not give the location of the cache, one of the largest to be found since the US-led invasion of Iraq in 2003.

He said no arrests had been made.

Seven US military and private security helicopters have been shot down in Iraq over the past month.

The US military said “sophisticated weaponry” was probably responsible for the downing of one but that machinegun fire accounted for the rest.

The US military acknowledges that some of its aircraft have been brought down by missiles in the past but refuses to give any numbers.

MNA/Reuters

## Blast in Russian McDonald's injures at least six

ST PETERSBURG, 19 Feb— An explosion caused by a suspected bomb in a McDonald's restaurant in Russia's second city of St Petersburg on Sunday slightly injured at least six people, officials said.

City prosecutor Sergei Zaitsev told reporters the blast in the restaurant on Nevsky Prospect, the main thoroughfare, occurred at

8.30pm (1730 GMT) and had been caused by an unidentified substance.

Earlier, a police spokesman told Reuters an unidentified device had caused the explosion.

Zaitsev said five women and one man had been slightly injured and were taken to hospital for

treatment. Five of them, including the man, were later released. Police said the man was a foreign tourist.

“I was walking past and heard a noise and then felt a shake in the air and saw a flash. I got scared. After a few seconds, people started running out,” said Artur, a witness who

would give only his first name. A Reuters reporter at the scene said the ceiling of the restaurant had fallen in, its windows had been blown out and there were parts of the broken ventilation system and glass scattered over the pavement.

MNA/Reuters

## Some sweet news: Chocolate could be good for your memory

SAN FRANCISCO, 19 Feb—Everybody knows chocolate can be good for your love life, even if it's not so good for the teeth and waistline.

Now there's another excuse to indulge: It may be good for your brain.

Scientists funded in part by the Mars Inc candy company delivered the not-unwelcome news

Sunday morning during what was described as the first systematic review of chocolate's effects on learning and memory.

A two-hour symposium on the neurobiology of chocolate, billed as a potentially “mind-altering experience,” drew a standing-room-only crowd during the annual meeting in San Francis-

co of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Five years ago, a similar meeting popularized evidence suggesting that flavanols, a chemical found in the beans from which chocolate is made, have beneficial effects on cardiovascular health.

Internet



British actress Tamsin Greig poses with her Laurence Olivier Award for Best Actress in the show 'Much Ado About Nothing' during an awards ceremony in London, on 18 Feb, 2007.—INTERNET

## Over 100 killed in road accidents during Lunar New Year in Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR, 20 Feb — The number of people died in road accidents in Malaysia during the Chinese New Year period has reached 101, local media reported on Monday.

Chinese New Year Festival will last another two weeks to end in the first days of March.

Local police said that from 11 February to 17 February, 101 people have died in road accidents, but the figure was less than 111 recorded during the corresponding period last year.

A total of 1,262 road accidents were reported nationwide during the period, including 441 on municipal roads, 351 on federal roads and 216 on highways, police said.

Local authorities concerned were stepping up their campaign to instill road safety and call upon motorists to abide by traffic rules in a bid to reduce road tragedies during the rest days of the Chinese New Year period. — MNA/Xinhua

## UN cars damaged in explosion in Kosovo capital

PRISTINA (Serbia), 20 Feb — Three UN cars were damaged in an explosion in a residential area of the Kosovo capital Pristina on Monday, but no one was hurt, witnesses said.

“We are checking what happened,” a police spokesman said. A police source said it appeared an explosive device had been placed under one of the cars.

Tensions are rising in Serbia's UN-run province as a decision nears on the 90-per-cent Albanian majority's demand for independence.

Kosovo has been run by the United Nations since 1999, when NATO bombs drove out Serb forces accused of killing and expelling civilians in a two-year counter-insurgency war.

MNA/Reuters



Former French soccer international Zinedine Zidane (R) and his wife Veronique watch a Thai boxing match at a boxing stadium in Bangkok on 19 Feb, 2007. —XINHUA



## ECONOMIC NEWS

## ADB opens regional knowledge centre for public finance

MANILA, 20 Feb—The Asian Development Bank (ADB) opened on Monday in Manila a regional knowledge centre focused on public finance, said an ADB official.

“This newly opened centre aims to be at the forefront of knowledge on the subjects of public finance, fiscal policy, privatization, and regional economic cooperation,” said Bindu N Lohani, director general and chief compliance officer of the

ADB’s Regional and Sustainable Development Department.

Activities planned for this year include a study on improving internal business processes to strengthen governance in the public sector, an assessment of policies on local government finance and its impact on the readiness of local governments to access the capital markets.

A public financial management conference

will also be hosted by the centre, and a website will be launched in 2008 to help disseminate its work.

The new centre is one of five ADB regional knowledge hubs. The others include one focused on clean energy in India, one on climate change in China, one on reducing pollution and reusing and recycling materials in Thailand, and one on private-public partnerships on infrastructure in Singapore.

Robert F De Ocampo, former Philippine secretary of finance, will serve as chairman of the Board of Advisers for the new centre.

MNA/Xinhua

## Kuwaiti Minister says current oil prices “very good”

KUWAIT CITY, 19 Feb—Kuwaiti Minister of Energy Sheikh Ali al-Jarrah al-Sabah has said that the current global oil prices are “very good”, the official KUNA news agency reported recently Saturday.

The official made the remarks here on the sidelines of a conference concerning Kuwait’s privatization of infrastructure projects.

Asked whether Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) was likely to reduce its production ceiling in its Vienna meeting due on 15 March, the minister said he was quite satisfied with the current oil prices. Oil prices remained rising over the past few days in light of the drop of United States reserves of petrol and heating gas, with crude oil prices hitting 59 US dollars a barrel Friday on New York market. Kuwaiti analysts predicted recently that OPEC would reduce its production in the second quarter of this year to coincide with the end of the winter season, when the demand of oil on markets are expected to drop.—MNA/Xinhua

‘Oogomadara’ or tree nymph butterflies, the largest butterfly in Japan, gather on a hat worn by visitor Eri Mitsuyama at the Ryugujo Butterfly Garden in Motobu town on Japan’s southern island of Okinawa on 16 Feb, 2007. —INTERNET



Baby cries as she watches an airplane ride at a temple fair in Beijing as part of Chinese Lunar New Year festivities in China on 19 Feb, 2007.

INTERNET



Actors perform an underwater wedding in an aquarium in the Wenfeng Park in Nantong City, east China’s Jiangsu Province, on 19 Feb, 2007. The underwater performance including underwater ballet and wedding attracted lots of tourists on Monday. —XINHUA

## Bangladesh to export six mln pieces of garments to India

DHAKA, 19 Feb—Bangladesh is completing the procedures to export 6 million pieces of apparel

items to India under the South Asian Free Trade Agreement (SAFTA), local daily *The Financial Express* reported Monday.

India has already sent a draft memorandum of understanding (MoU) to the concerned authority of Bangladesh for import of apparel under the SAFTA, the report said.

The Commerce Ministry will convene an inter-ministerial meeting by the first week of the next month to finalize the strategy of the government for negotiation with the

counterpart.

“The government-to-government negotiation will start after finalizing the strategy in line with the draft memorandum of understanding (MoU) as proposed by India earlier,” a senior official of the Bangladesh Tariff Commission was quoted as saying. Last November, India sent the draft MoU with some terms and conditions for Bangladesh to export the apparels items under the SAFTA.

MNA/Xinhua

## Gunman kills Pakistani minister

LAHORE, 20 Feb — A gunman has shot dead a provincial minister in Pakistan just as she was about to address a political meeting.

Zill-e-Huma was social welfare minister in Punjab and an active member of the ruling Pakistan Muslim League.

The shooting took place in the town of Gujranwala, 43 miles (70km) north of the Punjab capital, Lahore. The lone gunman has been arrested.

Meanwhile in south-western Balochistan province, gunmen attacked a minister’s convoy but he escaped unhurt.

Ms Huma was meeting Muslim League party activists and supporters when a man got up and opened fire on her, hitting her in the head.

She was taken to a local hospital and then airlifted to a hospital in Lahore, but died during surgery.

Internet

## US Marine killed in western Iraq

BAGHDAD, 19 Feb—A US Marine was killed in combat operations in the volatile province of Anbar, the US military said recently.

