To preserve national solidarity with Union Spirit

The entire national people are duty-bound to preserve the already-achieved national solidarity with Union Spirit so that the Union of Myanmar will be able to stand tall as long as the world exists.

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 60th Anniversary Union Day)

Senior General Than Shwe felicitates Iranian President

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Feb—Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, President of the Islamic Republic of Iran, on the occasion of the National Day of the Islamic Republic of Iran, which falls on 11 February 2010.—MNA

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye sends message of felicitations to Iranian First Vice-President

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Feb—Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Mohammad Reza Rahimi, First Vice-President of the Islamic Republic of Iran, on the occasion of the National Day of the Islamic Republic of Iran, which falls on 11 February 2010.—MNA

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye receives new Military Attaché of Lao PDR

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Feb—Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye received new Military Attaché Colonel Syphantalavong of the Lao People’s Democratic Republic to the Union of Myanmar at Zeyathiri Beikman, here, at 9 am today. Also present at the call were member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Nyan Tun, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein and Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence.—MNA

Four political objectives
- Stability of the State, community peace and tranquility, prevalence of law and order
- National reconsolidation
- Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution
- Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution

Four economic objectives
- Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well
- Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
- Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investments from sources inside the country and abroad
- The initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national peoples

Four social objectives
- Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
- Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
- Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit
- Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye receives new Military Attaché Colonel Syphantalavong of the Lao People’s Democratic Republic to the Union of Myanmar.—MNA
Our Union, home to all national races

A significant characteristic of Myanmar is that it is home to all national races including Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Bamar, Mon, Rakhine and Shan. During the thousand-year-old history, the national races have been living in harmony and amity.

The colonialists waged aggressive wars against Myanmar and occupied her unjustly. The occupiers practiced the divided-and-rule policy in administering the plains, the states and hill regions. Thanks to the visionary national race leaders, Myanmar was able to sign the Panglong Agreement, an important contribution to our independence struggle.

Deep in the soul of our national races have been the patriotism and Union Spirit since yore. During the independence struggle, anti-colonialist spirit was spreading in the whole country. All the national people with their fine tradition of consolidated unity and patriotism and nationalistic fervour fought back the colonialists and Fascists till Myanmar regained her independence and sovereignty.

The 63rd Anniversary of the Union Day which was conceived in Panglong falls on 12 February 2010. The mother country has seen the passing of time and a lot of changes. We are now building a new peaceful, modern and developed democratic nation in accord with the eternal truth or the national policy – non-disintegration of the Union; non-disintegration of national solidarity; and perpetuation of sovereignty. There will be peace and stability in the country only if there is national unity, followed by the emergence of a modern and developed nation. A national race or a portion of the territory shall not be separated from the Union. So all are duty bound to keep the Union intact. We will have to ward off all internal and external attempts to harm peace and stability and development and modernization undertakings with the strength of national solidarity.

Union Spirit is ever flourishing in the hearts of our national brethren. We will have to preserve conditions of striving for national peace and progress through unity and safeguarding our Union in which we are living in harmony for its perpetuation.

Basic English Course for Officers concludes

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Feb.—The ceremony to conclude Basic English Course for Officers of the Ministry of Religious Affairs was held at the meeting hall of the ministry here on 9 February afternoon.

Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung made an address and presented outstanding awards and completion certificates to trainees.

A total of 25 officers attended the three-week course lectured by Retired Professor U Maung Maung Lay of International Theravada Buddhist Missionary University. —MNA

Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung addresses concluding ceremony of Basic English Course for Officers. —MNA

FM felicitates Iranian counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Feb.—On the occasion of the National Day of the Islamic Republic of Iran, which falls on 11 February 2010, U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to H.E. Mr. Manouchehr Mottaki, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Myanmar, Bangladesh to boost trading of agricultural produce

YANGON, 10 Feb.—Chairman of Myanmar Rice Industry Association U Chit Khaing, Vice-Chairman U Sein Win Hlaing, General Secretary U Ye Min Aung and Joint Secretaries U Myo Thura Aye and U Zaw Oo met Bangladeshi Ambassador to Myanmar Major General Anup Kumar Chakma ndc, psc and Commercial Counsellor Mr. Md Aftabuzzaman at the office of the association on 8 February.

They held comprehensive discussions on agricultural matters and agricultural produce trading. —MNA

Chairman U Chit Khaing and party receive Bangladeshi Ambassador and Commercial Counsellor. —MNA

Nibban dealers enjoy night together

YANGON, 10 Feb—Dealer’s Night of Nibban Electric & Electronics took place at Western Park Royal Restaurant here on 8 February.

Managing Director Dr Aung Thein explains about new products and promotion packages. —MNA

New products and promotion packages were introduced by Managing Director Dr Aung Thein of Nibban Group. Chairman U Thein Kyi and officials presented prizes of honour to the best dealers of its products (before the lucky draw programme started. Products of the group are available at its head office and showroom at No. 164, Bo Ywe Road, Latha Township, Yangon and at its factory at No. 126, Matkhayar Min Thar Gyi Street, City of Industry (East Dagon) (Ph: 01-585103 and 01-700470). —MNA
**US and allies kill, injure Iraqi people**

Baghdad, 10 Feb—There has been daily casualties in Iraq since the US and its allies have invaded the country.

The total number of casualties as from the day they invaded the country to 10 February reached 700237 and the total number of seriously injured people reached 1264454, according to the news on the Internet.

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**40th French soldier dies in Afghanistan**

Paris, 10 Feb—French Defence Ministry announced this year’s first death of French troops in Afghanistan on Tuesday, which brought French toll in the war-zone to 40 since 2001.

