Established 1914

An auspicious and historic day

“Union Day” is an auspicious and historic day, on which the Union of Myanmar, through the might of unity of national people, managed to throw off the yoke of servitude under the colonialists who enslaved the nation for more than one hundred years, and the nation became an independent and sovereign nation again.

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

(From the message sent on the occasion of the 59th Anniversary Union Day)

Chin State dwellers urged to forge Union spirit as Chin State is part of the Union

Prime Minister General Thein Sein on inspection tour of Kanpetlet, Mindat, Matupi and Haka

NAYPITAW, 4 Feb—Prime Minister General Thein Sein, accompanied by Lt-Gen Tha Aye of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Myint Soe, ministers, deputy ministers and departmental heads, left Bagan-NyaungU at 7.35 am on 2 February by air and arrived at Kanpetlet of Mindat District at 8 am. They were welcomed there by Chairman of Chin State PDC Brig-Gen Hong Ngai and officials.

At the hall of Kanpetlet Township PDC, the Prime Minister met with local people and presented clothes and medicines to townsenders and social organizations and school uniforms and books to schools. Next, the Prime Minister viewed development of Kanpetlet. At Kanpetlet Basic Education High School, the Prime Minister urged the headmaster and teachers to train the students to become outstanding youths who are able to serve the interest of the region and equip them with good morals and Union Spirit. Accompanied by Chairman of Chin State PDC Brig-Gen Hong Ngai, the Prime Minister and party left Kanpetlet by helicopter and arrived at Mindat. They were welcomed by Col Aung Moe of the local unit and officials. The Prime Minister and party looked into progress of Mindat in a motorcade and met with local people at Mindat BEHS No. 1.

Since 1988, such story-telling foreign radio stations as BBC, VOA, RFA and DVB have manufactured fabrications one after another with the intention of causing wholesale death and destruction to the nation and the people.

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
**Turn out mechanical experts and set up modern industrial businesses**

Industrial development is the sine qua non for all-round national development. Therefore, favourable conditions are being created to transform the nation into an industrialized one. Industrial regions and zones have now been established all over the nation and new factories and workshops are being built.

High-tech and highly productive factories are being built in various industrial regions, including Thagara Industrial Region. Recently in Tharaga Industrial Region, a multi-purpose diesel engine factory, a hydropower turbine and a generator factory were inaugurated. These factories are going to produce diesel engines for craft, hydroelectric power plants, vehicles and machinery.

The multi-purpose diesel engine factory is going to produce three types of engine and about 700 units annually. In the same way, the hydropower turbine and the generator factory are to manufacture 50 pairs of 500-kilowatt and 2000-kilowatt turbines and generators yearly.

For industrial development, factories and workshops are being established in industrial regions and zones. Universities, colleges and institutes produce mechanical technicians every year. In the same way, technical training schools also turn out skilled workers constantly.

Under the Ministry of Industry-2, there are two technical training schools—one in Hsinde and another in Mandalay. Now, an advanced technical training school has been opened in Thagara. More than 100 trainees are attending the courses on machine tools, computer aided design, electrical power and electronics at the new school.

Owing to the emergence of modern factories and workshops, job opportunities have been opened and workers will be able to learn modern production technologies. With the emergence of skilled mechanical workers, the industrial sector will enjoy rapid development.

**Thandwe District Association to hold AGM**

**Nay Pyi Taw, 4 Feb**—Thandwe District Association will organize the annual general meeting, the respect paying and the prize presentation ceremony at Rekhine State Dhammayon in Bahan Township at 12 noon on 28 February. Members of the association and those from Thandwe District are invited to attend the ceremony without fail.

Members over aged 75 with copies of Citizenship Scrutiny Cards and outstanding students who passed the matriculation examination 2009 with flying colours are to enlist at Chairman U Kyaw Yin, Tel: 376848 and 0951264898, Vice-Chairman U Mya Maung, Tel: 0436207 and 095121521 and Vice-Chairman Daw Khin Kyi Myint, Tel: 699987 and 095136401, Secretary-2 U Maung Maung Thein Pe, Tel: 095112307, Secretary-1 U Tin Kyaw Lin, Tel: 616656, Auditor U Myint Swe, Tel: 548892 and executives.

The executive committee urged the prize winning students to attend the ceremony. —MNA

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**Industry-2 Minister receives Deputy Minister at Prime Minister’s Office of ROK**

**Nay Pyi Taw, 4 Feb**—Minister for Industry-2 Vice-Admiral Soe Thein received Deputy Minister at the Prime Minister’s Office Mr. Park Young June and party of the Republic of Korea at the Ministry of Industry-2, here, on 2 February afternoon.

They discussed matters related to industrial development between the two countries. Also present at the call were Deputy Minister Lt-Col Khin Maung Kyaw and officials. —MNA

**Minister inspects construction works in Pyapun Township**

**Yangon, 4 Feb**—Member of the National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing on 1 February inspected road and bridges on Pyapun-Kyonkadon motorway, and visited Yeekon Village BEPS in Amar Township.

Next, the minister looked into chosen site for construction of extended school building at Seikma Village BEMS (Branch) and Seikma bridge which is under repair.

The minister oversaw development of fishery and salt-making and Yeekon bridge.

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**Energy Minister’s Cup Volleyball Tournament kicks off**

**Yangon, 4 Feb**—Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi delivered an address at the opening of the sixth Energy Minister’s Cup men’s and women’s volleyball tournaments at Aung San Thuriya Hla Thaung Indoor Stadium in Kungyangon, Yangon Division on 30 January.

The minister enjoyed the volleyball matches. Altogether 15 men’s and nine women’s volleyball teams are taking part in the tournaments.

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**Micro Computer distributes laptops with Myanmar alphabets**

**Yangon, 4 Feb**—Hasee brand models FU 401 and FU 402 laptops with Myanmar alphabets the first ever in the world, distributed by Micro Computer Co Ltd are available at the market. Users may buy the 2kg-laptops with CPU Intel dual core 2.5 GHz T4400 (12 cache 1MB/ Front Side Bus 800), HDD 250 GB SATA, DVD-RW Super Multi, 4-in-1 card reader, wireless LAN 802.11 b/g and 10/100 LAN, 13 Mega Pixels Webcam at Micro Computer Co Ltd, No(143) on 46th Street in Botataung Township, Yangon (Ph: 294503, 202453 and 721668) and computer sales centers in Yangon and Mandalay. —MNA
Mexico says neighbour’s info led to massacre of 15

CIUDAD JUAREZ 4 Feb — Gunmen who killed 15 people in this Mexican border city — many of them teenagers with no known criminal ties — were directed to the neighbourhood by a resident who said members of a rival gang were planning a party, an official said on Wednesday. The mayor of Ciudad Juarez and other officials have said the victims had no criminal records and the gunmen may have been acting on mistaken information.

The massacre could mark the worst loss of innocent life yet in the gang battles that have turned the city across the border from El Paso, Texas, into one of the world’s deadliest — and deepened a sense that no residents are safe, even inside their own homes. More than 2,300 people were killed last year in the city of 1.3 million. Authorities say most were drug gang members, but bystanders have increasingly gotten caught in the crossfire.

