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Various national races have shared joys and sorrows

Living together across the Union of Myanmar as well as in each and every part of the nation, various national races have possessed a common socio-economic life and shared joys and sorrows throughout the history.

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 59th Anniversary Union Day)

Today, people working together with true patriotism to shape the Union of Myanmar into peaceful, modern and developed nation

National races have showed their massive support for the State Constitution to build a new nation

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Feb—*The following is the translation of the message of Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe on the occasion of the 63rd Anniversary Union Day which falls today.*

Esteemed national brethren,

On the auspicious occasion of the 63rd Anniversary Union Day, I, in greeting, wish all national brethren across the Union of Myanmar to be blessed

with wellbeing.

World anthropologists have recognized that of the anthropoid primates excavated around
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Senior General Than Shwe cordially greets delegates from states and divisions and national race cultural troupes attending the reception and dinner to mark the 62nd Anniversary Union Day.—MNA

Four political objectives

- * Stability of the State, community peace and tranquility, 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



HONOURING THE 63rd ANNIVERSARY UNION DAY



PERSPECTIVES

Friday, 12 February, 2010

To achieve the Union's goal with harmonious efforts

Today the 12th of February 2010 is the Union Day, an honourable day for all the national races of the Union.

It is also an auspicious day on which the national unity was restored to free Myanmar from over 100 years of colonialist subjugation and to regain independence and sovereignty.

Myanmar regained independence as the nationalities with firm resolve to free the whole country unanimously showed the spirit of national unity. The result is that the entire nation regained independence on 4 January 1948.

The national brethren will have to relentlessly safeguard the sovereignty of the Union while cherishing and preserving the traditions and culture and national pride and prestige to hand them down to posterity.

Over 100 national races have been living in the Union in amity. Although there are differences in culture, language and customs they all possess the innate nature of kindness, sincerity, helpfulness, forgiveness and tolerance as their significant characteristics.

Some powers which want to dominate Myanmar are trying to sow seeds of discord to break up national unity. They are also imposing economic sanctions and making political instigation and interferences to slow down the national development drive. So, we all must have national awareness to ward off their evil attempts.

Nowadays, the government is in the process of building a peaceful, modern and developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation with added acceleration. In honour of the 63rd Anniversary Union Day, we would like to urge all the national people to make united efforts so that we will certainly achieve the goal of the Union soonest.

Sony Alpha Camera reaches Myanmar

YANGON, 11 Feb—Photographers, camera crazies and models gathered at Traders Hotel here today, to see new model Sony Alpha Camera imported by TMW Enterprises Limited.

Photographer U Pe Myint Oo shared his experiences on use of new model camera and answered the queries raised by the attendees after a responsible person had presented new technologies and applications of the camera.

The new camera will allow the user to enjoy new functions for hunting beauty. New model Sony Alpha Camera is available at all Sony Showrooms.—MNA

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

Online networking system and FTTH demonstrated

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Feb—Online networking system and FTTH of government offices and private organizations were demonstrated at Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs here on 9 February morning with an opening address by Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw.

Managing Director U Tint Lwin of Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications gave accounts of tasks being implemented; Managing Director U Aung

Zaw Myint of Myanmar Info-Tech Corporation Ltd, Root CA; Daw Nilar Aye of Yatanarpon Teleport Co Ltd, CA; Chief Engineer U Zaw Min Oo, Yatanarpon Web Portal; and Service In-charge U Myint Oo, Fiber to the Home System.

Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing, Deputy Minister for CPT Maj-Gen Thein Tun, departmental officials and participants took part in the discussions.

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Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw addresses workshop and demonstration on online networking system and FTTH of government offices and private organizations.—MNA



Myanmar, Sudan cement bilateral cooperation

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Feb—Feb The First Bilateral Consultations between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Myanmar and Sudan was held in Khartoum, the Republic of Sudan on 7 February.

It was attended Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint, Sudanese State Minister for Foreign Affairs Mr. Ali Ahmed Katri and delegation members.

The two sides exchanged views on strengthening bilateral cooperation in various sectors and agreed to continue close cooperation in regional and international forums.

An MoU on



MoU on establishing bilateral consultations between the two foreign affairs ministries of Myanmar and Sudan being signed.—MNA

establishing bilateral consultations between the two ministries was signed after the meeting.

While in Sudan, the

deputy minister met Sudanese Foreign Affairs Minister Mr. Deng Alor Koul (SPLM) and State Minister for Energy and

Mines Mrs. Anglin Jang Teny separately, and visited Khartoum International Trade Fairs.

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Iraq orders US Blackwater employees to leave in seven days

BAGHDAD, 11 Feb — The Iraqi Minister of Interior has ordered former and current US Blackwater employees to leave the country in seven days, the semi-official al-Iraqiya TV reported on Wednesday.

"About 250 guards working for the security

company Blackwater have been dismissed and given seven days to leave Iraq," Jawad al-Bolani was quoted as saying.

Blackwater, now called Xe Services, was a private security contractor hired to protect US State Department personnel in Iraq. It was accused by the Iraqi government of using excessive force in Baghdad streets.

On 16 Sept, 2007, Blackwater guards opened fire with automatic weapons and grenade launchers on unarmed Iraqi civilians at the busy Nissor Square in Baghdad after a car bomb exploded, leaving 17 people killed.

The incident happened

at a time when the guards protecting US embassy personnel were given immunity for prosecution in Iraqi courts. The shooting angered Iraqis who saw it as a symbol of foreigners' disregard for their lives.

The US government has accused five Blackwater guards of causing the deaths of unarmed civilians. However, a US judge decided in December to drop criminal charges against five Blackwater security guards who were accused in the 2007 shooting.

Iraqi officials have rejected the US judge's decision and the country has started to collect signatures of the victims to sue the company. —Xinhua



Journalists work near the crashed helicopter in a Jockey Club in southern Sao Paulo, Brazil, on 10 Feb, 2010. A Helicopter of Rede Record TV, a Brazilian TV, fell around 7:30 this morning on the ground of the Jockey Club, killing the pilot. A cameraman in the helicopter was rescued after the crash. —XINHUA

Car bomb hits police patrol in Baghdad, five wounded

BAGHDAD, 11 Feb — A car bomb went off near a police patrol in western Baghdad on Wednesday and wounded five people, an Interior Ministry source said.

The attack took place shortly before sunset when a booby-trapped car parked near the intersection of Adel neighbourhood exploded, the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

The blast damaged one of the patrol's police vehicles, wounding two policemen aboard, along with several nearby civilian cars, the source said, adding that three civilians were also wounded by the blast. —Xinhua



A damaged building after a bomb attack in central Baghdad recently.

INTERNET

15 die in violence in Somali capital

MOGADISHU, 11 Feb — At least 11 civilians and four security officers were killed in the Somali capital on Wednesday in two separate incidents of violence, an officer and residents said.

Militants fired several mortars from Mogadishu's main Bakara market in the direction of African Union peacekeeping bases in the capital's south, said Dahir Mohamed, a witness.

In response, the AU troops, who are backing Somalia's weak government, fired several missiles, some hitting Bakara market and others hitting residential areas. Residents report at least 10 civilians have been killed.

Mohamud Jama said the missiles killed three civilians and flattened six houses in Hodon District where he lives. Abdi Haji, who owns a cosmetics shop in Bakara, said he saw seven bodies, one of them a woman.

AU officials were not immediately available for comment.

Ali Muse, the head of Mogadishu's ambulance services, said 15 civilians were taken to different hospitals in the capital. —Internet

Somali men escort a man at the Medina hospital after he was injured in clashes between Africa Union soldiers and militants, on 10 Feb, 2010, in the capital, Mogadishu.

INTERNET



India to test missile with 3,100-mile range

NEW DELHI, 11 Feb — India will test a new nuclear-capable missile with a range of more than 5,000 kilometres (3,100 miles) in a year's time, the country's top military scientist said on Wednesday.

India's current longest-range missile is the Agni-III missile with a range of 3,000 kilometres (1,900 miles), which its military test-fired on Sunday. That missile is already capable of reaching targets not only across historic rival, Pakistan, but also major cities in China and the Middle East. VK Saraswat, India's chief military scientist, said the new missile, Agni-V, would be a land-based system with a range of over 5,000 kilometres (3,100 miles). —Internet

Brazil heat wave kills 32 elderly people

BRASILIA, 11 Feb — Thirty-two elderly people died in a southeastern Brazilian city this week because of a heat wave that has pushed temperatures to unseasonably high levels, a health official said on Wednesday. All of the fatalities in the coastal city of Santos near Sao Paulo involved people between 60 and 90 years old with pre-existing conditions such as diabetes or hypertension, according to the Health Ministry in Santos.

The first deaths were registered on Monday, when the temperature in

Santos reached 39 degrees Celsius (102 Fahrenheit). Temperatures were well above 30 degrees (86 F) in the following days.

