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The strength of the national unity was strong and Union Spirit flourished

The people were able to establish great sovereign empires when strength of the national unity was strong and Union Spirit flourished. In addition, the nation saw much progress in her political, economic and social sectors during the times. However, when the national solidarity weakened and Union Spirit waned, the political, economic and social sectors were in a state of decline and even the sovereignty was encroached upon.

Senior General Than Shwe
Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council
Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services

(From the message sent on the occasion of the 56th Anniversary Union Day)

Lt-Gen Ko Ko looks into maintenance of Yangon-Pathein Road, construction of Ayeyawady Bridge (Nyaungdon)

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Feb—Lt-Gen Ko Ko of the Ministry of Defence on 3 February heard reports on progress of Yangon-Pathein Road presented by officials at the hall of Bo Myat Tun Bridge in Nyaungdon

Township.

Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Kyaw Swe gave a supplementary

report.

Lt-Gen Ko Ko gave instructions on construction of the tarred road on schedule.

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Hailing the 63rd Anniversary Union Day

Yamanya Land of Mon State bearing fruit in time of Tatmadaw Government

Article: Maung Maung Htwe (MNA); Photos: Tha Nyan (MNA)

In a recent evening of the cold season, we the news crew arrived at Yamanya land of Mon national races where development, peace and stability are prevailing in at the time of Tatmadaw Government.

While visiting various regions of the Union, I understand the motto "only when peace and stability prevails, will the nation develop".

The motto reflected our trip spending about one hour to Mawlamyine from Zwegabin land of Kayin State through Attayan Bridge as a result of better and smooth transportation.

In the past, the Thanlwin River was a natural barrier between Yamanya land and other States and Divisions.

After completion of 11,575-foot Thanlwin Bridge (Mawlamyine), currently the longest bridge in Myanmar, built by the Tatmadaw Government, a new era was opened in the road transportation sector of Mon State.

The number of bridges of over 180 feet long in Mon State rose up to 16 till today from four in 1988. The total length of motor road in the region increased up to 451 miles from 409 miles in 1988.

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Technological University (Mawlamyine) turning out technocrats in Mon State.

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Strive for national development through education

In the world today, science and technologies are advancing rapidly day after day and the economic system of the entire society is in the process of changing into the economic system based on knowledge. Every nation, in their drive for development, is trying to possess human resources highly capable and well versed in modern technologies.

Myanmar education vision is emergence of an education system that can create a constant learning society capable of coping with the challenges of the knowledge age. With this end in view, the 30-year long-term national education plan is being implemented. For emergence of favourable educational conditions, information and technology infrastructure is being built and the computer and electronic systems set up in various regions.

Faculty members of universities and colleges in the higher education sector should always try to keep abreast of the latest developments in their respective fields with the use of modern information and communications technology. At the same time, they are required to try to train their students in such a way that they become qualified graduates.

New generation youths who are to take part in the endeavours for building a new nation need to possess correct national outlook, belief and conviction. As good citizens, they will have to uplift the morale and morality of the entire nation. They should uphold Myanmar traditions and customs, follow religious teachings and abide by the law.

Higher national education is the driving force for national development. Teachers are the first to nurture the youth in order that they come to possess good behaviour, high morale and right way of thinking. The future of the youth is in the hands of teachers.

It is the bounden duty of teachers to take part in the nation-building work by trying their best for the development of the education sector. With goodwill and good intentions, they should strive for the development and prosperity of their nation and people by constantly turning out intellectuals and intelligentsia.

Certificate Course in Basic Diplomatic Skills commences

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Feb—The inauguration ceremony of the Certificate Course in Basic Diplomatic Skills (B C S - 2 3 / 2 0 1 0) conducted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs was held at the ministry in Yangon, today.

Director-General U Paw Lwin Sein of Training, Research and Foreign Languages Department made a speech.

The 12-week course comprises contemporary international affairs, holding and attending of international confer-

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

A&I Minister meets attendees to seminar on promotion of sugarcane and its product



Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo speaking at seminar on promotion of sugarcane and its product.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Feb —Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo met with sugarcane and sugarcane products merchants, producers and staff of Myanma Sugarcane Enterprise who are

attending the seminar on promotion of sugarcane and its product jointly organized by MSE and Myanmar Sugarcane and Sugarcane Product Dealers Association at the Ministry on 5 February.

On the occasion,

the minister said that the ministry is providing assistance for the sugarcane growers to obtain more profits through cultivation of various crops including sugarcane. Moreover, the minister is encouraging

the local growers to transform the manual into the mechanized farming, he said. The minister said that he believes the seminar will contribute to stability of internal and international sugarcane markets.—MNA

Development of Myanmar gems industries discussed



Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint addresses coordination meeting on development of Myanmar gems industries.—MNA

YANGON, 8 Feb—A coordination meeting on development of Myanmar gems industries of the Ministry of Mines was held at Myanmar

Convention Centre in Mayangon Township, here, this afternoon, with an address by Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint.

Officials of Myanmar Gems Entrepreneurs Association and other related organizations discussed arrangements for

enhancement of Myanmar gems industries. After giving necessary instructions, the minister attended to the needs.

MNA

ences, negotiation skills, international law, international economic relations, international etiquette, diplomatic and official correspondence and communication skills.

Altogether 197 trainees are attending the course.

MNA



Director-General U Paw Lwin Sein speaking at opening of Certificate Course in Basic Diplomatic Skills.—MNA



Afghan police men check belongings of displaced families, who arrived from Marjah, at a check post in Lashkar Gah, the provincial capital of Helmand province, south of Kabul, Afghanistan on 7 Feb, 2010.—INTERNET

India successfully tests nuclear-capable missile

NEW DELHI, 8 Feb—India again successfully test-fired a nuclear-capable missile on Sunday that can hit targets across much of Asia and the Middle East, a defence Ministry Press release said.

It was the fourth test of the *Agni III* missile, the statement added. The first attempt in 2006 failed, but the last two tests were successful.

"The *Agni III* missile tested for the full range, hit the target with pinpoint accuracy and met all the mission objectives," the Press release added.

India's current arsenal of missiles is largely intended for confronting archrival Pakistan. The *Agni III*, in contrast, is India's longest-range missile, designed to reach 3,000 kilometres (1,900 miles) — putting China's major cities well into range, as well as Middle Eastern targets.

India's homegrown missile arsenal already includes the short-range *Prithvi* ballistic missile, the medium-range *Akash*, the anti-tank *Nag* and the supersonic *Brahmos* missile, developed jointly with Russia. The missile was launched from Wheeler Island off the eastern state of Orissa on Sunday morning.—*Internet*

Two Swedish soldiers killed, one injured in Afghanistan

STOCKHOLM, 8 Feb—Two Swedish soldiers were killed and another one was injured when their unit came under fire in Afghanistan, according to the Swedish Armed Forces on Sunday.

The Swedish soldiers were attacked when they patrolled west of Mazar-e-Sharif, where Swedish troops in Afghanistan are stationed, the Swedish Armed Forces said in a statement.

A captain and a lieutenant were killed. A local interpreter were also killed in the attack, said the statement.

Xinhua

Five killed, 12 injured in US power plant explosion

MIDDLETOWN, 8 Feb—Five people were confirmed dead and at least 12 others injured in an explosion on Sunday at a gas-fired power plant under construction at Middletown, in the north-east US state of Connecticut.

"We know that 12 individuals have been injured. Five individuals are known to have lost their lives," Middletown Mayor Sebastian Giuliano told a news conference, held at a school around 6 pm on Sunday.

However, Giuliano said the exact number of casualties was not yet available as it was not known how many workers were actually at the site when the explosion

occurred in the main building of the Kleen Energy Plant at about 11:30 am local time.

The natural gas explosion was assumed to be the main cause of the incident that blew apart the power plant, and the possibility of a terrorist attack has been ruled out, the mayor said.

A further investigation is underway.

The power plant is not fully operational yet and the explosion occurred during a testing procedure, according to the city official.

Police seal off the road to the blast site at the Kleen Energy plant in Middletown, Connecticut, the United States, on 7 Feb, 2010.

XINHUA

US military bases in Colombia stab to S America

CARACAS, 8 Feb—Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez said on Sunday that the US bases in Colombia "are a stab against the unity of South America."

Chavez made this simile during his television and radio programme "Hello President" broadcast live from the Bolivar Square in Caracas.

The president also said

that the right-wing in Latin America was being organized to attack the Bolivian Alliance of the Americas (ALBA) and the Union of South American Nations (Unasur).

Chavez said that the US government would not be able to stop the development of the ALBA in Central America despite the coup in Honduras.

Chavez added that the

coup against Honduran ousted president Manuel Zelaya was supported by the United States.

"The US Empire" and the right-wing try to make the next government of Brazil to be subordinated to the imperialist mandate "which also will be terrible for the unity of South America," Chavez said.

Xinhua

Roadside bomb kills four police in S Afghanistan

KABUL, 8 Feb—Four police were killed as a roadside bomb struck their vehicle in Kandahar Province south of Afghanistan on Sunday, a police officer said.

"A Police van ran over a mine planted by militants in south of Kandahar city the capital of Kandahar Province at 2:00 pm local time leaving four policemen aboard dead," Abdul Ahmad Khan told *Xinhua*.

