

## Senior General Than Shwe sends message of congratulations to President of Republic of Uzbekistan

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Dec—Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of congratulations to His Excellency Mr Islam A Karimov, on his re-election as President of the Republic of Uzbekistan.—MNA

## Countries in Orient moving away from foreign dependence in the pharmaceuticals sector Oriental indigenous drugs becoming well-known for having few side effects and for their effectiveness

**Country needs to depend more on domestically produced pharmaceuticals for effective treatment**

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Dec — *The following is the address delivered by Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe at the Graduation Parade of the 9th Intake of the Defence Services Medical Academy in Yangon today.*



*Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe delivers an address at the Graduation Parade of the 9th Intake of Defence Services Medical Academy.—MNA*

**Comrades,**

At the Graduation Ceremony of the 9th Intake of the Defence Services Medical Academy, I have serious words of counsel on the national defence duty and the duty of the Defence Services Medical Corps.

**Comrades,**

For the national defence duty, you have received military training and training in military leadership at the level of an infantry platoon commander. The members of the Defence Services Medical Corps have had the tradi-

### 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

tion of outstanding bravery since the time of the independence struggle, with many earning titles and medals for *Thura* bravery. You comrades are the proud successors to this tradition and must be intrepid and daring in combat when required.

Moreover, as junior military leaders, you comrades must build up your own leadership quali-

ties. You must know how to provide correct leadership. Correct leadership means ensuring that your subordinates have good morale, good discipline and good capabilities and building unity among them, based on your own strong convictions and capabilities, so that they follow you and share your Three Capabilities.

*(See page 8)*



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



# PERSPECTIVES

Saturday, 29 December, 2007

## Strive for elimination of Tuberculosis

In Myanmar priority is being given to the elimination of Tuberculosis. The State has implemented the TB Elimination Plan since 1966-1967. From 1994 up to date, the nation has been giving free medical treatment to TB patients across the nation through DOTS therapy.

The incident of TB is much higher than ever due to the fact that most of TB patients do not know they are being infected with the disease, they do not receive proper medical treatment although they know they are living with TB and the increase in drug resistance.

In Myanmar the annual number of those infected with TB is over 100,000. Therefore, under the National TB Elimination Plan, TB patients have been exposed as early as possible for free medical treatment with the use of potent medicines. The TB elimination tasks are being carried out extensively in every township by health staff in cooperation with relevant township organizations.

The people are to consult the nearest health care centres for medical treatment if they suspect that they are being infected with TB.

As TB is a highly infectious disease the entire national people hand in hand with health staff are to actively participate in the drive for successful realization of the TB Elimination Plan.

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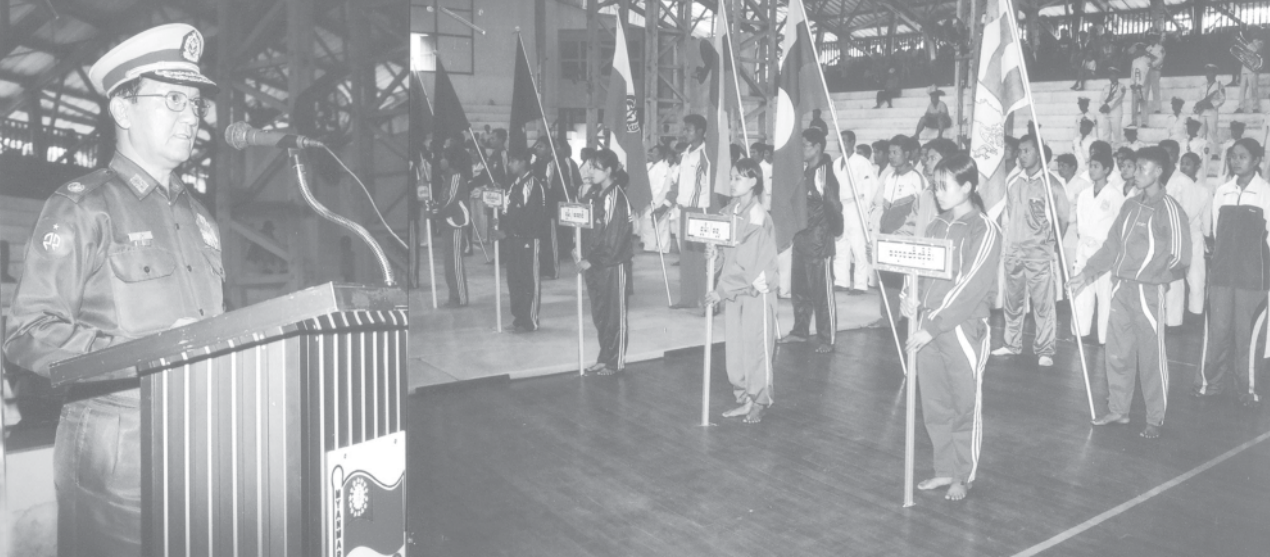
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## People's Desire

- \* 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

## Inter-State/Division Judo Tournament kicks off



Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint delivers an address at a ceremony to open the 12th Inter-State/Division Judo Tournament. — SPED

YANGON, 28 Dec — The 12th Inter-State/Division Judo Tournament kicked off at Aung San Gymnasium here today.

The tournament was opened with an address by Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint.

First, judo teams representing states and divisions took their designated places, and champions of the previous tournament Yangon Division Team (Women), Mon State Team (Men) and Yangon Division Team handed over their shields to the minister.

Afterwards, Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint delivered an opening address and greeted athletes of the judo teams. The athletes took the four sports oaths and left the stadium before the first day competitions were held.

A total of 12 teams are participating in the tournament which will last until 30 December.

Also present on the opening ceremony were General-Secretary of Myanmar Olympic Committee Director-General of the Sports and Physical Education Department U Thaug Htaik and officials, Chairperson of the Central Work Committee of Myanmar Women's Sports Federation Daw Aye Aye and executives of the committee, President of Myanmar Judo Federation U Tun Tun and the general secretary of the federation, Assistant Director of Sports and Physical Education Department U Tin Maung Oo, invited guests, managers and coaches of judo teams and judo enthusiasts.

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## Second Consultative Group Meeting on Non-Traditional Security Issues Between Myanmar and India

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Dec — The second Consultative Group Meeting on Non-Traditional Security Issues Between Myanmar and India was held at Areindama Hall of Myanmar Police Force Headquarters here yesterday.

It was attended by Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Director-General of Myanmar Police Force Police Brig-Gen Zaw Win, Indian delegation led by Joint-Secretary for Ministry of External Affairs Mr KC Singh of the Republic of India and representatives of Ministries of Defence, Ministries of Home Affairs and Ministries of Foreign Affairs and relevant departments of the two nations.

The meeting discussed matters on exchange of security information and boosting ef-

iciency, cooperation in the fight against transnational crimes, mutual cooperation in criminal cases, controlling border of the two

nations and supervision of illegal entry and exit. After the meeting, representatives of the two nations had a documentary photo taken.—MNA

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Second Consultative Group Meeting on Non-Traditional Security Issues Between Myanmar and India in progress. — MNA





*Japanese Prime Minister Yasuo Fukuda (C) is welcomed by Chinese officials at an airport in Beijing, capital of China, on 27 Dec, 2007. Yasuo Fukuda arrived here on Thursday for a four-day official visit to China.*

XINHUA

### Moderate earthquake jolts Kyrgyzstan

TASHKENT, 28 Dec — An earthquake measuring 6 on the Richter Scale shook southern Kyrgyzstan on Wednesday, with no injuries reported so far, according to Kyrgyzstan's Ministry of Emergency Situations.

The *Interfax* news agency reported that the quake took place at 10:45 am (0445 GMT), with its epicentre located 25 kilometres from the southern city of Osh, the second-largest city of the Central Asian republic.

The Interior Ministry has sent a team of experts including rescue workers, firefighters and medical staff to the region.

MNA/Xinhua

### Two US soldiers killed in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 28 Dec — Two US soldiers were killed and three others wounded when insurgents attacked their unit by small-arms fire in northern Iraq, the US military said on Thursday.

The attack took place in Mosul, the capital city of Nineveh Province, on Wednesday, a military statement said.

The latest deaths bring the number of US soldiers who have been killed in Iraq to about 3,900 since the US-led invasion in 2003, according to media reports based on Pentagon figures. — MNA/Xinhua

## Thailand's PPP to announce Govt formation in Jan

BANGKOK, 28 Dec — Samak Sundaravej, Leader of the People Power Party (PPP), winner of Thailand's post-coup election, would hold a Press conference on 4 January next year to announce the formation of a new coalition government, party spokesman Kuthep Saikrajang said on

Wednesday.

The Election Commission (EC) announced on Tuesday official voting results of Sunday's polls, which saw the PPP get 233 MP seats in the 480-seat House of Representatives, while its major rival Democrat with 166 seats.

They were followed by Chart Thai (Thai Nation)

Party with 37 seats, Puea Pandin (For the motherland) Party with 24 seats, Ruam Jai Thai Chart Pattana (Thais United National Development) Party with nine, Matchima Thipataya (Neutral Democratic Party) with seven, and Pracharaj (Royal People) Party with five seats.

MNA/Xinhua



*Asif Ali Zardari (C-with white cap), husband of assassinated opposition leader Benazir Bhutto, prays at the grave of his wife Benazir Bhutto after her funeral in Garhi Khuda Bukhsh near Naudero on 28 Dec, 2007.*—INTERNET

## Indonesia, Thailand mark 2004 tsunami with prayers

CALANG, (Indonesia), 28 Dec — Hundreds of Indonesians prayed at mass graves in Aceh Province on Wednesday, while in Thailand Buddhist monks held a ceremony to remember the many thousands who died in the Indian Ocean tsunami three years ago.

On 26 December, 2004,

giant waves triggered by one of the most powerful earthquakes ever recorded pulverised villages along Indian Ocean shores, killing or leaving missing about 230,000 people.