Luiz Fernando Gomes da Silva, Santos' Health Ministry's coordinator for the elderly, is urging people to drink a lot of liquids amid the heat of the South American summer.

Xinhua

Vietnam War-era shell explodes, injuring four

HANOI, 11 Feb — Officials say a Vietnam War-era artillery shell has exploded at a coffee plantation. Four men were injured, three seriously.

Vo Cong Khanh, chief of Huang Tan village in central Quang Tri province, says the explosion occurred on Sunday when a man working with a hoe hit the shell while weeding the plantation. The area is near the former Ta Con airstrip, part of a US Marine outpost during the war. —Internet

US trade deficit rises to 40.2 billion dollars in December

WASHINGTON, 11 Feb—The US trade deficit jumped 10.4 percent to 40.2 billion dollars in December, the Commerce Department reported on Wednesday.

The December imbalance was bigger than the 36 billion dollars deficit that economists had been expecting.

However, the overall US trade deficit in 2009

totalled 370.7 billion dollars, down sharply from the 695.9 billion dollars deficit in 2008.

In December, exports rose 3.3 percent, the eighth consecutive gain, while imports increased a much faster 4.8 percent, led by a 14.8 percent rise in petroleum imports.

US exports and imports both rose in the past several months, a sign economists believe that US economy was beginning to recover from the most serious recession since the Great Depression in 1930s.—Xinhua

Air France-KLM posts new quarterly loss

PARIS, 11 Feb—Franco-Dutch airline Air France-KLM posted a fifth straight quarterly net loss on Wednesday and forecast more heavy losses in the current quarter under a tough economic environment.

“There were some signs of recovery in activity during the third quarter, but in an economic environment which remains difficult,” the airline said in a results statement.

The group recorded a net loss of 295 million euros (405 million dollars) in the third quarter, which ended on 31 December, but it was an improvement from a loss of 508 million euros during the same period in 2008.

It also posted a 245-million-euro operating loss for the third quarter, the same as the previous year.

Analysts had expected another loss due to high fuel prices and losses in short-and medium-haul flights, but it was heavier than their forecast of a loss of 216 million euros.

“The operating loss for the Fourth Quarter should be of the same order as last year’s,” or 574 million euros, Air France-KLM said.

The airline attributed the dreary outlook to a later-than-expected pick up in unit revenues, a drop of two percent in passengers and seven percent in cargo and an increase of 300 million dollars in the fuel bill.

The company said it expected to break even operating-wise in its 2010-2011 fiscal year.—Internet

Haibao, the mascot of the 2010 World Expo, appears at a flagship store for official Expo-licensed products in downtown Beijing, capital of China, on 9 Feb, 2010. As the first flagship store for official 2010 World Expo-licensed products in Beijing, the store opened on Tuesday is located on the Wangfujing pedestrian street, Beijing’s main shopping area, and will sell more than 5,000 products such as porcelain, plush toys and Shanghai World Expo emblems.—XINHUA



Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin (L) examines a Russian-made Patriot off-road vehicle at the Sollers auto assembly plant in Vladivostok in 2009.

INTERNET

Fiat forms joint venture with Russian firm

Moscow, 11 Feb—Italy’s Fiat and Russian auto maker Sollers will invest 2.4 billion euros (3.3 billion dollars) in a new joint venture to produce cars in Russia, the Russian government said on Wednesday.

“With this project a second major player is created on the Russian passenger car market,” after Russia’s largest carmaker Avtovaz, the government said in a statement.

The deal to produce up to 500,000 cars per year is to be inked on Thursday, when Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin visits Sollers’s plant in Naberezhnye Chelny, where Fiat Albea and Doblo models are already built.

Fiat chief executive Sergio Marchionne is also set to attend the event in the southwestern Russian republic of Tartarstan.—Internet



Kathleen O'Neill, 80-year-old left, and 71-year-old Fay Shawcross are seen on a piece of fitness machinery in a play area for older people at Dam Head Park in the Blackley inner-city suburb of Manchester, England, on 10 Feb, 2010.—INTERNET

Brunei Airlines to resume direct flight to Shanghai, China

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, 11 Feb—The Royal Brunei Airlines (RBA) will resume direct flights to Shanghai, China, beginning on 28 March this year, after almost two years of suspension of this service.

RBA will resume four flights each week between here and Shanghai, similar to the frequency before, the airlines said in a statement released on Wednesday. “The travel market into and out from China is growing faster than most countries in Asia Pacific,” RBA Executive Vice President of Commercial Riaz Moiz said in the statement.

“Our travel agents have been waiting for the Shanghai flights,” Moiz said.—Xinhua

Macao SAR signs air services agreement with Japan

MACAO, 11 Feb—The governments of Macao Special Administrative Region (SAR) and Japan on Wednesday signed here the Air Services Agreement, which was aimed at strengthening the air link between the two sides.

The signing ceremony was held at the SAR’s Government Headquarters, and it was the first air pact officially signed after the formation of the new SAR government in December 2009.

With the conclusion of the bilateral Air Services Agreement between the two sides, “I am confident that the tourism market as well as the development of trade and commerce between Macao and Japan can further be enhanced”, said Lau Si Io, the SAR’s secretary for transport and public works, at the signing ceremony.

Under the new air pact, the restriction on airline designation and flight capacity will be lifted, and the Air Macao, the SAR’s

flagship airline, will operate three weekly scheduled flights between Macao and Tokyo starting from 28 March this year.

Japan possesses rich tourism resources and has always been a popular destination among the Macao residents, while Macao, being listed as the 31st designated World Heritage site in China, is also an attractive tourist destination with mixed cultures of East and West, said Lau.

Xinhua

Today, people working together with true...

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the world, the primate discovered in the Union of Myanmar dates back to the period about 40 million years ago. The Union is home to all the national races, like a stem with one hundred fruits in it. Therefore, the long history of the Union of Myanmar is the same, that of the national races.

The Union of Myanmar is, indeed, a land of natural beauty with high mountain ranges, large plains, temperate climate patterns, fertile soil, large area of waters, and long rivers. In addition, it is rich in natural resources in abundance. In each of the parts of the Union, people of various national races have lived in harmony since time immemorial.

After waging three aggressive wars, the colonialists annexed Myanmar, a prosperous country, thereby making all national races feel deeply heart-breaking. In colonial days, the people, whenever they were called, had to answer Phayar (respectful form of address towards monks, royalty) to colonialists. As for national people, that was a bitter pill to swallow. Inspired by anti-colonialist sentiment and anti-Fascist sentiment, national races came to revolt against the invaders with strong sense of nationalistic spirit. In the

end, the alien intruders had to withdraw from Myanmar.

A notable lesson is that in the post-independence period, the less united national races became, the further the Union of Myanmar lagged behind other countries in development. And the more united national races became, the greater development they enjoyed.

So, it is mandatory for the entire national brethren to put to the fore Our Three Main National Causes namely Non-disintegration of the Union, Non-disintegration of national solidarity, and Perpetuation of sovereignty at risk to their life.

Moreover, it is required of each and every citizen to strongly equip themselves with the sense of Union Spirit wherever they live in across the nation to ensure perpetuation of the motherland, and independence and sovereignty will not be lost again. As for national brethren, Union Spirit is, in reality, exactly true patriotic spirit they have to uphold forever.

Today, the people are working together with true patriotism to shape the Union of Myanmar into a peaceful, modern and developed nation. They are all under a duty to tackle any possible attempts of colonialists to break up the Union, aiding and abetting their minions.

National races have showed their massive support for the State Constitution of the Union of Myanmar to build a new nation. Now, according to the State's seven-step Road Map, a free and fair election will take

place soon. That means national people will have the rights to elect representatives, and stand for election. So, members of parliaments, who the voters think will be capable of generating a prosperous future for the nation, will be elected by ballot.

Therefore, I would like to urge all national people to see, in concert, to the 63rd Anniversary Union Day objectives (2010):--

- * 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.—MNA

Newly opened ring road to improve Manaung Island

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Feb—As a gesture of honouring the 63rd Anniversary Union Day, the ring road of Manaung Island put into service in Manaung Township on 6 February morning.

With a view to ensuring better transport in the region, maintenance tasks are being undertaken at Kamar and Meinmakywe bridges in the township through the all-out efforts of the local authorities and

the people.

On his inspection tour of Manaung Township, Lt-Gen Ko Ko of the Ministry of Defence pointed out the development of the regions.

While in Manaung, he looked into maintenance of Kaei Bridge near Kaei Village, Hsachet Station Hospital (16-bed) near Hsachet Village and the lake in Magyigon Village.—MNA



Lt-Gen Ko Ko of Ministry of Defence unveils stone inscription to mark successful opening of ring road at Manaung Island.