Two passersby sustained injuries in the incident, he added.

He blamed Taliban militants for organizing the bomb, saying the militants by carrying out such attacks want to destabilize security in the province.—*Xinhua*



Afghan policemen investigate a blast site in Kandahar on 7 Feb, 2010. Four Afghan policemen were killed when their vehicle hit a roadside bomb on the western outskirts of southern Kandahar city, senior police officer Abdul Ahad said.

XINHUA

Conflicts producing internal refugees in Afghanistan

KABUL, 8 Feb—Conflicts between Afghan-NATO troops and the Taliban have been producing a number of internally displaced people (IDP) in and around the country's capital city of Kabul.

In Bagrami District, 30-minute ride from the city centre of Kabul, around 100 families from the central province of Kapisa live under shelter of an abandoned market place.

Each 15-square-metre stall accommodates a whole family, which normally has more than 10 members.

Children were trembling in the winter coldness with wood burned as the mere heating system.

There is no electricity or tap water supply at the market compound and the displaced people have to walk for 30 minutes to get clean water from a mosque.—*Xinhua*





A child drinks a soda in a plastic pool on a street during summer in the Southern hemisphere, in downtown Lima on 7 Feb, 2010. —XINHUA

Malaysia's Economic Conference begins

KUALA LUMPUR, 8 Feb—The two-day Malaysia's Economic Conference organized by the Associated Chinese Chambers of Commerce and Industry of Malaysia (ACCCIM) kicked off here on Monday, drawing over 1,000 participants from the country's business and government sectors.

Themed "1Malaysia - New Economic Model", the conference is aimed at

discussing the economic situation and challenges in the country in order to provide inputs to the Malaysian government, especially when the Malaysian government is in the midst of drafting the Tenth Malaysia Plan.

A Malaysia Plan is a five-year plan implemented by the Malaysian government to develop various sectors in the country for the well-being of its people and the na-

tion. Besides that, the conference can also provide suggestions to the government for the soon-to-be unveiled New Economic Model.

The conference is endorsed by Malaysian Finance Ministry, International Trade and Industry Ministry, and the Economic Planning Unit under the Malaysian Prime Minister's Department.

Xinhua

China economy to grow 10 percent in 2010

BEIJING, 8 Feb—A top state-run think tank has forecast that China will return to double digit growth this year, with a 10 percent rise in gross domestic product, state media reported on Sunday.

The Centre for Forecasting Science at the Chinese Academy of Sciences said GDP could grow by 11 percent in the first quarter of the year, before slightly slowing down for the rest of 2010, the official *Xinhua* news agency reported.

Investment was expected to increase as a result of the government's economic stimulus package, but overall growth in investment for the year would fall to 25 percent, *Xinhua* quoted a report by the state-run institution as saying.

China's GDP, which analysts say could overtake that of Japan, expanded by 8.7 percent in 2009. It returned to double-digit growth in the fourth quarter last year, with a 10.7 percent growth — the fastest in two years.—*Internet*



Farmers sell strawberries from carts on a Beijing street on 2 February, 2010. A top state-run think tank has forecast that China will return to double digit growth this year, with a 10 percent rise in gross domestic product, state media reported on Sunday. —INTERNET

Toyota launches hybrid car in Australia

CANBERRA, 8 Feb—Toyota Australia head David Buttner on Monday launched the new Hybrid Camry indicating it would not be plagued with the problems that have affected Toyota models around the world.

Buttner said the car did not have the floor mat problem, blamed for a fatal crash in the US last year, or the accelerator problem, which has forced a recall of 2.3 million Toyota cars in the US market.

"The recall that has been announced on the accelerator pedal doesn't impact any vehicle either imported into Australia, or made in Australia," Buttner told reporters, adding "It's totally different and a totally different supplier."—*Xinhua*

S Korea to spend over \$340m on IT training

SEOUL, 8 Feb—South Korea will spend 401.1 billion won (342.76 million US dollars) on training highly-skilled technicians in the information technology (IT) sector by 2013, the government said on Monday. The Ministry of Knowledge Economy said the new plan will focus on training future workforce by expanding

its investment in enhancing specialized graduate study programmes in the IT field, as it will increase the investment from 49 percent of total budget to 67 percent by 2013.

Given the shortage of

employees with master's degrees, the ministry said the investment in supporting undergraduate level education will drop to 5 percent of total budget from current 38 percent.

Internet

Nokia says accused of securities fraud in US

HELSINKI, 8 Feb—Nokia, the world's top mobile phone maker, said on Monday a class action complaint alleging securities fraud was filed against it in New York on Friday.

"Nokia has reviewed the allegations contained in the complaint and believes that they are without merit.

Nokia intends to defend itself against the complaint vigorously," it said in a statement.

Nokia said the US suit related to information it gave about production and sales of some of its devices in statements made between 24 January, 2008 and 5 September, 2008.

Internet

Boeing says 747-8 freighter to make first flight

SEATTLE, 8 Feb—Boeing Co's giant 747-8 freighter should make its first flight on Monday after performing well on taxi tests and reaching a top speed of about 103.5 mph, the company said.

At 250 feet long, the plane is the largest Boeing has ever built and about 18 feet longer than the existing 747-400 jumbo

jet.

The company conducted taxi tests on the freighter on Saturday at Paine Field in Everett, north of Seattle.

"Based on early indications, the airplane is ready to fly," said Mo Yahyavi, the 747 programme's vice president and general manager.

Boeing also is developing a passenger version

of the plane.

It lists 76 orders for the freighter and 32 for the 747-8 passenger jet, with the vast majority from international customers.

The company says the jets will be much quieter, more fuel efficient and have lower emissions than current 747-400 models.

Internet



Spectators gather to watch the new Boeing 747-8 freighter during taxi tests for the new airplane on 6 Feb, 2010 at Paine Field in Everett, Wash. The plane is longer than previous 747 models and adopts technology used in the composite 787 Dreamliner for the new 747-8's wings, engines and cockpit. —INTERNET



Housewives bake pancakes on a giant griddle during an exhibition contest in Yinan County, east China's Shandong Province, on 7 Feb, 2010. —XINHUA

EU science exhibition opens in Spanish city

MADRID, 8 Feb—The European Union on Sunday opened an exhibition on art, science and technology in the Spanish Basque city of San Sebastian. The exhibition, opened by Spanish Science Minister Cristina Garmendia, aims at promoting the image of the 27-nation bloc as a center for research and development.

Visitors will see 10 R&D works which reflect to certain extent the new artistic trends such as "bio-art", artificial life, wearable technology and interactive spaces. "The European economy needs this historic moment more than ever with creativity and knowledge to overcome the current problems we are facing," said the Spanish minister.—Xinhua

China, Russia to strengthen regional cooperation

BEIJING, 8 Feb—China and Russia would strengthen coordination to better implement the regional cooperation programme approved by state leaders last year, officials from the two countries said here on Sunday.

The statement was made by Zhang Guobao, head of the National Energy Administration and vice minister of the National Development and Reform Commission, and representatives of the Russian government, at the China-Russian regional cooperation symposium.

In September 2009, Chinese President Hu Jintao and his Russian counterpart Dmitry Medvedev approved the cooperation programme between northeast China and Russia's far east and east Siberian region.

Zhang said the cooperation programme, covering many fields, included more than 300 key projects in local cooperation and infrastructure construction and transformation.—Xinhua

Finnish-owned cargo ship loses hazardous material overboard in the Baltic Sea

HELSINKI, 8 Feb—Several tonnes of hazardous material slipped off the deck of a Finnish-owned ship into the Baltic Sea on Saturday morning, local media reported on Sunday.

The accident occurred

near the southern coast of the Swedish island Gotland. The ship's owner Langh Ship Company said three containers fell overboard after one container on deck collapsed under the weight of three others. One of the containers holds several tonnes of material used in the chemi-

New mayor in Okinawa remains opposed to US base plan

TOKYO, 8 Feb—Susumu Inamine on his first day in office as mayor of Nago City, Okinawa Prefecture of southern Japan, told local reporters on Monday he remains unequivocally opposed to plans to relocate the US Marine Corps Futenma Air Station to his city.

Inamine, 62, an independent who won the mayoral election in Nago on 24 Jan with a majority of 52 percent, said he plans to voice his objections about the building of

a new base under the current Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA) made between Washington and Tokyo in 2006, to Japan's central and prefectural governments.

"I hope to put an end to the relocation issue soon," Inamine said at a Press conference at a city office in Henoko, the proposed site for the new base.

Inamine later told local media, city officials and elders, "I think the base will not come to Henoko. The prime minister must

be thinking so, too. I will stick to my opposition against building a new base."

The new mayor campaigned on a platform of staunch opposition to the relocation of the US airbase in Futenma, Ginowan city, to Nago, and has the support of the country's ruling Democratic Party of Japan's (DPJ) junior coalition members: the Social Democratic Party (SDP) and People's New Party (PNP).—Xinhua



Meng Meifang, a local folkartist of papercutting, shows her handicraft of a paper tiger, during an activity of delivery of the traditional Chinese folk New-Year Pictures and Couplets Scrolls to the quake-affected people living in Ningqiang County, northwest China's Shaanxi Province, on 6 Feb, 2010. —XINHUA

S Korea cites fairing assembly for "half successful" space rocket launch

SEOUL, 8 Feb—South Korea's "half successful" launch of the Korea Space Launch Vehicle-1 (KSLV-1) last year, its first locally developed space rocket, was caused by problems in the fairing assembly, an independent private panel said on Monday.

