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

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Feb—Lt-Gen Ko Ko of the Ministry of Defence on 3 February heard reports on progress of Yangon-Pathein Road presented by officials at the hall of Bo Myat Tun Bridge in Nyaungdon Township. Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Kyaw Swe gave a supplementary report. Lt-Gen Ko Ko gave instructions on construction of the tarred road on schedule. (See page 10)

Hailing the 63rd Anniversary Union Day
Yamanya Land of Mon State bearing fruit in time of Tatmadaw Government

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

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

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

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

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

The number of bridges of over 180 feet long in Mon State rose up to 16 till today from four in 1988. The total length of motor road in the region increased up to 451 miles from 409 miles in 1988. (See page 6)

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

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

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

Senior General Than Shwe
Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council
Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services
(From the message sent on the occasion of the 56th Anniversary Union Day)

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

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
Strive for national development through education

In the world today, science and technologies are advancing rapidly day after day and the economic system of the entire society is in the process of changing into the economic system based on knowledge. Every nation, in their drive for development, is trying to possess human resources highly capable and well versed in modern technologies. Myanmar education vision is emergence of an education system that can create a constant learning society capable of coping with the challenges of the knowledge age. With this end in view, the 30-year long-term national education plan is being implemented. For emergence of favourable educational conditions, information and technology infrastructure is being built and the computer and electronic systems set up in various regions.

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

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

Higher national education is the driving force for national development. Teachers are the first to nurture the youth in order that they come to possess good behaviour, high morale and right way of thinking. The future of the youth is in the hands of teachers. It is the bounden duty of teachers to take part in the nation-building work by trying their best for the development of the education sector. With goodwill and good intentions, they should strive for the development and prosperity of their nation and people by constantly turning out intellectuals and intelligentsia.

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

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

Development of Myanmar gems industries discussed

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

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

Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint addresses the coordination meeting on development of Myanmar gems industries held at Myanmar Convention Centre in Mayangon Township, here, this afternoon, with an address by Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint.

Officials of Myanmar Gems Entrepreneurs Association and other related organizations discussed arrangements for enhancement of Myanmar gems industries. After giving necessary instructions, the minister attended to the needs. —MNA

* Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views
* Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation
* Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State
* Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy

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India successfully tests nuclear-capable missile

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

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

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

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

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

Two Swedish soldiers killed, one injured in Afghanistan

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

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

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

Five killed, 12 injured in US power plant explosion

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

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

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

Nearly 95 percent of the construction has been completed, and the plant is expected to start operation this summer, he added.

A Further investigation is underway.

The power plant is not fully operational yet and the explosion occurred during a testing procedure.

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

Roadside bomb kills four police in S Afghanistan

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

“Two passersby sustained injuries in the incident, he added. He blamed Taleban militants for organizing the bomb, saying the militants by carrying out such attacks want to destabilize security in the province.—Xinhua

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

US military bases in Colombia stab to S America

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

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

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

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

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

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

Conflicts producing internal refugees in Afghanistan

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

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

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

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

There is no electricity or tap water supply at the market compound and the displaced people have to walk for 30 minutes to get clean water from a mosque.—Xinhua
**China economy to grow 10 percent in 2010**

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

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

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

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

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**Toyota launches hybrid car in Australia**

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

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

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

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

**SEOUL, 8 Feb**—South Korea will spend 401.1 billion won (342.76 million US dollars) on training highly-skilled technicians in the information technology (IT) sector by 2013, the government said on Monday.

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Boeing also is developing a passenger version of the plane. It lists 76 orders for the freighter and 32 for the 747-8 passenger jet, with the vast majority from international customers.

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

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**Malaysia’s Economic Conference begins**

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

Themed “1Malaysia – New Economic Model”, the conference is aimed at discussing the economic situation and challenges in the country in order to provide inputs to the Malaysian government, especially when the Malaysian government is in the midst of drafting the Tenth Malaysia Plan.

A Malaysia Plan is a five-year plan implemented by the Malaysian government to develop various sectors in the country for the well-being of its people and the nation. Besides that, the conference can also provide suggestions to the government for the soon-to-be unveiled New Economic Model.