The soldier was killed when escorting the Afghan Army through the Alasay Valley, north-east of the capital Kabul, and another team member, also a French soldier, was seriously hurt, the ministry said in a statement.

According to the statement, Taleban rebels were the suspected attackers and the severely injured French serviceman has been urgently brought back to France for treatment.

Xinhua

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

Kabul, 10 Feb—The NATO troops led by the US have invaded Afghanistan and they are there for a long time.

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

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**Hospitals under pressure by Afghan injuries**

London, 10 Feb—Hospitals treating troops wounded by Afghan militants are under growing pressure, a watchdog warned on Wednesday, ahead of a major offensive expected to trigger a fresh surge in casualties.

Medical centres in both Afghanistan and Britain are struggling to cope with mounting numbers of injuries amid increasingly fierce opposition from Taleban-led enemies, the public spending watchdog said.

Two major treatment centres in Britain — the main hospital for dealing with seriously injured troops, and the main rehabilitation centre — are “under increasing pressure,” said the National Audit Office.

“Casualty numbers from military operations are placing increasing demands” on the centres, said the watchdog.

“In addition, the main field hospital in Afghanistan — Camp Bastion — is currently coping with casualty levels, but working close to capacity,” it said.

Xinhua

**Internet**
Honda recalls nearly 379,000 cars over airbag defects in US

LOS ANGELES, 10 Feb—Honda Motor Co said on Tuesday that it is recalling over 378,758 vehicles sold in the United States, expanding a recall that began in November 2008 over concerns that airbag inflators could rupture and cause serious injuries or death.

There have been 12 incidents of airbag inflators deploying with too much pressure, causing the inflator to break apart and sending metal fragments through the airbag cushion.

The problem has resulted in at least one fatality, said the American Honda based in Torrance near Los Angeles.—Xinhua

S Korea’s Hyundai, LG to launch car-battery joint venture

SEOUL, 10 Feb—Hyundai Mobis Co, the main auto-parts provider of South Korea’s Hyundai Motors, said on Wednesday they have agreed with LG Chem Ltd, the country’s largest chemicals maker, to launch a joint venture to produce lithium-ion car batteries.

The venture will begin production in the second half of next year. Hyundai Mobis said in a Press release. The facility will be built in the city of Ulsan, south of Seoul, where the auto-parts maker has a plant for hybrid cars, and it plans to produce battery packs for 200,000 vehicles a year, which will increase to 400,000 vehicles a year by 2014, the release said.—Xinhua

Chinas exports surge in January

BEIJING, 10 Feb—China’s exports surged 21 percent in January from a year earlier, the government said on Wednesday, after figures showed the Asian giant had overtaken Germany as the world’s leading exporter in 2009. The figure however showed a 16.3 percent drop month-on-month.

China’s trade surplus reached 14.17 billion dollars in January, the figures showed.

On Tuesday, Germany ceded to China the title of top global exporter that it had claimed in 2003, as the European giant’s trade suffered its sharpest slump since 1990, according to government data.

The stronger Chinese exports in January indicated growing US and European demand, a sign the global economy “is coming out of recession,” said Robert Subbaraman, economist at Nomura International (HK) Ltd in Hong Kong.

Meanwhile, China’s imports jumped 85.5 percent in January compared to the same month in 2009, reaching 95.3 billion dollars.—Internet

Japan’s machinery orders rise 20.1% in December

TOKYO, 10 Feb—Private sector machinery orders increased a seasonally adjusted 21.0 percent in December from a month earlier to 751.2 billion yen (8.3 billion US dollars) according to a report released by the Cabinet Office on Wednesday.

The total value of machinery orders received by 280 manufacturers operating in Japan increased by 21.2 percent in December from the previous month on a seasonally adjusted basis.

In the October to December quarter the value of orders rose 7.8 percent in comparison to the preceding quarter and the volume of orders climbed 0.5 percent in the same period.

In fiscal 2009, the total volume of new machinery orders decreased by 31.8 percent.

Also private-sector orders, excluding volatile ones such as those for ships and from electric utilities, fell by 26.9 percent, the Cabinet Office said in the report.

However, the Cabinet Office forecast orders will rise 2 percent in the three months ending on 31 March, meaning the government envisions corporate capital spending will rise.—Internet

Opel unveils turnaround plan, 8,300 jobs slashed

FRANKFURT, 10 Feb—Troubled automaker Opel said its cards on the table Tuesday with details of a restructuring plan that will involve 8,300 job cuts and require billions of euros (dollars) in state aid.

Opel boss Nick Reilly said in the report.

“The we have no time to waste,” Reilly said in Frankfurt, near Opel’s headquarters in Russelsheim.

He added that, with the new plan, “we expect to break even in 2011 and make a decent profit in 2012.”

SAS airline posts loss, plans job cuts

Stockholm, 10 Feb—Shares in (SAS) Scandinavian Airlines plunged on Tuesday after it said it was planning to raise new capital and cut 650 jobs as part of an expanded cost-reduction plan.

The airline also posted a worse-than-expected fourth quarter net loss, losing 1.3 billion kronor (176 million dollars, 128 million euros) instead of the 733 million expected by analysts surveyed by Dow Jones.

In 2008, the airline lost 2.79 billion kronor in the fourth quarter.

SAS shares closed down 28 percent to 2.54 kronor on a slightly positive Stockholm Stock Exchange.

“What we plan is 650 full-time (job cuts) within the SAS Group,” Elisabeth Manzi, SAS director of media relations, told AFP.