The Marine, assigned to Multi-National Forces - West, died on Friday, the military said in a brief statement. Over 3,130 US soldiers have been killed in Iraq since the US led war on Iraq broke out in March 2003, according to media count based on Pentagon figures.—MNA/Xinhua





Dancers perform with the 'Salgueiro' samba school during carnival in Rio de Janeiro, on 20 Feb, 2007.—INTERNET

## Guangdong inspects civet cat trade

GUANGZHOU, 19 Feb —South China's Guang-dong Province, the first to report fatal SARS cases in late 2002, has enhanced surveillance on civet cats, found by scientists to be a major source of the SARS virus, to prevent possible outbreaks in spring.

The province mobilized nearly 7,000 health inspectors in the past month and examined 10,000 restaurants for civet cats, said the Guangdong Provincial Health Department.

A live civet cat and several frozen ones were confiscated and 18 restaurants were fined in the latest campaign across the province, said Huang Fei, deputy director of the department.

A restaurant in Shunde, Foshan City was fined 30,000 yuan (3,800 US dollars) for

cats. Those who fail to keep the commitment will get their licenses revoked.



civet cat

buying civet cats. The province banned raising, selling, killing and eating of civet cats in January 2004.

But "the health departments have received increasing reports of illegal trade in civet cats since November," said Huang.

During the campaign, restaurants were required to make a written commitment on no trading of banned wild animals like civet

"The possibility of a SARS outbreak still exists in Guangdong in spring," said Luo Huiming, an official with the Guangdong Disease Control and Prevention Centre.

Severe acute respiratory syndrome, or SARS, first broke out in Guangdong in November 2002 and spread to 24 provinces, autonomous regions and municipalities on the Chinese Mainland.

Internet

## Report blames crew for Russia holiday jet crash

Moscow, 19 Feb — Pilot error caused a Russian airliner carrying 170 passengers and crew to crash last year killing everyone on board, an official report published on Saturday said.

The Russian-made Tu-154 was flying holidaymakers home from the Black Sea when it crashed into a wooded gully in eastern Ukraine. The disaster prompted Russia to launch a government inquiry into aviation safety.

The report issued by Russia's Interstate Aviation Committee said the crew had pushed the aircraft beyond its limits as they attempted to fly around a thunder storm.

"The reason for the disaster... was the steering of the aircraft under manual control into an angle of attack that was beyond critical, a stall and the subsequent transition into a flat spin and a collision with the ground," it said.

"A failure to monitor flight speed and non-compliance with instructions ... on preventing the aircraft stalling ... made it impossible to stop the situation becoming catastrophic," said the report, posted on the committee's website www.mak.ru.

The aircraft was operated by Russian carrier Pulkovo Airlines. On 22 Aug, the day of the crash, it was cutting across Ukrainian territory en route from Russia's Black Sea resort of Anapa to the second city of St Petersburg.

MNA/Reuters



A girl lies in a hospital after she was wounded in a suicide bomb attack in Dhuluiya, north of Baghdad, on 19 Feb, 2007.—INTERNET

A wedding couple pour wine during an outdoor wedding ceremony in the eastern Chinese city of Nanjing in 2003. Singapore marriage agency is offering a Lunar New Year special on brides from China's Fujian Province. — INTERNET



## Three arrested over Thai South attacks

BANGKOK, 20 Feb — Three suspects behind a string of bombing attacks during the weekend in Thai southernmost provinces have been arrested and admitted their crime, a Thai military official said Tuesday.

Lt Gen Viroj Buacharoon, the commander of the Fourth Army Area, was quoted by local news group the Nation as saying that the three suspects, who are between their 20s to 30s, had

undergone guerrilla combat training before taking up arms against the state.

Viroj added that the attackers were deployed during the weekend to locations outside their residential area — a similar pattern to other co-ordinated attacks.

Over 30 bombs rocked Thai southern provinces of Yala, Pattani, Narathiwat and Songkhla on Sunday and Monday, killing at least nine people and injuring more than 60 others.— MNA/Xinhua

## Man arrested over British letter bomb attack

LONDON, 20 Feb — British police arrested a man in the eastern English city of Cambridge on Monday in connection with a series of letter bomb attacks in the past few

months.

Police made the arrest, which they described as "very significant" between 3 am and 4 am (0300 and 0400 GMT). They said the man was in his 20s.

"Forensic search teams are commencing what is going to be a lengthy search at a residential address in Cambridge," a police statement said.

MNA/Reuters



# Booming pottery industry in Twantay

Article by Ahtet Minhla Nyunt Aung;  
photos by Tin Soe (Myanma Alin)



**"Potters have to pass many processes to make a single pot." (U Nyan Tun Myint, owner of pottery enterprise in Twantay)**

In Myanmar, rural folks constitute 70 per cent of the population of more than 55 million. The development of the whole Union rests on that of rural areas where the majority of the nation's population live. The government is exerting efforts to implement the five rural development programmes, which are now yielding fruitful results in the regions

throughout the country.

Many other countries place emphasis on rural development. In this regard, one village, one product movement launched in Oita, Fukuoka District, Japan, in 1979 contributes a lot to rural development. A region or village produces one or some specific products with the aim of distributing the products on a commercial scale

domestically or internationally.

Famous for local products in Myanmar are Pathein parasol enterprise, Pathein halva industry, smoking pipe industry in Ywalut Village, Chaungzon Region, Balugyun, Mon State, lacquerware and pea juice paste industries in Bagan-NyaungU Region, sericulture industry in

Township, stone sculpture and gold embroidery industries in Mandalay, glazed pottery industry in Kyaukmyaung, Sagaing Division, gems industry in Mogok, and fish breeding and pottery industries in Twantay.

Among them, pottery industry has been thriving for long in Twantay,

No 450, Hninzi Street, Ohpo Ward (East), Twantay. When asked about his pottery, U Nyan Tun Myint explained the process saying, "Potters have to pass many processes to make a single pot", adding, "In a minute, the solid combined clay is brought into pot shape on the potter's wheel." He said, "Due to the skill of the potter, all the pots he makes are of the same size with same appearance."

Daw Hla Yee of Ma-Tha-Hta pottery and trading on U Paw Oo Street in Ohpo Ward (East) in Twantay said, "Pottery is our family business and our family has been engaged in it for about 80 years." She

added that they made various kinds of pots and glazed pots of various sizes and various designs, mortars, goglets, flat circular grinding stones, glazed cups, saucers used for lighting incensed sticks and candles and oil lamps and earthen toys. She said that she distributed the items to Thanlyin, Kyauktan, Kayan, Thongwa, Maubin, Bogale, Pyapon, Pathein and Yangon. She also exported potteries to Canada, Germany, Australia, Singapore and Japan she said.

"In Twantay, most of the households of Ohpo Ward (East) and Ohpo Ward (West) do pottery



**"Pottery of Twantay are distributed to Thanlyin, Kyauktan, Kayan, Thongwa, Maubin, Bogale, Pyapon, Pathein and Yangon, and exported to Canada, Germany, Australia, Singapore and Japan." (Daw Hla Yee, proprietor of Ma-Tha-Hta pottery production and trading in Twantay)**

Amarapura, silverware, sericulture and ornamental robe industries in Inlay Region, sculpture industry in Dahbein, Kawa

Yangon Division. We media group of Myanma Alin daily visited the pottery of U Nyan Tun Myint-Daw Hnin Yee of



**Two potters at work.**



**Pottery of Twantay are in demand.**

## One village, one product



**A variety of pottery, earthenware and glazed earthenware produced in Ohpo Ward (East) and Ohpo Ward (West), Twantay.**

**In Twantay, most of the households of Ohpo Ward (East) and Ohpo Ward (West) do pottery for a living.**

for a living", she said.

The pottery made in Twantay are distributed to Yangon and other cities by boat and by land as well as to the international market.

So, local people in Twantay Township earn income and their living through pottery. In Twantay, pottery industry has been thriving for long as family business and it is the region's one village, one product.

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## Minister receives Managing Director of Daewoo International E & P Co



**Energy Minister Brig-Gen Lun Thi receives Dr Su-yeong yong, Managing Director of Daewoo International E & P Company. — MNA**

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Feb — Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi received a delegation led by Managing Director of Daewoo International E & P Co Dr Su-yeong yong at his office here yesterday. They discussed

matters on implementation of Blocks No A1 and No A3 offshore of Rakhine State.

