Northern regions of Myanmar enjoying extra development

Putao will appear as tourist destination boosting tourism industry thanks to natural sceneries and smooth transport

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Feb — On his arrival at worksite of Kaungmulon suspension bridge spanning Malikha River on Putao-Htawadan-Kaungmulon-Nagmon road in Machanbaw Township of Putao District on 24 February, Prime Minister General Thein Sein called for timely completion of tasks after hearing reports on works being carried out.

Next, the Prime Minister accompanied by Lt-Gen Tha Aye of the Ministry of Defence, Commanders Maj-Gen Myint Soe and Maj-Gen Soe Win, the ministers, the auditor-general, the deputy ministers and departmental heads paid homage to Kaungmulon (Shwe-satminn) Pagoda in the township and made cash donation for all-round renovation of the pagoda.

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Fullmoon Day of Taboung, day of religious significance

The Month “Taboung” falls between the cold season and the hot season. In spite of the beginning of the summer, the northern icy wind still passes and surrounding areas are still shrouded in the mist at night and in the morning. It is, therefore, pleasant to view all natural features in the month.

In 103 Maha Era, King Saddhatthananda, father of the Buddha, sent Karhadi minister for Him, who was then preaching to the audience at Veluvan, Rajagjo. After hearing the teachings, the minister became an Arahat, and supplicated on the king’s request to the Buddha for an itinerary to Kapilavut, reciting 64 verses that portrayed the pleasant month Taboung and the route between two provinces. In the month Taboung, the natural beauty reaches at its peak as it is added elegance by various species of seasonal flowers in full bloom and sweet songs of birds especially koels. According to men of letters, it is always more pleasant in the month Taboung than in any other month.

On the First Waning of Taboung, the Buddha left Rajagjo for Kapilavut and expounded sermons to the king and Gotami. As a gesture of honouring the extreme attributes of the Buddha, Myanmar people have been building sand pagodas on sand banks along rivers and creeks in the month since then.

Today, Buddha Pujastr.ui festivals are held in pagodas, stupas and temples; Pathana religious verses are recited, and alms are offered to monks on the auspicious occasion. The government holds religious ceremonies on a grand scale on Fullmoon Day of Taboung for promotion and propagation of the Sasana. So, Buddhists are exhorted to perform meritorious deeds more than usual on Taboung Fullmoon Day for physical and spiritual well-beings to a greater degree.

AGM of Yesagyo Township Association (Yangon) on 7 March

Yangon, 26 Feb — The 18th Annual General Meeting of Yesagyo Township Association (Yangon) will be held in conjunction with respect-paying, honouring and prize-giving ceremony at Kyarki Beikman on Shwedagon Pagoda Road in Dagon Township here on 7 March. Members of the association and dwellers of Yesagyo are invited to attend the meeting without fail.

Vocational courses provided to locals of Pyapon, Bogale, Mawlamyinegyun Townships yesterday

Yangon clinch title in 32nd ISD Golf Championship

Yangon, 26 Feb — Yangon Division team secured the first prize in the team scratch event and emerged champion in the team event in the 32nd Inter-State/Division Team Golf Championship yesterday evening. Taminthayi Division team secured champion in the team handicap event. Kyaw Swa Lin of Taminthayi Division stood first in the singles handicap event while Thet Zaw Htoo of Yangon Division won the first prize in the singles scratch event. The golf championship took place at Myanmar Golf Club, here. — MNA

Mandalay, PyinOoLwin, Mogok never fail to fascinate

Nav Pyi Taw, 26 Feb — A study group of diplomats comprising Dean of the Diplomatic Corps in the Union of Myanmar, Ambassador of Singapore Mr. Robert Chua and wife, ambassador of foreign embassies, charge d’ affaires, representatives of UN Agencies and their wives led by Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win and wife visited Mandalay, Mogok and PyinOoLwin from 21 to 23 February.

On 21 February, the diplomats were welcomed at Mogok Ruby Land by station commander. At the work site, the diplomats observed ruby and sapphire mining. Later on, the diplomats visited Ruby Dragon Company and viewed the gemstone show room. Dinner was hosted to the minister and party at the Mogok Hotel by Col Win Zaw of Mogok Station.

On 22 February, the minister and party visited Mandalay and the Maha Myatmuni Buddha Image. In the afternoon, they departed for PyinOoLwin and visited Dat Taw Gyaint Waterfall resort on the way where they were welcomed by Station Commander Brig-Gen Zeyar Aung and officials. The minister and party on 23 February went to Defence Services Academy and Defence Services Technological Academy in PyinOoLwin. And they proceeded to National Kandawgyi Gardens and PyinOoLwin market.

The study group then concluded their visit and went back to Yangon on the same day. — MNA
Suicide bombings strike Afghan capital Kabul

KABUL, 26 Feb — At least nine people have died in a series of explosions and gunfire in the Afghan capital, Kabul, officials say. A suicide bomber detonated his explosives and two other attackers were shot dead, a government official said. A spokesman for the Taleban said the Islamist rebels claimed responsibility for the attacks, carried out close to a shopping centre and a hotel.

Kabul has been the target of sometimes deadly militant attacks, but has been relatively quiet for the past month. On 18 January, Taleban bombings and gunmen attacked government targets and shopping malls in Kabul, killing 12 people.

