Four political objectives
- Stability of the State, community peace and tranquility, prevalence of law and order
- National reconciliation
- 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

True patriotism
- It is very important for everyone of the nation regardless of the place he lives to have strong Union Spirit.
- Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism all the nationalities will have to safeguard.

Secretary-1 receives Indian Deputy Minister of Home Affairs and party

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Jan—Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo received a delegation led by Deputy Minister of Home Affairs Mr. Gopal K Pillai of the Republic of India at the State Peace and Development Council Office, here, at 9 am today.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Phone Swe and Director-Secretary-1 receives Indian Deputy Minister of Home Affairs and party.

They cordially discussed matters related to cooperation tasks between Myanmar and India. MNA

Namna village being urbanized with peace and tranquility

Border areas are enjoying unprecedented development as the Tatmadaw government has fostered national unity. We, Myanma Alin news crew, noticed urbanizing scene of Namna village on our trip to Kachin State to write articles about regional development.

Namna village, on the right track of urbanization, is situated by the railroad in Mogau Township of Kachin State.

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A new housing estate of Myothit in Namna village.
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**Gear up for better transport across the Union**

Nowadays, Myanmar Railways under the Ministry of Rail Transportation is carrying out maintenance and upgrading for improvement of railroads. It is also constructing new railroads to further improve transportation and for development of the respective regions.

As part of the concerted efforts to extend the railroads, the 22.12-mile Pyaywbe-Yanaung-Ywadaw railroad, which was the second section of the Pyaywbe-Natmauk-Magway railroad, was put into service on 16 January 2010. The Magway-Kanyba (Technological University), the first section of the railroad, has been launched since 19 December 2009.

In extending the railroads in Magway Division, the Kyangin-Pakokku railroad section and the Pakokku-Gangaw-Magway railroad section have been constructed for ensuring development of the regions on the west bank of Ayeyawady River. As a result, the railroad on the west bank of Ayeyawady River will link with the Kyangin-Okshtipin-Kamau-Thayet railroad.

Upon completion, the Pyaywbe-Natmauk-Magway railroad will facilitate transport of local products. As a result of better transportation, the local people will enjoy fruits of socio-economic progress.

Before 1988, Myanmar Railways had 1976.35 miles of railroads in total length. In the time of the Tatmadaw Government, a total of 3,335.45 miles of railroads including the recently-inaugurated Pyaywbe-Yanaung-Ywadaw railroad section have been extended throughout the nation. There were 488 railway stations under the Ministry of Railways before 1988. Myanmar Railways has so far opened 849 railway stations in the nation. There were 488 railway stations under the Ministry of Mines, here, yesterday afternoon.

It was attended by chairman of Myanmar Investment Commission Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein, Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint, Managing Director of Ngwe Chinthae Mining Co Ltd U San Wai and guests.

**Health Minister addresses Nursing and Midwifery Educational Seminar**

Minister Dr Kyaw Myint addresses opening of Nursing and Midwifery Educational Seminar.

**Bitdefender Antivirus 2010 appoints brand ambassador**

Yangon, 21 Jan — A ceremony to appoint brand ambassador of Bitdefender Antivirus 2010 was held at Park Royal Hotel on Alanpya Pagoda Road here this morning, attended by Director U Min Swe Hlaing and those from of Global Technology Co Ltd, Movie Star Sai Sai Kham Hlaing, sale agents and guests.

First, the director appointed Sai Sai Kham Hlaing as brand ambassador of Bitdefender Antivirus 2010.

Bitdefender Antivirus 2010 is believed to be one of the best virus killer software in the world. To express its gratitude to retailers and end users, Bitdefender is organizing lucky draw programme—three days free trip to Bangkok on 18 April (the day after Myanmar New Year Day). Bitdefender Antivirus 2010 software is available at Global Technology Co Ltd, at Room No. 1 Building No. 7, Myanmar Info-Tech, Hline University campus, here (Ph: 01-652324, 652232, 507054), and email addresses: marketing@globalnet.com.mm, bdsales@globalnet.com.mm, website: www.globalnet.com.mm.—MNA
Iranians invite Israeli Minister to come sightseeing

Tehran, 21 Jan — The Israeli Tourism Minister has met an Iranian official at a tourism fair and discussed the possibility of Israelis one day visiting Iran. Iran and Israel are more usually sworn enemies, with Iran’s President more likely to issue a hostile threat to wipe out Israel than a welcome.

But at the annual Fitur tourist industry show in Spain, the meeting between the countries was cordial. But attempts by the Israelis to talk to a Syrian delegation were rebuffed. At the impromptu meeting the representative of the Islamic Republic’s Tourism Ministry invited Israeli Tourism Minister Stas Misezhnikov to visit the cities of Shiraz and Isfahan.

“We have wonderful nature reserves and cultural sites, you are welcome to come and visit,” the official who is in charge of Iran’s stall at the fair was quoted by Israeli media as telling the minister. “I believe the day will come when an Israeli minister, as well as Israeli citizens, will be able to visit and enjoy Iran.” Mr Misezhnikov said. The Israeli minister also visited the Palestinian, Jordanian, Palestinian, Moroccan and Egyptian stalls.

German police says Munich Airport bomb scare may have been false alarm

Berlin, 21 Jan — A bomb scare that affected about 100 flights at Munich Airport in Germany on Wednesday may have been a false alarm. German police told CNN. Police launched a huge manhunt on Wednesday after a passenger appeared to flee from security officers when his laptop computer bag tested positive for explosives. Police said the man in for further testing after his bag set off suspicions, but he ran. They said a bomb squad was testing the bag to see if it really contained explosives. But authorities later said the man may simply have been in a hurry, grabbed his things and left the airport. They do not have the laptop case, they said. They are still trying to find the man, they said, but are no longer describing the search as a huge manhunt. Police earlier said they were reviewing airport security videos to try to figure out where the man went. It was not clear if that was what caused them to change their evaluation of the situation. Police did not know which flight the man was booked on. Part of the airport was shut down after the suspect fled, but was later re-opened.

Seven bodies found in abandoned cars in south Mexico

Acapulco, 21 Jan — Mexican authorities found seven corpses in two abandoned cars along with written messages referring to drug cartels, state police said on Wednesday. The bullet-riddled bodies of three men were inside a car left beside the highway between the resort communities of Acapulco and Zihuatanejo on Wednesday morning, police in the Pacific coast state of Guerrero said. Police did not release the message left with the bodies, but said it referred to drug cartels.