SAS has already axed thousands of jobs as part of its cost-cutting drive.

The airline reported that overall traffic decreased by 5.1 percent during January, with passenger numbers down 4.4 percent.

SAS also announced a rights issue to raise around five billion kronor, which follows a six-billion-kronor issue last year.

The airline, in which Norway, Denmark and Sweden together hold half the stock, has been hit by the rise of low-cost airline Norwegian and the plunge in passenger traffic numbers as a result of the global economic crisis.—Internet

A SAS MD-82 aircraft parked at a gate at Terminal 5 of Arlanda Airport north of Stockholm, Sweden. Shares in SAS Scandinavian Airlines plunged on Tuesday after it said it was planning to raise new capital and cut 650 jobs as part of an expanded cost-reduction plan.—Internet

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Myanmar prepares compilation of Human Rights Report

NAV Pyi Taw, 10 Feb—In line with the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) of the UN Security Council, the Myanmar Human Rights Committee discussed the regular matters of human rights and the compilation of the Human Rights Report of Myanmar to be submitted to the UN Human Rights Council, at the committee’s meeting 1/2010 taking place at the Ministry of Home Affairs, here, this afternoon.

Judge Advocate-General Lt-Gen Soe Maung, the deputy ministers, the Deputy Chief Justice, the Deputy Attorney-General, the Chief of MPF, representatives of UN agencies and officials took part in the discussions on compilation of the Human Rights Report of Myanmar.

The meeting ended with concluding remarks by Chairman of Myanmar Human Rights Committee Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo.

Mandalay Division emerge champion in ISD Football Tournament

NAV Pyi Taw, 10 Feb—Mandalay Division emerged champion with a 2-1 win over Sagaing Division in the 55th Inter-State/Division Union Shield Men’s Football Tournament 2010 at the People’s Sports Ground in Pathein of Ayeyawady Division yesterday afternoon.

With a view to turning out outstanding footballers, the ISD Football Tournament was organized with the participation of 16 contending teams at Pathein, Hinthada, Maubin and Myaungmya zones.

Mawgyi and Sagaing Divisions tied at third while Ayeyawady Division stood fourth. Best players in the respective places were awarded. Thet Naing (Mandalay) secured the best player award for the tournament.

Maj-Gen Kyaw Swe, Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command, presented cash award, Union shield and duplicate shield to Champion Mandalay Division team.

Collegians show off brilliant tennis skills

YANGON, 10 Feb—Yangon Institute of Education (A) men’s team emerged champion in the Inter-University/Degree College Tennis Contest of the Department of Higher Education (Lower Myanmar) taking place at Universities’ Tennis Court on Thaton Road of Kamayut Township today.

Yangon Institute of Education (B) men’s team stood second, while Yangon University and Yangon University of Foreign Languages tied at third.

Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin awards winner in Inter-University/Degree College Tennis Contest.—YCDC

In the women’s event, Dagon University secured the first prize, followed by Yangon Institute of Economics in the second position, and Yangon Institute of Education (A) and Yangon University of Foreign Languages stood third.

Patron of Myanmar Tennis Federation Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin and officials awarded the respective winning teams and winners.—MNA

MRTV to telecast Union Day Ceremony live

NAV Pyi Taw, 10 Feb—Myanmar Radio and Television and Nay Pyi Taw Myanma Radio will broadcast live the State Flag Hoisting and Saluting Ceremony of 63rd Anniversary Union Day to be held in Nay Pyi Taw at 7 a.m. on 12 February. The programmes will start from 6.45 a.m. the same day.—MNA

Innocent people wounded in mine blasts in Thandaung and Mone

NAV Pyi Taw, 10 Feb—U Win Soe and U Lwan Wai of Padaukkon village, Htantabin Township, Bago Division, were wounded in the blast of a mine planted by insurgents after stepping onto it on their way to Mewalan (a) Sapaingkon forest near Kanasobin village, Thandaung township in Kayin State as they were loading firewood onto the bulllock cart at about 4.30 pm on 6 February and the two were sent to Htantabin Hospital.

Similarly, U Tin Oo and U Win Zaw of Meikthalin village, Kyaukkyi Township, Bago Division, were injured in a mine explosion triggered by insurgents while they were going to carry firewood by the bull-lock cart at about 8 am on 7 February and the injured were sent to Mone Station Hospital.—MNA
Our country stood tall in the international community as a sovereign nation known as the Union of Myanmar for thousands of years on account of the consolidated unity of all national races. Since the times of monarchs, national races have worked together with complete unity for perpetuation of sovereignty and peace. However, once our nation fell under colonial yoke in consequence of the colonials’ plots to sow hatred among national brethren, using force to bully the nation, and invasion with armed superiority, which was a painful memory for the people. The nation lost massive natural resources, and the then people suffered untold miseries. The nation faced economic slump and was far from development.

Another point is that Myanmar is rich in natural resources and occupies strategic location in terms of geopolitics, thus attracting covetous eyes from certain powerful countries. Therefore, they have been trying for long to manipulate and to put our country under their thumb. Their schemes will never come to fruition as long as national races remain united, and the Tatmadaw and the people work together in harmony.

In the post-independence period, Myanmar tried the multiparty democracy system. However, there was no cooperation and unity between political parties and party leaders. They focused all their efforts on their plans for their parties and leaders to come to power. Many profound historic evidences show that the people therefore had to deal with a large diversity of hardships. Their power-craving sense broke their parties into warring factions. So, destabilization and conflicts were rampant across the nation, and the nation was standing on the edge of collapse several times, which is an unforgettable lesson for younger generations. According to the past evidences, whatever system the nation practises, national unity and Union Spirit are of great importance for the future of a union country.