A correspondent in Kabul, says the first blast happened at 0630 local time (0200 GMT) on Friday, close to a large shopping centre. Kabul police official Abdul Ghafor Sayedzada said two explosions happened near the nine-storey Kabul City Centre shopping area, close to the Safi Landmark Hotel, the Associated Press reported. — Internet

Heavy rain hits Haiti’s quake-ravaged capital

PORT-AU-PRINCE, 26 Feb — The first heavy rain since the earthquake briefly doused Haiti’s capital on Thursday night as relief officials changed tack on dealing with the homeless, demphasizing plans to build big camps outside Port-au-Prince.

Instead, they want the hundreds of thousands of refugees in this city where barren hillsides and weakened buildings threaten to give way to pack up their tents and tarps and return to destroyed neighbourhoods. People dashed for shelter down streets streaming with runoff from the driving tropical rain. The 20-minute drenching swept trash along roadside gutters, clogging drains and turning depressions into ponds.

Some women stripped naked and took advantage of the downpour to take a shower — there are no bathing facilities in overcrowded tent camps that officials want to move people out of. — Internet

Taleban claims responsibility for Kabul attacks

KABUL, 26 Feb — The Taleban are claiming responsibility for deadly suicide attacks that killed at least 10 people in the heart of Kabul. Taleban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid said on Friday that five suicide bombers conducted the attacks on two buildings used by foreigners.

Police officer Gulam Mustafa at the scene said authorities thank two residential hotels, or guest houses, used by foreign workers in Afghanistan were the targets of the attacks. Residents in the area told The Associated Press that Indians were among those living in the hotel.

Gen Ahman Zia Yaftali, an official at the Defence Ministry, says at least 10 people have been killed. Afghan officials say civilians, Afghan policemen and an Indian citizen were among those killed.

The director of Kabul hospitals, Sayed Kabir Amiry, says 32 were wounded. — Internet

Israel, Palestinians likely to receive more time for Gaza inquiries

JERUSALEM, 26 Feb — The fighting that rocked civilians in and around Gaza 14 months ago will be revisited once again on Friday when the United Nations General Assembly is slated to discuss the roles played by Israel and the Palestinian Islamic resistance movement Hamas.

While UN member states are likely to agree to give the two sides more time to conduct investigation, it’s doubted that the further probe could get any substantial result.

The upcoming parley was preceded on Wednesday by a meeting between UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon and Israeli Defence Minister Ehud Barak. Ban is expected to travel to the Middle East soon for meetings with Palestinian and Israeli leaders.

While the UN chief wants to help advance a return to the negotiating table, his remit also has him looking back at the events that hit Gaza at the end of December 2008 and Israel’s military campaign that lasted for three weeks. — Xinhua

With violence rising, US Consulate closes office in Reynosa, Mexico

REYNOSA, 26 Feb — The US Consulate in the border city of Matamoros, Mexico, temporarily closed its Consular Agency in the nearby city of Reynosa because of heightened drug-related violence in recent days.

A “Warden Message” was issued by the consulate “to advise US citizens of recent gun battles in Reynosa, Mexico, and cities surrounding Reynosa in the last week.”

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Pakistan to hand over Taleban No. 2, says Afghanistan

KABUL, 26 Feb — Pakistan has agreed to hand over to Afghanistan captured Afghan Taleban number two, Mullah Abdul Ghanbar Baradar, and other militants, the President’s office said on Thursday.

Pakistan had no immediate comment on the Afghan government’s statement on Thursday, but late on Wednesday said Mullah Baradar was being investigated for crimes in Pakistan and would be tried there in the first instance. Three senior Taleban officials were captured in Pakistan this month, including Mullah Baradar. His capture has been viewed as an intelligence coup and a sign of greater Pakistan cooperation in fighting Afghan militants.

“The government of Pakistan has accepted Afghanista’s proposal for extraditing Mullah Baradar and other Taleban who are in its custody and showed readiness to hand over those prisoners ... on the basis of an agreement between the two countries,” a statement from President Hamid Karzai’s office said. — Internet
Eight EU member states to work out development strategy of Danube River region

BUDAPEST, 26 Feb — Hungarian Minister for Foreign Affairs Peter Balazs announced on Thursday at the Danube Summit intergovernmental meeting in Budapest that eight EU member states have agreed to prepare an EU Strategy for the Danube River region by the end of 2010.

The joint declaration states that the eight countries, Austria, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Romania, Slovakia, and Slovenia, have committed to increasing cooperation and making more efficient use of existing EU instruments and funds in order to accelerate the infrastructural, social, and economic development of the Danube region as well as improve environmental protection standards.

Canada to resume pork exports to China

OTTAWA, 26 Feb — The Canadian pork products will be back on the Chinese market after Canada secured a certification agreement allowing pork exports to China, Canadian Agriculture Minister Gerry Ritz said on Thursday.

The minister made the announcement during his visit to the World Animal Health Organization (OIE) and Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) in Paris.

“When our government works to open and expand markets for Canadian producers around the world we always point to the clear OIE consensus that Canadian pork and beef is safe,” he said.

China’s economic macro-control to be tested in 2010

BEIJING, 26 Feb — China’s macroeconomic management would be put to the test both by the domestic and international markets in 2010, said Chairman of National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC) Zhang Ping on Friday.

The country’s fiscal and monetary policies would be tested given the uncertainties of 2010, Zhang said.

“As to monetary policies, if the bank continues to provide easy loans, inflation may occur. But if the government tightens monetary policies too soon, the economy may relapse into recession.” said Li Daokui, director of the Centre for China in the World Economy, Tsinghua University.

Last year, Chinese banks lent an unprecedented 9.6 trillion yuan (1.4 trillion US dollars), nearly twice as much as 2008, and nearly half of 2009’s gross domestic product (GDP).

