Various national races have shared joys and sorrows

Living together across the Union of Myanmar as well as in each and every part of the nation, various national races have possessed a common socio-economic life and shared joys and sorrows throughout the history.

Senior General Than Shwe
Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council
Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services
(From the message sent on the occasion of the 59th Anniversary Union Day)

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 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

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Feb—The following is the translation of the message of Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe on the occasion of the 63rd Anniversary Union Day which falls today.

Esteemed national brethren,

On the auspicious occasion of the 63rd Anniversary Union Day, I, in greeting, wish all national brethren across the Union of Myanmar to be blessed with wellbeing.

World anthropologists have recognized that of the anthropoid primates excavated around (See page 5)

Today, people working together with true patriotism to shape the Union of Myanmar into peaceful, modern and developed nation

National races have showed their massive support for the State Constitution to build a new nation

Honouring the 63rd Anniversary Union Day

Senior General Than Shwe cordially greets delegates from states and divisions and national race cultural troupes attending the reception and dinner to mark the 62nd Anniversary Union Day.—MNA
Sony Alpha Camera reaches Myanmar

YANGON, 11 Feb—Photographers, camera crazies and models gathered at Traders Hotel here today, to see new model Sony Alpha Camera imported by TMW Enterprises Limited.

Photographer U Pe Myint Oo shared his experiences on use of new model camera and answered the queries raised by the attendees after a responsible person had presented new technologies and applications of the camera.

The new camera will allow the user to enjoy new functions for hunting beauty. New model Sony Alpha Camera is available at all Sony Showrooms.—MNA

Online networking system and FTTH demonstrated

NAV Pyi Taw, 11 Feb—Online networking system and FTTH of government offices and private organizations were demonstrated at Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telecommunications here on 9 February morning with an opening address by Minister for Communications, Posts and Telecommunications Brig-Gen Thein Zaw.

Managing Director U Tin Lwin of Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications gave accounts of tasks being implemented; Managing Director U Aung Zaw Myint of Myanma Info-Tech Corporation Ltd, Root CA; Daw Nilar Aye of Yatanarpon Teleport Co Ltd, CA; Chief Engineer U Zaw Min Oo, Yatanarpon Web Portal; and Service In-charge U Myint Oo, Fiber to the Home System.

Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw addresses workshop and demonstration on online networking system and FTTH of government offices and private organizations.—MNA

Myanmar, Sudan cement bilateral cooperation

NAV Pyi Taw, 11 Feb—The First Bilateral Consultations between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Myanmar and Sudan was held in Khartoum, the Republic of Sudan on 7 February.

It was attended Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint, Sudanese State Minister for Foreign Affairs Mr. Ali Ahmed Katri and delegation members.

The two sides exchanged views on strengthening bilateral cooperation in various sectors and agreed to continue close cooperation in regional and international forums.

An MoU on establishing bilateral consultations between the two foreign affairs ministries of Myanmar and Sudan was signed after the meeting.

While in Sudan, the deputy minister met Sudanese Foreign Affairs Minister Mr. Deng Alor Koul (SPLM) and State Minister for Energy and Mines Mrs. Anglin Jang Teny separately, and visited Khartoum International Trade Fairs.

MoU on establishing bilateral consultations between the two foreign affairs ministries of Myanmar and Sudan being signed.—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
Iraq orders US Blackwater employees to leave in seven days

BAGHDAD, 11 Feb — The Iraqi Minister of Interior has ordered former and current US Blackwater employees to leave the country in seven days, the semi-official al-Iraqiya TV reported on Wednesday.

“About 250 guards working for the security company Blackwater have been dismissed and given seven days to leave Iraq,” Jawad al-Bolani was quoted as saying.

Blackwater, now called Xe Services, was a private security contractor hired to protect US State Department personnel in Iraq. It was accused by the Iraqi government of using excessive force in Baghdad streets.

On 16 Sept, 2007, Blackwater guards opened fire with automatic weapons and grenade launchers on unarmed Iraqi civilians at the busy Nissor Square in Baghdad after a car bomb exploded, leaving 17 people killed. The incident happened at a time when the guards protecting US embassy personnel were given immunity for prosecution in Iraqi courts. The shooting angered Iraqis who saw it as a symbol of foreigners’ disregard for their lives.

The US government has accused five Blackwater guards of causing the deaths of unarmed civilians. However, a US judge decided in December to drop criminal charges against five Blackwater security guards who were accused in the 2007 shooting.

Iraqi officials have rejected the US judge’s decision and the country has started to collect signatures of the victims to sue the company.—Xinhua

Car bomb hits police patrol in Baghdad, five wounded

BAGHDAD, 11 Feb — A car bomb went off near a police patrol in western Baghdad on Wednesday and wounded five people, an Interior Ministry source said.

The attack took place shortly before sunset when a booby-trapped car parked near the intersection of Adel neighbourhood exploded, the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

The blast damaged one of the patrol’s police vehicles, wounding two policemen aboard, along with several nearby civilians, the source said, adding that three civilians were also wounded by the blast.—Xinhua

India to test missile with 3,100-mile range

NEW DELHI, 11 Feb — India will test a new nuclear-capable missile with a range of more than 5,000 kilometres (3,100 miles) in a year’s time, the country’s top military scientist said on Wednesday.

India’s current longest-range missile is the Agni-III missile with a range of 3,000 kilometres (1,900 miles), which its military test-fired on Sunday. That missile is already capable of reaching targets not only across historic rival, Pakistan, but also major cities in China and the Middle East.

VK Saraswat, India’s chief military scientist, said the new missile, called Agni-V, would be a land-based system with a range of over 5,000 kilometres (3,100 miles).—Internet

Brazil heat wave kills 32 elderly people

BRASILIA, 11 Feb — Thirty-two elderly people died in a southeastern Brazilian city this week because of a heat wave that has pushed temperatures to unseasonably high levels, a health official said on Wednesday.

All of the fatalities in the coastal city of Santos near Sao Paulo involved people between 60 and 90 years old with pre-existing conditions such as diabetes or hypertension, according to the Health Ministry in Santos.

