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Hydro-electric power projects being implemented for distribution of power to Nay Pyi Taw and its environs and whole country

Officials urged to try to complete projects for people to enjoy the benefits as early as possible

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Senior General Than Shwe sends felicitations to Kuwait

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Feb— Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Highness Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al Jaber Al-Sabah, Emir of the State of Kuwait, on the occasion of the National Day of the State of Kuwait which falls on 25 February 2007.— MNA

Senior General Than Shwe, accompanied by Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann, Prime Minister General Soe Win, member of SPDC Lt-Gen Maung Bo, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing and Maj-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, Commander of

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Senior General Than Shwe inspects Nancho Hydro-electric power project.—MNA

- #### 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

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

PERSPECTIVES

Sunday, 25 February, 2007

Grow lucrative rubber trees extensively

Myanmar is blessed with fertile soil and favourable climate, so various species of crops grow well. Now, farmers and agricultural entrepreneurs are cultivating monsoon and summer paddy and cash crops extensively, thus ensuring food safety of the nation and improving national economy.

Rubber, a perennial and lucrative tree, is in the group of major crops for industrial raw materials. Myanmar's rubber plantation acreage increased from more than 70,000 hectares in 1988 to more than 200,000 hectares in 2004-2005. The acreage is expected to be nearly doubled in 2007-2008.

Myanmar exports about 30,000 tons of rubber to the People's Republic of China and Singapore annually. China is one of the countries that purchase and consume rubber most in the world as well as Myanmar's the largest rubber market.

In Myanmar, Mon State grows rubber most. Now, national rubber farmers and national entrepreneurs are putting more and more lands under rubber across the state.

Rubber thrives in Taninthayi Division and Kachin and Shan States. So, they are now striving for growing rubber on a commercial scale region-wise.

The government is taking various measures including supply of adequate irrigation water for boosting cultivation capacity and distribution of advanced agricultural methods in its bid to improve the agricultural sector. Therefore, farmers and national agricultural entrepreneurs should effectively use favourable conditions to expand growing rubber for national economic development.

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Peoples' Desire

- * Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views
- * Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation
- * Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State
- * Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy

K 1 million donated to fire victims of Pakokku Myoma Market

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Feb — Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe on 21 February met with those who lost their property in the fire caused at Myoma Market in Pakokku.

The minister handed over K 1 million donated by the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement to the secretary of the Market Board of Trustees. *MNA*

Foreign Minister sends felicitations to Kuwait

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Feb — On the occasion of the National Day of the State of Kuwait which falls on 25 February 2007, U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Sheikh Mohammed Sabah Al-Salem Al-Sabah, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the State of Kuwait. — *MNA*

Gift for All Myanmar Hindu Central Council

YANGON, 23 Feb — Tamil (Hindu) Social Welfare Committee (Bayintnaung Market) donated a hearse to All Myanmar Hindu Central Council at a ceremony held at Thein Motor Store of No 1 Building of Bayintnaung Market in Mayangon Township here this afternoon.



Leading Patron of TSWC U Aung Soe extended greetings on the occasion.

Chairman of the Committee U Kyi Tun presented documents related to the automobile to Director-General of Department for Promotion and Propagation of the Sasana Dr Myo Myint who handed over the

Director-General Dr Myo Myint of DPPS hands over documents on hearse to Chairman of AMHCC U Maung Shwe. — *MNA*

documents again to Chairman of AMHCC U Maung Shwe. Afterwards, Chair-

man of AMHCC U Maung Shwe handed over the documents related to the hearse worth K 14 million

to Chairman of Tamil (Hindu) Social Welfare Funds Committee U Ohn Shwe. — *MNA*

229 drug-related cases exposed in January

YANGON, 24 Feb — The Tatmadaw, Myanmar Police Force and the Customs Department exposed 229 drug-related cases in January.

The drug-related cases included 164.5732 kilos of opium in 41 cases, 30.9405 kilos of heroin in 79 cases, 3.299 kilos of morphine in one case, 5.58 kilos of opium oil in 15 cases, 1.3002 kilos of inferior opium in 11 cases, 15.1771 kilos of marijuana in 17 cases, 117,345 stimulant tablets in 34 cases, 0.561 kilo of opium speciosa in seven cases, 0.03 litre of cough syrup, 0.9 kilo of ice in one case, 0.25 kilo of caffeine in one case, 54.48 litres of acetic anhydride, 2,176.676 litres of chemical liquid in two cases, 35.303 kilos of chemical powder, one case of failure to register and 19 other cases.

Action was taken against 331 persons — 277 men and 54 women — according to law. *MNA*

Japanese government provides assistance

YANGON, 24 Feb — The Government of Japan under its Grassroots Grant Assistance Scheme (GGA) granted a total of 178,822 US dollars for two programmes on prevention and control of malaria in Bago Division.

The grant contracts to this effect were signed on 21 February 2007 between Mr Tetsuro Amano, Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of Japan to the Union of Myanmar, and each representative of Vector Borne Diseases Control Teams in Bago East and Bago West.

Vector Borne Diseases Control Teams in Bago East and Bago West have made plans to prevent and control malaria in the respective areas.

Those projects are aimed at comprehensive approaches to counter malaria, including medical care (early diagnosis, improved treatment), prevention (distributing insecticidal mosquito net) and education (dissemination of knowledge on malaria through various channels). — *H*

Donate blood

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Thai PM vows prevent violence in Bangkok

BANGKOK, 23 Feb — Thailand's Prime Minister Surayud Chulanont on Thursday pledged that the government would attempt to the utmost to prevent insurgent violence now commonplace in the deep South from spilling over into the Bangkok metropolis.

Speaking at the "Prime Minister Meets the Press" programme at Government House, he conceded that the Internal Security Operations Command (ISOC) is concerned about the possible spillover of the southern violence into the capital.

However, the government would try its best to end the southern unrest as soon as possible and to curb any spread into the metropolitan area, Surayud was quoted by the *Thai News Agency* as saying.

Asked whether the military would be reinforced in areas now facing daily violence in the wake of escalated insurgent attacks, the Premier said the decision rests with ISOC.

The government will not interfere with its

operations.

The Premier's pledge came as Defence Minister Boonrawd Somtas hinted that the violence in the three southernmost provinces of Yala, Pattani, and Narathiwat might spill over into Bangkok.

MNA/Xinhua

US Democrats move to strip Bush of Iraq war authority

SYDNEY, 24 Feb—In the United States, the Democrats are trying to revoke the President's authority to go to war in Iraq.

Senate Democratic leaders are pushing a plan to strip President George W Bush of his war authority and leave US troops with a limited mission, like fighting Al Qaeda and training Iraqi army and police forces but the precise wording of the measure has not been settled.

The White House says the 2002 authorisation is

still active and in place and that the Administration plans to wait until the legislation is drafted before taking a stand.

White House spokesman Tony Fratto says Democrats are in a state of confusion. "It's really a shifting landscape of ideas all with the intention of keeping our troops from, what we

feel, getting what they need to carry out their mission," he said.

The Bush Administration argues that changes to the war resolution are unnecessary even though it was drafted in the days when Saddam Hussein was in power and there was an assumption that Iraq had weapons of mass destruction.

Last week, the US House of Representatives passed a non-binding resolution criti-

cising the President's decision to send more troops to Iraq but the Senate failed to approve a similar measure.

Internet

A man views the artwork 'CREATURES' by Atsuro Ueki during a press preview of the 10th Japan Media Arts Festival in Tokyo on 23 Feb, 2007. The exhibition takes place from 24 February to 4 March.—INTERNET



Young US military personnel rampage on street in front of Hongik University in Seoul

The street in front of the Hongik University in Seoul is frequented by many young people at night at weekend. Recently, the number of foreigners, especially the United States Forces Korea personnel are on a rapid increase. They make ugly scenes and do a lot of nuisancical things to the people. However, the Korean police just watch them with folded arms and do nothing about them. Against this backdrop, an increasing number of entertainment facilities on the street are putting up signs, "Out of Bounds to US Forces Personnel". On that street on the night of last Saturday, three to four young foreigners with a short haircut made a pass at women passers-by, shouted at them and point fingers at them. A young woman talking over her mobile phone was astonished at the sight and hastily ran away from the scene. These young men accosted other women passing by in the nearby alley. Speaking at a

YTNTV, one of the university coeds said: "These young foreigners harass people and it has now become a common sight on the street in front of the Hongik University". These young soldier drink alcoholic beverage at any place on the street and they do not care where. They also make a fire on the street and make a party. They get drunk and urinate at any place and make sexy scene in the middle of motor way. They make such unsightly scene and it continues through early next morning. Increasing number of entertainment facilities check their guests at the entrance not to let in US military personnel. The people are worried that these young foreigners might commit crime. One such incident occurred on January 13, 2007. One young US Forces soldier drank alcoholic beverage through the morning and raped a 60-year-old Korean woman in a back alley, dealing a great shock to Korean society. — *The Korea Post*

A woman shakes snow off her umbrella as she stands by a monument to World War II heroes in Russia's southern city of Stavropol on 23 Feb, 2007. Russia celebrates the Defender of Fatherland Day on Friday.—INTERNET



Report says Iraq war fuels home-grown terrorism

LONDON, 23 Feb — Britain's involvement in the Iraq war is one of the reasons behind domestic terrorist activity, according to a report based on the views of over 1,000 people from London.

Released on Thursday by the Metropolitan Police Authority (MPA), the report is the most extensive of its kind since the 7 July, 2005 suicide attacks in London. The MPA held a series of hearings to collect the views of faith groups, Asian men, young people, women and local and business officials over the year to last December.

The report said the groups were angered by suggestions that British foreign policy and terrorism were unconnected,

"There is palpable rage at what some consider a disingenuous stance adopted by politicians who deny this link," the report said. — *MNA/Reuters*



Some artists in copper-like ancient style costumes perform at a temple fair in Beijing, capital of China, on 22 Feb, 2007.— XINHUA

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Putin says Russia to continue military cooperation with partners

Moscow, 23 Feb — Russian President Vladimir Putin said on Thursday his country would continue military cooperation with other countries.