Aceh, on the northwestern tip of Indonesia's Sumatra Island, suffered the most, with about 170,000 dead

or missing and billions of dollars in losses. "We pray for the victims that God may accept their good deeds," said Kamal Usman, a survivor in Calang, an area in western Aceh where hundreds of officials and residents prayed at a ceremony to mark the anniversary.

MNA/Reuters

## Musharraf announces 3-day mourning for Bhutto

ISLAMABAD, 28 Dec — Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf announced here Thursday night that the nation would have three-day mourning for former Pakistani prime minister Benazir Bhutto, who was killed in a suicide attack near the capital Islamabad earlier Thursday. In his nationwide speech through the state-run PTV, Musharraf asked the nation to keep peaceful.

Musharraf made the announcement after chairing a high-level meeting on the current situation in Pakistan, attended by Caretaker Prime Minister Muhammad Mian Soomro and other senior officials.

In a related development, Pakistani paramilitary forces were put on "red alert" nation-wide Thursday following the assassination of Bhutto, Interior Ministry spokesman Javed Cheema said. — MNA/Xinhua

## UNSG condemns Bhutto killing, Council meets

UNITED NATIONS, 28 Dec — UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon condemned the assassination on Thursday of Pakistani opposition leader Benazir Bhutto as an "assault on stability" in Pakistan, while the UN Security Council went into consultations to discuss the killing. "I strongly condemn this heinous crime and call for the perpetrators to be brought to justice as soon as possible," Ban said in a statement.

UN officials said the Security Council consultations — closed discussions between envoys of the 15 Council member states — were expected to lead to a formal statement on Bhutto's assassination in the city of Rawalpindi. — MNA/Reuters

## Bhutto's funeral carried out of her ancestral home

NAUDERO, (Pakistan), 28 Dec — Thousands of mourners wept and beat their heads in grief as the body of Benazir Bhutto, Pakistan's slain former prime minister, was carried out of her ancestral home on her funeral procession on Friday.

Her husband, Asif Ali Zardari, accompanied the closed coffin draped with her Pakistan People's Party's green, red and black tricolour as it began the 7-km (4-mile) journey by ambulance to her family mausoleum in Sindh Province in the south.

Bhutto, 54 left the campaign rally in Rawalpindi, where she spoke of threats to her life, she stood to wave to supporters from the sun-roof of her bullet-proof car. An attacker shot at her before blowing himself up, police and witnesses said. — Internet

## Sharif announces election boycott

ISLAMABAD, 28 Dec — Opposition leader Nawaz Sharif announced here on Thursday that his party will boycott the scheduled January 8 parliamentary elections after opposition leader Benazir Bhutto was killed in Thursday's suicide attack.

Earlier Sharif went to the hospital and expressed condolences with Pakistan People's Party (PPP) leaders and workers and condemned the assassination of PPP Chairperson and former PM Benazir Bhutto. He also announced cancellation of election campaign of his party as a sign of solidarity with the PPP. — MNA/Xinhua



## Serbia adopts resolution against Kosovo independence

BELGRADE, 27 Dec— The Serbian Parliament overwhelmingly adopted a resolution Wednesday evening that obliges Serbian officials to reject Kosovo's independence and denounces NATO for supporting the separatist Kosovo Albanians.

The resolution, passed with 220 votes in favour and 14 against in the 250-seat Parliament, says Serbia must "reconsider"

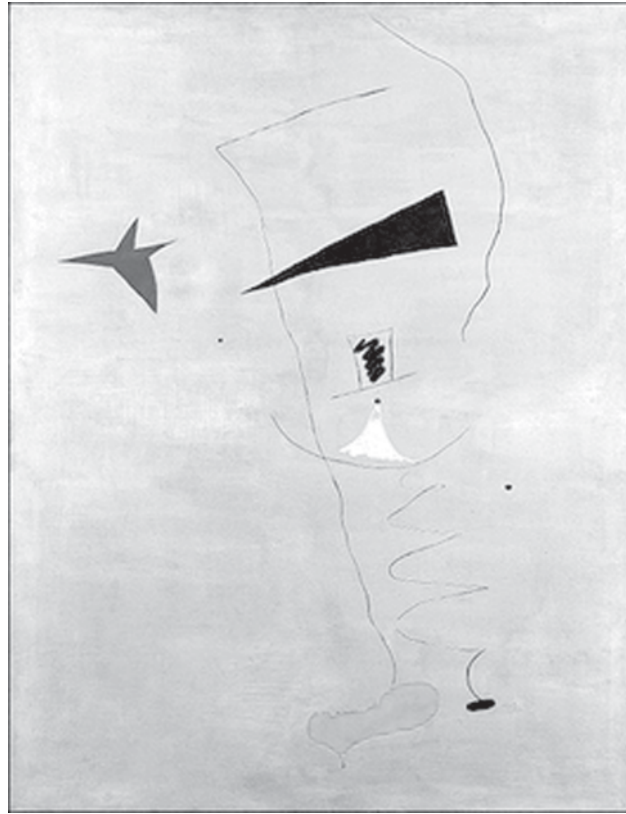
diplomatic ties with Western countries that recognize Kosovo's statehood. It says that because of NATO's support for Kosovo's independence, Serbia must remain outside the Western military alliance.

The resolution also rejects the idea of setting up a European Union (EU) mission in Kosovo until the breakaway

province's status is resolved.

The EU agreed this month to send a 1,800-member mission to Kosovo to replace a UN mission in the province, where ethnic Albanians, who account for about 90 per cent of Kosovo's two million people, have said they would proclaim independence before next May.

MNA/Xinhua



The painting "Blue Star," seen here, by the celebrated Spanish artist Joan Miro sold for a record 11.6 million euros (16.7 million dollars) in Paris on Friday — the highest price ever for one of his works.—INTERNET

## Strong earthquake jolts Aleutian Islands

HONG KONG, 28 Dec— A strong earthquake measuring 6.5 on the Richter Scale occurred near Fox Islands of Aleutian Islands at 6:16 am on Thursday (2216 GMT, Wednesday), according to a bulletin released by the Hong Kong Observatory. The epicentre was initially determined to be 52.7 degrees North Latitude and 168.3 degrees West longitude, about 180 kilometres southwest of Unalaska Island, United States. There was no immediate report of casualties or damage.

MNA/Xinhua



Two women look at an Olympics-correlative-sculpture at the Longsha Park in Qiqihar, northeast China's Heilongjiang Province, on 27 Dec, 2007.

An Olympic sculpture exhibition opened on 28 Dec.

XINHUA

## Murder numbers in NYC lowest on record

NEW YORK, 28 Dec— New York City is approaching its lowest yearly murder rate in its recorded history with the final tally on track to number below 500, Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly said on Wednesday.

So far there have been 484 murders in New York in 2007, compared with 596 homicides in 2006, police said. Kelly and Mayor Michael Bloomberg announced the statistics at a news conference.

Since 2001 New York's homicides have dropped by a quarter. The city's homicide figure peaked in 1990 at 2,245.

In 1963, when crime statistics started to be recorded, there were 548 homicides. Before then police only recorded the numbers of murders that were solved.

Murder rates and major crime in New York have been declining since the early 1990s when New York had a reputation as one of America's most dangerous cities. Since 2002 New York has had the lowest crime rate among the 10 largest cities in the United States, said the New York Police Department, based on data from the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

New York politicians, including Bloomberg and former mayor and Republican presidential candidate Rudy Giuliani, cite more police and more operations that target high-crime areas as the reason for the decline. —MNA/Reuters

## Nigeria's pipeline fire death toll rises to 45

ABAGBO (Nigeria), 27 Dec— At least 45 people were burned to death on the outskirts of Lagos when fuel they were siphoning from a buried pipeline caught fire, officials said on Wednesday.

Such disasters are frequent in Nigeria, Africa's most populous country and top exporter of crude oil. Nine out of 10 Nigerians live on less than two US dollars per day and many are prepared to take huge risks to obtain free fuel.

On 26 December last year, more than 250 people were killed in a pipeline blast in another area of Lagos.

Philip Daferiogh, a Red Cross official who was still at the scene on

## Chad sentences six French to eight years of hard labour

N'DJAMENA, 27 Dec— Six French aid workers were sentenced to eight years of hard labour each after a court in Chad found them guilty on Wednesday of trying to kidnap 103 children from the African country.

France, while calling the verdict a "sovereign decision", said it would

ask Chad to implement a 1976 bilateral judicial accord which would allow the convicted six to be transferred home to serve jail sentences in their own country.

The court in the capital N'Djamena handed down the sentence on the fourth day of the trial of the six members of the French humanitarian group Zoe's Ark.

They were arrested in October for trying to fly the 103 children, aged one to 10, to Europe.

The court also ordered them to pay compensatory damages of 40 million CFA francs (88,000 US

dollars) for each of the 103 children involved, totalling 4.12 billion CFA francs (nine million US dollars) in all.

After the sentence was read by the court president, the French, four men and two women, were escorted from the courtroom among a jostling mob of journalists, their faces serious.

Defence lawyers and relatives of the six reacted with dismay to the sentence and called on France's Government to work for a solution with Chad that would enable them to be returned home.

MNA/Reuters

## Report says Australians' tsunami aid spent on politics

CANBERRA, 28 Dec — Australia's non-government donations for the 2004 tsunami victims have been found spent in promoting Western values in some Asian countries, The Australian daily reported on Thursday.

A survey by the newspaper revealed that much of the 400 million dollars (344 million US dollars) donated by Australians about three

years ago has been used by aid agencies on "politically correct projects promoting left-wing Western values over traditional Asian culture".

A travelling show by Oxfam, an independent Australian aid organization, in Indonesia encouraged a change of rural male attitudes towards women, the report said.

Another Oxfam project instructed Thai workers in Australian-

style industrial activism and encouraged them to set up trade unions, according to the survey.

A World Vision tsunami relief project in the Indonesian province of Aceh included a lobbying campaign to advance land reform to promote gender equity, as well as educating women in "democratic processes" and encouraging them to enter politics, said the report. —MNA/Xinhua



## Indonesia launches "VIY 2008" to promote tourism

JAKARTA, 27 Dec—The Indonesian Culture and Tourism Ministry has launched "Visit Indonesia Year (VIY) 2008" in an effort to attract more foreign tourists to the country, the Antara news agency reported on Thursday. Indonesian Culture and Tourism Minister Jero Wacik officially declared the start of VIY 2008 at a function in the Jakarta Convention Centre (JCC) on Wednesday night, the report said.