Late Tuesday night, state police found the bodies of four young men in an abandoned car near a hotel in Guerrero’s capital, Chilpancingo. A police report said the men appeared to have been asphyxiated by plastic tape covering their faces.

Afghan villagers say civilians killed in raid

Kabul, 21 Jan — NATO said on Thursday that four insurgents were killed during a raid southeast of Kabul, but villagers insisted the dead were civilians.

About 500 angry demonstrators collected the wooden coffins holding the bodies from the hospital and bore them atop vehicles in a procession toward the provincial capital of Ghazni.

Witnesses said foreign troops descended the Qara Bagh district of Ghazni province in helicopters and stormed two houses at about 10 pm Wednesday. They killed a father and his two sons along with a neighbour even though they weren’t armed, according to Musa Jalali and other residents of the Baram village.

After shock drives more from Haitian capital

PORT-AU-PRINCE, 21 Jan — A frightening new aftershock forced more earthquake survivors onto the capital’s streets to live and sent others fleeing to the countryside, where aid was only beginning to reach wrecked towns.

A flotilla of rescue vessels, meanwhile, led by the US hospital ship Comfort, converged on Port-au-Prince harbour to help fill gaps in still-lagging global efforts to deliver water, food and medical help. Hundreds of thousands of survivors of Haiti’s cataclysmic earthquake were living in makeshift tents or on blankets and plastic sheets under the tropical sun. The strongest tremor since the 12 Jan quake struck at 6:03 am, just before sunrise while many still slept. From the teeming plaza near the collapsed presidential palace to a hillside tent city, the 5.9-magnitude aftershock lasted only seconds but panicked thousands of Haitians.

Disfit, a four-year-old victim of the earthquake, sits in a hospital in Port-au-Prince on 20 Jan, 2010. Medical care, handling of corpses, shelter, water, food and sanitation remain the priorities for the international operations, UN relief officials said a week after the magnitude 7.0 earthquake rocked Haiti.
Air France may bar obese passengers from flights

PARIS, 21 Jan — Air France has revealed it may prevent obese economy passengers from boarding its planes for “safety reasons”. It said that, under new rules, if a flight was full an overweight person who did not fit into a single seat might have to take another plane.

It made the admission when it said obese people buying two seats for more comfort would be fully reimbursed for the second if the plane was not full. Its new rule comes into effect from 1 February.

At present Air France offers heavier passengers 25% off the price of buying an adjacent seat, a policy that has been in effect since 2005.

He airline said it had no intention of forcing heavier passengers to pay for a second seat. Air France is part of Air France-KLM, the largest airline group in Europe by revenue.

China’s economy shows strong growth

SHANGHAI, 21 Jan — China says its economy expanded by 8.7% in 2009, exceeding even the government’s own initial expectations.

The pace of change increased as the year went on, with growth in the final quarter of 2009 increasing by 10.7% from 2008. It is a major turnaround for an economy that was hit by the global downturn just a year ago.

China is now on course to overtake Japan and become the world’s second-biggest economy.

Japan announces its latest GDP figures next month. Its economy is likely to have contracted by around 6% in 2009. China’s GDP announcement was made by Ma Jiantang, head of the National Bureau of Statistics.

He said China had faced “severe difficulties” in 2009, but its economy has now recovered and is moving in the right direction.

The figures have exceeded government-set targets.

World Expo in Shanghai to “make history,” BIE chief says

PARIS, 21 Jan — The world exhibition organizer is expecting that the forthcoming World Expo 2010 will be a history-making platform for cultural and technological exchanges.

Vicente Gonzalez Lascortales, secretary-general of the Paris-based BIE said preparations had entered their final stage with the main pavilions basically completed and interior decorating in progress.

Lascortales is expecting two records to be set in Shanghai, where a record number of exhibitors will attract a record number of visitors during the expo, which will run from 1 May to 31 Oct.

Ericsson chosen to supply world’s fastest 3G network

STOCKHOLM, 21 Jan — Ericsson announced on Wednesday consumers in Denmark and Sweden would enjoy the world’s fastest 3G networks in the first quarter this year thanks to cooperation between it and broadband operator 3 Scandinavia.

“We are the first signing up for the world’s fastest 3G. Our Scandinavian customers are sophisticated users with high demands in terms of mobile broadband services. Ericsson is evolving our network so we can meet these demands and give our customers true connectivity, wherever they are — from city office to country cottage,” said Peder Ramel, CEO at 3 Scandinavia, which is a part of the global 3 group with 25 million customers in 10 countries.

Saudis try to save 6,000 wild camels sentenced to die in Australian cull

EDINBURGH, 21 Jan — Feral camels on death row in Australia have been thrown an unexpected lifeline from distant Saudi Arabia.

Saudia camel enthusiasts are calling on their wealthy countrymen to take the wild Australian animals to the desert kingdom, where the camel is “loved and respected”.

The coals-to-Newcas-

de-style venture follows an announcement by the Australian government that it will cull 6,000 wild camels in a small northern town next week, using helicopter-borne marksmen.

“I own more than 80 camels but I am quite willing to receive as many more from Australia,” said Salim Al-Hajjaji, who grew up with camels.

“I am now about 50 years old, but I am as attached to camels as I was in my boyhood.”

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A couple of equestrians ride on horses to the site of their wedding ceremony in Wenzhou, east China’s Zhejiang Province, on 20 Jan, 2010. Bridegroom Jia Haitao and bride Zhu Zijuan have been amateur equestrians for years. — Xinhua

Real-name train ticket system kicks off in S China

GUANGZHOU, 21 Jan—Southern Guangdong Province launched the pilot real-name train ticket system on Thursday morning amidst China’s efforts to curb ticket hoarding by scalpers. China’s first real-name ticket was booked at 7:03 am on Thursday by phone, confirmed sources with the ticket booking system of Guangzhou Railway Group (GRG), operator of the province’s railways.

The ticket, priced at 423 yuan (61.96 US dollars), was for a hard berth of a hard berth in Guangzhou Railway Station. The ticket has yet to make comment.

Thailand’s hospitals warned to ensure measures against A/H1N1 outbreak

BANGKOK, 21 Jan—Thailand’s Public Health Ministry on Thursday has warned hospitals nationwide to be more careful in a move to curb the A/H1N1 flu outbreak after some doctors have contracted with it. It is estimated that approximately 30 doctors with several hospitals are sick of the new flu as the disease was spread from their patients, Jurin Laksanawisit, public Health Minister, was quoted by Thai News Agency as saying.