Russia will “expand cooperation with foreign countries in military and military-technical fields, equally with traditional

allies and new partners”, Putin said at a ceremony marking the Fatherland Defender Day, which falls on Friday, according to a report by news agency ITAR-TASS.

“Russia’s defence potential remains an important part of the international security

system,” Putin was quoted as saying

The country can play “a serious role” in the dialogue on disarmament issues, Putin said. Russian arms exports totalled 6.4 billion US dollars last year, and the country’s target for 2007 is 7.5 billion dollars.

MNA/Xinhua

Hamas says US undermining Europeans on unity deal

GAZA, 23 Feb — The Islamic militant group Hamas accused the United States on Thursday of trying to thwart European efforts to ease an economic blockade of a new Palestinian unity government.

The so-called Quartet of Middle East mediators, comprising the United States, the European Union, Russia and the United Nations, repeated a demand on Wednesday that any Palestinian government renounce violence, recognize Israel and accept interim peace deals.

Though the unity government fell short of directly meeting those demands, Western diplomats said the agreement between Hamas and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas’ Fatah faction widened divisions within the Quartet.

The United States and

Israel want to continue to shun the unity government; Russia and some other European governments favour a softer line.

Hamas Cabinet spokesman Ghazi Hamad said the group, which took control of the Palestinian government in March after winning parliamentary

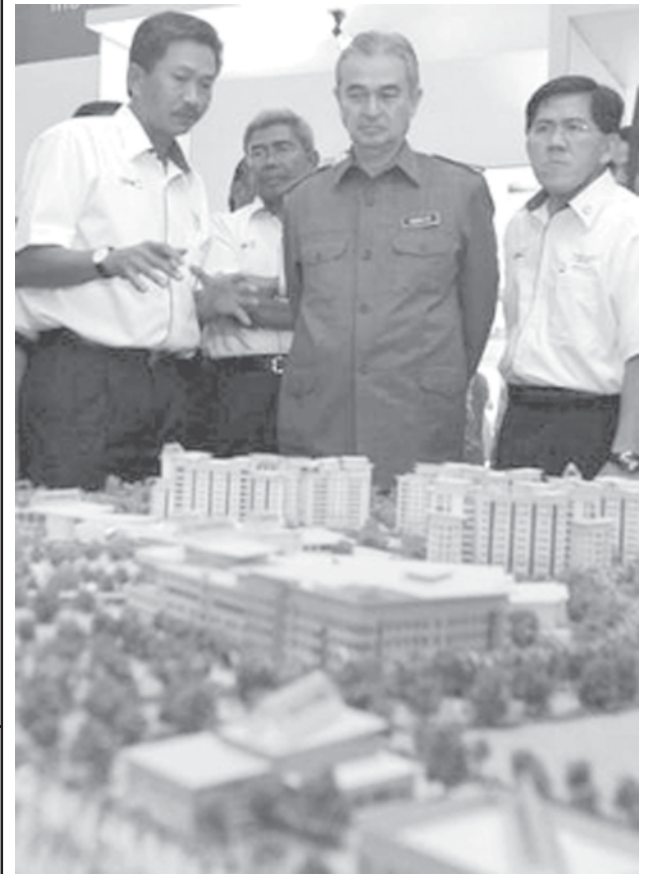
elections, was encouraged by what it called a “wait and see” approach by the Quartet.

Citing divisions between the United States and some European countries over policy, Hamad said: “I believe there is a possibility to change the Quartet’s position in a more positive

manner to deal with the government.”

But Palestinian Information Minister Youssef Rizqa of Hamas said: “It (the United States) aims to undermine the European and Russian efforts in order to continue the siege imposed on our people.”

MNA/Reuters



Malaysia’s Prime Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi (C) listens to Managing Director of UEM Land, Wan Abdullah Wan Ibrahim (L), during the launch of Nusajaya development in Gelang Patah in the southern state of Johor, on 23 Feb, 2007. —INTERNET

Australia warns of bomb threat in Bangkok

BANGKOK, 24 Feb — Australia told its citizens in Thailand to be on extra alert on Friday after receiving reports of possible bomb attacks on crowded places in Bangkok, such as department stores or public transport.

“We advise you to exercise a high degree of caution because of the high threat of terrorist attack,” the Australian embassy

said in a travel advisory on its website.

“Reports indicate possible bombing attacks at crowded places such as

department stores, and sky-train and subway stations in Bangkok on Friday, 23 February 2007,” it said.

A series of explosions in Bangkok on New Year’s Eve killed three people and wounded 30, including six foreigners.

At first, the government suggested the blasts were linked to politicians who had lost out in the September 19 military coup against prime minister Thaksin Shinawatra.

However, some investigators are now saying the coordinated explosions may have been the work of Muslim militants from the far south, where more than 2,000 people have died in three years of separatist violence.

MNA/Reuters

Expert says ban all alcohol ads

LONDON, 23 Feb — A leading doctor says all advertising of alcohol must be banned in a bid to curb Britain’s growing drink problem.

The comments by the head of the Royal College of Physicians come as latest data show alcohol-related deaths in the UK have doubled in the past 15 years.

Professor Ian Gilmore said the measure was necessary to protect children who were influenced by sporting heroes wearing branded clothing.

Government said it was already introducing measures to help. Professor Gilmore suggested a phased ban.

“I think it would be hard to move to a total advertising ban straight away, but we can work towards it.

“Most urgently we should look at introducing a watershed, with a move towards a complete ban.”

He said it made no sense to have a watershed for promoting unhealthy foods to children but then allow alcohol advertising during the day.

Professor Gilmore said he had recently watched a football match on satellite television which had shown four alcohol advertisements over the course of a lunchtime. —Internet



An employee passes a model of Airbus A340 at the Airbus facility in the northern German town of Varel on 23 Feb, 2007. The leaders of Germany and France said on Friday that they stood behind European plane maker Airbus and vowed to leave it to company management to decide on job cuts while stressing they should be balanced. —INTERNET

ECONOMIC NEWS

Zimbabwe encourages farmers to boost Jatropha production

HARARE, 23 Feb — The Zimbabwean Government has increased the price of Jatropha by 60 per cent from 140 to 240 US dollars per ton in an effort to encourage farmers to boost production of the plant, *The Herald* said on Thursday.

National Oil Company of Zimbabwe acting chief executive Isaac Mhaka was quoted as saying that

the government was also considering reviewing the price to be in line with oil prices to encourage farmers to venture into jatropha farming.

The oil has great potential for making biodiesel while the by-product could be used as organic fertilizer.

Jatropha is a drought tolerant plant that produces seed, which has

between 30 and 40 per cent oil content. The government has since specified the tree, banned its export, and adopted the tree along with cassava as major development crops for the next five years.

MNA/Xinhua



Customers wait to buy Microsoft's new 'Windows Vista' operating system in Tokyo, on 30 Jan, 2007. A US federal jury found that Microsoft infringed audio patents held by Alcatel-Lucent and should pay 777 million pounds in damages, the No 1 software maker said on Thursday 22 Feb, 2007. — INTERNET

African minister accuses EU of bad faith over trade

COTONOU, 23 Feb — Benin's trade minister accused the European Union on Thursday of bad faith and manipulation in negotiating regional trade accords with poor countries, saying Brussels had misled the public.

A joint statement

published in Brussels after a 5 February meeting of chief negotiators from West African countries and the European Union said the two sides agreed

to abide by an end-2007 deadline for negotiating an Economic Partnership Agreement.

But Benin's Trade Minister Soumanou

Moudjaidou, who was at the meeting, said no such agreement had been made and said Africa stood by a demand for a three-year delay to allow time to negotiate key provisions and allay African concerns.

"The European Union wants to manipulate the Press," said Moudjaidou, whose country has taken a lead in trade talks, especially in campaigning for an end to Western cotton subsidies blamed for keeping millions of African farmers poor.

MNA/Reuters

Libya quadruples wages to spread oil income

TRIPOLI, 23 Feb — Libya will raise the wages of government employees and workers in state-owned companies up to 275 per cent, the son of leader Moammar Kadaffi said on Thursday.

Kadaffi has repeatedly urged the government to improve the living conditions of the population and spread oil revenues more fairly.

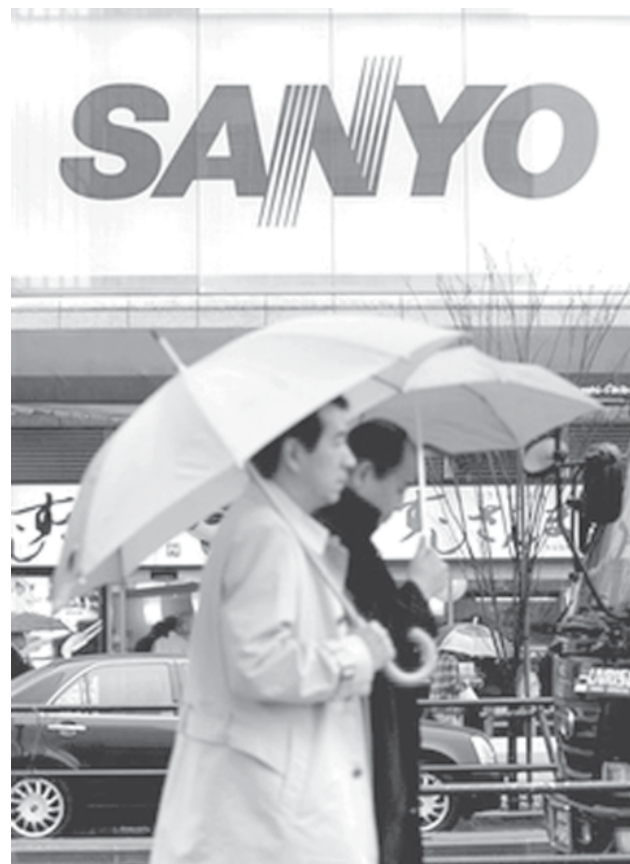
Islam said the minimum monthly wage for civil servants would rise 110 per cent from next month. The minimum stands at 200 Libyan dinars (155 US dollars).