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Corrigendum

Please read the UN Human Rights Council instead of the UN Security Council on the second line of the first column in the news under the headline: Myanmar prepares compilation of Human Rights Report appeared in this daily on 11-2-2010. Error is regretted.—Ed

Specialists seen with the patient who was successfully fixed a severed left thumb with his left second toe at Yangon Orthopaedic Specialist Hospital.

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Myanmar medical team achieves success in fixing severed thumb with toe

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Feb — Myanmar medical team has successfully fixed a severed left thumb with a left biggest toe of a patient after eight-hour transplant operation at Yangon Orthopaedic Specialist Hospital.

The patient has a good blood circulation passing through his new thumb and can perform movements of his new thumb today and became the 10th patient who had undergone successful finger transplant. He went to the hospital on 11 January, 2010 for

treatment and received the transplant operation at the hospital on 28 January, 2010.

U Maung Maung Soe, 40, had his left thumb severed in an accident at work when he was working at a saw mill in Malaysia in December, 2007. His left thumb was removed after unsuccessful transplant in Malaysia to join his thumb.

The medical team comprising eight specialists and two nurses was led by Associate Professor Dr. Khin Maung Myint.

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Only with consolidated national unity, can the nation stand tall in global community

Hlaing Aung

Today, many countries have collapsed; many countries have seen civil wars; and in many countries, people are going through the hell of untold miseries due to lack of national unity.

No one can deny that disagreement among the people is the root cause of the disintegration of Yugoslavia and Soviet empire into separate republics over the past two decades, the armed conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan, and Somalia and Yemen, whose conditions have been recently pushed to the forefront of world conflicts and instability.

Here, there may be a question: why do not many other multicultural developed countries, large and small, face similar issues?

Even Switzerland, a small country on the Alps, is home to four national races. It has an area of 15,940 square miles only. For its development, the country has to rely on human resources, not on natural resources. Its population is only about seven million, just a little more than that of Yangon Division. Therefore, the country focuses on quality rather than quantity. Due to its small area, the country is in no position to run very spa-

cious enterprises, and its enterprises are not burdensome, but with huge investments.

In productivity, it has to choose small but expensive products such as watches and engage in diamond trading. As regards service, it turns attention to banking services. With its hard-working people, its GDP is more than 500 billion US dollars with per capita income of 43,195 US dollars. It stands as the seventh richest country in the world.

It exercises direct democracy system under the rule of a regency government. Being completely neutral in the international relations, the country could avoid the evil consequences of the world wars. And it does not join the United Nations. However, it has a UN branch in Geneva, at which important international meetings are held.

Switzerland has a consolidated unity among its people. Despite being home to German-, French, Italian- and Roman-speaking societies, it has no racial issues, and

problems between the majority and the minority of the people.

Its people consider that they are the same, Swiss, and they remain harmonious and cohesive, as evidenced by its national defence system. Switzerland's national defence system is based on people's militia strategy. Under this strategy, every citizen has to undergo military training, and all of its people are members of militia units.

The government provides each member with arms and ammunition, and equipment to be kept at home, in order that armed forces can be formed immediately in times of emergency. If the all people are armed in a nation where its people are disunited without self-discipline, such a nation will often see killing sprees. Switzerland is small in area, but is on the list of world's top countries due to the people's consolidated unity, sense of self-discipline, hard work and dynamism. I would also like to present some facts about Somalia,



University of Computer Studies in Kengtung, Shan State (East) creating higher learning opportunities for local national race youths.

lia, whose objective conditions are in contrary to that of Switzerland.

If compared with Switzerland, Somalia is a little larger country with a little denser population: an area of 246,201 square miles with a population of about nine million. Somalia is adjacent to Suez Canal, which occupies a strategic location in the world maritime transportation, thus having more strategic positions than Switzerland, a landlocked country, at the top of Red Sea, in the east horn of Africa, and on the top of the Alpine in central Europe. In addition, Somalia is a semi-desert African country, but Switzerland is a very cold country where snow falls heavily.

Long ago, fortune was not on the side of Somalia. In the colonial period, it persisted in repulsing the attacks of the naval forces of the British for a long time. But in the end, it fell under alien subjugation. To make things worse, Italy colonized the northern Somalia. After regaining independence in 1960, the nation was unified and emerged as Somalia, but it came under the negative impact of the Cold War between the East Bloc and the West Bloc. In consequence, there were several wars between Somalia and Ethiopia. After the Cold War, its ethnic groups became disunited, culminating in racial armed conflicts. In Somalia, Somalia

account for 85 per cent, and the remaining ethnic groups, 15 per cent. There are many tribes among Somalis. The country has a very long bad tradition that the ethnic groups have been engaging in armed conflicts with swords, spears and bows and arrows for drinking water, agricultural farmlands, and pastures. After the Cold War, they armed themselves with automatic rifles and rockets. In 1991-92, about 300,000 people died due to the wars and hunger in the nation.

Then, the UN intervened in the internal affairs with the assistance of the US. However, it fueled the battles between the Somali tribes. So, the US troops falling from grace had to withdraw from the country. From that time on, Somalia has been like a country without any government.

It could not restore peace due to outside interference in its domestic affairs such as attacks of Ethiopia troops, and African

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Home

- * A home should
Have the parents
Acting as the vanguard
Only then will it have
The self-respect it requires
- * The inheritance
To become a pleasant home
Peace and joy for whole household
Harmony in the family
Dignity and beauty the home possesses
- * To build a home
Stockpiling all necessities
Selecting an auspicious day
A traditional method it is
With little keenness
Even difficult to erect a post
- * A home be worthy of living
Only if it becomes a heritage
Durable till future generations
From children to great-grand children
Haven for all descendants

(Honouring the 63rd Anniversary Union Day)
Hinthada Myint Ngwe



As a part of efforts to supply irrigation water to farmland throughout the country, the government built Zichaung Dam that contributes to 4,000 acres in Kyauktaw Township, Rakhine State.

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Union troops, and bomb attacks of US troops. After having lived without law for ages, Somali people could not live on the resources and technologies they had. After all, many Somali men became worldwide notorious as pirates in Red Sea.

From a comparative study of the conditions of the two countries, it can be deduced that friendship and unity of own national races are of great importance for a country, large or small. The Union of Myanmar is a land where over 100 national races make their home in unity. They had been living through thick and thin throughout suc-

cessive periods. The colonialists took full advantage of the nation's geographical features forming natural barriers to the regions and hindering national races from friendly relations among them. The British set up four barriers to relations between national races.

The first was the administrative barrier. In the process, British colonialists adopted the divide and rule policy, under which the nation was divided into the hilly regions and plains that were under direct rule of the governor, and the regions that were ruled through the legislative council.

The second was law barrier. The colonialists

promulgated hilly laws with the ill intention to create relation barrier between the mainland and hilly regions. In that way, national races were deprived of social relations between them.

The third was social barrier. After annexing Myanmar, the colonialists converted the national races whose religious faith was animism to their religion in order to create disagreement between those national races and the national races in plains such as Bamar, Rakhine and Mon.

Some colonists brazenly claimed that they had to use variety of religious faiths as animate barrier.

The fourth was eco-



Yadana Gas Project at Mottama Offshore, Mon State.

nomie barrier. The colonialists gave a lame reason that it was impossible to adjust the administrative patterns because there was a development gap between hilly regions and plains.

In practice, they, however, showed no interest in plans for development of hilly regions throughout their long rule over the nation, and what they turned their intention to was to exploit highlanders in their interest. They built railroads that went as far as regions with mineral resources such as Namtu and Mawchee, whereas the transport facilities they built in Chin State, from which they could not gain economic benefits, were pedestrian lanes and motorways. In Myanmar that stretches between north and south, there were no fine roads from Shwabo to the northernmost part of the nation, and in the southern part was only a transport facility: a short railroad that went as far as Dawei. There were no roads that led to Rakhine Strip. If a citizen wanted to go to southern or northern Shan State, he had to go down to Thazi-Meiktila first. Even Kengtung in the eastern part was difficult of access from Taunggyi in the southern part of Shan State.

The colonialists not only closed their mind to the idea of building economic infrastructures, but

also showed no interest in the social, education and health sectors. The majority of highlanders were illiterate and they spent much of their time, gambling and abusing narcotic drugs in opium dens.

In consequence, the nation, in spite of having regained independence, could not rise from the nightmare of internal armed insurgency. In that period, it was impossible for the nation to carry out any undertakings effectively for development of the Union. Therefore, the nation faced doubts and suspicions, grudge and armed conflicts among own national races for more than 50 years. However, now peace has been restored well.

Seeing the light, national race armed groups have joined hands with the people. The government, the people and the Tatmadaw have been able to ward off the barriers to friendly relations among national races the colonialists created on purpose. Now, the whole country has seen tangible results of hard work for national development.

According to the new constitution approved with the vast majority of the ballot, all national races will be bestowed the rights to administer the affairs and work for the development of their own regions. The constitution guarantees the freedom of business for the citizens.