Authorities say two suspects — one in custody and another who was killed in a shootout with soldiers on Monday — belonged to Sinaloa cartel were planning a party in Villas de Salvarcar, a working-class neighbourhood of modest, cinderblock homes. A woman and a girl mourn the death of two brothers who were killed at a high school birthday party in Ciudad Juarez on 2 Feb, 2010. — Internet

Bomb in Pakistan kills three US soldiers, three children

TIMERGARA, 4 Feb — Pakistan’s Taleban claimed responsibility for a bomb on Wednesday that killed three US Special Operations soldiers near a girls’ school in northwest Pakistan and threatened more attacks on Americans. In scenes that have become familiar in the struggle between Taleban militants and the state, a young girl trapped below the stones of a collapsed wall cried out for help after the blast.

Three children and a Pakistani soldier were also killed and 45 people, including 40 schoolgirls, were wounded in the attack near Swat Valley, where the government mounted a crackdown nearly a year ago that it said had cleared out Taleban militants. “We will continue such attacks on Americans,” Taleban spokesman Azam Tanq told Reuters by telephone. — Internet

Iran says launches satellite rocket

TEHERAN, 4 Feb — Iran on Wednesday it had launched a Kavoshgar-3 rocket capable of carrying a satellite, a move Washington described as a “provocative act.” Western powers fear Iran is trying to build nuclear bombs and that the long-range ballistic technology used to put satellites into orbit can also be used to launch warheads. Iran says its nuclear programme is solely to generate electricity.

President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said the launch was a huge breakthrough which would help break “the global domino system” — a reference to Iran’s Western foes. “A launch like this is obviously a provocative act,” White House spokesman Bill Burton told reporters.

IED proves deadly for NATO-led troops in Afghanistan

KABUL, 4 Feb — Adopting IED (Improvised Explosive Device) as weapon by the Taleban militants has been proved lethal as so far this month six soldiers of the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) have been killed by the sort of attack. The majority of the victims, according to the ISAF statements, are Americans.

Using IED as the lethal weapon against the NATO-led multinational peacekeeping forces claimed the lives of two American soldiers on Tuesday, a statement of the military alliance said on Wednesday. “Two ISAF service members from the United States were killed yesterday in an IED strike in southern Afghanistan,” the statement said. — Xinhua

Three die in helicopter crash in Germany

BERLIN, 4 Feb — A US military helicopter crashed in western Germany on Wednesday, killing all three people aboard, according to a spokesman for US Army Europe. The aircraft went down about 6:20 pm (1720GMT) on Wednesday in woods near the A67 highway between Viernheim and Lorsch, south of Frankfurt, Hesse state police said.

The helicopter was a UH-60 Black Hawk, said US Army Europe spokesman Bruce Anderson. The Black Hawk is used for air assault and other military operations. It is normally designed to carry 11 combat-loaded troops. — Internet

Pakistan arrests suspects in bombing of US troops

SHAHI KOTO, 4 Feb — Authorities have detained 35 suspects in connection with a suicide car bombing that killed three US soldiers in northwest Pakistan who were part a little-publicized mission to train local forces to fight the Taleban and al-Qaeda, police said on Thursday.

The killings on Wednesday were the first known US military fatalities in nearly three years in Pakistan’s Afghan border region, drawing attention to a training programme officials rarely discuss because of opposition here to American boots on Pakistan soil.

The blast also killed three girls at a nearby school and a Pakistani paramilitary soldier travelling with the Americans. Two more US soldiers were wounded, along with about 100 other people, mostly students at the school. Several were left trapped, bloodied and screaming in the rubble.

“We launched a massive search in the area yesterday, and now about 35 suspects are in our custody and we are questioning them in an effort to trace those who orchestrated the suicide attack,” police official Naem Khan told The Associated Press on Thursday. “God willing, we will capture those responsible for this carnage.” — Internet
Chin State dwellers urged...

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Townelder U Gae Lein presented Chin traditional items to the Prime Minister. Next, the Prime Minister gave clothes to departmental personnel and local people.

At Mindat District People’s Hospital, the Prime Minister and party met with Medical Superintendent Dr Maung Maung Zin, doctors and nurses. After asking the medical treatment given to the patients and infectious of common diseases, the Prime Minister instructed the health staff to make field trips to the grassroots level for disseminating health knowledge to the rural people and preventive measures against diseases.

At Matupi, the Prime Minister and party were welcomed by Col Zaw Min Oo and Col Saw Myint of the local unit and departmental officials.

At Matupi BEHS No. 2, the Prime Minister met with headmistress and teachers and attended to the needs.

Next, the Prime Minister and party met with townselders, departmental officials and members of social organizations at the hall of the school and the Prime Minister asked about regional development tasks.

A townselder presented regional products to the Prime Minister and Lt.-Gen Tha Aye of the Ministry of Defence as gifts.

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The Prime Minister cordially greeted them and posed for a documentary photo together with them.

At 12.30 p.m., the Prime Minister and party arrived in Hakaby helicopter. They were welcomed by Brig.-Gen Aung San Chit of local unit and departmental officials.

Next, the Prime Minister and party viewed learning of students at Government Technical Institute (Haka). — MNA

The Prime Minister and party visited hostel, mess and office of the school.

Then the Prime Minister presented aids and cash to the principal at the hall of the school.

In his inspection tour of Kanpetlet, Mindat and Matupi in Chin State, the Prime Minister gave instructions to departmental officials and local people. He said that Chin State plays an important role in security and economic sectors of the State as it shares borders with India. He stressed the need to forge the Union spirit as Chin State is a part of the Union. He pointed out that slash and burn cultivation can make great impacts on environment for nature and wildlife and climate change. He urged locals to organize villages to lay down a five-year plan for food sufficiency and more income by carrying out one-acre terrace farming and one-acre tea cultivation within a year and work harder. He urged parents to encourage their children to be educated and health staff to educate local people to have healthy lifestyle. — MNA
NAY PYI TAW, 4 Feb—Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung received Mr Jin Honggen, Economic and Commercial Counsellor of Embassy of the People’s Republic of China to Myanmar, at the Ministry on 2 February. At the meeting, they focused on matters related to economic cooperation between the two countries. Present on the occasion were heads of department and enterprises of the Ministry of Industry-1 and officials.

Prime Minister General Thein Sein inspects hostel for male students of Border Areas National Races Development School in Haka. (News on page 1)—MNA

Prime Minister General Thein Sein presents clothes and medicines to a local people in Kanpetlet. (News on page 1)—MNA

Prime Minister General Thein Sein cordially greets medical superintendent, doctors and nurses at Mindat District People’s Hospital. (News on page 1)—MNA

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The minister presented a certificate of honour to the leader of the foundation team. The school building is of octagonal shape two-storey building and each side of the building is 60 feet long. Amara Foundation constructed 10-classroom building with the use of local materials such as bricks, bamboo, rattan, straw and cement. The minister presented a certificate of honour to the leader of the foundation team. The leader of the foundation team handed over documents related to the building to the Township Education Officer. MNA

Training Course on Prevention against Recruitment of Minors concludes

YANGON, 4 Feb—The closing of Training Course No (1/2010) on Prevention against Recruitment of Minors, co-organized by Yangon Command Headquarters and UNICEF, took place at the headquarters on 2 February, with an address by Deputy Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Kyaw Kyaw Tun. The conclusion of the course was held at the same venue this afternoon, with a speech by the deputy commander. MNA

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Deputy Commander of Yangon Command
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Take Fire Preventive Measures

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The long-established unity of the people of Union

Kyaw Zin (Sarnezin)

The land is the Union of Myanmar in which over 100 national races have been living in amity and harmony like members of a large family since yore. The history of national races warding off every alien intrusion is the history of the Union.