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

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**Nokia says accused of securities fraud in US**

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

“Nokia has reviewed the allegations contained in the complaint and believes that they are without merit. Nokia intends to defend itself against the complaint vigorously,” it said in a statement.

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

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**Boeing says 747-8 freighter to make first flight**

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

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

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

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

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

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**Spectators gather to watch the new Boeing 747-8 freighter during taxi tests for the new airplane on 6 Feb, 2010 at Paine Field in Everett, Wash. The plane is longer than previous 747 models and adopts technology used in the composite 787 Dreamliner for the new 747-8’s wings, engines and cockpit.—Internet**
New mayor in Okinawa remains opposed to US base plan

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

Inamine, 62, an independent who won the mayoral election in Nago on 24 Jan with a majority of 52 percent, said he plans to voice his objections about the building of a new base under the current Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA) made between Washington and Tokyo in 2006, to Japan’s central and prefectural governments.

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

Inamine later told local media, city officials and elders, “I think the base will not come to Henoko. The prime minister must be thinking so too. I will stick to my opposition against building a new base.”

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

S Korea cites fairing assembly for “half successful” space rocket launch

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

The investigative panel headed by Lee In, a professor of aerospace engineering at the Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST), said its research showed a structural error in the fairing as- sembly for “half successful” launch of the Korea Space Launch Vehicle-1 (KSLV-1) last year, its first locally developed space rocket, was caused by problems in the fairing assembly, an independent private panel said on Monday.

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

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

Lee added they shared the examination results with its Russian partner in the joint rocket project, the Khrunichev State Research, and received no objections to the conclusions they reached.
Hailing the 63rd Anniversary Union Day

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

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

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

In the basic education sector, Mon State had 1205 basic education schools in 1988, and now the number of schools rises to 1361. Mon State achieved success by securing the first prize in the pass rate of matriculation examination for 2008-2009 academic year in the entire nation. As Yamanya land is blessed with fertile soil and favourable weather, paddy, rubber, lychee, durian, pomelo, mango, edible oil crops and beans and pulses can be produced there. In 2009-2010 cultivation season, over 1 million acres of land have been put under monsoon and summer paddy.

In order to boost multiple cropping, Mon State Peace and Development Council distributes quality strains of sunflower, beans and pulses to the local farmers. Moreover, the Mon State PDC also supplies 35,194 bags of Urea fertilizer on credit and sells Yamanya multi-purpose fertilizer manufactured by Myanmar Agriculture Service at fair price to the local farmers.

In accord with the guidance of the Head of State, a plan was adopted to grow 400,000 acres of rubber in Mon State to be the rubber station. So far, efforts are being made to produce 100,000 tons of rubber at a prime time for collection of rubber latex (See page 7)
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At the same time, the collapse of some East European countries in the 1990s and miseries of the people from some collapsed nations in the recent period appeared in my mind. I realize the valuable nature and profound meaning of Our Three Main National Causes—Non-disintegration of the Union, Non-disintegration of national solidarity and Perpetuation of sovereignty. Only when peace and stability prevails, will the country develop. Thus, the Union will be in blossom with development flowers with peace and prosperity forever.

Translation: TTA
for millions of years, and they have developed high civilization into more than 100 national races such as Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Bamar, Mon, Rakhine and Shan, whose common name is Myanmar.

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

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

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

Moreover, they practised many plans to suppress the races of the plains. They formed armed forces between hilly regions and plains. They formed armed forces of national races of hilly regions, and used them in suppressing the revolutions of national races of the plains. They organized national races without particular religious faiths to follow their religious faith and used them as human shields. On account of that evil legacy, Myanmar faced armed conflicts for over 40 years soon after regaining independence, and has stood on the verge of collapse three times. In addition, many plans still have a long way to go to cope with the evil consequences. So, the 12th of February, on which the Panglong Agreement was convened and the Panglong Agreement was endorsed unanimously to conceive the sovereign independent Union of Myanmar, was designated as the Union Day in recognition of the consolidated national unity built to surmount the colonialists’ wicked schemes. Therefore, all national brethren have to always remember in mind that Union Day is an auspicious day with strong sense of national unity among them. Learning the painful lessons from past incidents, the State Peace and Development Council adopted the National Policy “Non-disintegration of the Union, Non-disintegration of national solidarity, and Perpetuation of sovereignty”. Since then, it has been immersed in the drive for perpetuation of the Union of Myanmar as a peaceful, modern and developed nation. Now, it has managed to put an end to armed conflicts and brought about national reconciliation. The whole nation including border areas has enjoyed stability and community peace and significant progress.