Therefore, unlike in the colonial days, any attempts to drive a wedge and sow hatred among national races cannot work.

As a tangible result, all parts of the nation have enjoyed parallel development due to the 24-Region Special Development Project and many other special projects the government has been implementing for progress of border areas and national races and all-round development of the nation especially in the social, economic, education, health and transport sectors.

In the past, the people reckoned that smooth transport by car and by train between Sittway and Tachilek, and between Kawthoung and Putao was in a dream world. Now, the goal is within the touching distance. Major cities in every state or division have seen institutes, and universities.

Such fruitful results are largely due to national unity. Myanmar will be able to stand tall in the global community only if the entire national brethren continue to work hard in collaboration with consolidated unity in building a democratic nation, sharing joys and sorrows and making good use of the already-achieved development momentum.

Translation: MS

For man



Kyaw Thu Hein

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Signs of rapid development in Nay Pyi Taw

Hlaing Bwa (Parami)



Night scene of illuminated Nay Pyi Taw City Hall.

It was at dawn and the sun was rising when I was about to take a photo of sublime, serene pagoda "Uppatasanti" seen with Shan Yoma mountain ranges in the east in the background. The upper terrace of the pagoda overlooks buildings built in rows around Nay Pyi Taw. The region is Nay Pyi Taw, the capital of the Union of Myanmar, as evidenced by well-organized housing patterns, wide roads kept clean, and junctions and roundabouts decorated with beds of flowers and landscaping plants. So, the early morning pilgrimage made me feel great pleasure.

Occupying a strategic location in the Union of Myanmar, and being surrounded by Shan Yoma mountain range in the east and Bago Yoma mountain range in the west, Nay Pyi Taw was at that time like a painting of natural beauty. A short trip from Nay Pyi Taw

are Inlay Lake, and Shan State with historic pagodas. A one-day round-trip can be made between Nay Pyi Taw and Pyin Oo Lwin, a hill station, and Kalaw. In addition, Nay Pyi Taw is easily accessible from any other part from around the nation. Thus, the government, the people and the Tatmadaw will be able to effectively carry out in the fields of State security, administration, economy and national development. Moreover, it is close to Mandalay, Bagan and Sri Lanka, which are repositories of archaeological buildings, as well as Pongmye Thonny Region where anthropoid primates, which support the point "human beings originated in Myanmar" were discovered. So, with technological development in Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar's role in the evolution of the origin of human beings, and preservation of cultural heritage, Myanmar will be able to catch up with other global partners soon.



Grand and magnificent Hluttaw Building.

The emergence of the 325 feet high Uppatasanti Pagoda lends a certain dignity to Nay Pyi Taw. For public homage in Nay Pyi Taw, a replica of the Shwedagon Pagoda in Yangon was built under the title of Uppatasanti in November 2006. The construction process was completed in March 2009. The pagoda was consecrated on 9 March. In the pagoda pre-

cinct are impressive religious edifices such as Maha Hsutaungpyae Buddha Image in Maha Pasadabhumhi Gandhakuti Chamber; four jade Buddha images in the cave of the pagoda; statues depicting the birth, enlightenment, the first discourse, and attaining Nirvana of the Lord Buddha; the 108 feet high flagstaff; Bo Tree Garden with Maha Bo Tree and the images of the 28 Buddhas; the garden of 108 Sacred Bo Trees; Marlini Mangala Lake with the chamber of Shin Uppagutta in it; Withongama Ordination Hall; Cetiya Pala Chamber; Sangha Yama hostels; Sasana Maha Beikmandaw Building; museum; Pitakat Building and religious Archive. Ceremonies to confer religious titles on eminent monks and ceremonies to offer alms to members of the Sangha were held on a grand scale with the presence of the Head of State at Sasana Maha Beikmandaw Building. The structure of

and staff members in evenings, weekends, days of significant occasions.

To the south of the Uppatasanti Pagoda is Nay Pyi Taw City Hall, in which Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee establishes its headquarters, which undertakes tasks for development of Nay Pyi Taw. State occasions are held with the accompaniment of the tune of National Anthem played by State Orchestra in Nay Pyi Taw City Hall. That indicates Nay Pyi Taw as the administrative city of the Union of Myanmar. Nay Pyi Taw has developed considerably in a short time due to the visionary Head of State.

In the administrative city are 53 substantial head offices of the ministries. The well-furnished staff quarters with water supply and electric power are for the convenience of staff members trying to meet the State objectives. Offices of ministries built without sacrificing the geographical features are like a painting, making

beholders feel refreshed. Cutting down of trees is forbidden, and tree-growing ceremonies are held annually in Nay Pyi Taw. So, it will soon become Ever Green City.

Nay Pyi Taw is composed of eight townships: Lewe, Pyinmana, Tatkon, Zeyathiri, Pobbathiri, Uttarathiri, Zabuthiri, and Dekkhinathiri. Staff members in Nay Pyi Taw are provided with international

level staff quarters in Zabuthiri and Dekkhinathiri. They are also allowed to live in such wards as Zeyatheikdi, Pannatheikdi, Mingalatheikdi, Bawga-theikdi, Wunnatheikdi, Thukhatheikdi, Balatheikdi, Nyanatheikdi, and Danatheikdi. Each of the townships in Nay Pyi Taw has basic education high school, ward administrative offices, housing estates of the Department of Human Settlement and Housing Development, health centres, and police stations. Land allotments were also provided for retired staff members, merchants, wage earners, and businessmen apart from staff in not only old villages and wards but also new wards such as Bayintnaung, Shwenantha, and Thabyegon. Moreover, the urbanization process in well underway, so the whole Nay Pyi Taw will be boisterous with activities in the near future.

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Myanmar International Convention Centre under construction in Nay Pyi Taw Dekkhinathiri.

Signs of rapid development in Nay Pyi Taw

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Photo shows Gem Museum located near Hotel Zone in Nay Pyi Taw Zabuthiri.

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Chaungmagyi Dam was constructed by blocking the water routes between mountain ranges for greening the whole Nay Pyi Taw and adequate water supply. The water supply project is being undertaken by Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee. For the time being, five million gallons of water from the dam are supplied daily. If necessary, the water supply can be increased to 10 million gallons. Therefore, Nay Pyi Taw dwellers can do their businesses, pursue education and shoulder State responsibilities in peace.

Now, four-lane, six-lane and eight-lane roads have been built to enable Nay Pyi Taw to possess characteristics of an international level city. In the near future, Nay Pyi Taw will see 20-lane roads. In the middle of the roads are traffic islands decorated with flower beds and land-

scaping plants. At night, traffic islands are very fascinating under the mercury electric lights. In addition, nine roundabouts—Thabyegon, Kyapan, Yazathingaha, Ingyinpan, Ottarathiri, Gangawpan, Wunnatheikdi, Dahatheikdi, and Bawgaheikdi are beautified with beds of various species of flowering plants. So, the roads receive constant flows of visitors such as foreigners, amateur photographers, and walkers who are there for relaxation. Therefore, news about Nay Pyi Taw spread far and wide.

Outside Nay Pyi Taw are Nay Pyi Taw-Yangon and Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay Expressways, through which people can travel to other regions across the nation. So, Yangon is now a four-hour drive from Nay Pyi Taw, and local people can do their work in the health, economic and education sectors and make excursions with comfort in a

short time. Nay Pyi Taw has dozens of highway bus lines including Shwe Mann Thu, Aung Soe Moe, Gandawin, Nan Htaik San, Htet Oo, Asia, Kyei Sin Hein, Yaza Min, Yoma, and Shwe Sin Sekkya. Local residents can now travel to other regions with convenience.

Besides bus runs, there are many train sched-

ules between Nay Pyi Taw and many regions the length and breadth of the nation. Nay Pyi Taw Central Railway Station in Nay Pyi Taw Pobbathiri provides better transport services to passengers.

Nay Pyi Taw has also been facilitated with Nay Pyi Taw Airport. On completion of a new international airport, the capital will be further busy with visitors.

In compliance with the guidance of the Head of State, Nay Pyi Taw General Hospital was upgraded from 300-bed to 1000-bed health facility with advanced diagnosis equipment and intensive care units on 27 September 2008. Now, 50-bed hospitals are being constructed in each of the townships, and plans are ongoing to upgrade them to 100-bed ones. Nay Pyi Taw General Hospital (1000-bed) and No (2) Defence Services General Hospital (1000-bed) also provide health care

present, the Water Fountain Gardens (1) and (2) have been opened for the public and a plan is under way to inaugurate the Water Fountain Garden (3). In addition, Nay Pyi Taw dwellers will enjoy the world class lifestyle in the short period as the 2D/3D Cinema is under construction in Nay Pyi Taw Thabyegon.