Salaries of Libyans working in state-owned oil companies will jump 275 per cent. Libya is an OPEC member.

Saif al-Islam, Kadaffi's son and most trusted envoy, made the announcement during a meeting of top government officials, underlining his role in

influencing Libya's domestic policy even though he has no official government position.

Social welfare allowances will increase between 45 per cent and 100 per cent depending on the number of family members. — MNA/Reuters



Passers-by walk past huge Sanyo Electric Co logo in downtown Tokyo, on 23 Feb, 2007. Sanyo Electric Co said Friday it was fully cooperating with an investigation by securities authorities into suspected window-dressing of earnings at the struggling Japanese electronics maker. — INTERNET

EU investigates British state aid to Royal Mail

BRUSSELS, 23 Feb — An in-depth investigation has been launched into state funding measures taken by Britain in favour of Royal Mail, the European Commission said on Thursday.

The European Union's anti-trust watchdog said the ongoing investigation into the British principal supplier of postal services will decide on whether those measures constitute state subsidies.

The measures in question include a series of loans worth more than 2.6 billion euros made available to Royal Mail and placing

of 1.26 billion euros in an "escrow account" to reduce the pensions contributions which Royal Mail needs to make.

The opening of the investigation, following complaints from Royal Mail's competitors, gave interested parties the possibility to comment on the proposed measures.

"I take the complaints received very seriously. The postal sector is increasingly open to competition, and it is important to reassure competitors that the advantages of that opening are not neutralized by illegal

state subsidies," the EU Competition Commissioner Neelie Kroes said.

The European Commission said the investigation does not cover the subsidies given to maintain the network of post offices, which was authorized by the Commission to support non-profitable rural area in February 2006.

MNA/Xinhua

Starring Oscar winner Nicholas Cage, Sony's "Ghost Rider" was on fire at the box office in North America this weekend, fetching an estimated 44.5 million US dollars to become the weekend's top-grossing movie. — INTERNET



Meetings of State Central Working Committee of the Sangha of All Orders and Grand Religious Title Presentation Ceremony of 2007

Ba Sein (Religious Affairs)

The State Central Working Committee of the Sangha of All Orders of the Union of Myanmar comprising 300 members of the Sangha represents over four hundred thousand members of the Sangha residing in the Union of Myanmar. According to the fundamental principles which were passed and adopted by the very First Successful Congregation of the Sangha of All Orders of the Union of Myanmar in 1980, the State Central Working Committee of the Sangha of All Orders shall hold its annual meeting at least once a year.

We all Buddhists throughout the Union of Myanmar know that altogether Five Congregations of the Sangha of All Orders leading and contributing to the purification, perpetuation and propagation of the Buddha Sasana were successfully held by arrangements and supports of Buddhist people and Government of the Union of Myanmar in 1980, 1985, 1990, 1995 and 2000 respectively. In accordance with the objectives and guidelines laid down by these successful congregations of the Sangha of All Orders, the very first unity of the members of Sangha could be formed in the Union of Myanmar within one hundred years.

We all Buddhists all over the world know that altogether six great Buddhist Councils (Synods) leading and contributing to the purification, perpetuation and propagation of the Buddha Sasana were convened after the noble demise of the Omniscient Gotama Buddha over 2500 years ago. The Fifth and Sixth Great Buddhist Councils were held in the Union of Myanmar. The Sixth Great Buddhist Council was held in 1954, and attended by 2500 Mahatheras from the Five Theravada Buddhist nations, Thailand, Cambodia, Laos, Sri Lanka and Myanmar. The Buddhist peoples from those Theravada Buddhist nations were greatly pleased and honoured for successfully holding the Sixth Great Buddhist Council in the Buddhist world.

It was felt that without the unity of the Sangha, it was impossible to execute purification, perpetuation and propagation of the Buddha Sasana. As different schools and sects of the Sangha of All Orders appeared separately, they were not able to

unitedly implement the noble task of purification, perpetuation and propagation of the Buddha Sasana. In reality, all members of the Sangha and devotees want the everlasting unity of the Sangha of All Orders. They firmly believe that it only can be possible to purify, perpetuate and propagate the Sasana by the unity of the Sangha. The Buddha, Himself urged the members of the Sangha to unite in order to carry out His teachings.

To build the unity and mutual understanding between different schools and sects of the sangha Orders is deeply needed for the welfare and interest of the nation as well as for the Buddha Sasana. Altogether Six Buddhist Councils (Synods) were held to establish the unity of the Sangha of All Orders so long as the Buddha Sasana exists. All the Buddhists firmly believe that without the unity of the Sangha, it is impossible to promote the Buddha Sasana. An old saying goes, "Whenever religion is pure, the society prospers". The situation of the nation was well-developed and prosperous in those golden times when the members of the Sangha of Orders unanimously practiced the Vinaya Laws and fulfilled their religious duties.

The First, the Second, the Third, the Fourth and the Fifth congregations of the Sangha of All Orders of the Union of Myanmar have successfully built the unity of the Sangha of All Orders with the support of Buddhists and the Government since 1980. A single Sangha Organization could be formed in the Union of Myanmar for the first time in one hundred years.

The Seventh Meeting and First Meeting of the Fifth and Sixth State Central Working Committee of the Sangha of All Orders

In accordance with the prescribed terms of the Sangha Organizations of the Union of Myanmar, the Seventh Meeting and First Meeting of the Fifth and Sixth State Central Working Committee of the Sangha of All Orders are fixed to be held at the Mahapasana Cave (Great Cave) on Kaba Aye Hillcock, Yangon, from 26 to 28 February 2007. The meeting will be attended by 300 members of the State Central Working Committee of the Sangha of All Orders and 111 members of the State Sangha Ovacariya (Patrons) representing all members of

Sangha throughout the country.

The main objectives of these Meetings of the Fifth and Sixth State Central Working Committee of the Sangha of All Orders are to exert more efforts for purification, perpetuation and propagation of Theravada Buddha Sasana throughout the world. It is further learnt that all necessary arrangements and requirements for holding the Seventh Meeting of the Fifth State Central Working Committee of the Sangha of All Orders have already been made by the Ministry of Religious Affairs and authorities concerned.

The grand Religious Title Presentation Ceremony of 2007

In order to promote and flourish the three kinds of the Buddha Sasana, viz, (1) Pariyatti Sasana (learning Buddha's teachings), (2) Patipatti Sasana (Practical application of Buddha's teachings and (3) Pativedha Sasana (realization of Buddha's teachings), the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar issued Notification No 1/2007 on the Independence Day of the Union of Myanmar which falls on the 4th January 2007, conferring Religious Titles on the 309 eminent Buddhist monks including 13 from abroad, 30 elder nuns including 2 from abroad and 73 laypersons including 2 from abroad who distinctively carried out purification, perpetuation, promotion and propagation of the three kinds of the Buddha Sasana across the world.

The grand ceremony for presenting the religious titles to the title recipients will be held at the Mahapasana Cave (Great Cave) on Kaba Aye Hillcock, Yangon, on the 2nd March 2007 (Fullmoon of Taboung 1368 ME). All religious title recipients have already been invited to attend the great grand ceremony. It is further learnt that altogether 721 members of the Sangha, 30 elder nuns, 70 laypersons and others will be present on this auspicious occasion.

Besides, the auspicious ceremony for offering of provisions and various articles to 317 members of the Sangha and 30 elder nuns, will be held on a large scale on Kaba Aye Hillcock, in the late afternoon of 2nd March, 2007. Provisions and various articles will be also offered to 374 members of the Sangha staying at the hostels on Kaba Aye Hillcock, on the same day. It is learnt that altogether 721 members of the Sangha and 30 elder nuns will be offered provisions and various articles.

All Buddhists, donors and well-wishers are cordially invited to attend this auspicious ceremony for paying profound respect to the members of the Sangha and sharing merits of good deeds.

We all Buddhists throughout the Union of Myanmar are heartily pleased and honoured to be able to pay profound respect to the members of the Sangha present at the Seventh Meeting and First Meeting of the Fifth and Sixth State Central working Committee of the Sangha of All Orders and the Grand Religious Title Presentation Ceremony of 2007.

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Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Their Sein attends opening of office of Shan State WVO Supervisory Committee

Thanks to efforts of the State, 17 major national race armed groups and small armed groups returned to the legal fold

Network of basic infrastructures in all aspects emerging day by day



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Their Sein unveils the signboard of the building of Shan State War Veterans Supervisory Committee. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Feb — Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Their Sein, accompanied by Member of the State Peace and Development Council Chief of Armed Forces Training Lt-Gen Aung Htwe of the Ministry of Defence and officials, left Nay Pyi Taw on 22 February morning and arrived in Taunggyi in Shan State (South), at 10 am.

The Secretary-1 and party were welcomed by Member of SPDC Lt-Gen Kyaw Win of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Shan State PDC Commander of Eastern

Command Brig-Gen Thuang Aye, Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Win Myint and officials.

Chairman of Myanmar War Veterans Organization Central Organizing Committee Secretary-1 Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Their Sein attended a ceremony to open the office of Shan State War Veterans Organization Supervisory Committee on Shwenyaung-Taunggyi Union Highway in Ayethaya, Taunggyi Township.

Also present on the occasion were local authorities, the chairman of the supervisory committee and the members, social

organization members and local people.

The commander and Secretary of the Supervisory Committee Shan State Police Force Commander Police Col Nyunt Win formally opened the office.

The Secretary-1 unveiled the signboard of the office and visited it.

