

First Meeting of Sixth Central Working Committee of Sangha commences

YANGON, 28 Feb — The First Meeting of the Sixth Central Working Committee of the Sangha was held at Maha Pasana Cave on Kaba Aye Hill here today.

Those who were elected as Ovadacariya Sayadaws of the meeting were Sayadaw Bhaddanta Indacara of MyoOo Monastery in Myitkyina, Sayadaw Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotika Bhaddanta Sobhana of Myatheintan Monastery in Pazundaung Township, Sayadaw Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotika Bhaddanta Kumara of Indakajiva of Satubon-

mika Maggin Yeiktha Monastery in Thanlyin Township, Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Nanavamsa of Thad-damma Pyay Zawtikayon Monastery in Taikkyi Township and Sayadaw Agga Maha Kammathanacariya Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Dhammasara of Tawtaik Monastery in Mingaladon Township.

Chairman of Central Working Committee of the Sangha Sayadaw Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotika Bhaddanta Kumara of Maha Withutayama Mon-

astery in Magway presided over the meeting and Secretary of CWC of the Sangha Sayadaw Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotika Bhaddanta Osadh-abhivamsa acted as master of ceremonies.

Also present were Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko, Adviser U Arnt Maung and departmental officials.

At the meeting, the chairman of the meeting sought the approval of the meeting for the election of patrons, vice-chairmen and joint secretaries of the Sixth Central Working Committee of the

Sangha from the meeting. The meeting ended with concluding remarks

by the meeting chairman. After the meeting, wellwishers offered alms

to the Sayadaws and members of the Sangha. MNA



Chairman of Central Working Committee of the Sangha Sayadaw Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotika Bhaddanta Kumara delivers concluding address at First Meeting of the Sixth Central Working Committee of the Sangha. — 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

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Maday Dam for uplift of socio-economy of farmers in Magway Division

The government gives priority to boosting production of the agricultural sector. With this purpose, distribution of quality strains, introduction of new cultivation methods and reclamation of cultivable land are undertaken and irrigation facilities are being built nationwide.

The government is making all-out efforts for development of national economy and higher living standard of the people. Emergence of a series of dams reflects the government's goodwill towards welfare of farmers and it is also a firm foundation for the economic progress of the division. That is why the government is building a network of irrigation facilities at suitable places.

Maday Dam was commissioned near Kyobin Village in Kanma Township, Magway Division the other day. It is the 196th dam of the nation to be opened in the time of the government. The dam can supply water to over 4,000 acres of farmland through its 10-mile main canal and other canals. Previously, monsoon paddy and Pedisein as the first crop and paddy as the second crop could be grown. Now summer paddy can be grown as the third crop.

In the region cultivation capacity therefore has increased to 218 per cent from 104 per cent. As a result, there will be food sufficiency in Magway Division and the socio-economy of farmers will improve.

Maday Dam benefits local people and future generations in the region and it also contributes towards greening of the region. It is the duty of the people to help maintain the dam for its durability and long-term use.

Military band contest continues

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Feb — To mark the 62nd Anniversary Armed Forces Day, the 15th Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) Military Band Contest continued today at the parade ground here for the third day, attended by Chairman of Military Band Contest Organizing Committee Vice Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Hla Shwe and members, senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, members of the panel of judges, officers and other ranks.

The military bands representing Yangon Command, No 55 LID, North-West Command, North-East Command and Eastern Command took part in the contest. — MNA

Peoples' Desire

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

Information Minister attends meeting on fourth renovation of Shwephonepwint Pagoda

YANGON, 28 Feb — The Leading Committee for the Fourth All-round Renovation of Shwephonepwint Pagoda held a coordination meeting at the new Dhammayon of the pagoda in Pazundaung Township this afternoon. Chairmen and responsible persons of sub-committees reported on their respective sectors and future tasks.

Chairman of the Leading Committee Secretariat member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association In-charge of Pazundaung Township Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan instructed



Chairman of the leading committee for fourth all-round renovation of Shwephonepwint Pagoda Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan inspects renovation tasks of the Pagoda. — MNA

them to keep Buddha images at three-storey Dhammayon pleasant and

grand and strive for completion of renovation tasks on schedule. After the

meeting, the minister and party inspected progress of renovation tasks. — MNA

Indaw Region witnesses progress

YANGON, 28 Feb — Byone gravel road in Ward 5, Kyaukgu model village, Indaw, Shan State (South) was opened on 17 February in conjunction with a merit-sharing ceremony for construction of the Dhammayon of Maha Myatmuni Pagoda at a cost of K 15 million. The villagers also paid respects to the elderly people, held a cash donation ceremony for construction of a fence of the village basic education high school and for health and education matters, and a cash and book donation ceremony for Yadana Shwegu library at the Dhamayon.

Indaw Maternal and Child Welfare Association donated 18 sets of uniforms to Kyaukgu model village pre-primary school and a physic nut planting ceremony was held at the village middle school. With the active participation of local peo-



Project Manager of Htoo Trading Co Ltd U Aye Ko donates cash to the fund of Basic Education High School at Kyaukgu Model Village in Indaw. — MNA



Executive of Yaksawk Township Women's Affairs Organization Daw Thandar donates books to a responsible person at Kyaukgu model village in Indaw.

MNA

ple and members of USDA, Women's Affairs Organization, MCWA and Red Cross Society, Kyaukgu model village is making progress in its education, health, religious and social sectors. There lies Zawgyi dam and hydroelectric power station for the greening of Meiktila district, supply of power and water .

The model villages in Shan State (South) including Kyaukgu model village are developing in all aspects. Indaw is also enjoying electricity supply, thanks to Zawgyi hydroelectric power station. Relying on agriculture, the people in Indaw region are enjoying economic progress with food surplus. — MNA

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Syria, Malaysia call for foreign troops' withdrawal from Iraq

DAMASCUS, 27 Feb—Syria and Malaysia called on Monday for a full withdrawal of foreign troops from Iraq within a defined timetable, Syria's official SANA news agency reported.

Syrian President Bashar al-Assad and visiting Malaysian Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi made the call during a meeting, SANA said.

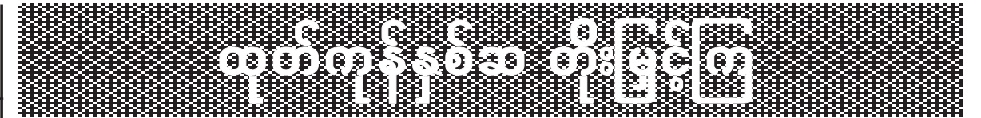
The two sides discussed the dangerous situation in the war-torn country, considering a political solution as the only way for Iraq to overcome its crisis. They underscored the importance of the withdrawal based on an Iraqi concord within the framework of a comprehensive national reconciliation, the report said.

They also voiced support for a Palestinian national unity government and stressed the necessity of enhancing understanding among Palestinians. They said that the priority on the Palestinian arena now "is to lift the inhumane siege imposed on the Palestinian people and to put an end to Israeli violations against Arab and Muslim holy places".

They also talked about the significance of activating the role of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, of which Malaysia is holding the presidency.

Badawi arrived here Sunday for a three-day official visit aimed at boosting bilateral relations.

MNA/Xinhua



Chinese President Hu Jintao (L) holds a welcome ceremony for the visiting Sri Lankan President Mahinda Rajapakse at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, China, on 27 Feb, 2007. XINHUA

Ukraine says US should have consulted on missile shield

BERLIN, 27 Feb— The United States should have consulted Ukraine and Russia over its plans to establish a missile defence system in eastern Europe, Ukrainian Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich was quoted on Monday as saying. "The stationing issues should

have been discussed with everyone in advance, including Ukraine and Russia," Yanukovich told German business daily *Handelsblatt* in an interview due to be published in the paper's Tuesday edition.

"Only once there has been a comprehensive

European debate, a dialogue between Western and Eastern Europe can such a decision be made," he said in the German text of his comments. "Europe must not be split again like it was before the Iraq war."

The United States wants to set up a radar system in the Czech Republic and a missile battery in Poland as part of a "shield" that would counter missiles fired by what Washington calls "rogue states" such as Iran and North Korea.

MNA/Reuters

French teenager becomes 4th victim of Saudi attack

RIYADH, 27 Feb—A French teenager died from bullet wounds on Tuesday, bringing to four the number of victims from a militant attack in Saudi Arabia on a group of French tourists in which the males were singled out and shot.

The boy's father was among three French expatriates working in Saudi Arabia who were killed during a desert trip

on Monday in what appeared to be the first attack by suspected al-Qaeda militants on foreigners in three years.

A group of nine French nationals living in Riyadh had been visiting historic sites and camping in the desert in the scenic western region of the vast country.

An acquaintance who did not want to be named said the men were

machine-gunned in front of the women and children in the group, confirming a report from a security source.—Internet



Travellers crowd an overpass outside Beijing Railway Station on 27 Feb, 2007. China's rail network is operating at full capacity for the second time in a month as millions head back to work after a week-long Lunar New Year holiday.—INTERNET

Britain confirms more troops for Afghanistan

LONDON, 27 Feb— Britain will send an extra 1,400 troops to Afghanistan because most NATO allies have refused to send soldiers to battle a resurgent Taliban, Defence Secretary Des Browne said on Monday.

Put simply, the alternative is unacceptable," Browne told Parliament. "This is a risk we simply cannot afford to take, both for the sake of Afghanistan, and for the

sake of our own security."

Last year was the bloodiest in Afghanistan since US-led troops overthrew the Taliban government in 2001 for harbouring Osama bin Laden and his al-Qaeda network after 11 September.

