

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

Senior General Than Shwe receives Member of State Council of PRC

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Feb— Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe received Member of the State Council of the People's Republic of China Mr Tang Jiaxuan at Bayintnaung Yeiktha of the Ministry of Defence here today.

Also present at the call were 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, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Director-General Col Kyaw Kyaw Win of the State Peace and Development Council Office, Director-General Col Thant Shin of the Government Office, Director-General U Kyaw Kyaw of Protocol Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Guan Mu.— MNA



Senior General Than Shwe receives Mr Tang Jiaxuan, Member of the State Council of People's Republic of China at Bayintnaung Yeiktha in Nay Pyi Taw.— MNA

Senior General Than Shwe welcomes Mr Tang Jiaxuan, Member of the State Council of People's Republic of China at Bayintnaung Yeiktha in Nay Pyi Taw.— MNA



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

PERSPECTIVES

Tuesday, 27 February, 2007

Take innovative measures for emergence of an industrialized nation

The industrial sector plays a pivotal role in building a modern and developed nation. Therefore, the State-owned and private industries are building more factories and workshops in order to produce import-substitute items and to fulfil the needs of the people.

The Ministry of Industry-2 is building a large number of factories of advanced technology and high productivity and workshops in respective industrial regions.

Nowadays, Thagara Industrial Region Project of the Ministry of Industry-2 is being implemented in Yadashe Township, Bago Division. Work is well under way to establish factories and workshops that produce diesel engines, bulldozers, excavators, hydel power turbines and power generators in the industrial region.

As factories included in the project play an important role in ensuring the development of the industrialized sector, they will produce machinery and parts necessary for national development.

With the emergence of more factories and workshops capable of producing import-substitute items, it will be possible for acquiring production techniques and creating jobs for local people.

Therefore, innovative measures are to be taken in establishing factories and workshops in industrial regions and producing more quality machinery and parts. Only then, will a modern, developed and industrialized nation emerge.



Patron of Myanmar Computer Federation U Thein Oo presents a certificate of honour to CEC member of the federation at get-together of Myanmar Computer Science Association at Myanmar Info-Tech in Hline Township on 17 February.— H

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

Seventh Meeting of Fifth Central Working Committee of Sangha held



Sayadaw Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotika Bhaddanta Kumara delivers an address at Seventh Meeting of Fifth Central Working Committee of Sangha. MNA

YANGON, 26 Feb — The Seventh Meeting of the Fifth Central Working Committee of the Sangha was held at Maha Pasana Cave on Kaba Aye Hill this morning.

Present were member Sayadaws of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee led by State Ovadacariya Sayadaw and members of Central Working Committee of the Sangha, Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko, Adviser U Arnt Maung, heads of departments and state, division and district religious affairs officers.

Sayadaw Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotika Bhaddanta Aghiya of Mahawithudayon Taikthit Zaya Maydini



Minister
Brig-Gen
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Waso Kyaung of Maha Aungmye Township, Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Sandavamsa of Zeyawady Kyaung of Dawei, Sayadaw Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Bhaddanta Sobhana of Pali Tekkatho Nyaungdon Kyaung of Bahan Township, Sayadaw Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja of Dhammarekkhita Wuntho Sarthintaik of Myitkyina and Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Sumangala of Maha Withutayama Taik of Pakokku were elected as Ovadacariya Sayadaws for the first day.

Chairman of Central Working Committee of the Sangha Sayadaw Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotika Bhaddanta Kumara of Maha Withutayama Taik of Magway presided over the meeting.

Joint Secretary Sayadaw of Central Working Committee of the Sangha Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Kitti of Zeya Linkara Pariyatti Sarthintaik of Myingyan supplicated on agenda of the meeting.

State Ovadacariya Sayadaws delivered ovadakatha. Next, Minister Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung supplicated on religious matters.

The meeting continues tomorrow.

Wellwishers offered alms to members of the Sangha. Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kumara administered the Five Precepts and Magway Sayadaw recited Parittas.

Medical industries in Yangon presented various traditional medicines to members of the Sangha. MNA

Experts discuss rice production in Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Feb — Myanmar Academy of Agriculture, Forest, Livestock-MAAFL and Irrigation and Fisheries and International Rice Research Institute of the Philippines held a workshop on rice production in Myanmar at the ministry here today.

It was attended by Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Ohn Myint and departmental heads, Chairman of MAAFL Dr Myint Thein and

members, Director-General of IRRI Dr Robert Ziegler and experts.

The workshop was opened with addresses by Dr Myint Thein, Deputy Minister U Ohn Myint and Dr Robert Ziegler.

Six resource persons read out nine papers and replied to the queries of those present. The workshop continues tomorrow. MNA

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Chavez says Bush's Latin America tour doomed to failure



Venezuelan
President
Hugo
Chavez.

CARACAS, 24 Feb—Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez said on Saturday that US President George W Bush's upcoming tour of Latin America was a "diplomatic offensive" doomed to failure. Bush's planned trip was "without a doubt" aimed at dividing Latin America and containing Venezuela's influence in the region, Chavez said.

"It is a diplomatic offensive ... but it is too late," he told a news conference. "I think the US President has nothing to look for in Latin America. It is an offensive destined for the depths of

defeat."

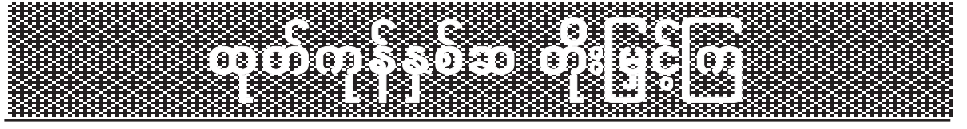
Chavez said he respected other Latin American nations' decision to meet Bush, but Venezuela "would never invite him because we know what he is."

The US government's strategy "has always been ... to divide Latin America," he added.

The White House has announced that Bush is scheduled to visit Brazil, Uruguay, Colombia, Guatemala and Mexico next month, adding that the visit aims to "underscore Washington's commitment to democratic governments in the region."

Relations between Caracas and Washington have been tense since Chavez took office in February 1999.

He accuses the United States of backing attempts to oust him, a charge denied by Washington, which says Chavez poses a threat to democracies both in Venezuela and Latin America.—Internet



Italian Prime Minister Romano Prodi speaks to reporters after consulting with Italian President Giorgio Napolitano at the Quirinale palace in Rome on 24 Feb, 2007.—XINHUA

Brussels airport reopens after bomb alert

BRUSSELS, 25 Feb—Brussels airport closed its doors for almost two hours on Friday evening after a

bomb threat, the airport said. "The alert has proven to be a false alarm. It's all over," an airport spokesman said. A telephone warning came in shortly before 7pm (1800 GMT), according to police, who promptly evacuated both the arrivals

and departures areas and carried out a search. Planes continued to arrive, although passengers were not allowed into the halls. About 20 outbound flights were delayed, the airport spokesman said. MNA/Reuters

S Korea to take over wartime operational control from US in 2012

SEOUL, 25 Feb—South Korea will take over wartime operational control of its military forces from the United States by 17 April, 2012, the South Korea's Yonhap news agency reported on Saturday.

According to a joint Press statement signed by the defence ministers of South Korea and the United States, the South

Korea-US Combined Forces Command (CFC) will simultaneously be disbanded.

The two allies will set up a new "supporting-supported command relationship" after abandoning the CFC system, while the United Nations Command will remain in place, the statement said.

The statement came after a meeting between

South Korean Defence Minister Kim Jang-soo and US Secretary of Defence Robert Gates in Washington.

During the meeting, the two defence ministers reaffirmed earlier agreements on relocating US forces out of Seoul and pledged close co-operation on their implementation, Yonhap said.

The two sides also agreed on the importance of training and exercises to maintaining a high-level of combined warfighting capability, the statement said.

South Korea and the United States launched negotiations in October 2005 on the creation of new command systems that can replace the US-led Combined Forces Command (CFC).

The US-led UN Command captured the operational control of South Korean military forces in 1950 when the Korean War erupted. In 1978, the CFC was created and took over wartime control rights from the UNC.

Seoul took back the peacetime control of South Korea's 680,000-strong forces in 1994 while the wartime operational control remains in the hands of the US commander in South Korea.

MNA/Xinhua



A bee collects pollen from plum blossom in a garden in Suzhou City, east China's Jiangsu Province, on 23 Feb, 2007.—XINHUA

Fuel tanker bomb kills 40 in western Iraq

BAGHDAD, 25 Feb—A fuel tanker rigged with explosives killed 40 people when it blew up near a Sunni mosque in western Iraq on Saturday, a day after the mosque's imam had criticized al-Qaeda militants, police and residents said.

The bomb exploded in a market in the town of Habaniya in the restive province of Anbar, where US forces are battling Sunni Arab armed groups, including al-Qaeda.

MNA/Reuters



A woman, dressed in a fairy costume, stands on a float made of flowers during the Flower Festival in Baguio City, north of Manila, on 25 Feb, 2007.—INTERNET

Jordan King sees 'last opportunity' for Mideast peace

JERUSALEM, 25 Feb— Jordan's King Abdullah said in remarks broadcast on Friday that there was little time left to settle the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and that this may be "the last opportunity for peace".