The first deaths were registered on Monday, when the temperature in Santos reached 39 degrees Celsius (102 Fahrenheit).

Temperatures were well above 30 degrees (86 F) in the following days.

Luiz Fernando Gomes da Silva, Santos’ Health Ministry’s coordinator for the elderly, is urging people to drink a lot of liquids amid the heat of the South American summer.

Vietnam War-era shell explodes, injuring four

HSONG, 11 Feb — Officials say a Vietnam War-era artillery shell has exploded at a coffee plantation. Four men were injured, three seriously.

Vo Cong Khanh, chief of Huong Tan village in central Quang Tri province, says the explosion occurred on Sunday when a man working with a hoe hit the shell while weeding the plantation.

The area is near the former Ta Con airstrip, part of a US Marine outpost during the war.—Internet

15 die in violence in Somali capital

MOGADISHU, 11 Feb — At least 11 civilians and four security officers were killed in the Somali capital on Wednesday in two separate incidents of violence, an officer and residents said.

Militants fired several mortars from Mogadishu’s main Bakara market in the direction of African Union peacekeeping bases in the capital’s south, said Dahir Mohamed, a witness.

In response, the AU troops, who are backing Somalia’s weak government, fired several missiles, some hitting Bakara market and others hitting residential areas.

Residents report at least 10 civilians have been killed.

Mohamud Jama said the missiles killed three civilians and flattened six houses in Hodon District where he lives. Abdi Haji, who owns a cosmetics shop in Bakara, said he saw seven bodies, one of them a woman.

AU officials were not immediately available for comment.

Ali Muse, the head of Mogadishu’s ambulance services, said 15 civilians were taken to different hospitals in the capital.—Internet

A damaged building after a bomb attack in central Baghdad recently.

Somali men escort a man at the Medina hospital after he was injured in clashes between African Union soldiers and militants, on 10 Feb, 2010, in the capital, Mogadishu.

Internet
US trade deficit rises to 40.2 billion dollars in December

WASHINGTON, 11 Feb — The US trade deficit jumped 10.4 percent to 40.2 billion dollars in December, the Commerce Department reported on Wednesday.

The December imbalance was bigger than the 36 billion dollars deficit that economists had been expecting. However, the overall US trade deficit in 2009 totaled 370.7 billion dollars, down sharply from the 695.9 billion dollars deficit in 2008.

In December, exports rose 3.3 percent, the eighth consecutive gain, while imports increased a much faster 4.8 percent, led by a 14.8 percent rise in petroleum imports.

US exports and imports both rose in the past several months, a sign economists believe that US economy was beginning to recover from the most serious recession since the Great Depression in 1930s.—Xinhua

Air France-KLM posts new quarterly loss

PARIS, 11 Feb—Franco-Dutch airline Air France-KLM posted a fifth straight quarterly net loss on Wednesday and forecast more heavy losses in the current quarter under a tough economic environment.

“There were some signs of recovery in activity during the third quarter, but in an economic environment which remains difficult,” the airline said in a results statement.

The group recorded a net loss of 295 million euros (405 million dollars) in the third quarter, which ended on 31 December, but it was an improvement from a loss of 508 million euros during the same period in 2008.

It also posted a 245-million-euro operating loss for the third quarter, which remains difficult,” the airline said in a results statement.

Analysts had expected another loss due to high fuel prices and losses in short-and medium-haul flights, but it was heavier than their forecast of a loss of 216 million euros.

“The operating loss for the Fourth Quarter should be of the same order as last year’s,” or 574 million euros, Air France-KLM said.

The airline attributed the dreary outlook to a later-than-expected pick up in unit revenues, a drop of two percent in passengers and seven percent in cargo and an increase of 300 million dollars in the fuel bill.

The company said it expected to break even operating-wise in its 2010-2011 fiscal year.—Internet

Fiat forms joint venture with Russian firm

MOSCOW, 11 Feb—Italy’s Fiat and Russian auto maker Sollers will invest 2.4 billion euros (3.3 billion dollars) in a new joint venture to produce cars in Russia, the Russian government said on Wednesday.

“With this project a second major player is created on the Russian passenger car market,” after Russia’s largest carmaker Avtozavod, the government said in a statement.

The deal to produce up to 500,000 cars per year is to be inked on Thursday, when Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin visits Sollers’s plant in Naberezhnye Chelny, where Fiat Albea and Doblo models are already built.

Fiat chief executive Sergio Marchionne is also set to attend the event in the southwestern Russian republic of Tartastan.—Internet

Brunei Airlines to resume direct flight to Shanghai, China

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, 11 Feb— The Royal Brunei Airlines (RBA) will resume direct flights to Shanghai, China, beginning on 28 March this year, after almost two years of suspension of this service.

RBA will resume four flights each week between here and Shanghai, similar to the frequency before, the airlines said in a statement released on Wednesday.

“The travel market into and out from China is growing faster than most countries in Asia Pacific,” RBA Executive Vice President of Commercial Riaz Moiz said in the statement.

“Our travel agents have been waiting for the Shanghai flights,” Moiz said.—Xinhua

Macao SAR signs air services agreement with Japan

MACAO, 11 Feb—The governments of Macao Special Administrative Region (SAR) and Japan on Wednesday signed here the Air Services Agreement, which was aimed at strengthening the air link between the two sides.

The signing ceremony was held at the SAR’s Government Headquar ters, and it was the first air pact officially signed after the formation of the new SAR government in December 2009.

With the conclusion of the bilateral Air Services Agreement between the two sides, “I am confident that the tourism market as well as the development of trade and commerce between Macao and Japan can further be enhanced”, said Lau Si Ito, the SAR’s secretary for transport and public works, at the signing ceremony.

Under the new air pact, the restriction on airline designation and flight capacity will be lifted, and the Air Macao, the SAR’s flagship airline, will operate three weekly scheduled flights between Macao and Tokyo starting from 28 March this year.