The British colonialists waged three aggressive wars against Myanmar in 1824, 1852 and 1885. During the time, national people from plains and hill regions fought back the intruders with anti-colonialist spirit, unyielding spirit and the spirit to restore independence conceived in their hearts. In other words, it is their Union Spirit.

Throughout the periods to free the nation and to ward off the Fascists, the national races took part in anti-colonialist, anti-Fascist and independence struggles with the concept that these struggles were their common duty towards the Union.

As for the colonialists, the brilliant history and the unity of the national people was a serious blow to their scheme to prolong the occupation and exploitation of the nation. Hence, the colonialists introduced the divide-and-rule method.

There were some who willfully embracing the colonialist’s divide-and-rule policy for their own interest. Those who coveted power, privileges, money and prosperity committed acts to break up the Union or break away from it as national traitors.

Myanmar delegation led by General Aung San on 2 January 1947 went to London to demand independence. Despite the fact that the British occupied the whole Third Myanmar Kingdom founded by King Alaung Phaya they were making a scheme to free only the plains (Bamars) and continue colonizing and enslaving the hill regions (other national races).

During the time, there was a meeting of Shan chieftains in northern Shan State. Stevenson, Director of Frontier Areas Administration of the British government, arrived in northern Shan State in advance. He persuaded the chieftains through cajole, flatter and attempts to pour bad blood, asking them not to join Myanmar proper.

Beginning late 1885, the colonialists practiced the divide-and-rule policy through clever tactics. In the hill regions alone there were a variety of administrative systems, administrators and administrative laws. They laid down obstacles to prevent relations between one national race and another and one region and the other. Especially, they barred Bamars, whose political awareness was rising, of the plains from visiting the hill regions with the imposition of restrictions.

They completely destroyed Myanmar monarchial administration and put it under the domination of bureaucracy. However, they entrusted feudal administration power to Shan chieftains. On the other hand, they considered Duwa chieftains of southern Kachin State as just villageheads.

They discriminated the national races who converted into their religion and Buddhists and the animists. They practiced religious discrimination in giving promotions. In that way, they created dissension among the national races and kept them apart from one another.

Certain Shan chieftains who were overly attached to feudal administration power sent a telegram to the then British Prime Minister Attlee of Labour Government, who was holding talks with General Aung San and delegation. The telegram said that General Aung San who was in London was just a Bamar representative; that he did not represent Shan chieftains; he should invite Shan chieftains separately to discuss hill region affairs. Attlee showed General Aung San the telegram and pressed him to represent only for the Myanmar proper.

General Aung San said that it was true that he was not a representative of Shan chieftains; that he was working for the good of the people of hill regions. Patriotic Shan youths of Shan State People’s Freedom League (Taunggyi) received information about the telegram in advance before it was sent. U Tin Aye, U Tun Myint Gàle, U Ba Zan, U San Pe, U Tin Pe and U Tun Myat of the League convened a mass meeting of the Shan people in Taunggyi on 15 January 1947. The mass meeting tabled and seconded motions, which were, total independence, national unity, anti-colonialism and united front. The people of Shan State issued an ultimatum demanding the British government to free Shan State that had been forced to live under colonialist rule and exploitation for about 60 years; that they would struggle to regain independence without fail.

After the mass meeting, Shan patriots (independence advocates) sent a telegram to London, saying that General Aung San was a representative of Shan people; and that they supported his independence campaign.

The Myanmar delegation to London led by General Aung San did not accept the proposal which said that the British would grant independence only to Myanmar proper; that they would continue to put hill people under their administration as these hill people were not able to rule themselves. The national races of the entire nation were also totally against the proposal.

Brethren of all the regions did not want to live under colonialists anymore. They wanted independence. They all thundered to regain independence together with Bamars.

Thus, a multi-national race conference was held at Panglong in Loilem District from 3 to 12 February, 1947. At the dinner on the eve of the conference, General Aung San said that Bamar nationals were going to secure independence at the end of the year, that it was up to each national race whether to regain independence together with Bamar nationals, that Bamar nationals would not like to force any other national race to get independence together with them, that they had to fight for independence for about 60 years and that no one knew how long it would take if the other national races would fight for independence later.

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Poem
Towards the new golden age

* In harmony and unison
  Brethren of the nation
  Union of Myanmar they built

* Amity forever
  Living on this land
  Since time immemorial

Any place in Myanmar they settled
Riding the same boat towards same destination
Obstacles they overcome
Like hundred fruits of a single stalk
Same source they come from

Each and every one fostering
True patriotism in hearts

* Keeping in fore
  Our Three Main National Causes
  Ensuring everlasting of nation

* Having the same vision
  Implementing they
  The seven-step Road Map

Never divided the brethren
Ever united they always
To enjoy victory every one
Rooitng out all saboteurs
With diligence they declare
“We are the Myanmar people”

Let’s every one enter
The new golden age

(Hailing the 63rd Anniversary Union Day)

(Myinmu Maung Naing Moe (Trs))
Hailing the 63rd Anniversary Union Day

The long-established unity of the people of Union

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Sao Khan Pan Sein, Palaung Southern Sawbwa of Namsan in Northern Shan State, who took a leading role at the Panglong Conference, said that he was glad General Aung San spoke openly and thanked him for his frankness. He also told General Aung San that they no longer wanted to live under the British rule either, and assured him that they would demand independence together with Bamar nationals.

Also present at the Panglong Conference were Bob Tomley, Secretary for British Colonies, and Stevenson, Commissioner for Frontier Areas. The former was based in London and the latter in Yangon. Stevenson told the other national races not to trust Bamar nationals. He said that General Aung San had only two dresses and no money and that they would go hungry if they demand independence together with Bamar nationals.

He also told the other national races that the British would give them enough financial aid if they lived under their rule. He went on to say that what Bamar nationals said was not to be trusted and General Aung San’s face was like that of a fascist. The British Prime Minister in London was much delighted at the thought that the national races, who were subject to their divide-and-rule policy, would be against the Panglong Coference and that it would come to nothing.

On 12 February, 1947, all the national races succeeded in signing the Panglong Agreement that would ultimately result in an independent Myanmar, making the success of the Panglong Conference known to not only to London but also to the whole world through the telegram office opened especially for the Conference.

It was written in the editorial of the Thuriya newspaper of 9-2-1947 issue that the ongoing conference at Panlong in Shan State was important because Mr Bob Tomley, Secretary for Dominions, would attend it himself and report the issue of hill regions to the British Parliament and that hill regions were part of Myanmar and people in these regions were also Myanmar nationals born out of the same womb and living through weal and woe.