Having a glimpse of the nation’s history, we can notice the important role the Tatmadaw played. The Tatmadaw never failed to save the motherland and take State responsibilities in times of emergency such as whenever the nation was on the verge of civil war stemming from armed conflicts, the nation was hovering on the point of collapse due to the attempts to secede from the Union, and the nation came under the interference in the internal affairs by powerful countries. In addition, it had to sacrifice lives of its many members, to safeguard national interest and ensure perpetuation of the nation as a national duty.

The Tatmadaw has been carrying out demanding tasks from dawn to dusk such as suppression of internal and external threats, building national unity, restoration of State stability and community peace and ensuring perpetuation of sovereignty, and national development undertakings.

Without State stability and peace, national development is impossible. It is common knowledge that saboteurs have been committing destructive acts such as bomb attacks on railroads, roads, pylons, and factories, and on busy places with the intention of disrupting the development tasks.

Therefore, since its assumption of State duties, the Tatmadaw has given top priority to State stability, peace, the rule of law, ensuring secure and smooth transport, and perpetuation of sovereignty. Taking time, the Tatmadaw government has laid the seeds of Panglong and people are aware that even if the country was in the past bitter experiences in an effort to generate a prosperous future for the nation. They are also under a national duty to make sure that the nation will never face such evil miseries again.

Today in the world it is said to focus on peaceful coexistence. However, in practice, the world has come under unfair treatments, invasions, and interference in internal affairs of other countries. In particular, today’s world incidents have revealed that certain powers are resorting to various tactics to have domination and political hegemony over developing countries.

Over 100 years into the colonial rule, Myanmar managed to regain independence, sacrificing lives of a countless number of its people. However, the independence was closely followed by multicoloured insurgency with disintegration of national solidarity sparked by the evil legacy the colonials left on purpose. Because of the internal armed strife, successive governments were in no position to carry out national development tasks in an effective way and had to concentrate most of their attention on State stability, community peace, and national unity. Owing to the persistence of the internal armed insurgency, the nation faced economic slump and was far from development.

Consolidated unity at core of building new nation

Ko Thayar

National unity is the only thing with which the people can surmount all forms of destructive acts. In other words, the strength of the nation is the consolidated unity of all the national people in the Union.

The seeds of Panglong

* On that misty day of the past
In a little town called “Panglong”
All hands joined together in unity
With overwhelming courage and zeal
A clarion call with vigour and awareness
* It was on that misty day
Signed the Panglong Agreement in unity
Helping each other in weal or woe
And through thick and thin
United were the plains and hill regions
Warding off the colonialists
In the hearts courage and resolve
Victory flag flying high with glory
* In that misty moment
Signs of peace and tranquility
Brethren awakened with dynamism
Conviction to share joys and sorrows
Overwhelmed by smiles and joy
Whole country reverberating
With victory in unity
* In hearts the seeds of Panglong
From there to eternity
Enjoying the fruits of victory
Consolidating the strength of unity
Ever united for the future
Panglong spirit to enhance
The Myanmar glory till future
(Hailing the 63rd Anniversary Union Day)
Zaw Min Min Oo (Trs)
Hailing the 63rd Anniversary Union Day

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Strong foundations in spite of a variety of disruptions. It is easier said than done to enable the nation enjoy development at that degree. Inspired by their pessimistic attitude, anti-government groups are found constantly chiding the government for whatever it does in the national interest. They have hardly extended a helping hand and cooperation in the tasks for restoration of peace and stability and national development. To what they give top priority is their coming to power, not national interest.

After improving the infrastructures to an extent for national development, the government is in pursuit of the national policy of building a multiparty democratic nation in compliance with the aspiration of the entire people. Now, Myanmar is in its transitional stage, which is to be tackled with great care. The nation is poised to take a giant step towards democracy. So, the entire people on their part are to work together in the interest of the nation, to build a new nation with consolidated national unity, and to try with Union Spirit so as to shape a better future for the nation.

Nonetheless, pessimists stick to their plot to hinder the drive. So, it is required of the people to consider for whom are they doing so. The people are also to be aware of the certain foreign countries behind the plots to trouble our country and to have their wishes fulfilled. They are trying to create opportunities, flattering subversives by praising their obstructive acts and coercing the government in order to interfere in the internal affairs of the nation. So, the people have to have a watchful eye on their attempts.

The multiparty democracy election, the first stage for democratization, is drawing near. The entire people are not to let their goal divert from its course. It is, therefore, important to find out the real intention of those countries coercing and imposing economic sanctions against our country. The people also have to beware of the acts of elements aided and abetted by those countries. In that regard, what is the most important is to elect those who will work for the nation and the people and serve the national interest.

National unity is the only thing with which the people can surmount all forms of destructive acts. In other words, the strength of the nation is the consolidated unity of all the national people in the Union. If weak in certain points, the nation will be getting weak. The people should take a lesson that the nation can get weaker, having its parts separated from it one after another, as evidenced by the untold miseries being faced by many other countries. United we stand, and divided we fall. If with disintegration of national solidarity, the country may lose its future.