Moreover, the National Herbal Park has been established in Nay Pyi Taw not only for public recreation but also for disseminating knowledge about traditional medicines. While taking recreation under the shade at the park, the visitors and holiday-makers have the opportunity to study Myanmar traditional medicine related to 353 species of herbal plants. Indeed, the National Herbal Park is beneficial to the visitors and enthusiasts in the traditional medicines.

As another public recreation, the Zoological Garden (Nay Pyi Taw) was

youths and the people, providing educative knowledge and recreation, the Planetarium (Nay Pyi Taw) was inaugurated on 26 March 2006. The visitors can enjoy the wonders about the planets including the Earth and the Solar System and the captivating scenes underwater created with the use of modern planetarium machinery applying the computer animation technology.

The Nay Pyi Taw National Landmarks Garden is under construction on Thaikchaung Road near Yezin Dam in Zeyathiri for enabling the Nay Pyi Taw dwellers and visitors at home and abroad to observe the progress of the nation in the time of Tatmadaw Government, the landmark structures of the national races and their customs in a short period. The booths at the garden reflect the cultural heritage of the national people



Scenic beauty of Sal Flower Roundabout in Nay Pyi Taw.



An aerial view of staff housings in Nay Pyi Taw.

to civilians. Furthermore, Nay Pyi Taw's first private-owned general hospital is being constructed in Ottarathiri, which is heartening for the dwellers.

While focusing on health care services, many parks and recreation centres are kept open for public recreation and relaxation. Of them, the Nay Pyi Taw Water Fountain Garden, Ngalaikkantha Recreation and bathing site are most famous. In the evening, the illuminated Water Fountain Garden is packed with visitors, while the water surface movie with the application of modern technology is amazing for the viewers. At

constructed on 1062 acres of land in Nay Pyi Taw Yezin and it was opened on 26 March 2008. A total of 39 species of mammals, 30 species of birds and 12 species of reptiles are put on display at 27 booths. Among them, the rare and endangered wildlife are being shown at the booths including icy land inhabitant penguins and the rare species white tiger. Therefore, the visitors have an opportunity to observe the rare wildlife at the gardens which they could watch only in the movies.

With the aims of developing the astronomical knowledge for the student

and foster the Union Spirit. Moreover, the garden proves the long time existence of the Union to the tourists from abroad.

In accord with one of the four social objectives of the State "Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation", four football grounds, four basketball grounds, four volleyball pitches and six tennis courts in addition to billiards and bowling gymnasiums were constructed for enabling the people of Nay Pyi Taw to do health exercises and hold sports events.

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Bird's eye view of 10 hotels meeting international standard at Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone.

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Furthermore, the 30,000-fan-capacity Zabuthiri modern stadium is under construction in Zabuthiri and the 30,000-fan-capacity Zeyathiri modern stadium in Zeyathiri. Upon completion, Myanmar will host the international sports and games including the South-East Asian Games.

As the markets have been built for enabling the local people to conveniently purchase necessary goods and utensils for daily use, Nay Pyi Taw Myoma Market, Thabyegon Market, Thiri Yadana Modern Market, Mingala Market and Ahara Thukha Market are packed with customers. Moreover, the existing markets are being upgraded. Ahara Thukha

Market is kept open the whole night. While new markets are under construction in Pobbathiri and Ottarathiri, Nay Pyi Taw Junction Centre and Zeyathiri Department Store sell various kinds of goods to the buyers through the one stop service similar to international practice. As a result, the Nay Pyi Taw dwellers can lead a peaceful lifestyle. In their spare time, the dwellers can take pleasure in enjoying movies at the modern cinemas at the building of the market. Indeed, the Nay Pyi Taw dwellers can lead the international standard lifestyle. On completion of Capital Hypermarket (Nay Pyi Taw) being built by the Union of Myanmar Economic Holdings Ltd, the scene of Nay Pyi Taw will be packed with

visitors from far and near in the future.

For giving comfortable accommodation to the guests from international community, the State guests and national brethren from far and near coming to attend the festivals, national

entrepreneurs have built and opened 10 international standard hotels including Shwe Nan Taw, Shwe Myanmar, Shwe Ethei, Thingaha, Myat Taw Win, Amara, Royal Kumudra, Mount Pleasant and Yadana Theinga. Among them, Mount Pleasant Hotel built on Po Zaung Hill at an alti-

tude of 1600 feet near Nay Pyi Taw Ottarathiri is providing hotel services to the guests for enjoying scenic beauties of Nay Pyi Taw plus the opportunity to feel the cold and fresh breeze. At present, eight more hotels are under construction to compete their beauties with that of the completed

ings in a row at the guest-house decorated with traditional handicrafts in combination with modern architectural styles.

The banking service is essential for a modern capital. In upgrading the capital, the banking service plays an important role in making payment of trading



Building of Myawady Bank Ltd in modern design in Nay Pyi Taw.



An aerial view of Nay Pyi Taw General Hospital (1000-bed).

sector and monetary affairs. In Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar Economic Bank, Myawady Bank Limited, Si Pin Tha Yar Yay Bank Limited and Myanmar Industrial Development Bank built in grand and modern designs are functioning, while Livestock and Fisheries Bank, Myanmar Citizens Bank, Kanbawza Bank, Myanmar Oriental Bank, First Private Bank and Tun Foundation Bank are under construction. It is sure that development of Myanmar economy would depend on services of these banks in the new era.

Nay Pyi Taw, being capital of the Union of Myanmar, must be ready to host international conferences, meetings, seminars, paper-reading sessions and commemorative ceremonies. The Myanmar International Convention Centre is under construction in Dekkhinathiri, and it will be completed in the near future. Thanks to the grand building, the Nay Pyi Taw will be active and alive with guests from international community to attend the meetings and conferences in the future.

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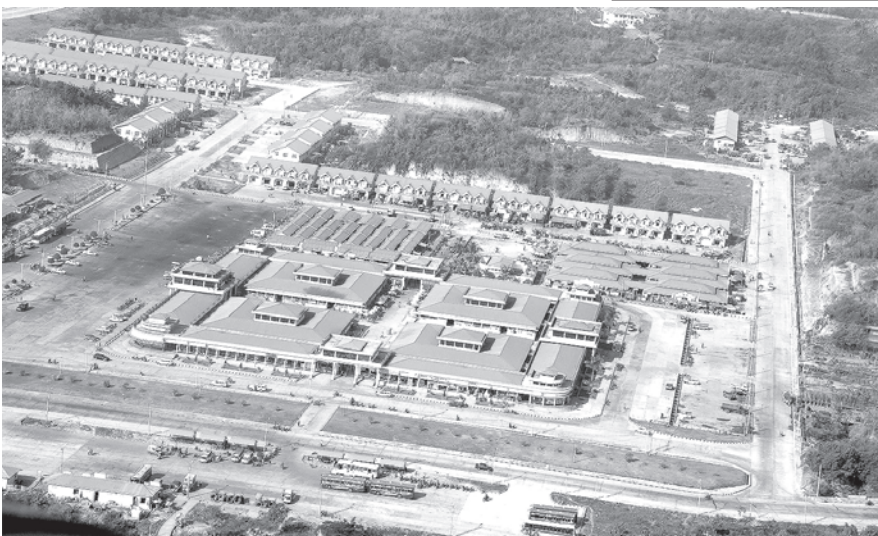


Photo shows aerial view of Nay Pyi Taw Myoma Market.

hotels. Moreover, the guest-house of Nay Pyi Taw City Development Committee was built with many rooms and halls to provide accommodation at fair price to the service personnel, middle class guests and those wishing to save expense, who arrive in Nay Pyi Taw from various regions of the country. As a result, the guests and visitors are satisfied with the services and fair prices of the guesthouse. Such accommodation service is one of the significant milestones of Nay Pyi Taw. The guests and tourists from abroad remarked that Myanmar engineers and architects have capabilities to build the hotels and buildings in Nay Pyi Taw including the build-

Landmarks Gardens to help national people hand down strong Union Spirit to new generations

National Landmarks Garden (Nay Pyi Taw) inaugurated

Secretary-1 General

Thiha Thura Tin

Aung Myint Oo

visits Landmarks

booths of States and

Divisions.—MNA



NAY PYI TAW, 11 Feb—As a gesture of honouring the 63rd Anniversary Union Day, the ceremony to open the National Landmarks Garden (Nay Pyi Taw) was held at the archway of the garden near Thaikchaung Village of Zeyathiri Township, Nay Pyi Taw District, at 8 am today, with an address by Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo.

Also present on the occasion were senior mili-

artists, Union Day delegates and local people.