It was also written in the editorial of the Thanlwin newspaper of 12-2-1947 issue that Myanmar nationals were like blood brothers when they got to know each other, that representatives of Chin nationals from Falam, Tiddim and Hakha arrived at Panglong only on 7 February but they all were in favour of the proposals tabled on 6 February, that there was no calculation of gains and losses in the relations between all Myanmar national people and that it was like the two people tied together with a rope and dropped on the Himalayans and they could not be separated.

Mass rallies in favour of the Panglong Agreement were held in all parts of Myanmar – in Kamaing on 27-2-1947, in Moegaung on 28-2-1947 and in Mankhein and Taunggyi from 1-3-1947 to 3-3-1947. The mass rally held in Taunggyi released an announcement.

In that announcement, it was mentioned that Shan, Chin, Kachin and Bamar nationals were united at the Panglong Conference and signed an agreement that they would work together to be able to build an independent nation, that Panglong would be recognized not only in the history of Shan, hill regions and Myanmar but also in the history of the world, that it was decided to erect a monument at Panglong in order that posterity could take pride in it, that it was believed that all the measures taken at Panglong would benefit Shan State as well as the entire Myanmar. The editorial called on the entire national people to work together actively and enthusiastically if they thought, after careful consideration, the measures taken should be supported. It concluded that unity and cooperation would bring independence and prosperity and so it was necessary to be united and make concerted efforts.

Throughout the history of independence struggle, national brethren of the Union had striven 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 make concerted efforts for successful accomplishment of the seven-step Road Map

**Union of Myanmar**

All the national brethren have resided in the Union of Myanmar since time immemorial, much like the eggs and the nest intact.

All the national races in oneness joined hands in repulsing the external enemies in different periods.

When the nation was in servitude they unitedly waged national liberation struggle together.

Internal insurgents who have risen against the State since regaining of independence come to realize the fruits of unity. They are now marching on the road to peace and progress putting an end to the grudges with hands joined.

Fruits of unity. Aren’t they?

Yes, of course.

Victory!

**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

**The entire nation has enthusiastically and unanimously approved the Constitution written in the best possible way to be able to build a peaceful, modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation and now all the national races are making preparations to make the 2010 election a success.**

Translation: TMT+NN

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Developing Kachin State with peace, unity and pleasantness

Recently, No. 57-up Mandalay-Myitkyina express train left Mandalay Railway Station at 4 pm, and I was going to spend one night on board the train to continue my trip to Myitkyina.

I visited Kachin State three times in 2009. The locations of roads and bridges of the state were fresh in my memory. However, I made previous trips to Kachin State by flight and by car. Then, I had an opportunity to visit there by train for the first time.

Although there are motor roads in the region, the people of Kachin State use railroads to travel to the plain regions. Although flights are being operated to the routes of Yangon-Myitkyina and Mandalay-Myitkyina regularly, most of the local people put their reliance on rail transportation. Due to reasonable fares, train can carry commodities more than the flights. So they can save money.

In the past, the townsships of Kachin State had faced difficulties of delay in transporting commodities from other regions due to lack of peace. At present, the products from dry regions can be speedily transported to towns and villages of Kachin State thanks to the runs of four up-trains along Mandalay-Myitkyina route and four down-trains along the Myitkyina-Mandalay route.

The express train that left Mandalay at 4 pm passed towns and villages of Sagaing Division and then entered Kachin State next morning. At 2 pm, the train arrived in Myitkyina. Indeed, the rail transportations are the artery between Mandalay and Myitkyina. As Mandalay-Myitkyina express train stopped over at Mohnyin, Mogau and Namti, etc, the local people have easy access to Myitkyina by saving money. Now, Myanmar Airways and Air Bagan airlines operate flight schedules to Myitkyina daily. However, most of the local people travel by train.

It can be said that only when the traveller has the opportunity to enjoy the scenic beauties of Bala Min Htin Bridge and the Ayeyawady River on arrival at Myitkyina, will the trip be perfected. The town was named Myitkyina due to its location near the Ayeyawady River, and therefore the chronicles of Ayeyawady and Myitkyina could not be separated. The Ayeyawady River originates at the confluencc of Maykha and Malikha rivers near Tanpe Village, 27 miles upstream of Myitkyina. Therefore, it can be said that the Ayeyawady River starts at Myitkyina.

Bala Min Htin Bridge across Ayeyawady River on Myitkyina-Bhamo Road was inaugurated on 14-11-1998. The bridge contributes much to the better transport between Myitkyina and Waingmaw and the smooth transportation between Myitkyina and Bhamo-Chipwe-Panwa-Hsadon-Kanpaitke route. Bala Min Htin Bridge, 2688 feet long, is of steel frame type.

Public works under the Ministry of Construction has built 20 bridges of over 180 feet long in Kachin State.

In Kachin State, the 700 feet long Kaunghmulo suspension bridge across Ayeyawady River (for only jeeps) is under construction on Putao-HTawadam-Nagmon Road and the Ayeyawady River crossing Katha-Bhamo railroad (Sinkhan Bridge), 3215 feet long, is being built on Mandalay-Taguang-Bhamo Road. Putao District Public Works commenced construction of Kaunghmulo suspension bridge in 2003 and has planned to complete it in 2009-2010 financial year.

Kachin State formed with four districts, 18 townships, 143 wards, 597 village-tracts and 2583 villages is located in an area of 34,379.2 square miles. The state is 172 miles in width from the east to the west and 335 miles in length from the south to the north. Up to 15 December 2009, a total of 489,168 people of Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Bamar, Mon, Rakhine and Shan national races were residing in the state.

Myitkyina, Waingmaw, Inggyanyan, Tanai, Chipwe and Hsawlaw townships are included in Myitkyina District, Mohnyin, Mogau and Phakant townships in Mohnyin District, Bhamo, Shwegu, Momauk, Dawphoyan and Manis townships in Bhamo District and Putao, Makanbaw, Nagmon, Khanglanphu and Sumprabum townships in Putao District.

A total of 53 border posts were erected at the border shared by Myanmar and China and five posts at the Myanmar-India border. Indawgyi Lake, 24 miles long and 8 miles wide, which is the largest lake in Myanmar, is located in Mohnyin Township. The Buddha Pujaniya of Shwe Myinzu Pagoda is held at the lake annually. A national park attracting tourists and researchers is located in Pannandim of Nagmon Township.

The first defile and the second defile of Ayeyawady River can be seen in Kachin State. The first defile is located between Myintha and Yaynapinlon village-tracts of Hsinbo of Myitkyina Township. The first defile started at a place, 86 miles from Myitkyina. At the lowest level of the water, the river is only 70 feet wide. The second defile of the river is located between Bhamo and Shwegu. The width of the second defile is shorter than the first defile. When the current of the river water is swift in the rainy season, motorboats and ships have to suspend their runs temporarily. A high rocky bank called Natmyathna Hill is situated at the second defile, and the narrowest area of the defile is only 400 feet.

