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## Danger of neo-colonialists

Today, neo-colonialists are practising various forms of neo-colonialism such as interfering in the internal affairs of other countries, putting pressure on and coercing other countries to serve as their minions, and resorting to all possible ways of forcing a government to serve a puppet one that will dance to their tune with the intention of harming the sovereignty of their targeted countries.

Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council  
Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe  
(From message sent on the occasion of the 61st Anniversary Independence Day)

## Construction of main Union Highway through collaborative efforts of Myanmar engineers and technicians during five-year period posts milestone of the united strength of State, people and Tatmadaw Secretary-1 addresses inauguration of Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay section of Yangon-Mandalay Expressway



Secretary-1 Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo unveils stone plaque of Yangon-Mandalay Expressway (Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay section).—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Dec—The opening of Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay section of Yangon-Mandalay Expressway undertaken in compliance with the guidance of the Head of State by Public Works of the Ministry of Construction and the Directorate of Military Engineering of the Ministry of Defence took place at the pavilion at Nay Pyi Taw C Junction at mile post No. 202/1 of the facility this morning, with an address by Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo.

Also present on the occasion were Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Maung Maung Aye,

ministers, the chief justice, deputy ministers, senior military officers, heads of department, departmental officials at Nay Pyi Taw district and township levels, staff members from ministries and companies, members of social organizations, teachers, students, pompom troupes, cultural troupe from the Department of Fine Arts under the Ministry of Culture, elephant dance troupes, townselders and residents.

In his speech, the Secretary-1 said that it was a great pleasure for him to address the ceremony to launch Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay section and to mark

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**Yangon-Mandalay Expressway is 400 feet wide, and has a 30 feet wide traffic island, six inches thick lower concrete layer and 12 inches thick surface concrete layer. The two-way two-lane concrete facility can withstand 80-ton loads.**

### 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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### Safeguard precious independence and sovereignty

Over one hundred national races have been residing in Myanmar since time immemorial. The amity and unity is strengthening among them on the land of Myanmar.

In looking back the history of nation, Myanmar has been standing tall among the global countries with owned fine traditions since yore. Unfortunately, Myanmar lost her sovereignty once due to aggressive annexation of colonialists. As all the national people who did not want to be enslaved repelled against the colonialists with patriotic spirit, Myanmar regained her independence.

Although loss of independence is easy and quick, it is a long-time struggle for regaining it. It is noticeable that only when the national people sacrificed life, blood and sweat in the fighting against the colonialists, can the independence be regained. In the history, all the national people had encountered oppression and bitter experiences in the life of enslavement.

At present, Myanmar is standing tall as a sovereign nation among the international community. The independence of Myanmar regained by national brethren will be in the 63<sup>rd</sup> anniversary. All national people are responsible for safeguarding the independence and sovereignty of the State.

Myanmar loves the nation and the people. Myanmar people value and preserve their literature, culture, customs and traditions. Being patriots, they culture the spirit of maintaining the national prestige. As such, all the people are to constantly safeguard the independent Myanmar built by ancient ancestors with fine traditions and spirits.

Nowadays, Myanmar as citizens of an independent nation are enjoying the fruits of peace and independence. Thus, all national people are to join hands for ensuring perpetual existence of the precious independence and sovereignty of the nation whatever obstacles and disturbances they face.

### Namtu TV relay station in action

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Dec—Namtu Television retransmission station in Shan State (North) was implemented so as to extend its coverage, and has completed on 25 December 2010. As from 26 December, the station telecasts Myanmar Radio and Television programme clearly with 50 Watt and UMF Channel-j 13.

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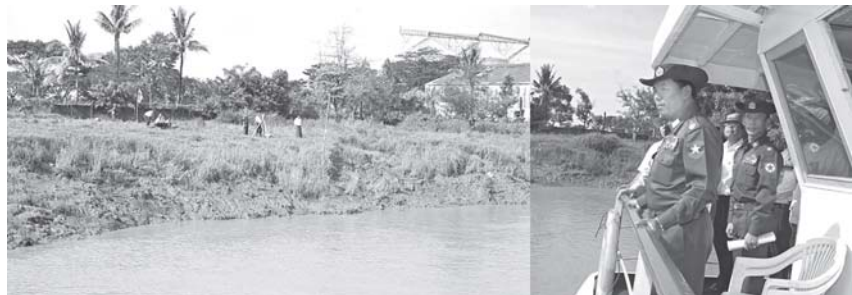
**Minister for Transport U Thein Swe receives Managing Director Mr Park Jeong Hwan of Myanmar Daewoo Limited.**

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- \* 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

### Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe inspects chosen site for construction of Khanaungto Creek Bridge in Seikkyi Khanaungto Township



*Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe of Ministry of Defence inspects site for construction of Khanaungto Creek Bridge.—MNA*

YANGON, 29 Dec — Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe of the Ministry of Defence together with Chairman of Yangon Region Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Tun Than and departmental officials inspected site chosen for construction of Khanaungto Creek Bridge in Seikkyi Khanaungto Township yesterday.

After hearing reports on work to be done presented by officials of the Ministry of Construction and Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs onboard the vessel, "Toe Pwar", Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe inspected

the chosen site and alignment for construction of the bridge at chosen site No-2 in U Tun O ward in the township.

Next, Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe visited 150-ton Naungshe Rice Mill of Taungpyardan Co in the ward and gave necessary instructions. Then he cordially greeted local people with words of encouragement.

Upon completion of the bridge, local people will have access to Yangon and Maubin through Hlinethaya-Twantay-Maubin road.

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**Nay Pyi Taw Command Commander Brig-Gen Maung Maung Aye presents championship trophy, duplicate trophy to champions Yangon Command in Defence Services C-in-C's Shield Football Tournament.**  
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### Transport Minister meets Myanmar Daewoo's MD



NAY PYI TAW, 29 Dec—Minister for Transport U Thein Swe met a delegation led by Managing Director Mr Park Jeong Hwan of Myanmar Daewoo Limited at the ministry here today. They talked about transport sector between the two countries.—MNA



## 16 killed in four US drone strikes in Pakistan



*Consecutive US drone.*

ISLAMABAD, 29 Dec — At least 16 people were killed in four consecutive US drone strikes Tuesday afternoon in Pakistan's northwest tribal area of North Waziristan, reported local media.

In the first strike, the US drones fired two missiles at two houses in Tehsil Ghulam Khan area of North Waziristan, killing five people inside the houses.

In the second strike which came

minutes after the first one, three people were killed while a local Urdu TV channel *DAWN* claimed 12 people died in the missile attack.

In the third strike, four people were killed and two others injured.

The second and third strike were launched in the same area as the first one, but local media gave no more details such as the targets of the attack.

The fourth strike left four people dead when two missiles were reportedly fired at a vehicle in the Datta Khel area of North Waziristan.

North Waziristan, which borders Afghanistan, is believed to be a safe haven of insurgents and militants. A total of 113 people have been killed in 15 drone strikes in northwest Pakistan so far this month.—*Xinhua*

## Suicide bombings hit police base in Iraq's Mosul

MOSUL, 29 Dec— Two suicide bombers on Wednesday blew themselves up inside a police commando base in the city of Mosul, the capital of Iraq's northern Province of Nineveh, killing the commander of the base and three policemen, a provincial police source said.

The attack took place at about 6:30 am (0330 GMT) when two suicide bombers detonated their

explosive vests near the room of Lieutenant Colonel Shamil Ahmed, the commander of the 1st battalion of the police commando which is stationing in Bab Sinjar area in western Mosul, some 400 km north of Baghdad, the source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

A third suicide bomber was shot dead by the police before he entered the base, the

source said.

The body of Ahmed is still under debris, the source said, adding that three more police commando members were also killed by the blasts and many others were wounded. The toll could rise as powerful blasts destroyed parts of the building and, apparently, many others are buried under the demolished walls, it added.—*Xinhua*

*An Afghan doctor treats an injured man at the hospital after a car bomb explosion in Kandahar south of Kabul, Afghanistan on 27 Dec, 2010. A car bomb exploded in the heart of the southern city of Kandahar on Monday, killing three people, an Afghan policeman at the scene said.—INTERNET*



*Children collect rubbish for recycling outside Kabul on 15 December, 2010. About 1.2 million Afghan children carrying out part or full time work, the government says, in a country where war, poverty, widespread unemployment and a preference for large families have created a huge underage labour market*

INTERNET

## Taleban facilitator captured in S Afghanistan

KABUL, 29 Dec—Afghan and NATO-led forces have captured a Taleban facilitator along with several suspected militants during a joint security operation in Taleban birthplace Kandahar Province of southern Afghanistan on Tuesday, the military alliance said Wednesday.