Speaking on the occasion, the Secretary-1 said that the State Peace and Development Council is striving for ensuring peace and stability and development of the Union of Myanmar, upholding Our Three Main National Causes: Non-disintegration of the Union, Non-disintegration of national solidarity and Perpetuation of sovereignty. After constructing necessary infrastructures for uplift of livelihoods of the national peo-

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Opening ceremony of National Landmarks Garden (Nay Pyi Taw) in progress.—MNA

ple in the entire nation, Nay Pyi Taw was built as the Capital of the State in the central area of the country accessible from various regions of Myanmar in ac-

den in Pyin Oo Lwin in 2006. As a result of building the museums in order to observe the culture and customs of the national races, the national brethren who

The significant structures such as pagodas and stupas, hills, lakes, waterfalls, caves, beaches and islands located in States and Divisions were built as land-

marks at the respective exhibition sites. The educational booths depicting traditional houses that reflect daily lifestyle of respective national races, traditional food stalls and progress of socio-economic sector are put on display for the visitors.

Moreover, the modern playground, halls and other recreation centres were built in the garden. More decorations will be undertaken at the garden to have the characteristics of recreation parks meeting the international standard.

Next, the Secretary-1

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The scenic beauty of Haka, Tidim-Haka-Gangaw-ChaungU Road, the magnificent scenery of Mindat and Reed Lake were built as landmarks at Chin State Booth.

In Mon State Booth were the sublime Kyaikhtyoe pagoda, Mon traditional houses, Setse Beach and Thanlwin Bridge (Mawlamyine).

There were pleasant scenes of Sittway, Kissapanadi Bridge, Koethaung Stupa, Shitthaung Stupa, Sittway Point Tower and Ngapali Beach in Rakhine State Booth.

Shan State Booth comprises Inlay Lake and PhaungdawU Pagoda, Standing Buddha Image in Kengtung, Pindaya Cave Pagoda, Thanlwin River Crossing Bridges such as Kunlong Suspension Bridge, Tarhsan Bridge,

Takaw Bridge and Takawet Bridge.

Booths of Yezin Dam, Ngaliike Dam and Paunglaung Reservoir, playground, developing Nay Pyi Taw booth and scale model of Nay Pyi Taw that can be studied by pressing the button were on display at Nay Pyi Taw Booth.

Booths of Sagaing Hills, Shwebo Palace, Kaunghmudaw Pagoda, the beautiful scenes of Monywa, Myanmar traditional house, Leshi and Naga traditional houses, Chindwin River and Chindwin Bridge, Hsinbyushin Bridge and Thaphanseik Dam were built at Sagaing Division Booth.

In Taninthayi Division Booth were mountain ranges along Myanmar coastal line, archipelago, Mt. Pahtawpahtet on the other



Union Day delegates formally open National Landmarks Garden (Nay Pyi Taw).—MNA

bank of Myeik and the Reclining Buddha Image, Pearl Island, Maungmakan Beach, the scenic beauty of Dawei, Bayintnaung Statue in Kawthoung, Bayintnaung Cape and Kawthoung.

Bago Division Booth comprises Sittoung Bridge, Kanbawzathadi Palace, Shwemawdaw Pagoda and Nawade Bridge.

Booths of Magway Myathalun Pagoda, Ayeyawady Bridge (Magway), Anawrahta Bridge (Chauk), Mann

Shwesettaw, Nagapwataung, the beautiful scene of Magway, Patheingyi Road, Magway-Nay Pyi Taw Road and Magway-Chauk Road were constructed at Magway Division Booth.

In Mandalay Division Booth were the scale model of Bagan and its environs, the Four Tooth Relics booth comprising Shwezigon Pagoda, Tantkyitaung, Tuyintaung and Lawkananda Pagoda and Bagan Palace, Myanansaankyaw

Shwenanntaw, Moat, Nannmyint Tower, stone inscription, the scale model of Mandalay Palace, Meiktila, Mogoke and Mt. Mandalay, Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadanabon), Mt. Popa and Yeywa Hydropower Project booth. Shwedagon Pagoda, City Hall and Independence Monument were built as landmark at Yangon Division Booth.

Ayeyawady Division Booth comprises Mawtinsun Pagoda, Ngwehsaung Beach,

Ngawun River Crossing Bridge, Bo Myat Tun Bridge and Patheingyi food shop.

Among them were traditional residences of national races and food stalls where visitors can have traditional foods.

Relaxation spots such as playgrounds and other recreation centers were built on the area of landmarks of states and divisions. Plan is underway to build Ice Skating Center, Artificial Beach Resort and Viewing Towers.—MNA



547 Trading & Associate Companies launch special sales

YANGON, 11 Feb—547 Trading & Associate Companies commenced the special sales at Hmyawsin Island of Karaweik Park at Kandawgyi Gardens, here, yesterday afternoon, attended by

Lt-Gen Myint Swe of Ministry of Defence views booths displayed at special sales of 547 Trading & Associate Companies.

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Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence.

Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Win Myint, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin and officials formally opened the sales.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe, officials and guests visited the booths displayed at the sales.

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The Gem Museum attracting tourists, located near the hotel zone of Zabuthiri, is a pride of Nay Pyi Taw. The large area of upstairs museum decorated with large wall glasses and beautiful and wonderful decorations in the modern designs reflects the high architectural standards of Myanmar engineers. In the upstairs room, precious jewels such as ruby and sapphire that can be found only in the land of Myanmar, quality jade lots and the largest pearl in Myanmar are put on display. The upstairs is formed with the show room, and the downstairs is displayed with jewellery shops. The guests who visit Nay Pyi Taw can study the precious jewellery of Myanmar at the museum and buy the gems of their choice. It is good news for jewellery lovers that near the Gem Museum, the Maniyadana Emporium Hall is under construction in new and modern designs by meeting the international

set standards.

In upgrading the Nay Pyi Taw to possess the capital characteristics, an international standard golf course was constructed for the distinguished guests and local golf enthusiasts. The facilities of golf events are the Nay Pyi Taw Golf Course, the City Golf Course and the Yepyaw Golf Course with 18 holes each and the Paunglaung Golf Course and the Yezin Golf Course with nine holes each, the City Golf Training Range and the Royal Myanmar Golf Training Range. In addition, the 36-hole Royal Myanmar Modern Golf Course is under construction in Nay Pyi Taw Zabuthiri and the 18-hole Yanaungmyin Golf Course in Dekkhinathiri to add the lush and green scenes of roughs and fairways from the golf courses to the beauties of Nay Pyi Taw. Due to the fact that the State level golf tournaments including the State Peace and Development Council Chairman's Trophy Golf Tournament and the Nay Pyi Taw Maha Thingyan Tour Golf Cup are organized at the golf courses, no one can deny that the professional golfers would turn out from the tournaments to bring honour to the State.

With a view to ensuring emergence of the democratic nation in accordance with the Constitution 2008 approved by 92.48 per cent of the national people including the dwellers of Nay Pyi Taw, the grand and splendid Hluttaw Building is already completed in Nay Pyi Taw Zabuthiri. The Hluttaw building decorated with fine and magnificent architectural works and beautiful Myanmar traditional handicrafts reflects the Myanmar strength that will appear in the world in the near future. Indeed, the Hluttaw building unveils the progress of Nay Pyi Taw that is ready for the future democratic nation.

While removing the darkness, the Sun gradually rises to generate the warmth and light. Likewise, the Union of Myanmar gives light to its land by crushing the destructive acts through the Union Spirit. It is obvious that the lighting mechanism of the Union from centering Nay Pyi Taw is guiding the nation to progress and prosperity of the new era.

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Invitation To Tender

Sr No	Description	Qty	Issuing Date	Closing Date
1.	kun\Åkm\qy\pui	35 Tons	11.2.2010	15.2.2010
2.	sk\psBv\qy\pui	80.88 Ton	11.2.2010	15.2.2010
3.	Raw Materials For Tile Plant	7 Items	11.2.2010	8.3.2010

Tender forms and documents are available at the Procurement Department, Myanmar Ceramic Enterprise, Ministry of Industry (1), Office No. 41, Nay Pyi Taw, during office hours. Tender will be accepted only from Bidder who purchased Tender Documents officially. (For further details, contact telephone number. 067-408298)

Myanma Ceramic Industry

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**MV RAINBOW ANGEL VOYNO (11)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV RAINBOW ANGEL VOYNO (11) are hereby notified that the vessels will be arriving on 13.2.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W.5 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 Claim Day.

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China plans to build national renewable energy centre

BEIJING, 11 Feb—China plans to build a national renewable energy centre to further shore up development of the industry, the *China Daily* reported on Wednesday.

The establishment of the centre is in the preliminary planning stages, the newspaper quoted Han Wenke, director general of Energy Research Institute under the National Development and Reform Commission as saying.

The centre will be responsible for policy-making, key project and programme management, market and industrial operations, database and information platform establishment as well as international exchanges, according to the newspaper.

Han made these remarks at the launch of a Sino-Danish Renewable Energy Development Programme on Tuesday, without providing further detail. China made great progress in renewable energy growth last year.