Japan possesses rich tourism resources and has always been a popular destination among the Macao residents, while Macao, being listed as the 31st designated World Heritage site in China, is also an attractive tourist destination with mixed cultures of East and West, said Lau.

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Today, people working together with true...

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The world, the primate discovered in the Union of Myanmar dates back to the period about 40 million years ago. The Union is home to all the national races, like a stem with one hundred fruits in it. Therefore, the long history of the Union of Myanmar is the same, that of the national races.

The Union of Myanmar is, indeed, a land of natural beauty with high mountain ranges, large plains, temperate climate patterns, fertile soil, large area of waters, and long rivers. In addition, it is rich in natural resources in abundance. In each of the parts of the Union, people of various national races have lived in harmony since time immemorial.

After waging three aggressive wars, the colonialists annexed Myanmar, a prosperous country, thereby making all national races feel deeply heart-breaking. In colonial days, the people, whenever they were called, had to answer Phayar (respectful form of address towards monks, royalty) to colonialists. As for national people, that was a bitter pill to swallow. Inspired by anti-colonialist sentiment and anti-Fascist national sentiment, national races came to revolt against the invaders with strong sense of nationalistic spirit. In the end, the alien intruders had to withdraw from Myanmar.

A notable lesson is that in the post-independence period, the less united national races became, the further the Union of Myanmar lagged behind other countries in development. And the more united national races became, the greater development they enjoyed.

So, it is mandatory for the entire national brethren to put to the fore Our Three Main National Causes namely Non-disintegration of the Union, Non-disintegration of national solidarity, and Perpetuation of sovereignty at risk to their life.

Moreover, it is required of each and every citizen to strongly equip themselves with the sense of Union Spirit wherever they live in across the nation to ensure perpetuation of the motherland, and independence and sovereignty will not be lost again. As for national brethren, Union Spirit is, in reality, exactly true patriotic spirit they have to uphold forever.

Today, the people are working together with true patriotism to shape the Union of Myanmar into a peaceful, modern and developed nation. They are all under a duty to tackle any possible attempts of colonialists to break up the Union, aiding and abetting their minions.

National races have showed their massive support for the State Constitution of the Union of Myanmar to build a new nation. Now, according to the State’s seven-step Road Map, a free and fair election will take place soon. That means national people will have the rights to elect representatives, and stand for election. So, members of parliaments, who the voters think will be capable of generating a prosperous future for the nation, will be elected by ballot.

Therefore, I would like to urge all national people to see, in concert, to the 63rd Anniversary Union Day objectives (2010):—

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

**Newly opened ring road to improve Manaung Island**

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Feb—As a gesture of honouring the 63rd Anniversary Union Day, the ring road of Manaung Island put into service in Manaung Township on 6 February morning.

With a view to ensuring better transport in the region, maintenance tasks are being undertaken at Kamar and Meinmakywe bridges in the township through the all-out efforts of the local authorities and the people. On his inspection tour of Manaung Township, Lt-Gen Ko Ko of the Ministry of Defence pointed out the development of the regions.

While in Manaung, he looked into maintenance of Kaei Bridge near Kaei Village, Hsachet Station Hospital (16-bed) near Hsachet Village and the lake in Magyigon Village.—MNA

**Corrigendum**

Please read the UN Human Rights Council instead of the UN Security Council on the second line of the first column in the news under the headline: Myanmar prepares compilation of Human Rights Report appeared in this daily on 11-2-2010. Error is regretted.—Ed

**Myanmar medical team achieves success in fixing severed thumb with toe**

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Feb — Myanmar medical team has successfully fixed a severed left thumb with a left biggest toe of a patient after eight-hour transplant operation at Yangon Orthopaedic Specialist Hospital.

The patient has a good blood circulation passing through his new thumb and can perform movements of his new thumb today and became the 10th patient who had undergone successful finger transplant. He went to the hospital on 11 January, 2010 for treatment and received the transplant operation at the hospital on 28 January, 2010. U Maung Maung Soe, 40, had his left thumb severed in an accident at work when he was working at a saw mill in Malaysia in December, 2007. His left thumb was removed after unsuccessful transplant in Malaysia to join his thumb.

The medical team comprising eight specialists and two nurses was led by Associate Professor Dr. Khin Maung Myint. MNA

**Specialists seen with the patient who was successfully fixed a severed left thumb with his left second toe at Yangon Orthopaedic Specialist Hospital.**

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Only with consolidated national unity, can the nation stand tall in global community

Hlaing Aung

Today, many countries have collapsed; many countries have seen civil wars; and in many countries, people are going through the bell of untold miseries due to lack of national unity.

No one can deny that disagreement among the people is the root cause of the disintegration of Yugoslavia and Soviet empire into separate republics over the past two decades, the armed conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan, and Somalia and Yemen, whose conditions have been recently pushed to the forefront of world conflicts and instability.

Here, there may be a question: why do not many other multicultural developed countries, large and small, face similar issues?

Even Switzerland, a small country on the Alps, is home to four national races. It has an area of 15,940 square miles only. For its development, the country has to rely on human resources, not on natural resources. Its population is only about seven million, just a little more than that of Yangon Division. Therefore, the country focuses on quality rather than quantity. Due to its small area, the country is in no position to run very spacious enterprises, and its enterprises are not burdensome, but with huge investments.

In productivity, it has to choose small but expensive products such as watches and engage in diamond trading. As regards service, it turns attention to banking services. With its hard-working people, its GDP is more than 500 billion US dollars with per capita income of 43,195 US dollars. It stands as the seventh richest country in the world.

It exercises direct democracy system under the rule of a regency government. Being completely neutral in the international relations, the country could avoid the evil consequences of the world wars. And it does not join the United Nations. However, it has a UN branch in Geneva, at which important international meetings are held.

Switzerland has a consolidated unity among its people. Despite being home to German-, French, Italian- and Roman-speaking societies, it has no racial issues, and problems between the majority and the minority of the people.