"Afghan and coalition forces detained a Taleban facilitator and several suspects during a joint security operation in Kandahar Province yesterday," the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) said in a statement released here.

The targeted individual is intelligence operative responsible for providing direction in the form of site selection and target sets for the suicide bombers who reportedly came into Kandahar City from Chaman City of Pakistan, it said.—*Xinhua*

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## Taleban hideout smashed, four killed in N Afghanistan

KUNDUZ, 29 Dec— Afghan forces backed by NATO-led troops have smashed Taleban hideout in northern Kunduz Province and killed four militants, provincial police chief Abdul Rahman Syedkhili said Wednesday.

"Afghan police along with Afghan army and international troops raided Taleban hideout in Gortipa area Tuesday and the operation continued for several

hours during which four militants were killed and 10 others made captive," Syedkhili told newsmen at a Press conference.

"One of those killed is from Chechen, two from Tajikistan and the remaining one is Afghan," he asserted.

A weapon cache containing arms and ammunition was also destroyed during the operation, he further said.

*Xinhua*

## US and allies kill, injure Iraqi people

BAGHDAD, 29 Dec— There has been daily casualties in Iraq since the US and its allies have invaded the country.

### Casualties of Iraqi people

The total number of casualties as from the day they invaded the country to 29 December reached 704561 and the total number of seriously injured people reached 1275269, according to the news on the Internet.

No.	Subject	Number
1.	Death toll of Iraqi people	704561
2.	The total number of seriously injured people	1275269

Internet

## Casualties of Afghan people in invasion of NATO troops led by US

KABUL, 29 Dec—The NATO troops led by the US have invaded Afghanistan and they are there for a long time.

A number of Afghan people are killed and injured due to invasion of the NATO troops led by the US.

### Casualties of Afghan people

According to the Internet news, a total of 33534 Afghan people were killed and 40719 injured seriously as from the day when the NATO troops led by the US invaded Afghanistan to 29 December.

No.	Subject	Number
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2.	Seriously injured Afghan people	40719

Internet



## Science



### Forecasters keep eye on looming 'Solar Max'

PARIS, 29 Dec—The coming year will be an important one for space weather as the Sun pulls out of a trough of low activity and heads into a long-awaited and possibly destructive period of turbulence.

Many people may be surprised to learn that the Sun, rather than burn with faultless consistency, goes through moments of calm and tempest.

But two centuries of observing sunspots — dark, relatively cool marks on the solar face linked to mighty magnetic forces — have revealed that our star follows a roughly 11-year cycle of behaviour.

The latest cycle began in 1996 and for reasons which are unclear has taken longer than expected to end.

Now, though, there are more and more signs that the Sun is shaking off its torpor and building towards "Solar Max," or the cycle's climax, say experts.

"The latest prediction looks at around midway

2013 as being the maximum phase of the solar cycle," said Joe Kunches of NASA's Space Weather Prediction Centre.

But there is a prolonged period of high activity, "more like a season, lasting about two and a half years," either side of the peak, he cautioned.

Internet

### SOHO spacecraft discovers its 2,000<sup>th</sup> comet

NEW YORK, 29 Dec—As people on Earth prepare to mark the passage of another year, a sun-studying spacecraft has quietly reached a big milestone of its own: discovering its 2,000<sup>th</sup> comet.

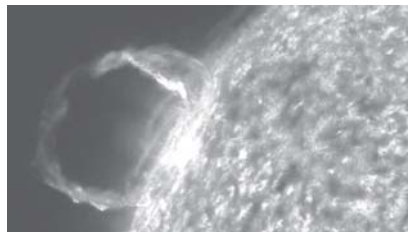
The Solar and Heliospheric Observatory, a probe operated jointly by NASA and the European Space Agency, detected comet No. 2,000 on 26 Dec. *SOHO*, which draws on help from citizen scientists around the world, is the single greatest comet-finder of all time, researchers said.

This is an impressive show of versatility, since *SOHO* was designed to monitor the sun, not look for comets.

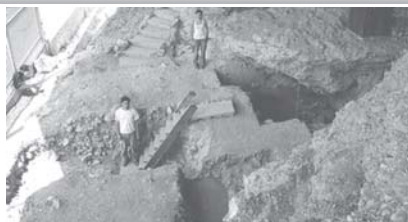
"Since it launched on 2 December, 1995, to observe the sun, *SOHO* has more than doubled the number of comets for which orbits have been determined over the last 300 years," Joe Gurman, the US project scientist for *SOHO* at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Centre in Greenbelt, Md, said in a statement.

*SOHO* itself does not really discover comets. Scores of amateur astronomer volunteers make the finds, after poring over the pictures produced by *SOHO*'s cameras.

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A NASA image of an eruption on the Sun. The coming year will be an important one for space weather as the Sun pulls out of a trough of low activity and heads into a long-awaited and possibly destructive period of turbulence.—INTERNET



A handout photo made available by Tel Aviv University spokesperson office shows the Qesem Cave near Rosh Haayin, in central Israel, where human teeth were found.—INTERNET

### Ariane rocket launch postponed because of winds

CAYENNE, 29 Dec—The launch of a European Ariane rocket carrying two satellites was postponed because of strong winds high above French Guiana on Tuesday, space officials said.

The rocket was due to launch from the European Space Agency's launch site in Kourou, French Guiana on the northeast coast of South America carrying the Hispasat 1E satellite for Spanish telecoms operator Hispasat and Koreasat 6 for South Korea's Korea Telecom.

"We are unable to authorize a launch tonight because of the high altitude winds," Joel Barre, Director of The Guiana Space Centre said.

He said a new attempt to launch the rocket would be made on Wednesday.

High altitude winds can cause debris from the rocket to fall on populated areas.—Reuters



## Technology



### 3D TV going Mobile at CES 2011 courtesy of LG

LAS VEGAS, 29 Dec — Viewing 3D TV while out and about is just one of the technological treats that 2011 may have in store. LG is expected to announce a new Mobile Digital TV (MDTV) at CES 2011. While that by itself isn't too impressive, the new models are expected to support 3D video playback.

An *Akihikara* News report detailed that the device will be capable of receiving and displaying a 3D TV output even while traveling at speeds of up to 125MPH—a much-needed feature for

those traveling on Japan's speedy bullet trains.

The device currently has no product name, and very little is known about the future portable's capabilities.

More information about LG's upcoming products, including this mobile set, is expected at CES 2011, which kicks off in Las Vegas from January 6<sup>th</sup>. Lets just hope that the portable TV doesn't need any special glasses to enjoy its content. And look forward to PCWorld's CES coverage next week.—Internet



Customers look at iPads at the Apple store in Shanghai on 17 September, 2010. The iPad launched in April by Apple became the must-have device of the year and has rivals intent on dethroning the culture-shifting California company before it can lock in the market the way iPods became the ruling MP3 players.—INTERNET

### Texting and driving don't mix, AT&T Video emphasizes

DENVER, 29 Dec — "Where U at?" "Yeah." Single words, shorthand or fragments of sentences that flow from cell-phone keyboards millions of times each day. But in a few notorious cases, those words have led to carnage on the road at the hands of texting drivers, an increasingly dangerous form of distracted driving.

AT&T, the second-largest wireless carrier in the US and one of the top companies putting cell phones in the hands of young drivers, is stepping up its campaign to stop the texting road menace. An 11-minute video produced by the company and released this week shows the heartbreaking consequences that can unfold in the few seconds a driver averts his or her glance from the road to a phone display.

Patrick Sims, who was 17 when he slammed into a bicyclist while texting LOL to a friend on a Denver highway in 2005, notes that if someone had asked him to close his eyes for five or six seconds while driving, he would never have done so. "But if someone said read this text. I had done it numerous times before," he tells viewers.—Internet



An English-teaching robot (R), "Engkey", stands in front of children at an elementary school in Daegu, southeast of Seoul. The 29 robots, about one metre (3.3 feet) high with a TV display panel for a face, wheeled around the classroom while speaking to the students, reading books to them and dancing to music by moving their head and arms.—INTERNET

### Eltima releases 2.0 Beta of Folx download manager

WASHINGTON, 29 Dec —Eltima Software has released the 2.0 Beta of Folx, its download manager and torrent client for Mac OS X. Beta 2.0 adds iTunes integration, RSS feed downloading options, and more advanced file management abilities to the handy utility.