NATO, the United States and the Taliban are all promising spring offensives in what is widely regarded as a crunch year for Af-

ghanistan, a country still in crisis more than five years after the Taliban's fall.—MNA/Reuters

In London, anti-war protesters took to the streets on 25 Feb, 2007 calling for a full withdrawal of British troops from Iraq.

INTERNET



Jiasong of Derung ethnic group shows her tattooed face in Drung-Nu Autonomous County of Gongshan, southwest China's Yunnan Province, on 26 Feb, 2006.—XINHUA



Shoppers look for bargains at the giant Westfield retail complex at Eastgardens in Sydney. Australia's Westfield Group Ltd, the world's largest shopping centre owner, said on Tuesday its net profit for 2006 jumped 31 percent to 5.583 billion dollars. — INTERNET

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Syria, Malaysia sign cooperation agreements

DAMASCUS, 27 Feb— Syria and Malaysia signed on Monday a number of agreements and memorandums of understanding on bilateral cooperation in various fields, Syria's official SANA news agency reported.

Cooperation in the fields of sewage and industrial water disposal, expansion of Syria's

airports and avoidance of double taxation as well as a feasibility study of the Damascus ring road project was covered in the documents, the report said.

The agreements were signed at a session of Syrian-Malaysian discussions headed by Syrian Prime Minister Mohammad Naji Ottri and his Malaysian counterpart

Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi.

"Syria is highly interested in developing cooperation with Malaysia to serve interests and boost capabilities of the two countries in the face of globalization and its impacts," Ottri said.

"Today we start from the scientific, economic, cultural and technical cooperation agreements signed between Syria and Malaysia into a new stage and wide prospect," he said.

MNA/Xinhua

Genghis Khan's descendant finds century-old documents

BEIJING, 27 Feb—One of Genghis Khan's direct descendants has been identified after he discovered in his backyard a hundred-year-old document showing his family tree, the *Sunday Chongqing Morning Post* reports.

Bao Wenguang, says the document, written in Mongolian, Manchurian Mandarin, proves he is a direct descendant of the legendary warrior who united Mongolia eight centuries ago and ruled an empire that stretched from Southeast Asia to Central Europe.

The document was found in 2002 when his mother was tidying up the courtyard in the family's ancestral home, but Bao is only now making the find publicly known. The "Bao family tree", is 6 metres long, 1.45 metres wide and together with other documents covering a period of more than 200 years.

They fill in a number of historical gaps and are quite significant, experts said.—MNA/Xinhua



A general view of the main trading floor of the New York Stock Exchange during the closing moments of the trading session in New York on 27 Feb, 2007.

INTERNET

Vitamins 'could shorten lifespan'

LONDON, 28 Feb— Taking certain vitamin supplements may ad-

versely affect people's lifespan, researchers have suggested. Millions worldwide use anti-oxidant supplements such as vitamins A and E, and beta-carotene. Looking at dozens of previous research studies, Copenhagen University researchers suggested these appeared to raise, not lower, the risk of death. A supplements industry expert said the *Journal of the American Medical Association* study was fatally flawed.

But nutritionists said it reinforced the need to eat a balanced diet, rather than relying on supplements. While vitamin supplements have been popular for decades, the precise benefits they offer—if any—remain uncertain, despite hundreds of research

projects. More recent theories suggest that certain vitamins consumed as part of a healthy diet—and perhaps taken in supplement form—may be able to prevent damage to the body's tissues called 'oxidative stress' by eliminating the molecules called 'free radicals' which are said to cause it.

This damage has been implicated in several major diseases including cancer and heart disease, yet the implication that vitamin supplements might protect people from these illnesses is controversial. The Copenhagen team reviewed more than 815 clinical trials into the benefits of vitamins A, E, and C, alongside beta-carotene and selenium—all commonly-used supplements.—Internet

China vows tight drug safety checks

BEIJING, 28 Feb — China will tighten inspection of pharmaceuticals to improve drug safety and prevent corruption in the approval process, said a senior official who disclosed that his agency has revoked licenses of 353 medicines over the last six months.

Wu Zhen, deputy director of the State Food and Drug Administration (SFDA), said on Tuesday 3,049 applications for new drugs have been turned down since last August.

During an online interview, carried by the central government's web site, Wu said his administration is requiring officials to inspect pharmaceutical production facilities to ensure drugs are made in accordance with the applications they filed with the SFDA.

MNA/Xinhua

Oxford College finds two incendiary devices

LONDON, 27 Feb—Police sealed off an Oxford University college on Monday after the discovery of two incendiary devices.

Emergency services were called just before mid-day to Templeton College in Kennington, south of Oxford, a specialist graduate college focusing on management studies.

Bomb disposal experts were on their way to the scene. A Thames Valley police spokeswoman said the devices were not believed to pose any threat to the public but the college had been cordoned off as a precaution.—MNA/Reuters



US mogul skier Toby Dawson (C), his fiance Leah Halmi (L) and Kim Jong-min, president of the Korea Tourism Organization, pose for photographers in Seoul on 27 Feb, 2007. The Korea Tourism Organization appointed the US star skier as a goodwill ambassador to promote Korean tourism.—REUTERS

ECONOMIC NEWS

Steep dip as Asian markets open

LONDON, 28 Feb—Asian stock markets have opened sharply lower after the biggest drop in Chinese stocks in a decade triggered a steep slide in global markets.

Japan's TOPIX index dipped 5.04% while the country's Nikkei 225 stock index fell 693.50 points, or 3.83%.

The slips were echoed in the South Korean capital, Seoul, where the country's benchmark index fell 3.9%. Tuesday's falls were sparked by a near-9% slide in Shanghai and comments fuelling fears of a US recession.

During Tuesday's

trading, the Dow Jones fell more than 500 points at one point, before closing down 416.02 points, or 3.29%, at 12,216.24.

In London, the FTSE 100 closed on a fall of 2.3%, or 148.6 points, to 6,286.1. Early Asian trading followed the trend of Wall Street overnight as the Dow Jones industrials shed more than 400 points with investors expressing fear that both US and Chinese economies are faltering.

In hectic trading in New Zealand early on Wednesday, shares fell by 3% in the biggest correction on the bourse

since it dropped over 5% on 11 September 2001.

The tumble was matched in Australia whose benchmark SP/ASX 200 saw its biggest fall in six years, down 3.45% or 206.9 points to 5,786.9 within 30 minutes of markets opening.

Internet



The Mayan ruins of Chichen Itza near the town of Valladolid, southern Mexico on 27 Feb, 2007. The archeological site of Chichen Itza was officially entered as one of the 21 finalists in the largest global poll ever conducted to name the new seven wonders of the world—INTERNET

Vietnam to increase rubber export to Europe

HANOI, 27 Feb — Vietnam will intensify rubber export to Europe, especially Eastern Europe, including Russia and the Republic of Czech in 2007.

It is expected to export 750,000 tons of rubber at higher prices to the world market in the year, according to local newspaper *Vietnam Agriculture* on Monday.

Vietnam will export 60 per cent of its total rubber amount for overseas sales to China this year, down from the proportion of 65 per cent last year.

Vietnam, the world's

fourth biggest natural rubber exporter, shipped abroad 697,000 tons of rubber, mainly to China, South Korea, Japan, Germany and the United States, totalling nearly 1.3 billion US dollars in 2006, up 18.7 per cent and 58.3 per cent, respectively, against 2005, according to the country's General Statistics Office.

MNA/Xinhua

Cuba's trade booms with China, Venezuela

HAVANA, 27 Feb—Cuba's trade with China more than doubled in 2006 to nearly 1.8 billion US dollars the Chinese Customs office said on Monday, as the Communist-run island prioritized its new revolutionary partners China and Venezuela.

Since Cuba signed an agreement with Venezuela in late 2004 bartering and selling services for oil and also began receiving more credit from China, it has ordered all state companies to prioritize trade and investment with the two countries.

China reported bilateral trade was 1.792 billion last year, up 105.4 per cent from 2005 and compared with just 526 million US dollars in 2004.

MNA/Reuters

Beijing chef scoops \$1.3m in freak lottery win

BEIJING, 27 Feb — A chef in Beijing has won 10 million yuan (1.3 million US dollars) on the Chinese lottery after buying 100 of 214 winning tickets just before the Chinese New Year, the *Beijing Times* reported on Monday.

The Chongqing-born cook, who has requested anonymity from the

lottery organizers, bought 100 Sports Lottery tickets for two yuan each from a Beijing lottery vendor with the same number "56470" on 15 February. Each ticket won 100,000 yuan (13,000 US dollars).

The new addition to the millionaire ranks said he was not a regular buyer of lottery tickets and had no

secret for guessing the right numbers. He said he just wanted to try his luck during the festival.

China's lottery sales reached 81.93 billion yuan in 2006 after it launched the first lottery in June 1987. China has two lotteries the China Welfare Lottery and China Sports Lottery.

MNA/Xinhua

Canada announces more aid to Afghanistan

OTTAWA, 27 Feb—Canada will provide an additional 200 million Canadian dollars (170 million US dollars) in reconstruction aid for Afghanistan, Prime Minister Stephen Harper announced here on Monday.

The money is on top of one billion Canadian dollars (850 million US dollars) Canada has committed over the next 10 years. Last year, Canada already provided an additional 310 million Canadian dollars (263 million US dollars) for aid and development in Afghanistan.