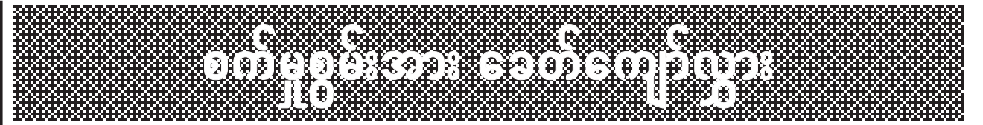
"We find ourselves at

this very important crossroads... What I do feel really is the last opportunity for peace for all of us," Abdullah told Israel's Channel 2 television in excerpts from an interview to be broadcast in full on Saturday.

"The opportunities that we have are diminishing and ... I believe that the way the dynamics are changing is that we will find ourselves in a very short period of time with never being able to push the two-state solution," he added.—MNA/Reuters



A performer smiles during the Chingay Parade in Singapore, on 24 Feb, 2007. XINHUA



Lion dancers perform at the China Town in Johannesburg, South Africa, on 23 Feb, 2007. Various performances were given at the China Town on Friday to celebrate the Chinese lunar New Year starting from 18 Feb this year.— XINHUA

US aircraft carrier calls at Japanese port amid protest

TOKYO, 25 Feb— The US Navy's nuclear-powered aircraft carrier, the *USS Ronald Reagan*, called at southern Japan's Sasebo Port in Nagasaki Prefecture on Saturday morning amid local protests.

A labour organization rallied some 20 fishing boats in waters near the Port, showing banners

reading "no entry for US aircraft carrier". About 100 civilians staged a protest at a site overlooking the port.

The 102,000-ton carrier, the latest-model of the US Navy's *Nimitz*-class carrier, left its home port in San Diego in late January and is to stay at Sasebo port for five days to provide rest and replenish supplies for its more than 5,000 crewmen, *Kyodo News* said.

It was the first time for the aircraft carrier to call at a Japanese port.

US commanders of the aircraft carrier described the port call as a promotion of exchanges with local residents and a demonstration of the United States' commitment to protect Japan. The aircraft carrier will operate in the western Pacific on standby after leaving Sasebo, reports said.

The US Navy destroyer

USS Mustin, which is equipped with the most advanced *Aegis* missile guidance system, will also make a call at southern Japan's Nagasaki Port in early March.

The Nagasaki prefectural and city governments opposed the plan, saying the port call will stir concerns and complex feelings among atomic-bomb victims and citizens of the bomb site.

MNA/Xinhua

Bird flu outbreaks confirmed in Afghanistan flocks

WASHINGTON, 25 Feb—Two outbreaks of bird flu in small flocks in Afghanistan have been identified as the dangerous H5N1 strain, world animal health officials said on Friday.

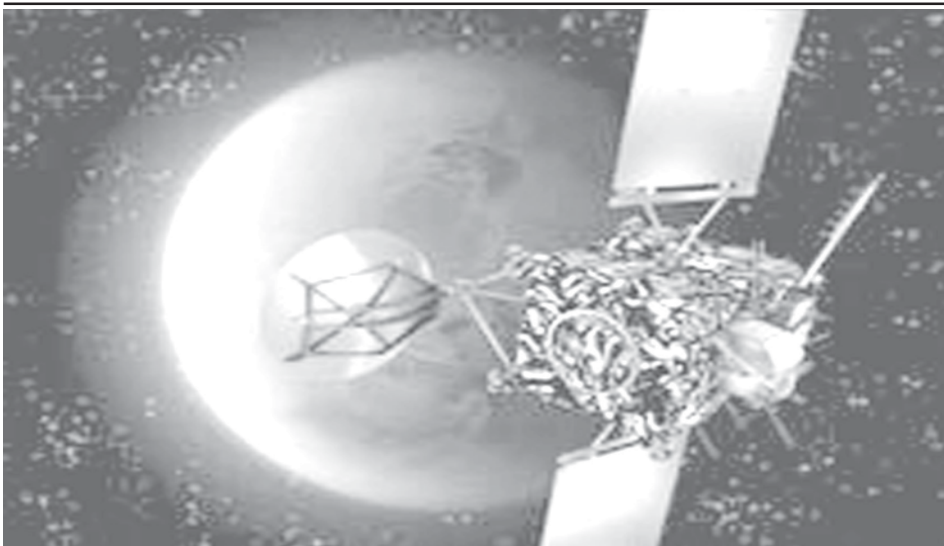
The World Animal

Health Organization or OIE said it had confirmed H5N1 in a flock of backyard poultry in Nangarhar Province and in turkeys in Kunar Province.

Just last Sunday, Afghanistan banned

poultry imports to prevent the spread of the feared virus, which forced the destruction of a flock of turkeys in Britain and killed birds at a zoo in Pakistan.

MNA/Reuters



A drawing of artist of the European probe Rosetta in front of Mars. The European Space Agency's spacecraft Rosetta performed its "swing-by" of Mars early on Sunday.—INTERNET

Jaguar kills zookeeper at Denver Zoo

DENVER, 25 Feb— A male jaguar killed a zookeeper at the Denver Zoo on Saturday and employees put the animal down, police said.

"I can confirm that a female worker was killed and we're still conducting an investigation," Denver Police spokesman Sonny Jackson said.

According to a statement posted on the zoo's website (www.denver-zoo.org), the 6-year-old jaguar attacked the unidentified worker inside its enclosure late Saturday morning.

Armed employees entered the enclosure to retrieve the injured wo-

man when the cat threatened them.

"The jaguar approached staff trying to assist the zookeeper and it was shot and killed," the statement said.

The mauled worker was transported to a local hospital where she was

pronounced dead, Jackson said.

Her identity and age were not released.

The zoo was closed after the incident, but the public was never in danger, zoo officials said.

MNA/Reuters



ECONOMIC NEWS

Surplus in goods trade expands China's forex

BEIJING, 26 Feb— China's massive foreign exchange reserves mainly came from the sharp increase of surplus in goods trade, according to the latest report from the People's Bank of China.

The hefty rise in goods trade surplus is due to China's improving manufacturing capability and the country's booming exports supported by the

robust global economy, said the report of the central bank.

China's foreign exchange reserves reached 1.066 trillion US dollars at the end of 2006.

Surplus in foreign direct investment (FDI) under the capital account decreased slightly as Chinese enterprises sped up overseas investment, said the report.

Figures with the Ministry of Commerce showed China's actual use of FDI totalled 69.5 billion US dollars in 2006, down 4.1 per cent year on year.

MNA/Xinhua

Shanghai receives 2.79m tourists in Spring Festival

SHANGHAI, 25 Feb— More than 2.79 million tourists visited Shanghai during the week-long Spring Festival holiday which began on 18 February, a year-on-year increase of 12.98 per cent.

The huge influx of tourists brought the East China Municipality 2.13 billion yuan (274 million US dollars) in tourism revenue from the Golden Week, sources from Shanghai Municipal Holiday Affairs Office said Saturday.

China extended the duration of the traditional Spring Festival or Chinese Lunar New Year, May Day and National Day holidays to seven days each in 1999, creating three Golden Weeks for tourism.

The Shanghai company of China Mobile monitored 1.95 million sets of incoming cell phones registered in areas outside Shanghai between zero hour on 17 February through to zero hour on 24 February, a rise of 36.15 per cent over the same period of the previous year. In the meantime, the Shanghai company of China Unicom monitored 1.38 million sets of incoming cell phones registered outside Shanghai in the same period.

Different kinds of shows in the parks of Shanghai to celebrate the Chinese Lunar New Year, which falls on 18 February this year, attracted many tourists.

On the other hand, many Shanghai citizens chose to spend their holiday in the suburban areas, where traditional customs for the New Year are better kept, according to the municipal holiday affairs office.

MNA/Xinhua



Acclaimed British violinist Ruth Palmer plays a rare Stradivari violin, dated from 1729, at Christie's auction house in London on Friday, 23 Feb, 2007. The violin is expected to fetch up to US\$ 1.5 million dollars, (766,000 pounds sterling, 1.44 million euro) when it is auctioned in New York, in April 2007.—XINHUA

A model presents an ensemble as part of the Fall-Winter 2007/2008, ready to wear collection by American fashion designer John Ribbe in Paris on 25 Feb, 2007.—INTERNET



Canadian exports to UAE hit \$509m in 2006

ABU DHABI, 25 Feb— Canadian exports to the United Arab Emirates (UAE) hit a record high of 509 million US dollars in 2006, the *Khaleej Times* reported on Saturday.

The figure was announced during Canada Week 2007, a biannual celebration of Canadian culture and sports on 16-22 February in Dubai, the report said.

The volume of Canadian exports to the UAE reached a record high of 509 million dollars in 2006, compared to 193 million dollars in 2000, the fastest growth in the Middle East and North Africa region.

According to the report, more than 40 Canadian companies have set up offices in the UAE and the Canadian Embassy and Consulate are currently assisting Canadian companies in pursuing projects worth more than two billion dollars in the region.