Standard Web browsers don't offer many options when it comes to managing and organizing your downloads. Folx replaces your browser's download manager and organizes your downloads via a tagging system that identifies and tags specific filetypes according to parameters you set up. Tagged

downloads are automatically placed into corresponding folders on your Mac, helping you stay organized and keeping your Downloads folder uncluttered. Tolx can also increase download speeds by splitting your downloads into multiple threads, and can run as a BitTorrent client for Torrent downloads.

One of Folx 2.0's biggest new features is its ability to integrate with iTunes. All downloaded music and video can now be automatically added to iTunes playlists, with Folx creating new playlists named after the downloaded item's tag.

Internet





*Secretary-1 of SPDC Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo delivers an address at the opening ceremony of Yangon-Mandalay Expressway (Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay section).—MNA*

## Construction of main Union Highway...

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the completion of the whole Yangon-Mandalay Expressway Project which is designed to ensure easy access between upper Myanmar and southern Myanmar with Nay Pyi Taw in the centre.

Since its assumption of State responsibilities, the government has been working hard for national development. In the process, it has been making strenuous efforts to provide further impetus to development of the nation that lagged behind other countries in development, surmounting a variety of consequences triggered

by evil legacy, challenges caused by internal and external elements and natural barriers in line with the motto "The strength of the nation lies within".

Now, the government is in pursuit of the national goal of building a peaceful, modern and developed nation to enable the Union of Myanmar to keep abreast of the global family, taking lessons from the incidents that had adverse effects on national interests, and improving infrastructures in accordance with possible future



*Secretary-1 of SPDC Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo strolls on Yangon-Mandalay Expressway (Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay section).—MNA*

conditions of the nation. Such geographical features as Yoma mountain ranges, the delta, rivers, creeks,

economic and social sectors, and bolsters national unity through frequent relations among national brethren.

The government has built a large number of inter-village, inter-township, and inter-district roads in a strategic way in its bid to build networks of highways, roads, railroads and river- and creek-crossing bridges. As a result, the people can travel in a short time with safety between Kachin State in the northern part and Taninthayi Region in the southern part, between

Rakhine State in the western part and Shan State in the eastern part of the nation, between regions on the western bank of the Ayeyawady River and highlands in Chin State and Shan State (South) and Kayah State. And local people have benefited from the transport facilities in the economic and social areas.

The Yangon-Mandalay Expressway Construction Project commenced in October

travel from Yangon to Mandalay within seven hours.

Yangon-Mandalay Expressway is 400 feet wide and has a 30 feet wide traffic island, six inches thick lower concrete layer and 12 inches thick surface concrete layer. The two-way two-lane concrete facility can withstand 80-ton loads.

A total of 72 above-180-foot bridges, 202 bridges between 50-180 feet long and 164

bridges in length of less than 50 feet long were built along the expressway. In addition, a total of 842 box culverts and 116 underpasses were constructed on the expressway. There are canteens, workshops, fuel stations, five car parks and five toll gates along the expressway.

Arrangements have been made for enabling the towns along Yangon-Mandalay road to have access to the expressway through 26 link roads including the roads (See page 6)



*A road section of Yangon-Mandalay Expressway.—MNA*

## Construction of main Union Highway...

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crossing Bago mountain ranges from east to west. As construction of the expressway meets the standards and norms, users can enjoy the services of international standard highways.

Construction of the main Union Highway of the State through the collaborative efforts of Myanmar engineers and technicians during the five-year period posted a milestone of the united

stability and development tasks with momentum.

In conclusion, the Secretary-1 urged departmental personnel and the entire nation to maintain the development tasks including the already-inaugurated Yangon-Mandalay Expressway for their durability with national outlook; and the people to efficiently use the expressway for enhancement of their



Secretary-1 Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo cordially greets local people at opening ceremony of Yangon-Mandalay Expressway (Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay section).—MNA



Vehicles seen on newly-inaugurated Yangon-Mandalay Expressway (Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay section).—MNA

strength of the State, the people and the Tatmadaw.

With regard to building a new nation on owned strength, Head of State Senior General Than Shwe gave guidance, saying "Building a peaceful, modern and developed nation is the national goal. The nation-building tasks were carried out on owned might based on the strength that lies within the nation. While building the nation, the people could culture the self-reliant spirit."

He called for making strenuous efforts to carry out ongoing process for emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed new nation based on the strength that lies within the nation with the nationalistic spirit and the Union Spirit and to strive for perpetual existence of the future nation, prevailing peace and

socio-economic life by abiding by the laws, rules and regulations of the Expressway.

Next, Commander Brig-Gen Maung Maung Aye delivered an address. He said that the Directorate of Military Engineers of the Ministry of Defence and Public Works of the Ministry of Construction took responsibility to build the Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay section of Yangon-Mandalay Expressway. In providing necessary assistance for the people with farsightedness, the Head of State has given guidance to construct the already-opened expressway for serving the interest of the State. As such, he urged the people to maintain the expressway for its durability.

Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint gave

accounts on construction of Yangon-Mandalay Expressway. Then he stressed the need to follow the prescribed rules for durability of the expressway meeting set standards and thanked military and civilian officials, personnel of

ministries and organizations, town-sellers and local people for giving a helping hand for successful opening of the expressway.

Next, the Secretary-1 and party cordially greeted those present.

Then the opening

ceremony of Yangon-Mandalay Expressway followed. Commander Brig-Gen Maung Maung Aye, Minister U Khin Maung Myint and Managing Director U Kyaw Lin of Public Works formally opened the Yangon-Mandalay

Expressway (Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay section).

The Secretary-1 and party posed for a documentary photo together with the project engineer and senior engineers in front of the archway.

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Quartermaster-General Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, Deputy Minister U Myint Thein and Brig-Gen Than Lwin of Meiktila Station formally open Yangon-Mandalay Expressway (Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay section).—MNA



## Construction of main Union Highway...

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Next, the Secretary-1 unveiled the stone plaque of the expressway and sprinkled scented water on it and so did the commander and ministers.

Then the Secretary-1 and party inspected the Yangon-Mandalay Expressway (Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay section).

Likewise, the opening of Yangon-Mandalay Expressway (Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay section) was held at the pavilion near Zaga-inn junction in TadaU at 6.30 am today.

Mandalay Expressway (Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay section) and thanked officials of Public Works of the Ministry of Construction and engineers of Director of Military Engineering for their collaborative efforts in building the expressway.

Next, Maj-Gen Myint Soe of the Ministry of Defence, Commander Brig-Gen Ye Aung and Deputy Minister U Tint Swe formally opened the expressway and posed for a documentary photo



**Maj-Gen Myint Soe of the Ministry of Defence cordially greets those present at the opening ceremony of Yangon-Mandalay Expressway (Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay section). —MNA**



**Maj-Gen Myint Soe of the Ministry of Defence, Commander Brig-Gen Ye Aung and Deputy Minister U Tint Swe open Yangon-Mandalay Expressway (Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay section).— MNA**

and formally opened the expressway.

Deputy Minister for Construction U Myint Thein explained construction of Yangon-Mandalay Expressway (Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay section). Next, the project engineer presented commemorative pennant and gifts to Quartermaster-General Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, Deputy Minister U Myint Thein and Brig-Gen Than Lwin of Meiktila Station.

Then Quartermaster-General Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, Deputy Minister U Myint Thein and Brig-Gen Than

Lwin formally opened the Yangon-Mandalay Expressway (Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay section) and posed for a documentary photo together with officials concerned. Then Quartermaster-General Maj-Gen Wai Lwin and party inspected the expressway, toll gate and greeted passengers.

As Yangon-Mandalay Expressway (Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay section) was put into service today, people can travel directly from Yangon to Mandalay along the expressway.

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**Quartermaster-General Maj-Gen Wai Lwin waving to local people after the ceremony. —MNA**

Maj-Gen Myint Soe of the Ministry of Defence delivered an address and formally opened the Yangon-Mandalay Expressway (Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay section).

Next, Chairman of Mandalay Region Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Brig-Gen Ye Aung made a speech. Then Deputy Minister for Construction U Tint Swe gave accounts on construction of Yangon-

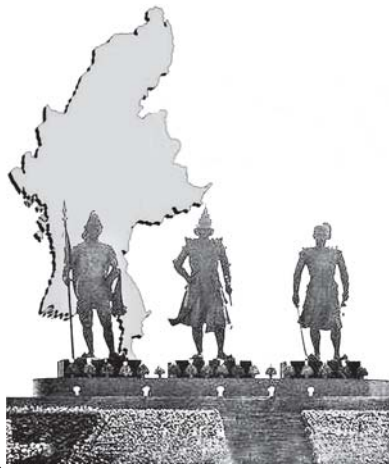
together with officials concerned.