Chairman of the Supervisory Committee Lt-Col Win Lwin reported on construction of the building.

Next, Managing Director of Kyei Sin Tun Construction Co U Win Tint handed over documents related to the building to Supervisory Committee Chairman Lt-

Col Win Lwin.

Afterwards, Lt-Col Win Lwin presented commemorative pennants to the Secretary-1 and party.

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Their Sein provided cash assistance for over-75 year old war veterans to chairman of War Veterans Organizations from Taunggyi, Kalaw, Hopong, Nyaungshwe, Hsihseng, Yaksawk, Phekho, Pindaya, Mongkai, Loilem and Namsang Townships.

Next, the Secretary-1 delivered an address. He said the purpose of constructing the building for Shan State War Veterans Supervisory Committee is to facilitate the management matters of the committee. District and township WVO offices have also been built in the same compound. The objectives of the MWVO are to serve as an auxiliary force of the Tatmadaw under its leadership, to look after war veterans and their families, and to participate in nation-building tasks and public welfare services in cooperation with social organizations. Therefore it is important to successfully realize those objectives, said the Secretary-1.

The Tatmadaw

government took measures for ensuring peace and stability of the State and the rule of law which are the essential requirement for the development of the nation that lacked progress in the past due to various reasons. Moreover, thanks to the efforts of the State to end armed insurgencies of 50 years, 17 major national race armed groups and small armed groups have returned to the legal fold and they are cooperating with the government in regional development tasks. As a result, their regions are developing significantly and, even some of them are now in a position to keep pace with urban regions. The regions have not only seen progress in education, health and social affairs sectors but also enjoyed fruits of peace and stability. These fruitful results were achieved partly due to the participation of war veterans.

In order to ensure equal development of all parts of the country, the government has been implementing the project of 24 special development regions. It is also building schools, universities and roads, bridges, airports, dams and reservoirs,

hospitals and dispensaries necessary for the education, health, social and transport sectors so as to develop the State and improve socio-economic life of the people. Therefore, a network of basic infrastructures in all aspects are emerging day by day.

It is necessary for all to protect and maintain peace and stability of the State and the rule of law while guarding against the danger of internal and external destructive elements who are trying to destroy the development infrastructures of the State. Besides, all are to cooperate with the government in successful implementation of the seven-step Road Map laid down for drafting a constitution that is essential for building a democratic nation. All in all, members of the MWVO are to try to realize the objectives of the organization, and to actively participate in democratization process and nation-building tasks.

After the ceremony, the Secretary-1 cordially greeted the MWVO members. The new building of Shan State WVO is situated on Taunggyi-Shwenyaung Union Road in Ayethaya. — MNA



Commander Brig-Gen Thuang Aye and Police Col Nyunt Win formally open the new building of Shan State War Veterans Supervisory Committee. — MNA



Senior General Than Shwe hears a report by Minister Col Zaw Min on Upper Paunglaung Hydro-electric power station project. — MNA

Senior General Than Shwe inspects Upper Paunglaung ...

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Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Wai Lwin, the

Among them, Yenwe and Paunglaung Hydro-electric power projects have

U Myo Myint on significant geological position of the project and benefits.

Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun reported on condition of Pyinmana-Pinlaung Road

tion of Paunglaung diversion weir and new dams for cultivation in Pyinmana Township.

Senior General Than Shwe said we have possessed technology and experiences in implementation of national development projects including hydro-electric power project. He spoke of the need to complete the projects as soon as possible after finding out better technology.

He said the projects can be completed earlier than scheduled due to innovations, endeavours, goodwill and correct concept.

If the Paunglaung projects and other related work are implemented simultaneously with strenuous efforts, they will be completed ahead of schedule, he said.

Next, Senior General Than Shwe presented a fruit basket to the project director of Colenco Power Engineering Ltd.

Senior General Than Shwe and party inspected the site. The Upper Paunglaung Hydro-electric power project is being undertaken by No 1 Construction of Hydro Electric Power Implementation Department.

They went by helicopter to the site of Nancho Hydro-electric power project on Nancho Creek, 16 miles east of Pyinmana.

Minister Col Zaw Min and Deputy Minister U Myo Myint explained the purpose of the project, location, diversion system and data of the dam and effort to complete the project ahead of schedule.

Minister for Electric Power 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint reported on storage and distribution of electricity including distribution of electric power from electric power projects in the regions to national grid.

Senior General Than Shwe said hydro-electric power projects are being carried out for distribution of power to Nay Pyi Taw and its environs and the whole country. He urged officials concerned to try to complete the projects for the people to enjoy the benefits of the projects as early as possible. He also spoke of the need to conserve the forests in watershed areas for inflow of water in the dam and to avoid cutting down trees, burning forests and reclamation of vacant lands for the agricultural use.

Next, Senior General Than Shwe attended to the needs and presented a fruit basket to civil engineers of Kansai Electric Power Co, Inc.

After that, Senior General Than Shwe looked into tasks being carried out with the use of heavy machinery.

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Senior General Than Shwe presents a basket of fruits to civil engineers of Kansai Electric Power Co, Inc. — MNA

ministers, the deputy ministers, senior military officers and officials of the SPDC Office, arrived by helicopter at the site of upper Paunglaung Hydro-electric power project, 26 miles east of Pyinmana.

Minister for Electric Power No 1 Col Zaw Min briefed Senior General Than Shwe on efforts of the ministry for generation of electric power.

He said the Upper Paunglaung Hydro-electric power is one of the hydro-electric power projects being implemented in Sittoung River Basin. Kun, Yenwe, Khabaung, Pyu, Shwekyin, Bawgata, Thaukyaykhat, Paunglaung, Upper Paunglaung and Nancho projects are under implementation.

been completed. On completion of all the projects, they can generate 990 megawatts.

The Upper Paunglaung Hydro-electric power project lies 15 miles from Paunglaung hydro-electric power station. The project is being implemented with the aim of increasing power production of Paunglaung power station and power consumption of the country.

He said the RCC-type Dam, 1,640 feet long and 325 feet high is being constructed on the Paunglaung River. On completion of the dam, two 70-megawatt turbines will generate 140 megawatts.

He also reported on construction of approach roads and construction of Nancho and Lainli Bridges and Deputy Minister

and construction of Lainli Bridge on the roads and acting Director-General of Irrigation Department U Khin Zaw on construc-



Upper Paunglaung Hydro-electric power project under way. — MNA

Senior General Than Shwe inspects Upper Paunglaung ...

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The Nancho Hydel Power Project is situated about 16 miles east of Pyinmana, about 12 miles upstream of Paunglaung Hydel Power Plant. The 505 feet long and 166 feet high concrete embankment is being constructed for the project. On completion, it will be able to generate 40 megawatts.

In the afternoon, Senior General Than Shwe and party arrived at Thagara Industrial Region in Yedashe Township of the Ministry of Industry-2 where they were welcomed by Chairman of Bago Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Southern Command Maj-Gen Ko Ko, Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Saw Lwin, the deputy minister and officials.

At the briefing hall, Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Saw Lwin presented a report to Senior General Than Shwe and party, saying that three projects being implemented by the Ministry of Industry-2 in the

industrial region. The first one is a plant to produce different kinds of multipurpose diesel engines, the second one is a plant to produce bulldozers and excavators at the rate of 100 bulldozers and of 200 excavators per year, and the third one is a plant to produce turbines and hydel power engines.

He continued that the plant will produce Francis turbines of 100 kilowatts, 500 kilowatts, 2,000 kilowatts and 5,000 kilowatts at the rate of 50 per year. And he presented the aims of the project, signing of contracts, investment, acquisition of technology and progress of work.

After hearing the report, Senior General Than Shwe gave guidance, saying that various plants established in Thagara Industrial Region contribute not only to industrial development but also to national development; that based on the current production of those plants, efforts are to be made in combination with innovation to produce better engines, turbines and machinery; that those responsible are not to be complacent with the current situations; that the Ministry of Industry-2 is responsible for development of the indus-

Excerpts from Senior General's Speech

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Sanitation week launched in Pyinmana

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Feb — Pyinmana District Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee launched the 10th year national sanitation week (2007) in Pyinmana this afternoon.

Daw Swe Swe Oo, wife of Nay Pyi Taw Command Commander Brig-Gen Wai Lwin, delivered an address. Head of District Health Department Dr Aye Ko Ko clarified facts about sanitation.

The commander presented cash donations to local authorities for building fly-proof latrines and repairing manual water pumps.

Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association Vice-

President Daw Aye Aye and CEC members and Daw Swe Swe Oo handed over sanitation materials to Pyinmana, Lewe and Tatkon Townships through officials. They inspected No 140 Basic Education Primary School in Letpankhahla, Yaukthwa-in Village-tract, and No 29 BEPS in TadaU Village in Pyinmana Township.

The sanitation week is carried out from 24 February to 2 March.

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Commander Brig-Gen Wai Lwin presents cash donations to build fly-proof latrines in Pyinmana, Lewe and Tatkon Townships to an official.—MNA



Vice-President Daw Aye Aye of MMCWA and party observe artesian well at No 140 BEPS in Letpankhahla Village.

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trial sector of the State; this being the case, the ministry is to play a greater role in the industrial development.

He continued to say that only when there is development of the industrial sector will the nation develop and prosper. Hence, constant efforts are to be made for development of mills and factories while striving for the emergence of an industrial nation.

Afterwards, Senior General Than Shwe and party proceeded to the project for establishment of the plant to produce multipurpose diesel engines and inspected construction of the warehouse.

On arrival at the project for establishment of the plant to produce bulldozers and excavators, Senior General Than Shwe and party were conducted round by Minister Maj-Gen Saw Lwin, Deputy Minister Lt-Col Khin Maung Kyaw and officials to observe the scale model of excavators.

After inspecting projects in Thagara Industrial Region, Senior General Than Shwe and party arrive back to Nay Pyi Taw by helicopter at 2.30 pm.