Thus, internal and external elements are working in complicity in their schemes to hamper democratization process and destabilize the nation. They are trying to sow dissension among national brethren, and drive a wedge between the Tatmadaw and the people. More than that, they are resorting to all possible ways to break up the Tatmadaw. The Tatmadaw is responsible for ensuring State stability, peace and perpetuation of sovereignty. The Tatmadaw defends the nation against dangers and threats. It is a notable point that if the Tatmadaw is divided, it will no longer be able to ward off such threats, and the nation will be on the edge of abyss. Some are making the role of the Tatmadaw dim by putting all the blame on it, harbouring grudge and animosity. In reality, only when the Tatmadaw is strong, so will the nation.

The collapse of the Tatmadaw will lead to that of the nation. Therefore, I would say those who are trying to disintegrate the Tatmadaw are disregarding the interest of the nation and the people.

More or less, every country has its internal problems. Some deal with their internal issues with their own strength, while some have their internal affairs interfered by alien countries. In many countries, the people are in great troubles due to interference of other countries. The most appropriate and best way is that the nations concerned address their issues on their own. To be able to cope with such issues, the entire people should remain harmonious and work in collaboration. Complying with the desire of the majority is in consistency with democratic practice, and that can push the nation on track for development.

Today, what the people of us should do best is to create a prosperous future for the nation by working hard for national development, based on the present conditions.

Therefore, I would like to call on the entire people to continue to work steadfastly for emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed democratic nation, grappling with acts of internal and external saboteurs in line with the five objectives of the 63rd Anniversary Union Day.

National interests

A review of the last century shows that the world nations concentrated on ideology. They place national interests in the fore. National interests. In the present 21st Century, they no longer stick to ideology or policy. Hence, the nation needs strength to foster national interests.

That strength is Union Spirit.
Hailing the 63rd Anniversary Union Day

National Landmarks Garden (Nay Pyi Taw) depicts national unity

**Article: Myint Maung Soe; Photos: Min Myin Thein (Mayangon)**

The Union of Myanmar is home to various national races including Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Bamar, Mon, Rakhine and Shan. National races have preserved a fine tradition of living in amity through thick and thin in the multi-ethnic Union from time immemorial. Thanks to the consolidated national unity, national races enjoy the sweet taste of independence covering stability and community peace in Kayin State.

In particular, the Tatmadaw government has done a good job of achieving national reconsolidation, thereby bringing about all-round development that is tangible around the Union. The National Landmarks Garden (Nay Pyi Taw) will be a vacationer’s paradise where they can study a wide variety of changes for national development and the landmarks of national races from around the Union. The National Landmarks Garden (Nay Pyi Taw) is due to be launched on 11 February 2010 as a gesture of honouring the 63rd Anniversary Union Day.

The boat comprises Inlay Lake, PhangdawU Pagoda, Kengtung, Standing Buddha Image, Pindaya Cave Pagoda, and Thanlwin River spanning bridges such as Kunlong Suspension Bridge, Tarhsan Bridge, Tarkan et Bridge, and Tarkaw as a Bailey type steel suspension bridge on Tangan-Tohon-Tarkan et Road. Gokhteik Viaduct, Shan State Booth and Kayah State Booth somewhat felt the sublime Kyaikhtiyo Surf. Adding to the glory was the Kissapanadi Bridge, through which visitors can pass to Sittway, Koetheruang Stupa, Shitishang Stupa, and Sittway Point booth. Shan State Booth was the south of Kayin State Booth. Shan State Booth and Kayah State Booths were undertaken by Eden Groups Co.

Kanbawzathadi Palace seen as landmark in Bago Division Booth for fostering nationalism of national races.

The elegance of the Thanlwin Bridge was added by the beautiful scenes of Myawady, the Thanlwin River, and Papun-Hpa-an Road. Surely, holidaymakers in Kayin State booths somewhat felt as if they were on a visit to Kayin State.

Chin State Booth

On our way back from Kayin State Booth, we dropped in Chin State Booth. Just as I entered the booth, I remembered to visit Haka standing at an altitude of over 6000 feet. The booth of Haka was found blended with Tiddim-Haka-Gangaw-ChaungU Road. Near Haka was a large Chin traditional house built in an impressive way. To the north of Haka was Mindat. We enjoyed Reed Lake that is the pride of Chin State. The lake is decorated with elegant surroundings.

Kayah State Booth

With restaurants, Kayah State Booth was undertaken by Kayin State Booth and the Kachin traditional style. I noticed that Kayin nationals are fond of villas. From the thanlwin Bridge (Hpa-an) one could see Zwegabin, which is so attractive that it was very pleasant for me to view it from far or near. The Thanlwin Bridge (Hpa-an) built by the government reveals the unprecedented stability and community peace in Kayin State.

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National Landmarks Garden (Nay Pyi Taw).....

Bayintnaung Statue in Kawkhoun for forging patriotism and nationalistic fervor, Bayintnaung Cape, the pleasant view of Kawkhoun attract visitors to come and visit again.

Bago Division Booth

Bago Division and Nay Pyi Taw Booths were built by Original Group. Sittoung Bridge and Kambawzathadi Palace welcomed visitors at the entrance to the booth. Shwemawdaw Pagoda, Shwethalyaung Buddha Image, Nawalay Bridge, Sittoung River, the pleasant scenery of Bago, natural beauty of Bago Roma mountain ranges and traditional houses in addition to play ground were built at the booth.

Magway Division Booth

Magway Division booth was built by Co. We can pay homage to Magway Myathalan Pagoda next to Ayeyawady River Crossing Bridge (Magway) at the booth. Thapahaung Dam is included in the Sagaing Division booth. It was inaugurated on 17 April, 2001 in Kyunhla Township of Sagaing Division. The 369-foot long dam is the biggest one in Myanmar and the longest one in Southeast Asia. It can irrigate over 500,000 acres of farmland all the year round. Thanks to emergence of the facility, thriving monsoon and summer paddies plantation can be witnessed in Shwebo, KhinU, Kanbalu, YeU, Dabyin, Butalin, Werlet and Ayadaw Townships.