The new money will go

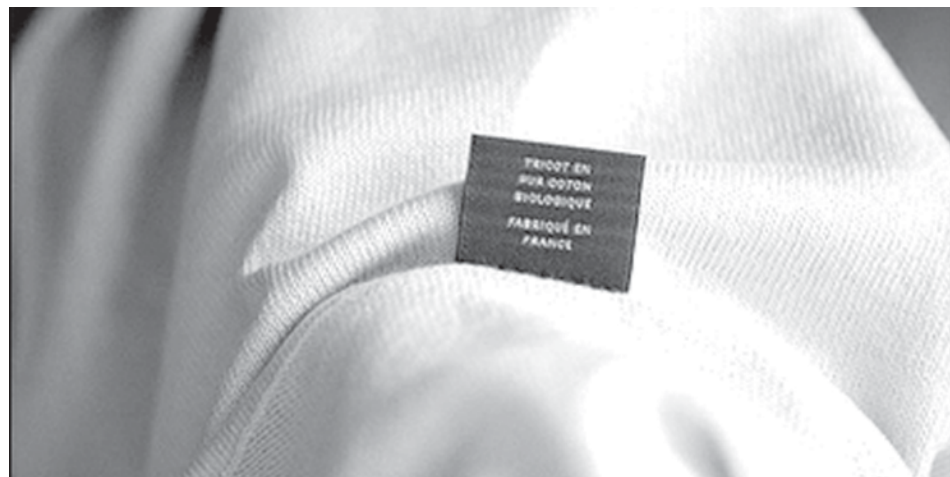
to national programmes, including funds to promote rural development, to pay teachers, health-care

workers and police to ensure basic government services, Harper said.

MNA/Xinhua



A model displays a creation by Singapore designer Francis Cheong during the media launch of Singapore Fashion Festival 2007 at Sentosa Cove, Singapore, on 27 Feb, 2007. INTERNET



A jumper made out of 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.—INTERNET

Donors to provide \$100m fund to Aceh

JAKARTA, 27 Feb—Donor countries grouped in the Multi Donor Fund are to inject 100 million US dollars funds for economic development in Indonesia's tsunami-hit province of Aceh, a World Bank official said.

"I think the Aceh economy must continue so donor countries will always help it perform better," the Bank's country director for Indonesia, Andrew Steer, said at an international conference here Monday.

The post-tsunami reconstruction and rehabilitation efforts which are underway in Aceh were quite successful despite some shortcomings, said Steer.

Although the efforts were complicated and needed huge funds, they were running smoothly, he said.

MNA/Xinhua



A general view of one of Shanghai branches of Trust-Mart store is seen on 27 Feb, 2007 in Shanghai, China. —INTERNET

World powers meet to discuss further measures on Iran

LONDON, 27 Feb— Representatives of the five permanent members of UN Security Council — Britain, the United States, France, China and Russia — plus Germany met here on Monday to discuss further measures against Iran, which is taking a tough stance on its nuclear programme.

Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad

declared on Sunday that the country's uranium enrichment was "a train on a one-way track with no brake and no reverse gear."

Government sources said the world powers will probably discuss adding a travel ban on senior Iranian officials and restrictions on non-nuclear business to existing sanctions banning transfers of nuclear technology.

Mohamed ElBaradei, director general of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), presented on Thursday a report to the agency's Council of Governors and UN Security Council, concluding that Iran had not complied with Resolution 1737 calling for the suspension of its uranium enrichment activities. —MNA/Xinhua

Laos suspects first case of human bird flu

BANGKOK, 27 Feb— Laos has found its first suspected human case of bird flu in a 15-year-old girl from an area where the killer virus broke out in poultry two weeks ago, official media said on Monday.

The girl went down with headaches and aching limbs, as well as a runny nose and cough on February 15, Health Minister Ponmek Dalalay was quoted as saying in

the *Vientiane Times*, monitored by *Reuters* in Bangkok.

Two days later, her parents moved her to a hospital in neighbouring Thailand, which is much better equipped to treat suspected victims and conduct tests than the landlocked communist nation.

Ponmek said initial analysis in Bangkok had confirmed the girl was suffering from an H5

virus, although it was not yet clear if she had the N1 bird flu variant that experts fear could mutate into a highly contagious and lethal form of human flu.

Bird flu first broke out in Laos in January 2004 in the capital, Vientiane, and nearby provinces. Its last outbreak in poultry was confirmed on 16 February, after a seven month lull, on a chicken farm near Vientiane.

MNA/Reuters

Seven killed in two weekend US shootings

WASHINGTON, 27 Feb— Seven people were killed in two separate shootings in Connecticut over the last weekend, CBS News reported on Monday.

The two incidents, believed to be murder-suicides, were not connected, according to the report.

In the first incident, Richard C Brown, 81, shot dead his 80-year-old wife and his two adult children, Kenneth, 49, and Janice, 53, who visited the parents on weekends. He then committed suicide.

Police discovered the bodies last Saturday night at Brown's home in Enfield.

Brown seemed to be in "a catastrophic situation that they couldn't deal with any longer", Enfield Mayor Patrick Tallarita said.

MNA/Xinhua

Suicide bomber kills 14 near Iraq's Ramadi

BAGHDAD, 17 Feb— A suicide bomber blew up an ambulance at an Iraqi police station near the city of Ramadi on Monday, killing 14 people including women and children, a local hospital official said.

The official said the attack occurred in a village near Ramadi, capital of Anbar Province, the heart of the Sunni insurgency in Iraq. —MNA/Reuters

Two kidnapped Italians freed in Nigeria

ROME, 27 Feb— Two Italians kidnapped on Friday in Nigeria's oil city Port Harcourt have been released, Italy's Foreign Ministry said on Monday.

The ministry did not offer details. Italians Lucio Moro and Luciano Passarin had been working for construction company Impregilo when they were grabbed by gunmen.

MNA/Reuters

Australian man pelted with puppies during dog theft

SYDNEY, 27 Feb— An Australian man was in a serious condition in hospital after he was stabbed and pelted with puppies when he tried to stop thieves stealing rare dogs, police said on Monday.

The man found an intruder stealing dogs when he returned with a friend to her home in suburban Melbourne late on Sunday.

"As they've approached her property they saw a man running out of the premises with five Jack Russell cross Dachshund puppies," police spokesman Adam West said.

The thief was attempting to drive off with the dogs when the unidentified man ran up to the car and began kicking it. The intruder responded by throwing

two of the puppies at him.

"As he was kicking the car another man's got out of the car and stabbed him several times, causing serious injuries," *Australian Associated Press* quoted West as saying.

A spokesman for the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals said organized gangs were stealing exotic breeds of puppies and were not afraid to use violence.

MNA/Reuters



A destroyed police station is seen the morning after it was hit by a suicide truck bomb attack in Ramadi, Iraq, on 27 Feb, 2007. —INTERNET

Bus crash injures 37 in Panama

PANAMA CITY, 27 Feb— A passenger bus crashed over the weekend about 100 kilometres west of Panama City injuring 37, 13 seriously, police told local radio stations on Sunday.

The driver and 12 others on board the bus were taken to hospitals in the capital because of the seriousness of their injuries. Two of the injured are Costa Rican citizens, reports said.

The bus set out from David, the capital of Panama's Chiriqui Province. —MNA/Xinhua

US Marine killed in western Iraq

BAGHDAD, 27 Feb— A US Marine was killed in combat operations in the volatile Anbar Province in western Iraq on Monday, the US military said.

The marine assigned to Multi-National Force-West was killed in combat operations, the military said in a brief statement.

More than 3,150 US soldiers have been killed in Iraq since the US-led war on Iraq broke out in March 2003, according to media count based on Pentagon figures. —MNA/Xinhua

China rejects US criticism of military build-up

BEIJING, 28 Feb — China dismissed US criticism of its military build-up on Tuesday, saying the world's most populous country was an important force for world peace.

US Vice-President Dick Cheney raised concerns about China's military build-up last week and said an anti-satellite test was not consistent with Beijing's stated goal of a "peaceful rise". On 11 January, China used a ground-based ballistic missile to knock out an ageing weather satellite 865 kilometres (540 miles) above Earth, sparking alarm

in Washington, Tokyo and other capitals.

"China adheres to the road of peaceful development, and it is an important power for the preservation of the world peace and promotion of world development," Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Qin Gang told a news conference on Tuesday.

"It can be proved from

China's stance and the role it has played in North Korea's nuclear issue," Qin said, adding that China had also opposed the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and their carriers.

"China has always urged the international community to negotiate and establish as soon as possible a treaty to ban outer space weapons and arms race."

MNA/Reuters



A pigeon sits near a lawn at a church in Beijing on 26 Oct, 2005. Scientists in eastern China say they have succeeded in controlling the flight of pigeons with micro electrodes planted in their brains, state media reported on Tuesday.

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Thai Defence Minister warns of possible violence in Bangkok

BANGKOK, 28 Feb — Thai Defence Minister Boonrawd Somtas has confirmed intelligence warnings of unrest in Bangkok during the next two months, citing concerns about high-level violence caused by both insurgent acts and other political movements.

According to *Thai News Agency*, Boonrawd commented on Tuesday regarding reported warnings of possible violence in Bangkok in March and April, saying that the warnings were issued to alert, rather than to alarm the public as the capital had recently encountered such incidents.

Three persons were killed and some 40 others were wounded in bombings at nine locations in

Bangkok and nearby province Nonthaburi on 31 December, 2006 amid festivities of New Year's Eve celebration.