It is projected that seven million foreign tourists will visit Indonesia during the VIY 2008, and the VIY

2008 was aimed at improving the people's welfare through the development of the tourism sector, the report quoted the minister as saying.

Jero Wacik said although the tourist arrivals in Indonesia in 2006 was 5.5 million less than its target of six million, he was still optimistic that the seven million target for 2008 would be reached. "We have prepared more than 100 events across the country in a bid to increase the foreign tourist arrivals," Jero Wacik said before striking a gong

marking the commencement VIY 2008. He called all tourism business people and the public in general to become a good host by being hospitable, help maintain security, and keep their regions clean.

Jero Wacik said his office has prepared 15 million US dollars which will be used to promote the VIY 2008 all over the world, among others, through advertisements on overseas TV stations.

MNA/Xinhua

## Iran, Malaysia's SKS sign major gas deal

TEHERAN, 27 Dec—Iran signed a multi-billion-dollar gas development contract with Malaysian group SKS on Wednesday, Oil Minister Gholamhossein Nozari said, sealing the kind of energy deal that has drawn criticism from the United States. The National Iranian Oil Company and SKS, which is linked to tycoon Syed Mokhtar Al-Bukhary, reached a preliminary 16-billion-US-dollar deal in January to develop the southern

Golshan and Ferdows gas fields and build plants to produce liquefied natural gas (LNG). Nozari described Wednesday's signing as one of the biggest investment deals in Iran's energy sector, coming less than three weeks after China's Sinopec agreed to develop the huge Yadavaran oil field.

"Our main approach is ... Asian countries which are the focus of attention because of their future vast energy markets," Nozari said, according to Oil

Ministry's website.

Iranian media said the two sides signed on Wednesday a contract with a total value of 16 billion US dollars.

But Nozari suggested in remarks broadcast on state television that it concerned only the upstream part, with foreign investment requirements of 6 billion US dollars. The part of the deal regarding LNG production, with investments estimated at 9-10 billion US dollars, would be ready for signing soon, he added.

Washington, which is leading efforts to isolate Teheran over atomic activities which the West fears may be used to build bombs, has sought to discourage foreign companies from investing in one of the world's largest oil exporters.

MNA/Reuters

**South Korean budget domestic carrier Jeju Air said it would sign a contract with Boeing on Friday to buy five 737-800 planes for 363 million dollars, as part of plans to expand internationally.**

INTERNET

## ECONOMIC NEWS



## Serbia adopts 2008 budget with deficit

BELGRADE, 27 Dec—The Serbian Parliament adopted Wednesday the country's 2008 budget with a deficit worth about 0.5 per cent of Serbia's GDP despite advice for a surplus budget.

The law on the 2008 budget was endorsed in the 250-seat Parliament with 132 Parliament members from the ruling coalition supporting the bill and 11 against. The budget foresees state revenues to be 639.6 billion dinars (11.6 billion US dollars) and expenses to reach 654.44 billion dinars (11.87 billion dollars).

The budget expense is 9.9 per cent higher than in 2007, and is based on the predictions that both inflation and the GDP will increase next year at 6 per cent. The largest portion of the budget expense, some 27 per cent, will be earmarked for public sector salaries.

Experts criticized the budget as "bloated" and "loose", estimating that it reflects upcoming presidential and local elections in Serbia. — MNA/Xinhua



## Oil prices close near \$97

NEW YORK, 27 Dec—Oil futures rose Thursday for a fourth day to close near 97 dollars a barrel after government reports showed US crude inventories fell for a sixth week and as geopolitical tensions escalated after former Pakistani Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto was assassinated. Crude for February delivery ended the session up 65 cents to 96.62 dollars a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Earlier it rose to an intraday high of 97.79 dollars in electronic trading.

In its weekly inventory report, the Energy Department's Energy Information Administration said oil inventories fell by 3.3 million barrels in the week ending 21 Dec, more than double the 1.3 million barrel decline analysts expected.

Internet

**A promoter poses with Samsung SDI's 31-inch active-matrix organic light-emitting diode (AM-OLED) FHD TV in this picture released in Seoul on 27 Dec, 2007.—INTERNET**

## Macao's casino revenues in 2007 expected to reach \$10b

MACAO, 27 Dec—Macao's casino industry will likely see record gross revenues of 83 billion patacas (10 billion US dollars) in 2007, an increase of 46.5 per cent over last year, *The Macao Post Daily* reported on Wednesday.

The casinos' gross receipts were expected to reach 8.1 billion patacas (1.03 billion US dollars) in December, the daily quoted a senior official of Macao's Gaming Inspection and Coordination Bureau as saying.

He added that the Las-Vegas-style casino resort MGM Grand Macao, opened on 18 December, recorded gross receipts of 51.5 million patacas (6.6 million US dollars) in its first two days of operations.

The opening of MGM Grand has added to the number of casinos in Macao to 28, including the Macao Palace floating casino that is currently closed for renovation works.

Official statistics released previously also showed that the gaming taxes collected in the first 11 months of 2007 exceeded those for the whole of last year by 34.9 per cent, and direct gaming taxes accounted for 71.4 per cent of the government's total revenue in this period.— MNA/Xinhua



# Iran to get missile system from Russia

TEHERAN, 27 Dec— Russia has agreed to sell an S-300 anti-aircraft missile system to Iran, Iran's Defence Minister was quoted as saying on Wednesday, a report likely to irritate the United States.

S-300 missiles are longer-ranging than the TOR-M1 surface-to-air missiles which Russia, in a deal criticized by the West, earlier this year said it had delivered to the Islamic Republic under a one-billion-US-dollar contract.

Iran is under UN sanctions over its refusal to halt sensitive atomic work that Western powers suspect it wants to master so that it can build nuclear bombs, but they do not ban conventional weapons sales to the country.

"The S-300 system, under a contract signed in the past with Russia, will be delivered to Iran," Defence Minister Mostafa Mohammad Najjar told Fars news agency, without giving details.

"The timing of the delivery ... will be

announced later," he said.

The ISNA news agency carried a similar report.

The United States and Israel — Teheran's arch foes -- have said Iran could use the TOR-M1 system to attack its neighbours. Russia says it is a short-range system and purely defensive. Najjar said last month Iran would never launch an attack against another country but warned that anybody trying to invade Iran would "face a crushing response".

MNA/Reuters



Savanna McCabe, 7, and Mira Bolinger 6, get an upclose look at a baby alligator during a field trip to the Tallahassee Museum of History and Natural Science, on 27 Dec, 2007, in Tallahassee, Florida. Holding the alligator is an employee of the Museum.—INTERNET

## Turkish Govt says prepares to amend free speech law

ANKARA, 27 Dec — Turkey is preparing to amend a controversial law on freedom of speech that has been criticized repeatedly by the European Union and could slow EU accession talks with Brussels.

The Justice Ministry will hand the draft amendment to article 301 of the penal code, which makes it an offence to "insult Turkishness", to the Cabinet within 15 days, Justice Minister Mehmet Ali Sahin told reporters on Tuesday.

It was not clear when the Cabinet would approve the amendment.

Article 301 has been used to prosecute Turkish writers and thinkers, notably for comments on the mass killings of Armenians in 1915 under

the Ottoman Empire.

Two years ago the government tried Nobel literature laureate Orhan Pamuk under Article 301 for his remarks on the events of 1915-16, but he was acquitted on a legal technicality.

The European Commission's annual

progress report on Turkey, published in November, called on Ankara to make "significant further efforts" on freedom of expression and religion, and noted that more people had been prosecuted under Article 301 last year than in 2005.

MNA/Reuters



## Pipeline fire kills at least 28 in Lagos

ABUJA, 27 Dec— At least 28 people were burned to death in Lagos on Tuesday when a pipeline caught fire while local residents were scooping fuel from it, the secretary general of the Nigerian Red Cross Society said on Wednesday.

Abiodun Orebiyi said Red Cross volunteers were still at the scene looking for casualties and the toll might rise further.

"From what people in the area have told our volunteers, it seems that there was a leakage from the pipeline and the people were trying to take advantage of that to scoop fuel," Orebiyi told Reuters by telephone. Police put the death toll slightly higher.

"The incident occurred in the early hours of Christmas Day ... By the time our team located the place they found about 34 charred bodies," said

Frank Mbah, a spokesman for the Lagos state police command.

Mbah said the fire broke out in a swamp area close to the village of Ikate in the creeks of Tarkwa Bay, a short boat ride from the business districts of Lagos Island and Victoria Island.

Such disasters are frequent in Nigeria, Africa's most populous country and top exporter of crude oil.—MNA/Reuters

Francesca, a 12-year-old girl who was the only survivor of a weekend plane crash, was found Tuesday walking near the wreckage of the plane in the 3,500-foot (1,067-meter) high, jungle-laden flanks of the Baru. — INTERNET

## Indian temple enters "Guinness Book of World Records"

NEW DELHI, 27 Dec — The Akshardham temple in Indian capital New Delhi has made it to the Guinness Book of World Records for being the world's largest Hindu temple complex.

A senior official of the Guinness World Records Ltd travelled to India last week to present two world record certificates to the head of Swaminarayan Sansthan, Pramukh Swami Maharaj, the Press Trust of India news agency reported on Wednesday.

Michael Witty, a senior member of the Guinness World Record Main Management Committee, presented the awards to Bochasanvasi Akshar Purushottam Swaminarayan Sansthan (BAPS) under two categories: Most Hindu temples consecrated by a single person and secondly, the world's largest comprehensive Hindu temple.