Xinhua

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

Four killed in train-bus accident in Bangladesh

DHAKA, 11 Feb—Four persons were killed and three persons wounded as a passenger express train rammed into a mini-bus on Tuesday at Basail sub-district of Bangladesh's Tangail District, 92 kilometres northwest of capital Dhaka, police said.

Mizanur Raman, police head of Tangail District, said the City Express train bound for capital Dhaka rammed into the mini-bus carrying seven passengers while it was crossing an unmanned level crossing at the sub-district.

Xinhua

Malaysia wants all maritime units under one roof

KUALA LUMPUR, 11 Feb—The Malaysian government wants all maritime units in various departments and agencies to be placed under the Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency (MMEA), local media reported on Wednesday.

The *Star* quoted Malaysian Deputy Prime Minister Muhyiddin Yassin as saying that a meeting would be held to facilitate the transfer of the necessary assets and personnel to the agency.

Muhyiddin said the

Malaysian government had handed over part of the assets belonging to various maritime enforcement units to the MMEA, which would be the main maritime enforcement body in the country.

Discussions aimed at avoiding overlapping of duties between agencies would also be carried out, added Muhyiddin.

According to the report, Muhyiddin had earlier witnessed various demonstrations conducted by the MMEA's personnel at the waters of Pulau Pintu

South Korea to promote technology, culture at Shanghai Expo

SEOUL, 11 Feb—South Korea will promote its high-end technology and popular culture at the 2010 World Expo in Shanghai, the government said on Wednesday.

With the world exposition only 80 days away, the Ministry of Knowledge Economy said it will set up a national pavilion, costing 38.2 billion won (32.9 million US dollars), in a floor space of 7,683 square metres to create a positive image of the country for

people visiting the six-month long event.

South Korea will also build a corporate pavilion, worth 29.9 billion won (25.8 million US dollars), where 12 local companies including Samsung Electronics, Hyundai Motors, LG, SK, and POSCO, will showcase their products.

"The two pavilions as well as an exhibition room by the city of Seoul will be open to the public from 1 May when the Expo begins," the ministry said in

a Press release.

It added South Korea is one of the dozen countries, including the United States, Japan, Germany, Britain, and France, to build national pavilions exceeding the size of 6,000 square metres.

Also, South Korea will serve traditional food and booklets at their pavilions, while a number of popular local movie stars are scheduled to make appearances as well, the ministry said.—Xinhua



Citizens visit the special exhibition of fine arts presented by the newly-built Jiangsu Province Art Museum in Nanjing, capital of east China's Jiangsu Province, on 9 Feb, 2010. The new museum will present a special exhibition of fine arts to the public for free during the coming Spring Festival holidays. —XINHUA

Peru to help rebuild schools, water systems in Haiti

LIMA, 11 Feb—Peruvian President Alan Garcia said Tuesday his country will donate 10 million US dollars for the reconstruction of schools and potable water systems in quake-hit Haiti.

If all South American countries follow suit, the amount could soon reach some 100 million dollars, Garcia said at an extraordinary summit of the Union of South American Nations (Unasur) in Quito, Ecuador.

According to news reaching here, Garcia called on South American countries to contribute to the reconstruction of road infrastructure and all other fields in need of rebuilding in the small Caribbean island country.—Xinhua

US shuttle Endeavour docks with ISS

WASHINGTON, 11 Feb—US space shuttle *Endeavour* docked with the *International Space Station (ISS)* early on Wednesday morning, said NASA.

Endeavour was launched on Monday morning from Kennedy Space Centre in Florida. It is delivering a new room and a seven-windowed dome observation deck for the *ISS*.

The new room, named *Tranquility*, and the observation deck will be installed on the station during three spacewalks on the shuttle's 13-day construction mission. *Tranquility* will provide additional room for crew members and many of the space station's life support and environmental control systems.—Xinhua



The space shuttle Endeavour is seen in this view from the International Space Station as it approaches the orbiting laboratory for docking in this image on 9 Feb, 2010 from NASA TV.—XINHUA

SPORTS

Ferguson has no complaints as Nani sees red

BIRMINGHAM, 11 Feb—Sir Alex Ferguson belied his reputation as a referee-baiter by insisting he had no problems with Nani's sending off in a 1-1 draw away to Aston Villa.

Wednesday's result left champions United a point behind Premier League leaders Chelsea.

It also meant Nani, shown a straight red card for a two-footed challenge on Stiliyan Petrov, would be suspended for United's next three matches, including this month's League Cup final against

Villa at Wembley.

Ferguson, who earlier this season received a two-match touchline ban for criticising referee Alan Wiley's fitness, had no complaints with Peter Walton's decision to reduce United to 10 men in the 29th minute at Villa Park.

"It's a red card, Nani went in double-footed and he can't do that," Ferguson said. "It was a naive tackle and the referee had no option. "But Nani is not a malicious player.

"He has been doing so well for us and we'll now miss him for the League Cup final. "He's also missing two league games which is just as important." United's dropping of two points was compounded by the sight of veteran winger Ryan Giggs leaving Villa Park with his arm in a sling after an innocuous collision with Steve Sidwell late in the second half.—Internet



Manchester United's Nani (right) looks on as his teammates protest to referee Peter Walton (left) after he had sent Nani off during their Premier League match against Aston Villa at Villa Park, Birmingham.

INTERNET

Chelsea give Terry time off after Everton slip

LIVERPOOL, 11 Feb—John Terry is to miss Chelsea's FA Cup fifth round tie with Cardiff City on Saturday on compassionate grounds.

Chelsea assistant manager Ray Wilkins made the announcement about Terry's break after the centre-half was caught out for both of Louis Saha's goals in a 2-1 loss away to Everton that cut the Londoners lead at the top of the Eng-

lish Premier League to just a point.

Last week Terry was stripped of the England captaincy after reports of an alleged affair with the ex-girlfriend of former Chelsea team-mate Wayne Bridge dominated the British press.

Since the story became public property, Chelsea captain Terry has responded with a series of fine displays for the Blues but his standards slipped at Goodison Park on Wednesday as his team suffered their fourth league defeat of the season. Terry will now miss this weekend's tie before returning to prepare for the league game at Wolverhampton Wanderers on February 20.

Meanwhile Wilkins said Saha deserved praise for the way he made life tough for Terry.—Internet



Chelsea captain John Terry

Wenger insists Arsenal are back in title hunt

LONDON, 11 Feb—Arsene Wenger believes Arsenal's title challenge is back on track after his side reduced the gap on Premier League leaders Chelsea to six points with a 1-0 win over Liverpool.



Liverpool's Steven Gerrard vies with Arsenal's Abou Diaby (up) during their Premier League match at the Emirates stadium.—INTERNET

The Gunners had been widely written off after Sunday's 2-0 defeat at Stamford Bridge, which followed a heavy home loss to Manchester United.

But Wenger was delighted with his side's response as they ended a run of three games without a win thanks to Abou Diaby's 72nd minute header at the Emirates Stadium on Wednesday.

Diaby's winner ensured the Gunners took advantage of Chelsea's loss at Everton, while second-placed United dropped two points at Aston Villa.

Internet

Ribery scores on return to Bayern starting XI



Bayern Munich's French midfielder Franck Ribery (L) celebrates scoring with Bayern Munich's defender Philipp Lahm during the DFB German Cup quarter-final football match SpVgg Greuther Fuerth in Munich.

INTERNET

BERLIN, 11 Feb—France star Franck Ribery made an immediate impact on his first start for Bayern Munich in more than four months on Wednesday as he scored in their 6-2 German Cup quarter-final win over Furth.

The 26-year-old attacking midfielder, who had been out with knee tendinitis, was in sparkling form and set up Thomas Mueller for Bayern's first - the young German star was to score another eight minutes from time - in the fifth minute before scoring himself in the 61st minute.—Internet

Tennis ace Davydenko brings Lopez back down to earth



Russian tennis player Nikolay Davydenko returns a forehand to Spanish player Feliciano Lopez in the first round of the ABN AMRO World Tennis Tournament in Rotterdam.

INTERNET

ROTTERDAM, 11 Feb—Russian second seed Nikolay Davydenko pulled off an impressive win over in-form Spaniard Feliciano Lopez here on Wednesday in the first round of the Rotterdam Open beating him 6-4, 6-2.

Davydenko, a two-time semi-finalist here, was a surprisingly easy winner over Lopez, who arrived on the back of the second title of his career the South African Open last Sunday.

Internet

Dementieva cruises into Paris last eight

PARIS, 11 Feb—Russian top seed Elena Dementieva beat compatriot Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova in straight sets to reach the quarter-finals of the WTA Paris Indoor Open here on Wednesday.

Dementieva, a second-round casualty at the Aus-



Russia's tennis player Elena Dementieva returns a forehand to her compatriot Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova during their Paris WTA tennis open match. Dementieva won 6-4, 6-4 to reach the quarter-finals.