"The authorities warned (of possible further attacks) as a precaution. The public should be on alert," he said, "but not panic".

Boonrawd said such violence could be initiated by southern insurgents or those with political agendas, which the authorities are now closely

monitoring.

A string of bombings, arson attacks and shootings rocked across the four southernmost provinces, Songkhla, Narathiwat, Yala and Pattani on 18 February, as the country was celebrating the Chinese New Year, in a major move by so-uthern insurgents since the violence escalated in the

region in recent months. The coordinated attacks, which continued into 19 February, killed 7 persons and injured more than 50 others.

Citing intelligence, Boonrawd said that simultaneous political actions, demonstrations and protests, by different groups can be more disruptive than before.—MNA/Xinhua



A US Apache helicopter patrols the skies over the site of a car bomb explosion in central Baghdad. At least 30 people were killed and more than 60 others wounded when a truck went off in the western Iraqi town of Habbaniyah on Saturday.—XINHUA

Canadian tourist body found on Bolivia's "Death Road"

LA PAZ, 28 Feb — Bolivian police found the body of a Canadian tourist who disappeared a month ago cycling down the infamous "Death Road," a steep, winding highway in the mountains near La Paz, a newspaper reported on Tuesday.

The body of Simon Boily, 23, who was reported missing in mid-February, was found down a 490-foot (150-metre) cliff off the road that links Bolivia's administrative capital La Paz with the Yungas Valley, *La Prensa* reported.

Despite the risks, every year thousands of thrill-seeking tourists cycle down the dirt road, world-famous for the breathtaking views of snow-topped mountains and verdant valleys.—MNA/Reuters

Laos reports suspected human case of bird flu infection

HANOI, 28 Feb — A 15-year-old girl from Laos' Vientiane city has been suspected of contracting bird flu virus strain H5N1, the country's news agency *KPL* reported Monday.

Initial tests conducted in Thailand showed that the girl has been infected with bird flu virus strain H5, Laos Health Minister Ponmek Dalalay said. However, the case has not been confirmed yet.

The girl, who is now under bird flu test and treatment in Thailand, was admitted to a hospital in Vientiane on 15 February with symptoms of headache, cough and fever.—MNA/Xinhua



Dancers from Pilobolus Dance Theatre perform on the red carpet for the 79th Academy Awards at the Kodak Theatre in Los Angeles on Sunday, 25 Feb, 2007.—INTERNET

Majority in US want troop deadline in Iraq

WASHINGTON, 28 Feb — A narrow majority of Americans now favour setting a deadline for the withdrawal of US forces in Iraq and a record number say they disapprove of the war, according to an ABC News/*Washington Post* poll released on Monday.

Fifty-six per cent say US forces should be withdrawn eventually even if civil order has not been restored in Iraq, reflecting a continued and gradual departure from the "you break it, you've bought it" sentiment, ABC said.

Fifty-three per cent support setting a date for withdrawing US forces from Iraq, up from 47 per cent last summer and 39 per cent in late 2005.

A large majority of those who support setting a deadline want the 139,000 US troops in Iraq brought home within a year — half of that group would like them home in six months.

The poll found that 64 per cent of Americans now say the war in Iraq was not worth fighting — up 6 points from last month to a new high. According to the poll, two-thirds of Americans oppose President George W Bush's plan to send an additional 21,500 troops to Iraq. An equal number favour reducing US military and financial support if the Iraqis fail to make progress restoring order.

Seventy per cent of those polled believe the main blame for failing to control the violence in Iraq rests with its own government, not the United States.

ABC said the Democrat-led Congress continues to hold the upper hand on Iraq but slightly less so than last month. Then 60 per cent of Americans trusted the Democrats over Bush to handle the war. Democrats lost ground in the new poll, dropping 6 points to 54 per cent.

Democrats generally favour starting to bring the troops home but differ on how quickly and under what circumstances this should happen.—MNA/Reuters

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colleges the length and breadth of the nation to create equal access to education in rural areas and higher education in strategic regions of states and divisions for the emergence of more and more human resources in various sectors in various regions.

To ensure equal education standard of schools, universities and colleges of various regions, it is installing multimedia classrooms, e-Learning centres, modern laboratories, practical rooms and workshops in the educational institutions. And it has created data-broadcasting system and computer network regarding education infrastructures that cover the whole nation.

At the same time, it is conducting courses on new branches and combined subjects in the universities and colleges to keep abreast of international level science and technology. It is also encouraging advanced research and establishing new universities and colleges subject-wise.

use them.

Respective universities and colleges are to lay down and implement short-term and long-term plans to increase the number of human resources in various fields, and expedite doing research with respect to intensive learning.

Every university or college should be a mass of human resources studying higher subjects in various fields. In that regard, it is needed to serve as a bridge between the education field and human society. And efforts are to be made to create a lively process of disseminating knowledge that serves as a network of educational fields and universities and colleges.

He said it is necessary for respective universities and institutes to implement such kinds of projects and work programmes that are in conformity with the short-term and long-term plans for promotion of national education laid down by the government, and that contribute towards these

government is responsible for uplift of education standard, widening the horizon and enhancing reasoning power of the entire nation.

It is needed to seek ways not only for individual prosperity but also for that of human society, the region where the university or college concerned is located and the entire nation.

He said efforts are to be made through education for better foundations of national solidarity in the country, economic growth, peace and tranquillity in the region, prevalence of law and smooth administrative machinery and raising the standard of living of the people.

He said it is also required to preserve social values and ethics, responsibilities and value of character and practice of national character and dignity through the education sector.

At a time when a peaceful modern developed nation is emerging, the teachers are



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein greets trainees of Special Refresher Course No 11 for Faculty Members. — MNA

the people are deliberately shaping the younger generation to be hopeless ones with negative attitude who violate the law.

Moreover, they are also creating bad results in the political, economic, social, administration, education and health sectors and making use of them in social, religious and humanitarian aspects for political gains, he said. Foreign-backed groups under various names are making up false stories and reports regarding HIV/AIDS, human

rights in order to tarnish the image of Myanmar in the international community.

He pointed out that certain big western nations support the make-up stories and plots that instigate the national people and baseless reports designed to sow discord. It is very dangerous for the Union, he pointed out.

Despite the continuous demand for holding a dialogue with the government, the destructive elements are disrupting the National Convention where most of the national races can participate in the shaping of a brighter future of the nation. This indicates that they did not want real national solidarity, he said.

It is necessary for all with national awareness to avoid various instigations that hinder peace and tranquillity and better results in the country.

Problems on narcotic drugs, HIV/AIDS and human trafficking are common not only in Myanmar but also in some countries.

Destructive elements are using these problems as an excuse to drive a wedge among national brethren. The purpose of exaggerating these problems as a political attack is an incredible act with the intention to discredit the nation.

Therefore, faculty members are to nurture their students to look for the progress of the nation with positive attitude, not to be misled and to have a concept with faith and trust in the future of the State and to serve the interest of the people. At the same time, the students are to be nurtured to become new generation youth on whom the State can rely.

Especially, faculty members are to equip the students with wide range of knowledge on dangers of narcotic drugs, HIV/AIDS and human trafficking as well as evil acts of so-called politicians. Furthermore, the teachers are to organize their students to join hands with social organizations such as the USDA, the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation, the Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare

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Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein unveils Thazin Hostel for women's company. — MNA

According to the educational motto "Access, quality, diversification", the government is building infrastructures and creating good environments, with which diversification and specialization can be combined harmoniously.

Teachers are therefore to effectively use the educational facilities and environments the government has created and to increase the number of facilities necessary for creating more opportunities to

major plans. By doing so, lofty aims on education will be realized, he said.

Now, the age of education for education's sake has been over. So, it is opportune for all to strive with the concept that education must be an engine for promoting the citizens' learning skill and contributing to the development of human society, he said.

He said that the nation has seen inclusive education. So, the

to nurture the younger generations to possess quality of a citizen, to abide by the law, to equip themselves with patriotism and Union spirit with high education standard.

He said what the nation needs today is promising youths who safeguard social ethics and serve the interest of the people with constructive views. Destructive elements harming the interest of the nation and

trafficking, drugs, child soldiers and violation of

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Association and the Myanmar Red Cross Society in carrying out social and welfare tasks throughout the nation.

While reviewing events of the history of the nation and the people, present situation and future prospects and local and international occurrences, the government is shaping the future of the nation and the people, applying the best methods systematically. Nowadays, the nation is in transitional period. In doing so, the government is striving for emergence of enduring infrastructures of the nation for perpetual existence of the Union, through the best

bright future of the Union.

The Secretary-1 added that all faculty members are to try to improve national education and nurture human resources that will help promote the prosperity of the State and the people and ensure the perpetuity of the Union.

Overall, the faculty members are to nurture the citizens to be equipped with high education, knowledge of science and technology, correct vision and patriotism through the education sector; they are to educate their pupils to be imbued with nationalist spirit and Union Spirit fundamental for national

trainee awards to Assistant Lecturer U Soe Maung of Yangon Cooperative Degree College, Assistant Lecturer Daw Than Than of Cooperative College (Phaunggyi) and Assistant Lecturer Daw Khin Wai Yi of Dawei University.

The Secretary-1 also presented the model hostel award to No 1 hostel of No 3 Women's Company and completion certificates to the trainees. Afterwards, the Secretary-1 accepted K 410,400 donated by the trainees to the fund of Lawka Chantha Abhaya Labha Muni Buddha Image, for renovation of ancient pagodas in Bagan, the National Convention, the



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein awards an outstanding trainee. — MNA

Government needs promising youths who safeguard social ethics and interest of people with constructive views

means and ways.