The investigative panel headed by Lee In, a professor of aerospace engineering at the Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST), said its research showed a structural error in the fairing assembly's separation explosive mechanism, as they concluded it may have been the main cause of the two-stage rocket's failure to launch properly in its first attempt on 25 Aug.

"Our investigations indicate that faulty electrical discharge in the Fairing Separation Driving Unit may have prevented the explosives from going off or it may have been a structural problem that held the fairing in place even after the explosion took place on-time," said the head of the panel.

Lee added they shared the examination results with its Russian partner in the joint rocket project, the Khrunichev State Research, and received no objections to the conclusions they reached.—Xinhua

All Items from Xinhua News Agency

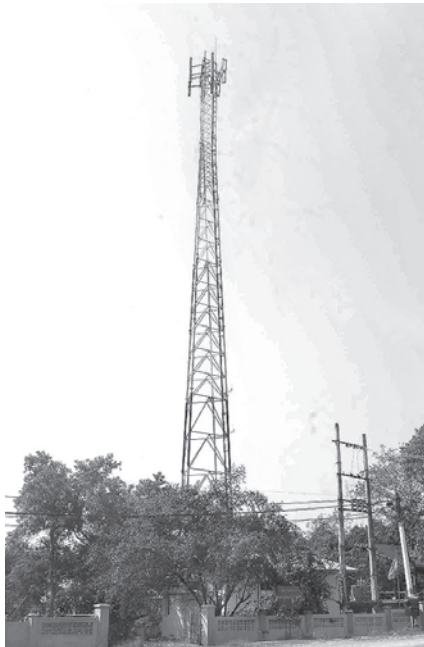


Mrs Li lies next to her newborn baby, as the mother and baby are under intensive medical care and observation in the obstetrics and gynaecology department of the People's Hospital of Handan City, north China's Hebei Province, on 7 Feb, 2010. The pregnant passenger Mrs Li who traveled on the K186 train suddenly came up with vehement symptoms of parturition in early 7 am as the train passed by Handan Railway Station. —XINHUA

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A tower of Myanma Posts and Telecommunications built for mobile communication system in Mon State.

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In addition, the people of Mon State can travel to all regions of the Union through the railroad network.

The communication sector plays a pivotal role in building a peaceful, tranquil, modern and developed new nation.

In 1988, there were three telegraphic offices, 58 post offices and 11 telephone offices in Mon State. So far, the region has been equipped with 10 telegraphic offices, 64 post offices and 33 telephone offices.

Mon State Manager U Myo Swe of Myanma Posts and Telecommunications said, "MPT is making all-out efforts in transforming the Analogue telephone system into the modern digital system. Although there was one Mawlamyine auto-exchange, Mon State has been facilitated with 16

auto-exchanges now. At present, an auto-exchange project is underway in Kyaikmaraw Township. On completion of the project, all 10 townships of the state can operate auto-telephone system. Recently, auto-exchanges were opened in Paung, Mottama and Zinkyaik of Paung Township. Now, the ADSL broadband Internet system is being installed in Mawlamyine and Thaton. Three GSM stations in Mon State have been installed with over 2300 GSM mobile telephones. At present, over 7,000 CDMA telephones and about 500 PCO telephones are being used in the state for covering six CDMA-450 stations."

While in Mon State, we had an opportunity to visit the post offices and telegraphic offices that are giving express services to the users by applying modern machines.

As today is

Knowledge Age, Mawlamyine of Mon State was designated in the 24 special development regions project to produce well-versed human resources. Technological University, University of Computer Studies, Mawlamyine University and a 200-bed general hospital were opened in Mon State with the aims of providing better health care to local people and enabling local national race youths to pursue higher education in their region.

In the basic education sector, Mon State had 1205 basic education schools in 1988, and now the number of schools rises to 1361. Mon State achieved success by securing the first prize in the pass rate of matriculation examination for 2008-2009 academic year in the entire nation. As Yamanya land is blessed with fertile soil and favourable weather, paddy, rubber, lychee, durian, pomelo,

Development of Mon State in the time of Tatmadaw Government

No.	Subject	Unit	1988	2009	Progress
1.	Arable land	acre	891596	2120049	1228453
2.	Dam	number	3	6	3
3.	River water pumping station	number	-	5	5
4.	Protected public forest	sq/mile	-	61.66	61.66
5.	Railroad	mile	195	315.03	120.03
6.	Motor road	mile	409	453	44
7.	Above 180-foot bridge	number	4	16	12
8.	Post office	office	58	64	6
9.	Telegraphic office	office	3	19	16
10.	Telephone office	office	11	35	24
11.	Microwave station	station	8	9	1
12.	Hydropower plant	plant	1	11	10
13.	State-owned factory	plant	-	17	17
14.	Basic education school	school	1205	1362	157
15.	Education college	school	-	1	1
16.	Technical universities	number	-	1	1
17.	University of computer studies	number	-	1	1
18.	Hospital	number	20	31	11

mangosteen, edible oil crops and beans and pulses can be produced there. In 2009-2010 cultivation season, over 1 million acres of land have been put under monsoon and summer paddy.

In order to boost multiple cropping, Mon State Peace and Development Council distributes quality strains of sunflower, beans and pulses and sesame to the

local farmers.

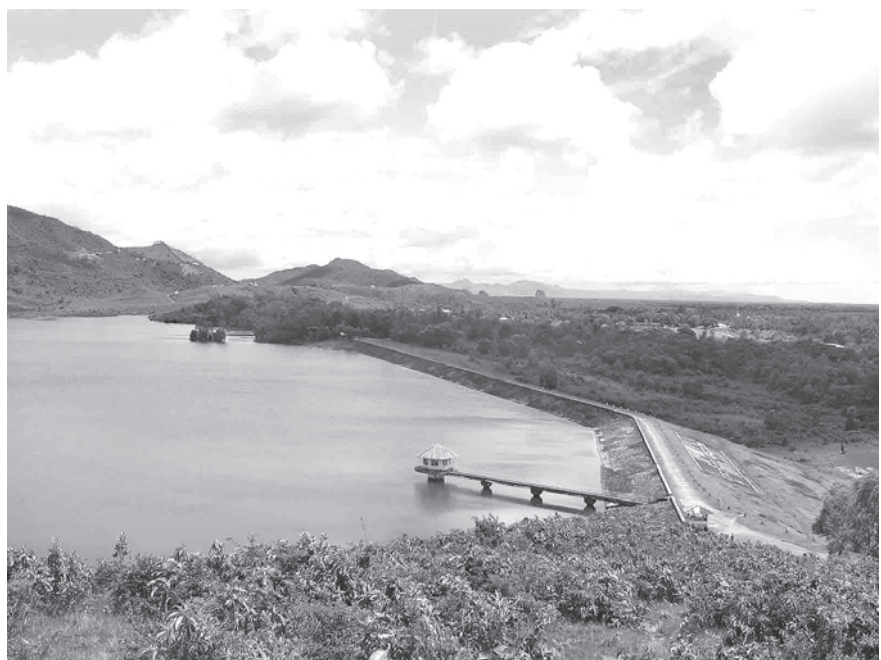
Moreover, the Mon State PDC also supplies 35,194 bags of Urea fertilizer on credit and sells Yamanya multi-purpose fertilizer manufactured by Myanma Agriculture Service at faire price to the local farmers.

At the Central Agricultural Farmin Mudon, staff members are striving for production of suitable quality paddy strains for the

region, conducting agricultural research and undertaking quality control for crop seeds.

In accord with the guidance of the Head of State, a plan was adopted to grow 400,000 acres of rubber in Mon State to be the rubber station. So far, efforts are being made to produce 100,000 tons of rubber at a prime time for collection of rubber latex

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Shwenattaung Dam benefiting a large number of farmlands in Mawlamyine Township.

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Attayan suspension bridge in Mon State contributing to better transport of local people.

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at 300,000 acres of
rubber plantations.

Before 1988, the land of Yamanya had only 76,607 acres of rubber. Now, Mon State has 40.42 per cent rubber sown acreage of the whole nation, 60 per cent latex collection acreage and 62 per cent rubber latex production. Therefore, Mon State is top rubber cultivation and production region in the nation.

We also visited Mudon Research and Plant Propagation Farm. The farm, located on 5465.91 acres of land, is conducting rubber research, producing rubber budding, preserving the rubber strains and growing rubber saplings.

As a result of possessing abundant water resources, the developing salt industry and fishing work are contributing to the economy of Mon State.

During the visit, we observed Panga salt farm of Myanma Salt and Marine Chemicals

Enterprise in Panga
Village of Thanbyuzayat
Township.

Mon State
Manager U Sein Han and
Manager of Panga Salt
Farm explained, “**State-
owned and private-
owned salt farms are
being operated in Mon
State. Efforts are being
made to produce salt to
meet the target in the
2009-2010 salt**

production season. Last year, the State disbursed over K 65.5 million special loans to the salt entrepreneurs of Mon State. They all paid back the loans to the government in December 2009. Panga salt farm commenced on 260 acres of land in 1968-1969. Now, the 1016.29 acres of farm is undertaking its tasks on 816.60 acres of land, and a plan is under way to carry out the tasks on its designated land. At present, the farm is producing sun-dried salt, coarse magnesium sulphate, magnesium chloride and potassium chloride.”