With over 40 Canadian companies with a firm presence in the UAE, it is evident that the growth of trade between the two countries has strengthened the interest of Canadian investors in the UAE, the report quoted Chairman of Canadian Business Council Andrew Tice as saying. —MNA/Xinhua



Elephants take part in drawing show, one draws the opium poppies, left, as another draws the photo of herself, right, during a show at Mae Taman elephant camp in Chiang Mai Province, northern Thailand, on 22 Feb, 2007. The camp, located about 40 kilometres (18 miles) north of Chiang Mai City, conducts the daily shows to entertain tourists. —INTERNET

Laos to apply for WTO membership next year

HANOI, 26 Feb— Laos will apply for World Trade Organization (WTO) membership in 2008, the country's news agency KPL reported Friday.

To this end, the Lao Government has instructed

relevant ministries and sectors to hold WTO-related seminars and map out their development strategies to well prepare for the international economic integration. Laos' agriculture and forestry are very

active in the preparation process because the two sectors currently account for half of the country's gross domestic product (GDP). Its Custom is also very active in the process.

MNA/Xinhua

Wal-Mart, Bharti set to ink deal on joint retail venture

NEW DELHI, 25 Feb— US-based retail giant Wal-Mart Stores and Bharti Enterprises are all set to ink a deal for a retail joint venture in India.

Bharti's chief Sunil Mittal told *Xinhua* Friday

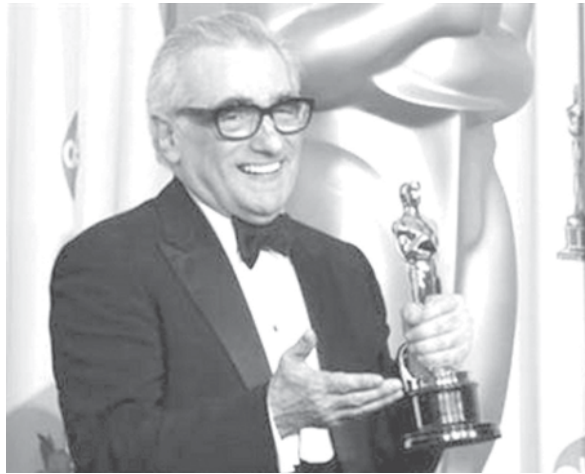
that "we are very close (to reach an agreement). We can't fix a time-frame, but we hope it will happen in the next few weeks and the legal agreement of the proposed cash-and-carry joint venture is being looked into".

After a meeting with Wal-Mart top boss, Indian Agriculture Minister Sharad Pawar told *Xinhua* that "effort of Bharti will be useful for Indian farmers as they will be able to get remunerative prices". —MNA/Xinhua

Oscars 2007: The winners

LOS ANGELES, 25 Feb — Here is the shortlist for the 79th Academy Awards, held at the Kodak Theatre in Los Angeles, with the winners listed in bold:

- Best picture**
The Departed
- Best director**
Martin Scorsese, The Departed
- Best actor**
Forest Whitaker, The Last King of Scotland
- Best actress**
Helen Mirren, The Queen
- Best supporting actress**
Jennifer Hudson, Dreamgirls
- Best supporting actor**
Alan Arkin, Little Miss Sunshine
- Best foreign language film**
Das Leben der Anderen (aka The Lives of Others), Germany
- Best animated feature film**
Happy Feet
- Best adapted screenplay**
The Departed
- Best original screenplay**
Little Miss Sunshine
- Best original score**
Babel
- Best original song**



Best Director winner Martin Scorsese of 'The Departed' poses with his Oscar backstage at the 79th Annual Academy Awards in Hollywood, on 25 Feb, 2007. — INTERNET

- I Need to Wake Up - An Inconvenient Truth (performed by Melissa Etheridge)
- Best documentary feature**
An Inconvenient Truth
- Best documentary short subject**
The Blood of Yingzhou District
- Best visual effects**
Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest
- Best cinematography**
Pan's Labyrinth
- Best art direction**
Pan's Labyrinth
- Best animated short film**
The Danish Poet
- Best action short film**
West Bank Story
- Best costume design**
Marie Antoinette
- Best make-up**
Pan's Labyrinth
- Best sound mixing**
Dreamgirls
- Sound editing**
Letters from Iwo Jima
- Best film editing**
The Departed
- Jean Hersholt Humanitarian Award**
Sherry Lansing
- Honorary Award**
Ennio Morricone

Internet

“The Departed” wins big at Oscars

LOS ANGELES, 25 Feb — The crime drama “The Departed,” Hollywood’s adaptation of a Hong Kong thriller, fought off the upstart “Little Miss Sunshine” on Sunday night to win the Oscar for best picture of the year, while its director Martin Scorsese ended a long losing streak and finally won an Academy Award.

The film led all winners during the 79th Academy Awards ceremony at the Kodak Theatre in Hollywood, claiming four Oscars, including best adapted screenplay by William Monahan and best film editing.

As expected, Helen Mirren and Forest Whitaker completed their awards-season sweeps by being named best actress and actor, winning for their roles in “The Queen” and “The Last King of Scotland” respectively.

Alan Arkin was named best supporting actor for his role as a crusty grandfather in “Little Miss Sunshine” and Jennifer Hudson took home supporting actress honors for her turn as Miss Effie White in “Dreamgirls.”

Hudson completed her recovery from “American Idol” failure by winning the Oscar in her first-ever film role—a role she earned by beating out about 800 other contenders for the part.

But the night ended as an Oscar coming-out party for Scorsese, who finally won the prize after his six nominations for best director and two nominations for best screenplay.

Scorsese’s previous directing nominations were for “Raging Bull,” “The Last Temptation of Christ,” “Gangs of New York,” and “Good Fellas.”

The victory for “The Departed” derailed a late-season surge by the independent film “Little Miss Sunshine,” which was made on an 8-million-dollar budget but won top honors from the directors and actors guilds earlier.

In the documentary categories, “The Blood of Yingzhou District” won the Oscar for short subject, while former US vice-president Al Gore’s global-warming documentary “An Inconvenient Truth” won for documentary feature.

Gore thanked the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences and urged “people all over the world” to fight for the environment.

Internet



“The Departed” producer Graham King poses with his Oscar trophy after winning the Best Film at the 79th Annual Academy Awards in Hollywood, California, on 25 Feb, 2007. — XINHUA

Indonesia seeks MN accord with Malaysia on transnational crimes

JAKARTA, 25 Feb — Indonesia called on its neighbouring Malaysia to sign Mandatory Notification (MN) on transnational crimes to allow prior knowledge for legal assistance, a diplomat said Saturday.

Rahmat Pramono, a diplomat for economic affairs in Indonesian Embassy to Malaysia, said that with such an agreement his office would be able to help Indonesians involved in such crime as human trafficking.

If MN is signed, there is an obligation for Indonesia and Malaysia to report any cases of

transnational crimes involving citizens of both countries.

“Notification is important for Indonesia because many Indonesians become victims of transnational crimes,” Rahmat was quoted by Antara news agency as saying. He admitted that the Indonesian Embassy has not been able to resolve

problems of Indonesian workers and transnational crimes in Malaysia, where hundreds of thousands of Indonesians seek to work.

With an MN agreement, the Indonesian Embassy will be able to closely monitor any problems involving Indonesians in the country, he noted.

MNA/Xinhua



Actors Forest Whitaker, left, Jennifer Hudson, Helen Mirren and Alan Arkin pose backstage with their Oscars during the 79th Academy Awards on Sunday, 25 Feb, 2007, in Los Angeles. Whitaker and Mirren won for best actor and Hudson and Arkin won for best supporting actor. — INTERNET

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than continues inspection tour of Rakhine State

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Feb— Accompanied by Chairman of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Commander of Western Command Brig-Gen Maung Shein, military officers and officials, Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of the Ministry of Defence inspected growing of summer paddy and winter crops in Maungtau Township on 20 February. After hearing reports on growing of summer paddy by officials, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than gave instructions on systematic use of water for growing summer paddy and winter crops, damming creeks to get water for agricultural purpose in summer, distributing quality strain crops, disseminating agricultural knowledge and

endeavouring for realizing the goal. Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party, after inspecting cultivation of summer paddy and winter crops in Myothugyi Village, proceeded to Maungtau District Peace and Development Council Office and met State, District and Township level officials to discuss regional development. The Chairman of Maungtau Township PDC reported to Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than on development in the township and border trade. The commander and the chairman of District PDC made supplementary reports. Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than fulfilled the needs and said that plans are to be made to grow sesame for edible oil sufficiency; that

sunflower is to be grown as a mixed crop and pepper as a new item of crop. He urged officials to put May Yu Mountain range under rubber and grow physic nut plants. He stressed the need to breed prawn and chicken. He also urged departmental personnel to serve the interests of the State and participate in regional development drives hand in hand with locals. For the year 2006-2007, altogether 5,012 acres have been put under summer paddy, 180 acres under pepper, 672 acres under rubber and 2,138 acres under physic nut plants. After the meeting, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party inspected the site chosen for construction of new office of District PDC. At the Maungtau



Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of Ministry of Defence gives gifts to a patient. MNA

People's Hospital, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than presented gifts to patients and encouraged them. He also inspected the site for construction of new building for the hospital. In the afternoon, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than arrived at Aethankyaw

Station Hospital and inspected the operation theatre, medical store and wards and provided assistance to patients. Afterwards, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party proceeded to Aung Thayar model village in Maungtau Township and

met officials and urged them to put 100 acres of land under rubber. Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than presented clothes and consumer goods for the villagers through members of Village Administration Board. MNA