Its people consider that they are the same, Swiss, and they remain harmonious and cohesive, as evidenced by its national defence system. Switzerland’s national defence system is based on people’s militia strategy. Under this strategy, every citizen has to undergo military training, and all of its people are members of militia units.

The government provides each member with arms and ammunition, and equipment to be kept at home, in order that armed forces can be formed immediately in times of emergency. If the all people are armed in a nation where its people are disunited without self-discipline, such a nation will often see killing sprees. Switzerland is small in area, but is on the list of world’s top countries due to the people’s consolidated unity, sense of self-discipline, hard work and dynamism. I would also like to present some facts about Somalia, whose objective conditions are in contrary to that of Switzerland.

If compared with Switzerland, Somalia is a little larger country with a little denser population: an area of 246,201 square miles with a population of about nine million. Somalia is adjacent to Suez Canal, which occupies a strategic location in the world, and is on the top of the Alp pine in central Europe. In addition, Somalia is a landlocked country, at the top of Red Sea, in the east horn of Africa, and on the top of the Alp pine in central Europe. In contrast, Somalia is a very cold country where snow falls heavily. Long ago, fortune was not on the side of Somalia. In the colonial period, it persisted in repulsing the attacks of the naval forces of the British for a long time. But in the end, it fell under alien subjugation. To make things worse, Italy colonized the northern Somalia. After regaining independence in 1960, the nation was unified and emerged as Somalia, but it came under the negative impact of the Cold War between the East Bloc and the West Bloc. In consequence, there were several wars between Somalia and Ethiopia. After the Cold War, its ethnic groups became disunited, culminating in racial armed conflicts. In Somalia, Somalis accounted for 85 per cent, and the remaining ethnic groups, 15 per cent. There are many tribes among Somalis. The country has a very long bad tradition that the ethnic groups have been engaging in armed conflicts with swords, spears and bows and arrows for drinking water, agricultural farmlands, and pastures. After the Cold War, they armed themselves with automatic rifles and rockets. In 1991–92, about 300,000 people died due to the wars and hunger in the nation.

Then, the UN intervened in the internal affairs with the assistance of the US. However, it fueled the battles between the Somali tribes. So, the US troops falling from grace had to withdraw from the country. From that time on, Somalia has been like an country without any government. It could not restore peace due to outside interference in its domestic affairs such as attacks of Ethiopian troops, and African (See page 7).

University of Computer Studies in Kengtung, Shan State (East)
creating higher learning opportunities for local national race youths.

As a part of efforts to supply irrigation water to farmland throughout the country, the government built Zichaung Dam that contributes to 4,000 acres in Kyauktaw Township, Rakhine State.

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Home
* A home should have the parents
* Acting as the vanguard
Only then will it have
* The self-respect it requires
The inheritance
* To become a pleasant home
* Peace and joy for whole household
* Harmony in the family
Dignity and beauty the home possesses
* To build a home
Stockpiling all necessities
Selecting an auspicious day
A traditional method it is
* With little keenness
Even difficult to erect a post
* A home be worthy of living
Only if it becomes a heritage
Durable till future generations
From children to great-grand children
Haven for all descendants

( Honouring the 63rd Anniversary Union Day)
Hinthada Myint Ngwe
For man

Even the creatures like ants and bees are united in collecting food and defending themselves against the enemies.

Save for rainy day

The crows, too, are ready to fight back when their kin are under attack.

It wouldn’t be proper for human beings, acknowledged to possess considerable intellect, if they could not stay united like those creatures nor organized in the public interest.

Kysw Thu Hein

For meeting the conditions of the two countries, it can be deduced that friendship and unity of own national races are of great importance for a country, large or small. The Union of Myanmar is a land where over 100 national races make their home in unity. They had been living through thick and thin throughout successive periods. The colonialists took full advantage of the nation’s geographical features forming natural barriers to the regions and hindering national races from friendly relations among them. The British set up four barriers to relations between national races. The first was the administrative barrier. In the process, British colonialists adopted the divide and rule policy, under which the nation was divided into the hilly regions and plains that were under direct rule of the governor, and the regions that were ruled through the legislative council. The second was law barrier. The colonialists promulgated hilly laws with the ill intention to create relation barrier between the mainland and hilly regions. In that way, national races were deprived of social relations between them. The third was social barrier. After annexing Myanmar, the colonialists converted the national races whose religious faith was animism to their religion in order to create disagreement between those national races and the national races in plains such as Bamar, Rakhine and Mon.

Some colonialists brazenly claimed that they had to use variety of religious faiths as animist barrier. The fourth was economic barrier. The colonialists gave a lame reason that it was impossible to adjust the administrative patterns because there was a development gap between hilly regions and plains. In practice, they, however, showed no interest in plans for development of hilly regions throughout their long rule over the nation, and what they turned their intention to was to exploit highlanders in their interest. They built railroads that went as far as regions with mineral resources such as Namtu and Mawchee, whereas the transport facilities they built in Chin State, from which they could not gain economic benefits, were pedestrian lanes and motorways. In Myanmar that stretches between north and south, there were no fine roads from Shwebo to the northemmost part of the nation, and in the southern part was only a transport facility: a short railroad that went as far as Dawei. There were no roads that led to Rakhine Strip. If a citizen wanted to go to southern or northern Shan State, he had to go down to Thazi-Meiktila first. Even Kengtung in the eastern part was difficult of access from Taunggyi in the southern part of Shan State.

The colonialists not only closed their mind to the idea of building economic infrastructures, but also showed no interest in the social, education and health sectors. The majority of highlanders were illiterate and they spent much of their time, gambling and abusing narcotic drugs in opium dens. In consequence, the nation, in spite of having regained independence, could not rise from the nightmare of internal armed insurgency. In that period, it was impossible for the nation to carry out any undertakings effectively for development of the Union. Therefore, the nation faced doubts and suspicions, grudge and armed conflicts among own national races for more than 50 years. However, now peace has been restored well.

Seeing the light, national race armed groups have joined hands with the people. The government, the people and the Tatmadaw have been able to ward off the barriers to friendly relations among national races the colonialists created on purpose. Now, the whole country has seen tangible results of hard work for national development.