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Japan’s consumer prices fall 1.3% on year in January

TOKYO, 26 Feb — Consumer prices in Japan, excluding volatile fresh food prices, fell 1.3 percent in January from a year earlier marking the 11th straight month of decline, the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications said in a report on Friday.

The core consumer price index (CPI) stood at 99.4 against the base of 100 for 2005, down 0.2 percent from December, the report said.

Additionally the core CPI for Tokyo’s 23 wards in February fell 1.8 percent from a year before to 98.6, the ministry said on Friday in a preliminary report.

Economic worries pressure on markets

NEW YORK, 26 Feb — A batch of negative economic reports from the United States and Europe hit on the market sentiment and sent US stocks lower on Thursday.

Stocks fluctuated at low levels and Dow lost as much as 1.8 percent in morning trading.

The US Labour Department reported that weekly jobless claims unexpectedly surged by 22,000 to 496,000 in the week ended on 20 February, the highest level in more than three months, casting further shadows on the labour market.

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The solar powered boat “PlanerSolar” is presented at the HDW shipyard in the northern German city of Kiel. The vessel will be able to achieve a top speed of around 15 knots, equivalent to 25 kilometres (15 miles) per hour, and can accommodate 50 people on its round-the-world voyage, its Swiss-based makers say.

Huge shark-filled aquarium in Dubai cracks open

DUBAI, 26 Feb — Shopping centre in Dubai have been evacuated after water leaked from a massive tank holding hundreds of sharks, safety officials said the “small crack” appeared in the tank which holds 10 million litres of water and more than 33,000 underwater creatures. He aquarium, opened in 2008, was promoted as being an “indoor ocean”.

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A leakage was noticed at one of the panel joints of the Dubai Aquarium at The Dubai Mall and was immediately fixed by the aquarium’s maintenance team, a spokesman for the mall said.

“The leakage did not impact the aquarium environment or the safety of the aquatic animals,” he statement said the company worked with experts and “upholds the highest safety standards in its management.” he aquarium is at the foot of the world’s largest building – the Burj Khalifa, also owned by Emaar Properties.

It had to shut its viewing deck after a lift malfunction earlier in February.
Somali pirates kill Yemeni fisherman off Somali seashore

SANAA, 26 Feb — A Yemeni fisherman was killed by Somali pirates when the pirates tried to seize his fishing vessel off Somali coast of Bargal, Yemeni Interior Ministry said on Thursday.

In a statement, the ministry quoted the Coast Guard authorities in the southeastern province of Hadramout as saying that the fishing boat carried nine Yemeni fishermen when it left Shahar port, the main harbour of Hadramout, on 20 Feb. The accident took place over the past two days, said the statement, adding that it has “no further information whether the Yemeni vessel has been held by the pirates or managed to escape.” “An investigation has been launched to trace the destiny of the other eight Yemeni fishermen,” it added.

Despite international warships patrolling the Gulf of Aden and the Indian Ocean, piracy is still rampant in one of the world’s most important and busiest shipping lanes. According to statistics released by the Yemeni coastguard, 41 cargo vessels along with 521 sailors of different nationalities were seized by hijackers in 2009.

Lantern riddles and guessing games light up the brain waves

BEIJING, 26 Feb—The Lantern Festival, which falls on Sunday this year, is a time to appreciate the night sky filled with lanterns, and especially to appreciate the wide-eyed children captivated by the lights. But there’s another ancient aspect to the festival that concludes the Chinese Lunar New Year celebration — the “tiger lantern” — also known as riddle guessing. Because ancient riddles were so difficult and required so much classical knowledge, wisdom and wit, there was a saying about them: It’s as difficult to kill a tiger as it is to guess a lantern puzzle. Hence, the name tiger lantern. These days, however, most popular puzzles don’t require a literati to come up with the answer, though they can be brain teasers, requiring knowledge of history, culture and customs, puns and homophones.

For the 2010 Lantern Festival, which falls on Sunday, the government has released riddles with clues. For example, one riddle asks, “What has no nose, no ears, no mouth, and yet can drink, eat and speak?” (The answer: a bottle.)

Children, senior citizens and women will be placed up in our rescue missions, but the exact number of the three groups being trapped remains unknown," said Il Ismail, vice director of the general office of the Xinjiang Autonomous Regional Government.

The official, who is also commander-in-chief for on-site rescue operation, said apart from saving many as possible the avalanche-trapped victims by helicopter, air dropping plenty of food, medicine, equipment of communication and to rescue the 129 trapped in Kazak Autonomous Prefecture of Ili, including 29 reported to have been trapped in an iron mine in Nilka county.

Helicopters will also fly on-site rescue operation, to provide information for decision-making in carrying out rescue operation on the ground.

Ireland “very angry” for fake passports in Dubai killing

GAZA, 26 Feb—Irish Foreign Minister Michael Martin, who is visiting the Hamas-controlled Gaza Strip, said on Thursday his country was “very angry” for using fake Irish passports in the killing of a Hamas commander in Dubai last month.

“We are very angry at the use of the country that was stolen from valid Irish passports to make faked, forged passports,” Martin told reporters in Gaza. “These people are not Irish citizens” and those who forged the passports “also put at risk the security of our citizens.”

On Wednesday, Dubai police said it has identified another 15 suspects in killing Mahmoud al-Mabhouh, a Gaza-born Hamas commander, at his hotel room on 19 Jan. The 26 suspects include six holders of Irish passports. Hamas accused Israel’s foreign intelligence unit, Mossad, of killing al-Mabhouh for his role in capturing and murdering two Israeli soldiers in 1989.
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The Prime Minister urged them to join hands with the government and the Tatmadaw in carrying out peace and stability and development of the region and to set a target on establishment of Putao as the city of upper Myanmar.