Strand road in Pathein tarred

YANGON, 26 Feb— As a gesture of honouring the 62nd Anniversary Armed Forces Day, a ceremony to open a new tarred Strand road in Pathein Township was held this morning. Present on the occasion were Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South West Command Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung, CEC member of Union Solidarity and

Development Association Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt, departmental officials, Ayeyawady Division USDA members, members of War Veterans Organization, Maternal and Child Welfare Association, Red Cross Society, Fire Brigade and local residents. First, Executive Officer U Sai Tun Tun of

Pathein Township Development Affairs Department presented facts about the road. Next, on behalf of the local residents, Township USDA Executive U Aung Myint Thein spoke words of thanks. Afterwards, Secretary of Division PDC U Kyaw Hsan, Director U Soe Tint of Division DAD and Secretary U Than Tun of Division USDA cut the

ribbon to open the road. The commander and the minister and party inspected the road. With the length of 700 feet and width of 24 feet, the road was tarred at a cost of K 9.85 million— K 4 million provided by Township Development Affairs Department and K 5.85 million contributed by locals. After the ceremony, the minister and party proceeded to Hsatkwin Village in Kangyidaunt Township and inspected giving medical treatment to patients. Next, the minister met members of USDA, Women's Affairs Organization, Maternal and Child Welfare Association and villagers and explained development undertakings of the State. He also fulfilled the needs of villagers. He later visited the school in the village and attended to the needs. MNA

UNIAP Regional Project Manager calls on Vice-President of MWAF

YANGON, 26 Feb— Mr Matthew S Friedman, Manager of UNIAP Regional Project, called on Daw Khin Thet Htay, Vice-President of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation (MWAF), at the federation here on 23 February. They discussed matters related to cooperation in implementing the tasks of the federation for improvement of health, education, development of women and prevention against human trafficking. Also present at the call was Joint-Secretary Daw Khin Htar May. MNA



Secretary of Division PDC U Kyaw Hsan, Director U Soe Tint and Secretary U Than Tun of Division USDA open new tarred Strand road in Pathein. — MNA



Col Kyaw Kyaw Tun accepts balls donated by Chairman of Myanmar Basketball Federation Professor Dr Htein Myint at Aung San Stadium, Yangon, on Monday. — MBF

Tatmadaw golf tournament held

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Feb— The opening of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief's Trophy Golf Tournament (2006-2007) was held at Yedagon Taung Golf Resort in Mandalay on 24 February.

Present on the occasion were Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thein Sein, SPDC members Lt-Gen Ye Myint and Chief of Armed

contestants from 16 golf teams.

On behalf of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Lt-Gen Ye Myint, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe, the commander and the mayor drove tracer balls to open the tournament.

The first day's 18-hole events commenced in the morning.

The second day's events took place at the same venue yesterday,

(second) and Commander-in-Chief (Air)'s Office (first); Col Thein Naing of Commander-in-Chief (Air)'s Office, prizes for team scratch event to

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein tees off Tracer Ball to open Defence Services Commander-in-Chief's Trophy Golf Tournament.

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Lt-Gen Ye Myint of Ministry of Defence and Commander-in-Chief (Air)'s Office Team pose for documentary photo. — MNA



Lt-Gen Ye Myint of Ministry of Defence and Commander-in-Chief (Navy)'s Office Team pose for documentary photo. — MNA

Forces Training Lt-Gen Aung Htwe of the Ministry of Defence, Central Command Commander Maj-Gen Khin Zaw, Mandalay Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han, senior military officers, members of the committee for holding the tournament, and

attended by Lt-Gen Ye Myint, Commander Maj-Gen Khin Zaw and Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han.

At the prize-presentation ceremony, Col Ngwe Than of regional station presented prizes for team handicap event to Central Command (third), Yangon Command

Eastern Command (third), Triangle Region Command (second) and Commander-in-Chief (Navy)'s Office (first).

Brig-Gen Ngwe Soe and Brig-Gen Hla Win of regional station, Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han, Commander Maj-Gen Khin Zaw and officers gave away individual prizes to the winners.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint presented championship trophies for team handicap event to Commander-in-Chief (Air)'s Office, and championship trophy for team scratch event to Commander-in-Chief (Navy)'s Office.—MNA

Lt-Gen Ye Myint of Ministry of Defence presents Championship Trophy to Commander-in-Chief (Navy)'s Office Team.

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Winners of Pakokku U Ohn Pe scholarship awards announced

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Feb—The Pakokku U Ohn Pe Funds Supervisory Committee today announced the list of students who are outstanding in 2005-2006 matriculation exams and the outstanding students who are attending the universities majoring in Myanmar.

Maung Tun Tun of No 1 Basic Education High School, Mandalay was first, Ma Myat Su Than of No 2 BEHS, Insein, second and Maung Tun Naung Lin of No 2 BEHS, Patheingyi, third in Myanmar. Ma Thiri Win of Institute of Education Practicing School was first, Ma Nan Po Po Han Htwe of No 2 BEHS, Lanmadaw, second and Ma Myat Thu Thu Soe of No 2 BEHS, Botahtaung, third in English.

Ma Ei Ei Hlaing of No 2 BEHS, Latha, was first, Ma Thiri Win of Institute of Education Practicing School, second and Ma Nan Po Po Han Htwe of No 2 BEHS, Lanmadaw third in Mathematics. Ma Ei Ei Hlaing of No 2 BEHS, Latha was first in Chemistry, Ma Khin Khin Lay of No 6 BEHS, Mawlamyine, was first in Physics, Maung Kaung Oo Han of No 4 BEHS, Ahlon was first in Biology, Maung Khun Myo Htet of Hmattaing BEHS, Paungde Township was first in Geography, Maung Aung Myint Tun of Haingyi BEHS, Ngaputaw Township was first in History, Maung Phone Moe Myint of Institute of Education Practicing School was first in Economics, and Ma Hemar

Win of Kyaunggon Township was first in optional Myanmar.

Students who won 2005 Pakokku U Ohn Pe Myanmar scholarship awards are Ma Thin Thin Swe of Yadanabon University, Ma Moe Thida Tun of Shwebo Degree College, Ma Ahyon Oo of Yadanabon University and Ma Thin Mar Soe of Monywa University.

Those who won Pakokku U Ohn Pe scholarship awards are to contact the Education Planning and Training Department (Tel: 554314) as soon as possible, and will be presented prizes at the Pakokku U Ohn Pe scholarship awards presentation ceremony to be held in Pakokku on 17 March 2007.

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Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Their Sein hosts dinner in honour of Member of the State Council of PRC

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Feb— Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Their Sein hosted a dinner in honour of Mr Tang Jiaxuan, Member of the State Council of the People's Republic of China, at Bayintnaung Yeiktha of the Ministry of Defence here yesterday.

Also present at the dinner were the ministers, the deputy ministers, director-general of Myanmar Police Force, directors-general of the State Peace and Development Council Office and the Prime Minister's Office, Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Guan Mu and officials concerned.

Before and during the dinner, the artistes entertained the guests with songs to the accompaniment of modern music troupe of Myanmar Radio and Television.

After the dinner, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Their Sein and Mr Tan Jiaxuan exchanged gifts.

Member of the State Council Mr Tang Jiaxuan gave a flower basket to the artistes.

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Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Their Sein hosts dinner in honour of Chinese delegation led by Mr Tang Jiaxuan, Member of the State Council of the People's Republic of China. — MNA

Member of State Council of PRC arrives in Yangon



Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung welcomes Mr Tang Jiaxuan, Member of the State Council, at Yangon International Airport. — MNA

YANGON, 26 Feb— The visiting delegation led by Member of State Council of the People's Republic of China Mr Tang Jiaxuan arrived here from Nay Pyi Taw by special flight at 2 pm today.

The delegation was welcomed at Yangon International Airport by Member of the Secretariat of the Union Solidarity and Development Association (Central) Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung, Deputy Director-General U Soe Win of the Protocol Department of the Ministry of Foreign

Affairs, officials of the Chinese Embassy.

Deputy Secretary-General of the State Council Mr Xiang Zhaolun, a member of the delegation and party visited Myanmar Gems Museum on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road and Shwedagon Pagoda Road this afternoon.

They were welcomed at Shwedagon Pagoda by Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko and members of the Pagoda Board of Trustees.

The delegation made cash donations at the pagoda, and Deputy

Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko presented the Photo of Shwedagon Pagoda to Mr Xiang Zhaolun as a gift.—MNA



Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi addresses signing ceremony of Production Sharing Contract. — ENERGY

MOGE, Daewoo sign production sharing contract

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Feb— Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise (MOGE) under the Ministry of Energy and Daewoo International Corporation of the Republic of Korea signed a production sharing contract on exploration, drilling and production of oil and natural gas in Block AD-7 in Rakhine off-shore region and at Yadana Hall of the Ministry of Energy here yesterday.

Present were Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun, Vice-Chairman of Myanmar Investment Commission Minister for

Cooperatives Maj-Gen Tin Htut, Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint, Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Their Swe, Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein, Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi, Attorney-General U Aye Maung, Deputy Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Than Htay, Deputy Attorney-General Dr Tun Shin, Deputy Minister Mr Jae Hoon Lee of the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Energy of the ROK, President and CEO Mr Young Won Kang of Daewoo International

Corporation, officials and guests.

Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi gave an opening speech. Deputy Minister Mr Jae Hoon Lee of Republic of Korea, Managing Director of MOGE U Myint Kyi and President and CEO Mr Young Won Kang extended greetings.

Managing Director U Myint Kyi and Senior Executive Vice-President Mr Chae Moon Rim of Daewoo International Corporation signed the Production Sharing Contract and exchanged the documents.

Minister Brig-Gen Lun Thi and Vice-Chairman of MIC Minister Maj-Gen Tin Htut presented the permits to Senior Executive Vice-President Mr Chae Moon Rim and President and CEO Mr Young Won Kang.

Under the contract, exploration, drilling and production of oil and natural gas will be carried out in Block AD-7 in Rakhine off-shore region.—MNA

62nd Anniversary Armed Forces Day Organizing Leading Committee holds 2nd coord meeting



Lt-Gen Aung Htwe addresses work coordination meeting of Leading Committee for Organizing the 62nd Anniversary Armed Forces Day.— MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Feb —Leading Committee for Organizing the 62nd Anniversary Armed Forces Day held its 2nd coordination meeting here today.

In his address, Chairman of the leading committee Member of the State Peace and Development Council Chief of Armed Forces Training Lt-Gen Aung Htwe urged officials concerned to work together for implementing the tasks for security, health and accommodation of

parade columns.

Chairman of Management Committee for Organizing the 62nd Anniversary Armed Forces Day Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Wai Lwin reported on tasks being carried out for accommodation and security of parade columns.

Chairmen of work committees and committees for organizing the 62nd Anniversary Armed Forces Day reported on arrangements for the parade and

selecting the best parade column, hoisting a dinner to mark the Armed Forces Day, decoration of the parade ground, displaying banners and erecting the billboards advertising the 62nd Anniversary Armed Forces Day, welfare of the parade columns, information and health care and security for parade columns.

The meeting ended with the concluding remarks by Lt-Gen Aung Htwe.

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SCC made up of NCUB, NCGUB, KNU, MPU, NLD (LA), ABSDF and DPNS

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support for the draft resolution. Since the draft resolution was vetoed, they have been making synchronized attempts to submit a similar resolution to the UNSC to make a demand for a dialogue with them.

At the same time, the government is, for public information, issuing news that has come to light that they in complicity are accusing the government of committing religious suppression, sexual violence against women of national races, and use of child soldiers to mislead the international community into misunderstanding Myanmar and sending terrorist saboteurs into the country to commit destructive acts and incite unrest in synchronization with internal anti-government activities.

According to the latest information, a meeting of Strategic Consultant Committee (SCC) consisting of expatriates, anti-government groups and remnant armed groups was held at a resort in Melmat Township, north of Maesot, in the neighbouring country from 21 to 23 February; at the meeting there was an attendance of about 70 including members of NCGUB, NCUB, ENC, FDB, WLB, SYCB and remnant armed groups except two youths in the nation.

Phado Ba Thin, Tarmalar Baw, and Phado Mann Shar of the KNU (Central), Peter Lin Pin of MPU, U Tin Aung and Daw San San of NLD (LA), Khun Okkar of PPLO, Khu Hte Bu Phe of KNPP, and Hsa Hsai Sit of a Shan national group served as members of the panel of alternate chairmen. Dr San Win of NCGUB, Ree Mon Htoo of KNPP, U Thein Oo of MPU, Myo Win and Mi Su Pwint of ABSDF, and

Aung Moe Zaw of DPNS acted as MCs. Han Nyaung Shwe, Nwe Aung (Germany) and Dr Min Nyo (Japan) attended the meeting as special guests.

At the meeting Dr Thaug Tun and Bo Hla Tint of NCGUB and Pyithit Nyunt Wai (a) Maung Maung of NCUB led the discussions on the National Convention and seven-step political Road Map and rejection of the resolution on Myanmar issue at the UN Security Council.

The SCC meeting laid down the destructive programmes for disrupting the nation-building tasks being undertaken for emergence of a new peaceful modern developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation. They are:

- To disrupt at every level the seven-step Road Map and national reconsolidation that hinder their demands at every level
- to draft a Road Map by NCUB, NCGUB and ENC as it is needed among the groups
- to make continued attempts to put Myanmar issue on the UNSC Agenda and to strive for passing the resolution on Myanmar issue
- to cooperate with anti-government organizations from abroad for taking action against Myanmar at the International Court of Justice
- to stick to the results of the 1990 election in implementing the above-mentioned tasks at every level

In connection with the meeting, VOA interviewed KNU politician Phado Mansha, so-called spokesman of the SCC, on 24 February. He said he did not accept the constitution to be drafted under the basic principles

laid down by the National Convention. Preparations for drafting of the constitution towards democratic federal policy were made beginning 1994. Now drafting of the constitution is under way.

Regarding the news, the public commented that the constitution towards democratic federal policy is the federal policy based on eight states that included in the Metharawhta declaration issued by KNU (Central) in 1995. In the declaration, there were many points that could lead to disintegration of the Union. It is found that Daw Suu Kyi and the NLD supported the declaration.

At present, internal and external destructive elements are manufacturing fabricated news with every intention of jeopardizing the National Convention and bringing the process of transition to democracy to a halt.

They launched anti-government activities along with detonating bombs in the nation to incite unrest. Their perpetrations were vividly seen very often after 12 January 2007.

Moreover, it was obvious that the SCC's meeting was aimed at causing disintegration of the Union and national solidarity.

The authorities concerned were able to expose the wicked scheme of internal and external destructive elements and warned the public of having a heightened political and security awareness. So, the public have come to realize the perpetrations.

It is learnt that the entire national people are prepared to stamp out a series of possible attempts of internal and external destructive elements in accordance with the security arrangements of the State.—MNA

Lt-Gen Myint Swe inspects development works in Yangon South District



Lt-Gen Myint Swe of Ministry of Defence visits construction of Hlinethaya-Twantay motor road and Tamatakaw-Hteingon-Wayonseik earth Road.

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YANGON, 25 Feb—Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence yesterday morning inspected construction of Hlinethaya-Twantay motor road and Tamatakaw-Hteingon-Wayonseik earth road in Yangon South District, measures being taken for development of agriculture and greening the 30-mile radius of Yangon, and attended the ceremony to present cash towards the funds of Kayan Township People's Hospital.

Accompanied by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin and departmental officials, Lt-Gen Myint Swe looked into construction of Hlinethaya-Twantay motor road and Tamatakaw-Hteingon-Wayonseik earth road.

At the briefing hall, the Chairman of Twantay Township PDC reported on progress of construction work and future tasks, the mayor on fulfillment of machinery and the Secretary of Yangon Division PDC on progress

in construction of the earth road.

Next, Lt-Gen Myint Swe and party inspected construction of the earth road. At Nyaungthonbin Village, Thanlyin Township, Lt-Gen Myint Swe and party viewed the demonstration of biomass grain dryer and heard a report presented by Managing Director U Thein Han of Polyroid Co on the salient points of the grain dryer, and the commander gave a supplementary report.

After that, Lt-Gen Myint Swe and party viewed the drying of paddy with the use of biomass grain dryer.

Later, they inspected the supply of water to summer paddy fields with the use of water pumps.

On arrival at the briefing hall of the greening 30-mile radius of Yangon (East) project, Lt-Gen Myint Swe and party heard a report presented by an official of Irrigation Department on work done for water supply and future tasks, and the commander gave a supplementary report.

At Kayan Township People's Hospital, Lt-Gen Myint Swe and party inspected the operation theatre, X-ray unit, child ward and presented cash to warded

Appointment of Ambassador agreed on

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Feb— The Government of the Union of Myanmar has agreed to the appointment of Mr Noel Claudio Cabrera as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Philippines to the Union of Myanmar.

Mr Noel Claudio Cabrera was born on 18 January 1945. He obtained his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Mass Communications from the University of the Philippines in 1969. He joined the Manila Times Radio as News Writer in 1968 and from 1974 to 1976 he was Chief of Information Division at the Department of Natural Resources. From 1976 to 1998, he served in various capacities in the media services of the Philippines. From 1998 to 2001, he served as Press Undersecretary at the Office of the Press Secretary at the Malacanang Palace. From 2001 to 2002, he was appointed as Press Secretary at the Office of the Press Secretary at the Malacanang Palace. During the period, he also served as member of the Presidential Coordinating Committee on National Security at the Office of the President. From 2002 to 2003 he was Chairman and Chief Executive Officer at Coconut Life Assurance Corporation (COCOLIFE). He has been serving as Ambassador of Philippines to Romania with concurrent jurisdiction over Bulgaria and Moldova since 2003.

Mr Noel Claudio Cabrera is married and has four children. —MNA

patients.

Next, Lt-Gen Myint Swe accepted K 1 million donated by Yangon Division PDC and K 5 million donated by Dr Daw Khin Yi of Shine Hope Co for the hospital and presented certificates of honour to the well-wishers.—MNA

MWAF educates villagers on importance of sanitation

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Feb — Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation conducted educative talks on health in Tatkon Township yesterday to mark the 10th National Sanitation Week.