Then Maj-Gen Myint Soe and party inspected the expressway, toll gate and cordially greeted passengers.

Similarly, the opening of Yangon-Mandalay Expressway (Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay section) took place at the pavilion near Theegon village in Meiktila. Quartermaster-General Maj-Gen Wai Lwin of the Ministry of Defence made an address



**Photo shows Yangon-Mandalay Expressway (Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay section).—MNA**

HAILING THE 63<sup>RD</sup> ANNIVERSARY INDEPENDENCE DAY:**Safeguard independence at risk to life***Padaung Than Kywe***Ward off colonialist tricks with patriotism**

Myanmar managed to throw off the yoke of the colonial rule and became a sovereign nation again on 4 January 1948. So, Independence Day is in its 63<sup>rd</sup> anniversary on 4 January 2011. In the near future, State duties will be handed over in line with the seven-step Road Map of the State to the government to be formed with the representatives elected in conformity with the new constitution.

Myanmar is an independent land in which city states such as Beikthanoe, Hanlin, Thuwunnabumi, Tagaung, Wethali and Strikestra came to existence with own monarchs beginning BC 300.

King Anawrahta of Bagan unified scattered regions into the First Myanmar Empire; King Bayintnaung, the Second Myanmar Empire collecting regions with Toungoo in the centre; and King

Alaungmintaya U Aung Zeya, the Third Myanmar Empire with Shwebo in the centre.

In the course of the Myanmar history, national races such as Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Bamar, Mon, Rakhine and Shan stuck together in amity with Union Spirit. They shared joys and sorrows and mutual understanding. They risked life and limb to preserve fine traditions and to ensure perpetuation of the nation and sovereignty. So, Myanmar stood tall as a sovereign, independent nation with own rulers throughout periods.

Geographically, Myanmar occupies a politically strategic position, lying in the mainland of Asia with a long exit to the sea. It shares borders with interior regions in Asia in the north-west and north. It is also bounded by world's most populous nations such as China and India along with Southeast Asian, South Asian and East Asian countries.

Myanmar is blessed with vast tracts of arable lands and favourable climate patterns for agricultural farming. Myanmar's forest coverage stands more than 50 percent. Crops especially rice and precious stones are abundant in the nation. It is also a source of teak, oil and minerals. Therefore, colonialists cast a covetous eye on Myanmar.

It was in the 19<sup>th</sup> century when British colonialists annexed India to their Empire. Then, they colonized Myanmar through three aggressive wars. So, Myanmar lost its sovereignty and independence. With the ill intention of undermining national unity, British colonialists drove a wedge among national brethren (a) geographically by ruling regions of ethnic groups separately, (b) racially by exercising different administrative systems for different national races, and (c) administratively by keeping and abetting sycophants to make their administrative mechanism effective.

However, Myanmar people are by nature equipped strongly with the spirit of making self sacrifices in the national interest, the spirit of cherishing and valuing own race, sovereignty, literature, culture, customs and traditions, and the spirit of being

hypersensitive to national dignity. So, national brethren bravely fought back the colonialists and helped the nation regain independence and sovereignty.

Sovereignty is, in fact, the lifeblood of a nation. If a nation's legislative power, executive power and judicial power are in the hand of aliens and foreign countries directly or indirectly, the nation is enslaved indirectly according to neo-colonialism.

Today, some countries are under the rule of alien troops. They are in no position to build security and carry out rebuilding tasks. They are uneasy with sham independence and puppet governments. The people of each country are treated unfairly by alien troops. Thousands of their people have died owing to alien troops' indiscriminate bomb attacks and gun and artillery fires, from which many lessons can be learnt.

Today's colonial policy is that if a targeted nation does not collapse itself, it is broken up through a wedge driven among its people. If the driven wedge does not work, neo-colonialists are not hesitant to make military threats. They are claiming the Third World War irresponsibly, and showing total disregard for international laws and a nation's sovereignty. The policy they practise is "might is right".

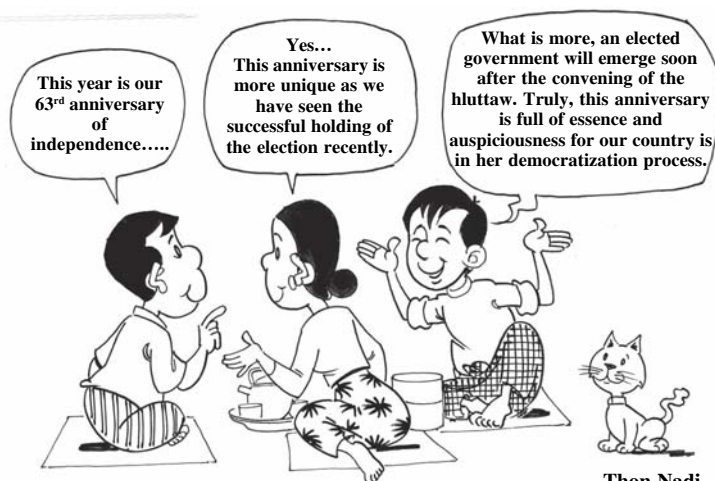
So, a nation can safeguard its independence only if it is militarily strong. Only with nationalistic spirit and patriotic spirit, can the people build their own strength. National unity is a driving force behind building a nation capable of catching up with other countries.

Thus, the government has built national unity, putting an end to armed insurrection that made the nation lag behind other nations in development for about 40 years.

Now, the people have taken giant strides in pursuance of the national goal of building a peaceful, modern and developed discipline-flourishing democratic new nation. In full swing are the 24-Special Regions Development Project, the Border Areas and National Races Development Project and the Five Rural Development Programmes designed to ensure State stability, community peace and the rule of law, build economic infrastructures, and develop human resources necessary for shaping the future of the nation. Therefore, the nation is enjoying rapid development in all fields. With prudent projects and pragmatic approaches, the government has improved all infrastructures to a certain degree. In other words, the government has been in a position to hand over State duties to the new government because of the good foundations it has built.

In 1988, the nation had 138 dams, paddy sown acreage of 11 million, and over 26 million acres of vacant lands. Due to 233 more dams and sluice gates, the nation's irrigated acreage has increased from over 130,000 to over 2.8 million. The government built 327 river water pumping stations and sank 8162 tube-wells in the regions where construction of a dam is not available. As a result, sown acreage has jumped from over 23.8 million to over 57 million in the same period. Of the over 26 million acres of virgin lands, 11.7 million acres have

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**Auspiciousness in every aspect**

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been reclaimed for agricultural farming. Previously, the nation's paddy sown acreage was only over 11.8 million, compared with more than 16 million acres of monsoon paddy and more than 3 million acres of summer paddy now. And paddy output has reached over 1566 million baskets from only more than 630 million baskets. In the time of the Tatmadaw government, Myanmar has become a major paddy-producing country, and the leading country in South East Asia in terms of producing beans and pulses.

When it comes to the forestry sector, forestation tasks have been carried out with might and main in deforested areas with a view to conserving the nation's invaluable forests. Yoma Mountain Ranges Greening Project was launched to regenerate the areas where forests were destroyed owing to local armed insurgency.

It is the Tatmadaw that has built networks of transport facilities across the nation. Throughout the nation, the total length of roads including tarred ones stretching 10,343.5 miles is now 21,361.2 miles, up from 13,635 miles including 5543.5 miles of tarred ones in 1988.

Now, it is upgrading 36 roads stretching between south and north and 45 roads stretching between east and west of the nation to Union highways. According to the geographical features, building bridges is a great challenge in Myanmar. In the past, there were only few bridges spanning rivers Ayeyawady, Chindwin and Thanlwin. Now, the number of river-crossing bridges has mounted to 17. Ongoing bridge projects across the river Ayeyawady are Nyaungdon Bridge Project, Malun Bridge Project, Yadanatheinga Bridge Project, Pakokku Bridge Project and Sinkhan Bridge Project. In like manner, there have been 250 above-180-foot bridges and 34 bridges under construction in states and regions. And 2915 under-180-foot bridges have been built now.

In respect to the rail transportation, the nation had 1976 miles of railways and 487 stations. Now, it has 3579 miles of railways and 899 stations, for which 11,282 rail bridges were built.