Next, the Prime Minister and party flew to Myitkyina.

At Technological University (Myitkyina), the Prime Minister inspected learning of students at the computer room and language lab, and heard reports on plans for turning out technocrats presented by Minister for Science and Technology U Thaung.

Prime Minister General Thein Sein speaking in meeting with principals, teachers and students at Technological University (Myitkyina).—MNA

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The Prime Minister, in meeting with the principals, faculty members and students, said that technocrats, intellectuals and intelligentsia play a major role in transforming the nation into modern and developed one; that Arts and Science University, University of Computer Studies and Technological University were opened each in 24-development region with the aim of turning out human resources in the regions; that it is required to cultivate the students to be well-qualified human resources; that students are to try hard to realize the plan set by the government for emergence of well-qualified human resources and to take the oath of allegiance to the State, upholding “Our Three Main National Causes” and working towards to meet the lofty goal of building a modern and developed nation.

The Prime Minister stressed that teachers are to try hard to be proficient in their respective subjects and to continue their learning in rapidly changing and developing technology. It is also necessary to cultivate the pupils to become outstanding ones equipped with the Union Spirit that is the genuine nationalistic fervor and good morale. He also pointed out that Myanmar citizens are to take the oath of allegiance to the State.

On his arrival at Yuzana agriculture and breeding project near Banggaw village in Phakant Township, the Prime Minister viewed factory and plant which are under construction, tapioca plantations, tractors and harvesters in a motorcade and looked into documentary photos and samples of crops.

In meeting with departmental officials, town elders and members of social organizations at the hall in Nanyun of Khamti District, Sagaing Division, the Prime Minister presented clothes, medicines and utensils, a set of TV and bags of rice to responsible persons.

Next, Lt-Gen Tha Aye, the commanders and Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint presented clothes, food and sport gear to officials. The Prime Minister and party cordially conversed with those present and left Nanyun for Tanai by helicopter.—MNA

MWAF focuses on development, security of women; micro credit scheme

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Minister for Science and Technology U Thaung explained that Technological College (Mohnyin) was opened to turn out technological human resources in the region. So, students can pursue their education saving costs. The students are to pursue education and take the oath of allegiance to the State.

The Prime Minister said that arrangements have been made in 24 development regions for turning out technical and technological human resources needed for modern developed nation; that teachers are to nurture their students as technical and technological experts and disciplined ones with strong union spirit; that teachers themselves must be well-versed in subjects they teach and are to continue learning modern technologies and that the government is upgrading health standards for emergence of healthy and fit human resources.

He called for upholding “Our Three Main National Causes”, national policy of the country, joining hands with the government and Tatmadaw to build peaceful, modern and developed nation, which is national objective and taking the oath of allegiance to the State.

On arrival at Maykha - Malikha Myitson hydropower project, the Prime Minister and party were welcomed by Minister for Electric Power No.1 Col Zaw Min and officials.

At the briefing hall of the project, the Prime Minister heard a report presented by Minister Col Zaw Min on location of the project, type of the dam, preliminary engineering works, and arrival of machinery and construction of power plant system. The Prime Minister instructed that the officials are to carry out the works precisely before implementing Myitson hydropower project which is a big one. The Prime Minister then viewed construction of homes of villages in wetland. The Prime Minister then looked over Myitson Hydropower Project area from aboard the chopper.

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The Prime Minister this morning met departmental personnel, townsenders and social organizations in Myitkyina. He then visited the People’s Hospital of the town and arrived back here at 10:30 am.

The Prime Minister, in his speech to departmental officials, townsenders and locals of Tanai, Mogaung and Myitkyina, said “It will be difficult to make progress without stability. Kachin State once lagged behind in development due to lack of stability. But, peace and tranquility now prevail in Kachin State. And locals are enjoying ever better socio-economic life due to efforts of the government for infrastructural development in the region. We are planning to replace current Myitkyina-Mandalay train with express. And I want to urge you all to maintain these infrastructures. Our country is rich in natural resources and we need human resources of technocrats and intelligentsia to exploit them for development of the nation. So, the government is working hard to promote the standard of basic education as well as higher education.

The government knowing well that only strong and healthy human resources can promise the future of nation has been endeavouring to provide the people with wide-ranging health care. As a result, people can now enjoy reliable healthcare in their own regions at low cost. You all are to step up your efforts for emergence of strong and efficient human resources making use of these foundations. Our Union is like a home for all national brethren and in striving for development of the nation, you must be free from regionalism, racism and political cult. So, you all bearing in mind that we are Myanmar citizens, Myanmar is for Myanmar and you must have firm resolve to serve the interests of the nation hand in hand with the government and the Tatmadaw.”

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Photo shows booth of Wildlife Sanctuary at Hukaung Valley in Tanai.— MNA

An aerial view of Mogaung.— MNA
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2. To work hard with national people for successful completion of elections due to be held in accordance with the new constitution
3. To crush internal and external subversive elements through the strength and consolidated unity of the people
4. To build a strong, patriotic modern Tatmadaw capable of safeguarding the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the nation

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**Software & Solutions Exhibition opens**

Yangon, 26 Feb — The Software & Solutions Exhibition 2010 was opened in conjunction with the prize presentation of Myanmar ICT Awards 2009 at the hall of Myanmar Info-Tech in Hlme University campus in Hlme Township this morning. Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence awarded winners in the Myanmar ICT Awards 2009.

Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Win Myint and the Vice-Chairman of Myanmar e-National Task Force gave consolation prizes to the winners. The President of Myanmar Computer Federation presented a certificate of honour to an official for organizing the Myanmar ICT Awards 2009.

The Vice-President of UMFC and the Managing Director of Myanmar Info-Tech Corporation signed the agreement on Information Network System for Commodity Exchange System.

Wellsprings donated cash to the funds for construction of the buildings of MCF and associations. Later, Lt-Gen Myint Swe and party visited the booths of the exhibition.

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**Dams and lakes in Pyawbwe at the service of local farmers**

Nay Pyi Taw, 26 Feb — Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Huay Oo on 22 February visited construction site of AyeThaya Dam near Ayethaya Village in Pyawbwe Township, Mandalay Division. The dam, being built by damming up Myinkya Creek, will benefit 450 acres of farmland. The diversion weir of the dam will be 161 feet in length and feeder 3,000 feet in length. Construction of diversion weir began in December, 2009 and so far, 55 percent of the work has been completed. The dam is due to be completed in March, 2010.

In meeting with local farmers of surrounding villages, the minister said that double-cropping would become accessible in coming rainy season along with the emergence of Ayethaya Dam. The minister then gave instructions on development of the region and boosted production of agricultural produce.

The minister then inspected renovation of Yintaw Lake near Yintaw Village in Pyawbwe Township. The 24,000-foot long and 20-foot high man-made lake with maximum storage capacity of 3646 acre feet can irrigate 2,400 acres of farmland storing water of Mede Creek whose catchment area is 26 square miles.

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**Remnant armed group members exchange arms for peace**

Nay Pyi Taw, 26 Feb — The State Peace and Development Council, upholding Our Three Main National Causes, is striving for equitable development of all regions of the Union after effectively making all-out efforts for forging the national reconciliation. Realizing the correct endeavours and genuine goodwill of the State, remnant armed groups exchanged arms for peace in groups and individuals in March and November 2009 and so far, 245 rounds of ammunition, one M-16, one AK-47 automatic rifles, one M-16, one M-16, one AK-47 automatic rifles, one M-16, one AK-47 automatic rifles.

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**Campaigns against epidemics going well in Yangon Div**

Yangon, 26 Feb — Yangon Division Health Committee organized a work coordination on control over epidemics at Nursing University on Bogyoke Aung San Road here yesterday afternoon.

Secretary Dr Hla Nyunt of YDHC explained measures against epidemic diseases. Wellsprings donated cash to the committee to be used in campaigns against epidemic.

The meeting focused campaigns against human flu, diarrhoea, dengue fever, chikungunya, and bird flu.

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**Supreme Court confirms judgement and decree of Yangon Division Court, rejects appeals of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, Daw Khin Khin Win, Ma Win Ma Ma (a) Ange Lay**

Yangon, 26 Feb — Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, Daw Khin Khin Win and Ma Win Ma Ma (a) Ange Lay filed appeals at the Supreme Court (Yangon) against the judgements of Yangon Division Court as they were dissatisfied with the judgments of the criminal appeal cases No. 173/2009 and No. 174/2009 from Yangon Division Court which passed the judgement and decree of the Criminal Regular Trial No. 47/2009 from Yangon North District Court. These were the criminal appeal case No. 600(b)/2009 for Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and 601(b)/2009 for Daw Khin Khin Win and Ma Win Ma Ma (a) Ange Lay.

The Attorney-General’s Office also lodged appeals with the Supreme Court against the criminal appeal case No. 173/2009 and 174/2009 from Yangon Division Court in accordance with Section 435 of Code of Criminal Procedure as the office was dissatisfied with the judgements. This was the criminal appeal case 619(b)/2009.

On 18 February, the Supreme Court heard the final arguments of advocates from both sides over criminal appeal case 619(b)/2009 lodged by the Attorney-General Office and the criminal appeal cases No. 600(b)/2009 and 601(b)/2009 filed by Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, Daw Khin Khin Win and Ma Win Ma Ma (a) Ange Lay.

The Supreme Court confirmed the judgements and decree of Yangon Division Court and rejected the criminal appeal cases today. Daw Khin Cho Ohn, Director of the Attorney-General’s Office, the Defence Supreme Court Advocates U Kyi Win, U Nyan Win, Daw Khin Hay Kywe and U Hla Myo Myint and ambassadors of embassies in Yangon were also present at the court today.
9/11 Hijackers' Apartment to be Demolished

FLORIDA, 26, Feb — The nondescript building off Hollywood's Young Circle where two of the Sept. 11 terrorists briefly lived is set to be demolished Friday.

Mohamed Atta and Marwan al-Shehhi shared a second floor unit in the building at 1818 Jackson St. before carrying out terrorist plans that took down three commercial air- lines, one that crashed into the Pentagon and two others that took down the World Trade Center twin towers in New York.

The building has racked up several code violations in the past decade. Its new owner wants to replace the structure with a pool and parking lot. He has said that demolishing the former home of the terror- ists is “one of life’s little treats.”

Atta was the hijacker on the first plane that crashed into the Twin Towers and al-Shehhi was on the second plane that crashed in the iconic New York structure. They rented the corner apartment for one month from May to June 2001. They also lived in Delray Beach and Coral Springs. The building was constructed in 1962 and has an assessed value of $589,630. Renters who lived there described the place as a “dump” where leaves, beer cans and old newspapers litter the entrance. — Internet

Suspect in consulate attack dies in strike.

ISLAMABAD, 26 Feb — A militant wanted in connection with an attack on a US consulate in Paki stan four years ago was killed in a missile strike in the country’s tribal re gion, a Pakistani intelli- gence official said on Thursday. Qari Mohammad Zafar was among 13 people killed on Wednesday in the Dargah Mandi area of North Waziristan.