As citizens of Myanmar, all faculty members are urged to actively participate in the noble task for the political transition of the State after realizing the efforts of the government. And they are to perform such a bounden duty through the education sector.

Today's Myanmar has enjoyed its stability and prosperity most since the post colonial period. At such a time, all the national people are to strive unitedly for ensuring the perpetuation of the State and for shaping a

consolidation as each and every nation is striving for its national development and security; and they are to take part in the successful implementation of the seven-step Road Map that will help shape a better future of the country and ensure the perpetuation of the State.

Chairman of MEC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presented model trainee awards to Tutor U Kyaw Myo Hlaing of University of Computer Studies (Toungoo) and Assistant Lecturer Daw Sein Le Aye of Yangon West University, diligent

USDA, the Post Primary School of CICS, Phaunggyi BEHS and the pre-primary school of CICS.

Next, the Secretary-1 cordially greeted the trainees.

At 10 am, the ceremony to open the two-storey Thazin Hostel for women's company was held in front of the hostel. The Secretary-1 unveiled the stone plaque of the hostel. Also present on the occasion were the ministers, the Chief Justice, the Attorney-General, the Chairman of CSSTB, the Chairman of Yangon City

Development Committee Mayor, the deputy ministers, the Deputy Attorney-General, CSSTB members, departmental heads, the rector and faculty members of CICS (Phaunggyi).

CSSTB Chairman Dr Than Nyun and Rector Col Win Maung (Retd) formally opened the hostel.

The Secretary-1 sprinkled scented water on the stone plaque. CSSTB Chairman Dr Than Nyun and Chief Justice U Aung Toe also sprinkled scented water on the plaque.

Afterwards, the Secretary-1 inspected the

new hostel and left there.

The 200-trainee-capacity Thazin Hostel is 200 feet long, 174 feet wide

and 24 feet high. The building was constructed with reinforced concrete.

MNA

Cash donated, physic nut planted at Waibagi Special Hospital

YANGON, 28 Feb — The Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation held the physic nut growing ceremony at Waibagi Special Hospital in North Okkalapa Township this morning.

Vice-President Daw Khin Thet Htay, Head of Administrative Department Dr Daw Khin Hsan

Nwe and party of MWAFF planted physic nut saplings in the compound of the hospital and viewed sanitation tasks being carried out by social organization members.

At the cash donation ceremony, Head of Yangon Division Health Department U Hla Myint and Director Dr Kyaw Lin accepted cash donations from wellwishers including K 200,000 by MWAFF; and K 200,000 by Patron of Yangon Division Women's Affairs Organization Chairperson of Yangon Division MCWSC Daw Mar Mar Wai. The Vice-President and party presented cash assistance and gifts to patients at the hospital and comforted them. They also comforted patients with chronic complaint at their houses on 4th and 6th Ayeya Streets in North Okkalapa Township. — MNA



Two-storey Thazin Hostel for women's company in Central Institute of Civil Service. — MNA

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than inspects development works in Rakhine State

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Feb — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Commander of Western Command Brig-Gen Maung Shein and responsible personnel during his tour of Rakhine State went to Poeshweepyin model village in Ponnakyun Township on 23 February.

At the hall of Poeshweepyin model village basic education high school, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than held a meeting with departmental officials, members of social organizations and local people. First, Chairman of Ponnakyun Township PDC U Wai Myo Khine briefed Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party on efforts made in regional development works and agricultural services and Chairman of Poeshweepyin model village PDC U Tun Tin Maung on endeavors in economic, agriculture, breeding, education and health sector. Next, Commander Brig-Gen Maung Shein and officials gave supplementary reports.

After hearing the reports, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than made arrangements to fulfill the requirements and made a speech on the occasion. Next, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and the commander donated stationery and K 500,000 for the school and K 500,000 to build a station hospital. Afterwards, schoolhead U Maung Tin and health staff U Kyaw Thein accepted the donations.

After the donation ceremony, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than cordially greeted local

people and inspected development condition of the village. Next, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party arrived at Sankar Village, looked into learning of the students at Sankar village BEPS and viewed development of the Village.

Next, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party paid homage to Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kavipiya of the village monastery and donated offertories to the Sayadaw. Afterwards, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party arrived back in Sittway in the

evening. The following day Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than, Commander Brig-Gen Maung Shein and Brig-Gen Than Tun Aung of Sittway Station arrived at a 100-acre summer paddy plantation in Aungtaing Village, Sittway Township. At the briefing hall, Chairman of Sittway Township PDC U Aung Htut briefed Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party on data of the township, cultivation of monsoon and summer paddy and arrangements to be made for cultivation. Next, Commander Brig-Gen

Maung Shein gave a supplementary report.

After hearing the reports, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than gave necessary instructions. Sittway put 150 acres of land under summer paddy in 2005-2006 and 285 acres in 2006-2007. Rakhine State set a target to grow 22,500 acres of summer paddy this year. A total of 20,141 acres of summer paddy have already been cultivated and that is expected to exceed the target at the end of the season.

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Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than inspects breeding of fresh water fish at Aungtaing Village in Sittway Township. — MNA

PBANRDA Minister opens new gravel road in Kangyidaunt

YANGON, 28 Feb — Hailing the 62nd Anniversary Armed Forces Day, the inauguration ceremony of new Padaukpin gravel road linking Padaungpine and Thayagon built by Kangyidaunt Township Development Affairs

Committee was held in Kangyidaunt, Ayeyawady Division on 25 February, attended by Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt, Chairman of Pathein District Peace and Development Council U

Than Win and district/ township level departmental heads, Secretary U Than Tun of Ayeyawady Division Union Solidarity and Development Association and members, social organizations and local people.

Director U Soe Tint of Ayeyawady Division DAC, the Pathein District PDC Chairman and the Joint-Secretary of Ayeyawady Division USDA formally opened the new road. Next, the minister and party viewed the new road. Kangyidaunt Township

DAC constructed the new gravel road measuring 4,820 feet by 12 feet with the contribution of the State.

Later, the minister and party met with the secretaries and executives of Division/ District/ Township USDAs at the office of Ayeyawady Division USDA.

The minister, member of the central organizing committee of Myanmar War Veteran Organization, also met with Ayeyawady Division WVO Chairman Lt-Col Than Zaw and members of Ayeyawady Division Supervisory Committee, the chairmen and secretaries of Township WVOs at the office of Ayeyawady Division DAC.

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Minister Col Thein Nyunt attends inauguration of a gravel road linking Thayagon and Padaukpin in Kangyidaunt. — PBANRDA

Brazilian Senator denounces lottery money-laundering scheme

RIO DE JANEIRO, 28 Feb — Brazil's federal lottery is being used in a money-laundering scheme that relies on the participation of public servants, a federal senator claimed recently.

Alvaro Dias, of the opposition Brazilian Social Democracy Party, told Congress that, according to a report from the Financial Activities Control Committee, 75 people were involved in frauds that amounted to 32 million reais (15.4 million US dollars) in the 2002-2006 period.

Employees of the state-owned bank Caixa Economica Federal (CEF), which operates all federal lotteries in Brazil, were acquainted with the scheme, he added.

According to Dias, the fraud could be taking place in two different

ways.

In one, he said, a CEF employee would inform the person interested in laundering money whenever a lottery prize winner came to an agency to cash a ticket. An offer would then be made for the ticket, which can be cashed by anyone.

The other possibility was to have the money deposited in an agency, said the Senator, adding that as lottery prizes can be withdrawn within 90 days after the draw, the members of the scheme could collect as many winning tickets as possible before cashing

them.

The CEF has the monopoly on the operation of all federal lotteries in Brazil. It relies on a network of more than 17,000 agencies throughout the country, of which about 9,000 are authorized lottery outlets that also provide banking services, such as payments and deposits.

MNA/Xinhua



A helicopter on a rescue mission lifts people from a building on fire in Dhaka, Bangladesh, on Monday, 26 Feb, 2007. A fire swept through the multistorey building at Kawranbazar, a crowded commercial district in central Dhaka on Monday, killing at least one person and injured scores of others.—INTERNET



A model presents a creation by Japanese designer Yohji Yamamoto as part of the Autumn/Winter 2007/08 ready-to-wear fashion collection in Paris on 26 Feb, 2007.— INTERNET

Tourists escape unhurt in plane mishap in Kenya

NAIROBI, 28 Feb — Thirteen passengers escaped death narrowly after a chartered tourist aircraft crash-landed at Nairobi's Wilson Airport, police has said.

They said on Monday the Safari Link plane, owned by a local charter company, operates flights to Maasai Mara, the world's leading tourist attraction.

"I am happy to report that none of the 13 passengers have any visible injuries. They will all undergo proper medical check-up," said Beatrice Nduta, the Kenyan Airport Police boss.

She said investigations into the cause of the crash were underway.

The aircraft, a tourist charter plane, developed technical difficulties before crash landing.

The air mishap is the third major one since January although minor air disasters resulting from the pilot training exercises are a common occurrence around Wilson Airport.

In December, a chartered plane carrying fuel to Baidoa, formerly Somali's interim capital, crashed a few kilometres after takeoff in Ruai, about 10 kilometres outside Nairobi, but the crew escaped unhurt.

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VW of US to recall 790,000 vehicles over brake light defect

WASHINGTON, 28 Feb — Volkswagen of America Inc would recall 790,000 vehicles due to the malfunction of brake light switch, the company said on Monday.