"His Holiness Pramukh Swami Maharaj, internationally revered spiritual leader and head of BAPS Swaminarayan Sansthan, has created and consecrated in accordance with the Hindu rituals, a world record of 713 mandirs (temples) in five continents between April 1971 and November 2007," the Certificate said. — MNA/Xinhua

A customer checks out Music Store (on a screen) with Apple iTunes at an Apple store in Tokyo. Apple and News Corp's Twentieth Century Fox are set to announce a deal that will allow consumers to rent movies through Apple's digital iTunes Store, media reports said on Thursday.—INTERNET





# Yey Tagun Taung (Waterfall hill)

*Dr Khin Maung Nyunt*

Within easy reach of Mandalay the last capital of Myanmar kings are four sacred hills — Mandalay hill, Yankin hill, Mei U hill and Yey Tagun hill, of them the last mentioned hill is the least known, because it lies a little off the tract. But few years ago a good tarred road has been constructed connecting between downtown area and the foot of the hill and even extending to the summit of the hill. Besides, many modern facilities and buildings have been built to the south-east of the hill such as agricultural school, primary and middle schools, a golf course, etc. In spite of the advent of modernity, Yey Tagun hill remains green, clean and verdant retaining its archaeological and historical features, thanks to the care of Ovadacariya Sayadaw monks, Pagoda Board of Trustees and the public.

Like the other three hills, Yey Tagun hill is shrouded with legends and histories. It is said that this hill has been a Sanctuary (Abhayathana) where all living creatures are protected from all dangers and where ascetics, hermits and forest monks had resided to perform religious practices — concentration of mind (Samatha) and meditation (Vipassana). Alchemists and necromancers also experimented their alchemy to concoct panacea and medicine for the longevity or to make a mercury compound to turn all base metals into gold. Herbalists gather medicinal plants that grow wild on this hill. Rishis and forest monks who reside secluded on this hill are vegetarians keeping the hill as a sanctuary for all life forms.

Legend has it that Yey Tagun Taung hill is one of the nine “Maha hills” which have been traditionally designated sanctuaries for all living creatures both flora and fauna. The list of these nine Maha hills begins with Popa hill and ends with Yey Tagun Taung hill. Thus there is a saying in Myanmar “Popa is the beginning and Yey Tagun is the end”. They are in sequence (1) Popa hill (2) Min Wun hill (3) Shwe Taung (Mindon) hill (4) Maha Myaing Pong Taung (5) Kay La Tha hill (6) Kyaik Hti Yoe Taung (7) Zwey Kabin Taung (8) Dawna Taung and (9) Yey Tagun Taung hill.

There are natural caves with ancient religious monuments on and around Yey Tagun Taung hill. They are (1) Adhipadi Pauk Gu or Ta-wa Gu inside of which is a stone Buddha Image with an inscription saying that it was donated by a couple of Prince and Princess, but no name and date were mentioned. (2) Gu Ni or Moe Paw Kya Gu or Ratana San Shwe Gu in which is a coffin inside which Sayadaw Monk U Panna dhaja meditated, (3) Thone Pauk Gu or Ley Kyun Mann Aung Gu with a pagoda on a stone slab where the holyman Shin Mahtee had practiced Samatha (mental concentration) (4) Saing Waing Gu



*Ahrahat images on Mandalay Yey Tagun Taung hill.*

**Photo by Thaung Win Bo (NLM)**

or Ataung Thone Ze Gu or Kaung Kin Gu or Thagya Gu (5) Khun Hnit Sint Gu or Khun Hrut Htat Gu (6) Shwe Hintha Gu with three layers. Rock formations on the cave wall look like a couple of male and female Brahmany ducks. The last layer is very deep and suffocating inside due to insufficient oxygen. (7) Naga Pauk Gu (8) Hto Ma Gu or Htoo Ma Gu or Maghpo Pauk Gu and (9) many Dhamma Theidi Gus in which Rishis, hermits and holymen in the past had meditated.

There are also many water resources at this hill in the forms of springs, falls, pools and lakes (1) Seven water falls cascading from the hill even in Summer (2) a deep lake called Hsin Ma Htauk Kan which is so deep that elephants dare not go into it. It is kept clean and crystal clear supplying drinking water all seasons (3) Thagyar water well (4) a small spring well on the summit of Mya Kalat hill. The name of this hill “Yey Tagun Taung” meaning the hill of waterfalls epitomises its water resources. It is said and also proved to be true that the chemicals of the natural water of this hill have healing properties — bathing in its cool and clear natural water gives you freshness and body recuperation, cures all skin diseases itch and eyedrop with its water purifies and clears your vision.

Some strange phenomena are witnessed by some monks and people who reside on the hill performing religious practices — balls of mercury compound flying about at night, the neighing sounds of some stones on certain auspicious occasions: on some late nights big boulders on the hill collide producing frightening noises. Remnants of alchemists’ workshops are found at the entrances to some caves and in deep valleys, with medicinal plants and trees growing wild around them.

Prominent Buddhist monuments on the hill are (1) Ko Taung Pyi Pagoda (2) Ley Kyun Man Aung

Zedi (3) Bodhi Man Daing Saya Saing Pagoda (4) Dhat Paung Zedi (5) Hsu Taung Ya Zedi (6) U Pannadhaja Zedi (7) Phayar Kozu Dhammayone (8) Shin Arahan’s Ordination Hall (9) Footprints of a seven years old novice monk who attained Sainthood, which are enshrined in two Pada Zedis (10) Statues and images of guardian spirits of the hill. The forest monks who had resided on this hill and who developed the hill into a Buddha Sasana center were (1) Kyet Htaung Sayadaw U Dhammacari who touched the wild fowls and birds and recited his Abhaya mantra (no danger mantra) so that they be free from all dangers. (2) First Sayadaw U Pannadhaja who recited Metta Sutta Paritta to the wild cats and other ferocious animals roaming on this hill which became tamed to him. He could stroke tigers and leopards of the hill. (3) His two disciples — Sayadaw U Asarya and Nun Daw Omar and (4) his three lay devotees U Ohn Pe, U Khin Maung and Daw Hla Mei (5) Second Sayadaw U Asaya who did many development works such as repairing and renovating old religious monuments, constructing new ones building motor road around and to the top of the hill, flights of steps to the summit, etc. He passed away in 1999 at the age of 83—63 years of ordained age. His memorials beikman was built on the Mya Kalat summit.

Though Yey Tagun Taung hill is accessible as all weather road had been constructed, it is little known to the local people let alone attracting foreign visitors. Monk U Thuta, a lonely forest monk who lives on this hill explains that only on some sabbath days and religious occasion a few Buddhists come up to perform charity. Yey Tagun Taung hill is a must in the itinerary of any visitor or pilgrim to Mandalay.

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Senior General Than Shwe presents Best Cadet Award to Cadet Ko Ko Soe.

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Senior General Than Shwe presents Excellent in Training Award to Cadet Chan Myae Aung.—MNA

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Senior General Than Shwe presents Excellent in Study Award to Cadet Ko Ko Soe.

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### Comrades,

To continue with the Three Capabilities, the military capability is the ability to practise the basic military theory and rules to your advantage, taking into consideration the circumstances you are encountering.

As to the administrative capability, it refers to the thorough completion of general staff, adjutant and quartermaster duties. As military success hinges on strong administration, the entire hierarchy of leaders need to pay atten-

tional politics firmly and broadly in the society you come into contact with.

So, you comrades are to promote firmly and broadly Our Three Main National Causes — Non-Disintegration of the Union, Non-Disintegration of National Solidarity and Perpetuation of Sovereignty.

### Comrades,

You are Tatmadawmen and members of the Medical Corps. The aim of the Defence Services Medical Corps is *Health, Fitness and Combat Capability*. You are to



Senior General Than Shwe inspects cadet companies.—MNA



Dignitary at the Graduation Parade of the 9th Intake of the Defence Services Medical Academy.—MNA

tion to administrative matters.

The organizational capability is the ability to foster a conviction for na-

implement this aim according to your motto: *“Goodwill, Compassion and Harm Reduction”*.

Speaking of medical

practice, according to the saying, *“Health is a great gift,”* one of humanity’s greatest wishes is longevity with freedom from ill-

ness. *To live a long life and be free from illness, health education and prevention are most important.* There’s a Myanmar saying, *“Know what’s*

*wrong, and there’s a cure.”* So once illness occurs, accurate diagnosis followed by correct prescription and treatments is imperative.

With regard to pharmaceuticals, some on the market are substandard, ineffective and cause bad side effects. Countries

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Dignitaries at the Graduation Parade of the 9th Intake of the Defence Services Medical Academy.—MNA



# Senior General Than Shwe attends graduation dinner of 9th Intake of DSMA

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Dec— The Graduation Dinner of the 9th Intake of Defence Services Medical Academy was held at the convocation hall of Defence Services Medical Academy, in Yangon, at 6 pm today, attended by Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe.

Also present at the dinner were Member of the SPDC General Thura Shwe Mann, Secretary-1 of the SPDC Quartermaster-General Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, members of the SPDC Lt-Gen Maung Bo, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than, Chief of Armed Forces Training Lt-Gen Aung Htwe, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Lt-Gen Myint Swe, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and Maj-Gen Tha Aye of the Ministry of Defence, Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung, Chairman of Yangon Division PDC Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win, the ministers, senior military officers, the chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor, the deputy ministers, the director-general of SPDC Office and departmental heads, senior military officers of Mingaladon Station, the rector and advisors to the DSMA, professors and heads of department, faculty members, the graduate officers, their parents and relatives.



After the dinner, artistes of Myawady band, Myanmar Music Asiayon and Myawady Anyeint troupe entertained them with songs and dances.

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**Senior General Than Shwe attends graduation dinner of the 9th Intake of DSMA.—MNA**



**Senior General Than Shwe meets two outstanding cadets and their parents.—MNA**

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in the Orient are now moving away from foreign dependence in the pharmaceuticals sector. Oriental indigenous drugs are becoming well-known for having few side effects and for their effectiveness. Our country also needs to depend more on domestically produced pharmaceuticals for effective treatment.

**Comrades,**

Only when you are outstanding in your

practice of medicine as well as in the Three Capabilities, can you become good Officers of the Defence Services Medical Corps serving the National Tatmadaw with the physical and intellectual prowess to safeguard Our Three Main National Causes. I urge you to continue making unstinting efforts to become *outstanding soldier-doctors*.