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

(See page 9)

Nyunt Hlaing Win (Kungyangon)
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The government has the Border Areas and National Races Development Project, the 24 Special Regions Development Project, the Rural Areas Development Project on the go to narrow the development gap between one region and another, and ensure equitable development of all parts of the Union. Now, the government has laid enough basic foundations to improve the political, economic, social, education and health infrastructures in its bid to improve the social-economic life of the people.

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

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

Poem

Amity and Unity through thick and thin

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

(Hailing the 63rd Anniversary Union Day)

Ko Ko Thet (Dawei)
Lt-Gen Ko Ko looks into maintenance of Yangon-Pathein…

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

Lt-Gen Ko Ko looked into thriving sunflower and mung bean mixed cropping plantation in Bawaing Village of Pantanaw Township.

Commander Maj-Gen Wai Lwin cordially greets Union Day delegates.

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

Myanmar Tennis Championship on 13-17 Feb

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

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

Take Fire Preventive Measures
Iran tests home-made stealth fighter

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

“The plane, due to its physical attributes and the material used in its body, cannot be detected by any radar,” Brigadier General Aziz Nasirzadeh, the force’s coordination deputy, was quoted as saying.

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

However, he said that the production process will not be rushed as such complex systems need thorough analysis and exhaustive testing.

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

Dubai-bound UAE plane grounded in Mumbai following terror threat

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

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

All 350 passengers and their bags were screened. A couple have been detained inside the airpot.

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Wireless glucose monitors on horizon

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

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

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

Today’s standard system involves a glucose monitor that operates separately from a preprogrammed device that operates separately from a preprogrammed

Genes may protect against alcohol issues

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

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

The researchers had access to DNA samples of study participants and found that a handful of specific sites in the genome that allowed classification into one of two sets of genetic variations — haplotypes — known as H1 or H2.

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

The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. Second best time is now.
German FM urges equal importance on nuclear, conventional disarmament

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

“Anyone who is serious about a world free of nuclear weapons, about ‘global zero’, must also take conventional arms control and disarmament into account,” Westerwelle said in a discussion panel at the Munich Security Conference.

Germany supported the US-Russian negotiations on strategic arms reduction, which has come to the final phase after several rounds of talks since May 2009 aimed at replacing the already expired Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (START).

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

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

Mudslide kills 11 people in rain-sodden Mexico

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

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

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

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

A/ H1N1 flu vaccine shortage becomes surplus in US

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

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

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

France allows warship sale to Russia

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

The agency quoted naval first deputy chief of staff Vice Adm Oleg Burtsev as saying French President Nicolas Sarkozy has sanctioned the sale of a Mistral amphibious assault ship. There was no immediate confirmation from Paris. The deal “is unlikely to happen in February or March this year, but work on the matter is continuing,” Burtsev was quoted as saying. Russia has been looking at similar ships made in Spain and the Netherlands.

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

Fuselage of crashed Ethiopian airliner found

BEIRUT, 8 Feb—The fuselage of the Ethiopian airliner that crashed into the Mediterranean sea off Lebanon’s coast last month have been located, Lebanon’s state-run National News Agency reported.

The NNA quoted Ghazi Aridi, Minister of Public Works and Transportation, as saying that key parts of the Ethiopian airplane have been located facing Nehme beach, and photographs of these parts have been captured. An agreement was made between the command of the ship Ocean Alert and Lebanese Armed Forces command to send scuba divers from the Army to retrieve the black box once it is located.

The minister told the local Future News television that the black box recovery should happen within hours of his announcement on Saturday.

He said the black boxes will be sent to the French Investigative Bureau (Bureau d’Enquetes et d’Analyses, BEA) upon recovery, adding that the investigation will take some time.