Authorities had wanted Zafar for ques tioning in connection with the 2 March, 2006, bomb ing near the US Consulate in Karachi, Pakistan. The attack killed three Paki stanis and US diplomat David Foy. Zafar was suspected of being a key figure in- volved with this attack. The United States put a $5 million reward on his head. Zafar was pro-Taleban and a member of Lashkar-e Jangvi, a banned Paki stan-based radical Sunni militant group.

The group started out going after Shiites in sec tarian turf and then is be lieved to have linked up with al Qaeda. The US State Department had no immediate comment on the report of Zafar’s death. — Internet

Japanese tourist found dead in India

NEW DELHI, 26 Feb — A Japanese tourist was found dead under misterious circumstances inside a guest house in the north ern Indian tourist city Varanasi on Thursday evening, reported the Indo-Asian News Service on Friday. Adachi Tatsua, 45, was found dead in the Sankata guest house in Varanasi’s popular Chowk area, with his body lying in a corner of the floor, said the report quoting police sources.

Police did not rule out foul play and were ques tioning the staff of the guest house while waiting for a post-mortem report, said the report. — Xinhua

FDA concerned about HIV drug combination

WASHINGTON, 25 Feb — The US Food and Drug Administration says preliminary study data suggest Invirase used with Norvir in HIV therapy might have adverse effects on the heart.

The FDA said when used together, Invirase (saquinavir) and Norvir (ritonavir) might cause a reaction in the heart that can lead to an abnormal heart rhythm, which, in turn, can progress to a life-threatening irregular heart beat known as ventricular fibrillation.

Invirase, an antiretroviral medication first approved in 1995, is used in combi nation with Norvir and other antiretroviral medicines to treat the human immuno deficiency virus in adults, officials said. — Internet

Study shows what leads to a science career

EAST LANSING, 25 Feb — Michigan State University researchers say they’ve found pa- rental influence and ac cess to math courses are likely to guide students into science careers. Professor Jon Miller, who led the study, said the educa tion of more people in the fields of science, technology, engineer ing, mathe-matics and medicine is crucial for the nation. “Failure to build and maintain a competitive scientific workforce in the decades ahead,” Miller said, “will in- evitably lead to a de- cline in the American standard of living.”

Miller used data from the Longitudinal Study of American Youth, which kept track of nearly 6,000 students from middle school through college, at tempting to determine what led them to or away from science-based ca reers. Miller said the research showed the path to a science career be gins at home, and that is especially true in fami lies in which children were strongly encour aged to go to college. — Internet

Argentine FM says no plan to retake Malvinas islands by force

BUENOS AIRES, 26 Feb — Argentina said on Thursday that it has no plan to retake the Malvinas islands from Britain by military force. “Those who take weap ons to the water of the South Atlantic and the Malvinas Islands are the British occupying forces. The one using the force is the United King dom,” Argentine Foreign Minister Jorge Taiana said in a statement. Ar gentina “will never allow the use of forces to recup er the islands,” he said. “We will use all the resources of the international law.”

After meeting UN Sec retary-General Ban Ki-moon on Wednesday in New York, Taiana re ques ted Britain to fulfill the decision of the UN General Assembly and the Decolonization Commit tee, which includes a call for negotiations between the two countries on the sovereignty of the Malvinas islands. — Xinhua

A400M plane project, ties with NATO dominate EU defence ministers’ gathering

PALMA DE MALLORCA, 26 Feb — EU defence min isters concluded their first gathering on the Spanish Mediterranean island of Mallorca since the Lisbon Treaty took effect last year.

As Catherine Ashton, high representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, failed to appear, the over-budget A400M aircraft project and EU-NATO relations dominates the meeting. Her last-minute decision to attend the Thurs day inauguration of Ukraine’s President-elect Viktor Yanukovych has incurred many doubts and criticism. At a Press conference following the meeting, Span ish Defence Minister Carme Chacon said the negoti ations had reached its “final stage” between the seven buyer nations and the European Aerospace Defence and Space company (EADS) to salvage the over budget A400M plane project.

She said that EADS sent a letter to the seven coun tries about their final offer, which provides a cost in crease of 2 billion euros as well as an additional 1.5 billion euros in credit guarantees. — Xinhua

An Afghan policeman stands at the site of a blast in Kabul on 26 Feb, 2010. A suicide bomber blew himself up near the entrance to Kabul’s biggest shopping centre early on Fri day, Afghan police said, another brazen attack in the capital despite a renewed military push against the Taleban. — Internet
Smoke schoolgirls spark online fire

BEIJING, 26 Feb — Photographs posted online of a group of teenage girls in their school uniforms smoking on a street in Foshan, Guangdong Province, have aroused public concern. The photos were published on a popular, local online forum by an Internet user, who goes by the pseudo name “toxicwaltz”, on Tuesday afternoon.

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Pooching of elephants in central and eastern Africa has intensified in recent years, with much of the ivory destined for Asia. Customs department officials Seree Thajongrak said officers acting on a tip-off had seized two pallets containing 239 tusks of African elephants.

The consignment, from South Africa, was labelled as mobile phone parts destined for Laos, which has an agreement with neighbouring Thailand not to check cargo in transit.

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

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**One-fifth of Chad’s population facing hunger**

N’DJAMENA, 26 Feb — Nearly a fifth of the population in Chad will suffer food shortages this year, part of a broader hunger problem looming in the Sahel region, the United Nations said on Thursday.