**Comrades,**

During this nation-

building period, the National Health Committee has made plans for the health and fitness of the entire People and is implementing it.

In the past, there used to be three Institutes of Medicine and one Institute of Dental Medicine. But now, up to 17 Universities of Medicine and Universities of Paramedical Science have been established. To produce medical professionals with advanced qualifications, 30 doctoral pro-

grammes in applied medicine, 7 doctoral programmes in basic applied medicine and 29 master's degree programmes in medicine are being offered. Among the graduates of the Defence Services Medical Academy, 5 have completed doctoral programmes on basic applied medicine, 7 are doctoral candidates and 348 have completed master's degree programmes.

It has also been stipulated that the State should confer Outstanding Medical Professional Medals on those who contribute to the promotion of Myanmar medical practice and make the nation proud through medical services, or those who pioneer a finding or make innovations. You

comrades should make every effort to bring honour and reputation to your alma mater.

**Comrades,**

My concluding words of counsel to you would be:

- \* to uphold Our Three Main National Causes at all times;
- \* to make every effort to become leaders with the Three Capabilities;
- \* to realize fully the aims of the Defence Services Medical Corps; and
- \* to strive to become outstanding soldier-doctors in line with the aim of the Defence Services Medical Academy.

With this, I conclude my speech.

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### Maj-Gen Tha Aye inspects agriculture and development tasks in Thanbyuzayat, Mudon Townships



**Maj-Gen Tha Aye inspects cultivation of rubber in Thanbyuzayat Township.—MNA**

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Dec—On his inspection tour of Mawlamyine, Maj-Gen Tha Aye of the Ministry of Defence together with Chairman of Mon State Peace and Development Council Commander of South-East Command Maj-Gen Thet Naing Win and officials inspected growing of rubber plants and production process of rubber products at Yaysetaung rubber farm in Thanbyuzayat Township on 25 December.

Maj-Gen Tha Aye and party paid homage to the Kyaikhame Buddha Image and offered gold foils to the Buddha Image.

They looked into the development of Setse Beach and gave necessary instructions.

Next, Maj-Gen Tha Aye inspected the nurturing of BPM-24 and BP-235 rubber plants at Mudon Research and Distribution farm and production of quality rubber products of Myanmar Perennial Enterprise.

Maj-Gen Tha Aye and party viewed growing of physic nut grafts and seedlings at a modern farm in Tapathun village, Mudon Township.

Maj-Gen Tha Aye met with servicemen and their families at the training school of the local station in Thanbyuzayat Township. He gave instructions on regional development tasks and presented gifts them.

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### Traditional Manau Festival on 5-11 January

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Dec—To mark the 60th Kachin State Day which falls on 10 January 2008, the Traditional Manau Festival will be held on a grand scale at Sitapu Manau Ground in Myitkyina from 5 to 11 January 2008.—MNA

### Golden Jubilee celebration, respects paying ceremony organized at Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon BEHS No 1

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Dec — The Golden Jubilee Anniversary Celebration and the ceremony to pay respects to teachers were held at Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon Basic Education High School No 1, here, today.

First, Township Education Officer U Myint Oo, Headmistress Daw Tin Aye Swe, retired headmaster U Thein Lwin and old student Daw Tin Hla cut the ribbon to open the golden jubilee commemorative archway of the school.

Next, old students Dr Win Lat and Daw Su Su Win opened the golden jubilee commemorative square, former head of department U Mya Thein Tun of Institute of Education the golden jubilee commemorative stone inscription and Township Peace and Development Council Secretary U Kyaw Thein the golden jubilee commemorative booth.

Students entertained those present with songs. After that, Township Education Officer U Myint Oo delivered an opening speech. Headmistress Daw Tin Aye Swe explained the efforts for holding the golden jubilee celebration. Teacher Daw Mar Mar Lay recited a poem. Secretary of the organizing committee U Tint Swe donated K 300,000 to the education funds and Township PDC Secretary U Kyaw Thein, on behalf of the chairman, K 1 million for new school building. —MNA

### Warning on prevention of bird flu issued

YANGON, 28 Dec—The following is the warning about bird flu issued by the Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department.

**1. Bird flu outbreak in Mongphyat Township:** According to information received that there was an unusual death of domestic chickens in Yankham Village, Mongphyat Township, Shan State (East) starting from 23-12-2007, a field trip was made right down to the village for a wide range of laboratory tests. H5N1 virus was detected and confirmed on 27-12-2007 and preventative measures against the spread of the endemic were taken. Under the bird flu control programme, necessary measures such as setting up of restricted zones and control zones, culling of poultry in the restricted zones, disinfecting, banning the marketing of chickens in the township, enhancing bio-security, etc. are further taken.

**2. Source of disease infection:** It is assessed that the H5N1 was spread to the area from Kengtung Township where bird flu broke out on 18-12-2007.

**3. Warning:** The Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department issued a warning to the public as follows:

- (a) The entire people including departments concerned to prevent the transport and sale of live poultry and their products
- (b) To enhance bio-security of poultry breeding farms
- (c) Not to mingle chickens with other animals such as ducks, quails, muscovy ducks and pigs
- (d) To inform the LBVD, Livestock Breeding Federation and local authorities of the deaths of chickens, ducks, quails and muscovy if such incident occurs
- (e) To wear masks and hand gloves while entering the poultry farms
- (f) To wash the hands with soap after touching chickens and ducks
- (g) To avoid the consumption and sale of the infected poultry and their products
- (h) To bury the dead poultry and their excrement
- (i) To consume chickens and ducks only after being properly cooked and
- (j) To consume eggs only after being properly fried.

**Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department  
Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries**

### Education Ministry and UNICEF meet

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Dec—A meeting took place at No 2 Basic Education Department (Upper Myanmar) in Mandalay on 24 December to review the education plans of the Ministry of Education and UNICEF: facts for life plan, early-childhood development and nursery plan, and qualified education plan.

Director-General U Bo Win of the Education Planning and Training Department clarified the procedures of the plans. Director-General U Aye Lwin of No 2 Basic Education Department called for drawing work plan.

Those in-charge of the plans reported on work plans, and the attendees assessed them.

Also present were Head of the UNICEF Education Department Ms Niki Abrishamian and officials.—MNA



**Coordination meeting on Myanmar-UNICEF Work Plans Management in progress.—MNA**





*Buildings constructed from ice blocks and lit by coloured lights are the highlights of the Ninth Harbin Ice and Snow World in Harbin, northeastern China's Heilongjiang Province.*

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# Images of the Day



*Snow plough prepares the track for Tour de Ski cross-country skiing event at the Hradcanske square in Prague, Czech Republic, on 28 Dec, 2007. The cross country event takes place near the Prague castle on Sunday Dec 30th.—INTERNET*

*A man walks in a statue of cars at a square in Jiddah, Saudi Arabia.—INTERNET*

## News in brief

- \* A college student withdrew from school after winning the five million yuan (683,000 US dollars) jackpot in a lottery in China's eastern city of Nanjing.
- \* A total of 35 aftershocks was recorded following the earthquake measuring 5.5 on the Richter Scale in Ankara on Thursday dawn.
- \* A total of 165 kilos of pure heroin was seized in eastern Turkey linking neighbouring Iran, local sources told on Thursday.





# ADVERTISEMENTS

United Nations  
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Vacancy Announcement



The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) seeks applications from qualified Myanmar nationals for the following post with UNDP Office in Yangon, Myanmar:

Post Title: Information/Communications Technology (ICT) Analyst  
Level: NO-A  
Unit: ICT Unit, UNDP Yangon  
Duty Station: Yangon  
Contract: Fixed Term

Under the guidance and direct supervision of the Deputy Resident Representative (Operations), ICT Analyst manages ICT services, develops and implements ICT management systems, provides information management tools and technology infrastructure of the Country Office. The ICT Analyst is responsible for review of and advice on the use of new technologies that will enhance the Country Office productivity; promotes a client-oriented approach; heads the ICT Team and supervises staff in the team; works in close collaboration with the Front Office Management Team of the Country Office, Programme and Operations teams; maintains collaboration with UNDP HQs staff for resolving complex ICT-related issues, liaises with Regional Information Officer (RIO), the Regional Bureau Information Manager (RBIM), OIST staff in the regional centres and headquarters in New York; ensures implementation of ICT strategies and introduction/implementation of new technologies; ensures development of information and documentation management system; responsible for management of Country Office hardware and software packages; responsible for effective administration of networking and provision of web management services; ensures facilitation of knowledge building and knowledge sharing.

**Requirements:** Master's degree in Information systems, Information Management (OR) Bachelors with minimum 5 years of experience in, Computer Science or related discipline. Cisco Certified Network Engineer (CCNE) and Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer (MCSE) an asset.

**Experience:** Minimum 5 years of relevant working experience, preferably with UN and other international organizations; experience in development and implementation of ICT strategies, management and supervision of ICT services and teams, hardware and software platforms, telecommunications facilities, knowledge of Windows-based packages/applications, experience in web design and development of web-based office applications.

**Language:** Fluency in English, both written and spoken an absolute requirement; highly knowledgeable in IT language and terms.

Applications with full resume should be addressed to: The Resident Representative Attention: Human Resources Unit No. 6, Natmauk Road, Yangon.

**Closing Date: 14 January 2008 (COB)**

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## INVITATION FOR QUOTATION

1. For and on behalf of the Ministry of Construction of the Government of the Union of Myanmar sealed Quotations with deferred payment for the three years as well as L/C at sight proposals are invited by the Managing Director, Public Works, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar for the detailed design (including the erection procedure), fabrication, supply of materials, erection equipment, and supervision of steel truss erection for LEINLI Suspension Bridge across Paung Laung Chaung, Pinyinana-Pinlong Road, Southern Shan State.

2. The particulars of LEINLI Suspension Bridge may be obtained for USD 5000 by request in writing or in person at the specified price following address.

Managing Director  
Public Works  
No. 11, Ministry of Construction  
Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar.