After visiting the Panga Salt Farm, we

proceeded to Karoppi Model Village of Thanbyuzayat Township where fishery and salt farming are thriving.

Karoppi Model Village with 980 households of over 1020 population has made progress in all aspects. The people of the village are engaged in fishery,

salt farming and cultivation of paddy, rubber and various crops.

The villages own about 40 trawlers and send their catch to the cold storage of Mawlamyine as soon as possible.

While conducting us around the development tasks of the

village, village elder U Kar Toon said, "In the past, most of the fish we caught went bad in the village due to poor transport. After upgrading the railroad bridge to the bridge for motor vehicles under the supervision of the State and the local authorities, our village develops. Over 300-foot reinforced concrete bridge is being built on a self-reliant basis, and concerted efforts are being made to open it this year. Upon completion, it is sure that our village and region will develop more than in the past because we can transport commodities with the use of 60-ton-capacity vehicles."

We visited the rural delivery room, dispensary, Pyinnya Beikman library, self-reliant fire engine, telephone office, computer training room, smooth and long tarred roads and modern housings in the village. Indeed, Karoppi Model Village is like a town.

During our visit, we could not fully observe all-round development of Yamanya land in a short time.

On our way back home, I remembered the development images on farmlands and croplands, fishery and salt farming of Mon State.

At the same time, the collapse of some East European countries in the 1990s and miseries of the people from some collapsed nations in the recent period appeared in my mind.

I realize the valuable nature and profound meaning of Our Three Main National Causes — Non-disintegration of the Union, Non-disintegration of national solidarity and Perpetuation of sovereignty. Only when peace and stability prevails, will the country develop. Thus, the Union will be in blossom with development flowers with peace and prosperity forever.

Translation: TTA

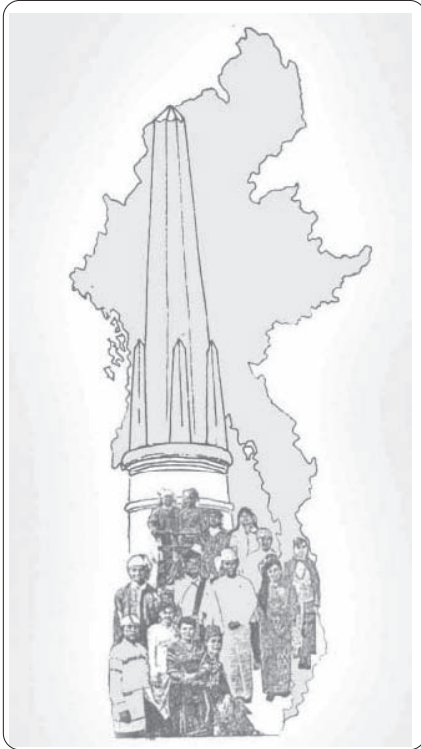


Photo shows Mawlamyine Railway Station that plays an important role in rail transportation from Upper Myanmar to Lower Myanmar.

Hailing the 63rd Anniversary Union Day

Keep the vigour of the Union alive

Tekkatho Nyo Nyo Thant



The Union of Myanmar is home to various national races who have been living with amicable relations through thick and thin in time immemorial, benefiting greatly from the four rivers — Ayeyawady, Chindwin, Sittoung and Thanlwin and harnessing rich natural resources.

The people are very proud of the national prestige that they are descended from a single people that has existed in the land now known as the Union of Myanmar for millions of years, and

they have developed with high civilization into more than 100 national races such as Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Bamar, Mon, Rakhine and Shan, whose common name is Myanmar.

National races have preserved a fine tradition of sharing joys and sorrows as an inseparable community for aeons. As a result of preserving such fine traditions, the ethnic groups have developed into a highly-civilized people called Myanmar with high national prestige and integrity. Myanmar people are quick in action

and strong. So, they react effectively and quickly to circumstances in times of emergency.

In the course of the Myanmar history, all national races have remained harmonious and cohesive in repulsing alien threats. That is why the Union of Myanmar has stood tall as a sovereign nation in the international community.

The long history of the Union of Myanmar indicates the notable point that the national races enabled their motherland to stand tall in the global family due to their nationalistic fervors such as spirit of national solidarity, Union Spirit, anti-colonialist sentiment.

Myanmar stood tall with own monarchy and sovereignty for thousands of years. However, it fell into alien subjugation for more than 100 years owing to disintegration of national unity stemming from the hatred and doubts sowed among them by the colonialists. Indeed, it is a painful lesson for all national brethren.

The colonialists exercised the Divide-and-Rule Policy with the intention of dividing the Union into separate parts and undermining the consolidated national unity and friendly relations among national races. They intentionally laid down a wide range of schemes to widen the development gap between one region and another,

and generating enmity between one national race and another.

Geographically, Myanmar stretches long between its northern and southern parts, and has many protruding parts. So, it has a weak point in terms of structure. It has many plains surrounded by mountain ranges that form natural barriers between highlands, which are difficult of access, and plains, which are easily accessible. In consequence, national races were in no position to deal with one another, and there was social and economic growth gaps between them.

The colonialists took full advantage of the natural barriers by driving a wedge between the highlands and plains. They designated the mainland and registered regions to distance the two parts from each other. They also promulgated a variety of laws to restrict relations between hilly regions and plains.

Moreover, they practised many plans to break up national unity. They formed armed forces of national races of hilly regions, and used them in suppressing the revolutions of national races of the plains. They organized national races without particular religious faiths to follow their religious faith and used them as human shields. On account of that evil legacy, Myanmar

faced armed conflicts for over 40 years soon after regaining independence, and has stood on the verge of collapse three times. In addition, many plans still have a long way to go to cope with the evil consequences.

So, the 12th of February, on which the Panglong Conference was convened and the Panglong Agreement was endorsed unanimously to conceive the sovereign independent Union of Myanmar, was designated as the Union Day in recognition of the consolidated national unity built to surmount the colonialists' wicked schemes. Therefore, all national brethren have to always remember in mind that Union Day is an auspicious day with strong

sense of national unity among them.

Learning the painful lessons from past incidents, the State Peace and Development Council adopted the National Policy "Non-disintegration of the Union, Non-disintegration of national solidarity, and Perpetuation of sovereignty". Since then, it has been immersed in the drive for perpetuation of the Union of Myanmar as a peaceful, modern and developed nation. Now, it has managed to put an end to armed conflicts and brought about national reconsolidation. The whole nation including border areas has enjoyed stability and community peace and significant

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Poem

Beautiful Land

- * All the small creeks and rivers come together as one
Forming the Ayeyawady, a mighty and magnificent river
Brethren of the family
All in unity as Myanmar in dignity
- * Renowned all over the world for their matchless bravery
Stable in the mind of Myanmar
Heart of nobility and sincerity
Friendly people with generosity
Amiable and highly civilized
But they in unity crushing and warding off all intruders and enemies
Trying to commit unjust acts of aggression
Panglong stands witness to unity and nobility
- * O, Myanmar in unity and harmony
Fostering glorious Panglong Spirit
Work with own ability
For developing Union
Only when all unjust sanctions
And evil enemies are gone
Brethren land be able to build
With the enormous strength
The beautiful prosperous land

(Hailing the 63rd Anniversary Union Day)
Nyunt Hlaing Win (Kungyangon)

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The government has the Border Areas and National Races Development Project, the

24 Special Regions Development Project, the Rural Areas Development Project on the go to narrow

the development gap between one region and another, and ensure equitable development of all parts of the Union. Now, the government has laid enough basic foundations to improve the political, economic, social, education and health infrastructures in its bid to improve the social-economic life of the people.

In a word, the Union of Myanmar is now on track for greater development due to the prudent drives.

For ensuring perpetuation of independence and sovereignty, all national races are required to join hands firmly forever in safeguarding the motherland and ensuring non-disintegration of the Union and national solidarity. The State's seven-step Road Map designed to build a peaceful, modern and developed nation, is the only way for democratic transition. Now, it is in its fifth step of holding the multiparty democracy election systematically.