Tanjinthayi Division Booth

The magnificent mountains and archipelagos of Tanjinthayi along Myanmar coastline can be seen in Nay Pyi Taw National Landmarks Garden.

Shwedagon Pagoda and Bo Myat Tun Bridge displayed at the booth show government’s efforts for better transportation in Ayeyawady Division. Thanks to contributions of the government and wellwishers, Ayeyawady dwellers hit by cyclone Nargis enjoy better living standard than the past. Ayeyawady Division, the granary and salt pot of Myanmar, has been restored to its former glory.

Nay Pyi Taw National Landmarks Garden.

Visitors can witness land marks of states and divisions and significant progress in states and divisions in the time of Tatmadaw government.

Nay Pyi Taw National Landmarks Garden reflects images of national races namely Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Bamar, Mon, Rakhine and Shan who reside in the Union through amity and unity since time immemorial. Thus Nay Pyi Taw National Landmarks Garden was built with the aim of fostering national spirit and strengthening national consolidation.

Translation: MS+YM
Landmark of Thaphanseik Multi-purpose Dam that benefits 500,000 acres of farmlands seen at Sagaing Division Booth.

Chin traditional house depicts landmark at Chin State Booth.

Yeywa Hydropower Project that generates 3550 million kwh per year portrays landmark at Mandalay Division Booth.

Thanlwin Bridge (Mawlamyine) designs landmark at Mon State Booth.

Landmark of Bala Min Htin Bridge displayed as symbol of better transportation at Kachin State Booth.

Landmark of Thanlwin Bridge (Tarkaw-et) created at Shan State Booth.

Scenic beauties seen at landmark of Maungmakan Beach at Taninthayi Division Booth.

Photos: Myo Min Thein (Mayangon) & Aye Min (MNA)
Prime Minister General Thein Sein...

(From page 16)

Development Council Commander of South-East Command Maj-Gen Thet Naing Win, Minister for Industry-2 Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, Deputy Minister Maj-Gen Kyaw Swa Khaing, senior military officers and officials.

Minister Vice-Admiral Soe Thein reported on the history of the factory, manufacturing of tyres and production capacity, local demand and supply of the ministry.

After attending to the needs, the Prime Minister gave instructions on operating of the machines at full capacity for meeting the target.

The Prime Minister presented a fruit basket to the General Manager and the Design Institute President of China CAMC Engineering Co Ltd and viewed the scale model of the factory.

The commander and the minister formally opened the factory. The Prime Minister unveiled the stone plaque.

The Prime Minister looked into production process and sample raw materials and visited the production buildings, warehouses and rubber plantations.

The factory is located near mile post No 122 on Yangon-Mawlamyine Road in Bilin Township. It can manufacture 300,000 pieces of tyres weighing 2608 tons for 11 items of motor cars yearly and penstock pipes, gloves and other industrial products.

After the opening ceremony, the Prime Minister and party flew over thriving rubber plantations in Bilin and Kyauktoko townships and reclamation of salt farms in Kawa Township.

They arrived in Yangon at 11.40 am.—MNA

Prime Minister General Thein Sein inspects No. 2 Tyre and Rubber Product Factory (Bilin).—MNA

Trial programmes of MRTV-3 begin today

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Feb—MRTV-3 television programmes currently broadcast by Myanmar Radio and Television under Ministry of Information will be aired in new form and essence starting from 11 February. The channel named Myanmar International is aimed at letting the international community know true national trends, progress, beauty, nature and prevailing conditions of Myanmar and helping Myanmar nationals abroad ease the pain of homesickness.

The channel will be aired for trial run from 11 February to 26 March and the regular broadcasts will begin on 27 March.

In trial period, well-edited television documentaries, programme trailers and branding trailers in the current affairs, and greetings of foreigner news presenters will be broadcast together with regular programmes. When regular broadcasting begins, TV viewers may enjoy documentaries of international level, current affairs and news presentation of foreigner news presenters.Steps have been taken for viewers around the world to watch Myanmar International television programmes around the clock whereas local TV audiences can enjoy the programmes of Myanmar International Channel from 9:00 am to 11:00 am after MRTV morning programmes.—MNA

Nay Pyi Taw Myanma Radio to extend national race programmes

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Feb—Nay Pyi Taw Myanma Radio will extend its programmes on national race languages as of 12 February 2010. These programmes are being aired through 50.71 meters short wave and 5915 KHz, and 411.51 meter medium wave and 729 KHz from 6 am to 12 noon and 2 pm to 6 pm daily. Beginning 12 February, the programmes will be broadcast from 6 am to 12 noon and 2 pm to 8 pm by extending two hours.

The programme on Kayah language will be added with Kayan, Gekho and Gebal languages. Chin language programme will be extended with Mindat Chin language, while “Wa” language will be added with Kokang language. The plan is now underway to broadcast more programmes in the future.

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Four insurgents taken hostages by KNU for extortion

NAY PYI TAW, Feb 10 — Four insurgents from Battalion-22 under Brigade-7 of KNU seized four villagers from Patkyaw Village in Hlaingbwe Township, Kayin State, on 6 February as the village failed to provide extortion money to them for 2009.

Holding two AK-47 rifles, M-16 rifle and a pistol, the four insurgents entered the village of Patkyaw and took away four men — U Thein Nyo, 52, U Akyi Phoe, 30, U Hu Shin, 52 and U San Hae, 30. They were each in charge of ten households.