In the cold season, the people from far and near take a rest at Momauk hot spring, south of Kayang Village of Momauk Township. Significantly, a 3000-ton massive jade stone was explored in Kachin State. The Massive Jade Stone, 70 feet long, 16 feet wide and 20 feet high, weighing over 3000 tons of Jade Extraction Unit of Myanma Gems Enterprise, is displayed as a museum, 100 feet southeast from Namhmaw Creek and Phakant Ye Kyi Creek in Seikmu Village-tract of Phakant Township.
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Due to pleasant environs and cold season, 11,500 feet high ice-capped Phanom Razi Mountain is a famous tourist attraction in Putao Township. The 19,315 feet high Mount Khakaborazi, the highest in the country, and the 19,142 feet high Ganlanrazi mountain range, are located in the township. The snow-capped hills and mountain ranges are stretching from the north to the south. While in Myitkyina, I visited other townships through Myitkyina-Sumprabum-Putao road. I still remember my trip from Myitkyina to Putao by flight and the way back to Myitkyina along Putao-Sumprabum-Myitkyina Road in February 2009.

Once, it took hours to cover even one-mile-long trip on Myitkyina-Sumprabum-Putao Road. At present, the 218 miles long Myitkyina-Sumprabum-Putao Road is one-day trip. Regularly, the travellers are to spend one night only. Beginning 2008-2009 financial year, task of constructing the road sections were assigned to Road Project Special Groups. Now, I have learned that some Superroof vans got to Putao from Myitkyina.

I had an opportunity to visit the confluence of Maykha and Malikha rivers near Tangfe Village, 27 miles from Myitkyina and enjoyed the beautiful scenes of the area. At Wanshi Village near mile post No. 31, I had lunch at Moe Gaung Thu Restaurant. Kachin State has 36 miles and one furlong long tarred road, 311 miles and five furlongs long gravel road, 726 miles and 7 furlongs long hard road, 436 miles and 5 furlongs long earth road and 458 miles and 7 furlongs long path for mules, totalling 2295 miles and one furlong.

Myitkyina-Namti-Tani Road, Mogau-Karmaing-Lawa-Phakht Road, Shwebo-Myitkyina Road, Bhamo-Myitkyina Road, Myitkyina-Tani-Pansauk-Lido Road, Tanai-Nanyun-Pansauk Road, Hopa-Kontha-Lonion-Nuanghin Road, Myitkyina-Sumprabum-Putao Road, Myitkyina-Chiwe-Panwa Road, Waingmaw-Hsadon-Kanpakte Road, Myitkyina-Akye-Hsinbo-Myohla Road and Putao-Machanbaw-Nagmon Road are transportation facilities in Kachin State.

The government has adopted the Border Areas and National Races Development Plan, the 24-Special Regions Plan and the Rural Region Development Tasks for ensuring equitable development for all the regions of the Union and the growth of socio-economic status of the local people. The plans are being implemented for enhancement of agriculture, meat and fish, forestry, industrial, transport, communication, electric power and energy sectors for improvement of all the regions of the nation.

At the same time, the government adopted the short- and long-term national level plans such as the education promotion plan and the national health care promotion plan for development of human resources. Nowadays, the people are enjoying the fruits of development after implementing the plans.

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Projects to be implemented in Kachin State

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Translation: TTA
Nevertheless, the whole truth was discovered some time thereafter. After the unrest, Aye Nyein Thu admitted with repentence that she just did as asked by Christopher Gunness, Htay Kywe and Ko Ko Latt; that she was neither jailed nor raped; and that she made a silly mistake under the persuasion and pressure of the group of the axe-handles.

Attempt to break up the Tatmadaw has been going on on a large scale since the 1988 unrest. It seems to me that the axe-handles and those foreign radio stations are fully committed to their scheme of breaking up the Tatmadaw with whatever ways and means they have sought, because they are well convinced of the fact that they will be in no position to exploit the nation and the people so long as the armed forces remain cohesive and strong. That is why they stick to their plot of breaking up the Tatmadaw. It has been over a couple of decades or since 1988. In the end, the good shall triumph over the evil. The people of us notice that none of their attempts has come to fruition, whereas the Tatmadaw is getting more and more united and strong and strengthened.

As far as I remember, broadcasts on announcements intended to break up the Tatmadaw were aired repeatedly on 12 September 1988. Fake announcements with fake signatures were rampant around the nation. They said that an interim government had to be formed by 1 pm on 13 September 1988, or the Air Force would launch air strikes, and the Navy had set its targets at many certain places; and that the Tatmadaw had collapsed into pieces. Actually, such announcements are very destructive, and that reflects their selfishness. Under the negative impact of the announcements, the majority of Yangon dwellers came to be in a state of panic, and they placed some Tatmadaw members in a dilemma, thus accounting for to how much extent their plot was effective.

Today, whether those announcements are true or not has been clear to all. However, at that time, many people withstood all the stresses and strains caused by the announcements. So, an evening TV news on rebuttal was announced by Myanna Radio and Television that the announcements were fake ones in order to allay anxiety of the people. In addition, copies of letters were dropped from Tatmadaw aircraft in order that the people and Tatmadaw members would come to know the truth. Yet, some artless Tatmadaw members fell into the snare of the announcements, and took the wrong path after turning their back to the Tatmadaw. That was a costly lesson. The number of such soldiers was very small. The whole Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air Force) showed its consolidated unity and managed to save the nation that was at that time standing on the edge of the abyss.

Since 1988, such story-telling foreign radio stations as BBC, VOA, BFA and DVB have manufactured fabrications one after another with the intention of causing wholesale death and destruction to the nation and the people.

They cling on to their subversive plots, airing distorted news, news based on rumours, and invented news stories day in, day out. In fact, Western neo-colonialists heavily aid and abet those radio stations and give directions to absentee, perpetrators and axe-handles from their targeted countries to harm their mother countries concerned, calling them as democracy activists. The cohorts and axe-handles under the influence of the neo-colonists are too naïve to notice that their acts harm none except them and their country. Therefore, they and such foreign radio stations work hand in glove.

The internal West-looking groups provide the West Bloc radio stations with exaggerated news stories in abundance based on personal dissatisfaction, grudges associated with political issues, and impossible hopes for their party to come to power. Those radio stations fail to honour the code of press ethic by exaggerating the provided news stories to contribute towards their neo-colonialism at the expense of the interests of any other country. The Western radio stations can constantly give the people a real earful about fabricated news stories as they keep in touch with the West-looking axe-handles. They air groundless broadcasts at will, taking full advantage of the tool of the media, and showing total disregard for the code of press ethic. Personally, they are like a fool with a gun.

As to their objectives and acts, Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan in a press conference said that today the government has to seek the most appropriate ways and means in line with the objective conditions in the interest of the nation and the people; and that butt, pessimists at home and from abroad, those encouraging subversive acts, and some foreign media groups that are behind their plots are constantly entertaining rumours, and airing distorted news, and news stories designed to drive a wedge among the people, news stories to persuade the people to take to the streets, as捏造新闻散布假情与假象, exposing the intention of undermining the State stability and peace, national unity, creating public panic, misleading the people, and stirring up mass protests. What he said is totally right, and reflects the nature of the West radio stations.