According to the new constitution approved with the vast majority of the ballot, all national races will be bestowed the rights to administer the affairs and work for the development of their own regions. The constitution guarantees the freedom of business for the citizens.
Honouring the 63rd Anniversary Union Day

Signs of rapid development in Nay Pyi Taw

Hlaing Bwa (Parami)

It was at dawn and the sun was rising when I was about to take a photo of sublime, serene pagoda “Uppatasanti” seen with Shan Yoma mountain ranges in the east in the background. The upper terrace of the pagoda overlooks buildings built in rows around Nay Pyi Taw. The region is Nay Pyi Taw, the capital of the Union of Myanmar, as evidenced by well-organized housing patterns, wide roads kept clean, and junctions and roundabouts decorated with beds of flowers and landscaping plants. So, the early morning pilgrimage made me feel great pleasure.

Occupying a strategic location in the Union of Myanmar, and being surrounded by Shan Yoma mountain range in the east and Bago Yoma mountain range in the west, Nay Pyi Taw was at that time like a painting of natural beauty. A short trip from Nay Pyi Taw are Inlay Lake, and Shan State with historic pagodas. A one-day round-trip can be made between Nay Pyi Taw and PyinOoLwin, a hill station, and Kalaw. In addition, Nay Pyi Taw is easily accessible from any other part from around the nation. Thus, the government, the people and the Tatmadaw will be able to effectively carry out in the fields of State security, administration, economy and national development. Moreover, it is close to Mandalay, Bagan and Srikesra, which are repositories of archaological buildings, as well as Pontaung Ponnya Region where anthropoid primates, which support the point “human beings originated in Myanmar” were discovered. So, with technological development in Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar’s role in the evolution of the origin of human beings, and preservation of cultural heritage, Myanmar will be able to catch up with other global partners soon.

The emergence of the 325 feet high Uppatasanti Pagoda lends a certain dignity to Nay Pyi Taw. For public homage in Nay Pyi Taw, a replica of the Shwedagon Pagoda in Yangon was built under the title of Uppatasanti in November 2006. The construction process was completed in March 2009. The pagoda was consecrated on 9 March. In the pagoda precinct are impressive religious edifices such as Maha Htaunggyiye Buddha Image in Maha Pasalambumi Gandhakuti Chamber; four jade Buddha images in the cave of the pagoda; statues depicting the birth, enlightenment, the first discourse, and attaining Nirvana of the Lord Buddha; the 108 feet high flagstaff; Bo Tree Garden with Maha Bo Tree and the images of the 28 Buddhas; the garden of 108 Sacred Bo Trees; Marlin Mangala Lake with the chamber of Shitupagutta in it; Withongama Ordination Hall; Cetiagala Chamber; Sangha Yama hostel; Sasana Maha Beikmandaw Building; museum; Pitakat Building and religious Archive. Ceremonies to confer religious titles on eminent monks and ceremonies to offer alms to members of the Sangha were held on a grand scale with the presence of the Head of State at Sasana Maha Beikmandaw Building. The structure of the pagoda built with 10 traditional arts and crafts adds to the prestige of Nay Pyi Taw. Therefore, it is a golden opportunity for visitors from the four corners of the nation to pay a visit to the pagoda on their trip to Nay Pyi Taw.

Dattaraya Dattaungsu Pagoda was built on Nay Pyi Taw Mangala Hill in Zabuthiri Township for the reverence of bus staff members. The pagoda is teeming with well-wishers.

Night scene of illuminated Nay Pyi Taw City Hall.

Myanmar International Convention Centre under construction in Nay Pyi Taw Dekkhinathiri.
Signs of rapid development in Nay Pyi Taw

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In the middle of the roads are 20-lane roads. In the near future, Nay Pyi Taw will see 20-lane roads. In addition, nine roundabouts—Thabyegon, Kyapant, Yaatzhinga, Ingyinpan, Ottarathiri, Gangawpan, Wunnatheikdi, Dahathethiki, and Nawgathethiki—are beautified with beds of various species of flowering plants. So, the roads receive constant flows of visitors such as foreigners, amateur photographers, and walkers who are there for relaxation. Therefore, news about Nay Pyi Taw spread far and wide.

Outside Nay Pyi Taw are Nay Pyi Taw-Yangon and Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay Expressways, through which people can travel to other regions across the nation. So, Yangon is now a four-hour drive from Nay Pyi Taw, and local people can do their work in the health, economic and education sectors and make excursions with comfort in a short time. Nay Pyi Taw has dozens of highway bus lines including Shwe Mann Thu, Aung Soe Moe, Gandawin, Nan Haik San, Htet Oo, Asia, Kyei Sin Hein, Yaza Min, Yoma, and Shwe Sin Sekkya. Local residents can now travel to other regions with convenience.

Moreover, the National Herbal Park has been established in Nay Pyi Taw not only for public recreation but also for disseminating knowledge about traditional medicines. While taking recreation under the shade at the park, the visitors and holiday-makers have the opportunity to study Myanmar traditional medicine related to 353 species of herbal plants. Indeed, the National Herbal Park is beneficial to the visitors and enthusiasts in the traditional medicines.

As another public recreation, the Zoological Garden (Nay Pyi Taw) was inaugurated on 26 March 2008. A total of 39 species of mammals, 30 species of birds and 12 species of reptiles are put on display at 27 booths. Among them, the rare and endangered wildlife are being shown at the booths including icy land inhabitant penquins and the rare species white tiger. Therefore, the visitors have an opportunity to observe the rare wildlife at the gardens which they could watch only in the movies.

With the aims of developing the astronomical knowledge for the student and fostering the Union Spirit. Moreover, the garden proves the long time existence of the Union to the tourists from abroad. In accord with one of the four social objectives of the State “Uplift health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation”, four football grounds, four basketball grounds, four volleyball fields and tennis courts in addition to billiards and bowling gymnasiuims were constructed for the dwellers of Nay Pyi Taw to do health exercises and hold sports events.
Furthermore, the 30,000-fan-capacity Zabuthiri modern stadium is under construction in Zabuthiri and the 30,000-fan-capacity Zeyathiri modern stadium in Zeyathiri. Upon completion, Myanmar will host the international sports and games including the South-East Asian Games.