3. The Quotation should be submitted to the above address not later than 16:30 hours on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2008.

4. When this Quotation is accepted, the Contract will be made in the name of Public Works, Ministry of Construction, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar.

Managing Director  
Public Works

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Post Title: Contracting Services Analyst  
Level: NO-A  
Unit: Service Centre, UNDP Yangon  
Duty Station: Yangon  
Contract: Fixed Term

Under the guidance and direct supervision of the Service Centre Manager, the Contracting Services Analyst is responsible for management of the UNDP projects' Personnel Contracting and Procurement section, ensures effective delivery of procurement services in order to obtain the best value for money, analyzes and interprets the UNDP rules and regulations governing personnel contracting and procurement services; provides solutions to a wide spectrum of complex issues related to personnel contracting services and procurement; promotes a collaborative, client, quality and results-oriented approach in the Centre; works in close collaboration with the operations, programme and projects' teams in the UNDP Myanmar for successful delivery of services; ensures elaboration and implementation of the operational strategies; manages and guides contracting and procurement services for projects; introduction and implementation of sourcing strategy and efficient personnel contracting and procurement tools; ensures proper control of project assets; ensures organization of logistical services for effective implementation of UNDP project activities in the country.

**Requirements:** Master's Degree or equivalent in Business Administration, Public Administration, Finance, Economics or related field (OR) a Bachelors degree with relevant combination of academic qualifications and experience in lieu of Masters degree.

**Experience:** Minimum 5 years of post Master's relevant experience at the national or international level in personnel services contracting and procurement management (OR) or minimum 7 years of experience in lieu of post Masters experience. Experience in the usage of computers and office software packages (MS Word, Excel, etc) and advance knowledge of web based management systems.

**Language:** Fluency in English, both written and spoken an absolute requirement.

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## Five killed in Belgian helicopter crash

MERCHTEM (Belgium), 27 Dec—A private helicopter crashed in fog near the town of Merchtem just north of Brussels on Wednesday, killing its five passengers, a police spokesman said.

The victims were a married couple, their two children and a friend of their daughter, he said. The family were Belgian residents. The cause of the crash was not immediately clear. A Reuters photographer at the scene said visibility in the area was poor because of heavy fog.—MNA/Reuters

## Iran kills three drug smugglers in southeast

TEHERAN, 27 Dec—Iranian security forces killed three drug smugglers and seized 132 kilos of narcotics in a clash in the southeastern province of Kerman, Iranian news agency (IRNA) reported on Wednesday.

The southeast of Iran, near Afghanistan and Pakistan, is a major smuggling route for drugs and other contraband. More than 3,300 Iranian security personnel have died in the region fighting drug traffickers since Iran's 1979 revolution. "These people, in addition to smuggling drugs, used to create fear among people," IRNA quoted a local security officer as saying about Tuesday's operation. The news agency also described them as "rebels" without elaborating. Tourists visiting southeastern Iran have been advised not to travel at night in the area. —MNA/Reuters

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Consignees of cargo carried on MV XIANG FENG VOYNO (7069) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 29.12.2007 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm up to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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## Childhood egg, milk allergies tougher to outgrow

BEIJING, 27 Dec — Children are finding it more difficult to outgrow egg and milk allergies than it was a generation ago, and nobody knows why, say US researchers.

In two studies from the Johns Hopkins Children's Center, researchers followed more than 800

youngsters with milk allergy and almost 900 youngsters with egg allergy for more than 13 years.

They found that the allergies often persist well into the school years and beyond.

“The bad news is that the prognosis for a child

with a milk or egg allergy appears to be worse than it was 20 years ago,” lead investigator Dr Robert Wood, head of allergy and immunology at Hopkins Children's, said in a prepared statement.

“Not only do more kids have allergies, but fewer of them outgrow their allergies, and those who do, do so later than before.”

Earlier research suggested that about 75 percent of children with milk allergy outgrew the allergy by age 3.

But the Hopkins researchers found that only 20 percent of children with milk allergy outgrew it by age 4, and 42 percent outgrew it by age 8.

By age 16, 79 percent no longer had the allergy.

Internet

**British yacht City Index Leopard crosses the finish line in Hobart to come in second during the annual Sydney to Hobart yacht race on 28 Dec, 2007.**

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## Sri Lanka's tsunami rebuilding nearly completed

COLOMBO, 27 Dec — Three years after the 2004 tsunami, Sri Lanka's tsunami rehavilitation effort is nearing completion with more than 80 per cent of the victims being resettled and most of the damaged infrastructure being rebuilt, the *Daily News* said on Wednesday.

According to the

official newspaper, the government has resettled over 80 per cent of the tsunami victims within three years under the tsunami resettlement and rehabilitation programme.

The newspaper quoted figures from the Reconstruction and Development Agency as saying that 99,552 houses had

been provided up to December this year out of the initial requirement of 117,372 units in the island that were affected.

MNA/Xinhua

**In this photo of a screen grab released by Atari, shows the 'Jenga World Tour' translates the popular block-stacking game to the Wii. —INTERNET**

## Apple, Fox sign movie download deal

BEIJING, 28 Dec — Apple Inc and Twentieth Century Fox Film had signed a deal that would allow consumers to download new Fox movies through Apple's digital iTunes Store, media reported on Friday.

Under the arrangement, which is expected to be announced by Apple on 14 Jan, iTunes users can download a copy of Fox latest DVD for 2.99 US dollars from the online iTunes store and can watch them for a limited time. The agreement also allows Fox to use Apple's digital rights management technology on its DVD releases, which means that DVD buyers can rip their movies onto their computers using iTunes and also move those store-bought movies to iPods and iPhones.

Internet



**A street scene in Beijing in October 2007. Beijingers were warned to stay indoors as pollution levels across the capital hit the top of the scale, despite repeated assurances by the government that air quality was improving.**

INTERNET

## Hollywood actress Lohan denies DUI

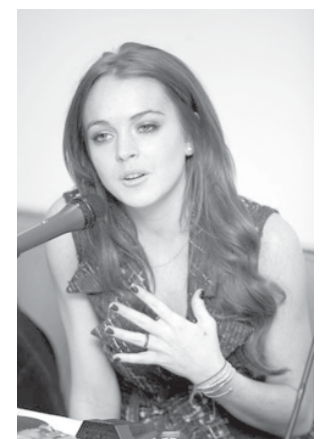
BEIJING, 27 Dec — Hollywood actress Lindsay Lohan said she was not intoxicated before a 2005 car crash near Beverly Hills, according to US media reports Thursday.

The 21-year-old actress was sued by Raymundo Ortega for negligence over the accident, in which Lohan's Mercedes-Benz hit a van and injured him.

The busboy Ortega sought at least 200,000 US dollars in damages from Lohan and the restaurant, The Ivy, where the underaged actress was served alcohol before the crash.

But in a 15 Dec declaration, Lohan

insisted, “I did not consume an alcoholic beverage or any type of medication or drug” either before or during



Lindsay Lohan

her restaurant visit.

Also, the restaurant's waiter Adam Novicki, who served the “Mean Girls” star, said that she did not order alcohol.

Alonzo Howell, a Los Angeles police officer who was providing security for The Ivy that day, also said he di

Lohan counter-sued Ortega in October, alleging Ortega was at fault in the crash for making an illegal U-turn in front of Lohan's car.

A hearing on the motion by the Ivy's lawyers to have the restaurant dismissed as a defendant is scheduled for 21 March.

Lohan served 84 minutes in jail last month after pleading guilty to misdemeanor drunken driving and cocaine charges unrelated to the 2005 crash.

Internet

## China blames lax oversight for deadly landslide

BEIJING, 27 Dec — Chinese authorities have blamed lax supervision

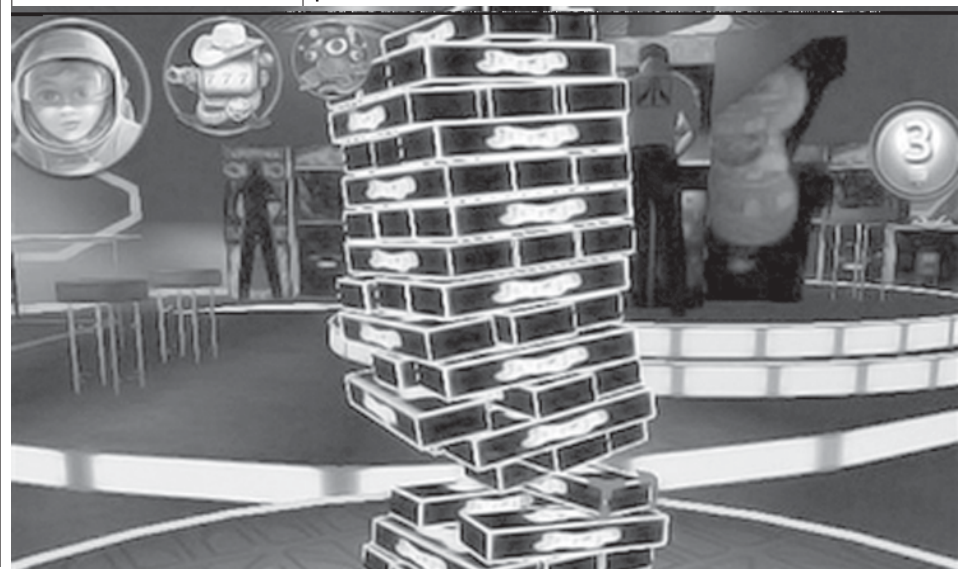
over construction and engineering for a landslide near the massive

Three Gorges Dam last month that killed 35, state media reported on Wednesday.

Xinhua news agency reported, citing a statement released jointly by the Ministry of Railways and the State Administration of Work Safety.

“Although the causes of the accident were complicated, the accident revealed management negligence and loose control over engineering and construction ...” the statement said.

MNA/Xinhua





# SPORTS

## Romania coach Piturca seeks new 4-year deal

BUCHAREST, 27 Dec — Romania are in the toughest group at Euro 2008 but coach Victor Piturca believes they can achieve big things over the next four years and wants a contract to reflect his confidence.