The made-up stories they have aired since 1988 are uncountable. A news story they aired is still fresh in my mind that they exploited the situations and invented Tadani (red bridge) affairs, regarding the event in which security forces prevented student protesters at Tadaybu (White Bridge) on the embankment of Inya Lake on 16 March 1988. In reality, none of the students fell in the event, but they aired as if many of them were killed, describing the protest as Tadani Affairs. Similarly, after the Tatmadaw had assumed State responsibilities, some persons in the country and certain foreign radio stations masterminded a plot to force student protesters to go underground, which is still in the mind of the people. Surely, the painful memories are always with the students who faced untold miseries there and their parents in their life.

Those foreign radio stations are, indeed, media enterprises doing media services. So, they have to follow the code of press ethic strictly. Instead, they have violated the code of press ethic so many times that they are merely black media. Therefore, they are brazen enough to air such harmful, groundless news stories.

In my opinion, they should not manufacture a fabrication about a person. In spite of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi in good health, BBC and VOA in their broadcasts have said on purpose so many times that she is not in good health. So, they are deeply concerned over her health, and she does not have access to good health care. Accordingly, the government has to occasionally issue news in order to get rid of the people’s concerns and doubts.

Again on 23 August 2005, BBC aired an evening news story, which posed grave danger to the nation, which was related to the Head of the State and the nation. To make things worse, they added some comments to the news. At that time, the Head of State was doing his duty in good health. Although they knew that well, they aired unreliable, baseless news story deliberately.

Translation: MS
Teens not turning to Twitter

WASHINGTON, 4 Feb—Teen Internet users make up the biggest presence in most online applications and social networking sites, with one unlikely exception—Twitter, a survey says. Only 8 percent of users ages 12-17 use the social messaging site, far less than the 66 percent of users ages 12-17 survey says. Only 8 percent change among teens and young adults. Fourteen percent of teens say they blog, down from 28 percent in 2006. In contrast, blogging by older adults has remained steady with roughly one in 10 adults maintaining a blog or personal journal online. Pew said.

In all, 73 percent of teens with Internet access use social networking Web sites, up from 55 percent in 2006 and 65 percent in 2008. Computer choices among young adults reflect the impact of WiFi and the mobile Web, as two-thirds own a laptop or netbook, whereas only 53 percent own a desktop, the survey said.

Scientists find ideal target for malaria therapy

WASHINGTON, 4 Feb—Scientists at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis have identified a protein made by the malaria parasite that is essential to its ability to take over human red blood cells, the university said on Wednesday.

Malaria, which is spread by mosquito bites, kills between one million and three million people annually in developing countries. Death results from damage to red blood cells and clogging of the capillaries that feed the brain and other organs.

“Malaria parasites invade red blood cells, release potentially fatal proteins, and kill the host cell, which is crucial for its survival,” said Dan Goldberg, professor of medicine and of molecular microbiology and Howard Hughes Medical Institute Investigator. "But without this protein, plasminogen V, those other proteins can’t get out of the parasite into the blood cell, and the infectious process stops.”

The closest equivalent to plasminogen V in humans is a protein called beta secretase, but it’s only distantly related. The significant differences between the malaria protein and its closest human relative may mean scientists will be able to use drugs to disable plasminogen V with little worry of adverse side effects on human biology, according to Goldberg. The results are reported in Nature this week. — Xinhua

Air passenger says he ate pot

PITTSBURGH, 4 Feb—A man pulled off a coast-to-coast flight during an emergency stop in Pittsburgh says he ate marijuana cookies before takeoff, investigators say. Kinman Chan of San Francisco faces federal charges of interfering with flight crew, the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette reports. He was detained on Sunday after the US Air plane bound from Philadelphia to Los Angeles landed in Pittsburgh.

Flight attendants said Chan, who was returning from a conference in the Dominican Republic, acted strangely after he boarded. He waved and smiled and made strange gestures but then shot himself in a toilet and screamed. The criminal complaint said Chan emerged from the toilet with his pants down. He allegedly attacked a flight attendant who tried to get him back to his seat and was then put in a choke hold and physically restrained. — Internet

Low Serotonin levels cause infant deaths

BEIJING, 4 Feb—Researchers have found that low Serotonin levels may be the cause of the sudden infant death syndrome, SIDS, according to media reports on Wednesday.

Infants who died of SIDS had low levels of serotonin, a brain chemical that helps the brainstem regulate breathing, temperature, sleeping, waking and other automatic functions, according to an autopsy study in Tuesday’s Journal of the American Medical Association.

The finding may help identify babies at risk for SIDS, which each year kills more than 2,300 babies before their first birthday. Abnormal levels of serotonin may hamper an infant’s breathing, especially when the baby breathes in too much exhaled carbon dioxide while sleeping face down. When the infant is breathing in the face-down position, he or she may not get enough oxygen. An infant with a normal brain stem would turn his or her head and wake up in response. But a baby with an intrinsic abnormality is unable to respond to the stresor,” said Dr. Hannah Kinney of Harvard and Children’s Hospital.

Doctors hope to use their discovery to screen babies for serotonin problems and find a way to protect them, says co-author David Paterson, also of Harvard and Children’s Hospital. Those developments are still years away, he says. — Xinhua

Canada, California to launch 15 sci-tech initiatives

OTTAWA, 4 Feb—Canadian Minister of International Trade Peter Van Loan announced on Wednesday that Canada and California would launch 15 research initiatives worth of $1 million Canadian dollars (about $942,600 US dollars), under the Canada-California Strategic Innovation Partnership (CCSIP).

“Today’s partnership announcement will help move ideas from the laboratory to the real world, and will contribute to a cleaner environment and improved healthcare,” said Van Loan. “Our joint projects will lead to advances in fields, from carbon storage and new biofuels to energy-efficient computers and better border crossings.”

Of the 15 initiatives, nine are collaborative events and six are research and development projects. 21 Canadian universities are involved in partnership with eight University of California campuses. The universities are contributing 1 million Canadian dollars, with half coming from Canadian institutions and the other half from California institutions. The 15 projects were selected from 45 submissions in a first round of proposals.

“This collaborative partnership is great news for both California and Canada.” — Xinhua
‘Vegetative man’ communicates via scan

LONDON, 4 Feb — A man who had been presumed to be in a vegetative state for five years, can communicate yes and no via his thought patterns, a new study says.

The man, now 29, sustained a severe traumatic brain injury in a road traffic accident in 2003. He remained physically unresponsive and was presumed to be in a vegetative state for five years, according to the researchers in Belgium and Britain. Using functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI), the patient’s brain activity was mapped while he was asked to answer yes and no questions such as “Is your father’s name Thomas?”, according to the study results published in the authoritative New England Journal of Medicine.— Internet

Lead exposure raises risk of ADHD

LOS ANGELES, 4 Feb—Kids with higher levels of lead may face greater risk of developing attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), US researchers suggest. Researchers at Oregon Health & Science University in Portland determined the link between lead and ADHD in two studies. The first study found that children with ADHD had slightly higher levels of lead in their blood than did children without ADHD. The second study showed an association between elevated levels of lead in children’s blood and parent/teacher ratings of ADHD symptoms, including hyperactivity and attention problems.