It was attended by wife of the Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Daw Swe Swe Oo, members of Pynmana District and Tatkon Township Women's Affairs Organizations and residents.

Head of Organization Department of the commander of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation Dr Daw Nyunt Nyunt Oo briefed on the federation and Deputy Director of the Health Department Dr Khin Maung Lwin gave talks on four sanitation tasks and explained ways for availability of and importance of clean toilet and hand washing.

Afterwards, Daw Nyunt Nyunt Oo handed over uniforms of the federation, 30 sets of apparatus to be used for building toilets, and books on general knowledge to members of village WAOs. After the ceremony, Daw Swe Swe Oo and party went to a model village and called on residents for using fly-proof toilets and safe-drinking water.

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Winners of Pakokku U Ohn Pe Manuscript Award announced

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Feb—Winners of the 2006 Pakokku U Ohn Pe Manuscript Award were announced today.

In the collected poem genre, Ngwe-kye-yanhka Ahla-thit-min Shwe-lamin haint Acha-kabya-myar of Maung Soe Myat (ChaungU) was first, Ahyon-thit-myu Phu-pwint-way-si Pan-shwe-pyi Kabya-myar of Myaylatt Min Lwin, second and Pwint-pan-theingi Kabya-myar of Zarni, third.

In the novel genre, Shwe-the-ta-pwint of Thein Zaw (ShweliU) was second and Thazin-le-thin Lamin-le-tha of Thein Than Win (Mahlaing), third. In collected short stories genre, Yin-hte-ka-mee haint Acha-wutthuto-myar of Thwe Htar Nyo (Thakkala) was first, Hmaw Wutthuto-myar of Pathein Aung Than Oo, second and Law-ka-ahla Bawa-kye-mon Wutthuto-myar of Nay Myo Thant, third.

In the treatise genre, Myan-ma-yoe-ya Pan-ta-mawt of Maung Yin Hlaing (Pynmamaing) was first and Ache-khan Kyan-kyeik-wa-chin-saiya Ni-pyinya Yat-myar (techniques on crusting of sugarcane) of Maung Tin Phu, second.

In the literature for knowledge genre, Taw-win-khant-hte Myanma-po-hte of Dr Kyaw Than Tun was first and Thute-thana-kha-ye-thwa Pinya-inwa hmattan-myar of Aung Nyein Chan (Man Tekkatho), second.—MNA

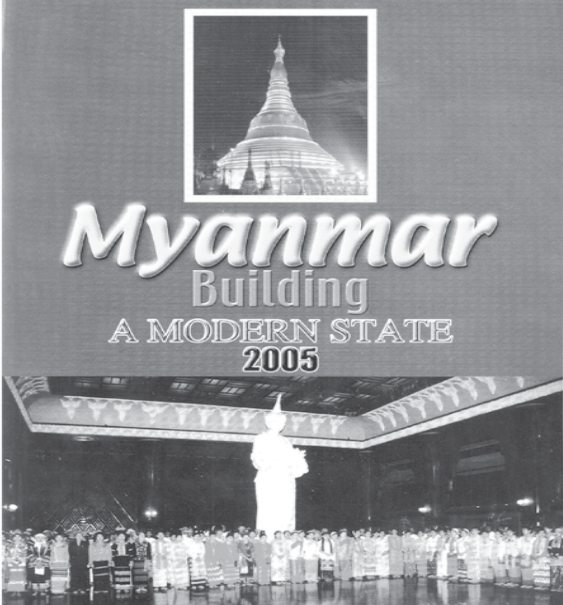
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Landslide kills 13, injures five in Kashmir

ISLAMABAD, 25 Feb—At least 13 people were buried alive and five others injured as a passenger van came under a big landslide in Pakistani-controlled Kashmir, the state-run *Associated Press of Pakistan* reported.

The mishap occurred 14:30 (0930 GMT) at a village near Rawalakot, some 60 kilometres northeast of Pakistani capital city Islamabad as a rain-triggered landslide hit the wagon, according to *APP*.

While other reports suggest that the death toll might rise as there were some 18 passengers travelling in the mini bus.

A squad of volunteers and police have launched rescue operation on the spot.— *MNA/Xinhua*

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Ahmadinejad vows to defend nuclear rights

TEHERAN, 25 Feb—Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad vowed on Friday that Iran would defend its nuclear rights.

Ahmadinejad made the statement at a rally in the northern province of Gilan, one day after the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) found Iran in breach of the UN Security Council ultimatum, which falls on Wednesday, to suspend uranium enrichment.

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Saudi Arabia executes Nigerian for drug smuggling

RIYAH, 25 Feb—Saudi Arabia executed a convicted Nigerian cocaine smuggler on Friday, the second Nigerian drug trafficker to be put to death this week in the conservative kingdom.

An Interior Ministry statement carried by state media said Mohammed Abdulfattah Adebayo was executed in the Red Sea city of Jeddah after being convicted of smuggling an unspecified quantity of the drug into Saudi Arabia. — *MNA/Reuters*

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Bangladesh engineers develop digital ballot system

DHAKA, 25 Feb— Two young Bangladeshi engineers have developed a new digital ballot system which they claimed can ensure transparent and accountable voting, Bangladesh official news agency BSS reported Friday.

Mohammad Kamruzaman, a computer engineer, and Nasiruddin Jamal, an electrical engineer, have designed the new device by using local resources.

They said it can prevent forgery, election engineering, minimize cost, falls vote casting and

manipulation of the results.

Compared to the technology used in other neighbouring countries, this voting system is user friendly, secured and competitive, the engineers said.

The system is very less expensive and handy to use for most of the people, they said.

Another feature of the system is Voting Machine Main Controller which they said is a stand-alone unit that can contain up to 9,999 user records (which is more than enough for a voting centre).

Moreover the device can digitally contain the voting status and can show the voting result at any given time only to the designated persons, they said.

It is also possible to take the printout of voting result from the machine. As the voting result stored digitally and encrypted, it is not possible to manipulate the result, they said. After a successful voting, the device will deactivate automatically to prevent a multiple voting. And the device can be activated only when a valid voter is available.

MNA/Xinhua

New movie shows FBI rookie's role in catching spy

WASHINGTON, 25 Feb — Eric O'Neill was a young, FBI surveillance operative when recruited for a new assignment: help catch perhaps the most damaging spy in US history.

O'Neill was assigned to FBI headquarters in January 2001 in an undercover role to assist veteran FBI special agent Robert Hanssen, a suspected mole who had been compromised by the Russians.

An FBI team of hundreds investigating Hanssen hoped the 26-year-old O'Neill, who

was not even an agent, would gain Hanssen's trust and help catch him in the act of passing US secrets.

Hanssen's arrest six years ago, his subsequent guilty plea to more than 20 years of spying and his sentence of life in prison are well known, but details of O'Neill's role were scarce until the recent release of the movie "Breach," based on his story.

In the Universal Pictures' film, actor Ryan Phillippe stars as O'Neill, while Academy Award winner Chris Cooper plays

Hanssen.

In an interview, O'Neill talked about the notorious case now made famous by Hollywood, saying he was amazed the FBI would bring in someone so young for such a mission.

"These cases come up once every several decades," O'Neill said.

FBI officials said O'Neill's background in computers helped get him the assignment. Hanssen was reassigned on 13 January, 2001, to a newly created job at headquarters to help revamp the FBI's computer system.

MNA/Reuters

Rats invade KFC-Taco Bell in NYC

BEIJING, 25 Feb — About a dozen rats were filmed Friday racing around the floor of a locked KFC/Taco Bell restaurant in New York City, playing with each other and sniffing for food as they dashed around tables and children's high chairs.

The restaurant was not open at the time, and the company later said construction in the basement on Thursday appeared to have stirred up the rats.

Onlookers could not keep their eyes away from the jaw-dropping sight of urban vermin invading a



restaurant. Video of the rats was seen around the world, disseminated on TV stations and the Internet.

The city Department of Health had inspectors at the site on Friday for hours, and by midday had posted a sign that read

"CLOSED."

Rats have long been a problem in New York City, with such a dense population and such a large and readily available food supply for the rodents.

They are frequently seen scampering through

subway tunnels, rooting through trash, dashing across parks and burrowing into the walls of apartment buildings.

It's impossible to estimate how many rats there are in New York, experts say, but one popular belief is that there's one for each of the more than 8 million people in the city. Whatever the number, the rats have continued to thrive despite the city spending millions to eradicate them.

The typical New York rat weighs about one pound and has a very flexible body, making it easy to squeeze through openings as small as a half inch. Each year, a female rat can easily bear dozens of offspring that survive, said Frank Gasperini, a pest-control expert.

Jessica Leighton, the city's deputy commissioner of environmental health, said sloppy sanitation can attract rodents. "The basic message is, you need to remove food sources," she said. "In restaurants, rodents are a symptom of poor sanitation."

Internet

First panda cub in 2007 born in Sichuan

BEIJING, 25 Feb — A mother giant panda, named Jinny, gave birth to a female panda cub on Friday at the China Giant Panda Protection and Research Centre, Wolong of Sichuan Province.

Jinny set new records, giving birth for the first time at the age of 13 after a 324-day pregnancy, a miracle in captive panda proliferation. The panda cub was the first born worldwide in 2007. — Internet



A female panda cub was born on 23 Feb, 2007.