Several hospitals have to temporarily shut down their operation rooms after their doctors have been hit by the new flu, Jurin said. It is possible that the country is currently being hit by the second wave of the new flu outbreak, the minister said. Hence, the ministry sent a letter to nationwide hospitals telling them to ensure precaution steps against the new flu. The minister said the new-flu-affected doctors must suspend their work and stay at home until they fully recover, Jurin said. Thai people, who are in the country’s most risky groups, including medical staff, women with at least three-month pregnancy, disabled people, and those with chronic diseases, should quickly get vaccinated against the A/H1N1 flu, he warned. — Xinhua

Piracy in Asian waters up five percent in 2009

SINGAPORE, 21 Jan—Sea attacks in Asian regional waters increased by 5 percent in 2009, local media reported on Thursday. According to the Information-Sharing Centre of ReCAAP (Regional Cooperation Agreement on Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia), there were 101 attacks last year, five more than the 96 attacks in the previous year, local newspaper The Straits Times reported.

The worst-hit areas were the South China Sea to the north-east of Singapore and the waters off Bangladesh. Piracy hit a five-year high in the South China Sea, with 13 reports of sea attacks reported there last year, surpassing the previous high of nine in 2005. The ReCAAP said that the piracy situation was not as grave as some seafarers had thought it would be with the dire financial times. —Xinhua

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International researchers find method to date Dead Sea Scrolls

STOCKHOLM, 21 Jan — A Danish archaeochemist and an international team of researchers have found a way to enable scientists to precisely date the Dead Sea Scrolls, according to reports reaching here from Copenhagen on Wednesday.

"For more than a decade, we’ve been saying that there was no point in dating the scrolls before we found a method to remove the oil. Now we have found just such a method," Kaare Lund Rasmussen, Associate Professor Archaeochemist of the University of Southern Denmark, was quoted as saying by the Danish newspaper Politiken online. Treatment of the scrolls included being spread out using plant oil, which in turn made precise carbon dating of the scrolls almost impossible, said Politiken. However, researchers have now found a chemical method to remove the oil without harming the parchment of the scrolls, and thus allow precise carbon dating, said the report. — Xinhua
Bee decline linked to falling biodiversity

London, 21 Jan — The decline of honeybees seen in many countries may be caused by reduced plant diversity, research suggests. Bees fed pollen from a range of plants showed signs of having a healthier immune system than those eating pollen from a single type, scientists found.

Writing in the journal Biology Letters, the French team says bees need a fully functional immunological immune system in order to sterilize food for the colony. Other research has shown that bees and wild flowers are declining in step.

Bornean orangutan acts as ‘peacemaker’ in Japan zoo

Tokyo, 21 Jan — A captive Bornean orangutan has been seen acting as a peacemaker, breaking up fights between other warring apes. It is the first time that an orangutan has been seen behaving in this way, say scientists who published details in the journal Primates. Peacemakers likely intervene in squabbles to ensure they do not spiral out of control.

That in turn stops violence affecting other apes in the group and helps the animals live harmoniously together. Wild orangutans usually prefer to lead relatively solitary lives “Orangutans spend most of their time alone in the wild,” says Dr Tomoyuki Tajima of Kyoto University in Japan, who recorded the behaviour along with colleague Mr Hidetoshi Kurotori, a keeper at the Tama Zoological Park in Tokyo.

Swedes give up passwords for chocolate

Stockholm, 21 Jan — Many Internet users in Sweden seemed willing to divulge their computer passwords in return for just a bar of chocolate, a computer magazine investigation found.

A reporter for a personal computer magazine posed as a representative of an anti-virus company conducting a public survey on password habits, news agency TT reported on Wednesday. After being promised chocolate for taking part in the survey, many disclosed their internet passwords to the reporter, TT said.

Despite longtime urging by security experts for Internet users to keep a tight lid on passwords, 23 of the 34 people interviewed revealed passwords for both pay sites and social sites like Facebook.

In another survey, the magazine polled 5,000 computer users on their password habits. Only 30 percent claimed they never forgot a password, three of four said they used one password for a number of sites, and two-thirds said they had not changed their passwords in over a year, TT reported.

Dense fog in Delhi brings travel chaos

New Delhi, 21 Jan — A dense fog has enveloped the Indian capital, Delhi, leading to major disruptions in air and rail traffic. At least 60 flights have been delayed or cancelled and more than 50 trains delayed, with visibility reduced to less than 100m (330ft) in many places. Thousands of passengers are stranded at the airport and railway stations. The meteorological department said the fog was unlikely to lift before noon.

Severely cold weather has swept through northern India in the past month. Reports say more than 400 people have died, with most deaths reported from the northern Uttar Pradesh state. The fog, which descended on Tuesday night, became very dense at around 2230 (1700 GMT) when general visibility dropped to zero.

Conditions worsened on Wednesday morning when visibility on the runway at Delhi’s Indira Gandhi International Airport fell to 75m. Road traffic was slow-moving and motorists were using their hazard lights.

Dense fog also disrupted rail and air traffic in parts of northern India on Tuesday.

Austrian police hunt koala shooters

Austrian police said on Wednesday they were investigating the shooting of koalas in two separate incidents, including one involving a baby animal which was repeatedly hit.

Police in the southern state of Victoria are looking for a group of men which was repeatedly hit.

A security guard who drove his car into a California creek escaped by shooting out a window, authorities say.

Roseville police said the unnamed 28-year-old Thunder Valley Casino security guard told investigators he hit a guard rail on Sunday and his 2005 Ford Focus station wagon plunged into Pleasant Grove Creek, The (Roseville) Press-Tribune reported on Tuesday.

Blind woman lands 214-pound fish

A blind British grandmother landed a 214-pound freshwater catfish while vacationing with her family in Spain, her relatives said.

Sheila Penfold, 56, of London, said her husband, Alan, and son, Arthur, guided her as she struggled with the huge catfish, believed to be the largest ever freshwater fish landed by a British woman, for 30 minutes before yanking it from the River Ebro, The Daily Mail reported on Tuesday.

Penfold said she had to examine the fish up close to really appreciate its size, she said. “I was exhausted but elated afterwards. The record has taken a while to sink in.”

“I’m still walking around with a smile on my face. But it goes to show that just because you are blind it doesn’t stop you breaking records like this,” Penfold said.

Local craftsmen make pyrograph of Tiger pattern on curcubits for the approaching Year of Tiger according to Chinese lunar calendar at Lachuang Village of Liaocheng, east China’s Shandong Province, on 19 Jan, 2010.