As the markets have been built for enabling the local people to conveniently purchase necessary goods and utensils for daily use, Nay Pyi Taw Myoma Market, Thabyegon Market, Mingala Market and Ahara Thukha Market are packed with customers. Moreover, the existing markets are being upgraded. Ahara Thukha Market is kept open the whole night. While new markets are under construction in Pobbathiri and Ottarathiri, Nay Pyi Taw Junction Centre and Zeyathiri Department Store sell various kinds of goods to the buyers through the one stop service similar to international practice. As a result, the Nay Pyi Taw dwellers can lead a peaceful lifestyle. In their spare time, the dwellers can take pleasure in enjoying movies at the modern cinemas at the building of the market. Indeed, the Nay Pyi Taw dwellers can lead the international standard lifestyle. On completion of Capital Hypermarket (Nay Pyi Taw) being built by the Union of Myanmar Economic Holdings Ltd, the scene of Nay Pyi Taw will be packed with visitors from far and near in the future.

For giving comfortable accommodation to the guests from international community, the State guests and national brethren from far and near coming to attend the festivals, national entrepreneurs have built and opened ten international standard hotels including Shwe Nan Taw, Shwe Myanmar, Shwe Ethei, Thingaha, Myat Taw Win, Amara, Royal Kumudra, Mount Pleasant and Yadana Theinga. Among them, Mount Pleasant Hotel built on Po Zaung Hill at an altitude of 1600 feet near Nay Pyi Taw Ottarathiri is providing hotel services to the guests for enjoying scenic beauties of Nay Pyi Taw plus the opportunity to feel the cold and fresh breeze. At present, eight more hotels are under construction to compete their beauties with that of the completed ones in a row at the guest house decorated with traditional handicrafts in combination with modern architectural styles.

The banking service is essential for a modern capital. In upgrading the capital, the banking service plays an important role in making payment of trading sector and monetary affairs. In Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar Economic Bank, Myawady Bank Limited, St Pi Nga Ya Bank Limited and Myanmar Industrial Development Bank built in grand and modern designs are functioning, while Livestock and Fisheries Bank, Myanmar Citizens Bank, Kanbawza Bank, Myanmar Oriental Bank, First Private Bank and Tun Foundation Bank are under construction. It is sure that development of Myanmar economy would depend on services of these banks in the new era.

Nay Pyi Taw, being capital of the Union of Myanmar, must be ready to host international conferences, meetings, seminars, paper-reading sessions and commemorative ceremonies. The Myanmar International Convention Centre is under construction in Dekkhinathiri, and it will be completed in the near future. Thanks to the grand building, the Nay Pyi Taw will be active and alive with guests from international community to attend the meetings and conferences in the future.
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Also present on the occasion were senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, the commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command, the ministers, the deputy ministers, departmental heads, guests, artists, Union Day delegates and local people.

Speaking on the occasion, the Secretary-1 said that the State Peace and Development Council is striving for ensuring peace and stability and development of the Union of Myanmar, upholding Our Three Main National Causes: Non-disintegration of the Union, Non-disintegration of national solidarity and Perpetuation of sovereignty. After constructing necessary infrastructures for upliftment of livelihoods of the national people, the Secretary-1 said that the State Peace and Development Council is planning to open the National Landmarks Garden in progress.—MNA

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At Kayah State Booth, Kayah traditional houses, pleasant scenes of Dimawhso and Bawlakhe were constructed in it.

Kayin traditional wooden houses, Thanlwin Bridge (Hpa-an), Mt. Zwekabin, the beautiful scenes of Myawady, Thanlwin River, and Papun-Hpa-an Road were on display at Kayin State Booth. (See page 12)
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(from page 11)
The scenic beauty of Haka, Tidim-Haka-Gangaw-ChaungU Road, the magnificent scenery of Mindat and Reed Lake were built as landmarks at Chin State Booth.

In Mon State Booth were the sublime Kyakhtichiyo pagoda, Mon traditional houses, Setse Beach and Thanlwin Bridge (Mawlamyine).

In Taninthayi Division Booth were mountain ranges along Myanmar coastal line, archipelago, Mt. Pahtaw piadhet on the other bank of Myeik and the Reclining Buddha Image, Pearl Island, Maungmakan Beach, the scenic beauty of Dawei, Bayinnaung Statue in Kawthoung, Bayinnaung Cape and Kawthoung.

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In Mandalay Division Booth were the sublime Mandalay Hill, Lawkananda Pagoda, Hmawtinsun Pagoda, Ngwehsaung Beach, Shweguung, Tantkyitaung, Tuyintaung Mountain, the scenic beauty of Dawei, the beautiful scenes of Kayin, Ngwehsaung Beach, Shweguung, Tantkyitaung, Tuyintaung Mountain, the scenic beauty of Dawei, and the Scenic Boarss of Mount Popa.

In Magway Division Booth were the sublime Mt. Mandalay, Shwedagon Pagoda, and Yeywa Hydropower Project.

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South Korea to promote technology, culture at Shanghai Expo

Seoul, 11 Feb—South Korea will promote its high-end technology and popular culture at the 2010 World Expo in Shanghai, the government said on Wednesday.

With the world exposition only 80 days away, the Ministry of Knowledge Economy said it will set up a national pavilion, costing 38.2 billion won (32.9 million US dollars), in a floor space of 7,683 square metres to create a positive image of the country for people visiting the six-month long event. South Korea will also build a corporate pavilion, worth 29.9 billion won (25.8 million US dollars), where 12 local companies including Samsung Electronics, Hyundai Motors, LG, SK, and POSCO, will showcase their products.