In both studies, the link between lead and ADHD was independent of the children’s IQ, family income, race or whether their mothers had smoked during pregnancy. The findings strongly suggest that lead may be a cause of ADHD, said Joel Nigg, a psychological scientist at the university.

In his article, published in the Feb 2010 issue of Current Directions in Psychological Science, Nigg offers a causal model in which lead attaches to sites in the brain’s striatum and frontal cortex, and acts on the genes in these regions — causing them to turn on or remain inactive. He said lead might disrupt brain activity in a way that leads to hyperactivity and attention problems.

Genes are believed to account for as much as 70 percent of ADHD in children. As for the other 30 percent, lead may be a prime suspect among possible environmental causes, according to the American Association of Psychological Science.

Xinjiang beefs up special police unit to enhance public safety

XINING, 4 Feb—China’s government has approved a plan to recruit 5,000 special police officers in the western Xinjiang region to help prevent unrest such as the devastating riot of 5 July last year.

The new recruits would be civil servants under the leadership of the Xinjiang Regional Public Security Bureau, with their area of operations covering the whole region.

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It would be the largest recruitment campaign of its kind in Xinjiang and all new recruits, after a month of intensive training, would serve alongside special police officers seconded from other provinces, said Zhu Changjie, director of the regional public security bureau. “We expect them to be on patrol independently by the end of March,” said Zhu. In China, special police units are responsible for combating terrorism, maintaining public security, and dealing with violent crime and emergencies. More than 3,600 people, mainly demobilized soldiers and college graduates, had been enlisted so far after a strict screening procedure, including written exams, interviews and physical fitness tests.

Snow footprints lead deputies to suspect

Authorities in South Carolina said a man who searched for money in 15 cars left footprints in the snow leading from the crimes to his home.

Spartanburg County sheriff’s deputies said a number of people reported their vehicles had been rummaged through or their locks tampered with on Saturday evening in the area around Deer Chase Drive in the county, WYFF-TV, Greenville, SC, reported on Tuesday.

Deputies said they discovered distinct footprints in the snow near one of the vehicles and followed them for several blocks to the back door of a home.

They said Garret Wayne Pierce, 21, answered the door and his shoes matched the prints found in the snow.

Pierce admitted to searching through several unlocked for money and attempting to enter several locked cars, without success, officials allege.

Deputies said he showed them 18 cars he targeted. Pierce was taken to the Spartanburg County Detention Centre in lieu of $45,000 bond.

This photo released by Melanie Typadlos shows Typadlos and Caplin her pet caybara wearing his Hallow- teen costume. The caybara, Hydrochoerus hydrochaeris, is a semi-aquatic rodent of South America. It weighs about 2 feet tall at the shoulder.

Birth month affects being a sports star

Researchers in Australia found a child’s birth month could influence his or her future health, fitness and sports abilities.

Dr Adrian Barnett, a senior research fellow at Queensland University of Technology’s Institute of Health and Biomedical Innovation, and Annette Dobson of the University of Queensland say the month of your birth influences the chances of becoming a professional athlete.

The researchers analyzed the birthdays of professional Australian Football League players and found a disproportionate number of the soccer players had their birthdays in the early months of the year, while many fewer were born in the later months — especially December.

The Australian school year begins in January. “Children who are taller have an obvious advantage when playing the [soccer] code of AFL,” Barnett said in a statement. “If you were born in January, you have almost 12 months’ growth ahead of your classmates born late in the year, so whether you were born on 31 Dec or 1 Jan could have a huge effect on your life.” The results mirror other international studies that found a link between being born near the start of school year and the chances of becoming a professional player in the sports of ice hockey, soccer, volleyball and basketball.

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Technology’s Institute of Health and Sports researcher at Queensland University of Technology’s Institute of Health and Sports researches the effect of birth month on being a professional athlete.

In his article, published in the Feb 2010 issue of Current Directions in Psychological Science, Nigg offers a causal model in which lead attaches to sites in the brain’s striatum and frontal cortex, and acts on the genes in these regions — causing them to turn on or remain inactive. He said lead might disrupt brain activity in a way that leads to hyperactivity and attention problems.

Genes are believed to account for as much as 70 percent of ADHD in children. As for the other 30 percent, lead may be a prime suspect among possible environmental causes, according to the American Association of Psychological Science.

Photo taken on 25 Jan, 2010 shows a sculpture of an American Indian man in traditional costume and decorations in front of the Pueblo Island Museum in Albuquerque, New Mexico, the United States. Casinos and hotels are the main income sources in the American Indian reservations. The native American Indians are living at risk in the United States. Indian people are twice as likely to be living in poverty than the general population and less likely to finish high school, and they suffer from higher death rates of alcoholism, tuberculosis and diabetes.

The Indian cultural and traditional heritages are in danger of losing under the assimilation of modern civilization. Some Indian tribal languages are vanishing among native tribal members. American Indians are taking pains of wandering between preserving tradition and involving in modern ways of life.
Scottish Cup finals are still an ode to joy for Smith

Glasgow, 4 Feb—Walter Smith says the joy of reaching a cup final is still the same as ever as he watched his Ranger side cruise to a 2-0 League Cup semi-final win over St Johnstone.

Steven Davis and Lee McCulloch got the goals and substitute Steven Naismith had a penalty saved as the Ibrox side clinched a place in the final against St Mirren, who they also meet in the fifth round of the Scottish Cup on Saturday.

Since returning to the club in January 2007 the 61-year-old Rangers manager has led his side to five successive domestic cup final appearances. But the veteran manager says the desire for more trophies still drives him on. “Of course it does. We always want to try and get to the final. We meet St Mirren there and we play them in the Cup on Saturday and we seem to be playing each other quite a bit,” Smith said.

Ancelotti admits set pieces troubling Chelsea

London, 4 Feb—The storm centred on John Terry’s future as England captain is not the only headache Carlo Ancelotti has to deal with at the moment. The Chelsea boss is also grappling with his team’s tendency to leak goals from set pieces amid problems in defending corners and free-kicks have once again been put in the spotlight by the ease with which Steven Mouyokolo headed Hull into the lead in Tuesday’s 1-1 draw at the KC Stadium. Didier Drogba cancelled out Mouyokolo’s strike but Hull might easily have claimed all three points if Anthony Gardner had not missed an excellent chance from Tom Cairney’s free-kick.

“I know very well how many goals we have conceded from set pieces,” said Ancelotti. “Every team here in England has a very good jumper and a very good striker and it can happen that you concede a goal. “How we score, sometimes we can concede.

Milito gives Inter slight advantage

Inter Milan’s Argentinian forward Diego Milito (R) is tackled by Fiorentina’s defender Gianluca Comotto during their Coppa Italia football match at San Siro Stadium in Milan.— INTERNET

Rome, 4 Feb—Diego Milito scored the only goal of the game to give Inter Milan a 1-0 win over Fiorentina and a slight advantage in their Coppa Italia semi-final after the first leg at the San Siro on Wednesday. However, they will have a long wait to see if they make the final or not as the second leg will not be played until 14 April. Milito scored in the 34th minute after he was set up by Mario Balotelli, although Inter had chances to make the victory more emphatic. In a competition often shown little respect by teams, Inter coach Jose Mourinho had said before the game that he wanted to make the final and that was demonstrated by his selection which was as good as his first choice XI, with only goakeeper Julio Cesar rested.