The insurgents released U Akyi Phoe at Tahaw village, Lawkaw Village-tract, Paingkyone Township at 5 am the next day with a letter demanding K 5 million. In the letter signed by Capt Maung Me of KNU Brigade-22, and written in Kayin Language, the group demanded to give K 5 million to them at Phauk Yar Kyu Village near Ywa Kaing Kaung Village in Hlaingbwe Township on 8 February.

Though KNU insurgents have voiced the development of Kayin people and Kayin State, they have blasted mines in towns and villages where Kayin public were largely populated and sabotaged power grid pylons. As they have extorted money and forced villagers to provide provisions to them, people including Kayin populace have detested them.

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An aerial view of No. 2 Tyre and Rubber Product Factory (Bilin).—MNA
CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV KOTA TEGAP VOY NO (495)
Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA TEGAP VOY NO (495) are hereby notified that the vessels will be arriving on 11.2.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.
No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY HOLIDAY NOTICE
As the wharves and chellian Offices of Yangon Port will be closed on the 12th February 2010 (Unisunday) and 27th February 2010 (Full moon Day of Tapeung) Day being the public Holiday Goods. Will be received shipped or delivered on payment of Holiday Fees.

Bad liquor kills eight on Indonesia’s Java island
JAKARTA, 10 Feb—Indonesian police say eight people have died after drinking liquor laced with methanol on the country’s main island of Java.
Police Maj Syafual Anwar said on Tuesday the victims bought the drink from the same stall on Friday.
No one has been arrested. Police have questioned the street vendor who sold the alcohol in the central city of Yogyakarta. Methanol can be used for fuel and is an ingredient in formaldehyde, plastics and paints.
Alcohol is heavily taxed in Indonesia, meaning high prices that have spawned a huge black market for wine and liquor. Last year 25 people died in two weeks after consuming a homemade liquor laced with methanol on Indonesia’s resort islands of Bali and Lombok.—Internet

Cook Islands residents moving inland ahead of cyclone
WELLINGTON, 10 Feb—Plans were being made to move people inland in some parts of the south Pacific island nation of Cook Islands in preparation for the arrival of Cyclone Pat. Storm conditions were expected to strengthen later on Wednesday. Recent forecasts put the Category two cyclone 320 km north of Aitutaki, moving slowly southwest at about six to nine knots, Radio New Zealand International reported on Wednesday.
The Met Service said a warning system was in place for the once-booming Gulf city-state Dubai’s proudest achievements shut down the public just a month after its grand opening. It was the latest embarrassment for the once-booming Gulf city-state that is now mired in a deep financial crisis.

Dubai tower shut after visitors stuck in elevator
DUBAI, 10 Feb—Visitors on the observation deck of the world’s tallest tower heard a loud boom, then saw dust that looked like smoke seeping through a crack in an elevator door 124 floors above the ground. The 15 people inside were trapped for 45 frightening minutes until rescuers managed to pry open the doors.
Because the elevator was apparently stuck between floors, rescuers had to drop a ladder into the shaft so those inside could crawl out. On the observation deck, about 60 more people were stranded and some began to panic.

Somali pirates free Panama-flagged ship
MOGADISHU, 10 Feb—Somali pirates on Tuesday released a Panama-flagged cargo ship with 26 crews after receiving more than three million dollars in ransom, pirate sources said.
The cargo vessel, the Al Khalil, was seized last October as it plied in the Indian Ocean with a crew of 26, mostly Indian nationals.
“I know that the money, more than three million US dollars, was dropped onto the ship and that almost all the men left the ship which is now ready to leave the shore,” Muse Hagar, a pirate commander in the pirate stronghold of Harardhere, told Xinhua.—Xinhua

People queue for a refund of their money at the ticket counter after the observation deck of the world’s tallest tower, Burj Khalifa was unexpectedly shut down in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, on 8 Feb, 2010. Internet

Dubai’s popular observation deck shut down after tourists reported an explosion in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, on 8 Feb, 2010. Internet

Workers inspect the freestyle skiing moguls course on Cypress Mountain before the Vancouver 2010 Winter Olympics on 9 Feb, 2010. Xinhua

More than 250 people died last week in Indonesia after drinking methanol laced liquor. Internet
Another major snowstorm hit Washington, DC, area

WASHINGTON, 10 Feb—Another major snowstorm hits the US capital of Washington, DC, and nearby area on Tuesday, two days after the city was covered by the record downfall of snow.

The National Weather Service predicted that another 10 to 20 inches (25 centimetres) of snow would fall on northern Virginia and eastern Maryland, including Washington, DC, through on Tuesday afternoon. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, could be slammed with 3 to 7 inches of snow on Tuesday and an additional 8 to 12 inches on Wednesday, and other major cities such as Boston and New York City also expect some snow, said the services. Federal government agencies and schools are closed on Tuesday for a second day, and hundreds of flights were cancelled as airlines consider the impact by the severe weather situation.

Israel targets 30% tourist increase in three years

JERUSALEM, 10 Feb—Israel hopes to attract an additional 1 million tourists per year by 2013, which would mean a 30 percent rise in visitor numbers, Tourism Minister Stas Misezhnikov said on Tuesday. Israel has begun its quest for that jump in numbers on the right foot, the minister told the 16th annual International Mediterranean Tourism Market which was launched in Tel Aviv.