INTERNET

tralian Open, took the first set 6-4 and was 4-1 up in the second set before Pavlyuchenkova staged a mini-revival, only for the world number seven to eventually prevail 6-4, 6-4.

"It wasn't an easy match to play," said Dementieva, who lost in last year's final to home favourite, the now retired Amelie Mauresmo.

"Anastasia had an opportunity to play on this court already and she was playing with a lot of confidence.

"I don't think I played 100 percent and I was up and down in the match, but in the end it was good to win in two sets. Now I'll focus on my quarter-final match."—Internet

Wolves stun Spurs again to boost survival bid

WOLVERHAMPTON, 11 Feb—Wolverhampton Wanderers shocked Tottenham for the second time this season as the Premier League strugglers claimed a 1-0 win over Harry Redknapp's team at Molineux on Wednesday.

Mick McCarthy's men had defeated the north Londoners at White Hart Lane earlier this season and repeated the trick thanks to David Jones's first league goal of the season.

The midfielder struck midway through the first half and that was enough to see off lacklustre Spurs and lift Wanderers out of the relegation zone.

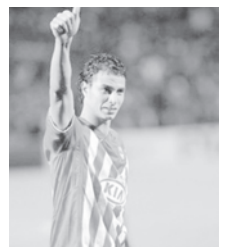
After promising earlier this week that his side would make a run at third place, Redknapp was left to reflect on another let-down against unfancied opposition.

Spurs are only a point off fourth but, with Liverpool losing at Arsenal, they missed a golden opportunity to boost their Champions League bid.—Internet

Chamakh gunning for big move abroad

PARIS, 11 Feb—Bordeaux striker Marouane Chamakh may rarely feature at the top of the goalscoring charts, but that has not stopped him becoming one of the most talked-about players in French football.

A product of Bordeaux's youth team, the 26-year-old Moroccan international has been linked with a string of European giants over the past year including Liverpool, Arsenal, Inter Milan and Juventus.



Bordeaux striker Marouane Chamakh (pictured in 2009) may rarely feature at the top of the goalscoring charts, but that has not stopped him becoming one of the most talked-about players in French football.

INTERNET

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**MRTV-3
Programme Schedule
(12-2-2010) (Friday)**

Transmissions	Times
Local	- (09:00am ~ 10:00am)MST
Europe	- (19:30pm ~ 21:30pm)MST
North America	- (23:30pm ~ 07:30am)MST
Oversea Transmission-	(12-2-10 11:30 am ~ 13-2-10 11:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Signature Tune
- * A Brief Account of Bagan
- * News
- * Music Gallery
- * Traditional Pagoda Festivals of Mrauk U
- * News
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- * Traditional Meritorious Deeds Ceremony
- * News
- * Human Life and Astro Guide
- * News
- * Traditional Dances of National Races (Kayin) Our Aims & Our Union
- * Topic on Journal "Discussion on Measures to lay down Timber Certification Work Plan"
- * News
- * IT Youths & Knowledge Age
- * News
- * Songs for you "Dual Thoughts, Crystal Palace"
- * The Reh Lake (The Greatest Attraction in Chin State)

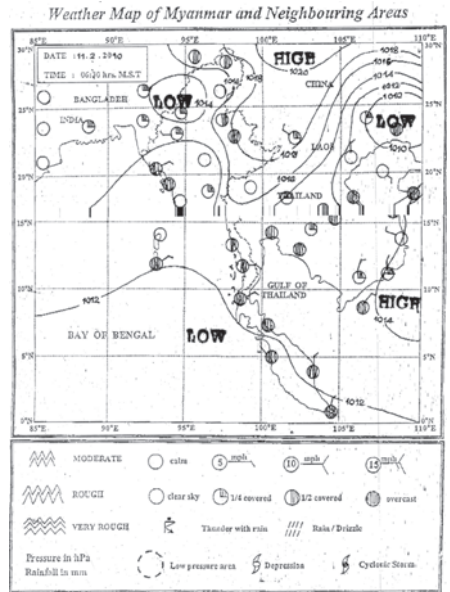
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**Amelie Mauresmo (L),
French tennis
champion, smiles near
her mother after a
tribute to her career
during Paris Open
tennis tournament at
the Coubertin stadium
in Paris, on 10
February 2010.**
INTERNET


**China's Antarctic team completes
inland field trips**

ZHONGSHAN STATION, ANTARCTICA, 11 Feb—Two groups of scientists on China's 26th Antarctic expedition team returned to their base camp here on Wednesday after about two months of inland field trips.

Both squads set out on Dec. 18 to explore the area around Kunlun Station, China's first research base in inland Antarctica, and the inland's Grove Mountain, respectively.—Internet

**WEATHER****Thursday, 11th February, 2010****Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr.**

M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kachin, Shan and Rakhine States, upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions and generally fair in the remaining areas. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below February average temperatures in Kachin, Chin, Rakhine States and Bago Division, (5°C) above February average temperatures in Mon State and Taninthayi Division and about February average temperatures in the remaining States and Divisions. The significant night temperatures were Namhsan (0°C), Pinlaung, Haka and An (2°C) each, Lashio and Heho (4°C) each.

Maximum temperature on 10-2-2010 was 97°F. Minimum temperature on 11-2-2010 was 67°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 11-2-2010 was 45%. Total sun shine hours on 10-2-2010 was (10.0) hours approx.

Rainfall on 11-2-2010 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 (5) mph from Southeast at (15:30) hours MST on 10-2-2010.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 12th February 2010: Weather will be partly cloudy in Kachin State and Taninthayi division and generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions.

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Fair weather in the whole country.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 12-2-2010: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 12-2-2010: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 12-2-2010: Generally fair weather.

Myanmar

**Friday, 12
February
View on today**

6:45 am

- (၆၃)နှစ်မြောက်ပြည့်ထောင် စုနေ့အခမ်းအနားကျင်းပပုံ တိုက်ရိုက်ထုတ်လွှင့်မှု အစီအစဉ်

7:45 am

- (၆၃)နှစ်မြောက်ပြည့်ထောင် စုနေ့ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်

8:15 am

- ပြည်ထောင်စုနေ့ဂုဏ်ပြုဆိုင်

အဖွဲ့ဖော်ပြတင်ဆက်မှု
အစီအစဉ်

8:30 am

- (၆၃)နှစ်မြောက်ပြည့်ထောင် စုနေ့ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်

8:40 am

5. International News

8:45 am

6. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:00 pm

1. Martial Song

4:10 pm

2. ပြည်ထောင်စုနေ့ဂုဏ်ပြု အစီအစဉ်

4:25 pm

- (၆၃)နှစ်မြောက်ပြည့်ထောင် စုနေ့ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်

4:35 pm

- ၂၀၁၀ခုနှစ်၊ တက္ကသိုလ်ဝင် စာမေးပွဲဘာသာရပ်ဆိုင်ရာ သင်ခန်းစာ (ဘောဂဗေဒဘာသာရပ်)

5:10 pm

5. Song For Uphold National Spirit

5:20 pm

6. ပဉ္စလက်ကျောင်းတော်

5:45 pm

- (၆၃)နှစ်မြောက်ပြည့်ထောင် စုနေ့ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်

6:00 pm

8. Evening News

6:15 pm

9. Weather Report

6:20 pm

- ရသစုံလင်အင်တာနက် ဥယျာဉ်

6:45 pm

- နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "နောင်ဖွဲ့မေတ္တာ" (အပိုင်း-၁၀)

7:00 pm

- "ပြည်ထောင်စုစိတ်ဓာတ် မပြတ်ရင် သန်ခိုင်မာရန် မှာ ခိုဝန်တာ"

(အသီးတစ်ရာအညှာတစ်ခု ခို့ပြည်ထောင်စု)

8:00 pm

13. News

8:00 pm

- အမျိုးသားအထိမ်းအမှတ် ဥယျာဉ် (နေပြည်တော်)

8:00 pm

- အမျိုးသားအထိမ်းအမှတ် ဥယျာဉ် (တယားမြည်နယ်)

8:00 pm

16. International News

8:00 pm

17. Weather Report

8:00 pm

- နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ကိုယ်ရံတော်"

8:00 pm

- သီချင်းချစ်သူ (စည်သူလွင်) မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရား ကြီး၏အရည်အချင်းမပြတ် မေတ္တာဘာဝနာပွားများခြင်း တရားတော်



- ★ 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

Landmarks Gardens to help national people hand down strong Union Spirit to new generations National Landmarks Garden (Nay Pyi Taw) inaugurated



Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo unveils National Landmarks Garden (Nay Pyi Taw). (News on page 11)

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HLAING BWA (PARAMI)

Poem

Home

* A home should
Have the parents
Acting as the vanguard
Only then will it have
The self-respect it requires

Cartoon