Also present on the occasion were Deputy Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Than Htay, Director-General of Energy

Planning Department, Managing Director of Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise U Myint Kyi, Deputy Director-General of EPD U Soe Aung, Director (Offshore) of MOGE U Myint Htay and officials.—MNA

## Billiards players to be selected

YANGON, 20 Feb — Myanmar Billiards and Snooker Federation President's Cup Billiards Tournament will be held at the training hall of Aung San Stadium on 6

March.

The MBSF will select four players. The selected players will be camped for training. The participants are to follow the rules directed by the

federation.

Those wishing to participate in the tournament can enlist at the MBSF (Aung San Stadium) (Tel-387276). —MNA

## Terrorist-planted time bomb explodes on minibus in Mawlamyine

**Blast destroys part of car body, floor; no loss of life or injury**

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Feb — No one was killed or wounded when a terrorist-planted time bomb exploded on a minibus at Coach Station in Mawlamyine, Mon State, at 10.15 am today.

The minibus "Soe Yadana" with number plates 5kha/3044 arrived at the station from Kyaikhto on 10.15 am, and about one hour later, the time bomb planted under seat No 12 went off, when

there were only the driver and two passengers on the bus.

The blast cut open the car body forming a 1.5-foot diameter hole. It also destroyed two seats, and caused some fire that was extinguished immediately.

As neither debris nor related equipment of the bomb was found, it seemed the bomb was blasted off with the force of explosives.

Authorities concerned are trying to

expose the terrorists, and calling for public cooperation for ensuring secure and peaceful situation.

As authorities have already received information about the terrorists who have been resorting to various ways to harm stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, the rule of law and public security, they are warning the public to have security awareness. —MNA

## Religious objects enshrined in upper reliquary of Yan Myo Aung Pagoda

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Feb — A ceremony to enshrine religious objects in the upper reliquary of Yan Myo Aung Pagoda in Yintawmyoma village, Pyawbwe, Mandalay Division, was held at Thanlyintawya monastery on 18 February.

Present on the occasion were Secretary-General of the Union Solidarity and Development Association U Htay Oo and heads of departments, local

authorities, members and executives of Pyawbwe Township and Meiktila Township USDAs, members of social organizations and local people.

First, the congregation received the Five Precepts from Thanlyintawya Minkyaung Presiding Sayadaw Ashin Nipuna. Next, the Secretary-General, departmental heads and executives donated offertories to members of the Sangha.

Afterwards, the

Secretary-General and wife Daw Ni Ni Win offered religious objects to members of the Sangha and enshrined them into the upper reliquary of the pagoda at the auspicious time.

After the ceremony, the Secretary-General met departmental officials and Pyawbwe and Meiktila Townships USDA members and held discussions on increased production in agriculture sector.

MNA

## Wood based industries in Hlinethaya Township inspected



**Forestry Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung inspects Khaing Su Thu Trading & Industrial Co Ltd in Hlinethaya Industry Zone. — MNA**

YANGON, 20 Feb — Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung inspected functions of the finished wood factory of Khaing Su Thu Trading & Industrial Co Ltd in Industrial Zone-2, Hlinethaya Township yesterday morning.

During his inspection, the minister heard a report presented by Managing Director of the factory U Myo Khin on production process and functions of the factory and Chairman of Myanmar

Timber Entrepreneurs Association U Sein Lwin gave a supplementary report.

After giving necessary instructions, the minister looked into packing of sawn timber for export.

Sawn teak of the factory is being exported to Singapore, Hong Kong, France, Italy and Belgium.

On arrival at Khine finished wood factory in Industrial Zone-3, the minister

heard a report presented by Managing Director of the factory U Sai Khun Kyaw on functions of the factory and Managing Director of Myanmar Timber Enterprise U Win Htun presented other salient points.

Sawn teak and furniture of the factory are being exported to France, England, Germany, Holland, Turkey, Italy, New Zealand, Australia, Malaysia, Israel, Greek and the Philippines.

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## Minister receives President of Chengda Engineering Corporation

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Feb — Minister for Industry 1 U Aung Thaung received Mr Cao Guang, President of Chengda Engineering Corporation of the People's Republic of China at his office here yesterday. Also present at the call were directors-general and managing directors of the departments and enterprises under the ministry and officials concerned.— MNA

## Minister inspects project of Machine and Machine Tool Factory

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Feb — Minister for Industry 2 Maj-Gen Saw Lwin together with officials inspected the project of Machine and Machine Tools Factory at Pakokku industrial zone in Myaing Township on 17 February. At the briefing hall, Director U Than Aye of Myanmar Industrial Construction Services briefed the minister on preparation for construction of the building, stockpile of construction materials, water and electric power supply. General Manager U Kan Chun of Myanmar Machine Tool and Electrical Industries reported on arrangements. Maj-Gen Saw Lwin gave instructions on timely completion of the project and occupational safety. Minister Maj-Gen Saw Lwin visited construction of the building, earth works and entrance road to the factory.— MNA

## Logo to be selected to mark 40th Anniversary ASEAN Founding Day

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Feb — The national level logo contest to mark 40th Anniversary Founding Day was held. A total of 150 participants sent 268 designs to the scrutiny board. The scrutiny board set up by the Ministry of Culture and Ministry of Foreign Affairs selected the logos sent by the participants. Maung Thuta Win (Yangon) secured first prize; Ma Zar Pwint Phyu (Yangon), consolation prize-1; Maung Kyaw Khine (Yangon), consolation prize-2; Maung Yazar Tun (Yangon), consolation prize-3; Maung Tun Naing Oo and Ma Zin Mar Kyaw, consolation prize-4 and Maung Win Aung (Yangon), consolation prize-5. The ASEAN Secretariat will present US\$ 1000 to the prize winners. The first prize is FEC 500 and the consolation prize is FEC 100. If the logos from Myanmar and remaining ASEAN countries are again selected, the designer will win US\$ 5,000. The prize winners will be contacted.—MNA

## Medicines, medical equipment donated



Daw Aye Aye, Vice-President of MMCWA presents medicines and medical equipment to Acting Commandant Lt-Col Soe Htet. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Feb — Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association (Central) donated medicines and medical equipment to No 2 Defence Services General Hospital (1000-bed) and No 2 Defence Service Obstetric, Gynecological and Pediatric Hospital (300-bed) in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Present on the occasion were Vice-President of MMCWA Daw Aye Aye and CEC members. First, Vice-President of MMCWA Daw Aye Aye explained the purpose of the donation. Next, Acting Commandant Lt-Col Soe Htet of No 2 Defence Services General Hospital (1000-

bed) accepted the donations. Afterwards, Director of Medical Services Lt-Col Kyaw Soe presented certificates of honour. Next, Acting Commandant Lt-Col Soe Htet spoke words of thanks. Medicines and medical equipment donated today were worth over K 4.3 million. MNA

## CEC member meets USDA members

YANGON, 20 Feb — Central Executive Committee member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Brig-Gen Ohn Myint met with secretaries, executives and USDA members at Shwepyitha Township USDA Office yesterday. Secretary of Township USDA reported on community

welfare services, arrangements for opening summer courses. The USDA CEC member called for following rules and regulations, participating in organizational work and cooperating with the people for successful implementation of the seven-step Road Map. In the afternoon, CEC member Brig-Gen

Ohn Myint delivered an address at the opening of the basic organizational course 1/2007 under the aegis of Hlegu Township USDA. Then, USDA CEC member presented cash for the course and accepted 560 USDA membership applications. Sixty trainees are attending the course. MNA

## Tennis Championship to be held

YANGON, 20 Feb — Myanmar Tennis Federation will hold Tennis Championship at Theinbyu Tennis Court from 28 February to 4 March.

The championship features men and women (open) singles and doubles events, men U-35 and above singles and doubles, men U-45 and above singles and doubles, men U-55 and above single and double and men U-60 and above

single and double. The participants can enlist at Myanmar Tennis Federation— Telephone-372360 not later than 27 February. MNA

## Donate Blood



## Italy protesters threaten to block work at US base

**ROME, 20 Feb —** Protesters on Monday threatened to block construction work to enlarge a US military base in the northern Italian city of Vicenza that has divided the centre-left government.

Emboldened by an estimated turnout of more than 70,000 people at a demonstration against the expansion of the base on Saturday, some organizers said they would also consider occupying the facility.