“The two pavilions as well as an exhibition room by the city of Seoul will be open to the public from 1 May when the Expo begins,” the ministry said in a Press release.

It added South Korea is one of the dozen countries, including the United States, Japan, Germany, Britain, and France, to build national pavilions exceeding the size of 6,000 square metres. Also, South Korea will serve traditional food and booklets at their pavilions, while a number of popular local movie stars are scheduled to make appearances as well, the ministry said.—Xinhua

Four killed in train-bus accident in Bangladesh

Dhaka, 11 Feb—Four persons were killed and three persons wounded as a passenger express train rammed into a mini-bus on Tuesday at Basail sub-district of Bangladesh’s Tangail District. 92 kilometres northwest of capital Dhaka, police said.

Mizanur Raman, police head of Tangail District, said the City Express train bound for capital Dhaka rammed into the mini-bus carrying seven passengers while it was crossing an unmanned level crossing at the sub-district.

Xinhua

China plans to build national renewable energy centre

Beijing, 11 Feb—China plans to build a national renewable energy centre to further shore up development of the industry, the China Daily reported on Wednesday.

The establishment of the centre is in the preliminary planning stages, the newspaper quoted Han Wenke, director general of Energy Research Institute under the National Development and Reform Commission as saying.

The centre will be responsible for policy-making, key project and programme management, market and industrial operations, database and information platform establishment as well as international exchanges, according to the newspaper.

Han made these remarks at the launch of a Sino-Danish Renewable Energy Development Programme on Tuesday, without providing further detail. China made great progress in renewable energy growth last year.

Xinhua

Malaysia wants all maritime units under one roof

Kuala Lumpur, 11 Feb—The Malaysian government had handed over part of the assets belonging to various maritime enforcement units to the MMEA, which would be the main maritime enforcement body in the country.

Discussions aimed at avoiding overlapping of duties between agencies would also be carried out, added Muhyiddin.

According to the report, Muhyiddin had earlier witnessed various demonstrations conducted by the MMEA’s personnel at the waters of Pulau Pintu Gedung, or the Pintu Gedung Island, near Port Klang in the state of Selangor.

When asked if the Malaysian government had plans to purchase new assets to further strengthen the agency, Muhyiddin said things were being done in stages.

The Deputy Prime Minister said the country currently had a high-cost plan and 600 million ringgit (176.5 million US dollars) had been spent on the agency last year.

Xinhua

Malaysia Ceramic Industry

Sr No Description Qty Issuing Date Closing Date
1. kaolinite clay 35 Tons 11.2.2010 15.2.2010
2. sand 80.88 Ton 11.2.2010 15.2.2010
3. Raw Materials For Tile Plant 7 Items 11.2.2010 8.3.2010

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Citizens visit the special exhibition of fine arts presented by the newly-built Jiangsu Province Art Museum in Nanjing, capital of east China’s Jiangsu Province, on 9 Feb, 2010. The new museum will present a special exhibition of fine arts to the public for free during the Spring Festival holidays.—Xinhua

Peru to help rebuild schools, water systems in Haiti

Lima, 11 Feb—Peruvian President Alan Garcia said Tuesday his country will donate 10 million US dollars for the reconstruction of schools and potable water systems in quake-hit Haiti.

If all South American countries follow suit, the amount could soon reach some 100 million dollars, Garcia said at an extraordinary summit of the Union of South American Nations (Unasur) in Quito, Ecuador.

According to news reaching here, Garcia called on South American countries to contribute to the reconstruction of road infrastructure and all other fields in need of rebuilding in the small Caribbean island country.—Xinhua

The space shuttle Endeavour docks with International Space Station (ISS) is seen in this image from the International Space Station as it approaches the orbiting laboratory, for docking in this image on 9 Feb, 2010 from NASA TV.—Xinhua
Ferguson has no complaints as Nani sees red

BIRMINGHAM, 11 Feb—Sir Alex Ferguson belied his reputation as a referee-baiter by insisting he had no problems with Nani’s sending off in a 1-1 draw away to Aston Villa.

Wednesday’s result left champions United a point behind Premier League leaders Chelsea.

It also meant Nani, shown a straight red card for a two-footed challenge on Stiliyan Petrov, would be suspended for United’s next three matches, including this month’s League Cup final against Aston Villa at Wembley.

Ferguson, who earlier this season received a two-match touchline ban for criticising referee Alan Wiley’s fitness, had no complaints with Peter Walton’s decision to reduce United to 10 men in the 29th minute at Villa Park.

“It’s a red card, Nani went in double-footed and he can’t do that,” Ferguson said. “It was a naive tackle and the referee had no option. “But Nani is not a malicious player.

“He has been doing so well for us and we’ll now miss him for the League Cup final. “He’s also missing two league games which is just as important.”

United’s dropping of two points was compounded by the sight of veteran winger Ryan Giggs leaving Villa Park with his arm in a sling after a innocuous collision with Steve Sidwell late in the second half.

Manuel Pellegrini's Huddersfield Town record a 2-0 win over Liverpool.

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Wenger insists Arsenal are back in title hunt

LONDON, 11 Feb—The Gunners had been widely written off after Sunday’s 2-0 defeat at Stamford Bridge, which followed a heavy home loss to Manchester United.

But Wenger was delighted with his side’s response as they ended a run of three games without a win thanks to Abou Diaby’s 72nd minute header at the Emirates Stadium on Wednesday.

Diaby’s winner ensured the Gunners took advantage of Chelsea’s loss at Everton, while second-placed United dropped two points at Aston Villa.

Manchester United’s Nani (right) looks on as his teammates protest to referee Peter Walton (left) after he had sent Nani off during their Premier League match against Aston Villa at Villa Park, Birmingham. Internet

Chelsea give Terry time off after Everton slip

LIVERPOOL, 11 Feb—John Terry is to miss Chelsea’s FA Cup fifth round tie with Cardiff City on Saturday on compassionate grounds.

Chelsea assistant manager Ray Wilkins made the announcement about Terry’s break after the centre-half was caught out for both of Louis Saha’s goals in a 2-1 loss away to Everton that cut the Londoners lead at the top of the English Premier League to just a point.