It said the light could remain or not function if the brake light switches were improperly installed.

The vehicles recalled were: 1999-2006 model years of the Golf and GTI, 2001-2005 Jettas, 2001-2007 New Beetles and the 2004 R32.

The Germany automaker recalled 362,000 Jetta and New Beetle for the similar problems with the brake lights last year.

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Aerial view of a part of the industrial complex of German chemical giant BASF in Ludwigshafen, western Germany, on 3 Nov, 2005. BASF AG, the world's largest chemical maker, said on Tuesday, 27 Feb, 2007 that its supervisory and executive directors boards have approved a plan for it to become a European Company, or Societas Europaea, a move that will help it with cross-border mergers.—INTERNET



Iran never to suspend uranium enrichment work

TEHERAN, 28 Feb — Iranian Foreign Minister Manouchehr Mottaki said on Tuesday that his country would never suspend its uranium enrichment work despite increasing international pressure.

"The demand for Iran to stop enrichment is illegitimate and based on a wrong political strategy," the official IRNA news agency quoted Mottaki as saying at a conference in Teheran.

"This will never materialize," he said, adding that Iran is nevertheless prepared to hold talks on its nuclear issue without any pre-conditions.

His remarks came after world powers agreed on Monday to work on a new UN Security Council resolution to press Iran to end its nuclear programme.

At a one-day closed-door meeting that ended on Monday in London, the top diplomats from Britain, France, China, Russia, the United States and Germany agreed to begin work on a

new UN Security Council resolution on Iran over its nuclear programme but were still committed to seeking a negotiated solution, British officials said.

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Death toll in Indonesian ferry fire climbs to 48

JAKARTA, 28 Feb — The Indonesian rescuers Monday recovered six more dead bodies, believed to be the passengers of a ferry burnt out last Thursday, bringing the death toll to 48.

The rescue team, which consists of 11 ships and 25 personnel, was also searching for a journalist and two officials who might be drowned after

the ill-fated *Levina* ferry unexpectedly sank during an inspection on Sunday, reported the national *Antara* news agency.

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Polish PM, US Ambassador discuss anti-missile shield

WARSAW, 27 Feb—The possible installation in Poland of a US anti-missile shield dominated Polish Prime Minister Jaroslaw Kaczynski's Monday talks with US Ambassador Victor Ash, the government information centre said.

On 20 January, the United States suggested the installation of its missile protection shield in the Czech Republic and Poland.

Last Friday the Polish Government sent a diplomatic note to the US, in which it declared readiness for talks on the shield, the Polish news agency *PAP* reported.

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Cyclone hits Madagascar's east coast

ANTANANARIVO, 27 Feb—A mild tropical storm hit the east coast of Madagascar on Sunday evening though the centre

of the cyclone is still hundreds of kilometres away.

An engineer at the National Weather Forecast Department confirmed here on Monday that the cyclone, codenamed "Gamede", destroyed the means of communications with its strong wind in Maroantsetra, a coastal town about 700 kilometres northeast to the capital city of Antananarivo.

The centre of the storm was still 400 kilometres

off the east coast by 9 am local time (0600 GMT) on Sunday morning with a slow speed of only 6 kilometres per hour towards Madagascar's east coast, Razafindrakoto Leon Guy told *Xinhua* by phone.

Up to now, there was no warning of imminent danger even if Gamede produced some gust wind of 210 kph while heading northeast of the Indian Ocean Island.

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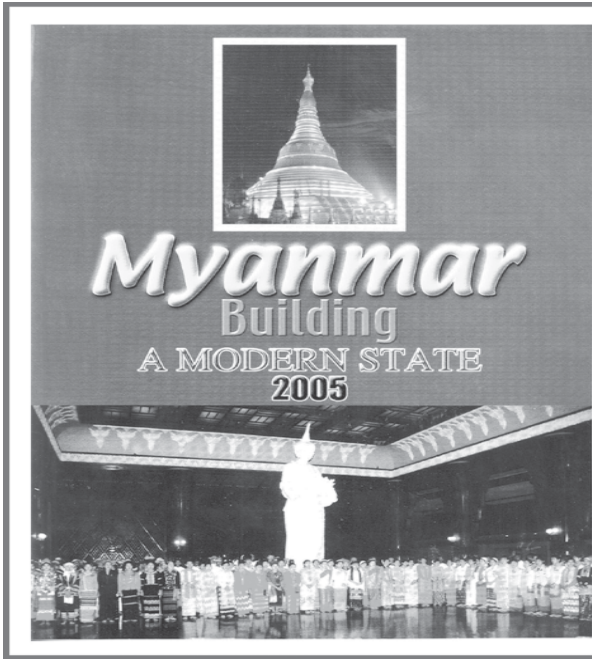
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INVITATION TO TENDER

(TENDER NO. 18(T) MPE/ HSD (15)/ 2006-2007.)

1. Sealed Tenders are invited for the Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise, the Ministry of Energy for the supply of High Speed Diesel Oil(24,000 ± 10%) Metric Tons (Gas Oil Regular 0.5%).
2. Tender Closing Date : (6-3-2007) at (12:00) noon.
3. Tender Opening Date : (6-3-2007) at (13:00) hrs.
4. Delivery Time : Within April/May 2007.
5. Tender Documents and detail information are available at the Department of Finance, Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise, Nay Pyi Taw, during office hours commencing (1-3-2007) on payment of the One Hundred (100) FEC per set.
6. Only bid from tenderer who has purchased tender document officially from Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise will be accepted for evaluation.

Managing Director,
Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise

Two killed as entrance roof of Rio hotel collapses

RIO DE JANEIRO, 27 Feb—At least two people were killed and 10 injured on Monday when the roof over the entrance of a Rio de Janeiro hotel near Copacabana beach collapsed, rescue workers said. The three-star Hotel Canada stands on busy Nossa Senhora de Copacabana Avenue, parallel to the beachside Avenida Atlantica, popular with tourists. The city is still full of tourists after last week's Carnival celebrations.

"We don't know if the people were just passing by or were guests at the hotel. There is a chance of finding more victims under the rubble, we're trying to lift the collapsed roof," said Major Moreira, a spokes-man for the fire service.

Globo television said the hotel is one of the oldest in the area and had recently been refurbished.

MNA/Reuters

Venezuela police seize 337 kilos of cocaine

CARACAS, 27 Feb—Venezuela's National Guard and its National Anti-Drugs Office (ONA) seized 337 kilos of cocaine on Saturday night in the Caribbean coast port of Puerto Cabello, authorities said on Sunday.

Haissan Omar Dalal Burgos, head of the Guard's No 2 regional command, said that the 300-packet cocaine was hidden in a false floor of a launch.

MNA/Xinhua

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A model displays Sony's digital camera Cyber-Shot's new DSC-W80 in Tokyo on 28 Feb, 2007. The new DSC-W80 features 7.2 mega pixels, x3 zoom and 2.5 inch screen and the images can be projected on the high definition TV screen, shown in the background, together with sounds.—INTERNET

“Hybrid horrors” pack calories, sodium, fat

BEIJING, 27 Feb— Nutrition and health advocates call them “hybrid horrors”: bacon cheeseburger pizzas, buffalo-chicken-stuffed quesadillas and lasagna with meat balls.

Michael Jacobson, executive director of the Centre for Science in the Public Interest, said these offerings “are seemingly designed to promote obesity, heart disease, and stroke.”

His nonprofit health organization gained a reputation as the “food police” in the 1990s, when it declared fettuccine Alfredo “a heart attack on a plate.”

Printing nutrition information on menus might discourage diners from ordering such delicacies as Ruby Tuesday’s Colossal Burger, with 1,940 calories and 141 grammes of fat, or Cheesecake Factory’s Chris’ Outrageous Chocolate Cake, a combination of brownie, pie and cheesecake that packs 1,380 calories, said Margo Wootan, the centre’s nutrition policy director.

But relatively few restaurants offer nutrition information on their menus. An example is the Uno Chicago Grill chain. It sells a combo appetizer of pizza, mashed potatoes, bacon, cheddar cheese and sour cream that packs 2,050 calories, 48



Hybrid

grammes of saturated fat and 3,140 milligrammes of sodium.

Not even the restaurant expects this appetizer to be consumed by only one person. But even if shared by two, it’s a large portion of the 2,000 to 2,500 calories recommended for the average diner for an entire day. Uno Chicago Grill defended its menu, saying the Pizza Skins appetizer should be shared and by May it will have removed artery-clogging trans fats from its menu.— Internet

Yangtze drought leaves one million people short of water

CHONGQING, 27 Feb — Severe drought has had a debilitating effect on the Yangtze River, China’s longest waterway, over the last two weeks, leaving at least one million people in Chongqing Municipality with water shortages, local water authorities said on Monday.

A spokesman of Shapingba Waterworks, one of the largest drinking water suppliers in the city center, told Xinhua that only one of its 10 pipes used to pump water from the Yangtze was still below the water surface and in operation - and that is only 10 centimetres below the water level.

“If the water levels in the Yangtze and its upper tributary Jialing River continue to decline, we’ll face a real crisis,” he said. The municipal drought

control authority has sent water wagons to the drought-hit areas to provide water for humans and cattle and has told local governments to build up reserves.

The local hydrological bureau said water levels in the Yangtze and Jialing Rivers had declined sharply in recent weeks due to a lack of rainfall. It follows last summer’s

severe drought that forced tens of thousands of farmers to eke out a living away from home.