"If no one will listen to us and the bulldozers arrive, we will put ourselves before them to block them," said Cinzia Bottene, leader of a group opposed to the expansion.

Another leftist activist, Luca Casarini, said his group would join

in and support any decision by the local residents to hold a sit-in at the base.

"We do not want this base, we will do everything to stop it in a peaceful fashion," said Olol Jackson, a local Green party member.

"To put our bodies in front of the bulldozers is not violent. The violent people are not the Vicenza residents, they are those who want to impose their choice on us."

The debate over the base is the latest storm to hit Prime Minister

Romano Prodi's centre-left government, which has approved the expansion despite some of its members decrying the move.

One of Prodi's own ministers, Paolo Ferrero, who holds the Social Affairs portfolio, called on Monday for a referendum on the issue, saying the weekend protest showed the strong and varied support for abandoning the expansion plans.

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A woman looks at sticks of candied fruits at a temple fair in Beijing, on the third day of the Lunar New Year on Tuesday, 20 Feb, 2007. Thousands of Chinese have been flocking to temple fairs across the city to mark the arrival of the Year of the Pig. — INTERNET

## 55% of Poles oppose anti-missile shield installation

**WARSAW, 20 Feb —** Fifty-five per cent of the respondents to a recent poll said they were against the deployment of anti-missile shield in Poland, the Polish news agency PAP reported on Monday.

According to the poll, conducted by Polish Centre of Public Opinion (CBOS), only 28 per cent supported the idea.

The CBOS noted that while the percentage of opponents remained virtually unchanged since the previous poll taken last June, the number of supporters fell by 7 percentage points. In a poll

taken in December, 2005, the proportions were almost reverse, with half of the respondents backing the idea and only 32 per cent opposing it.

Political views of the polled had little impact on their positions on the anti-missile shield, the CBOS said. Right-wing supporters were slightly less inclined to oppose the shield.

The reasons cited for opposing the deployment of the shield included the ensuing threat to Poland, risk of terrorist attacks, and an alleged uselessness of the project that "would not help in any way" but only worsen the relations with Russia.

MNA/Xinhua

## Police offer 1 mln baht for information on suspect Bangkok bomber

**BANGKOK, 20 Feb —** Thai Police on Monday offered one million baht (27,800 US dollars) to anyone who could provide information leading to the arrest of a suspect in one of the bombings in Bangkok on the New Year's Eve.

The suspect was seen on security camera planting a bomb at Saphan Kwai (Bridge Buffalo) in Bangkok on 31 December, 2006. A total of nine bombs blasts rock commercial sites across Bangkok and neighbouring Nonthaburi Province on New Year's Eve, killing three people and injuring some 40 others. 19 suspects were detained after the bombings, but later released due to lack of evidence.

According to news network *The Nation*, Police General Patcharawat Wongsuwan, deputy police commis-

sioner-general, after holding a meeting of police investigators in charge of the Bangkok bombings, played a footage of video captured on a security camera at the Saphan Kwai intersection.

The footage showed a man, who appeared to be around 25 to 30 years old, walking toward a traffic police booth and dropped a box into the garbage bin at 4:53 pm (0953 GMT), and the bomb exploded at 6 pm local time (1100 GMT), injuring a woman walking past the booth.

MNA/Xinhua



The mountain Piz La Margna is reflected in water and ice of the frozen Lake Sils near the village of Sils Baselgia in the Valley of Engadin, eastern Switzerland, on Tuesday, 20 Feb, 2007.

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## Three Croatian oil workers kidnapped in Nigeria

**PORT HARCOURT (Nigeria), 20 Feb —** Gunmen kidnapped three Croatian oil workers from a bar in Nigeria's oil city Port Harcourt, oil industry security sources said on Monday.

The abduction, in the city's Iwofe District late on Sunday, raised to nine the number of foreigners held by different armed groups in the Niger Delta, Africa's top oil-producing region.

An American engineer and his Nigerian driver were released by their captors on Saturday.

"They were taking a drink in a bar outside the base when militants stormed the area and took them away," an oil industry security source said of the abducted Croatians.

River State Police Commissioner Felix Ogbaudu confirmed that some Croatians had been

kidnapped, but said he was still awaiting details from the men's employer.

Kidnapping for ransom has become an almost weekly occurrence in Port Harcourt since the beginning of the year, and analysts link the upsurge in violence to tension surrounding Nigeria's forthcoming elections.

Nigeria returned to democratic rule in 1999 but thugery is still part of politics.

Elections in April should mark the first time one elected president hands over to another, and tensions are running high amid feuding in the ruling party. Politicians routinely

arm gangs to lay claim to territory and protect votes, and these groups often engage in freelance violence of their own.

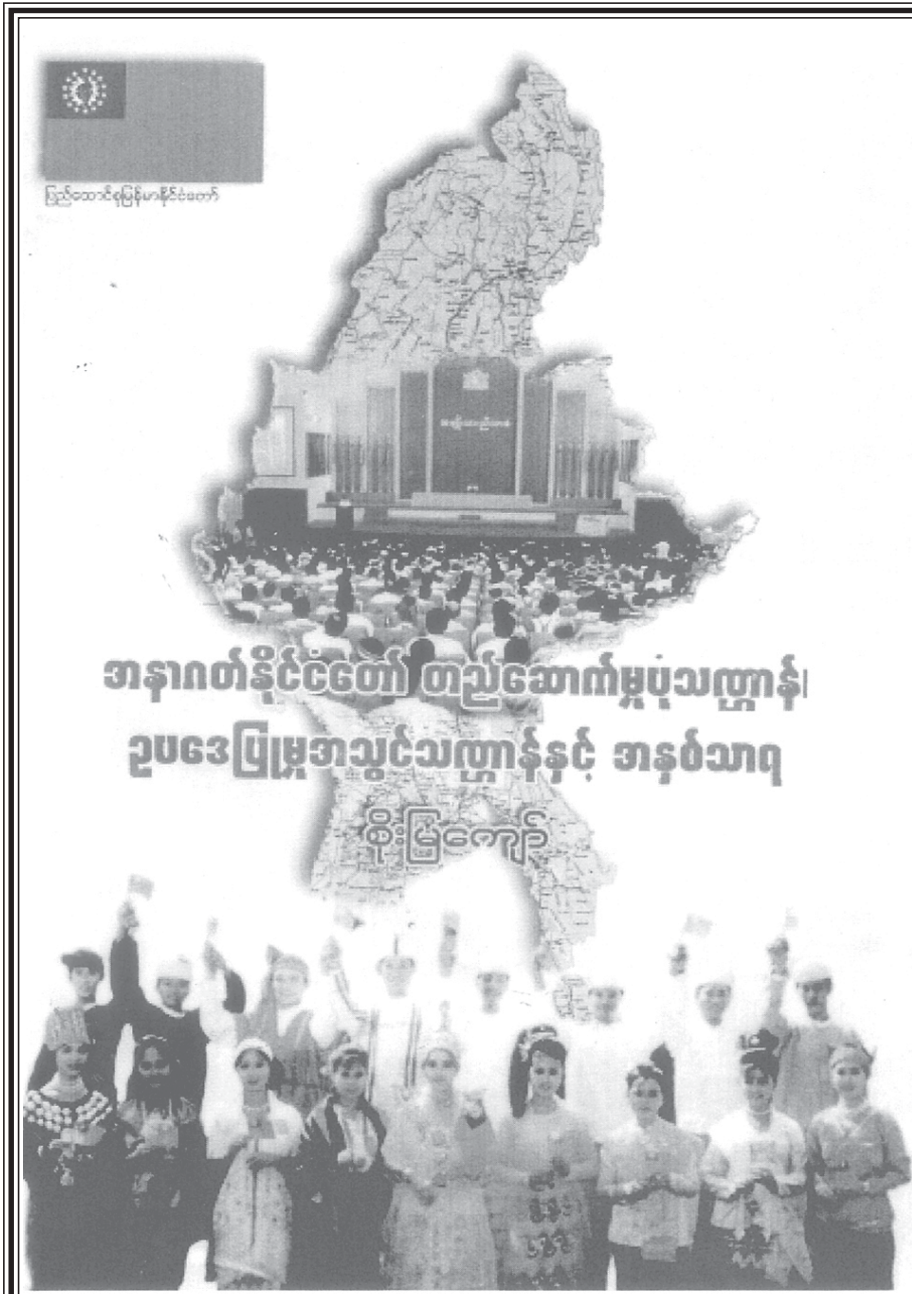
Militancy is also on the rise in the delta, a vast wetlands region where poor villages play reluctant host to multi-billion-dollar oil platforms, and militant attacks have cut Nigerian oil output by a fifth since last February.