“Two million Chadians, or 18 percent of the population, are in a situation of food insecurity,” said Michele Flavigna, the UN’s representative in Chad told a news conference. “A great deal needs to be done to counter this grave problem,” he said.

Neighboring Niger, whose government was overthrown last week in a military coup, is also facing a severe food shortage that could affect 7.8 million people, according to one estimate released in late January. A UN official in Dakar said on Thursday Niger needs a stable government to address the food crisis, and urged the junta to move swiftly to set elections.

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**Dad charged with abandoning toddler**

NEW BRUNSWICK, 26 Feb — A New Jersey man was charged in two states on Thursday for allegedly kidnapping his daughter and abandoning her at a Delaware gas station.

Dwayne Jackson, 25, of Edison in New Jersey, where he is charged with kidnapping and endangering the welfare of a child, the Middlesex County Prosecutor’s Office said in a release.

A judge ordered him held in lieu of $750,000 bail.

Police in Newark, Del, filed charges of first-degree reckless endangering. A customer at a Shell station near an Interstate 95 exit in Newark heard a child crying in a locked men’s room Sunday. Police found the girl, who has since been identified as Jackson’s 20-month-old daughter. The child was placed in a foster home in Delaware while police and child welfare officials searched for her family.

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A botnet is a network of infected computers under the control of hackers. The firm said that closing the domains would mean that up to 90,000 PCs would stop receiving orders to send out spam. A recent analysis by the firm found that between 3-21 December “approximately 651 million spam e-mails attributable to Waledac were directed to Hotmail accounts alone”.

It said it was one of the 10 largest botnets in the US. Microsoft in a botnet have usually been infected by a computer virus or worm. Typically, users do not know their machine has been hijacked. Microsoft said that although it had effectively shut down the network, thousands of computers would still be infected with malware and advised people to run antivirus software. The court order was part of what was called “Operation B4V”.

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**Brazil baby dies ‘as doctors fight’**

RIO DE JANEIRO, 26 Feb — A baby girl died following an alleged fight between doctors in a Brazilian hospital delivery room, reports say, prompting an investigation.

The doctors were removed by security staff after clashing over who should be responsible for the delivery in the city of Ivinhema, local media reported.

Another doctor was eventually able to help the 32-year-old woman but her baby was born dead, the reports said. An official said it was not clear if the fight played a role in the delivery. The incident took place in Ivinhema in Mato Grosso do Sul state. The two doctors have since been sacked, the Agencia Estado news agency reported, and an investigation is being carried out by police and medical authorities.

The pregnant woman, Gislaine de Matos Rodrigues, was said to have asked the doctor who had been reponsible for her pre-natal care to look after her during the birth. But just after medication was given to induce the birth, another doctor arrived and was reported to have insisted that as he was on duty he should be responsible for the procedure.

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**Bank robber posed on MySpace**

A teenage runaway girl whose alleged partner in crime posed for a MySpace photo holding $50 bills has been charged with robbing two Massachusetts banks.

Prosecutors said Kaitlen Ingham, 17, admitted the two robberies but claimed she was forced to carry them out, The (New Bedford) Standard-Times reported. Ingham went during her arraignment on Tuesday as a magistrate ordered her held in lieu of $3,500 cash bail.

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Fish keeps ATP title defence on track

DEL RAY BEACH, 26 Feb — Defending champion Mardy Fish booked his quarter-final berth at the International Tennis Championships with a 6-2, 6-4 victory over Mischa Zverev.

Fish, whose triumph here last year was followed by a series of injuries, needed less than an hour and a half to oust Germany’s Zverev on Thursday, who had upset eighth-seeded Michael Russell in the first round.

“After rain washed out most of on Wednesday’s schedule, on Thursday afternoon’s matches were played in bright but windy weather,” Fish said of the match count whipped up by the breezes.

“It was ugly tennis,” Fish said of the error that has ruled him out of Sunday’s League Cup final.

Cech ruled out for a month due to injury

LONDON, 26 Feb — Chelsea’s goalkeeper Petr Cech was ruled out of action for “three to four weeks” after suffering a calf injury during Wednesday’s 2-1 Champions League loss away to Italy’s Inter Milan, said the English premier league club on Thursday.

The Czech veteran was taken off on a stretcher during the second half at the San Siro after damaging his calf fielding a cross and was replaced by Henrique Hilario.

Cech’s absence is a blow to Premier League leaders Chelsea, also vying for the Champions League and FA Cup trophies.

He will now miss Saturday’s league clash with Manchester City at Stamford Bridge and the last-16 second-leg tie against Inter on 16 March.

“Chelsea Football Club can confirm scans show Petr Cech suffered a tear in a calf muscle during the second half against Inter, and he is expected to be out for three to four weeks”, said Chelsea in a statement.

Cech was withdrawn earlier on Thursday from the Czech squad for next week’s friendly international away to Scotland.—Xinhua

Ferdinand will link up with England despite injury

MANCHESTER, 26 Feb — Newly installed England captain Rio Ferdinand will travel to his country’s training base next week despite a back injury that has ruled him out of Sunday’s League Cup final.

Ferdinand is receiving treatment for the back problem that has ruled him out of Manchester United’s Wembley clash with Aston Villa, as well as the international friendly with Egypt at Wembley next Wednesday.

FIFA to discuss English clubs’ debt

JOHANNESBURG, 26 Feb — Football governing body FIFA said on Thursday the debt problems of English Premier League clubs would be discussed at the body’s next executive committee meeting in mid-March.