The numbers of bus, air and flight schedules are on the increase. In 1988, the nation saw only 12 jetties that could cope with international ships, and now the number has gone to 25. Three land container yards were established. When Yangon Port and Thilawa port terminals are completed, the number of jetties will hit 52. The Tatmadaw government has constructed seven more airports, and upgraded 62 airports, 21 of which have got special upgrading.

Up to 1988, the nation's electric power output stood at only 529.1 megawatts. In its time, the Tatmadaw government has been constructing hydropower plants and coal-fired power plants one

after another. Now, the nation has 32 more power plants whose installed capacity is 3045.4 megawatts. Sixty-one power plants are under construction whose installed capacity will be 41,206.5 megawatts and one more plant will be constructed with installed capacity is 25 megawatts. When the 94 plants are completed, the total installed capacity will reach 44,266.9 megawatts and will be able to generate over 254,000 million kilowatt hours a year.

To promote the national education, many more basic education schools were built, thus bringing the number of 33,747 to 40,876. Thirty government technical high schools were established for technological development. In addition, 1074 basic education schools were opened in border areas to make sure that every school-age child can have access to basic education. The number of universities, colleges and degree colleges under the Ministry of Education has increased from 27 to 64; technological universities, from one to 32 plus four technological colleges; and universities for computer studies, from one to 25. The government also opened 22 universities under other ministries. The number of hospitals across the nation has touched 898, compared with only 631 in the past.

Overall, fruitful results of development are tangible all over the nation. To put it another way, the government has built sound foundations for the future of the nation. All-round development and discipline-flourishing democracy are within the reach of the nation thanks to the State's seven-step Road Map, and successful completion of elections for parliaments at all levels.

If disunity, riots and chaos are rampant across, it is impossible to build a modern, developed nation. That national goal can be achieved only when the people uphold and admire Union Spirit, cohesion, patriotism, sacrificing spirit, thrifty practice, hard

work and self-discipline, and abide by the law.

In order for perpetuation of independence and sovereignty, the entire national people are required to safeguard the nation in concert. And they are all responsible for non-disintegration of the Union and non-disintegration of national solidarity. Furthermore, they have to welcome the new government that will take over responsibilities for transforming the nation into a discipline-flourishing democratic new one.

In conclusion, I would like to call on the entire people to harmoniously participate with Union Spirit and patriotism in the process of stable and peaceful transition to a democratic new nation.

Translation: MS

## POEM:

### A nationalistic vow

- \* O dear friend  
Know this we both  
Under own monarchs  
Lived our kin for years of many  
Country in grandeur  
Standing tall in world  
We Myanmarers are Thaki race
- \* O dear friend  
Warding off conspiracies  
To harm sovereignty  
And enslave our country  
Unyielding spirit as core  
Essence is strength and endurance  
Sacrifice we blood, sweat and lives  
Independence, sovereignty  
And State duties  
All we regard as  
Honour for Myanmarers
- \* O dear friend  
Our land Myanmar  
Defend we always  
In hearts national character  
Noble is Myanmar spirit  
Independence and sovereignty  
Safeguard we all  
Never tolerate we  
Any kind of intrusion  
With strength and unity  
Ward off we will  
Myanmar spirit it is

(Hailing the 63<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary  
Independence Day)

Po Yan Naing-Kyaukkyi (Trs)

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## Progress of border regions in the time of State Peace and Development Council

### Further strengthening amity and unity of national brethren with developing socio-economic life through thick and thin

After taking the State's responsibilities in 1988, the government has been giving first priority to national reconsolidation. The government firmly accepted that prevailing peace and stability and national unity are essential for development of the nation. As such, the government has adopted and is implementing the policies different from that of past successive eras for ensuring national reconsolidation with might and main. As the government made negotiation for peace based on correct and right attitude and genuine goodwill, a total of 17 national race armed groups and over 20 small groups have returned to the legal fold and the government built peace with them. It was an unprecedented achievement of the Tatmadaw government in the national race affairs.

Understanding goodwill of the State and its national policies, the national race armed groups made peace with the government and are joining hands with the State and the people in undertaking regional development tasks. The State, on its part, implemented border areas and national race development projects with momentum for all-round improvement of the peaceful and stable regions by spending a large sum of funds. As a result, all the border areas that had lagged behind in development for over 40 years have achieved unprecedented development of socio-economy including economic, social, education, health and transportation sectors as the plain regions.

Development of border areas and national races is related to progress of the whole nation. All the national brethren are in unison for the prosperous future of the State. While striving for further strengthening the national unity and amity with developing socio-economic lives through thick and thin, the national people will surely march together in unity till reaching the goal which is a new democratic nation.

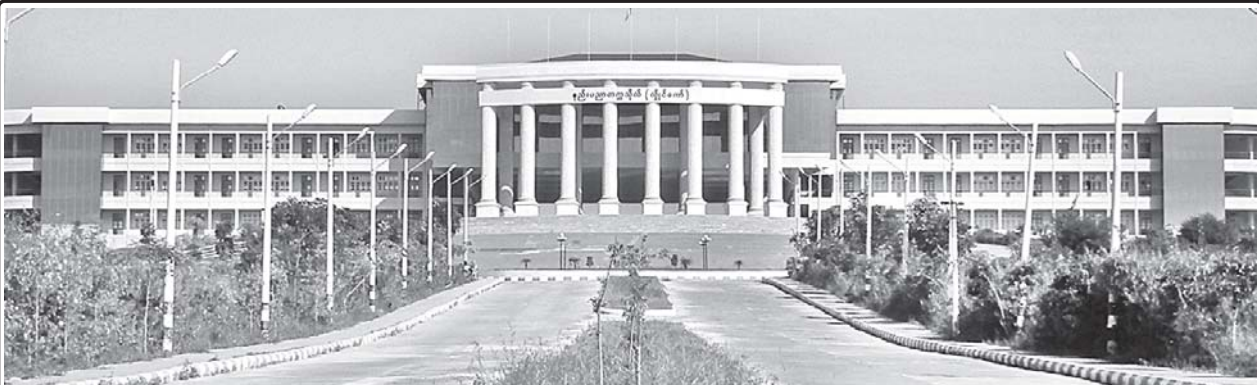
*Kaungmumlon Suspension Bridge built in Putao of Kachin State  
for better transport of people in border areas.*

### Development in Border Areas in the time of the State Peace and Development Council

Sr.	Particular	Counting	1988	2010	Progress
1.	<b>Development Region</b>	No	-	23	23
2.	<b>Road and Bridge Construction Works</b>				
	-Earth Road	mile	-	4397	4397
	-Gravel Road	mile	-	3133	3133
	-Tarred Road	mile	-	473	473
	-Maintenance	mile	-	3587	3587
3.	<b>Education</b>				
	-Primary School	No	-	888	888
	-Middle School	No	-	92	92
	-High School	No	-	94	94
4.	<b>Health</b>				
	-Hospital	No	-	100	100
	-Dispensary	No	-	96	96
	-Rural Health Centre	No	-	94	94
	-Rural Health Centre Branch	No	-	202	202
5.	<b>Agriculture</b>				
	-Agricultural Office	No	-	31	31
	-Agricultural Station	No	-	118	118
	-Already-Built Dam	No	-	63	63
	-Canal	No	-	5	5
6.	<b>Livestock Breeding</b>				
	-Breeding Farm	No	-	20	20
	-LBV Office	No	-	41	41
	-Distribution of Cow, Donkey and Sheep	No	-	111	111
7.	<b>Electric Power</b>				
	-Generator	No	-	276	276
	-Towns and villages with electricity	No	-	207	207
	-Towns and villages with hydro-power	No	-	51	51
8.	<b>Information</b>				
	-TV retransmission station	No	-	113	113
9.	<b>Communication</b>				
	-Post Office	No	-	54	54
	-Telegraph Office	No	-	47	47
	-Telephone Exchange	No	-	86	86
10.	<b>Spending on Development</b>				
	- Border Areas Development Fund	million (kyat)	-	127286	127286
	-Spending of ministries	million (kyat)	-	214233	214233







**Technological University (Loikaw)**

*Technological University (Loikaw) built by the State to nurture youths of border regions to become reliable human resources.*

### Ongoing and Follow-up Projects for Border Region Development

Sr.	Particular	Location	Remark
1.	Myogyi Dam Project	Ywangan Tsp	30000 benefited acres
2.	Kengkham Dam Project	Yaksawk Tsp	
3.	Malankham Dam	Namhsan Tsp	1500 benefited acres
4.	Namhla Diversion Weir	Maukmai Tsp	471 benefited acres
5.	Hübar Dam	Taunggyi Tsp	700 benefited acres
6.	Tahsan Hydropower Project	Mongpan Tsp	7111 megawatts
7.	Upper Kengtawng Hydropower Project	Mongpan Tsp	51 megawatts
8.	Pintauk Dam	Kengtung Tsp	200 benefited acres
9.	Namhmyin Diversion Weir	Hsenwi Tsp	2500 benefited acres
10.	Kyartilin Confer Dam	Hsenwi Tsp	500 benefited acres
11.	CDMA/GSM Mobile Telephone	Kengtung Tsp	Extension of 200 lines
12.	Auto-Telephone	Kattaung Village in Tachilek Tsp	Extension of 500 lines
13.	Auto- Exchange construction	Kengtung Tsp	350 lines

#### Daseik River Water Pumping Station

*Daseik River Water Pumping Station supplying water to farmlands around Daseik Village in Langkho Township, Shan State (South).*



*TV re-transmission station in Falam for performing entertainment programmes to local people.*



*Photo shows new general hospital in Kengtung to provide health care services to local people in Shan State (East).*

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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.