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An athlete practises on an artificial snow track set up at the Sapporo dome for the Nordic World Championships in Japan on 20 Feb, 2007. — INTERNET







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**Los Angeles beefs up efforts to crackdown gang violence**

LOS ANGELES, 20 Feb — Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and Police Chief William Bratton recently defended plans to start publicly identifying street gangs, saying the public needs to know who is committing crime in their neighbourhoods.

Villaraigosa and Bratton, appearing on KABC 7's Newsmakers programme this morning, said the decision to publicly identify gangs by name is intended to help the public get involved in the battle against a recent surge in gang violence.

The decision to identify gangs and their members reverses city policy that has stood for about 40 years, and it's the one aspect of the city's new anti-gang strategy that's been most criticized.

"We've had a long-standing policy over four decades of not divulging gangs, and gang crime is up," Villaraigosa said.

Villaraigosa indicated that the idea of naming names was Bratton's, adding that "we're going to try this, because what we've tried

up to now hasn't worked".

He pointed out that suspects' names are routinely released in connection with investigations into other crimes.

Bratton said he did not understand what he called the "fixation" with not identifying gangs publicly, adding that the public needs to know what and who to look for.

"We've got four million people. That's four million eyes and ears out there helping 5,000 police officers deal with 39,000 gang members," Bratton said.

"These are people who need to be identified. We need to put the spotlight on these people. We need to let the neighbourhoods know who's tearing the neighbourhoods up."

The police chief said part of the identification effort is needed because of

the city's reliance on gang injunctions — court orders that prohibit identified gang members from gathering and engaging in certain behaviours in specific neighbourhoods.

Bratton said the city has already obtained injunctions against 26 gangs and is going after more of them. The public part of the process would involve putting information about the injunctions on the website of the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), allowing the public to see what gangs may be active in their neighbourhood.

Bratton pointed out that Los Angeles has had a street gang problem for about 40 years, adding that gang-related violence reports are about 50 per cent less than they were in 1990. — MNA/Xinhua

**Third World Natural Heritage Conference to be held in China**

CHENGDU, 20 Feb — The Third International Conference on World Natural Heritage is scheduled for Jiuzhaigou, well-known for its habitat of rare giant pandas in southwest China's Sichuan Province, in October.

More than 600 participants from around the world are expected to take part in the three-day meeting with a view to enhancing protection of natural heritage sites, according to the Sichuan Tourism Administration.

The Second Conference on World Natural Heritage was held in Aomori, Japan, in 2005. Focused on such issues as conserving natural heritage sites and international cooperation for the survival of humankind and the

world, the meeting attracted delegates from the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and 24 countries and regions which have world natural heritage sites.

MNA/Xinhua



A model displays a creation from the La Perla Fall-Winter 2007/2008 women's collections, during Milan fashion week on 20 Feb, 2007. — INTERNET



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**Cuba honours American who made Castro a legend**

HAVANA, 19 Feb—Cuba unveiled a marble plaque on Saturday commemorating the interview 50 years ago by *New York Times* reporter Herbert Matthews that helped build the legend of Fidel Castro, the state news agency *Prensa Latina* reported.

The plaque was placed on the spot where Matthews met with Castro at his hideout in the Sierra Maestra Mountains of south-eastern Cuba.

Castro had taken to the hills two months earlier with a handful of men who survived a disastrous landing from Mexico to launch a guerilla movement against US-backed dictator Fulgencio Batista.

The government had claimed Castro was dead. Matthews' article, published by *The New York Times* on 24 February, 1957, showed Castro was still alive and fighting. It immediately made the 30-year-old firebrand an international figure.

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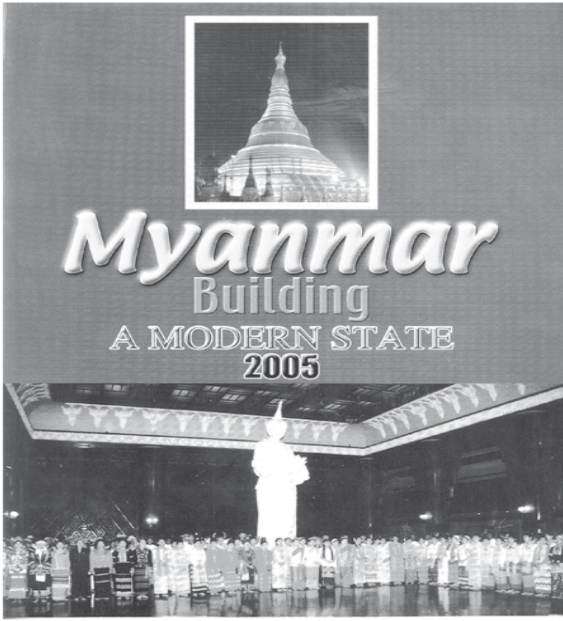
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**Iran will not halt uranium enrichment**

TEHERAN, 19 Feb—Iran will not agree to suspend uranium enrichment as demanded by the UN Security Council, which has given Teheran until 21 February to halt sensitive atomic work, the Foreign Ministry said on Sunday.

The United Nations slapped sanctions on Iran in December, barring the transfer of sensitive materials and know-how to the Islamic Republic's nuclear programme. It threatened further action if Iran did not heed UN demands.—MNA/Reuters



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**107 bodies found along remote stretch of Yemen coastline**

NEW YORK, 19 Feb—At least 107 bodies have been found along a remote stretch of the Yemen coastline after a boat smuggling migrants from Somalia capsized Monday, the United Nations refugee agency said Saturday.

This is one of the deadliest single incidents in a perilous exodus that has brought more than 27,000 people across the Gulf Aden in the past year, it said.

"Witnesses said the boat which capsized well offshore was carrying 120 Somalis and Ethiopians," UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) spokesman Ron Redmond told reporters.

"A second smuggling vessel, also carrying 120 people, forced all its passengers into the sea when the first boat capsized. The second boat then picked up the smugglers from the capsized vessel and headed back into the Gulf of Aden, leaving 240 people on the high seas," he added.

According to survivor accounts, the migrants were battling for life at sea for several hours before the Yemen military came to their rescue. A military official said the victims were drifting at least half a kilometre off the coast, which made rescue efforts very difficult.—MNA/PTI

**Death toll rises to 55 in twin car bombing in Baghdad**

BAGHDAD, 19 Feb—The death toll rose to 55 and up to 128 others were wounded in a twin car bomb attack in eastern Baghdad neighbourhood on Sunday, an Interior Ministry source told *Xinhua*.

"Our latest report said that 55 people were killed and up to 128 others wounded in the twin car bomb attack in Baghdad al-Jadidah neighbourhood," the source said, adding that some of the wounded are

still in critical conditions.

Earlier, the source said that 30 people were killed and 120 others wounded in the attack.

"Two booby-trapped cars parking at a busy commercial area near the Baydhaa Cinema in the Baghdad al-Jadidah neighbourhood detonated in quick succession at about 3:15 pm (1215 GMT)," the source said.

After a while, a third large blast occurred when a suicide bomber rammed

his explosive-laden car into a police commando checkpoint in the Baladiyat neighbourhood, killing a commando member and wounding two civilians, the source added. The attacks came on the fifth day of a major security offensive announced by US and Iraqi Government, in which 85,000 US and Iraqi troops deployed in Baghdad to crack down on insurgency and curb sectarian violence.

MNA/Xinhua

**Ivory Coast toxic waste death toll climbs to 15**

ABIDJAN, 19 Feb— Ivory Coast has confirmed the deaths of a five more people from exposure to toxic waste dumped in Abidjan last August, taking the death toll to 15.

Thousands of people fell ill with breathing difficulties, nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea after slops were unloaded from a tanker chartered by international oil trader Trafigura and dumped at mainly open-air sites in the densely-populated city.