INTERNET

1,800 years old tombs found in N China

SHIJIAZHUANG, 26 Feb— Chinese archaeologists have discovered 46 tombs, some of which date back 1,800 years, in Tangxian County, in north China's Hebei Province.

Thirteen of the tombs belong to the Han Dynasty (206 BC-220 AD), two to the Eastern Jin (317-420) and the Northern Dynasties (386-581), eight to the Tang Dynasty (618-907), 15 to the Jin (1115-1234), five to the Yuan Dynasty (1271-1368) and the Ming Dynasty (1368-1644) and three to the Qing Dynasty (1644-1911).

MNA/Xinhua



An elephant Yasoda, right, resists being pushed towards a truck by another elephant at the Nandankanan Zoological Park, on the outskirts of Bhubaneswar, capital of the Indian state of Orissa, on 25 Feb, 2007. —INTERNET

SPORTS

Mourinho counts his medals

LONDON, 25 Feb—Jose Mourinho has refuted claims his five-fingered gesture after Sunday's Carling Cup win was a message to Chelsea owner Roman Abramovich.



Jose Mourinho

Mourinho waved his hand in celebration following the 2-1 win over Arsenal, with claims the gesture was aimed at Abramovich.

If you believe reports, the pair have been at loggerheads this season — a scenario that has created inevitable speculation over Mourinho's future.

But Mourinho claims his gesture was merely a recognition of his achievement of winning five trophies since succeeding Claudio Ranieri as Chelsea boss in the summer of 2004.

"I wasn't waving at anyone," said Mourinho.

"It was five fingers for five trophies we have won in two-and-a-half years: Premiership, Premiership, Carling Cup, Carling Cup and Community Shield."

Internet

Jose praise for beaten Gunners

LONDON, 25 Feb—Jose Mourinho was magnanimous in victory as he praised Arsenal following Chelsea's Carling Cup final win.

Arsene Wenger's young charges showed real quality as they impressed at Cardiff's Millennium Stadium, but Didier Drogba's clinical double ensured that the trophy will be travelling to West London.

Whilst Mourinho regretted the disgraceful scenes in injury-time, the Blues boss was quick to credit

his opponents as Arsenal's young side gave a good account of themselves despite falling at the final hurdle.

"It was a pity what happened at the end," Mourinho told *Sky Sports*.

"I don't know what happened but I know it was not nice, and especially for them as they played very, very good.

"They have a great coach, great players, but football is about winning and the cup goes to us.

Internet



Mi Hyun Kim, of South Korea, drives on the second tee during the final round of the LPGA Tour's Fields Open golf tournament, on 24 Feb, 2007, in Kapolei, Hawaii.

INTERNET

Alkmaar held to 1-1 draw by 10-man Ajax

ROTTERDAM (Netherlands), 26 Feb—AZ Alkmaar and Ajax Amsterdam shared the points in a 1-1 draw on Sunday to fall further behind Dutch league leaders PSV Eindhoven.

Ajax, reduced to 10 men with Edgar Davids booked twice in four minutes before the break, took the lead 20 minutes into the second

half after Leonardo set up Kenneth Perez.

Third placed Alkmaar, however, brought in Maarten Martens who salvaged a point for the home side 10 minutes before

time. PSV are top with 63 points and eight matches remaining, following their 1-0 home over Groningen on Saturday. Ajax remain second with 56 points, one above Alkmaar.

Feyenoord are fifth with 46 points after a 3-3 draw at bottom side ADO Den Haag, who finished with 10 men after a late red card for Mark de Vries.

MNA/Reuters

Keane scores 2 then sent off as Spurs beat Bolton 4-1

LONDON, 26 Feb—Tottenham Hotspur striker Robbie Keane had a Sunday to remember when he scored two goals, set-up another and was then sent off in the first 36 minutes of his side's 4-1 home league win over Bolton Wanderers. Keane fired the first goal after 11 minutes and Jermaine Jenas got the second on the rebound after 19 when a Keane shot was parried by Jussi Jaaskelainen.

The Ireland striker then dinked in the third in the 22nd minute as Spurs tore

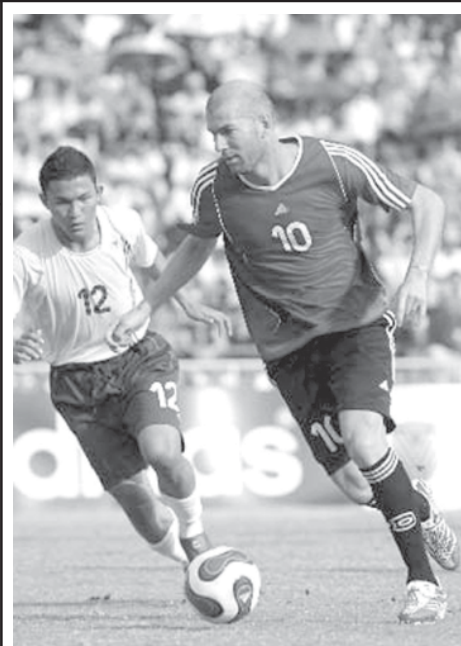
through their fifth-placed opponents.

Keane's day took an abrupt downward turn after 35 minutes when he was sent off for handling an Ivan Campo effort on the goalline.

Keane claimed the ball struck his chest but the penalty was awarded, Gary Speed converting.

Bolton, however, were unable to take advantage and Spurs snatched a late fourth through Aaron Lennon to move to ninth on 39 points.

Blackburn are one place and two points behind them after on-loan Congolese striker Shabani Nonda scored twice in a 3-0 home win over Portsmouth. — MNA/Reuters



Former French international soccer player Zinedine Zidane (R) vies for the ball with Mohammad Abdul Halim of Singapore during a charity soccer match at a stadium in Chiang Mai Province, northern Thailand on 24 Feb, 2007. Zidane played in the charity match to raise money for an HIV / AIDS foundation with top players from Thailand and other Southeast Asian countries. — XINHUA

Wenger regrets final ruck

LONDON, 25 Feb—Arsene Wenger voiced his 'regret' that an unseemly brawl marred a Carling Cup final that had produced football of the highest order.

Arsenal lost 2-1 to London rivals Chelsea.

Didier Drogba stole the show though with two goals for The Blues, but the morning's headlines are likely to be dominated by late red cards to Emmanuel Adebayor, Kolo Toure and John Obi Mikel following a mass altercation.

Whilst Wenger admitted he was proud of the level of football produced by his young charges, the Frenchman rued what was a controversial end to an entertaining final.

"You must always keep your calm no matter what happens," Wenger told *Sky Sports*.

"I regret the incident that we lost our nerves a bit on our side and that is part of the learning process as well.

"That is not what we want, we want to play football and I felt that we did that for the biggest part in the game". — Internet



Belgium's Justine Henin celebrates her win against Amelie Mauresmo from France during the final of the Women's Dubai Duty Free Tennis Open 2007 in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, on Saturday, 24 Feb, 2007. Justine Henin won the game 6-4, 7-5. — XINHUA

Lewis denies reports of comeback

LONDON, 26 Feb— Former world heavyweight champion Lennox Lewis has denied reports that he is planning a comeback at the age of 41 to fight Ukrainian Vitali Klitschko.

"Although I'm flattered that the boxing community is eager to have me back in the ring, I have no plans to return," Lewis said in a statement on his website (www.lennoxlewis.com).

"I have no idea how these rumours get started but I am a man of my word, I will remain retired."

Briton Lewis, who retired three years ago, is the third man only after Americans Gene Tunney and Rocky Marciano to retire while still world heavyweight champion. — MNA/Reuters

Terry injury fears allayed

LONDON, 25 Feb— Chelsea had positive news regarding John Terry after their skipper left hospital and returned to The Millennium Stadium following his injury in the Carling Cup final.

The Blues defender was rushed to hospital following a sickening head injury in the second half of Chelsea's 2-1 win, but any fears of a serious problem have now been allayed.

Terry was allowed to return to the scene of his side's victory after his absence meant Frank Lampard was called upon to lift the Carling Cup.

The England skipper sustained the injury when Abou Diaby attempted to clear from a corner and only succeeded in booting Terry full in the face.

During a lengthy delay in play with the Blues skipper lying unconscious on the pitch - medical staff



John Terry

from both sides treated Terry as a number of players voiced obvious concern at his condition. — Internet



Wellwishers present Seinbudaw (Diamond Bud) and religious objects to a Sayadaw at a ceremony to hoist Htidaw atop Uppatathanti Pagoda in Insein Township on 12 February, 2007. At the ceremony, Sayadaws and Members of the Sangha hoisted Htidaw and consecrated the pagoda.

MNA

Mozambique island tourists woken by cyclone wrath

MAPUTO, 26 Feb— Peter Thomas was peacefully sleeping in a lavish island resort off Mozambique when the full wrath of tropical cyclone Favio slammed into his chalet.

"I was in my room enjoying my sleep and suddenly found myself in a pool of water and the rooftop was being ripped off," the South African said in the capital Maputo after being airlifted from battered Bazaruto Island.

"The front windows were smashed and I could see the roof and satellite dishes flying over our heads," said another tourist, who declined to be identified.