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Progress of Myogyi Multipurpose Dam Project inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Feb — Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo on 19 February viewed cultivation of summer paddy, sunflower and gram plantations at Central Agricultural Research Farm in Kyaukse.

At Myogyi Multipurpose Dam Project in Ywangan

Township, the minister inspected progress of the project, land preparations for construction of diaphragm wall and tunnel of the dam. The minister and officials also looked into digging of the diversion tunnel.

In Pyawbwe Township, the minister met with Chairman of Township Peace and

Development Council U San Htay, Secretary of Township Union Solidarity and Development Association U Thein Win, members of social organizations and local people, and explained rural development tasks and boosting production of agricultural sector.

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The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. Second best time is now.



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein meets with senior military officers in Bahtoo Tatmyo.—MNA

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein inspects...

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Also present at the meeting were Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and Lt-Gen Aung Htwe, Commander Brig-Gen Thaug Aye, Judge Advocate-General Maj-Gen Soe Maung, senior military officers of the Ministry of

Defence, Brig-Gen Soe Win of Bahtoo Station and officers of regiments and units.

In the meeting, Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thein Sein explained political, economic and social progress of the State and instructed them to carry out welfare

task for family members of servicemen and gave encouragement to agriculture and livestock breeding tasks of the families.

In the afternoon, the Secretary-1 and party left Bahtoo Tatmyo for Mandalay by helicopter.

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Lt-Gen Myint Swe attends 13th AGM of Myanmar Industrialists Association

YANGON, 24 Feb — Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence delivered an address at the 13th Annual General Meeting of Myanmar Industrialists Association at the hall of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry in Lanmadaw Township this afternoon.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe inspected products of the association displayed at the hall of the UMFCCI.

Also present on the occasion were Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, departmental officials, President of UMFCCI U Win Myint, the chairman and members of Myanmar Industry Association and guests.

Chairman of MIA U Myat Thin Aung extended greetings and Lt-Gen Myint Swe made a speech. He said that as the government has been striving for development



Lt-Gen Myint Swe observes products displayed at the 13th Annual General Meeting of Myanmar Industrialists Association.—MNA

of all sectors applying possible ways and means, economic growth can be witnessed year by year. The government set up industrial zones and provides necessary assistance for them. Hence, entrepreneurs are to make all-out efforts for manufacturing quality machinery and personal goods, taking innovative measures to produce agricultural equipment, setting up import-substitute industries and expanding new industries. In addition, the

entrepreneurs are to strive for development of bio-fuel and bio-diesel production and trade through cultivation physic nut and other crops. Lt-Gen Myint Swe stressed the need to place emphasis on manufacturing of products meeting standards and norms.

Next, the commander, the minister and the president of UMFCCI gave speeches.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe accepted K 5 million donated by U Myat Thin Aung-Daw Khin Myint

Myint; K 4.5 million each by Dr Sein Myint and U Sein Wan; K 2.5 million by Daw Khaing Zaw; K 2 million by U Kyaw Aung, K 1.7 million by U Hla Myint Shwe, and presented certificates of honour to them.

The commander, the minister and President U Win Myint also accepted the cash donations from wellwishers.

Today's cash donations totalled K 40,960,000 and three cupboards each of which worth K 200,000.

Chairman of CSSTB inspects written exams

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Feb — Chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board Dr Than Nyun and members U Aung Myint, U Hla Myint Oo, U Win Aung, U Soe Oo, U Nyi Tun, U Kyaw Aung and officials inspected written exams for the post of Third Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs here this morning.

Those who sat for the exams held at No 5 Basic Education High School, No 6 BEHS in Nay Pyi Taw, No 1 BEHS, No 2 BEHS and No 3 BEHS in Pynmana Township, No 1 Basic Education Middle School and No 2 BEMS totalled 2421.

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10th Year National Sanitation Week (2007) launched

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Feb — Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo attended the opening of 10th Year National Sanitation Week (2007), jointly organized by the Ministry of Health and United Nations Children Fund at the ministry, here, this morning.

Deputy Minister Dr Mya Oo made an opening speech. Next, Resident Representative Mr Ramesh Shrestha of

UNICEF also spoke on the occasion.

After that, the deputy minister and guests observed documentary photos on the ministry's endeavours in the past ten years, activities of Save the Children, UNICEF and Myanmar Motion Picture Organization and the models of low-cost toilets.

Also present on the occasion were the Vice-Presidents of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation and Myanmar Maternal Child Welfare Association and party, representatives of local and foreign social organizations, directors-general and managing-directors of the ministries and others.

Next, the 13th Annual General Meeting followed. Deputy Director-General U Myo Oo of Directorate of Trade announced the list of CEC members and new executives of the association for 2007-08.

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Public based health care services carried out in Pakokku Township

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Feb—The public based health care services jointly carried out by social organizations for AIDS, TB and other chronic disease victims in Shwechaung and Myothit wards in Pakokku, Magway Division were coordinated at a ceremony held at the clinic hall in Shwechaung Ward on 26 January.

It was attended by officials of social

organizations in Pakokku District and Township, Medical Superintendent of Pakokku General Hospital Dr Daw Myint Myint Hlaing, those from AIDS and Venereal Disease Control Committee of Pakokku Township Health Departments and Tuberculosis Control Committee, local people and others.

Next, the medical superintendent and

officials from AIDS and Venereal Disease Control Committee and Tuberculosis Control Committee referred victims of AIDS, TB and other chronic diseases to hospitals and clinics, provided them with foods, gave education talks to and encouraged them.

After that, the officials distributed educative pamphlets and posters to families of the victims.—MNA

Myanma Pearl Auction-2007 concludes



A gem merchant puts a tender for the pearl auction.—MNA

YANGON, 24 Feb — Myanma Pearl Auction-2007 of Myanma Pearl Enterprise continued today for the last day at Dusit Inya Lake Hotel in Mayangon Township.

More than 30 merchants of foreign pearl companies purchased a total of 515 lots of pearls and 94,319 pearls

weighing 56,188.55 momme during the auction. Myanma Pearl Enterprise Managing Director U Maung Toe and officials cordially greeted the merchants today.

Today's purchase of pearl lots totalled 118 and Managing Director U Maung Toe presented a gift to the largest buyer,

Mr Johny Cheng of Rio Pearl Co of Hong Kong.

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19th Plenary meeting of fifth 47-member State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee continues



The 19th Plenary meeting of fifth 47-member State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee in progress.—MNA

YANGON, 24 Feb — The 19th Plenary meeting of the fifth 47-member State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee continued for the second day at the convocation hall of the State Pariyatti Sasana University here this morning.

Present were members of the Sangha led by Chairman of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Magway Maha Withutayama Taikthit Sayadaw Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja

Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Bhaddanta Kumara, Adviser U Arnt Maung, departmental officials and religious officers from states and divisions.

Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kumara presided over the meeting and Joint-Secretary Myingyan Zeyalinkaya Pariyatti Sarthintaik Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Kitti acted as master of ceremonies.

Next, members of

SSMNC discussed Viniçchaya affairs, religious affairs and academic matters.

At 1 pm, the Sayadaws held discussions on religious matters. The meeting ended in the evening.

Today, U Win Naing-Daw San San Naing of Kamayut Township offered 'soon' and (U San Tha Kyaw)-Daw Khin Lay Chit of Hline Township, 'soon' (day meal) to members of the Sangha.

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29th ISD Golf Championship concludes



YANGON, 24 Feb — The fourth and final round of the 29th Inter-State/Division Golf Championship for 2007 concluded at Yangon Golf Club in Insein Township yesterday evening.

MPAG and MGF President Maj-Gen Win Hlaing (Retd) presented the hole-in-one award to Than Zaw of Bago Division and prizes to winners in the team captain callaway system event. The president also awarded first, second and third prizes to Zaw Naing of Mon State, Yan Naing Phyoo of Yangon Division

and Myint Zaw of Shan State (South) in the individual handicap event respectively and Soe Moe Win of Yangon Division, Yan Myo Aye of Yangon Division and Arkar Kyaw of Mandalay Division respectively in the individual scratch event respectively.

On behalf of the

Minister for Sports, Director-General U Thaug Htaik of Sports and Physical Education Department gave first and second prizes to Shan State (South) and Mon State in the team handicap event and Yangon Division and Bago Division in the team scratch event. He also

presented championship trophy to Yangon Division team.

Han Golf Masters Pte Ltd sponsored the championship together with co-sponsors Srixon, Air Bagan, Imperial Jade Drinking Water, Heather Gate Whisky and organizer Han Event Management. — MNA



Champion Yangon Division team in 29th Inter-State and Division Golf Team Championship 2007.

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Auk-kali-ar

Crow and Hen

**They had sex
And produced offspring.**

Auk-e-e-oot

**It crowed with might
But produced no oot sound.**

From the crooked and bulby

**Brown beak
Could neither produce ah like the crow**

It has lost lineage

**This crossbreed creature called
Auk-kali-ar
How could it love kin.**

Myo Tha Khin (Trs)

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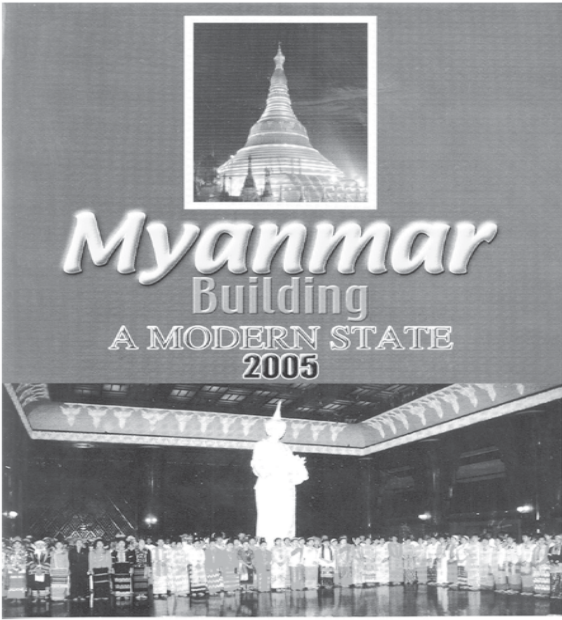
UAE seeking overseas markets for home-grown UAVs

ABU DHABI, 23 Feb — The United Arab Emirates (UAE) is seeking overseas markets for its locally built unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) by displaying them for the first time at the International Defence Exhibition (IDEX) 2007, the *GulfNews* reported on Thursday.