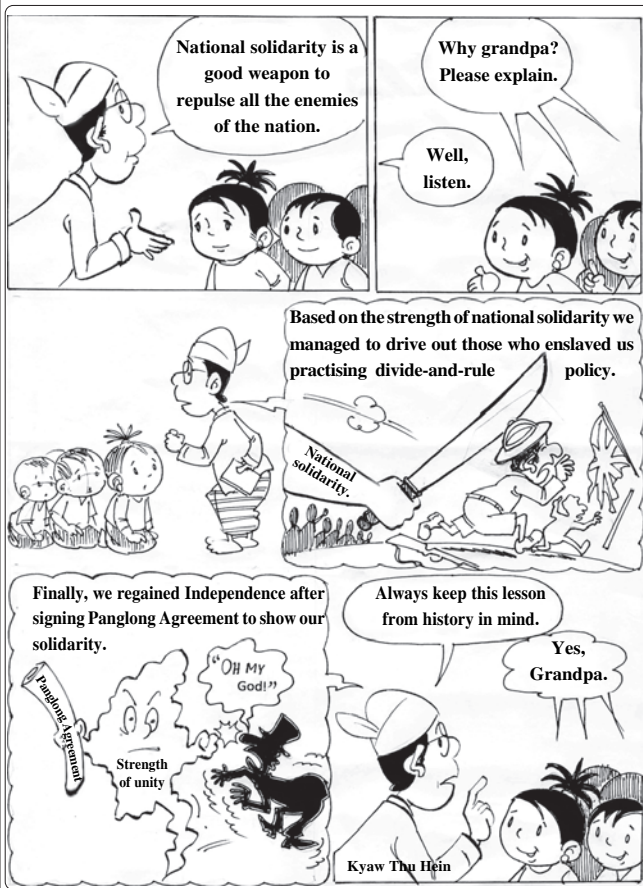
In conclusion, I would like to urge the entire people to take a more active role in the programmes for successful completion of the seven-step Road Map.

Translation: MS

63rd Anniversary Union Day Objectives

- * For all national races to uphold the national policy—non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity, and perpetuation of sovereignty
- * To boost the sense of Union Spirit of the national people
- * To defend and safeguard the Union with consolidated unity of all national races against dangers posed to disrupt State stability and development by internal and external subversives
- * For all national races to work harder to build a modern, developed, discipline-flourishing democratic nation in line with the State Constitution approved with the great majority of the ballot
- * For all national races to make concerted efforts for successful accomplishment of the seven-step Road Map

Lesson from history



Poem

Amity and Unity through thick and thin

Ayeyawady River as the witness
Brethren of Union
Having full strength and unity
Kin of the same family
Fostering unity since yore
Glory and victory
Of the Union, the motherland
Finding in every chapter in the past history
Knowing the true events
Having clear vision and awareness and
Preserving heritage in own territory
All the people of the country
In harmony and unison
Striving in togetherness
In weal or woe
Living they for ever
Always beautiful is our country

(Hailing the 63rd Anniversary Union Day)

Ko Ko Thet (Dawei)

Lt-Gen Ko Ko looks into maintenance of Yangon-Pathein...

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He inspected upgrading of the approach road to the bridge in Pathein on the bank of Ayeyawady Bridge. At the construction site of Ayeyawady Bridge (Nyaungdon) in Nyaungdon Township, Lt-Gen Ko Ko viewed drilling for piers No. P-19 and P-20, and gave necessary instructions.

Lt-Gen Ko Ko looked into thriving sunflower and mung bean plantations



Lt-Gen Ko Ko of Ministry of Defence views thriving sunflower and mung bean mixed cropping plantation in Bawaing Village of Pantanaw Township.—MNA

in Bawaing Village of Pantanaw Township and summer paddy and sunflower strains at Shwenyaungnabin agri-

cultural farm.

He viewed tarmacking of the road section between miles posts 66/3 and 66/4 on

Yangon-Pathein Road and extension of Pathein-Monywa Road at Yenatha junction near Yenatha Village of Ngathaingyaung

Township.

In Konbyin Model Village of Yekyi Township, Lt-Gen Ko Ko inspected progress in con-

struction of Thida Konbyin Station Hospital and cordially greeted the local people.

MNA



Commander meets Union Day delegates

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Feb—Chairman of the Management Commit-

Commander Maj-

Gen Wai Lwin

cordially greets

Union Day

delegates.—MNA

tee for Organizing the 63rd Anniversary Union Day Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin met members of the management committee, officials and Union Day delegates at No. 7 Transit Centre, here, this afternoon.

The commander cordially greeted the Union

Day delegates of the States and Divisions.

Next, the commander inspected the clinic and traditional medicine clinic of the health subcommittee, the post office of the accommodation and communication subcommittee and the mess hall, and left necessary instructions.

MNA

Industry-2 Minister visits Magway Industrial Region

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Feb—Minister for Industry-2 Vice-Admiral Soe Thein heard reports on progress in construction of the Heavy Truck Factory and the Transmission Plant presented by officials at Magway Industrial Region yesterday.

The minister instructed them to install machines as soon as possible, systematically practise thrifty, spend money on direct production matters and prevent loss and wastage.

Later, the minister inspected construction of the factory and the site chosen for Technical Training School (Magway).—MNA

Minister for Industry-2 Vice-Admiral Soe Thein inspects progress in construction of Heavy Truck Factory in Magway Industrial Region.

MNA



Talks on MFRS for SMEs (Part-III) on 28 Feb

YANGON, 8 Feb—Executive of Myanmar Certified Public Accountant Association Professor U Maw Than will give talks on MFRS for SMEs (Part-III) at the office of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry in Lanmadaw Township here at 8 a.m. on 28 February.

Trainees of Certified Public Accountant (Sec-

ond Semester) and enthusiasts who want to attend the talks may enlist at the office of the association on the first floor of Auditor-General's Office Training Centre on Thakhin Mya Park Road not later than 24 February. Member card number, private accountancy permission number and National Registration Card number are required in enlisting.

MNA

Myanmar Tennis Championship on 13-17 Feb

YANGON, 8 Feb—Myanmar Tennis Federation will hold Myanmar Tennis Championship at Theinbyu Tennis Court in Mingala Taungnyunt Township from 13 to 17 February.

Men's and Women's open single and double events. Men's (over 35, over 45, over 55 and over 60) single and double events will be included in the championship. The athletes may enlist at MTF (Ph: 381991 and 381992) (Theinbyu Tennis Court) not later than 12 February noon.

MNA

Take Fire Preventive Measures



Space Shuttle Endeavour lifts-off from the Kennedy Space Center at Cape Canaveral, Fla on 8 Feb, 2010. Endeavour's six member crew will deliver a large room with a cupola to the International Space Station.

INTERNET

Iran tests home-made stealth fighter

TEHERAN, 8 Feb—An Iranian air force commander said on Sunday that Iran has successfully tested the prototype of its first domestically-built stealth fighter, the English-language satellite Press TV reported.

"The plane, due to its physical attributes and the material used in its body, cannot be detected by any radar," Brigadier General

Aziz Nasirzadeh, the force's coordination deputy, was quoted as saying.

Nasirzadeh said data from the test flight was favourable and the air force will move forward with its plans to produce the plane called Sofreh Mahi, which means Manta Ray, the report said.

However, he said that

the production process will not be rushed as such complex systems need thorough analysis and exhaustive testing.

According to Press TV, Iran on Wednesday successfully test-fired a satellite rocket and unveiled three new satellites and a satellite carrier to mark the 31st anniversary of the Islamic revolution.

Xinhua

Space shuttle blasts off on last night flight

CAPE CANAVERAL, 8 Feb—Space shuttle *Endeavour* is rocketing toward the space station on one of the shuttle programme's last scheduled missions.

Endeavour and its crew of six blasted off on early on Monday. The pre-dawn launch was the last one in darkness if the rest of the shuttle schedule holds. Only four more shuttle flights are left.

Endeavour is carrying a new room for the *International Space Station* and an observation deck.

These are the last major pieces for the orbiting complex.

The shuttle is scheduled to reach the space station on Wednesday.

Its flight was delayed a day by cloudy weather.

Internet

Seven people injured in home gas explosion in Ukraine

KIEV, 8 Feb—Seven people have been injured in a gas explosion in the Dnipropetrovsk region on Monday morning, the *Interfax Ukraine News Agency* reported.

The explosion occurred around 5 am on Monday at a two-storey apartment in Orzhonikits, Dnipropetrovsk, according to the region's Office of Ministry of Emergencies. The injured have been sent to local hospitals, and one woman hospitalized is in critical condition. Local officials are looking into the cause of the explosion.—Xinhua

Dubai-bound UAE plane grounded in Mumbai following terror threat

MUMBAI, 8 Feb—A Dubai-bound United Arab Emirates (UAE) passenger flight was grounded in Mumbai on Sunday, just 15 minutes after it took off, following a terror threat, well-placed sources said.

"The flight took off at 09:30 am local time (0700 GMT) and returned after an unidentified caller gave information to the airport police about a possible Lashker-e-Toiba operative on board.

All 350 passengers and their bags were screened.

A couple have been detained inside the airport.

The plane has been kept in the isolation bay," the sources said.

The plane has been cleared for take-off now, the sources said.

Xinhua

Seoul launches 'floating island'

A giant steel float that will be part of a "floating island" in Seoul boasting off-shore entertainment facilities began a snails-paced trip towards the city's Han River on Saturday. The football-field-sized structure, resembling the hull of a cargo ship, moved at a barely noticeable speed over rows of giant rubber airbags from a riverside

assembly site to the water just 60 metres (198 feet) away.

Linked by huge iron chains to giant winches, the buoy weighing 2,000 tonnes was not due to reach the water until on Sunday. The three-metre high float, 85 metres long and 49 metres wide, will be part of Viva, one of three artificial islets to be built near the southern end of Banpo Bridge.

Along with two other artificial islets, Vista and Tera, to be launched by the end of April, the cluster of man-made floating islets will be used for conventions, water sports, restaurants, performances and exhibitions. The project will be completed and open to the public in August. "We hope that the floating island will serve as Seoul's new landmark," a Seoul city government spokeswoman said.