Man uses gun to escape sinking car

The man used his handheld to shoot out a window of the car and climbed back to the road to flag down a motorist for help.

Police Lt Michael Allison said there were no indications drugs or alcohol were involved in the 9 am incident. He said the man told investigators he lost control of the car when his Bluetooth device made a sound that spooked him.
**Kyaik Khame Yeylei Pagoda**

Kyaik Khame is a small town on the southern sea coast of Taninthayi Division of Myanmar. In the British colonial period the British changed its name to Amherst to honour one who helped the British Indian Empire Lord Amherst. They also gave English names to many other native historic places and capitals such as Fort Dufferin to Mandalay Palace City, Fort Whyte to Tiddim in northern Chin State, Maymyo to Pyin Oo Lwin let alone street and road names in Yangon and other major towns. Therefore any occasional record or writing pertaining to Kyaik Khame used English name “Amherst” not the original native name “Kyaik Kham”. Even in school and college text books on geography and history “Amherst” appeared instead of ‘Kyaik Khame’. Hence the products of British colonial education were accustomed to using Amherst not Kyaik Khame.

In Burma (Myanmar) Gazetteer, Amherst (Kyaik Kham) District Vol. A, compiled by Mr. T.O. Binns I.C.S. Settlement Officer, 1934, Government Printing and Stationery, Rangoon (Yangon), 00 24-25 gave the following account of Kyaik Khame Ye Yei Pagoda.

“Near point on the rocks about three hundred feet from the beach is Yele (Yey Lei) pagoda within a hundred feet of which no woman is allowed to approach. The Mon name of Amherst, Kyaik Khame i.e. “The floating pagoda is said to be derived from it.”

“The tradition is that the pagoda came floating on the sea and was stranded on the present ridge of rocks. It derives its sanctity from the fact that owing to cross currents, the “base of the shrine is never touched by sea water even at high flood.”

Here it should be corrected and noted that it was not the pagoda that came floating on the sea but the image of the Buddha which is now housed in a shrine with a spire built on the ridge of rocks in the shallow sea. The British invariably use the word “pagoda” to mean all Buddhist edifices and objects, be they stupa, zedi, shrine, temple, image or statue. In fact, the word “pagoda” is a spoonerism of original Pali word dha-ga-ba or dhatu-ga-ba meaning “a womb”.

The legend of Kyaik Khame Yeylei Buddha Image is associated with Linka-dipa (Sri Lanka). The pious Buddhist King of Sri Lanka Devanaprayatissa floated down in the sea four Buddha images which were created by sticka deva, king of Tusita, so that people who had missed the living Buddha would have the chance to see His Likeness and embrace His Teachings (The Dhamma). The four images floated down the sea were (1) the image with a base throne in the design of a cart wheel made of stone which reached Kyaik Hto Town in Thaton District. This Image is now well-known as “Kyaik Pawlaw” meaning the Buddha Image afloat, housed in a sumptuous temple (2) the image with the base throne of teak wood which reached the coast of Rakhine State of Myanmar. Another version says at reached the seaport of Pathein in Ayeyawady Division of the remaining two Images with the base throne of Thingan wood (3) each reach Dawei, a seaport town in Taninthayi Division and (4) the other reached Tong Zaung Pee town on Taninthay sea coast. Tong Zaung Pee is the original name of Kyaik Khame. The Image which reached Dawei is now well-known as “Shin Mu Htee Phaya”.

The Image which reached the coast of Tong Zaung Pee (Kyaik Khame) was stranded on the ridge of rocks on which was on old zedi named “Eka-dasa” meaning “eleven”. The town people tried to carry the stranded Buddha Image ashore but it could not be removed. At last a widow who constantly observed the five moral precepts (Pancha Sila) prescribed by the Buddha pledged religious vows to the Image after which it became possible to move the Image which was ceremonially conveyed to the platform of Eka-dasa zedi.

At first, the Image was placed at the eastern entrance of the zedi. But, strangely enough, the Image on its own, turned to face with direction of south. Therefore, the worshippers moved the Image to the southern entrance, as they thought that was the right direction of the Image’s choice. It is said that the reason why the Image turned south was that there is its companion Image “Shin Mu Htee” in Dawei to the south which it was long for. Mons call this Image “Kyaik Hame” meaning “Buddha Image that longs for.” In course of time, “Kyaik Hame” was corrupted to “Kyaik Khame”. The name of the town also changed from Tong Zaung Pee to Kyaik Khame because of the well-known name of the Image.

After the arrival of the Image, Eka-dasa zedi began to decay due to time and the elements. The stone, covering the relic chamber alone remained intact. A temple was then built to shelter the Image. It is found that no wave or water ever comes up to the Temple precincts at high tide or in heavy storm due to the sacredness of the Image. There is a devotional hall built right in front of the temple. It is especially meant for women to see and pay homage to the image in the temple. The common belief is that if women come up to the temple, thunderous storm or rain would arise suddenly and sickness would befall such women.

In the Myanmar Era 1287 (1925 A.D.) a fire broke out from the candle lit inside the temple. It destroyed the wooden spire. The then nationalist movement leader U Chit Hlaing organized a renovation committee and with public donations, a brick structure was constructed with iron and steel roof and spire.

The sacred Image is in a sitting posture, measuring about two cubits in height with the hood of a Maga the serpent king sheltering the Image. The shrine has two terraces. On the upper terrace are eight minor Buddha statues and one the lower terrace twelve surrounding the main image.

The annual festival of Kyaik Khame Yeylei Phaya is held from the 12th waxing moon to fullmoon of Thinlynkat (October). From Mawlamyine to Kyaik Khame one hour by boat and then two hours by car. If you choose a short sea voyage, you take a watercraft that plies between Mawlamyine and Kyaik Khame. There is also train service which takes you to a town Thanyuzyat 35 miles away from Mawlamyine and from there you can take a car to Kyaik Khame.

Many stalls on the beaches on either side of the approach corridor to Kyaik Khame Temple sell all kinds of sea food, raw fresh, cooked or fried, dried, preserved, salted, as well as souvenirs made of sea shells. Products of local orchards and gardens, mango, jack fruit, durian, mangosten, banana, papaya, vegetables and flowers are available at cheap prices in the morning bazaars.

