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Danger of neo-colonialists

Today, neo-colonialists are practising various forms of neo-colonialism such as interfering in the internal affairs of other countries, putting pressure on and coercing other countries to serve as their minions, and resorting to all possible ways of forcing a government to serve a puppet one that will dance to their tune with the intention of harming the sovereignty of their targeted countries.

Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council
Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe
(From message sent on the occasion of the 61st Anniversary Independence Day)

Construction of main Union Highway through collaborative efforts of Myanmar engineers and technicians during five-year period posts milestone of the united strength of State, people and Tatmadaw

Secretary-1 addresses inauguration of Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay section of Yangon-Mandalay Expressway

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Dec—The opening of Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay section of Yangon-Mandalay Expressway undertaken in compliance with the guidance of the Head of State by Public Works of the Ministry of Construction and the Directorate of Military Engineering of the Ministry of Defence took place at the pavilion at Nay Pyi Taw C Junction at mile post No. 202/1 of the facility this morning, with an address by Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo.

Also present on the occasion were Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Maung Maung Aye, ministers, the chief justice, deputy ministers, senior military officers, heads of department, departmental officials at Nay Pyi Taw district and township levels, staff members from ministries and companies, members of social organizations, teachers, students, pompom groups, cultural troupe from the Department of Fine Arts under the Ministry of Culture, elephant dance groups, town elders and residents.

In his speech, the Secretary-1 said that it was a great pleasure for him to address the ceremony to launch Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay section and to mark

Yangon-Mandalay Expressway is 400 feet wide, and has a 30 feet wide traffic island, six inches thick lower concrete layer and 12 inches thick surface concrete layer. The two-way two-lane concrete facility can withstand 80-ton loads.

Secretary-1 Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo unveils stone plaque of Yangon-Mandalay Expressway (Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay section).—MNA

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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

People’s Desire

Over one hundred national races have been residing in Myanmar since time immemorial. The amity and unity is strengthening among them on the land of Myanmar.

In looking back the history of nation, Myanmar has been standing tall among the global countries with owned fine traditions since yore. Unfortunately, Myanmar lost her sovereignty once due to aggressive annexation of colonialists. As all the national people who did not want to be enslaved repelled against the colonialists with patriotic spirit, Myanmar regained her independence.

Although loss of independence is easy and quick, it is a long-time struggle for regaining it. It is noticeable that only when the national people sacrificed life, blood and sweat in the fighting against the colonialists, can the independence be regained. In the history, all the national people had encountered oppression and bitter experiences in the life of enslavement.

At present, Myanmar is standing tall as a sovereign nation among the international community. The independence of Myanmar regained by national brethren will be in the 63rd anniversary. All national people are responsible for safeguarding the independence and sovereignty of the State.

Myanmar loves the nation and the people. Myanmar people value and preserve their literature, culture, customs and traditions. Being patriots, they culture the spirit of maintaining the national prestige. As such, all the people are to constantly safeguard the independent Myanmar built by ancient ancestors with fine traditions and spirits.

Nowadays, Myanmar as citizens of an independent nation are enjoying the fruits of peace and independence. Thus, all national people are to join hands for ensuring perpetual existence of the precious independence and sovereignty of the nation whatever obstacles and disturbances they face.

Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe inspects chosen site for construction of Khanaungto Creek Bridge in Seikkyi Khanaungto Township

Yangon, 29 Dec — Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe of the Ministry of Defence together with Chairman of Yangon Region Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Tun Than and departmental officials inspected site chosen for construction of Khanaungto Creek Bridge in Seikkyi Khanaungto Township yesterday.

After hearing reports on work to be done presented by officials of the Ministry of Construction and Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs onboard the vessel, “Toe Pwar”, Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe inspected the chosen site and alignment for construction of the bridge at chosen site No-2 in U Tun O ward in the township.

Next, Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe visited 150-ton Naungho Rice Mill of Taungpyardan Co in the ward and gave necessary instructions. Then he cordially greeted local people with words of encouragement.

Upon completion of the bridge, local people will have access to Yangon and Maubin through Hlinethaya-Twantay-Maubin road.

Namtu TV relay station in action

Nay Pyi Taw, 29 Dec—Namtu Television retransmission station in Shan State (North) was implemented so as to extend its coverage, and has completed on 25 December 2010. As from 26 December, the station telecasts Myanma Radio and Television programme clearly with 50 Watt and UMF Channel j 13.

Minister for Transport U Thein Swe receives Managing Director Mr Park Jeong Hwan of Myanmar Daewoo Limited.

Nay Pyi Taw, 29 Dec—Minister for Transport U Thein Swe met a delegation led by Managing Director Mr Park Jeong Hwan of Myanmar Daewoo Limited at the ministry here today. They talked about transport sector between the two countries.—MNA
16 killed in four US drone strikes in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 29 Dec — At least 16 people were killed in four consecutive US drone strikes Tuesday afternoon in Pakistan’s northwest tribal area of North Waziristan, reported local media.