A giant steel float that will be part of a "floating island" floats in the Han river in Seoul.

Sword artist sets world record that's hard to swallow

An Australian performance artist set a new Guinness World Record on Monday by simultaneously swallowing 18 swords, each nearly as long as two and a half rulers.

Chayne Hultgren, also known by his stage name The Space Cowboy, beat the record he had set in 2008 by swallowing the swords, each 72 cm (28.35 inches) long, at an outdoor event in central Sydney.

The 31-year-old said he started practising with swords when he was 16 and has used different methods to perfect the art, including stretching his throat with hoses.

He said that while the stunt was not dangerous, he spent many hours training for it. "Wow, I did it, it feels good, thank you very much, it feels really good actually," he said after setting the record.

Teenage Spanish matador kills six bulls

A 16-year-old Spanish matador killed six bulls in one afternoon Saturday, pulling off a feat normally attempted only by seasoned veterans and winning trophies for his skill — ears from animals he had just slain. Jairo Miguel Sanchez Alonso, who nearly died from a horrific goring in Mexico in 2007, smiled broadly and waved to a friendly hometown crowd after a pageant that took about two and a half hours.

A tall and slender boy who is also amazingly articulate for his age, he showed off his stuff in an arena called Plaza Era de los Martires, or Time of the Martyrs.

The bullfighter, who goes by the stage name of Jairo Miguel, turned in his best performance with bull No 5, a hulking black specimen that weighed 435 kilograms (959 pounds).

After skillful cape-work, he finished off the bull with a single deathblow from his sword, sliding it into a spot where it severed the beast's spinal chord. With the rest of the bulls he needed around three stabs.

This is considered too many, and Jairo Miguel acknowledged frustration with that part of his work, although he felt his effort was a success overall and said he was never scared.



Matador Jairo Miguel Sanchez Alonso makes a pass during a bullfight in Caceres, Spain. Jairo Miguel, 16, killed six bulls, pulling off a feat normally attempted only by seasoned veterans and winning trophies for his bravery, ears from animals he had just slain.



A cameraman shoots the marvelous landscape of the Earth Forest in Yuanmou County, Yi Autonomous Prefecture of Chuxiong, southwest China's Yunnan Province. Covering an area of nearly 50 square kilometres, the colorful and grotesque Earth Forest in Yuanmou was formed by geological movement and soil erosion about 1.5 million years ago.

NEWS ALBUM

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV HUANG SHAN VOYNO (108)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV HUANG SHAN VOYNO (108) are hereby notified that the vessels will be arriving on 9.2.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.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 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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Wireless glucose monitors on horizon

CAMBRIDGE, 8 Feb—An algorithm that analyzes glucose levels could lead to wireless devices that recommend insulin adjustments in type 1 diabetics, British scientists said.

In a study on children, researchers at the University of Cambridge found an algorithm that analyzed glucose levels and suggested adjustments in insulin doses was more effective than standard diabetes management devices, *The New York Times* reported on Friday.

The discovery someday could aid millions of parents worldwide who need to monitor their children's insulin levels several times nightly to ensure blood sugar levels are stable, the researchers said Friday's issue of *The Lancet*, a British medical journal.

The algorithm could be incorporated into a new generation of wireless devices that act as an "artificial pancreas," mimicking the way a healthy pancreas works by sensing unstable glucose levels and dispensing insulin in the correct dose at the correct time.

Today's standard system involves a glucose monitor that operates separately from a preprogrammed insulin pump.

Internet

Genes may protect against alcohol issues

St Louis, 8 Feb—US researchers say a pattern of genetic markers seems to protect against alcohol problems.

Researchers at Washington University School of Medicine in St Louis looked at adults sexually abused as children and at high risk for alcohol problems who did not become alcohol dependent.

The researchers had access to DNA samples of study participants and found a handful of specific sites in the genome

that allowed classification into one of two sets of genetic variations — haplotypes — known as H1 or H2.

The study, published in *Addiction Biology*, found those with the H1 haplotype had three times the risk of heavy drinking and alcohol dependence as those who had not been sexually abused, but abuse victims with the H2 haplotype seemed to be protected against the risks.

Internet

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

To call my reality name

My reality name is Maung Thura Win (a) Maung Thura Win Hein [12/MaBaNa (Naing) 106178], who son of U Tin Win [12/MaBaNa (Naing) 043407].
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How to avoid Super Bowl heart attack

ROYAL PALM BEACH, 8 Feb—A US doctor says research shows heart attacks increase during top international sporting events, but that shouldn't dampen Super Bowl enthusiasm.

Dr Al Sears, a certified nutritionist and author of "The Doctor's Heart Cure," says in a comparison of death rates from heart attacks 2001-02, doctors in Switzerland found deaths from heart attacks outside the hospital were 60 percent higher during the World Cup.

"We can't expect to reverse years of bad diet and exercise habits overnight, but there are still some key strategies that will ensure you're still alive when the final whistle blows," Sears says in a statement.

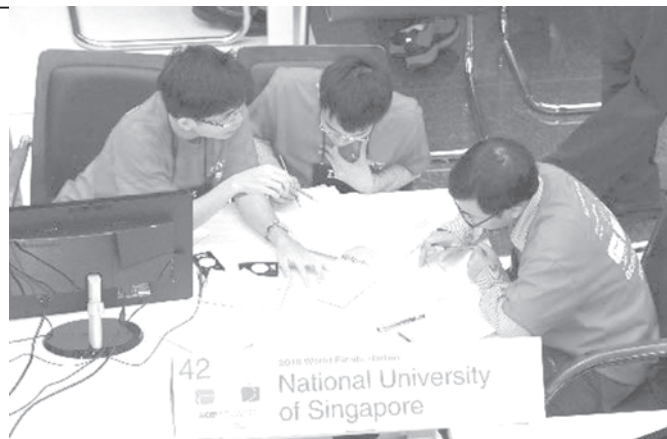
To help avoid a heart attack during the Super Bowl, Sears advises to:

- Exercise before the game and during half time.
- Take the supplement co-enzyme before the game.
- Limit intake of alcohol and tobacco.
- Limit food. Many heart attacks are reported to occur after eating an exceptionally large meal.
- Eat snacks like broccoli, cauliflower, fruit, seeds and nuts and avoid chips, pizza and other salty and fatty foods.

Internet

Students participate in the world finals of the 34th ACM International Collegiate Programming Contest (ACM-ICPC) in Harbin, northeast China's Heilongjiang Province, on 5 Feb, 2010. A total of over 300 college students of 103 teams from 33 countries and regions on Friday took part in the world finals of the contest organized by the Association for Computing Machinery (ACM).

XINHUA



Bank Holiday

All Banks will be closed on 12th February (Friday) 2010, Union Day, being Public holiday under the Negotiable Instruments Act.

Central Bank of Myanmar

Drive with care



The International Potato Centre, repository of the largest potato gene bank in the world, has opened a regional office in China to help boost Asian production of the ubiquitous tubers, the Peru-based centre said on Thursday.—INTERNET

Nanobubbles 'jackhammer' cancer cells

HOUSTON, 8 Feb—Scientists at Rice University say they've used nanobubbles to target and explode individual diseased cancer cells.

Physicists Dmitri Lapotko and Jason Hafner created the nanobubbles by placing gold nanoparticles in cancer cells and then zapping them with short laser pulses, the university said in a release.

"The bubbles work like a jackhammer," Lapotko said, noting the goal is to identify and treat unhealthy cells early, before a disease progresses.

Lapotko first used the technique to blast through deposits of arterial plaque in studies at the Laboratory for Laser Cytotechnologies at the A V Lykov Heat and Mass Transfer Institute in Minsk, Belarus.

At Rice, the approach was tested successfully on leukemia cells and cells from head and neck cancers, Lapotko and Hafner wrote in recent issue of the journal *Nanotechnology*.

The nanobubble technique could prove useful for "theranostics," a single process that combines diagnosis and therapy, the scientists said.—Internet

German FM urges equal importance on nuclear, conventional disarmament

MUNICH, 8 Feb—German Foreign Minister Guido Westerwelle warned on Saturday the world should make sure nuclear disarmament did not trigger a conventional arms race or even wars.

"Anyone who is serious about a world free of nuclear weapons, about 'global zero', must also take conventional arms

control and disarmament into account," Westerwelle said in a discussion panel at the Munich Security Conference.

Germany supported the US-Russian negotiations on strategic arms reduction, which has come to the final phase after several rounds of talks since May 2009 aimed at replacing the already ex-

pired Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (START).

Both sides have agreed to cut deployed nuclear warheads to between 1,500 and 1,675 on each side.

"Success on this issue will have a positive effect on the upcoming UN review conference of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) in May," the foreign minister said.

Xinhua

Mudslide kills 11 people in rain-sodden Mexico

VALLE DE BRAVO, 8 Feb—A mudslide in central Mexico has killed at least 11 people after days of heavy rain that had already caused flooding and fatalities elsewhere in the country.

The mudslide crushed several cars on a road near the small town of Temascaltepec on the route from the capital, Mexico City, to the popular weekend town of Valle de Bravo. Rescue workers at the scene said on Saturday they had dug out 11 bodies.

Police said it was likely several more people were still buried in their vehicles.