Unlike Kyaik Hmaw Wun Yeylei Pagoda, there are no ferry boats to take you from the beach to the Temple. A wide natural rocky causeway appears at low tide or in calm weather as the sea is quite shallow. But now a double storeyed corridor has been constructed providing access to the temple at any time all year round. The beach here is not recommendable for swimming or surfing. What visitors usually do is take a Kyaik Khame-Set-se day trip by car. Set-se is a good sea beach for swimming and surfing. It lies to the south of Kyaik Khame. You visit Kyaik Khame Temple first and then proceed to Set-se beach or visit Kyaik Khame Phaya on your return from the beach.
We toured it to hunt facts about its urbanization by the arrangement of Mogaung Township Peace and Development Council. The village is located 20 miles to the south of Mogaung. It can be accessible by train and car. Villages including Pintha and Ohnbaung that are next to Namna have enjoyed the fruits of better transportation and communication. Two Auto-Exchange phones and 50 manual phones have been facilitated in Namna village. It is noteworthy that the village is being developed into a satellite town. Local people are going to lead a peaceful life in new homes under the new project. Myothit Development In-Charge U Aung Myo Myint said, “We had lived in a remote village in the past. Now, we enjoy life in our village. I hope that the future will be the same as the present.”

Next to Namna village, downtown roads and new houses are under construction. “We have started the project since 2004 and it will last till 2020. Now, a total of 200 houses have been completed on 150-acre land designated to create Myothit,” he added. A new two-storey school building of Namna village Basic Education High School (branch) was constructed in 2007. Free education is provided for students with any difficulties. It was learnt that the pass rate of the school for 2009 matriculation examination is 46.15 percent. It is safe to say that peace and tranquility essential for social, economic and educational development has prevailed under the leadership of the government. One and all will have to maintain the peace along the way towards a modern developed nation.

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Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing
Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence
inspects Hoya Bridge on Lashio-Meihan-Mongyai-Kehsi Road.

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Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo shaking hands with Indian Deputy Minister of Home Affairs Mr Gopal K Pillai. (News on Page 1)—MNA

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Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing on inspection tour of Hsipaw, Mongyai, Tangyan

Nav Pyi Taw, 21 Jan—Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence inspected progress of the new building at Hsipaw Township Hospital on 19 January morning and presented cash assistance to the patients. After visiting the operation theatre and staff quarters, Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing presented medicines for the hospital through officials. Accompanied by Chairman of Shan State (North) Peace and Development Council Commander of North-East Command Maj-Gen Aung Than Htut and officials, Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing looked into progress of Hsipaw Bridge in Hsipaw Township and Hoya Bridge on Lashio-Meihan-Mongyai-Kehsi Road.

At Tangyan Township People’s Hospital, he presented refreshment and cash to the patients and medicines to the hospital. In the evening, Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing visited the Dhammayon, the library, the hostel and the mess hall of Border Areas National Race Youth Development Training School of Education and Training Department under the Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs and donated cash to the funds of the school.—MNA

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63rd Anniversary Union Day Objectives

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

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Namna village being urbanized …

(from page 1) We toured it to hunt facts about its urbanization by the arrangement of Mogaung Township Peace and Development Council. The village is located 20 miles to the south of Mogaung. It can be accessible by train and car. Villages including Pintha and Ohnbaung that are next to Namna have enjoyed the fruits of better transportation and communication. Two Auto-Exchange phones and 50 manual phones have been facilitated in Namna village. It is noteworthy that the village is being developed into a satellite town. Local people are going to lead a peaceful life in new homes under the new project. Myothit Development In-Charge U Aung Myo Myint said, “We had lived in a remote village in the past. Now, we enjoy life in our village. I hope that the future will be the same as the present.”

Next to Namna village, downtown roads and new houses are under construction. “We have started the project since 2004 and it will last till 2020. Now, a total of 200 houses have been completed on 150-acre land designated to create Myothit,” he added. A new two-storey school building of Namna village Basic Education High School (branch) was constructed in 2007. Free education is provided for students with any difficulties. It was learnt that the pass rate of the school for 2009 matriculation examination is 46.15 percent. It is safe to say that peace and tranquility essential for social, economic and educational development has prevailed under the leadership of the government. One and all will have to maintain the peace along the way towards a modern developed nation.

Translation: HKA

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Putao Township on edge of development

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Jan—Lt-Gen Tha Aye of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Kachin State Peace and Development Council Commander of Northern Command Maj-Gen Soe Win, on 17 January inspected progress in constructing the suspension bridge spanning the Malikha River to link Htawadam Village in Putao Township and Kaunghmulon Village in Machanbaw Township.

He viewed the crop plantation and tea farm in Pinsin Village, Putao Township, and the snow-capped mountains.

He visited the Government Technical Institute (Putao) and the cow farm in Putao Township.

Next, he inspected the Malikha Hotel in Mulashidee Village, construction of affiliated Basic Education High School (Mulashidee), Mulashidee Suspension Bridge, the research plantation in Mulashidee Village, and the site chosen for construction of a 25-bed hospital in the village.

He also inspected the Government Technical Institute Project and the Research Tea Farm in Putao Township.

Contract signed between EP-1 and CNMEIEC

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Jan—A ceremony to sign contract for the supply of HSS, EM, machinery and services for Thaukyegat (2) hydropower project between Hydropower Department of the Ministry of Electric Power No. 1 and China National Machinery & Equipment Import & Export Corporation (CNMEIEC) of the People’s Republic of China was held at the ministry here yesterday.

The ceremony was attended by Minister for Electric Power No. 1 Col Zaw Min, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Electric Power No. 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint, Attorney-General U Aye Maung, Vice President Mr Han Gang of CNMEIEC and officials.

Minister Col Zaw Min made an introductory speech. The Vice President of CNMEIEC expressed thanks for signing contract.—MNA

18th Defence Services Medical Seminar winds up

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Jan—The conclusion of 18th Defence Services Medical Seminar took place at Hsipaw Chit Hall of Transport Centre, here, this afternoon, with an address by Chairman of Defence Services Medical Research and Development Committee Director of Medical Services Maj-Gen Than Aung.

It was attended by military officers, medical staff, rectors/deans and responsible persons.

7th COMMIT Senior Officials Meeting concludes

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Jan—The 7th Senior Officials Meeting for Coordinated Mekong Ministerial Initiative Against Trafficking (COMMIT) continued for the second day today at Golden Palace Hotel in Bagan this morning.

Myanmar discussed preventative measures against human trafficking, China implementing project for combating human trafficking, Laos tightening prevention and combating, Thailand taking care of victims and Vietnam the impact of COMMIT process in the fight against human trafficking. It is agreed to increase momentum on combat against regional human trafficking and to hold 8th Senior Officials Meeting and 3rd Ministers’ Meeting in Thailand in December 2010.