Piturca brilliantly steered Romania to the tournament in Austria and Switzerland next June by winning a strong qualifying group including the Netherlands and Bulgaria. They have been drawn against Italy, France and the Dutch in the first round. "I want a four-year deal with Romania as my plan is to reach not only the 2010 World Cup finals but the 2012 European finals, too," Piturca told *Reuters* in an interview.

"The present squad is at the peak of their maturity and will remain strong enough to achieve major

performances till 2012." Piturca, whose current deal ends after Euro 2008 but can be extended for two more years if he and the Romanian Football Federation (FRF) agree, said he had rejected lucrative offers from two European countries and some clubs. *MNA/Reuters*



**Texas quarterback Colt McCoy plunges into the end zone on a 9-yard touchdown run in the second quarter of the Holiday Bowl football game, on 27 Dec, 2007. — INTERNET**

## Chelsea, Aston Villa appeal to FA over red cards

LONDON, 28 Dec — Chelsea and Aston Villa have both appealed to the FA against the red cards shown to Ashley Cole and Zat Knight in their 4-4 draw at Stamford Bridge on Wednesday. Referee Phil Dowd also sent off Chelsea's Portuguese defender Ricardo Carvalho for a two-footed lunge on Villa striker Gabriel Agbonlahor but the club are not appealing against that decision.

The appeals will be heard by the FA on Friday before Saturday's matches when Chelsea are at home to Newcastle United and Aston Villa travel to Wigan Athletic. Chelsea defender Cole was sent off for a deliberate handball on the goal line deep in stoppage time at the end of the match which resulted in a penalty for Villa that Gareth Barry converted to leave the teams level at 4-4 at the finish. — *MNA/Reuters*

## Santa Cruz snatches late draw for Blackburn

LONDON, 28 Dec — Blackburn Rovers snatched a 2-2 Premier League draw at Manchester City after their Paraguayan striker Roque Santa Cruz scored his second of the night in the 84th minute on Thursday.

City, who had won all their previous nine home league games this season, had been leading after three goals were scored in a thrilling three-minute spell midway through the first half.

Bulgarian midfielder Martin Petrov, in superb form, provided a perfect cross for striker Darius Vassell to head City into a 27th minute lead.

*MNA/Reuters*



**Cleveland Cavaliers forward LeBron James (R) and Dallas Mavericks guard Devin Harris dive for a loose ball in the second half of their NBA basketball game in Dallas, Texas, on 27 Dec, 2007. —INTERNET**

## Iraq ease past Uzbekistan to reach King's Cup final

BANGKOK, 27 Dec — Asian Cup holders Iraq cruised to a stylish 3-1 win over Uzbekistan on Wednesday to book their place in the final of the King's Cup in Bangkok.

Despite missing most of the Asian Cup-winning team, Iraq were in control throughout and netted three second-half goals to set up a final with hosts Thailand, who beat North Korea 1-0 in the second match.

After a drab first half, Iraq piled on the pressure and went ahead on 56 minutes through Salah Alwan, who crept past the Uzbek defence to head home at the near post. Abdullah Wisam Zaki added a second eight minutes later when his perfectly-placed free kick sailed into the top corner from 22 metres.

Pavel Solomin pulled one back for Uzbekistan from the penalty spot for a handball before Mohammed Khaldoun secured the win for Iraq 13 minutes from time when he skipped round the defence and slotted past the Uzbek keeper. — *MNA/Reuters*

## Jokanovic takes over at Partizan Belgrade

BELGRADE, 27 Dec — Serbian First Division leaders Partizan Belgrade named former Yugoslavia and Chelsea midfielder Slavisa Jokanovic as their new coach on Tuesday.

Jokanovic takes over from Miroslav Djukic, who was earlier in the day appointed head coach of the Serbian national team after guiding the

Under-21s side to the European Championship final in the Netherlands in June.

The 39-year-old Jokanovic has no prior coaching experience and was originally assigned to the club's administrative department before Djukic's unexpected departure last week.

Partizan president Tomislav Karadzic was

confident that Jokanovic, who scored 10 goals in 64 international appearances, would carry on successfully where Djukic had left off.

"We believe Jokanovic can bring further improvement to the team and only one of the board members abstained while all the others voted in favour of appointing him," he said.

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## Serie A bottom club Cagliari sack coach Sone TTI

ROME, 28 Dec — Serie A basement side Cagliari have sacked coach Nedo Sonetti and plan to reappoint former manager Davide Ballardini, club president Massimo Cellino has said.

"I'm sorry about Sonetti but I could see the phantoms of (our relegation in) 2000 again," Cellino told Sardinian daily *L'Unione Sarda* in an interview published on Thursday.

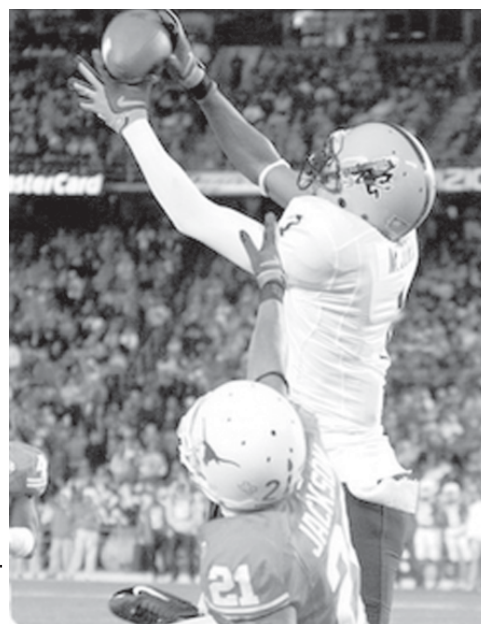
Cagliari have earned just one point since Sonetti replaced Marco Giampaolo last month. They were thrashed 5-1 by Fiorentina on Sunday.

*MNA/Reuters*

## Newcastle's Barton arrested charged with assault

LONDON, 28 Dec — Newcastle United midfielder Joey Barton has been charged with common assault and affray after an incident in the centre of Liverpool on Thursday morning, police said.

The 25-year-old was arrested along with a 19-year-old man and a 27-year-old woman at 5.30 a.m. (0530 GMT) on Church Street in the heart of the north-west England city. Barton remained in custody while the other two were bailed and all three will appear together at Liverpool City Magistrates Court at 10 a.m. on Friday, a statement released by Merseyside Police said. — *MNA/Reuters*



**Arizona State receiver Michael Jones gets above Texas' Erick Jackson to pull in a 22-yard touchdown during the third quarter of the Holiday Bowl football game on 27 Dec, 2007, in San Diego. —INTERNET**

## Former Japan coach Osim out of intensive care

TOKYO, 27 Dec — Japan's former national team coach Ivica Osim has left intensive care and started rehabilitation after suffering a serious stroke last month, local media reported.

The 66-year-old Bosnian collapsed in November while climbing the stairs at his home after watching soccer on television and was in a coma for some time.

"He's in higher spirits than I would have imagined," Japan Football Association General Secretary Kozo Tashima told reporters on Tuesday after visiting Osim.

Tajima was also forced to break the news that Osim had been replaced as coach by Takeshi Okada, 51, who previously served in the same job 10 years ago. — *MNA/Reuters*

## N'Kufo goal salvages point for Twente against Ajax

AMSTERDAM, 28 Dec — Blaise N'Kufo struck two minutes into injury time to salvage a point for Twente Enschede with a 2-2 draw at Ajax Amsterdam in the Dutch League on Thursday.

Feyenoord, 2-0 winners against Sparta Rotterdam on Wednesday, are top with 35 points after 16 matches, two more than PSV Eindhoven, who suffered a 2-1 defeat at Groningen. Ajax remain third on 32 points.

Klaas Jan Huntelaar opened the scoring after 31 minutes with Stijn Huysegems equalizing on the hour.

*MNA/Reuters*



# Egypt hits back at Israeli charges over Gaza

SHARM EL-SHEEIKH (Egypt), 28 Dec — Egypt rejected Israeli complaints about weapons smuggling into Gaza on Wednesday and accused Israel of trying to distract attention from its building activities at Jewish settlements.

After talks between Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and Israeli Defence Minister Ehud Barak, an Egyptian spokesman said Israeli actions had undone the achievements of the peace conference held in Annapolis last month.

Barak came to Egypt on Wednesday to discuss Israeli allegations that Egypt was doing too little to prevent arms smuggling to the Islamist movement Hamas in the Gaza Strip.

He had talks with Egyptian Defence Minister Mohamed Hussein Tantawi, intelligence chief Omar Suleiman and then with Mubarak.

Egyptian presidential spokesman Suleiman Awad said Israel's charges were "a smoke screen to shift attention from settlement construction and the follow-up on Annapolis".

"We are exerting 100 per cent effort but cannot guarantee 100 per cent results. No state can totally seal off its border," he said.

Proposals to build new homes for Jews near Jerusalem "undermine the only achievement of the Annapolis meeting — that is the launch of negotiations", Awad added. — MNA/Reuters

# Brazil's shopping centres register biggest X'mas Sales

RIO DE JANEIRO, 28 Dec — Shopping centres in Brazil registered sales rises from 10 to 12 per cent this Christmas season, the biggest increase in a decade, the Brazilian Shopping Centre Retailers Association (Alshop) said Wednesday.

Alshop estimated that annual revenue of the shopping centers would reach 68.4 billion reais (38.4 billion US dollars) in 2007, up 13.43 per cent from 2006.