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**British wildlife benefits from return to 'traditional' seasonal weather**

LONDON, 29 Dec—This year's weather may not always have been to everyone's taste but for British wildlife and plant life, at least, a return to four "traditional" seasons has been good news, conservationists said on Monday.

The cold winter, reasonably decent summer and good old-fashioned spring and autumn benefited many kinds of fauna that had suffered through previous mild wet winters and soggy summers.

The National Trust, which produces an annual Christmas round-up of how the weather has affected wildlife, expressed relief. Matthew Oates, the charity's nature conserva-

tion adviser, said: "For the first time in a generation we have experienced a traditional year of weather and our wildlife has mostly responded favourably. A cold winter enabled wildlife to hibernate properly while a warm spring and early summer created ideal conditions

for insects and led to bumper autumn berry crops in our orchards, woods and hedgerows."

Two years ago the trust was warning that "unseasonal" weather could start to spell disaster for many species of insects, birds and mammals.—*Internet*



**Puffins on the Farne islands off the North-umbria coast have fared well, according to the National Trust.** INTERNET

**Envoys returning to I.Coast on 3 Jan**

ABUJA, 29 Dec—A delegation of three presidents will return to Ivory Coast on 3 Jan to continue negotiations with incumbent leader Laurent Gbagbo, the chairman of regional bloc ECOWAS Goodluck Jonathan said on Wednesday.

"They are going back on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of January and when they come back from this second visit the outcome will determine the next action," Jonathan, who is also Nigeria's president, said after a meeting with the envoys.

The presidents of Benin, Sierra Leone and Cape Verde were sent by ECOWAS to Ivory Coast on Tuesday to tell Gbagbo to cede power to rival presidential claimant Alassane Ouattara—believed by world powers and African neighbours to have won a 28 Nov election—or face possible military force.

*MNA/Reuters*



**US online payment service Paypal has agreed to help set up an international e-commerce hub in southwestern China as more foreign companies cash in on the country's fast-growing Internet sales market.**

INTERNET

**Medicine subsidised by France killed 2,000 patients**

PARIS, 29 Dec — French politicians of both the right and left are facing severe embarrassment and legal recriminations with the forthcoming publication of an official report on what could become the worst health scandal in the country's history.

President Nicolas Sarkozy has promised "the most complete trans-

parency" on how a drug which is now suspected to have killed up to 2,000 people was officially approved, and subsidised, for 33 years by the French health service.

Despite repeated warnings from scientists in France and abroad, the drug mediator was prescribed to five million French people, originally to fight diabetes and later as a slimming pill.

A report from the French health inspectorate, due in mid-January, will investigate why successive.

French health ministers failed to heed advice that the drug produced by the French pharmaceutical giant Servier was at best useless, and at worst highly dangerous.

Separate French press investigations have focused on an alleged campaign of intimidation by the Servier company to keep the drug on the market.

*Internet*

**Mexico says its troops killed US man**

MEXICO CITY, 29 Dec — Joseph Proctor told his girlfriend he was popping out to the convenience store in the quiet Mexican beach town where the couple had just moved, intending to start a new life.

The next morning, the 32-year-old New York native was dead inside his

crashed van on a road outside Acapulco. He had multiple bullet wounds. An AR-15 rifle lay in his hands. His distraught girlfriend, Liliana Gil Vargas, was summoned to police headquarters, where she was told Proctor had died in a gunbattle with an army patrol. —*Internet*





An elephant strikes the ball during the final day of 7<sup>th</sup> International Elephant Race and Festival in Sauraha of Chitwan District, south of Kathmandu, capital of Nepal, on 28 Dec, 2010. The three-day International Elephant Race and Festival concluded here on Tuesday.

## Indian man becomes oldest father at age of 94

A labourer in the northern Indian state Haryana is reported to have become the country's oldest father at the age of 94, breaking earlier record of a 90-year-old farmer in the western state of Rajasthan, said *Times of India* Tuesday.

Ramajit Raghav, a landless labourer from

Kharkhoda in Haryana, has said that he had become a proud father of a son. His wife Shakuntala, who gave birth to the child, is in her mid fifties, said the report.

The child was born in a local government hospital where doctors said that the child was delivered normally and was in good health.

The couple termed their child's birth as "God's gift" and named him Karamjit, the report said.

Raghav said that he had been a wrestler in his youth and his daily diet comprised of three kilograms milk, half a kilogram of almonds and half a kilogram of ghee, the report said.

## Berlin police pepper spray snowballers

Two Berlin police officers were pelted by snowballs thrown by a group of about 40 youths but were able to fight them off with pepper spray, police said on Sunday.

The officers were investigating a brawl early Saturday morning. They ignored demands from a group of about 25 youths to leave and were then attacked by snowballs. The number of youths throwing snowballs quickly grew to 40.

The officers first retreated but then fought back with the pepper spray, prompting the youths to flee. Many were later arrested. There were no injuries, police said.

## 153 bras stolen from Victoria's Secret

Suburban Chicago police said someone stole 153 bras from a Victoria's Secret store at a mall.

Northbrook Police Department spokesman Michael Shep said the thief, who struck between 7 and 10 pm 20 Dec, stole \$9,675 worth of bras from the Victoria's Secret store in Northbrook Court mall, the *Chicago Tribune* reported Tuesday.

"I'm assuming it was a display in the front of the store. They just come and sweep them off the display without being seen," Shep said.

Shep said he did not know the motive behind the theft.

"I don't know if there's a market for stolen underwear or what," he said.

A statement from Victoria's Secret corporate office said the company is "aggressively working with local law enforcement authorities to address this incident and deter future such thefts."



## News Album



The main actress Fan Bingbing and the main actor Jacky Chan (from right to left) attend a promotion campaign for the movie *Shaolin* in Beijing, capital of China, on 28 Dec, 2010.

XINHUA



Models present designed costumes for an avant-garde musical "The Lady of the Camellias" in Taipei, southeast China's Taipei, on 28 Dec, 2010.

XINHUA

## China's first 3D animated film to hit cinemas

BEIJING, 29 Dec— China's first 3D animated film, "Little Big Panda" ("Xiong Mao Zong Dong Yuan"), will be released in cinemas on 3 February.

Director Greg Man-waring introduced to the audience the whole process of making the cartoon.

The story of "Little Big Panda" is set in a mountainous area in China. The ancestors of "Panda" are trying to find a new panda to fulfill the task of saving the pandas. A little panda is chosen by them who will be the lifesaver of the whole group. The total production costs of the film reached 350 million yuan (about US\$51.5 million).

Xinhua

## Shakira to make debut in China

BEIJING, 29 Dec— Pop star Shakira will make her debut in China on New Year's Eve, *Youth Daily* reports.



Colombian singer Shakira performs at the Glastonbury Festival 2010 in south west England, on 26 June, 2010.—XINHUA

Jiangsu satellite TV, which located in Nanjing, East China's Jiangsu Province announced officially on its microblog that the singer-dancer would join in the New Year's Eve concert on 31 Dec.

Shakira will sing three songs in the New Year's Eve Concert including "Waka Waka" ("This Time for Africa"), the official song for the 2010 FIFA world cup, said the general director of the concert.—Xinhua

## Oscar nomination ballots sent to voters

LOS ANGELES, 29 Dec— The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences on Monday sent out Oscar ballots to its members, who will select the nominees for Hollywood's top film honours.

The academy's 5,755 voting members must cast their ballots to determine the Oscar nominations, which will be announced on 25 January.