Leader of Myanmar delegation Secretary of the Central Body for Suppression of Trafficking in Persons Chief of Myanmar Police Force Brig-Gen Khin Yi made a concluding speech.—MNA
Ayadaw Tsp has its wish…

(from page 16)

water tapping stations apart from Ayadaw Dam, Ai-hlya Dam and Magyeezauk River Water Pumping Station, thereby ensuring sufficient freshwater and irrigation water for local people.

The commander of the North-West Command Headquarters assigned duties to the Water Resources Utilization Department to sink two artesian wells in Ayeyadaw Township. Informed that the dwellers of the township were very happy with the two artesian wells, from which freshwater was splashing out, we were on a trip to the township for an interview about the water supply.

Assistant Director from the Water Resources Utilization Department U Ngwe took us to Artesian Well No (21316) in Ward (2). We were surprised with the sense that water was splashing out naturally from underground in large amount. He told that the facility was sunk on 20 February 2009 and the project was completed on 17 March 2009; that it was 1355 feet deep, and the water pipeline in it was 1337 feet long; that the facility pumped 9300 gallons of water an hour; that the PH level of the water was 8.5; and that the water was pumped through the four-inch diameter pipeline into the 5000-gallon tank, and it was supplied to houses through pipelines. We also found some people fetching water from the tank with pots and shoulder yokes.

Ward (2) is composed with 420 houses of 3370 people. When asked about the water supply, Daw Hla Myaing, 80, told the Information and Public Relations Department, “Before our ward got that artesian well, we used to fetch drinking water from Ye Kyin Lake, four miles south of our township or from Taungpawkyaung Lake, two miles from our township. Sometimes in summer, we had to stay till at midnight to get some water. So, we had to make very careful use of water so that none was wasted. At that time, on average, the cost of water for a family member was 150 kyats a day. Only in the time of this government, would our township get dams, river water pumping stations and underground water tapping stations. Now, we have easy access to irrigation water and drinking water. The whole township is very happy with that. That is the very first time I have enjoyed such fruitful results. So, I say prayers for their good health every day.”

I noticed that she was responding to my question with a big smile at that time.

We also visited Artesian Well No (21319) in Ward (3). U Ngwe said that they sunk that well on 24 June 2009 and completed it on 14 July 2009; that it was 1350 feet deep with a 1320 feet long pipeline in it; and that it could pump 8000 gallons of water at 8.5 PH an hour. Member U Kan Tun, 57, of the Ward Water Supply Committee said that the water from the well was kept in the 26,250 gallons tank, and was pumped to five small tanks in the ward for public use; that they had a plan to supply water to 150 houses; that people from nearby houses came to the tank and fetched water for their everyday use; that in the past, ward dwellers had to fetch water from the lake outside the township for drinking it; that the prevailing price for a barrel of water was 300 kyats at that time; that they had a plan to supply irrigation water to 10 acres of nearby paddy fields after the dwellers had enjoyed adequate supply of water; and that then the whole ward had easy access to sufficient drinking water, and he thanked the government and the commander for that.

Therefore, the water supply facilities the government has built in Ayadaw Township are, indeed, the answer to the prayer of local people.

Translation: MS

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Boy rescued after eight days under rubble

PORT-AU-PRINCE, 21 Jan — A 5-year-old boy was pulled alive from his collapsed Port-au-Prince home on Wednesday, eight days after the 7.0-magnitude Haiti earthquake, authorities said.

His mother was killed in the disaster and her father is missing. Doctors attributed his survival to the resilience and strength of his young body, CNN reported.

It was unclear whether the boy, named on Monday, had access to food or water in the rubble of his home, CNN said. Doctors at a hospital said he had no broken bones but was severely dehydrated.

Haitian authorities said 72,000 bodies have been recovered since the quake struck last week, but a preliminary estimate by the Pan American Health Organization coordinating medical response has put the expected death toll at 200,000, CNN said. The country was rocked by a 5.9-magnitude aftershock on Wednesday just as vital medical aid reached the country on a US Navy ship, authorities said.

US editor for Palestinian agency ‘expelled from Israel’

JERUSALEM, 21 Jan — Palestinian news agency has been expelled after Israel refused him entry and detained him for a week, the agency says.

Israel’s Interior Ministry says Jared Malsin made his own choice to leave, including dropping his legal bid to reverse the entry denial.

Maan, the news agency, has raised concerns that Mr Malsin’s decision may have been made “under duress.” Israel denies claims that the entry denial was linked to Mr Malsin’s work.

Mr Malsin, the English language editor at the West Bank-based agency, had been detained since he returned from a holiday in Prague eight days ago. The Israeli Interior Ministry says he was denied entry for failing to co-operate under questioning.

US says Yemen group one of many al-Qaeda branches

WASHINGTON, 21 Jan — Yemen has made progress in its US-backed fight against al-Qaeda, but the extremist group continues to spread elsewhere and has some 20 affiliated cells across a swath of the globe, US officials said on Wednesday.

At congressional hearings, US officials painted a picture of an al-Qaeda that has expanded from Afghanistan to Iraq, the Arabian Peninsula, Africa and southeast Asia. “Al-Qaeda is now difficult to define,” Admiral Eric Olson commander of the US Special Operations Command, told a House of Representatives Armed Services Subcommittee.

“More than two dozen associated groups have been established in Iraq, the Arabian Peninsula, the Horn of Africa, the trans-Saharan region, the Maghreb of north Africa, west Africa and southeast Asia, and there are several different groups now operating within and from Afghanistan, Pakistan and Iran,” Olson said. Olson said al-Qaeda’s forces have been regenerated in part by extremists who had been detained, were released and then joined militant groups. He said officials estimate about one fifth of former detainees are “somehow re-engaging in activity against our interests.”

Targeted politician injured in explosion

ISLAMABAD, 21 Jan — A bomb detonated, injuring a provincial lawmaker and three others in northwest Pakistan on Wednesday, police said. The target was provincial lawmaker Aurangzaib Khan, police official Kalam Khan said. The lawmaker had just left his home with three companions when a remote-controlled bomb exploded as his car passed in Peshawar.

Aurangzaib Khan is a member of the ruling Awami National Party in Pakistan’s Northwest Frontier Province. The ANP is a secular party that has been an outspoken critic of the Taleban. The Taleban has targeted several members of the ANP, including Aurangzaib Khan’s brother, Alamzab Khan, who was killed last February in another bomb blast.