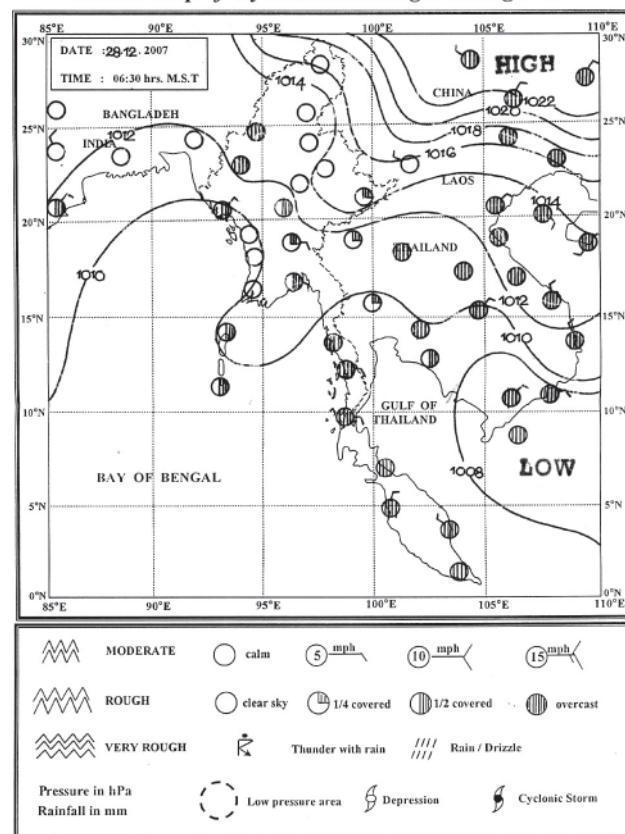
According to the association's President Nabil Sahyoun, 21 new malls were opened this year, which contributed to the sales boom. He said the fall in the country's interest rate and depreciation of US dollars also helped boost sales.

Imported products became "more accessible" to consumers with the current exchange rate, said Sahyoun, who estimated that shopping centers welcomed 1.5 million new clients this year.

According to Alshop, shopping malls in Brazil created 93,000 temporary jobs at the year end, up 10 per cent from the same period in 2006. It predicted that shopping centres' revenue would hit 74.7 billion reais (42 billion dollars) in 2008 as another 76 malls are expected to start business in the next two years.

MNA/Xinhua

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



## WEATHER

Friday, 28 December, 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 December average temperatures in Ayeyawady Division, (5°C) below December average temperatures in Magway Division, (3°C) above December average temperatures in Mon State and about December average temperatures in the remaining States and Divisions. The significant night temperatures were Loilin (-1°C), Pinlaung (1°C), Namhsam and Haka (2°C) each and Heho (3°C).

Maximum temperature on 27-12-2007 was 91°F. Minimum temperature on 28-12-2007 was 59°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 28-12-2007 was 87%. Total sunshine hours on 27-12-2007 was (8.1) hours approx.

Rainfall on 28-12-2007 was (nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2007 was (136.57) inches at Mingaladon, (141.38) inches at Kaba-Aye and (144.29) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from East at (06:30) hours MST on 28-12-2007.

**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 29-12-2007:** Weather will be partly cloudy in Mon and Kayin States, Yangon, Bago, Ayeyawady and taninthayi Divisions and generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions.

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

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

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 29-12-2007:** Generally fair weather.

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 29-12-2007:** Partly cloudy.

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 29-12-2007:** Generally fair weather.

**Weather outlook for first weekend of January 2008:** During the coming weekend, generally fair weather in Nay Pyi Taw and Mandalay Division and partly cloudy in Yangon Division.



Saturday, 29 December  
View on today

- 7:00 am
  1. ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကွန်း ဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃာ့မဟာနာယက အဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ချုပ်၊ အဘိဓမ္မမဟာရဋ္ဌဂုရု၊ အဘိဓမ္မမဟာ သဒ္ဓမ္မဇောတိက၊ တိပိဋက ဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော်ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိဇ္ဇာသာရာ ဘိဝံသ၏ပရိတ်တရားတော်
- 7:15 am
  2. တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ အဂ္ဂမဟာပဏ္ဍိတ၊ ဘဒ္ဒန္တ သီရိန္ဒာဘိဝံသ(ယောဆရာတော်) ဟောကြားတော်မူအပ်သော ဥပ္ပါတသန္တိပါဠိတော်
- 7:25 am
  3. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am
  4. Morning news
- 7:40 am
  5. Nice and sweet song
- 7:55 am
  6. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:15 am
  7. Musical programme

- 8:30 am
  8. International news
- 8:45 am
  9. Grammar made easy
- 11:00 am
  1. Martial song
- 11:15 am
  2. Musical programme
- 11:30 am
  3. Games for children
- 11:55 am
  4. Round up of the week's TV local news
- 12:30 pm
  5. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "စစ်သူကြီးဆွန်ကြီး"(အပိုင်း-၂)
- 1:15 pm
  6. "တို့ခြံထဲမှာခုတော့ဖြင့်ပျော်စရာ" (ရဲအောင်၊ ကိုကိုလင်းမောင်၊ မေသန်းနု၊ ယမင်းကိုကို မင်းထက်ကျော်စင်)(ဒါရိုက်တာ အဝမ်းမောင်လှမျိုး)
- 1:50 pm
  7. မြေကမ္ဘာသာယာစေဖို့သဘာဝပတ်ဝန်းကျင်ထိန်းသိမ်းစို့ (အပိုင်း-၁)
- 2:10 pm
  8. မြစ်ဧရာ၏အစနှင့်မြစ်ကျဉ်း များ၏အလှ (အပိုင်း-၁)
- 2:25 pm
  9. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 2:35 pm
  10. Dance of national races
- 2:45 pm
  11. International news
- 4:00 pm
  1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm
  2. Song to uphold National Spirit

- 4:30 pm
  3. အစားသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေးရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ-တတိယနှစ် (အင်္ဂလိပ်စာအထူးပြု)(အင်္ဂလိပ်စာ)
- 4:45 pm
  4. မြူးမြူးကြွကြွ ယဉ်ကျေးမှုအက
- 4:50 pm
  5. နှစ်(၆၀)ပြည့်လွတ်လမ်းဆွဲ နေ့ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်
- 5:00 pm
  6. မြန်မာ့လေ့ရိုးရာလက်ရာ
- 5:15 pm
  7. Games for children
- 5:35 pm
  8. ရသပေါ်လွင်သရုပ်ဆောင်လွင်ပြင်
- 6:00 pm
  9. Evening news
- 6:30 pm
  10. Weather report
- 6:35 pm
  11. အလှရှာမယ် လှကမ္ဘာဝယ်
- 6:55 pm
  12. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "နေပြည်ဆမ်းမှ" (အပိုင်း-၁၉)
- 7:40 pm
  13. အချုပ်အခြာအာဏာ ဒွန်ရှည်ကြာခိုင်မာစေဖို့ရှေ့ရှု "ယနေ့ကျန်းမာရေးတိုးတက် ဖြစ်ထွန်းမှုများ"
- 8:00 pm
  14. News
- 8:05 pm
  15. International news
- 8:10 pm
  16. Weather report
- 8:15 pm
  17. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ချိုမြိန်သောအချစ်နေ့" (အပိုင်း-၇)
- 8:20 pm
  18. The next day's programme



Saturday, 29 December  
Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music: -One of us
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music -You learn
- 8:50 am National news/Slogan
- 9:00 am Music: -Just a little bit
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music -Because you loved me
- 1:30 pm News/ Slogan
- 1:40pm Music at your request+Music -You -Love takes time
- 9:00pm ASEAN news Exchange news from ASEAN member countries
- 9:20 pm Myanma culture...Dr Khin Maung Nyunt -U Po Kyar's rejoinder to Mr. Nogce
- 9:30 pm Souvenirs -Little town flirt -Moody river
- 9:45 pm News /Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL



# People's Desire

- ★ We favour stability.
- ★ We favour peace.
- ★ We oppose unrest and violence.

## Senior General Than Shwe addresses Graduation Parade of 9th Intake of DSMA



Senior General Than Shwe takes the salute of cadet companies.—MNA

(Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Lt-Gen Myint Swe, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and Maj-Gen Tha Aye of the Ministry of Defence, Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung, Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win, Ministers Maj-Gen Htay Oo, Maj-Gen Saw Tun, Maj-Gen Maung Oo, Maj-Gen Thein Swe, Brig-Gen Thein Zaw, Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein, Brig-Gen Lun Thi, U Thaug, Col Zaw Min, Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint, Dr Chan Nyein, Brig-Gen Thura Aye

Maj-Gen Zaw Win, Directors Maj-Gen Mya Win, Maj-Gen Tin Soe, Col Kyaw Nyunt, Maj-Gen Khin Maung Tint, Maj-Gen Than Aung, Maj-Gen Ngwe Thein, Col Nyan Tun, Maj-Gen Sein Lin, Maj-Gen Aye Myint, Brig-Gen Hlaing Myint and senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, Commandant of National Defence College Maj-Gen Mya Win, Yangon Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, deputy ministers, Rector of DSMA Brig-Gen Yar Pyae, sen-

companies marched past to salute the Senior General.

Afterwards, Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe presented Best Cadet Award to Cadet Ko Ko Soe, Excellent in Training Award to Cadet Chan Myae Aung and Excellent in Study Award to Cadet Ko Ko Soe.

Next, the Senior General delivered an address.

*(The speech delivered by the Senior General is reported separately.)*



NAY PYI TAW, 28 Dec —The Graduation Parade of the 9th Intake of Defence Services Medical Academy was held at the parade ground of DSMA, in Yangon, at 7.30 am today, with an address by Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior

General Than Shwe.

Also present on the occasion were Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence, Secretary-1 of the SPDC Quartermaster-General Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin

Aung Myint Oo, SPDC members Lt-Gen Maung Bo, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and Chief of Armed Forces Training Lt-Gen Aung Htwe of the Ministry of Defence, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, Commander-in-Chief

Myint and Dr Kyaw Myint, Military Appointment-General Maj-Gen Hsan Hsint, Judge Advocate-General Maj-Gen Soe Maung, Defence Services Inspector-General Maj-Gen Thein Htaik, Vice-Chief of Armed Forces Training

ior military officers of local station, parents and relatives of cadets and guests.

At the parade, Senior General Than Shwe took the salute of cadet companies and inspected them.

The graduating cadet

Later, the Senior General left the parade ground.

After the ceremony, Senior General Than Shwe met two outstanding cadets and their parents at the hall of DSMA and cordially conversed with them. —MNA