Trafigura denies any wrong-doing, saying it entrusted the waste to a registered Ivorian company but agreed a

100 billion CFA (200 million US dollars) settlement with the West African state on Tuesday which ended legal action the government was pursuing.

"The death toll of victims of the toxic waste ... is rising. The latest figures tell of 15 deaths caused by this waste," said a statement from the prime minister's office. The five deaths, the latest of which occurred last November, were not initially included in the toll because most had died at home making it more difficult to establish the cause of death than with the first 10 who died in hospital, the statement said.—MNA/Reuters



Girls wearing traditional Korean dress play around a stage before a public performance at a village of traditional Korean-style house in central Seoul on the first day of the new lunar year on 18 Feb, 2007. —INTERNET



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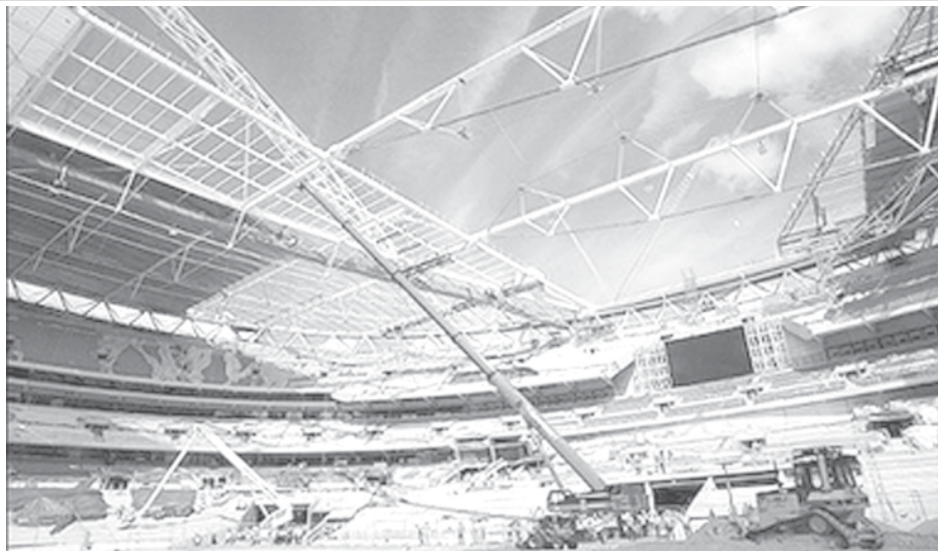
## China produces 110 million kw of power generators in 2006

**BEIJING, 19 Feb—** China produced 110 million kilowatts of power generators in 2006, up 27 per cent from the previous year, the National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC) said in its latest report.

The report said Chinese enterprises have developed state-of-the-art technologies for manufacturing 300,000 kw and 600,000 kw generators, and have also increased home-made parts in million kw-level generators. China's power generator producers scored a total output value of 92.5 billion yuan (about 11.86 billion US dollars), increasing 24 per cent over the previous year.

The report said that, driven by huge power demand, China's power equipment manufacturing industry has maintained fairly rapid growth in recent years.

MNA/Xinhua



Cranes and earth movers at the Wembley stadium in London, in 2006. A leading British bookmaker has stopped taking bets on the 2007 English FA Cup Final being staged at the new Wembley Stadium.—INTERNET

## India, Germany ink film co-production agreement

**NEW DELHI, 19 Feb —** India and Germany have signed an agreement on audio-visual co-production in Berlin.

The agreement, signed by Minister of Information and Broadcasting Priyaranjan Dasmunsi and German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier yesterday, is expected to facilitate cooperation in the film, videography, documentary, animation and audio industry in the two countries.

The agreement would lead to the "intensification of the already strong cultural and economic exchange" between India and Germany, an official statement said. According to the agreement, the films produced within the

framework of this agreement shall be deemed national films.

These films shall be entitled to claim the all state support benefits available to the film and video industries.

Contribution of the co-production partners includes at least one leading actor, one supporting actor and one qualified technical staff person.

The original soundtrack of each co-production film shall be made in Hindi language or dialect or, in English or German, or in any combination of these.—MNA/PTI

## Radio journalist brutally murdered in Somalia

**NAIROBI, 19 Feb —** Three unknown gunmen have brutally murdered a Somali journalist working for an independent radio station in south-western of the war ravaged nation, a journalists union said on Sunday.

In a statement, the National Union of Somali Journalists said it was shocked by the brutal killing of Ali Mohammed Omar last Friday in Baidoa's Bay region. "We strongly denounce the shooting of Ali Mohammed Omar as pitilessly planned murder attack," said Omar Faruk Osman, the Secretary

General of the union.

"This shocking attack is absolutely intolerable, and we ask the (Somali) transitional federal government to make prompt investigation on this murder and to punish the executors of this fierce crime," he added.

The 25-year old Omar, working for the most influential independent radio station in Baidoa, Warsan Radio, as a newscaster and a technician, was attacked by three unidentified assailants on Friday night as he was on his way home.—MNA/Xinhua

## Six killed as fire sweeps through house in Pennsylvania

**WASHINGTON, 19 Feb—** Six people — five children and one adult — were killed early Saturday as a fire swept through a house in southwestern Pennsylvania, state police said.

Another adult was injured in the fire in Waynesburg, some 56 kilometres southwest of Pittsburgh, which broke out shortly before 3:30 am, the police said, adding that several other persons made good their escape.

The police did not recognize the victims including the five children aged between 2 and 10 and did not determine what caused the blaze.—MNA/Xinhua

## Afghan civilian mistakenly killed by NATO troops

**KABUL, 19 Feb —** The NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) shot dead a civilian Afghan, who was suspected of being a suicide bomber, in the southern Kandahar Province, an ISAF statement said Sunday.

At approximately 3:30 pm (1100 GMT) Saturday, ISAF soldiers patrolling along Highway One in Senjaray, about 12 kilometres west of Kandahar City, shot and killed a suspected suicide bomber as he approached their position, the statement said.

The troops, it added, fired two warning shots but the suspect ignored, and the third and final aimed burst was fired and struck the individual, resulting in his death. —MNA/Xinhua

## One killed, five missing under snow in Nepal

**KATHMANDU, 19 Feb —** One Nepali schoolgirl was killed while five others were missing after being buried under snow, local leading media group's website eKantipur reported on Sunday.

Sumati Tamang, from the local Aishelu Bhumi Lower Secondary School and five of her schoolmates were buried under a pile of snow on Saturday in Nuwakot District, which is some 40 kilometres north to capital Kathmandu.

MNA/Xinhua

## Four killed in Mogadishu car explosion

**MOGADISHU, 19 Feb—** Four people were killed when their car exploded in Mogadishu on Sunday, a

Reuters witness and a resident said. It was not clear what caused the blast.

"When we heard the

explosion, we thought a mortar had hit the area and people started fleeing without closing their

shops," said shopkeeper Mohamed Hussein.

"The car is in pieces. The trunk of the car and the roof were blown apart by the explosion. I saw four skulls and bones lying in the car.

The blast occurred in northern Mogadishu, next to a football stadium.

Reuters cameraman Farah Robleu said he saw the charred remains of the car and the dead. "The wreckage is still smouldering," he said. Near-daily attacks have rocked the lawless Somali capital since the interim government, backed by Ethiopian troops, drove out Islamists in a December war.

MNA/Reuters



The wreckage of a burnt minibus lies on a road after a bomb attack in Baghdad on 19 Feb, 2007.—INTERNET



# SPORTS

## Real deny Capello talk



Fabio Capello

LISBON, 19 Feb— Real Madrid have denied reports that Fabio Capello has handed in his resignation. Widespread reports on Monday suggested Capello offered to quit after holding talks with Real supremo Ramon Calderon.

Capello's position has been under threat for the last few weeks after a disappointing run of form.

Real have failed to score in their last four home games and fans staged a protest against

Capello during the recent defeat to Levante.

The Spanish giants are currently four points behind league leaders Barcelona after Saturday's goalless draw at home to struggling Real Betis.

Real have now moved to clear up the confusion regarding Capello's future by insisting he has not resigned. "Fabio Capello has not presented his resignation either verbally or in written form," said Real spokesman Miguel Angel Arroyo.

"We can dismiss these rumours, which surprised us. "We maintain the same attitude with respect to him that we had previously."