Torrential rain have been pounding much of Mexico for days, triggering mudslides in the western state of Michoacan that killed at least a dozen people, causing rivers to break their banks and setting off flooding in the capital and nearby states.—Internet



A family sits on the roof of their flooded house in Chalco, Mexico, on 6 Feb, 2010. Torrential rain from several different weather systems have created chaos and brought damage to several Mexican states, government met services said.—XINHUA

A/H1N1 flu vaccine shortage becomes surplus in US

LOS ANGELES, 8 Feb—Out of nearly 120 million A/H1N1 vaccine doses distributed in the United States, only about 70 million have been used, it was reported on Saturday.

An additional 35 million doses have been produced but not shipped and instead may be donated overseas, the *Los Angeles Times* said, quoting federal officials.

Of the total doses, four million were distributed to the Los Angeles County alone last month, according to the paper. New orders had come to a near halt for the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) which were holding back 1.5 million doses to begin building a stockpile for the next flu season, said the paper.—Xinhua

France allows warship sale to Russia

MOSCOW, 8 Feb—A Russian naval official says France will allow the sale of an advanced warship to Russia, the *Interfax* news agency reported on Saturday.

The agency quoted naval first deputy chief of staff Vice Adm Oleg Burtsev as saying French President Nicolas Sarkozy has sanctioned the sale of a Mistral amphibious assault ship. There was no

immediate confirmation from Paris. The deal "is unlikely to happen in February or March this year, but work on the matter is continuing," Burtsev was quoted as saying. Russia has been looking at similar ships made in Spain and the Netherlands.

Possessing a Mistral would significantly increase the military's capability to mount offensives. France sent a Mistral, which weight 23,700 tons (21,500 metric tons) and is 980 feet (299 meters) long, to visit St Petersburg last year in a clear sign of interest in a potential sale, which would be the first arms deal between a NATO country and Russia.—Internet

Aceh reconstruction offers hope for Haiti

JAKARTA, 8 Feb—Despite the desolation wrought by last month's earthquake, Haiti can salvage hope for the future by looking at how the Indonesian province of Aceh rebuilt after the equally devastating

2004 tsunami.

From the flattened streets of the capital Port-au-Prince to the death toll of around 200,000, the situation in Haiti bears many similarities to the horrors experienced by Aceh after its quake-trig-

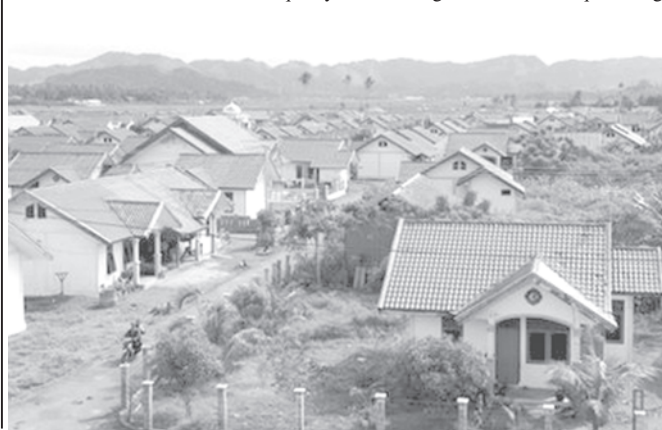
gered catastrophe.

The people of Aceh will also recognise the outpouring of international sympathy and aid, and will remember how, like the Haitians now, they wondered whether it would be enough to get their land back on its feet again.

More than five years later, it is difficult to imagine that the Acehnese capital Banda Aceh once resembled the shattered ruins of a town razed by war.—Internet

Newly constructed houses are seen in Banda Aceh in December 2009, five years after a massive tsunami killed nearly 170,000 people.

INTERNET



SPORTS

England and Wales to clash for Euro place

WARSAW, 8 Feb—Fabio Capello's England will face old rivals Wales in their Euro 2012 qualification campaign after the draw was made here on Sunday for the tournament to be held in the Ukraine and Poland. England have drawn John Toshack's Wales side in



Coaches of group G, Montenegro's Zlatko Kranjcar (L) and England's Fabio Capello stand on the stage after the Euro 2012 football championship qualifying draw ceremony in Warsaw. —INTERNET

Spain coach Del Bosque content with Euro draw

MADRID, 8 Feb—Spain coach Vicente del Bosque is content with the draw his side had been given in the qualifying group for the 2012 European Championships. Spain, the defending champion following its success in 2008, will play the Czech Republic, Scotland, Lithuania and Liechtenstein for a place in the finals, to be played in Poland and the Ukraine.

The Spanish side looks to be the strongest team in the group, but Del Bosque preferred to be cautious when asked about the opposition. "It's true that none of our rivals will play in the World Cup finals this summer, but we can't be too confident. The way things are these days, there are no differences between sides. Liechtenstein looks to be the weakest team in the group, but we will have to be very careful with the other rivals," commented Del Bosque. —Xinhua

Group G as well as Montenegro, Bulgaria and Switzerland for a place at Euro 2012 with the qualifiers set to begin this September and finish in November 2011.

"Wales is a really good team, very young and a derby is never a normal game," said Capello whose side are ranked 9th in the world according to FIFA with Toshack's Wales team listed as 77th. The Welsh failed to qualify for this summer's World Cup in South Africa, but the Italian will not be taking the Welsh lightly with plenty of sporting rivalry between the two British nations.

Internet

Kaka promises more after ending barren run



Real Madrid's Brazilian midfielder Kaka

MADRID, 8 Feb—Real Madrid's Brazilian superstar Kaka believes he is yet to show his best form since his 68.5-million-euro move from AC Milan after scoring for the first time in three months in his side's 3-0 home win over Espanyol on Saturday. Kaka, 27, was a prolific scorer with AC Milan but

has found goals hard to come by since joining Real in the summer with the goal against Espanyol only his fourth league strike of the season and his first since he netted in the 3-2 derby win over Atletico Madrid back on 7 November.

Kaka had his season interrupted by five weeks out with a groin injury picked up before Christmas, but the Brazilian international believes he is starting to get match sharpness back. "I am feeling better and better and you can see that on the pitch," said Kaka. "First of all I had the groin injury that stopped me playing like I wanted to but now I am better and feeling good."

Internet

Inter cruise as Roma home in on record

ROME, 8 Feb—Inter Milan continued their inexorable march towards a fifth straight Serie A title as they crushed



Inter Milan's forward Goran Pandev (R) kicks the ball flanked by Cagliari's defender Michele Canini at San Siro Stadium in Milan.

INTERNET

Cagliari 3-0 at the San Siro while AC Milan were held to a 0-0 draw at Bologna on Sunday. That allowed AS Roma to leapfrog Milan into second as they extended their unbeaten run in all competitions to 19 games with a crucial 1-0 success at Fiorentina.

Although Inter's lead was pegged back to eight points, they have a game in hand over the Roma and are 10 points ahead of third-placed Milan. Ahead of the Milan derby two weeks ago the Serie A title race seemed to be alive and kicking with Milan knowing a victory would have left them three points behind and with a game in hand.

Internet

Ancelotti insists title race is still wide open

LONDON, 8 Feb—Carlo Ancelotti insists Chelsea's 2-0 win over Arsenal has not reduced the fight for the Premier League title to a two-horse race between the Blues and Manchester United. Ancelotti's side provided beleaguered captain John Terry with a much-needed boost at the end of a troubled week by over-powering the Gunners at Stamford Bridge to return to the top of the Premier League.

Terry, who threw his shirt to Chelsea supporters at full-time before hugging Ancelotti, was clearly relieved to concentrate on playing after his alleged affair with the ex-girlfriend of England team-mate Wayne Bridge led to him being stripped of the international captaincy last week. He produced a commanding performance which frustrated Arsenal's determined efforts to get back in the match after two goals from Didier Drogba — the



Nicolas Anelka (L) of Chelsea fights for the ball with Gael Clichy of Arsenal during their English Premier League soccer match at Stamford Bridge in London, on 7 Feb, 2010. —XINHUA

first set up by Terry — rocked the Gunners.

Terry and Drogba's heroics ensured Chelsea moved two points clear of Manchester United at the top, while Arsenal are languishing nine points behind the leaders. —Internet

Italy's Lippi wary of Serbia, Slovenia challenge

WARSAW, 8 Feb—Italy coach Marcello Lippi said he was most wary of Serbia and Slovenia, both of whom have qualified for the World Cup finals, after the draw for the Euro 2012 qualifiers here on Sunday. Current World Cup holders Italy, who reached the quarter-finals of Euro 2008, were drawn with Serbia and Slovenia, as well as Estonia, the Faroe Islands and Northern Ireland in Group C here.

"Italy's group is very even with Serbia and Slovenia, two teams who



Italy coach Marcello Lippi

will compete at the World Cup," said Lippi with Euro 2012 qualifiers set to begin this September with the finals set to be held in Poland and the Ukraine. "We have the advantage of being in a six-team group. Of the other groups, England's is the most difficult."

Internet

Home cheer as Cilic retains ATP Zagreb title



Marin Cilic of Croatia

ZAGREB, 8 Feb—Top seed Marin Cilic of Croatia retained his ATP Zagreb indoor tournament title here on Sunday defeating German journeyman Michael Berrer 6-4, 6-7 (5/7), 6-3 in just over two-and-a-half hours. "Berrer played very well today. I was trying to find my game and physi-

cally I did not feel the best," said 21-year-old Cilic, who is ranked 10 in the world.