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Serbian star Jovanovic signs for Liverpool

BRUSSELS, 10 Feb—Serbian international attacking midfielder Milan Jovanovic signed for English Premier League giants Liverpool on a free transfer from Belgian First Division side Standard Liege on Tuesday, his agent confirmed.

The 28-year-old, who will join Liverpool in June this year because he didn’t think he would get enough playing time, had also been a target for Serie A duo AC Milan and Juventus as well as Valencia.

Jovanovic, who turned down an offer from Spanish side Real Madrid last year, said on Tuesday.

 subtree: "This is a firm agreement between Barca and Cesc Fabregas even if it is only verbal," the Spanish station reported without citing its sources.

Fabregas, a 22-year-old Spanish international, is Arsenal’s top scorer with 14 goals in all competitions this season and is under contract with the Gunners until 2014.

Arsenal’s star midfielder and captain, Cesc Fabregas, has struck a verbal agreement with Champions League holders Barcelona to return to the club next season, Cadena Ser radio reported on Tuesday.

Fabregas confirmed nor denied the report.

Fulham crush struggling Burnley

LONDON, 10 Feb—Fulham boosted their bid for a Europa League place with an emphatic 3-0 win over struggling Burnley at Craven Cottage on Tuesday.

Roy Hodgson’s team earned a place in the Europe’s second tier competition last season and the west London club could repeat the trick this term if they can maintain their impressive form on home turf.

Cottagers captain Danny Murphy opened the scoring and David Elm added a second for the hosts before half-time. Bobby Zamora wrapped up the points after the interval.

Brian Laws’ visitors had claimed a crucial win over fellow strugglers West Ham on Saturday to climb out of the bottom three. But the Clarets are just two points above the relegation zone after another dismal away-day.

Burnley were still looking for their first away win of the season and any belief that they could end that run here were dashed before half-time.—Internet

Roma’s Cicinho returns to Sao Paulo on loan

AS Roma’s Brazilian defender Cicinho

SAO PAULO, 10 Feb—In-form Serie A sider AS Roma’s Brazilian defender Cicinho has joined his former club Sao Paulo on loan until the end of the season, the Brazilian club said on Tuesday.

“Cicinho has agreed to return to the club where he made his name in world football,” a Sao Paulo spokeswoman said.

The 29-year-old international—a member of the 2006 World Cup finals squad—will stay with the six-time Brazilian champions until June 30 with an option for a three-month extension if Sao Paquolus qualify for the Copa Libertadores.

His $9.7 million deal will be shared between Roma and the Brazilian team.

Cicinho moved from Sao Paulo to Spanish giants Real Madrid in December 2005.

Stoke still unbeaten in 2010 after draw with Wigan

WIGAN, 10 Feb—Stoke City held on to their unbeaten record this year away at relegation-threatened Wigan on Tuesday, as the Latics blew the lead to draw 1-1.

Roberto Martinez’s men badly needed a win after going into the game having two places above the drop zone and having picked up a meagre six points from their previous nine games.

Stoke, meanwhile, stretched their unbeaten run to five and are still to be defeated in 2010 following their 3-0 demolition of Blackburn Rovers at the weekend.

Latics’ new teenage sensation Victor Moses had to make do with a place on the bench, while Stoke were still without skipper Abdoulaye Faye after he failed to recover from the back spasms that forced him to miss Saturday’s game.

Wigan started the match brightly with winger Charles N’Zogbia at the centre of much of his side’s attacking play.
Haiti raises earthquake’s death toll to 230,000

Haiti’s government has raised the death toll for the 12 Jan earthquake to 230,000 deaths.—Jocelyn Lassegue said on Tuesday the government now counts 230,000 deaths.

The government initially estimated 150,000 dead on 24 Jan apparently from bodies being recovered in the rubble of collapsed buildings in Port-au-Prince, the capital that was near the epicentre. Communications Minister Marie-Laurence Jocelyn Lassegue said on Tuesday the government now counts 230,000 deaths.

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WEATHER

Wednesday, 10th 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, Rakhine States, Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions and generally fair in the remaining areas. Night temperatures were (6°C) below February average temperatures in Chin State, (3°C) to (4°C) below February average temperatures in Mon State, (6°C) above February average temperatures in Taninthayi Division and about February average temperatures in the remaining States and Divisions. The significant night temperatures were Namhsan (-1°C), Haka (0°C), Lashio and Pinlong (2°C) each.

Maximum temperature on 9-2-2010 was 96°F. Minimum temperature on 10-2-2010 was 63°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 10-2-2010 was 48%. Total sun shine hours on 9-2-2010 was (9.8) hours approx.

Rainfall on 10-2-2010 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (Tr) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and (Nil) at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from West at (15:30) hours MST on 9-2-2010.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 11th February 2010:
Likelihood of isolated light rain in Kachin and Chin States, Upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions, weather will be partly cloudy in Shan, Kayin and Mon States, Ayeyawady and Yangon Divisions and generally fair in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

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 11-2-2010: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 11-2-2010: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 11-2-2010: Generally fair weather.
Only with stability and peace will the nation develop

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

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The National Landmarks Gardens (Nay Pyi Taw) will be a vacationers’ paradise where they can study a wide variety of changes for national development and the landmarks of national races from around the Union.

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SPECIAL FEATURES TO HAIL 63RD ANNIVERSARY UNION DAY

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* On that misty day of the past
In a little town called "Panglong"
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Cartoon

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Prime Minister General Thein Sein inspects No. 2 Tyre and Rubber Product Factory (Bilin).—MNA

Trial programmes of MRTV-3 begin today

Nay Pyi Taw Myanma Radio to extend national race programmes

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