MNA/Reuters

Cameraman dead, 3 others missing as Indonesia ferry debris sinks

JAKARTA, 26 Feb — Debris of Indonesian ferry *Levina I* which caught fire on 22 February sank Sunday, forcing 16 people on board jumping into water, leaving one cameraman dead and three others missing.

At about 13:00 pm Jakarta's Time, debris of ferry *Levina I* turned over without any sign. Sixteen people from Indonesian national commission of transport security, forensic laboratory centre and local media on the third floor of the ferry got into panic and jumped into the water from window.

Had being told that the debris of ferry was safe, all of them did not have life vast.

A cameraman from local Lativi TV Station named Suherman died, while another cameraman from SCTV named Guntur and two officials of forensic laboratory centre were still missing, according to local news website detik.com.

Reporter Bima Marzuki from RCTI and member of Indonesian national commission of transport Ruth Hanna Simatupang were still taken care intensively in hospital.

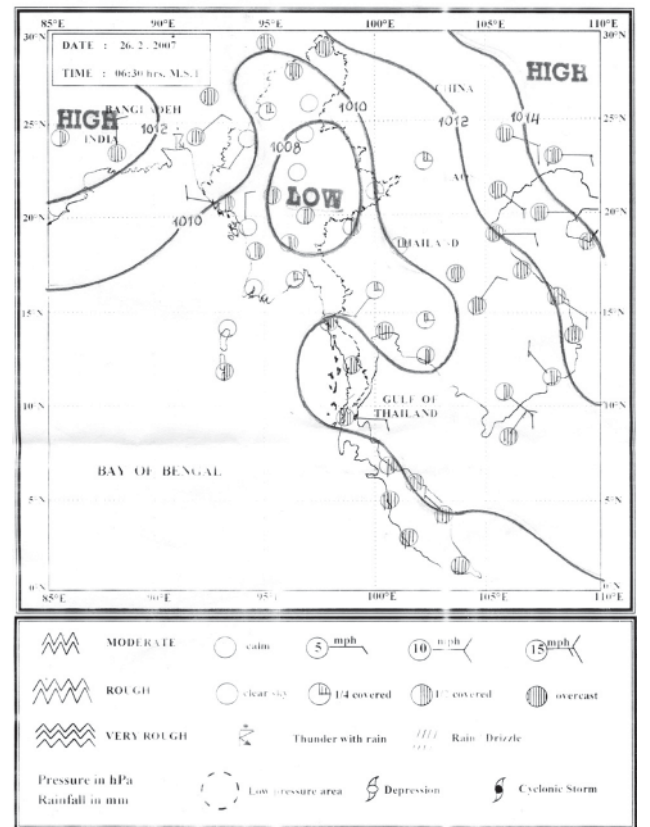
After the accident, speedboats of police on waters were sent to rescue the people who jumped into the sea. The Indonesian Navy has also sent a team of seven frogmen from special units to help searching for the missing ones.

Just before the accident, an Indonesian coastal guarding official confirmed that the death toll of the ferry rose to 41 as another 21 bodies of victims have been found. On 22 February, ferry

Levina I carrying around 300 passengers caught fire on its route from Jakarta to Island Pangka. Over 200 passengers were rescued while dozens of others went missing.

MNA/Xinhua

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Sunday, 26 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 (4°C) below normal in Chin State and Mandalay Division, (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Rakhine, Kayah States, Bago Division, (5°C) above normal in Shan, Mon States, Taninthayi Divisions and about normal in the remaining areas. The significant night temperatures were Haka and An (4°C) each, Lashio, Pinlaung and Mogok (7°C) each.

Maximum temperature on 25-2-2007 was 100°F. Minimum temperature on 26-2-2007 was 72°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 26-2-2007 was 70%. Total sunshine hours on 25-2-2007 was (9.3) hours approx.

Rainfall on 26-2-2007 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 Southwest at (15 :30) hours MST on 25-2-2007.

Bay inference: Weather will be partly cloudy in the Southwest Bay and generally fair in the Andaman Sea and elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 27-2-2007: Isolated light rain or thundershowers are likely in Kachin State, upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in Chin, Rakhine and Shan States and generally fair in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Continuation of increase of night temperatures in the Lower Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 27-2-2007: Fair weather.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 27-2-2007: Fair weather

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 27 -2-2007: Fair weather.



Tuesday, 27 February

Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music: -All together now... Intermission
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music: -Our love..Tiffany
- 8:50 am National news/ Slogan
- 9:00 am Music: -Love so high..Cher
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music: -Fantasy... Solid Base
- 1:30 pm News / Slogan
- 1:40 pm Lunch time music -Around the corner of your eyes...A' teen -Nothing but love.. Mr Big -Imaginary... Evane Scence
- 9:00 pm English Speaking Course
- 9:10 pm Article
- 9:20 pm Weekly sport reel
- 9:30 pm Music at your listening pleasure -Please don't fall in love... Cliff Richard -It must've been love ... Roxette -When will I see you again ..Brother Beyond
- 9:45 pm News / Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL



Tuesday, 27 February View on today

- 7:00 am 1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Ottamathara
- 7:25 am 2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am 3. Morning news
- 7:40 am 4. Nice and sweet song
- 7:50 am 5. ကဗျာပန်းဥယျာဉ်
- 8:05 am 6. အရေးဖြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:10 am 7. ဖြူးချောင်းတံတား
- 8:20 am 8. Song of yesteryears

- 8:30 am 9. International news
- 8:45 am 10. Let's Go
- 4:00 pm 1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm 2. Songs to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm 3. English for Everyday Use
- 4:40 pm 4. အေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေးရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ -တတိယနှစ်(ဒဿနိကဗေဒ အထူးပြု) (ဒဿနိကဗေဒ)
- 4:55 pm 5. Dance of national races
- 5:00 pm 6. ခံစားနားဆင်တေးဇာတ်ဝင်
- 5:20 pm 7. "စည်းကမ်းလိုက်နာ ဘေးကင်းကွာ"
- (လူကူးမျဉ်းကျားမှူးမယ်)
- 5:25 pm 8. "ဆိုကြမယ်ပျော်ကြမယ်"
- 6:00 pm 9. Evening news
- 6:30 pm 10. Weather report
- 6:35 pm 11. ကြယ်ပွင့်များရဲ့ရင်ခုန်သံ
- 6:50 pm 12. ရှုဖွယ်စုံညီမြန်မာပြည် (အပိုင်း-၂)
- 7:10 pm 13. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်ညီမငယ်ပါသေး" (အပိုင်း-၂၀)(ဇာတ်သိမ်းပိုင်း)
- 8:00 pm 14. News
- 15. International news
- 16. Weather report
- 17. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "တကယ်သဘောကျတယ်" (အပိုင်း-၂၈)
- 18. The next day's programme

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Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein sees off Member of the State Council of People's Republic of China

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Feb— The visiting Chinese goodwill delegation led by Member of the State Council Mr Tang Jiaxuan of the People's Republic of China left Nay Pyi Taw for Yangon by special flight this afternoon. The delegation was on a working visit here at the invitation of Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein.

The Chinese goodwill delegation arrived at Nay Pyi Taw Airport by motorcade and they were welcomed by Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and officials. Next, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presented a documentary album on the goodwill visit to Member of the State Council Mr Tang Jiaxuan of the PRC.

The Chinese goodwill delegation was seen off at Nay Pyi Taw Airport by Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Deputy Minister for Transport Col Nyan Tun Aung, Director-General of the State Peace and Development Council Office Col Kyaw Kyaw Win, Director-General of Protocol Department U Kyaw Kyaw and officials.

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Lt-Gen Thein Sein sees off Member of the State Council Mr Tang Jiaxuan at Nay Pyi Taw Airport. — MNA

SCC made up of NCUB, NCGUB, KNU, MPU, NLD (LA), ABSDF and DPNS adopts ploys to obstruct State's seven-step Road Map, National Convention, national reconsolidation process
Continued attempts said to be made to submit similar resolution on Myanmar affairs to UNSC, take action against Myanmar at International Court, adhere to 1990 election results
SCC spokesman KNU politician Phado Mann Shar tells VOA that State constitution is being framed through federal policy based on eight states
People desirous of crushing combined attempts of internal and external saboteurs to break up Union and national solidarity

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Feb—Now, the National Convention is being convened for drafting an enduring State constitution necessary for the practice of Union system, multi-party democracy system and market-oriented economic system, as aspired by the people. The NC will be completed soon.

Through the State's seven-step Road Map, the government has announced that after the new State constitution is written with basic principles and detailed basic principles adopted by the NC, it will be approved through

a referendum; that genuine multi-party democracy general elections will be held in accordance with the new State constitution; and a modern, developed and democratic nation will be built after forming Hluttaws (legislative organs) at different levels.

Internal and external destructive elements who fear and cannot bear to see successful completion of the democratic process, with the intention of disrupting the process, submitted a draft resolution about Myanmar affairs to the UN Security Council on 12

January 2007 so that the UNSC would intervene in the internal affairs of Myanmar. However, the draft resolution was defeated by a double veto.

The US-Britain co-sponsored resolution underscored a demand for a dialogue between the government and the NLD as well as remnant armed insurgents.

The NLD and its associates, remnant armed insurgents and expatriates expressed their wholehearted
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