“We have an executive committee meeting on 18 March. That’s definitely something that will be discussed, also potentially that will be discussed beforehand with (UEFA boss) Michel Platini,” FIFA secretary general Jerome Valcke said.

“I am sure that in his fight for financial fair play he has on the European market, it’s something that is important to him, what is happening in the English Premier League,” Valcke said. “We have not sat with Michel Platini since we got this info about Portsmouth and what is happening in the English Premier League.”

Liverpool survive scare as Roma crush in Europa League

PARIS, 26 Feb—Liverpool survived a big scare against Romanian under-dogs Unirea Urziceni on Thursday night before securing a 3-1 victory that takes them into the Europa League round of 16. Serie A giants Roma, however, crashed out of the competition after losing 3-2 at home to Greek side Panathinaikos, while defending champions Shakhtar Donetsk were eliminated by English Premier League side Fulham. Fulham will play Juventus in the next round after the Turin side drew 0-0 in a drab game at home to Ajax to see out a 2-1 aggregate success.

German champions Wolfsburg thrashed Villarreal 4-1 for an aggregate 6-3 win, while Valencia needed two extra-time goals from Spain midfielder Pablo Hernandez to achieve a 3-1 victory against Belgian side Club Brugge.

PSG’s Makelele drops retirement hint

PARIS, 26 Feb—Paris Saint Germain captain Claude Makelele on Thursday hinted that he could retire at the end of the season as his side prepared to face arch-rivals Marseille at the weekend. When asked by reporters if this would be his final season as a professional the former Chelsea star said: “Today I’m going to say yes, it’s my last season.”

The 37-year-old former French international midfielder added: “But that could change tomorrow.” Makelele also played at Nantes, Marseille, Celta Vigo, Real Madrid and Chelsea, picking up 71 international caps in a career that has spanned almost two decades. He joined PSG from Chelsea in the summer of 2008.—Internet

FIFA’s chief medical officer told and the health authorities in South Africa,” Jiri Dvorak, 32 teams to be vaccinated against the H1N1 strain, while health minister Aaron Motsoaledi said recently that a possible new swine flu flare-up was one of his “biggest nightmares” about the 2010 showcase to be played as night-time temperatures in several host cities dip toward freezing.

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**WEATHER**

**Friday, 26th February, 2010**

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30hr. M.S.T.**

During the past 24 hours, light rain has been isolated in Kachin State and upper Sagona Division, weather has been partly cloudy in Shan, Chin, Rakhine and Mon States, Mandalay, Bago and Taninthayi Divisions and generally fair in the remaining areas. Night temperatures were (5°C) below February average temperatures in Bago Division, (3°C) to (4°C) below February average temperatures in Kachin State and Taninthayi Division (5°C) above February average temperatures in upper Sagona Division, (3°C) above February average temperatures in Rakhine and Mon States, Mandalay Division and about February average temperatures in the remaining areas. The significant night temperatures were Machanbaw and Namhan (5°C) each. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Myinyaka (0.05) inch each.

Maximum temperature on 25-2-2010 was 96°F. Minimum temperature on 26-2-2010 was 68°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 26-2-2010 was 69%. Total sun shine hours on 25-2-2010 was (8.7) hours approx.

Rainfall on 26-2-2010 was (Nil) at Mungladon, Kabaya and Central Yangon. Total Since 1-1-2010 was (Tr) at Mungladon, Kabaya and Nil at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (6) m.p.h. from West at (21:30) hours MST on 25-2-2010.

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

**Forecast valid until evening of 27th February 2010:** Light rain are likely to be isolated in Kachin and Northern Rakhine States, upper Sagona and Taninthayi Divisions, weather will be partly cloudy in Shan State and Mandalay Division 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 continuation of isolated light rain in the extreme Northern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 27-2-2010: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 27-2-2010: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 27-2-2010: Partly cloudy.

**Weather outlook for first weekend of March 2010:** During the coming weekend, weather will be partly cloudy in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon and Mandalay Divisions.
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Prime Minister visits Myitson Hydropower Project
Plans under way to run express train on Myitkyina-Mandalay railway

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Feb—Prime Minister General Thein Sein, accompanied by Lt-Gen Tha Aye of the Ministry of Defence, commanders, ministers, the auditor-general, deputy ministers and departmental heads, visited educative booths on Hukaung valley wildlife sanctuary in Ponkhon Ward of Tanai in Kachin State yesterday.

The Prime Minister inspected river eco-system, wildlife, documentary photos and fossil in Hukaung tiger conservation on display at the administrator’s office of Hukaung valley wildlife sanctuary.

The Prime Minister instructed officials concerned to extensively carry out educative work for conservation of Hukaung valley.

At Tanai bridge, Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe reported to the Prime Minister on the waterway and maintenance. Lt-Gen Tha Aye gave a supplementary report. The Prime Minister gave necessary instructions.

At the Tanai Station hall, the Prime Minister met personnel of departments, townselfers and members of social organizations.

The Prime Minister and party proceeded to Mogaung, and inspected development of the town in a motorcade.

In meeting Kachin State and township education officers, the headmistress and teachers at No.1 Basic Education High School in Mogaung, the Prime Minister instructed them to nurture their students to be outstanding, disciplined ones of good moral and have strong union spirit.

While in Mogaung, the Prime Minister met personnel of departments, townselfers, and members of social organizations at Mogaung hall. He presented clothes, medicines and personal goods and so did Lt-Gen Tha Aye, the commanders and the ministers.

The Prime Minister and party proceeded to Mohnyin by helicopter. The Prime Minister and party met the principal, lecturers, demonstrators and students at Government Technological College (Mohnyin).

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