According to the report, the UAV project was launched in the UAE five years ago and has been in production for 18 months at the Dhafra military base.—*MNA/Xinhua*

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EU signs aviation agreement with Paraguay

BRUSSELS, 24 Feb — The European Union (EU) signed here on Thursday an aviation agreement with Paraguay.

The new pact has removed nationality restrictions in the bilateral air services agreements and thereby allows European airlines to operate flights between any EU member state and Paraguay.

The agreement was signed in Brussels by European Commission Vice-President Jacques Barrot in charge of Transport, German Permanent Representative in the EU Wilhelm Schenfelder and the Paraguayan Minister of

Foreign Affairs Ruben Ramirez Lezcano.

"I welcome this further step in developing Europe's air transport links with Latin America,"

Barrot said at the signing ceremony.

According to the commissioner, EU airlines now have non-discriminatory access to

the air transport market between the EU and Paraguay, building on similar agreements with Chile and Uruguay.

—*MNA/Xinhua*



Organic cotton. Organic cottons along with fabrics spun from bamboo, soybean protein fibre, seaweed and ramie — an ages old fibre crop used in mummy cloths in ancient Egypt — took centre-stage at a major textile trade fair held in Paris this week, Texworld.—INTERNET

World's largest outdoor musical marks 1,000th performance

GUILIN, 22 Feb — The world's largest outdoor musical "Impression: Sister Liu Sanjie", masterminded by noted Chinese film director Zhang Yimou, performed here Thursday evening for the 1,000th time.

With a natural backdrop of 12 mountains and a stage of 1.65 square

kilometers of water surface of the Lijiang River, a world-class tourist attraction in Guilin, south China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, the music drama officially debuted on 20 March, 2004.

About 3,000 people watched Thursday's show, in which bamboo-made boats floated on the clear water, candle light sparkled as stars twinkled in the sky and people dressed in colorful ethnic costumes hummed folk songs.

The musical has won a lot of applause from tourists since its debut, said Shen Guoqiang, general

manager of Guangxi Guangwei Wenhua Tourism and Culture Co Ltd, the investor of the performance.

In 2006, the music drama attracted 770,000 spectators in 395 performances, garnering 124.6 million yuan in sales revenue. It also helps boost local tourism and offers jobs to local farmers, said Huang Yan, deputy head of Yangshuo county government.

"The tourism income of the county hit 830 million yuan last year, up 240 percent from 2002," Huang said. (One US dollar equals to 7.7408 yuan) — *Internet*

Britain's "Iron Lady" unveils her bronze statue

LONDON, 23 Feb — Former prime minister Margaret Thatcher, the "Iron Lady" of British politics, unveiled a silicon bronze statue of herself in Parliament on Wednesday.

"I might have preferred iron — but bronze will do. It won't rust," Thatcher told a ceremony in the Members' Lobby of the House of Commons, the Lower Chamber of Parliament.

"This time I hope, the head will stay on," she joked to laughter and applause, referring to a marble statue of herself that was decapitated by a vandal in 2002.

The 7-foot-4-inch (2.2-metre) bronze work, by sculptor Antony Dufort, showed a younger-looking Thatcher with her

right arm outstretched, as though she were addressing Parliament.

Thatcher, now 81, said she was thrilled with it.

"Above all, I could not ask better company for it — with Lloyd George, (Clement) Attlee and (Winston) Churchill — three great prime ministers, one of them our greatest ever," she said.

Statues of the other

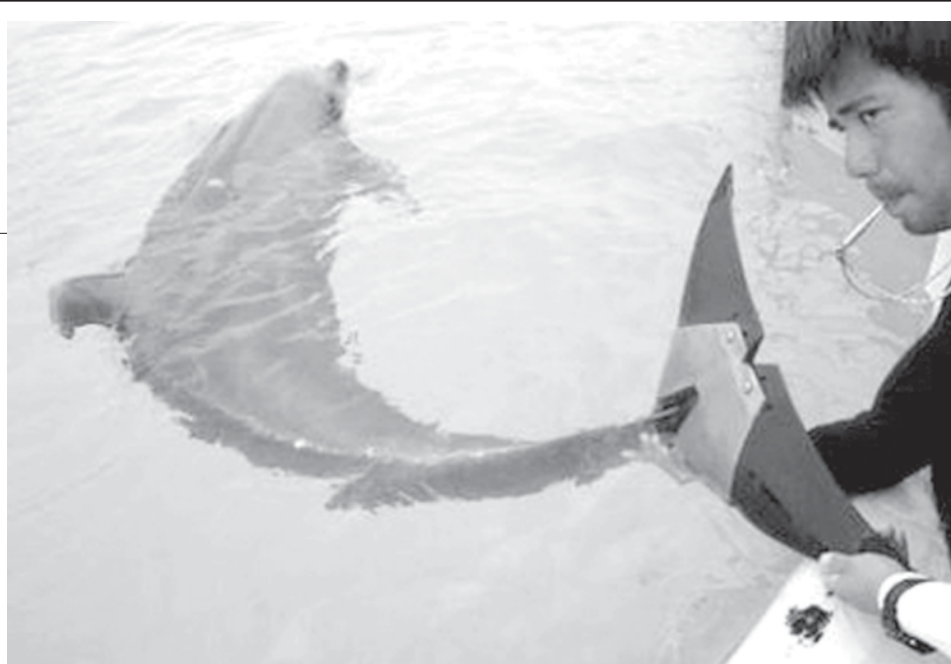
former leaders are also in the lobby. Looking cheerful and relaxed in a gold and champagne-coloured two-piece suit, Thatcher was addressing about 300 people, including former Cabinet colleagues.

A member of the Conservative Party, she held office from 1979 to 1990 as Britain's first female prime minister. The statue — a full-length

likeness which cost 80,000 pounds (156,000 US dollars) and weighs 71 stones (451 kilos) was commissioned by the Advisory Committee on Works of Art in 2003.

—*MNA/Reuters*

A keeper holds an artificial tail fluke attached to female bottlenose dolphin 'Fuji', estimated to be 37-years-old, at Okinawa Churaumi Aquarium in Motobu town on the southern Japanese island of Okinawa on 14 Feb, 2007. Fuji lost 75 percent of her tail fluke due to an unknown disease in 2002. The dolphin can swim and jump using the artificial tail fluke, which is believed to be the world's first artificial fin for a dolphin, and was developed by veterinarians and Japan's largest tire maker Bridgestone Co, an aquarium official said.—INTERNET



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No need to diet and exercise to lose weight

NEW YORK, 23 Feb — A new study debunks the widely held belief that diet plus exercise is the most effective way to lose weight. Researchers report that dieting alone is just as effective as dieting plus exercise.

“For weight loss to occur, an individual needs to maintain a difference between the number of calories they consume everyday and the number of calories they burn through metabolism and physical activity,” Dr Leanne Redman of the Pennington Biomedical Research Centre in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, explains in a Press release.

“What we found was that it did not matter whether a reduction in calories was achieved

through diet or burned everyday through exercise.”

Thirty-five overweight adults — 16 men and 19 women — completed the six-month study. Twelve were assigned to a diet-only group; they reduced their calorie intake by 25 per cent. Twelve were assigned to diet plus exercise; they reduced their calorie intake by 12.5 per cent and increased their exercise by 12.5 per cent. The remaining 11

subjects made no significant diet or exercise changes.

Redman and colleagues found that the diet-only group and the diet plus exercise group lost roughly the same amount of weight, albeit by different means. They lost about 10 per cent of their body weight, 24 per cent of their fat mass and 27 per cent of their abdominal “visceral” fat — the deep internal fat linked to heart disease risk.

Therefore, if the goal is

purely shedding pounds, diet or exercise will work, according to this study. However, as the researchers point out, regular exercise can improve aerobic fitness and lower the risk of heart disease, diabetes, and certain types of cancer.

The study also found that exercise did little to tone specific areas of the body. Fat was reduced consistently across the whole body and not more in any one trouble spot.

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A model displays a creation by Kei Kagami as part of the Women's Fall-Winter 2007/2008 collections during Milan fashion week in Milan on 23 Feb, 2007.
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Visitors pose for a picture with a tiger chained to a shelf at a park in Huaibei, East China's Anhui Province on 26 March, 2006 file photo. — INTERNET

Tiger bites girl to death in SW China zoo

K UNMING, 23 Feb — A tiger, kept in a zoo in southwest China's Yunnan Province, lost control and bit a six-year-old girl who was waiting to take a picture with it on Thursday afternoon.

The accident occurred at around 2:30 pm when the girl, named Ruixin, was standing behind the tiger together with her mother and four other relatives waiting to take pictures with the tiger.

When cameras flashed in front of the tiger, it suddenly turned round and bit Ruixin in the head,

witnesses said.

The tiger also bit the girl's mother on her left hand when she attempted to rescue her daughter.

Animal trainers repeatedly hit the tiger with sticks and wooden stools and successfully took the girl away about one minute later. The girl was rushed to a hospital

for emergency treatment, but the operation failed to save her. According to zoo administrators, the tiger is from a circus that is giving commercial performance in the zoo. The circus has a total of six tigers.

The zoo charges tourists 15 yuan (about two US dollars) or 5 yuan for taking a photo with the tiger, depending on whether the tourists use their own cameras or cameras of the zoo. Performance of the circus has been suspended.