Last week Terry was stripped of the England captaincy after reports of an alleged affair with the ex-girlfriend of former Chelsea team-mate Wayne Bridge dominated the British press.

Since the story became public property, Chelsea captain Terry has responded with a series of fine displays for the Blues but his standards slipped at Goodison Park on Wednesday as his team suffered their fourth league defeat of the season.

Terry will now miss this weekend’s tie before returning to prepare for the league game at Wolverhampton Wanderers on February 20.

Meanwhile Wilkins said Saha deserved praise for the way he made life tough for Terry. —Internet

Ribery scores on return to Bayern starting XI

BERLIN, 11 Feb—France star Franck Ribery made an immediate impact on his first start for Bayern Munich in more than four months on Wednesday as he scored in their 6-2 German Cup quarter-final win over Furt.

The 26-year-old attacking midfielder, who had been out with knee tendinitis, was in sparkling form and set up Thomas Mueller for Bayern’s first — the young German star was to score another eight minutes from time — in the fifth minute before scoring himself in the 61st minute. —Internet

Bayern Munich’s French midfielder Franck Ribery (L) celebrates scoring with Bayern Munich’s defender Philipp Lahm during the DFB German Cup quarter-final match SpVgg Greuther Fuerth. Internet

Tennis ace Davydenko brings Lopez back down to earth

ROTTERDAM, 11 Feb —Russian second seed Nikolay Davydenko pulled off an impressive win over in-form Spanish player Feliciano Lopez in the first round of the ABN AMRO World Tennis Tournament in Rotterdam. Internet

The former world No. 4 beat Lopez 6-4, 6-2 and is now the second highest ranked player ahead of Nadal.

Davydenko, a two-time semi-finalist here, was a surprisingly easy winner over Lopez, who arrived on the back of the second title of his career at the South African Open last Sunday. Internet

Russia’s tennis player Elena Dementieva returns a forehand to her compatriot Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova during their Paris WTA tennis open match. Dementieva won 6-4, 6-4 to reach the quarter-finals. Internet

Dementieva cruises into Paris last eight

PARIS, 11 Feb—Russian top seed Elena Dementieva beat compatriot Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova in straight sets to reach the quarter-finals of the WTA Paris Indoor Open here on Wednesday.

Dementieva, a second-round casualty at the Australian Open, took the first set 6-4 and was 4-1 up in the second set before Pavlyuchenkova staged a mini-revival, only for the world number seven to eventually prevail 6-4, 6-4.

“It wasn’t an easy match to play,” said Dementieva, who lost in last year’s final to home favourite, the now retired Amelie Mauresmo.

“Anastasia had an opportunity to play on this court already and she was playing with a lot of confidence. “I don’t think I played 100 percent and I was up and down in the match, but in the end it was good to win in two sets. Now I’ll focus on my quarter-final match.” —Internet

Wolves stun Spurs again to boost survival bid

Wolverhampton, 11 Feb—Wolverhampton Wanderers shocked Tottenham for the second time this season as the Premier League strugglers claimed a 1-0 win over Harry Redknapp’s team at Molineux on Wednesday.

Mick McCarthy’s men had defeated the north Londoners at White Hart Lane earlier this season and repeated the trick thanks to David Jones’s first league goal of the season.

The midfielder struck midway through the first half and that was enough to see off lacklustre Spurs and lift Wanderers out of the relegation zone.

After promising earlier this week that his side would make a run at third place, Redknapp was left to reflect on another let-down as his team lost 1-0 to the now-relegated side.

Spurs are only a point off fourth but, with Liverpool losing at Arsenal, they missed a golden opportunity to boost their Champions League bid. —Internet

Chamakh gunning for big move abroad

PARIS, 11 Feb—Bordeaux striker Marouane Chamakh may rarely feature at the top of the goalscoring charts, but that has not stopped him becoming one of the most talked-about players in French football.

A product of Bordeaux’s youth team, the 26-year-old Moroccan international has been linked with a string of European giants over the past year including Liverpool, Arsenal, Inter Milan and Juventus. —Internet

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China’s Antarctic team completes inland field trips

ZHONGSHAN STATION, ANTARCTICA, 11 Feb—Two groups of scientists on China’s 26th Antarctic expedition team returned to their base camp here on Wednesday after about two months of inland field trips.

Both squads set out on Dec. 18 to explore the area around Kunlun Station, China’s first research base in inland Antarctica, and the inland’s Grove Mountain, respectively.—INTERNET

WEATHER

Thursday, 11th February, 2010

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

Maximum temperature on 10-2-2010 was 97°F. Minimum temperature on 11-2-2010 was 67°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 11-2-2010 was 45%. Total sun shine hours on 10-2-2010 was (10.0) hours approx.

Rainfall on 11-2-2010 was (Nil) at Mungaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (Tr) at Mungaladon, Kaba-Aye and (Nil) at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from Southeast at (15:30) hours MST on 10-2-2010.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 12th February 2010: Weather will be partly cloudy in Kachin State and Taninthayi division and generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions.

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Fair weather in the whole country.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 12-2-2010: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 12-2-2010: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 12-2-2010: Generally fair weather.
Only with stability and peace will the nation develop
Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

Anarchy begets anarchy, not democracy
Riots beget riots, not democracy
Democracy can be introduced only through constitution

People’s Desire
- We favour peace and stability
- We favour development
- We oppose unrest and violence
- Wipe out those inciting unrest and violence

VOA, BBC-sowing hatred among the people
RFA, DVB-generating public outrage
Do not allow ourselves to be swayed by killer broadcasts designed to cause troubles

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Article
Nay Pyi Taw is easily accessible from any other part from around the nation. Thus, the government, the people and the Tatmadaw will be able to effectively carry out tasks in the fields of State security, administration, economy and national development.

Poem
Home
- A home should
  Have the parents
  Acting as the vanguard
  Only then will it have
  The self-respect it requires

Cartoon