Snow will be trucked in for some Olympic events in Vancouver

VANCOUVER, 21 Jan — Olympic organizers say they will truck in snow for the freestyle skiing and snowboarding events at Cypress Mountain.

The forecast for the week ahead suggests there will be no new snow for the mountain on Vancouver’s north shore, nor will it get cold enough to make any, the organizers said on Wednesday after their final board meeting before next month’s Olympic Games.

Cathy Priester Allinger, executive vice president of sport and games operations for the organizing committee, says they are not planning to have snow.

People flee into streets as strong quake strikes devastated Haiti

PORT-AU-PRINCE, 21 Jan — The most powerful aftershock yet struck Haiti on Wednesday, shaking more rubble from damaged buildings and sending screaming people running into the streets eight days after the country’s capital was devastated by an apocalyptic quake.

The extent of additional damage or injuries caused by the magnitude-5.9 tremor was not immediately clear, and Prime Minister Jean-Max said the government was sending a plane and an overland team to check on the situation in Petit-Goave, the centre of this morning’s aftershock.

“We know they are going to need some help,” he said.

Internet
Heavy California storms force hundreds to evacuate

Los Angeles, 21 Jan—Authorities on Wednesday ordered the evacuation of 750 homes in the foothills around Los Angeles, fearing that the third in a series of powerful storms would trigger flash flooding and mudslides.

More than 500 of the homes under evacuation orders were in communities north of Los Angeles, where hillslides are still barren from a massive wildfire that burned last summer and saturated from heavy rain that fell on Monday and Tuesday.

Wednesday's storm was expected to be the worst so far, with 80 mile-per-hour winds and up to several inches of rainfall. "With the first two storms (this week) we got lucky," Bill Patzert, a climatologist for the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, told the Los Angeles Times. "Monday we got the right jab. Tuesday we got the left jab. Wednesday we could get the haymaker to the chin," Patzert said.

Already, the storms pounding the region this week have flooded intersections in the cities of Long Beach and San Pedro, near Los Angeles, damaging some homes and apartments.

Authorities, who blamed two fatalities on the punishing rains, closed several piers and shut down beachfront access in some areas because of heavy surf. On Tuesday, the National Weather Service issued tornado warnings for parts of Los Angeles and Orange County, an unusual development for normally sunny Southern California. Witnesses reported spotting several waterspouts and at least one tornado.

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THE NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR Friday, 22 January, 2010

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

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT MYANNA PORT AUTHORITY AGENT FOR: MS K.M INTERTRANS CO., LTD Phone No: 256916/256919/256921

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A bulldozer clears mud near homes in La Canada Flintridge, Los Angeles on 20 Jan, 2010. — Internet

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Apples shown beneficial in rat diet

LUNGBY, 21 Jan—Rats fed a diet rich in apples showed an increase of bacteria that could improve intestinal health, Danish researchers said.

The study suggests eating apples regularly, for a prolonged period of time, helps produce short-chain fatty acids that ensure a balance of microorganisms in the stomach, said microbiologist Andrea Wilcks of the National Food Institute at the Technical University of Denmark in Lungby. A diet rich in apples, and their fiber component pectin, also helped produce butyrate, an important fuel for the cells of the intestinal wall. Wilcks wrote in a recent issue of the journal BMC Microbiology.—Internet

High OxyContin dose linked to overdose

SEATTLE, 21 Jan—Patients who received higher opioid doses like OxyContin were nine times more likely to overdose than were those on low doses, US researchers found.

Study leader Michael Von Korff, a senior investigator at Group Health Research Institute, studied nearly 10,000 patients who received multiple opioid prescriptions for common chronic pain conditions like back pain and osteoarthritis.

Patients who received higher opioid doses were nine times more likely to overdose than were those receiving low doses. Still, most of the overdoses occurred among patients receiving low-to-medium doses, because prescriptions at those levels were much more common, Von Korff said.—Internet

Cruise ships dock at Haiti resort despite quake

MIAMI, 21 Jan—Luxury cruise ships will continue to dock as normal at an idyllic resort in northern Haiti despite the deadly earthquake a week ago that devastated the Caribbean nation, a company said on Tuesday.

Royal Caribbean International, which has do- nated one million dollars to the Haiti relief effort and is bringing in emergency supplies on its huge ships, defended the move by saying it was important to keep the Haitian economy ticking over despite the tragedy.

“The giant Liberty of the Seas, which has capacity for 3,600 passengers, was to drop anchor later on Tuesday off the port of Labadee where the company leases a private resort with beautiful beaches and sparkling turquoise waters. “We are on regular itinerary, with three ships going to Labadee per week,” the company’s director of communications, Lyam Sierra-Caro, told AFP. Navigator of the Seas yesterday (Monday); today Liberty of the Seas will be there and Celebrity Solstice on Friday. We have no reports on cancel- lations so far.”

But not everyone thought it appropriate for tourists to be lapping up luxury on Haitian beaches while rescuers are struggling to find survivors and bring relief to those living in wretched conditions following on Tuesday’s catastrophe.—Internet

Oasis of the Seas, the world biggest and most expensive cruise ship ever built arrives from Turku, Finland, at the ship’s home port in Port Lauderdale, Florida in 2009. Royal Caribbean International said on Tuesday it will continue to dock as normal at an idyl in northern Haiti despite the deadly earth- quake a week ago that devastated the Caribbean nation.—Internet

GSK releases chemicals to help find malaria cure

LONDON, 21 Jan—British drug maker GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) is to make thousands of chemical compounds that have the potential to cure malaria available for research, according to a newspaper report.

Andrew Witty, GSK chief executive, told the Guardian on Wednesday that multinational drug companies must balance social responsibility with their need to make profits to please shareholders.

Firms had “an imperative to earn the trust of society, not just by meeting expectations but by exceeding them,” he said.

The company will publish details of 13,500 chemical compounds from its library that have the potential to act against the parasite that causes deadly malaria in sub-Saharan Africa, the Guardian said. In a major speech in New York, Witty will also announce an eight-mil- lion-dollar (4.9-million-pound, 5.6-million-euro) fund to pay for scientists to investigate the chemicals, according to the paper.—Internet

Deadly brain cancer not a single disease

WASHINGTON, 21 Jan—The most common form of brain cancer in adults, glioblastoma multiforme, probably is a set of diseases, rather than a single disease, US researchers said on Tuesday.