Internet

British research shows herpes drug helps control HIV

LONDON, 22 Feb — A study carried out by British researchers has revealed that a drug designed to combat genital herpes can reduce levels of HIV in the blood by 70 percent and also appears to reduce levels of HIV in the genital tract.

Researchers of the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, UK, had the findings after having carried out a small trial in Africa, New Scientist reported Thursday on its website. The researchers led by Philippe Mayaud recruited 140 women infected with both HIV and herpes in the West African nation of Burkina Faso and gave half of the women valacyclovir and the other half women placebo pills for three months. The researchers found that copies of HIV in those who received valacyclovir had dropped from 25,000 copies per milliliter of blood to 8,000 per milliliter — a 70 percent reduction and levels of HIV found in the blood of women who received the placebo, by comparison, had increased slightly on average.

The women who received valacyclovir also had half as many copies of HIV in their genital tracts compared to those who received the placebo, suggesting that valacyclovir has the potential to reduce the spread of HIV, Mayaud said. — Internet

Britney reported out of rehab after 24 hours

LOS ANGELES, 23 Feb — Britney Spears was reported to have left a Malibu rehabilitation centre on Wednesday just 24 hours after checking herself in following weeks of troubling behaviour culminating in shaving her own head.

Celebrity websites TMZ.com, theinsideronline.com and People.com said the singer, 25, left what should have been a monthlong programme at the Promises residential centre on Wednesday morning.

It was the second time in less than a week that Spears had reportedly sought help at residential rehab centre and then left a day later.

Spears, whose life appears to have spiralled out of control since filing for divorce last November shortly after

giving birth to her second child, entered the facility voluntarily on Tuesday.

MNA/Reuters



Workers carry a wooden statue of the ancient Egyptian scribe Ka-Hay, one of three statues found in a cache in the Sakkara necropolis, south of Cairo on 20 Feb, 2007. — INTERNET

SPORTS

Terry should be fit for next weekend

COBHAM (England), 24 Feb— Captain John Terry, out of the League Cup final against Arsenal on Sunday, should be fit for next weekend, Chelsea manager Jose Mourinho said on Friday.

The central defender twisted his right ankle during the Champions League 1-1 draw at Porto on Wednesday and hobbled away from the stadium in a protective boot. Mourinho said left back Ashley Cole had recovered from injury and was fit to play on Sunday.

MNA/Reuters



Yamase Yukihiro (L) of Japan's Yokohama F Marinos fights for the ball against Li Haiqiang of Hong Kong's South China during a friendly soccer match in Hong Kong on 23 Feb, 2007. INTERNET

Premiership

24 Feb, 2007

Fulham	1 - 2	Man Utd
Liverpool	4 - 0	Sheff Utd
Middlesbrough	2 - 1	Reading
Charlton	4 - 0	West Ham
Watford	0 - 3	Everton

Internet

Fulham 1-2 Manchester United: Smash and grab

LONDON, 24 Feb — Cristiano Ronaldo blasted home an 87th-minute winner as Manchester United dug deep into their reserves of strength to take a massive stride towards the Barclays Premiership title with a 2-1 win at Fulham.

Trailing to Brian McBride's first-half opener and outplayed for long periods, it seemed the best Sir Alex Ferguson's men were going to get was a draw after Ryan Giggs had pulled them level.

But Ronaldo had other ideas, picking up possession inside his own half, then embarking on a magnificent run into the Fulham box before driving in his 16th goal of the season with aid of a deflection.

Internet



Liverpool's Javier Mascherano, right, challenges Sheffield United's Ahmed Fathi for the ball during their English Premier League soccer match at Anfield Stadium, Liverpool, England, on Saturday 24 Feb, 2007. — INTERNET

Mourinho hails his 'great' record



Wenger responded to Mourinho's Champions League jibe

LONDON, 23 Feb — Chelsea boss Jose Mourinho continued his verbal sparring with Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger ahead of Sunday's Carling Cup final in Cardiff. Earlier this week, Wenger said there were some managers who had won the Champions League who would "not

be considered as great".

Mourinho, who took Porto to the 2004 title, responded with: "I think I am a great manager. Not many did what I did.

"I'm not the best, but I'm in the group of eight, 10, 12, 14 in the world." Mourinho also reiterated that he had no intention of leaving Chelsea before the end of his contract. "There are only two ways for me to leave Chelsea. One way is in June 2010. I finish my contract then, and if the club does not give me a new one, it is the end of my contract and I am out," he said.

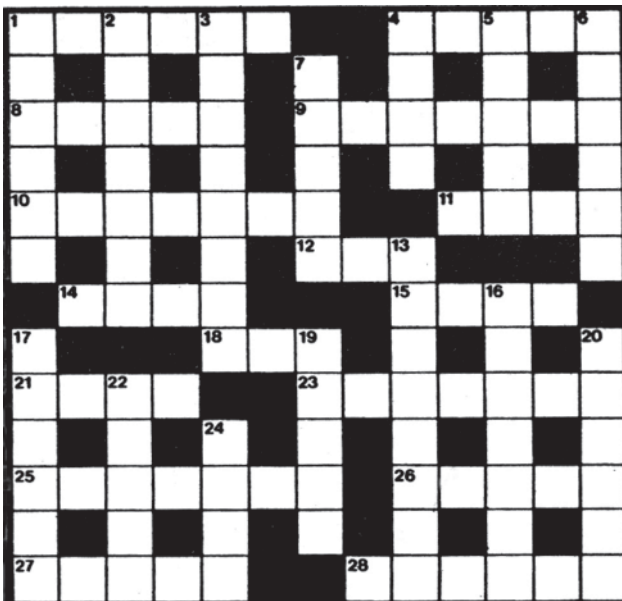
I think it has everything to be a good final "The second way is for Chelsea to sack me. There is not a third way - the way the manager decides to leave and walks away. No chance. I would never do this to Chelsea supporters." —Internet

UEFA rejects Lille protest over disputed goal

LONDON, 24 Feb — UEFA said on Friday it had rejected Lille's appeal over a Ryan Giggs disputed goal in their 1-0 Champions League first knockout round first leg defeat to Manchester United on Tuesday.

The European governing body also said it had started proceedings against Lille after their players walked off in protest at Giggs' 82nd minute free kick. —MNA/Reuters

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



ACROSS

- 1 Artist's model
- 4 Shallow food vessel
- 8 Send money
- 9 Loitered
- 10 Everlasting
- 11 Move
- 12 Small child
- 14 Eye affliction
- 15 Fury
- 18 Artificial colour
- 21 At a distance
- 23 Tolerant
- 25 Fancy
- 26 Measuring device
- 27 Perfume
- 28 Indigestible

DOWN

- 1 Riddle
- 2 Great storm
- 3 Stretched
- 4 Church seats
- 5 Share out
- 6 Suffer
- 7 Grown-up
- 13 Pass on
- 16 Saluted
- 17 Quibbles
- 19 Senior
- 20 Robust
- 22 Astonish
- 24 Clenched hand

Rooney knows trio's importance

LONDON, 23 Feb — Wayne Rooney believes the experience of Ryan Giggs, Gary Neville and Paul Scholes will be key in helping Manchester United to the Premiership title.

United are six points clear of Chelsea at the top of the table and well on the way to their ninth Premiership crown.

Giggs, Neville and Scholes have been around for most of the Red Devils' recent successes and Rooney knows the importance of the trio as the season reaches its climax.

While Rooney and Cristiano Ronaldo make the headlines, the England striker expects the experienced members to keep a calm within the United dressing room.

"Their experience will be vital for us," Rooney told MUTV. "They have been there and done it all before. It gives young players like myself and Cristiano Ronaldo someone to look up to and see how they are coping with the situation.

"Hopefully then we can do the same."

Rooney is confident the United squad is capable of holding off Chelsea's charge to claim the title, but will not get carried away.

"There has always been confidence and belief in the team," he added.

"We know we are getting towards the end of the season but we just have to keep on doing as we have been. —Internet



Wayne Rooney

Charlton 4-0 West Ham

LONDON, 24 Feb — Charlton made it a nightmare return to The Valley for Alan Curbishley as counterpart Alan Pardew plunged former club West Ham deeper into trouble.

West Ham were humiliated as they went three goals down by half-time. Darren Ambrose put Charlton ahead after 24 minutes and Jerome Thomas slid in a neat second 10 minutes later.

Darren Bent raced clear to add the third five minutes before half-time and Thomas completed West Ham's misery with a crisp strike 10 minutes from time.

It lifted Charlton above West Ham and increased the pressure on Curbishley. — Internet



Charlton Athletic's Alexandre Song, right, tackles West Ham United's Carlos Tevez during their English Premier League soccer match at the Valley Stadium, London, on 24 Feb, 2007. — INTERNET

Study moves chimp-human split to 4 million years

WASHINGTON, 24 Feb — A new study, certain to be controversial, maintains that chimpanzees and humans split from a common ancestor just 4 million years ago — a much shorter time than current estimates of 5 million to 7 million years ago.

The researchers compared the DNA of chimpanzees, humans and our next-closest ancestor, the gorilla, as well as orangutans. They used a well-known

type of calculation that had not been previously applied to genetics to come up with their own “molecular clock” estimate of when humans became uniquely human.

“Assuming orangutan divergence 18 million years ago, speciation time of human and chimpanzee is consistently around 4 million years ago,” they wrote in their study, published in the Public Library of Science journal *PLoS Genetics*.

“Primate evolution is a central topic in biology and much information can be obtained from DNA sequence data,” Dr Asger Hobolth of North Carolina State University said in a statement.

The theory of a molecular clock is based on the premise that all DNA mutates at a certain rate. It is not always a steady rate but it evens out over the millennia and can be used to track evolution. Experts agree that humans split off from a common ancestor with chimpanzees several million years ago and that gorillas and orangutans

split off much earlier. But it is difficult to date precisely when, although most recent studies have put the date at somewhere around 5 million to 7 million years ago.