"I was a bit late on the ball but I believe that in key moments I had a very good serve." It was not easy. He (Berrer) is left-handed, has a different system of playing ... Most of the time I was on the defensive, it was not easy to get to attack and get points. "We were simply level pegging all the time and it was difficult to find a solution," he added. The 65th ranked Berrer, who was playing in his first ever ATP final, played above himself and showed that he had not reached the final by accident. —Internet

France no match for Williams sisters stand-ins

PARIS, 8 Feb—Emerging teen star Melanie Oudin sealed the United States' passage to the semi-finals of the Fed Cup on Sunday with a 7-6 (7/3), 6-4 win over Julie Coin, as the Americans eased through 4-1. Also advancing were holders Italy, who waltzed past hosts Ukraine 4-1 in Kharkiv as the sister act of Alona and Kateryna Bondarenko failed to disturb Francesca Schiavone and Flavia Pennetta before Sara Errani and Roberta Vinci carried off the doubles for good measure.

In the absence of the Williams sisters the American contingent has shown

its strength in depth and Oudin, who looked a little out of her depth in last year's final loss to Italy, was delighted to prove her own worth in bagging the all-important point at Lievin. —Internet



US player Melanie Oudin

Algeria kills four terrorists in Tipaza, one army officer killed

ALGIERS, 8 Feb— Algerian army has killed four terrorists in clashes in the northern province of Tipaza, which also left an army officer dead, local *el-Khabar* newspaper reported on Saturday.

During a combing operation by army forces on Thursday night in the mountainous area of Wad Herar, a fierce exchange of fire erupted with a group of up to twenty terrorist elements, the paper quoted unidentified security sources as saying.

The shootout that lasted for over 30 minutes left four terrorists and an army officer dead.

Two soldiers and as many terrorists were also wounded in the confrontation, the sources noted. However, the two injured militants managed to flee the scene.

The forces are currently tracking down the militants who fled into nearby woods in the area, the sources added.

Meanwhile, a security source told the paper that Algerian security forces arrested eight suspects over charges of joining a terrorist group in the northern province of M'sila.

Xinhua



People chat in an ice cream shop in Bucharest, capital of Romania, on 5 Feb, 2010. The ice cream shop, on the main street Calea Victoriei, offers free samples of gelato (a kind of Italian ice cream) and other tasty food every Friday to attract people.—XINHUA

MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (9-2-2010) (Tuesday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	- (09:00am~10:00am) MST
Europe	- (19:30pm~21:30pm) MST
North America	- (23:30pm~07:30am) MST

Local Transmission

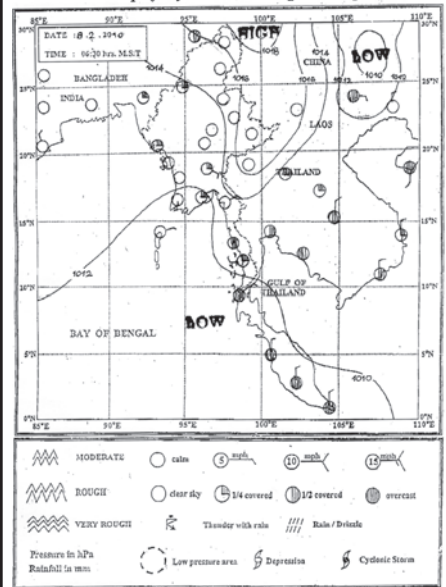
- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
- * Aungpan Oranges
- * Union Day Programme; Hundred Fruits from a Common Stem, Our Union (Mon State)
- * Myanmar Movies Impact; Shadows of the Past (Part - 2)
- * A Wonderful Trip to Chaung Tha Beach
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights

Europe/ North America Transmission

- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
- * Field Trip To Tagaung
- * Aungpan Oranges
- * Union Day Programme; Hundred Fruits from a Common Stem, Our Union (Mon State)
- * Myanmar Movies Impact; Shadows of the Past (Part-3)
- * A Wonderful Trip to Chaung Tha Beach
- * Myanmar Modern Song
- * Beach Souvenir Sea Shell Decorations
- * Innwa Ancient Capital
- * A Thin Kind Of Paper
- * Myanmar Modern Song
- * Expedition of Rare Crocodile Species Inhabiting In Fresh And Seawaters (Part-3)
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights

Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Monday, 8th February, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Mon State and Taninthayi Division and generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below February average temperatures in Shan and Kayin States, upper Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway and Bago Divisions, (5°C) to (6°C) below February average temperatures in Kachin, Chin and Rakhine States, (3°C) above February average temperatures in Taninthayi Division and about February average temperatures in the remaining areas. The significant night temperatures were Loilem (-1°C), Haka (0°C), Lashio, Namhsan, Pinlaung, Heho and An (2°C) each, Putao and Mogoke (3°C) each.

Maximum temperature on 7-2-2010 was 95°F. Minimum temperature on 8-2-2010 was 60°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 8-2-2010 was 68%. Total sun shine hours on 7-2-2010 was (9.7) hours approx.

Rainfall on 8-2-2010 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (Tr) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and (Nil) at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from South at (17:30) hours MST on 7-2-2010.

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 9th February 2010: Light rain are likely to be isolated in Kachin State and weather will be partly cloudy in Chin and Mon States, Taninthayi Division and generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of isolated light rain in the extreme Northern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 9-2-2010: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 9-2-2010: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 9-2-2010: Generally fair weather.

Myanmar

TV

Tuesday, 9
February
View on today

7:00 am

1. တောင်တန်းသာသနာပြု
ဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၏
ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am

2. To Be Healthy
Exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning News

7:40 am

4. အဝတ်မလှော်
(ယဉ်ကျေးမှုနှင့်အနုပညာ-
ဂီတစာဆိုအဖွဲ့များ)

7:50 am

5. Nice & Sweet Song

8:00 am

6. အတိတ်ပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:10 am

7. Songs Of Yester
Years

8:20 am

8. အပန်းဖြေလေ့လာအမျိုးသား
ကန်တော်ကြီးပြည့်စုံမှု

8:30 am

9. (၆၃)နှစ်မြောက်ပြည်ထောင်
စုနေ့ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်

8:40 am

10. International News

8:45 am

11. "စီးဆင်းပါစေမေတ္တာရည်"

4:00 pm

1. Martial Song

4:10 pm

2. Musical Programme

4:20 pm

3. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:30 pm

4. "မြို့ကြီးသားယဉ်ကျေးမှု"

4:45 pm

5. (၆၃)နှစ်မြောက်ပြည်ထောင်
စုနေ့ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်

4:55 pm

6. ၂၀၁၀ခုနှစ်၊ တက္ကသိုလ်ဝင်စာ
မေးခွန်းဘာသာရပ်ဆိုင်ရာ
သင်ခန်းစာ
(နိုင်ငံတော်ဘာသာရပ်)

5:15 pm

7. Songs For Uphold
National Spirit

5:25 pm

8. The Mirror Image Of
The Musical Oldies

5:40 pm

9. မှန်ကန်စွာထင်တေးအလှသံစဉ်

5:50 pm

10. (၆၃)နှစ်မြောက်ပြည်ထောင်
စုနေ့ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်

6:00 pm

11. Evening News

6:15 pm

12. Weather Report

6:20 pm

13. ဆိုလိုက်ကြွေ

6:55 pm

14. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ
"အဆိပ်သင့်တဲ့အချစ်"
(အပိုင်း-၃၃)

7:45 pm

15. "ပြည်ထောင်စုစိတ်ဝင်
မပြတ်ရင်သန်ခိုင်မာရန်မှာ
ဒီဝန်တာ"
(အသီးတစ်ရာအညှာတစ်ခု
ဒီပြည်ထောင်စု)

8:00 pm

16. News

17. International News

18. Weather Report

19. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

"ဆူးလွှမ်းသောချစ်နှင်းဆီ"

(အပိုင်း-၂၄)

19. "ရုပ်ရှင်ပထမဦး"



- ★ Only with stability and peace will the nation develop
- ★ Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

- ★ Anarchy begets anarchy, not democracy
- ★ Riots beget riots, not democracy
- ★ Democracy can be introduced only through constitution

People's Desire

- We favour peace and stability
- We favour development
- We oppose unrest and violence
- Wipe out those inciting unrest and violence

- ★ VOA, BBC-sowing hatred among the people
- ★ RFA, DVB-generating public outrage
- ★ Do not allow ourselves to be swayed by killer broadcasts designed to cause troubles



Byline Thanlwin Bridge (Mawlamyine) turns out to be a milestone in transport sector of Mon State.

SPECIAL FEATURES TO HAIL 63RD ANNIVERSARY UNION DAY

Article

Myanmar stood tall with own monarchy and sovereignty for thousands of years. However, it fell into alien subjugation for more than 100 years owing to disintegration of national unity stemming from the hatred and doubts sowed among them by the colonialists.

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Poem

Amity and Unity through thick and thin

Ayeyawady River as the witness
Brethren of Union
Having full strength and unity
Kin of the same family
Fostering unity since yore
Glory and victory

Cartoon