The 83<sup>rd</sup> Academy Awards show, when the winners will made known, is to be held on 27 February. Completed Oscar nomination ballots must be sent to the professional accounting firm PricewaterhouseCoopers by 14 January.

The company tabulates the ballots to "ensure that all aspects of the balloting process are conducted with fairness and accuracy," the Academy said in a statement.

Internet



Actress Kay Tse is seen during a premiere ceremony of the movie "Lover's Discourse" in Beijing, capital of China, on 27 Dec, 2010. The movie, directed by Derek Tsang and Jimmy Wan, will be on public show on 31 Dec, 2010.

XINHUA

## England - Premier League Results on 28 December

Manchester C	4 - 0	Aston Villa
Stoke C	0 - 2	Fulham
Sunderland	0 - 2	Blackpool
Tottenham H	2 - 0	Newcastle U
West Bromwich A	1 - 3	Blackburn R
West Ham U	1 - 1	Everton
Birmingham C	1 - 1	Manchester U

## Man United's Ferguson issues title warning

BIRMINGHAM, 29 Dec — Sir Alex Ferguson did his best to dispel any doubts about Manchester United's challenge for the Premier League title by insisting his



**Manchester United's midfielder Darron Gibson (2<sup>nd</sup> L) clashes with Birmingham City's midfielder Lee Bowyer (2<sup>nd</sup> R) during their English Premier League football match at St Andrews in Birmingham.**—INTERNET

side were on course for glory despite dropping points in a 1-1 draw away to Birmingham.

United, still unbeaten in the league this season, were set for victory after Dimitar Berbatov's sublime goal gave them the lead just before the hour mark at St Andrew's here on Tuesday.

But Lee Bowyer's controversial 89<sup>th</sup> minute equaliser denied United the full three points and left them top on goal difference alone from Manchester City, although Ferguson's men do have two games in hand over their local rivals.

Internet

## Balotelli going nowhere vows

### Man City's Mancinis

MANCHESTER, 29 Dec — Manchester City manager Roberto Mancini has insisted Mario Balotelli's long-term future is at Eastlands as the striker himself denied rumours of a move back to Italy with AC Milan. Balotelli, 20, scored a hat-trick as City overcame Aston Villa 4-0 on Tuesday to maintain their bid for the Premier League title.

The Italian striker has rarely been out of the headlines since arriving from European champions Inter Milan in a 24 million

pounds (37 million dollars) pre-season move.

Internet



**Manchester City's Italian striker Mario Balotelli takes a penalty shot to score his third goal against Aston Villa during their English Premier League football match in Manchester. Manchester City won 4-0 to go on top of the Premier League.**—INTERNET

## Crosby extends scoring streak to 25 games

PITTSBURGH, 29 Dec — Sidney Crosby extended his point streak to 25 games with a power-play goal in the first period against Atlanta on Tuesday night.

The Penguins captain passed the puck from along the right-wing boards to defenseman Kris Letang between the circles, then took Letang's giveback to score while dropping to a knee 10:34 into the game.

Crosby added another goal in the first period, giving him 32 this season. He has at least one goal in five consecutive games and 26 during his streak, which began 5 Nov in Anaheim.—Internet

## S P O R T S



**Everton's Spanish midfielder Mikel Arteta (L) vies with West Ham's Portuguese midfielder Luis Boa Morte during their English Premier League football match at Upton Park, in East London.**—INTERNET

## Spurs proving 10-man win kings

LONDON, 29 Dec — Tottenham Hotspur moved into the Premier League top four after a 2-0 victory over Newcastle at White Hart Lane on Tuesday.



**Tottenham Hotspur's in-form Wales midfielder Gareth Bale, seen here in November 2010, scored a goal in the Spurs' 2-0 victory over Newcastle at White Hart Lane on Tuesday.**—INTERNET

For the second match in a row, Spurs won after being reduced to 10 men following the sending-off of defender Younes Kaboul, whose head appeared to make contact with Newcastle's Cheik Tiote.

Aaron Lennon opened the scoring in the second half before Kaboul was red-carded but in-form Wales midfielder Gareth Bale sealed victory nine minutes from time following a typically surging run as Tottenham leapfrogged champions Chelsea into fourth place.—Internet

## Bordeaux discard Bellion returns to Nice on loan

NICE, 29 Dec — Much-travelled French striker David Bellion returned to one of his former clubs Nice on loan for the rest of the season on Tuesday from French First Division rivals Bordeaux.

The 28-year-old - who previously played for Nice from 2006-07 before moving to Bordeaux - was an integral component of the Bordeaux team that won the 2009 title under present France coach Laurent Blanc.

However, the former Sunderland, Manchester



**Much-travelled French striker David Bellion, seen here in September 2010, returned to one of his former clubs Nice on loan for the rest of the season on Tuesday from French First Division rivals Bordeaux.**—INTERNET

United and West Ham forward has failed to find favour with Blanc's replacement as coach Jean Tigana and he has seen action just twice this term - both times as a substitute.—Internet



**Pittsburgh Penguins' Sidney Crosby celebrates his second goal of the first period against the Atlanta Thrashers during an NHL hockey game in Pittsburgh on 28 Dec, 2010.**—INTERNET

## West Ham stay in drop zone as Everton take a point

LONDON, 29 Dec — West Ham missed a chance to climb out of the relegation zone as Everton fought back to earn a 1-1 draw at Upton Park on Tuesday.

Avram Grant's side could have ended 2010 outside the bottom three with a victory and the Hammers were on course when an own goal from Everton defender Tony Hibbert gave them a first half lead.

But Seamus Coleman equalised for Everton just before half-time and the east London outfit remain second bottom of the Premier League going into the new year. After ending their 27-game wait for an away win in the league with a 3-1 triumph at Fulham on Sunday, West Ham were looking for back-to-back top-flight victories for the first time this season.—Internet

## Malaga pick up Atletico duo

MADRID, 29 Dec — Spanish First Division strugglers Malaga signed two players from rivals Atletico Madrid on Tuesday highly-rated Spanish Under-21 international defensive midfielder Ignacio Camacho and goalkeeper Sergio Asenjo.

Camacho, 20, signed a four year contract while Asenjo has gone on loan till the end of the season.

"Atletico Madrid and Malaga have agreed in



**Goalkeeper Sergio Asenjo**

principle for the sale of Ignacio Camacho and the loan till the end of the season of Sergio Asenjo," Atletico announced on its website.—Internet

## Campbell's double sinks Sunderland

SUNDERLAND, 29 Dec — Blackpool striker DJ Campbell bagged a double as the Seasiders recorded an impressive 2-0 win against Sunderland on Tuesday.

Campbell struck twice in the second half at the Stadium of Light to lift



**Blackpool's DJ Campbell, seen here in May 2010, bagged a double as the Seasiders recorded an impressive 2-0 win against Sunderland on Tuesday.**

INTERNET

Ian Holloway's unfashionable side into eighth place.

Only Manchester United had previously won a league game at Sunderland in 2010 and although the visitors had keeper Richard Kingson and the crossbar to thank for their clean sheet, they continue to enjoy a remarkable first season in the Premier League.

Blackpool arrived on Wearside having not played since December 11 following a succession of postponed matches, but there were no signs of rust from Holloway's men.

Internet

## Shaqu fined for criticizing referee

MIAMI, 29 Dec — Boston Celtics center Shaquille O'Neal was fined \$35,000 by the NBA on Monday for criticizing the referee after the Christmas Day defeat by his former team Orlando Magic. O'Neal fouled out in only 13 minutes of play in the 86-78 loss and took aim at referee Bob Delaney who wore the number 26.

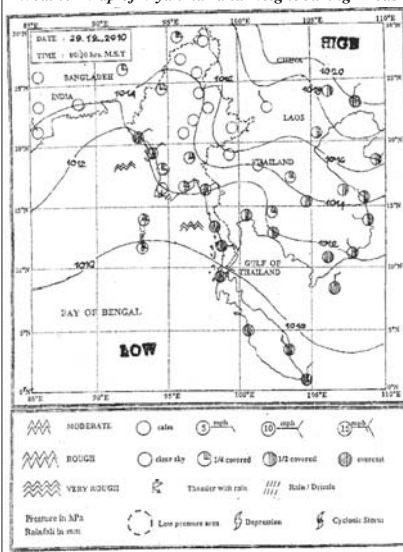
"I guess they came out to see number 26, he was a great player out there. The fans paid all that money to watch number 26," O'Neal told reporters before referring to officials as "control freaks."—Internet



**Boston Celtics Shaquille O'Neal (L) in Miami on 11 November, 2010.**—INTERNET



Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



## WEATHER

Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> December, 2010

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T.** During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kachin and Rakhine States, Mandalay, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Regions and generally fair in the remaining States and Regions. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below December average temperatures in Kachin, Shan and Kayah States, Magway and Bago Regions, and (6°C) below December average temperatures in Chin State and Upper Sagaing Region and about December average temperatures in the remaining States and Regions. The significant night temperatures were Haka (-2°C), Loilem (-1°C) and Namhsan, Pinlaung and Heho (0°C) each.

## Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 28-12-2010 was 85°F. Minimum temperature on 29-12-2010 was 54°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 29-12-2010 was (72%). Rainfall on 29-12-2010 was (Nil).

## Yangon (Kaba-Aye)

Maximum temperature on 28-12-2010 was 89°F. Minimum temperature on 29-12-2010 was 59°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 29-12-2010 was (63%). Total sunshine hours on 28-12-2010 was (9.0) hours.

Rainfall on 29-12-2010 was at (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (83.19) inches at Mingaladon, (97.64) inches at Kaba-Aye and (109.29) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from Southeast at (14:30) hours MST on 28-12-2010.

**Bay Inference:** Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy in the Southwest Bay and partly cloudy in the Andaman Sea and elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

**Forecast valid until evening of the 30<sup>th</sup> December 2010:** Light rain or thundershowers are possible to be isolated in Taninthayi Region, weather will be partly cloudy in Kachin, Rakhine and Mon States, Mandalay, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions and generally fair in the remaining States and Regions. Degree of certainty is (40%).

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

**Outlook for subsequent two days:** likelihood of slight decrease of night temperatures in the Eastern Myanmar areas.

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 30-12-2010:** Generally fair weather.

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 30-12-2010:** Partly cloudy.

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 30-12-2010:** Generally fair weather.

## Reese Witherspoon engaged to Hollywood agent

LOS ANGELES, 29 Dec—Oscar-winning US actress Reese Witherspoon got engaged to Hollywood agent Jim Toth, the latest in a series of holiday engagements, People magazine reported.

Witherspoon, 34, who won the Academy Award in 2006 for her portrayal of June Carter Cash in the Johnny Cash biopic "Walk the Line," began quietly dating 40-year-old Toth last January, according to People.

She is now starring in the romantic comedy "How Do You Know" alongside Owen Wilson, Paul Rudd and Jack Nicholson. Witherspoon's representatives did not immediately respond to requests for confirmation.

The actress was previously married to actor Ryan Phillippe, with whom she had two children, now 11 and seven years old, before separating in 2006.

The news follows a string of celebrity announcements, including reports that "Black Swan" star Natalie Portman is engaged to and pregnant with French dancer and choreographer Benjamin Millepied. British pop superstar Elton John and his partner David Furnish also became the proud parents of a baby boy, born on Christmas Day to a surrogate mother in California. But not all was merry in Tinseltown over the holidays. Hollywood A-listers Scarlett Johansson and Ryan Reynolds filed for divorce the day before Christmas Eve, citing irreconcilable differences.—Internet



Academy Award winning actress Reese Witherspoon poses for photo at the ceremony to unveil her Hollywood Walk of Fame star in Hollywood on 1 Dec, 2010.—INTERNET

### MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (30-12-2010)(Thursday)

#### Transmissions

**Local** - (09:00am~11:00am MST)  
**Oversea Transmission** - (30-12-10 09:30 am ~ 31-12-10 09:30 am MST)

#### Local Transmission

- \* Opening
- \* News
- \* National Kandawgyi Garden (Pyin Oo Lwin)
- \* News
- \* Bagan: The Land of Pagoda
- \* News
- \* Myanmar Movies Impact "Father In-Rock"
- \* Song for you
- \* News
- \* Today's Efficient Youth (Indonesian In't School)

#### Oversea Transmission

- \* Opening
- \* News
- \* National Kandawgyi Garden (Pyin Oo Lwin)
- \* News
- \* Bagan: The Land of Pagoda
- \* News
- \* Myanmar Movies Impact "Father In-Rock"
- \* MI People's Celebrities "Phyo Gyi & Thinzar Wint Kyaw"
- \* Song for you
- \* News
- \* Road to Mingun
- \* Today's Efficient Youth (Indonesian In't School)
- \* News
- \* Booming Business of Rakhine Coastal Region
- \* Kabar Aye Ga Mone Pwint Super Market
- \* News
- \* Healthy Dragon Fruit for Beneficial Investment
- \* Tar Tet Pwe...from Shan Midlands Region
- \* Music Gallery
- \* News
- \* Working & Living in Myanmar (Jade and Gem)
- \* News
- \* To the World Biggest Reclining Buddha Image
- \* Myanmar Movies "The Director"



Thursday,  
30 December  
View on today

- 7:00 am**  
1. Paritta By Venerable Min Gun Sayadaw
- 7:25 am**  
2. To Be Healthy Exercise
- 7:30 am**  
3. Morning News
- 7:40 am**  
4. Dhamma Puja Song
- 7:50 am**  
5. Nice & Sweet Song

- 8:00 am**  
6. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competition

- 8:10 am**  
7. Dance Variety

- 8:20 am**  
8. Song Of National Races

- 8:30 am**  
9. Teleplay (Traffic)

- 8:40 am**  
10. International News

- 8:45 am**  
11. Musical Programme

- 4:00 pm**  
1. Martial Song

- 4:10 pm**  
2. Cute Little Dancers

- 4:20 pm**  
3. Musical Programme

- 4:35 pm**  
4. University Of Distance Education (TV Lectures) -First Year (Zoology)

- 4:50 pm**  
5. Songs For Upholding National Spirit

- 5:00 pm**  
6. Joint Performance by State Orchestra and State Taditional Orchestra

- 5:20 pm**  
7. Music Serie

- 5:30 pm**  
8. Science And Environment (Fresh) (A Ripple Effect Production)

- 6:00 pm**  
9. Evening News
- 6:15 pm**  
10. Weather Report

- 6:20 pm**  
11. Myanmar Series

- 6:40 pm**  
12. Approaching Science Discovery World

- 7:00 pm**  
13. TV Drama Series

- 7:55 pm**  
14. Music

- 8:00 pm**  
15. News

16. Music

17. International News

18. Weather Report

19. Documentary

20. TV Drama Series

21. TV Drama Series

- ★ 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

### Model monsoon paddy plot harvested in Myawady

MYAWADY, 29 Dec—Harvesting of model monsoon paddy was held at field No. 1284 of farmer U Nwet Eik in Waishan village-tract in Myawady Township, Myawady District, on 4 December.

Members of Township Agricultural Development Coordination Committee, Head of Township Settlement and Land Records Department U Tun

Wai and staff participated in harvesting monsoon paddy. Secretary of District Peace and Development Council U Aung Win, Chairman of Township PDC U Thein Zaw Kan and officials supervised the paddy harvesting.

The yield of the model farmland is 80.45 basket per acre.—*Myanma Alin*



Officials participate in harvesting model monsoon paddy plot.—MYANMA ALIN

### Defence Services Commander-in-Chief's Trophy Football Tournament concludes

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Dec — The final match of the 49<sup>th</sup> Defence Services Commander-in-Chief's Trophy Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) Football Tournament was held in conjunction with the prize presentation ceremony at the Nay Pyi Taw Sports Ground here today.

Among the spectators were Vice-Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Hla Shwe, senior military officers from the Ministry of Defence, officers and other ranks and their families from regiments and battalions.

Yangon Command team beat Southern Command team 3-0.

At the prize presentation ceremony, Vice-Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Hla Shwe presented cash award and medals to players of first prize winning Yangon Command team.

On behalf of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Maung Maung Aye presented the Championship Trophy and duplicate trophy to Yangon Command Team.

Senior military officers from the Ministry of Defence awarded the players of the third prize winning Nay Pyi Taw Command team and second prize winning Southern Command team, and presented fair-play award to Nay Pyi Taw Command team.—*MNA*

### SPECIAL FEATURES TO HAIL 63<sup>rd</sup> ANNIVERSARY INDEPENDENCE DAY

#### Article

Today, some countries are under the rule of alien troops. They are in no position to build security and carry out rebuilding tasks. They are uneasy with sham independence and puppet governments. The people of each country are treated unfairly by alien troops.

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#### Cartoon



THON NADI

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#### Poem

\* O dear friend  
Know this we both  
Under own monarchs  
Lived our kin for years of many  
Country in grandeur  
Standing tall in world  
We Myanmar are Thakri race

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