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Aceh reconstruction offers hope for Haiti

JAKARTA, 8 Feb—Despite the desolation wrought by last month’s earthquake, Haiti can salvage hope for the future by looking at how the Indonesian province of Aceh rebuilt after the equally devastating 2004 tsunami.

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

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

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

Newly constructed houses are seen in Banda Aceh in December 2009, five years after a massive tsunami killed nearly 170,000 people.
England and Wales to clash for Euro place

**Warsaw, 8 Feb—** Fabio Capello’s England will face old rivals Wales in their Euro 2012 qualification campaign after the draw was made here on Sunday for the tournament to be held in the Ukraine and Poland. England have drawn John Toshack’s Wales side in Group G as well as Montenegro, Bulgaria and Switzerland for a place at Euro 2012 with the qualifiers set to begin this September and finish in November 2011.

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

**Real Madrid’s Brazilian midfielder Kaka**

**Madrid, 8 Feb—** Real Madrid’s Brazilian superstar Kaka believes he is yet to show his best form since his €61.5-million-euro move from AC Milan after scoring for the first time in three months in his side’s 3-0 home win over Espanyol on Saturday. Kaka, 27, was a prolific scorer with AC Milan but has found goals hard to come by since joining Real in the summer with the goal against Espanyol only his fourth league strike of the season and his first since he netted in the 3-2 derby win over Atletico Madrid back on 7 November.

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

**Kaka promises more after ending barren run**

**Inter cruise as Roma home in on record**

**Rome, 8 Feb—** Inter Milan continued their inexorable march towards a fifth straight Serie A title as they crushed Cagliari 3-0 at the San Siro while AC Milan were held to a 0-0 draw at Bologna on Sunday. That allowed AS Roma to leapfrog Milan into second as they extended their unbeaten run in all competitions to 19 games with a crucial 1-0 success at Fiorentina.

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

**Ancelotti insists title race is still wide open**

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

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

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

**France no match for Williams sisters stand-ins**

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

In the absence of the Williams-sisters the American contingent has shown its strength in depth and Oudin, who looked a little out of her depth in last year’s final loss to Italy, was delighted to prove her own worth in bagging the all-important point at Lievin.

**Italy’s Lippi wary of Serbia, Slovenia challenge**

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

“Italy’s group is very even with Serbia and Slovenia, two teams who will compete at the World Cup,” said Lippi with Euro 2012 qualifiers set to begin this September with the finals set to be held in Poland and the Ukraine. “We have the advantage of being in a six-team group. Of the other groups, England’s is the most difficult.”

**Home cheer as Cilic retains ATP Zagreb title**

**Zagreb, 8 Feb—** Top seed Marin Cilic of Croatia retained his ATP Zagreb indoor tournament title here on Sunday defeating German journeyman Michael Berrer 6-4, 6-7 (5/7), 6-3 in just over two-and-half hours. “Berrer played very well today. I was trying to find my game and physically I did not feel the best,” said 21-year-old Cilic, who is ranked 10 in the world.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Meanwhile, a security source told the paper that Algerian security forces arrested eight suspects over the sources added.

Xinhua

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

THE NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR Tuesday, 9 February, 2010

WEATHER

Monday, 8th February, 2010

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

Maximum temperature on 7-2-2010 was 95°F. Minimum temperature on 8-2-2010 was 60°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 8-2-2010 was 68%. Total solar shine hours on 7-2-2010 was (9.7) hours approx. Rainfall on 8-2-2010 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (5°C) above February average temperatures in Rakhine States, (3°C) above February average temperatures in Kachin, Chin and Rakhine States, (3°C) above February average temperatures in Taninthayi Division and about February average temperatures in the remaining areas. The significant night temperatures were Namhsan, Pinlaung, Heho and An (2°C) each, Putao and Mogök (3°C) each.

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Forecast valid until evening of 9th February 2010: Light rain are likely to be isolated in Chin and Mon States, Taninthayi Division and generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

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

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- We favour peace and stability
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Amity and Unity through thick and thin
Ayeyawady River as the witness
Brethren of Union
Having full strength and unity
Kin of the same family
Fostering unity since yore
Glory and victory

Cartoon

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