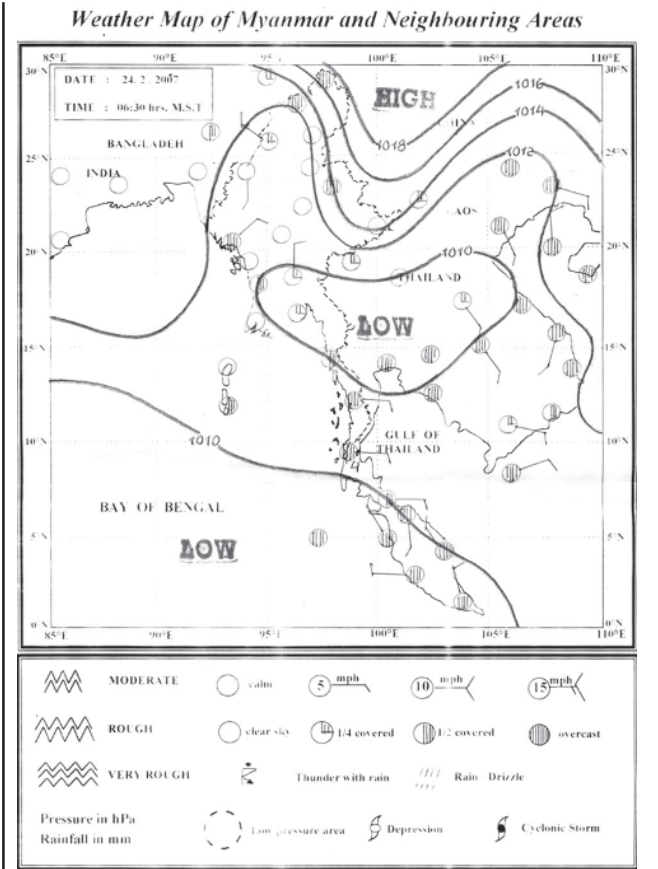
Hobolth and colleagues from the University of Aarhus in Denmark and the University of Oxford in Britain looked at four regions of the human, chimpanzee, and gorilla genomes.

They used a statistical technique called the hidden Markov model, developed in the 1960s and originally applied to speech recognition.

What they found directly contradicts some other recent research. They found evidence that it took only 400,000 years for humans to become a separate species from the common chimp-human ancestor. —MNA/Reuters



Virada Nirapathpong of Thailand lines up a putt on the ninth hole during the first round of the Fields Open golf tournament in Kapolei, Hawaii on 22 Feb, 2007.—INTERNET



WEATHER

Saturday, 24 February, 2007
Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, light rain have been isolated in Taninthayi Division and weather has been 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, Bago and Magway Divisions, (6°C) below normal in Mandalay Division and (6°C) above normal in Mon State and about normal in the remaining States and Divisions. The significant night temperatures were Haka (2°C), Lashio (4°C) and Heho (5°C). The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded was Kawthong (0.16) inch.

Maximum temperature on 23-2-2007 was 101°F. Minimum temperature on 24-2-2007 was 70°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 24-2-2007 was 57%. Total sunshine hours on 23-2-2007 was (9.0) hours approx.

Rainfall on 24-2-2007 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 Southeast at (15 :30) hours MST on 23-2-2007.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 25-2-2007: Possibility of isolated light rain in Kachin State and Taninthayi Division, weather will be partly cloudy in Chin State, Upper Sagaing, Mandalay, Ayeyawady and Yangon Divisions and generally fair in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (40%).

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

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

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 25-2-2007: Generally fair.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 25-2-2007: Generally fair.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 25 -2-2007: Generally fair.

TV Myanmar

Sunday, 25 February
View on today

7:00 am
1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Ottamathra

7:25 am
2. To be healthy exercise

7:30 am
3. Morning news

7:40 am
4. Nice and sweet song

7:55 am
5. ယဉ်ကျေးလိမ္မာ (၃၈) ဖြာမင်္ဂလာ

8:05 am
6. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:10 am
7. မရမ်းကုန်းရေထိန်းတံခါး

8:20 am
8. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:30 am
9. International news

8:45 am
10. Say it in English

11:00 am
1. Martial song

11:10 am
2. Musical programme

11:25 am
3. Round up of the week's international news

11:40 am
4. Yan Can Cook

11:55 am
5. Myanmar Movie: “ပန်းမြို့တော်သို့ ခြေလှမ်းသုံးဆယ်” (ဝင်းဦး၊ ကျော်စွာဝင်း၊ ချိုပြုံး) (ဒါရိုက်တာ- တက္ကသိုလ်ကိုကိုလေးနှင့် မန္တလေးတင်ထွန်း)

1:30 pm
6. နိုင်ငံအုပ်စိုး လွှမ်းမိုးစေချင် ဟောပြောပွဲအစီအစဉ်

1:45 pm
7. Musical programme

1:55 pm
8. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

2:05 pm
9. “ပြေးပြေးလွှားလွှား သွားသွားလာလာ” (မောင်မောင်မြင့်၊ မအေးမြင့်၊ စိန်ဝက်တော်၊ မောင်မောင်မျိုးသန့်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ- မောင်မောင်မြင့်)

2:15 pm
10. လက်ဆင့်ကမ်းပေး ဂီတတေး

2:25 pm
11. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

2:35 pm
12. ကူးလူးဆက်သွယ်ချစ်ကြီးနွယ် (ကရင်၊ မွန်)

2:45 pm
13. International news

4:00 pm
1. Martial song

4:15 pm
2. Songs to uphold National Spirit

4:30 pm
3. English for everyday use

4:45 pm
4. အရေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေးရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ -ပထမနှစ် (ဓာတုဗေဒ၊ ရူပဗေဒ၊ သတ္တဗေဒ၊ ရုက္ခဗေဒအထူးပြုများ) (ဓာတုဗေဒ)

5:00 pm
5. Song of national races

5:15 pm
6. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

5:20 pm
7. Sing and enjoy

6:00 pm
8. Evening news

6:30 pm
9. Weather report

6:35 pm
10. သီရိဓဂလာ

7:10 pm
11. တွေ့ဆုံဆွေးနွေးရေး တွေ့ဆုံဆွေးနွေးရေးဟုဆိုကာ (အပိုင်း-၆)

7:15pm
12. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “သမားတော်” (အပိုင်း-၅)

8:00 pm
13. News

8:00 pm
14. International news

8:00 pm
15. Weather report

8:00 pm
16. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “လှပသောနေ့ရက်များ” (အပိုင်း-၂၈)

8:00 pm
17. The next day's programme

Radio Myanmar

Sunday, 25 February
Tune in today

8:30 am Brief news

8:35 am Music: -Shy guy

8:40 am Perspectives

8:45 am Music: -It's you

8:50 am National news/ Slogan

9:00 am Music: -Working in men this

9:05 am International news

9:10 am Cultural images -May Myo or Pyin Oo Lwin

9:20 am Music: -Never forget

1:30 pm News / Slogan

1:40 pm Childern delight -Story -The gift of the cock

1:50 pm Song for children

9:00 pm Weekly news

9:10 pm Article

9:20 pm LIETS

9:45 pm News / Slogan

10:00 pm PEL

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Prime Minister felicitates Kuwaiti counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Feb— General Soe Win, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Highness Sheikh Nasser Al-Mohammad Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al Sabah, Prime Minister of the State of Kuwait, on the occasion of the National Day of the State of Kuwait which falls on 25 February 2007. — MNA

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein inspects progress of Ayethaya Industrial Zone in Taunggyi

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Feb — Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, accompanied by Members of SPDC Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and Lt-Gen Aung Htwe of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Shan State PDC Commander of Eastern Command Brig-Gen Thaung Aye, senior military officers and officials, inspected Ayethaya Industrial Zone in Taunggyi on 22 February morning.

At Machine Shop of Ayethaya Industries Co Ltd, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and party viewed manufacturing of machine parts and physic nut seed thresher with a capacity of threshing 10 tons of physic nut per hour. Factory Manager U Than Shwe and responsible persons conducted the Secretary-1 and party round the shop.

They viewed the production of the frame of Shanstar Jeep, AIC Light Truck, car body and frame

parts at the Forging Shop and machine parts, functions of the foundry shop and production of iron bars at the Foundry Shop.

In his instructions, the Secretary-1 said that the government had set up industrial zones and is fulfilling the requirements of the zones for ensuring development of the industrial sector. As such, innovative measures are to be taken for manufacturing import-substitute machinery and quality machine parts.

The Government established the foundry shops, machine plants, forging shops in Ayethaya Industrial Zone to manufacture import-substitute paddy combine harvester, paddy harvester, machine



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein at Taunggyi Ayethaya Industrial Zone.—MNA

Innovative measures to be taken for manufacturing import-substitute machinery and quality machine parts

Power-tillers, threshers and paddy harvesters, vehicles, machinery and spare parts, various items of foodstuff and personal goods are being produced at Ayethaya Industrial Zone.

and spare parts and machine parts for assembling various kinds of vehicles. It is reported that now, the industrial zone can produce quality ironware.

The Secretary-1 and party proceeded to Myanmar Inlay Tomato Foodstuff Factory of Myanmar Inlay Foodstuff Industry Co Ltd. Director U Aung Lin welcomed the Secretary-1 and party.

Next, they inspected production process of tomato foodstuff.

The company plans to manufacture new products such as chili sauce, tomato sauce, tomato ketchup and other cordials.

At present, power-tillers, threshers and paddy harvesters, vehicles, machinery and spare parts, various items of

foodstuff and personal goods are being produced at Ayethaya Industrial Zone.

At 1.30 pm, the Secretary-1 and party left for Bahtoo Tatmyo.

Yesterday morning, Secretary-1 Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thein Sein met military officers from Bahtoo Station at the hall of the station.

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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