But the win was marred by a spat between Mourinho and Balotelli midway through the second half that saw the coach haul off his errant star as punishment for complaining about having hurt himself rather than getting back to defend a corner.—INTERNET

Terry to stay silent ahead of Capello meeting

London, 4 Feb—John Terry will discuss his future as England captain with Fabio Capello before making any public comment, the player’s spokesman said on Wednesday. The 29-year-old Chelsea skipper’s position has been called into question following reports of an affair with model Vanessa Perroncel, the former girlfriend of international team-mate Wayne Bridge.

Now the defender is reportedly due to meet with England boss Capello later this week, with the Football Association having made clear any decision on the captaincy rests solely with the Italian manager. Phil Hall, Terry’s spokesman, said: “John Terry asked me to make it clear that he has made absolutely no statement about his future as England captain.”

Vieira rejoining Premier League return

London, 4 Feb—Patrick Vieira cannot wait to play his first Premier League match after four seasons away from English football. The 33-year-old former Arsenal midfielder has endured a frustrating wait on the sidelines with an ankle injury since joining Manchester City from Italian giants Inter Milan last month.

But Vieira is now fit and could make his City debut against Hull on Saturday as he bids to boost his chances of being selected for France’s World Cup hero Defoe ‘up with the best’ says Redknapp

Leeds, 4 Feb—Harry Redknapp believes Jermain Defoe went a long way towards cementing his place in England’s World Cup squad after watching him score a hat-trick to take Tottenham Hotspur into the fifth round of the FA Cup. The 27-year-old England forward might have wasted several chances but he still managed to score a hat-trick at Elland Road to help Tottenham’s blushes in a 3-1 win away to League Two promotion-chasing Cheltenham on Wednesday.

Almuniq says Arsenal can still fight for title

London, 4 Feb—Manuel Almuniq says Arsenal are only a “little step” away from getting back to the top of the English Premier League despite their defeat by champions Manchester United. The third-placed Gunners are now six points behind leaders Chelsea but can close the gap when they play their London rivals at Stamford Bridge on Sunday. Arsenal’s 3-1 defeat to United, currently second, revived doubts about their ability to sustain a title challenge following a 3-0 loss at home to Chelsea back in November. But Gunners goakeeper Almunia said the way in which Arsene Wenger’s men responded to that defeat by going on a 10-match unbeaten run showed how they could bounce back and still challenge for the title.—INTERNET

Hiddink vows to see out Russia contract

Moscow, 4 Feb—Russia head coach Guus Hiddink moved to quell speculation about his short-term future on Wednesday by saying that he intends to see out his contract with the Russian Football Union (RFU). The Dutchman announced his decision after arriving in the Russian capital to meet newly installed RFU chief Sergei Fursenko.

“I’m happy to be back here,” Hiddink said. “I will stay in Moscow for several days before attending the draw ceremony for the 2010 World Cup qualifying campaign. Now the time for a comeback has arrived.”

idik, who led Chelsea to victory in the FA Cup during a short spell at the Premier League club at the end of last season, has in recent weeks been linked to the managerial posts at Liverpool and Juventus.

Russia’s national soccer team coach Guus Hiddink.

Hull City’s French defender Steven Mouyokolo (2R) scores past Chelsea’s Czech goakeeper Petr Cech during their Premier League match at The KC Stadium in Hull, northeast England, on 2 February.—INTERNET

Inter Milan forward Diego Milito gives his talk to the media. — INTERNET

Jermain Defoe of Tottenham Hotspur celebrates scoring his side’s second goal of the game against Leeds United during their FA Cup third round tie at Elland Road on Saturday. — INTERNET

Walter Smith.

Jermain Defoe.

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S. Korea, DPRK take steps for tour talks

SEOUL, 4 Feb—The Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (DPRK) notified South Korea that the delegation for the working-level talks to discuss resuming cross-border tours will consist of officials fully entrusted with authority to deal with the related matters, the South Korean Government said on Thursday.

The move comes after South Korea told the DPRK that an official who can discuss security issues for its tourists can head the DPRK’s delegation to hold a working-level meeting next Monday.

“It is the government’s position that any agreement reached at the working-level meeting will be finalized by authorities in both Seoul and Pyongyang,” ministry spokesman Chun Hae-sung told reporters a day ago, an apparent sign that Seoul wants authoritative figures to be involved in the talks.—MNA/Xinhua

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring areas

WEATHER
Thursday, 4th February, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kachin, Shan and Rakhine States, upper Sagaing, Bago and Taninthayi Divisions and generally fair in the remaining areas. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below February average temperatures in Kachin and Rakhine States, upper Sagaing and Yangon Divisions, (8°C) below February average temperatures in Chin State, (3°C) to (4°C) above February average temperatures in Mon State, Taninthayi Division and about February average temperatures in the remaining areas. The significant night temperatures were Haka (-2°C), Loitel (-1°C), Nams (0°C) and Pinaung and Heho (3°C) each.

Maximum temperature on 3-2-2010 was 94°F. Minimum temperature on 4-2-2010 was 58°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 4-2-2010 was 54%.

Total sun shine hours on 3-2-2010 was (9.8) hours approx.

Rainfall on 3-2-2010 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (Tr) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon.

A high school student displays her costume with elements of the tiger in Beijing, China, Feb. 3, 2010.

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3. Dances Of National Races
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Tuesday, 2 Feb 2010

Forecast valid until evening of 5th February 2010: Weather will be partly cloudy in Kachin, Chin, Shan, Rakhine and Mon States, upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions and generally fair in remaining areas.

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 upper Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 5-2-2010: Parly cloudy.
Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 5-2-2010: Generally fair weather.
Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 5-2-2010: Partly cloudy.
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

SPEcial Features To Hail 63RD ANNIVERSARY UNION DAY

The long-established unity of the people of Union

Beginning late 1885, the colonialists practiced the divide-and-rule policy through clever tactics. In the hill regions alone there were a variety of administrative systems, administrators and administrative laws. They laid down obstacles to prevent relations between one national race and another and one region and the other.

Towards the new golden age

* Having the same vision
  * Implementing they
  * The seven-step Road Map
  * Never divided the brethren
  * Ever united they always
  * To enjoy victory every one
  * Rooting out all saboteurs
  * With diligence they declare
  * “We are the Myanmar people”
  * Let’s every one enter
  * The new golden age
  * Hailing the 63rd Anniversary Union Day

Academy award presentation ceremony to be broadcast live

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Feb—Myanma Motion Picture Enterprise under the Ministry of Information will hold the Myanma motion picture outstanding award presentation ceremony for 2008, here, at 6 pm on 6 February.

The TV Myanmar and the Nay Pyi Taw Myanma Radio will broadcast live the prize presentation ceremony beginning 5.15 pm.—MNA

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