On Sunday, the water level at Cuntan hydrological station in Chongqing measured 158.43 metres, only 35 centimetres higher than the record low reported in 1987, said a bureau spokesman surnamed Wang.—MNA/Xinhua

A couple dressed up in traditional Chinese wedding gown and suit attend the Spring Festival parade in Paris, France, on 25 Feb, 2007. Many Chinese French associations attended the parade to celebrate the Spring Festival. —XINHUA



Dengue fever cases still high in Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR, 27 Feb— The number of dengue fever cases in Malaysia is still at a worrying level, local newspaper *The Star* reported Monday.

“Although the number of cases dropped to 990

last week from about 1,200 the previous week (throughout the country), it is still at a high level,” the Health Ministry’s Deputy Director-General Ramlee Rahmat was quoted as saying. Last week, three people died of

dengue fever, thus bringing the total number of dengue-related deaths to 23 so far this year in the country.

Of the 990 cases reported last week, 357 were in Selangor State while 224 were in Kuala Lumpur. MNA/Xinhua

Conjoined twins born in Bangladesh

DHAKA, 27 Feb— A pair of female conjoined twins who are joined at their chest and abdomen were born Sunday at a hospital in central Bangladesh, *The Daily Star* reported on Monday.

The twins, weighing 5 kilogrammes, have separate heads, four legs and four hands, but a single anus and genital with a liver and two kidneys. Yet they have 8 chambers in their heart and that is why the doctors are considering them as two babies though their internal blood circulation is not separated.

Bilkis Begum, 30, gave birth to the

conjoined twins on Sunday at Jobaida Memorial Hospital in Gazipur, about 30 kilometres north of the capital Dhaka.

Later, the twins were transferred to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH). As one of the newborns was having breathing difficulties, they were shifted to Special Baby Care Unit for close observation.

Their possibility of survival is little, because, if one dies, the other would certainly die for the secretion of toxic elements from the others, said the doctors.—MNA/Xinhua



Indonesian engineers drop concrete balls into a mud volcano in Sidoarjo, East Java province on 26 Feb, 2006. The balls were used to reduce the torrent of sludge that has displaced about 15,000 people, a scientist said. INTERNET

SPORTS

Pirelli to be sole supplier to world championship

LONDON, 28 Feb—Pirelli will be sole tyre supplier to the world rally championship for three years from 2008, the International Automobile Federation said on Tuesday. The world governing body said in a statement that the Italian manufacturer had won a tender for 2008, 2009 and 2010.

"It will now enter into a formal contract to supply tyres in all events of the championship to all competitors with a four-wheel drive rally car," it added.

No financial details were given. Pirelli have a long history in rallying but the works teams in this year's championship are all using BFGoodrich tyres.

MNA/Reuters



Nicole Perrot of Chile drives off the first tee during the second round of Fields Open golf tournament in Kapolei, Hawaii, on 23 Feb, 2007.—INTERNET

Gabon seek to fix facilities for future Nations Cup

LIBREVILLE, 28 Feb—Gabon have opened tenders for the renovation of two stadiums and the building of training grounds and accommodation for the country's hosting of the 2012 African Nations Cup finals, reports said. Gabon are to co-host the tournament with Equatorial Guinea and seek to upgrade the Omnisport complex in the capital Libreville and ex-

tend the stadium in Franceville for the 16-team event. The Sports Ministry said it also sought to build five training grounds and an Olympic-style village to host the teams during the tournament.

The next Nations Cup finals are in Ghana next year while Angola are to host the 2010 event. In 2014, the tournament will be hosted by Libya. —MNA/Reuters

Disgruntled Hidayat withdraws from All England

JAKARTA, 28 Feb—Indonesia's Olympic champion Taufik Hidayat has withdrawn from next month's All England Championships after falling out with his country's badminton association, state media reported on Tuesday.

Hidayat said he did not agree with the association's decision to allow two men's double pairs to compete at the tournament

despite the fact they had broken regulations.

"It's a shame because I have prepared well," he was quoted as saying by Antara news agency.

The association banned the two pairs from taking part in Swiss Open after they played in an event held in Papua Province in December without consent. But Hidayat, twice an All England finalist and

Arthur pulls out of Hrulev bout

LONDON, 28 Feb—Arthur relinquished his European belt to concentrate on a world title

Super-featherweight Alex Arthur has withdrawn from his WBO Intercontinental title bout against Alexander Hrulev on 10 March because of an arm injury.

The 28-year-old Scot damaged his elbow during training and will not return to full training for at least six weeks.

Arthur said: "The searing pain was like nothing I had ever experienced before and I immediately knew something was seriously wrong.

"I'm absolutely gutted because this was the start of a busy year for me." —INTERNET



Arthur relinquished his European belt to concentrate on a world title. —INTERNET

Sports Direct founder nets \$1.8b in share float

LONDON, 28 Feb—British retail entrepreneur Mike Ashley netted 929 million pounds (1.8 billion US dollars) from the initial public share offer in Sports Direct on Tuesday, the discount retailer he founded in 1982 as a single shop. Sports Direct, which runs the Sports World and Lillywhites chains, said it had placed 309.6 million of Ashley's shares with investors at 300 pence apiece, near the top of its forecast price range of 250 pence to 310 pence.

At 1000 GMT the shares had slipped to 293 pence, broadly in line with a 2.3-per-cent fall

on the UK's midcap index and giving the firm a market value of 2.1 billion pounds.

Analysts said Sports Direct had done well to sell shares to-

wards the top of its forecast range, amid signs of a slowdown in consumer spending growth and a weak share performance of the last big retail IPO, department stores group

Debenhams.

"Mike Ashley's built a really successful business and revolutionized the sports retail market," said Henk Potts, an equity strategist at Barclays Stockbrokers. "It's the one area where the big supermarket groups haven't really been able to make inroads because he's been so aggressive on price.

MNA/Reuters

Hiddink avoids jail, fined for tax fraud

DEN BOSCH (Netherlands), 28 Feb—A Dutch court handed former PSV Eindhoven coach Guus Hiddink a six-month suspended sentence and fined him 45,000 euros (59,270 US dollars) on Tuesday after finding him guilty of tax fraud.

Hiddink, now in charge of the Russian national team, was accused of evading almost 1.4 million euros in Dutch taxes by falsely claiming to be a resident of Belgium in 2002 and 2003.

The court cleared him of tax evasion during 2002, saying the Dutchman may well have intended to go and live in Belgium, but found him guilty for the period of 2003, when he had actually lived with his partner in Amsterdam, and imposed the maximum fine.

"The court reached the conclusion that Hiddink deliberately submitted an incomplete and incorrect tax declaration over 2003," it said in a statement.

Earlier this month prosecutors demanded a 10-month prison sentence for Hiddink, who was not in court to hear the verdict, dismissing his claims that he had been living in Belgium, where the tax rate is much lower, as "a joke".

"Hiddink is glad that the punishment is lower. But nevertheless his image has been damaged," his lawyer told Dutch news agency ANP. —MNA/Reuters

Former coach proposes no points for goalless draws

JERUSALEM, 28 Feb—Former Israel coach Shlomo Scharf proposed on Tuesday that Israeli league teams who draw their matches 0-0 should not be awarded any points.

Scharf told Israel's Army Radio in an interview that a totally new approach was needed to revive dwindling public interest in one of the dullest league campaigns in living memory.

"Negative play must not be rewarded, I would even deny teams a point for goalless draws. New rules to create attacking play must be found," Scharf said.

MNA/Reuters



Mexico's Melissa Torres returns the ball to Australia's Nicole Pratt during a Mexico Tennis Open game in Acapulco, Mexico, on 27 Feb, 2007.

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US urged to account for up to 38 "CIA prisoners"

LONDON, 28 Feb — Several dozen terrorism suspects believed to have been held at secret CIA prisons are still missing without trace, and the United States should reveal what has happened to them, a leading rights group said on Tuesday.

Human Rights Watch (HRW) urged President George W. Bush in an open letter to disclose the identity, fate and whereabouts of all prisoners held at secret

CIA facilities since 2001. "As you may know, the CIA's detention programme has inflicted great harm on the reputation, moral standing and integrity of the United

States," HRW wrote to Bush.

"By revealing information about the fate and whereabouts of people formerly held in CIA custody, you could begin to repair the damage this abusive programme has caused."

Secret abduction and detention of suspects has been one of the most controversial and fiercely criticized aspects of Bush's war on terrorism, with rights groups arguing such methods are illegal and frequently lead to abuse and torture.

Bush acknowledged last September that the

Central Intelligence Agency had run a secret detention programme for terrorist suspects and strongly defended it, saying the intelligence gleaned had saved lives.

Washington said at the time that the last 14 prisoners held had been transferred to its detention centre at Guantanamo Bay in Cuba, and none remained in CIA custody.

But HRW said many people remained unaccounted for. In the letter to Bush, it listed 38 missing people it believed had been, or may have been, held in secret CIA prisons. — MNA/Reuters



A honey bee is seen on a flower in a park in New Delhi on 27 Feb, 2007. — INTERNET

Dr. Khin Maung Kyaw Htway (a) Dr. George Kun Age 68

Only son of (U Saing Kun and Daw Shwe Wah), son-in-law of (Thiripyanchi Sithu U Khin Maung Gyi and Daw Than Tin), husband of Daw Khin Hla Myint (Terry), father of Lin Kyaw Htway, Min Kyaw Htway-Sasikul Sombatsiri, Thu Zar Kyaw Htway-Lin Htike, Zaw Zaw Kyaw Htway, grandfather of Pichayut Sombatsiri, Shwe Sin Lin Htike, Pan Sin Lin Htike passed away on 23 February 2007. Religious rites will take place at St. Mary's Cathedral on 1 March 2007 at 9:00 am. Buses will leave for Yay Way Cemetery after the service.