The team identified four distinct subtypes of the brain tumours, each with unique molecular characteristics, a finding they say may lead to targeted therapies.

The study also found that each subtype of glioblastoma multiforme may begin from different types of cells, meaning each needs a different treatment approach, Dr Neil Hayes of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and colleagues wrote in the journal Cancer Cell. But the findings will not affect how doctors currently treat brain tumors, they said.—Internet

Intravenous fish oil in ICU effective

SOUTHAMPTON, 21 Jan—A trial of fish oil given intravenously to patients in intensive care reduces inflammation and results in a shorter hospital stay, British researchers say.

Philip Calder of the University of Southamp- ton worked with a team of researchers to carry out the study in 23 patients with systemic inflammatory response syndrome or sepsis in the Hospital Padre America in Porto- gal.

“Recently there has been increased interest in the fat and oil component of vein-delivered nutrition, with the realization that it not only supplies energy and essential building blocks, but may also provide bioactive fatty acids,” Calder said in a statement.

“Traditional solutions use soybean oil, which does not contain the omega-3 fatty acids contained in fish oil that act to reduce inflammatory responses.”

In this photo taken on 19 Jan, 2010 released by China’s Xinhua news agency, members of China International Search and Rescue Team (CISAR) search for survivors on debris near a destroyed supermarket in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, on 19 Jan, 2010.—INTERNET

This undated photo obtained courtesy of GlaxoSmithKline Pharmaceuticals (GSK), shows the Corporate headquarters in Brentford, Middlesex, UK GSK is to make thousands of chemical compounds that have the potential to cure malaria available for research, according to a newspaper report.—INTERNET

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VENUS powers into Australian Open third round

MELBOURNE, 21 Jan – Venus Williams powered her way into the third round of the Australian Open with a straightforward 6-2, 7-5 win over Austrian Sybille Bammer on Thursday.

Bammer tried hard throughout and broke Williams’ serve twice in the second set, but the sixth seed was never really threatened by the left-handed Austraiian as she wrapped up a comfortable win in 97 minutes.

Bammer’s game plan seemed to be to try and get the ball back into play as much as possible and wait for her opponent to make a mistake, and this tactic worked on occasions as Williams hit 25 unforced errors over two sets.

But Williams also blasted 32 winners — including seven aces — to Bammer’s four to underline her superiority.

Wenger’s Arsenal fighters ready for title battle

LONDON, 21 Jan – Arsene Wenger has warned Arsenal’s title rivals that his side have the physical strength and will-power to win the Premier League. Wenger’s team moved into first place in the table with a 4-2 win over Bolton at the Emirates Stadium on Wednesday that underlined a newfound ability to flex their muscles.

While Arsenal have always had an impressive creative streak, they have often crumbled under pressure from opponents intent on kicking them into submission. Judging by the way they stood up to Bolton’s aggressive gameplan twice in four days to overhaul an early deficit to win 7-4 on aggregate and secure the Midlands club’s first Wembley final appearance in a decade, where they will face either Manchester United or Manchester City.

But that looked a long way off as Blackburn, 1-0 down after the first leg, came back to claim a 2-1 lead on Wednesday thanks to two goals from Croatia forward Nikola Kalinic. Villa though hit back through Rovers’ baby, Stephen Warnock, a James Milner penalty and Steven Nzonzi’s own-goal.

Fiorentina beat Lazio to reach Cup semis

ROME, 21 Jan – Romania captain Adrian Mutu scored in the second half to help Fiorentina beat holders Lazio 3-2 at home in the Italian Cup quarter-finals on Wednesday. With a place in Europe on offer for the winners, both teams picked a full strength side, a rarity in these much-maligned Coppa Italia. The hosts were off to a great start as Mutu gave them the lead on nine minutes and they seemed to have one foot in the semi-finals when he double his advantage a minute before the break.

Mauro Zarate then pulled a goal back five minutes later, but Dane Per Krolidrup restored La Viola’s two-goal advantage on 59 minutes before Tommaso Rocchi ensured a grandstand finish when he put the visitors ahead 7-4 on aggregate and secured the club’s first Wembley final appearance in a decade, where they will face either Manchester United or Manchester City.

The other three last eight ties will all be played next week with Inter Milan against Juventus at the San Siro after the pick of the games.
EU pledges over 400 mln euros in aid to Haiti

BRUSSELS, 21 Jan — European Union (EU) institutions and member states pledged over 400 million euros (about 572 million U.S. dollars) in aid to quake-hit Haiti, an EU official said on Monday.

The European Commission pledged 30 million euros and EU member states offered a total of 92 million euros in immediate emergency aid to Haiti, an EU official said on Monday.

EU institutions will provide an extra 100 million euros in “early rehabilitation” aid, and a further 200 million euros for the medium- and long-term reconstruction in the country.

So far, the EU’s 27 member states have paid out over 20 million euros in aid to the Caribbean nation.

Britain announced on Monday that it has trebled its humanitarian aid to Haiti to 21 million euros.

EU top leaders are to discuss reaction to Haiti’s earthquake when they meet in Brussels on 11 Feb. Herman Van Rompuy, the first full-time EU president, on Monday—Xinhua
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 broadcasts designed to cause troubles

Ayadaw Tsp has its wish of adequate water supply fulfilled

Ayadaw Township, 27 miles east of Monywa Township, is on Monywa-Shwebo Road in Monywa District, Sagaing Division. Ayadaw Township, being an arid region with low rainfall, rainwater was only source of water for the agricultural purpose in it some time ago. Previously in summer, local people had to go to wells and lakes in distance and spend a lot of time and energy to fetch some drinking water. The crops they grew needed sufficient water to be successful. So, in some years, their crops were not successful due to lack of sufficient rainwater.

In contrast to olden days, difficult access to water has now become a thing of the past in the township owing to the five rural development programmes the government has been pursuing, one of which is ‘adequate supply of safe water and irrigation water’. So far, the township has got 30 underground wells.

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Photos: Nay Lin Aung (IPRD)

Significant night temperatures (21-1-2010)

Haka (2°C)
Putao (3°C)
Loilem (3°C)
Machanbaw (4°C)

Photo taken on 12, Jan 2010 shows the scenery of the Expo Axis during a trial illumination in the Expo Park in Shanghai, east China. Ninety percent of the construction work has been completed in the expo site by far. Workers are busy working to greet the 100 days count down to the opening of Shanghai World Expo on 21 Jan.

Water splashing out naturally from the artesian well in Ward (2), Ayadaw Township.