Capello will now take charge for Tuesday's UEFA Champions League clash with Bayern Munich. —Internet

## Rafa confirms Voronin deal

LONDON, 19 Feb— Liverpool boss Rafa Benitez has confirmed the club are close to agreeing a deal for Ukrainian striker Andrei Voronin.

Voronin revealed last week that he planned to quit Bayer at the end of the season when his contract expired and Liverpool have beaten a host of rivals to land the 27-year-old.

Benitez believes Voronin will prove a valuable addition to the squad for next season.

"We are close to a deal. The scouting department has been working on this possibility," Benitez told the club's official website. —Internet



Andrei Voronin

## Olympics volunteers stage rehearsal during Spring Festival

BEIJING, 20 Feb— About 1,600 volunteers for the 2008 Beijing Olympics started a week-long training programme on Sunday, the beginning of the Spring Festival, offering information, translation or interpretation services and emergency aid.

The volunteers took up positions at 50 work stations in key hotels, shopping centres and tourist sites in Beijing and offered tourist information and translation services, according to Qiang Wei, an official in charge of volunteer work for the 2008 Olympics.

Beijing plans to enlist 100,000 volunteers to work at the Olympics and the Paralympics, and 400,000 others who will work in 2,000 voluntary work stations around the capital.

MNA/Xinhua

## Platini calls on Champions League clubs to set example

NYON (Switzerland), 20 Feb— Newly-elected UEFA president Michel Platini has urged the 16 clubs taking part in this week's Champions League matches to set an example as soccer seeks to clean up an image tarnished by recent outbreaks of violence.

In a letter to the club's presidents, publicized on UEFA's website (www.uefa.com) on Monday,

Platini said this week's first knockout round matches would be taking place "under the shadow

of the incidents that have marred European football this winter". Platini said the amount of media attention focused on the Cham-

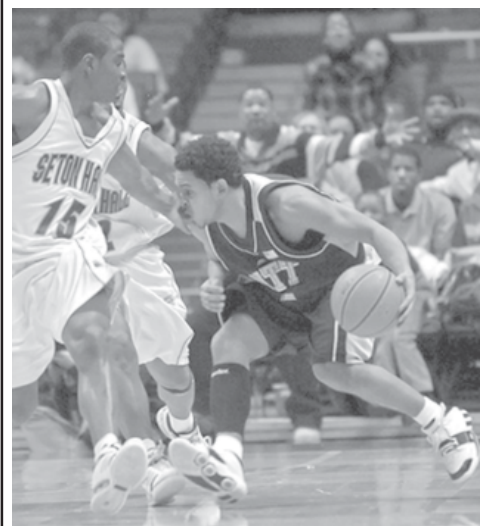
pions League meant that its participants automatically assume a key role in defending the reputation of our game.—MNA/Reuters

## Boca held at home on Riquelme's return

BUENOS AIRES, 20 Feb— Boca Juniors were held to a 1-1 draw at home by Rosario Central on Sunday as playmaker Juan Roman Riquelme made his return on loan from Spain's Villareal. A packed crowd gave Riquelme, who left the club in 2002, a rapturous reception at the Bombonera but the game was a let-down as the elegant midfielder looked short of match fitness.

Rosario Central, with former Argentina midfielder Cristian Gonzalez running the show in midfield, took a shock lead through Emilio Zelaya in the 38th minute.

Boca, who began the tournament with a 4-0 win over Banfield last week, pressed desperately for an equalizer after the break and were rewarded when Rodrigo Palacio fired home a loose ball in the 55th minute following a corner. — MNA/Reuters



Pittsburgh's Ronald Ramon, right, runs in to the defence of Seton Hall's Eugene Harvey during second half NCAA basketball on Monday night, 19 Feb, 2007 in East Rutherford, NJ Pittsburgh beat Seton Hall, 71-68.—INTERNET



Venus Williams plays a shot to Akiko Morigami of Japan during their match at the Cellular South Cup tennis tournament in Memphis, Tennessee on 19 Feb, 2007.—INTERNET

## Pumpido resigns as coach of Newell's

BUENOS AIRES, 20 Feb— Argentina's 1986 World Cup-winning goalkeeper Nery Pumpido resigned as coach of struggling Newell's Old Boys on Monday after they lost their first two games in the Clausura Championship.

"Pumpido resigned today," said Newell's spokesman Jose Garcia.

Pumpido, who had been in charge of the Rosario-based club since October 2005, became the first coaching victim of the tournament.

MNA/Reuters

## Former Juve defender Pessotto denies fall was suicide bid

ROME, 20 Feb— Former Italy and Juventus defender Gianluca Pessotto has denied his fall last year from a top floor window at the club's Turin headquarters was a suicide attempt.

The 36-year-old Juve team manager, who won six Serie A titles and the 1996 Champions League in 11 years with the club, suffered multiple fractures and internal bleeding after falling 15 metres from a fourth-floor window in June.

Reports shortly after he fell suggested he was receiving treatment for depression following the end of his playing career, and that he had been found with a rosary in his hands.— MNA/Reuters



British Columbia skip Kelly Law throws a rock during a curling game against Nova Scotia at the Tournament of Hearts in Lethbridge, Alberta, on 19 Feb, 2007.—INTERNET

## Roman's empire makes £80.2m loss

LONDON, 19 Feb— Chelsea owner Roman Abramovich has no intention of walking away from Stamford Bridge, with the reassurance coming on the morning the club revealed losses of £80.2million for the year ended June 2006.

The club's director of public affairs Simon Greenberg has moved to quell fears with regards Abramovich's future, following the billionaire's non-appearance at Chelsea games in recent weeks, amidst talk of a spat with manager Jose Mourinho.

Although Greenberg believes the confirmed



Roman Abramovich

losses do need to be reduced, he is confident that costs being cut by 42.9 per cent indicates the club are heading in the right direction.

While Abramovich has ploughed £500million of his personal fortune into the club and in the process made them perhaps the biggest player in the global

transfer market. "No, I do not think it is success," he told Radio 4. "It is moving in the right direction, reducing losses and increasing major income streams. "Our turnover was up and football activities increased income by 6.6 per cent.

"It matters to him (Abramovich) and it matters to us as we have an ambitious and challenging target of breaking even by June 2012. We are on track or at least hope to get very near to it.

"You can never say never [that Chelsea would not buy a £20million player] but that would be an exception.—Internet



# 12 injured in bomb blasts in southern Thailand

BANGKOK, 20 Feb — More bomb blasts occurred in three southern Thai provinces of Pattani, Narathiwat and Yala yesterday and today, injuring 12 people, according to Xinhua News Agency.

Another bomb was detonated in the provincial seat of Thailand's southern border province Narathiwat late Monday afternoon, injuring five people, Thai media reported.

News network *The Nation* reported the latest bomb attack occurred at 5:30 pm (1030 GMT).

Police said insurgents hid a bomb in a garbage bin outside a shop and detonated it with a mobile phone. The blast injured five people nearby.

The incident was the fourth bombing attack reported on Monday in the

violence-plagued three southernmost provinces — Yala, Narathiwat and Pattani, following nearly 30 coordinated bombings, arsons and shootings across the three border provinces and the adjacent Songkhla Province on Sunday night, which killed at least nine people and injured more than 50 others.— MNA/Xinhua



A model displays a creation from the Burberry Fall-Winter 2007/2008 women's collections during Milan Fashion Week on 19 Feb, 2007.—INTERNET

## Bomb attack in southern Thailand averted

BANGKOK, 20 Feb — Officials managed to avert a bomb attack inside a 7-Eleven shop in Thai southernmost province of Yala Tuesday morning, local reports said.

Officials rushed to the scene after being alerted that a man left a package inside the shop and rushed out. The package was found to be a 5-kilogramme homemade bomb, set to be detonated by a mobile phone.