Fires broke out in Ayeyawady Division, Shan State (East)

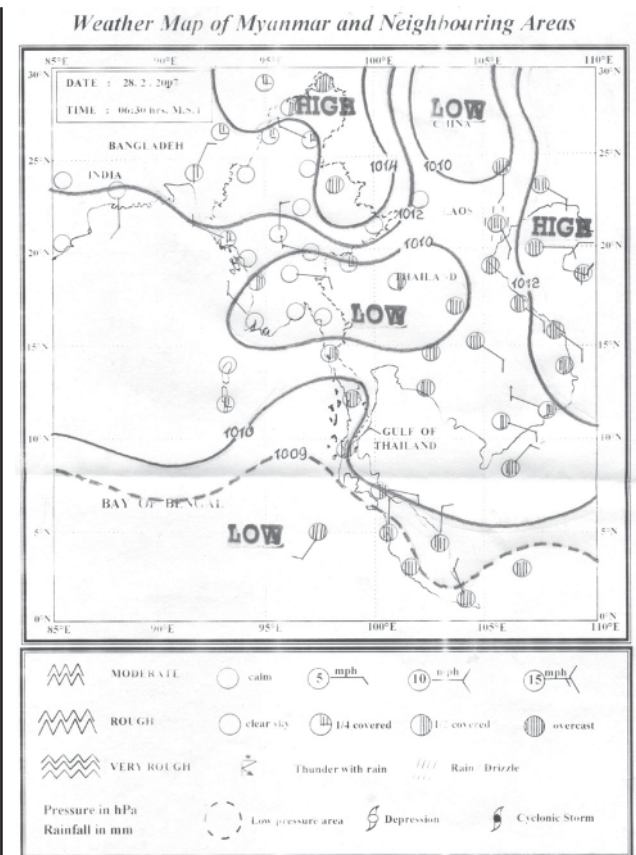
YANGON, 28 Feb — The house of U Ye Naing (a) U Tin Win Htut in Ywathit ward, Kyangin, Ayeyawady Division was destroyed by fire about 11 am on 27 February.

A total of 60 firemen rushed to the scene and managed to put out the fire. The fire destroyed 15

huts and left 62 people homeless.

Similarly, forest fire broke out in Nanhyon village, Ponpakyin, Mongton, Shan State (East) about 3.30 pm on 23 February and it destroyed 30 homes.

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WEATHER

Wednesday, 28 February, 2007

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, light rain has been isolated in upper Sagaing Division, weather has been generally fair in the remaining areas. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below normal in Shan, Chin and Kayah States, Bago Division, (4°C) above normal in Mon State, (5°C) above normal in Taninthayi Division and about normal in the remaining States and Divisions. The significant night temperature was Lashio (4°C).

Maximum temperature on 27-2-2007 was 100°F. Minimum temperature on 28-2-2007 was 68°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 28-2-2007 was 83%. Total sunshine hours on 27-2-2007 was (8.6) hours approx.

Rainfall on 28-2-2007 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 (7) mph from Northwest at (17:30) hours MST on 27-2-2007.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 1-3-2007: Isolated rain are possible in Kachin State and Taninthayi Division, weather will be partly cloudy in Shan, Rakhine and Mon States, Sagaing, Mandalay and Yangon Divisions and generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (40%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers in Southern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 1-3-2007: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 1-3-2007: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 1-3-2007: Partly cloudy.



Thursday, 1 March
View on today

- 7:00 am
 1. Recitation of parittas by missionary Sayadaw U Oattamathara
- 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. Dance of national races
- 8:10 am
 6. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:20 am
 7. Dance variety
- 8:30 am
 8. International news
- 8:45 am
 9. Let's Go

- 4:00 pm
 1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm
 2. Song to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm
 3. တပ်မတော်နေ့ဂုဏ်ပြုတေးသီချင်းပြိုင်ပွဲဆုရတေးများ (၂၀၀၄ခုနှစ်)
- 4:45 pm
 4. အေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ ဒုတိယနှစ် (ရှုပေးအထူးပြု) (ရှုပေး)
- 5:00 pm
 5. Cute little dancers
- 5:10 pm
 6. Musical programme
- 5:20 pm
 7. "စည်းကမ်းလိုက်နာ ဘေးကင်းမှာ" (ကျော်ရဲအောင်ချစ်သူ၊ ဇော်ဝင်းမောင်၊ မောင်၊ လင်းစာနည်ဇော်၊ ပွင့်) [ဒါရိုက်တာ-ခင်ဇော်မြင့်စိုး (၀/သရန်ကုန်)]
- 5:30 pm
 8. ရှုဖွယ်စုံညီမြန်မာပြည် (အပိုင်း-၄)
- 5:40 pm
 9. ကြယ်ပွင့်များရဲ့ရင်ခုန်သံ

- 5:55 pm
 10. နိုင်ငံစီးပွားအလေးထား ကျေးလက်ထုတ်ကုန်များ
- 6:00 pm
 11. Evening news
- 6:30 pm
 12. Weather report
- 6:35 pm
 13. သီရိဓမ္မာ
- 7:00 pm
 14. Discovery
- 7:10 pm
 15. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "သစ်ရွက်ကလေး၏ ရင်ခုန်သံ" (အပိုင်း-၂)
- 8:00 pm
 16. News
 17. International news
 18. Weather report
 19. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "အကြင်နာဇွဲဦး" (အပိုင်း-၁၆)
 20. သီတဂူဆရာတော် အရှင်ဉာဏိသာရ၏ နန္ဒဦးဆောင်နေ့စားလတပေါင်း (အပိုင်း-၁)
 21. The next day's programme



Thursday, 1 March
Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music:
 - Have a nice day...John Bonjoui
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music:
 - Cheri Cheri lady
- 8:50 am National news/ Slogan
- 9:00 am Music:
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:15 am Music:
 - Don't wanna lose you now...BSB
- 1:30 pm News / Slogan
- 1:40 pm Lunch time music:
 - Hit my love...Lila Mc Clann
 - Listen to my heart
- 9:00 pm Aspects of Myanmar
- 9:10 pm Article
- 9:20 pm Pouri
- 9:30 pm Favourite songs chosen by music lovers
- 9:45 pm News / Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL

Special Refresher Course for Faculty Members concludes

Now is opportune time to improve advanced science and technology in various sectors, speed up nation's development momentum through technological strength



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein delivers an address at concluding ceremony of Special Refresher Course No 11 for Faculty Members.

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added, it has to make a decisive resolve, while facing and braving natural barriers and a wide range of destructive acts.

Thanks to genuine goodwill, tenacity and unremitting efforts it is exerting in the interests of the nation, the government has been able to mobilize the participation of the majority of the people. And the nation is now enjoying cumulative development in various sectors.

So, now is an opportune time to improve advanced science and technology in various sectors

in all sectors such as experts in arts and science field, medical experts, physicians, engineers, architects, computer scientists, marine and aerospace engineers, and experts in the agriculture, forestry, livestock breeding and fishery fields.

Only when science and technology is making progress with enough intellectuals and intelligentia, will it be possible for the nation to enjoy economic progress and national development.

Today, certain countries with superior wealth

development and technological improvement through high education standard means to make the nation free from alien instigation and domination.

So, normal efforts are not enough to ensure the development of the education sector. And only when the education standard is raised through national outlook will there emerge mentally and physically strong new generation youths capable of discharging duties brilliantly for the development of the nation and the



YANGON, 28 Feb—The Central Institute of Civil Service (Phaunggyi) in Hlegu Township, held the conclusion of its Special Refresher Course No 11 for Faculty Members at Nawarat Hall this morning.

Present on the occasion were Chairman of the Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, the ministers, the Chief Justice, the Attorney-General, the chairman of the Civil Service Selection and Training Board, the chairman of Yangon City Development Committee the mayor,

deputy ministers, the Deputy Auditor-General, officials, heads of department, the rector, faculty members and trainees.

The MEC chairman in his speech said that the trainees have studied the nation's prevailing conditions and the efforts the government is making to shape a brighter future of the entire nation in the course. He expressed his belief that therefore the trainees have been equipped with a sense of national duty a citizen has to shoulder by doing his bit.

He said he believes that apart from the dyna-

mism of national outlook and nationalistic spirit, they will also have to be imbued with the spirit and capacity of safeguarding and promoting the interests of the nation and the people through national awareness.

Now, the government is making endeavours to cope with the evil legacies such as inequalities, dogmatism, rivalry based on racism and personality cult, armed conflicts, unrest, instability and lack of peace and stability, as well as to enable the nation to have a brighter future, he said

In the process, he

and speed up the nation's development momentum through technological strength in order to achieve development take-off.

At such a time, it is required to nurture and produce human resources

and technology are making use of these advantages in their bid to dominate and coerce the developing countries. Thus, the duty in the education sector to surmount the pressure and coercion and to ensure national economic

people with economic progress and overcoming alien instigation, interference, pressure and coercion.

That is why the government is opening schools, universities and (See page 8)

Every university or college should be the centre of human resources studying higher education in various fields. In that regard, it is needed to serve as a bridge between the education field and human society. And efforts are to be made to create a lively process of disseminating knowledge that serves as a network of educational fields and universities and colleges.