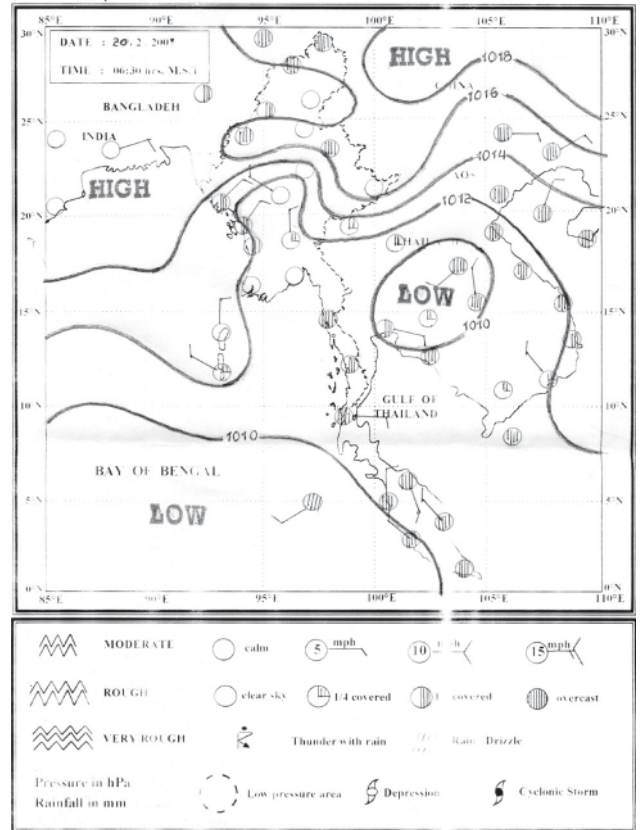
Bomb experts defused the bomb

immediately, Thai news group *The Nation* said.

Over 30 bombs rocked Thai southern provinces of Yala, Pattani, Narathiwat and Songkhla on Sunday and Monday, killing at least nine people and injuring more than 60 others.

MNA/Xinhua

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



### WEATHER

Tuesday, 20 February, 2007

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, weather has been generally fair in the Whole country. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below normal in Kachin, Southern and Eastern Shan and Kayin States, upper Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway and Bago Divisions, (5°C) to (6°C) below normal in Chin and Northern Shan States and about normal in the remaining areas. The significant night temperatures were Haka (0°C), Lashio and Pinlaung (2°C) each, Mogok (3°C).

Maximum temperature on 19-2-2007 was 96°F. Minimum temperature on 20-2-2007 was 64°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 20-2-2007 was 56%. Total sunshine hours on 19-2-2007 was (9.2) hours approx.

Rainfall on 20-2-2007 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 (10) mph from Northwest at (13:15) hours MST on 19-2-2007.

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

**Forecast valid until evening of 21-2-2007:** Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers in Kachin State, upper Sagaing Division and weather will be partly cloudy in Mon State, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and generally fair in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (40%).

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

**Outlook for subsequent two days:** Generally fair in the whole country.

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 21-2-2007:** Generally fair weather.

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 21-2-2007:** Generally fair weather.

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 21-2-2007:** Generally fair weather.

### နိုင်ငံတော်အစိုးရဌာနပိုင် မော်တော်ယာဉ်မသုံးစွဲရနေ

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**Wednesday, 21 February**  
View on today

**8:45 am**  
9. Let's Go

**4:00 pm**  
1. Martial song

**4:15 pm**  
2. Song to uphold National Spirit

**4:30 pm**  
3. အဆေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ တတိယနှစ် (ရက္ခဗေဒအထူးပြု) (ရက္ခဗေဒ)

**4:45 pm**  
4. Song of national races

**5:00 pm**  
5. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစကား

**5:15 pm**  
6. “တန်ဖိုး” (ညီညီနေနိုင်၊ လှိုင်ဖြူဖြူထွန်း) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-သက်တင်)

**5:20 pm**  
7. Classical song

**5:30 pm**  
8. ရှုဖွယ်စုံလင် အာဆီယံအစီအစဉ်

**5:40 pm**  
9. ရသပေါ်လွင် သရုပ်ဆောင်လွင်ပြင်

**6:00 pm**  
10. Evening news

**6:30 pm**  
11. Weather report

**6:35 pm**  
12. သုတစုံလင်ရွှေညောင်ရှင်

**7:00 pm**  
13. Discovery

**7:15 pm**  
14. “ဆုံစည်းခွင့်” (မင်းထက်ကျော်စင်၊ ဖိုးသောကြာမြတ်ကောသိအောင်၊ ချစ်သူဝေ) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-သိန်းဟန်-ဖိုးနစ်)

**7:25 pm**  
15. နိုင်ငံအဖွဲ့များ လွှမ်းမိုးစေချင် IT ဟောပြောပွဲအစီအစဉ်

**7:45 pm**  
16. The mirror images of the musical oldies

**7:50 pm**  
17. နိုင်ငံစီးပွားအလေးထား ကျေးလက်ထုတ်ကုန်များ (ဒီဇိုင်းစုံလင် မြန်မာ့ ဝယ်ယူရေးအသွင်)

**8:00 pm**  
18. News

**8:05 pm**  
19. International news

**8:10 pm**  
20. Weather report

**8:15 pm**  
21. Myanmar movie “မေတ္တာနုနုစေလိုသူ” (ညွန့်ဝင်း၊ဝါဝါဝင်း၊ရွှေ) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မြည့်စုံ)

**8:20 pm**  
22. The next day's programme



**Wednesday, 21 February**  
Tune in today

- 8:30 am** Brief news
- 8:35 am** Music: -Sweet dreams
- 8:40 am** Perspectives
- 8:45 am** Music: -After the love has gone
- 8:50 am** National news/Slogan
- 9:00 am** Music -Jet airliner
- 9:05 am** International news
- 9:10 am** Music: -Big coconut
- 1:30 pm** News / Slogan
- 1:40pm** Lunch time music: -My wonderful -I only want to be with you -Just like a pill -Far from love
- 9:00pm** Variations on a tune -Always on my mind
- 9:15 pm** Article
- 9:25 pm** Music at your request
- 9:45 pm** News / Slogan
- 10:00 pm** PEL

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# Lt-Gen Myint Swe inspects development tasks in Hlegu Township

## Locals urged to grow more edible oil crops, beans, pulses

YANGON, 20 Feb — Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence inspected construction of Dahbain-Thakhutpin Road in Dahbain Village in Hlegu Township this afternoon.

During his inspection tour of Dahbain Village-tract, Lt-Gen Myint Swe and Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win donated robes to Presiding Sayadaw of Dhamma Linkara Monastery of Bago Abhdhaja Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotika Dhaja Bhaddanta Visuddha and Presiding Sayadaw of Thakutpin Monastery Bhaddanta Vayama.

They also met with residents at Basic Education Middle School in Thakhutpin Village. At the meeting, Lt-Gen Myint Swe called for exceeding Yangon Division's targeted per acre yield and development of agricultural sector in the division.

There are 1.2 million acres of rain-fed paddy and 240,000 acres of summer paddy in the division,

Lt-Gen Myint Swe said.

In his speech, he also urged local people to grow more edible oil crops, beans and pulses so that they can enjoy a high income which could lead to development of the region, and to join hands with local authority for community peace and prevalence of law and order.

The earth road linking Dahbain and Thakhutpin villages is two miles long and 18 feet wide. On his tour of Dahbain Village, Lt-Gen Myint

### Objectives of the 62nd Anniversary Armed Forces Day

- \* To work in concert with the people in building a peaceful, modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation
- \* To strive for successful realization of the seven-step Road Map of the State with genuine Union Spirit
- \* To crush every danger posed to stability and development of the State hand in hand with the people
- \* To build a strong, capable and modern patriotic Tatmadaw to safeguard Our Three Main National Causes

- \* **The earth road linking Dahbain and Thakhutpin villages is two miles long and 18 feet wide.**
- \* **There are 22 small-scale factories in the village and each factory can produce 2,000 bolts and nuts a day.**



Lt-Gen Myint Swe of Ministry of Defence visits sculpture workshop at Dahbain village.— MNA

Swe visited a cottage industry which produces bolts and nuts. There are 22 small-scale factories in the village and each factory can produce 2,000 bolts and nuts a day.

They also visited a handicraft factory owned by a villager. They also inspected the site chosen to

establish an industrial ward.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe and Commander Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win also inspected development tasks and summer paddy cultivation in Mingaladon Township and Hlegu Township, Yangon North District.

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## INSIDE

### Booming pottery industry in Twantay

One village, one product



"Potters have to pass many processes to make a single pot."

"Pottery of Twantay are distributed to Thanlyin, Kyauktan, Kayan, Thongwa, Maubin, Bogale, Pyapon, Pathein and Yangon, and



exported to Canada, Germany, Australia, Singapore and Japan."