In the first strike, the US drones fired two missiles at two houses in Tehsil Ghalam Khan area of North Waziristan, killing five people inside the houses.

In the second strike which came minutes after the first one, three people were killed while a local Urdu TV channel DAWN claimed 12 people died in the missile attack.

In the third strike, four people were killed and two others injured.

The second and third strike were launched in the same area as the first one, but local media gave no more details such as the targets of the attack.

The fourth strike left four people dead when two missiles were reportedly fired at a vehicle in the Data Khel area of North Waziristan.

North Waziristan, which borders Afghanistan, is believed to be a safe heaven of insurgents and militants. A total of 113 people have been killed in 15 drone strikes in northwest Pakistan so far this month. —Xinhua

Suicide bombings hit police base in Iraq’s Mosul

MOSSOUL, 29 Dec — Two suicide bombers on Wednesday blew themselves up inside a police commando base in the city of Mossoul, the capital of Iraq’s northern Province of Nineveh, killing the commander of the base and three policemen, a provincial police source said.

The attack took place at about 6:30 am (0330 GMT) when two suicide bombers detonated their explosive vests near the room of Lieutenant Colonel Shamil Ahmed, the commander of the 1st battalion of the police commando which is stationing in Bab Sinjar area in western Mosul, some 400 km north of Baghdad, the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

A third suicide bomber was shot dead by the police before he entered the base, the source said.

The body of Ahmed is still under debris, the source said, adding that three more police commando members were also killed by the blasts and many others were wounded. The toll could rise as powerful blasts destroyed parts of the building and, apparently, many others are buried under the demolished walls, it added. —Xinhua

US and allies kill, injure Iraqi people

BAGHDAD, 29 Dec — There has been daily casualties in Iraq since the US and its allies have invaded the country.

The total number of casualties as from the day they invaded the country to 29 December reached 704561 and the total number of seriously injured people reached 1275269, according to the news on the Internet.

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IED blast kills NATO soldier in S Afghanistan

KABUL, 29 Dec — A soldier with the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) was killed Tuesday in an explosion in Afghanistan’s restive southern region, the military alliance said in a statement.

“An International Security Assistance Force service member died following an improvised explosive device (IED) attack in southern Afghanistan today,” ISAF confirmed in a brief statement released here.

However, the statement did not reveal the nationality and title of the victims saying “It is ISAF policy to defer casualty identification procedures to the relevant national authorities.” —Xinhua

Taleban facilitator captured in S Afghanistan

KABUL, 29 Dec — Afghan and NATO-led forces have captured a Taleban facilitator along with several suspected militants during a joint security operation in Taleban birthplace Kandahar Province of southern Afghanistan on Tuesday, the military alliance said Wednesday.

“Taleban and coalition forces detained a Taleban facilitator and several suspects during a joint security operation in Kandahar Province yesterday,” the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) said in a statement released here.

The targeted individual is intelligence operative responsible for providing direction in the form of site selection and target sets for the suicide bombers who reportedly came into Kandahar City from Chaman City of Pakistan, it said. —Xinhua

Taleban hideout smashed, four killed in N Afghanistan

KUNDuz, 29 Dec — Afghan forces backed by NATO-led troops have smashed Taleban hideout in northern Kunduz Province and killed four militants, provincial police chief Abdul Rahman Syedkhili said Wednesday.

“Taleban along with Afghan army and international troops raided Taleban hideout in Gortipa area Tuesday and the operation continued for several hours during which four militants were killed and 10 others made captive,” Syedkhili told newsmen at a Press conference.

“One of those killed is from Chechen, two from Tajikistan and the remaining one is Afghan,” he asserted.

A weapon cache containing arms and ammunition was also destroyed during the operation, he further said. —Xinhua

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

KABUL, 29 Dec — The NATO troops led by the US have invaded Afghanistan and they are there for a long time.

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

According to the Internet news, a total of 331334 Afghan people were killed and 40719 injured seriously as from the day when the NATO troops led by the US invaded Afghanistan to 29 December.

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Forecaster keep eye on looming ‘Solar Max’

Paris, 29 Dec—The coming year will be an important one for space weather as the Sun pulls out of a trough of low activity and heads into a long-anticipated and possibly destructive period of turbulence.

Many people may be surprised to learn that the Sun, rather than burn with faultless consistency, goes through moments of calm and tempest.

But two centuries of observing sunspots — dark, relatively cool marks on the solar face linked to mighty magnetic forces — have revealed that our star follows a roughly 11-year cycle of behaviour.

The latest cycle began in 1996 and for reasons which are unclear has taken longer than expected to end.

Now, though, there are more and more signs that the Sun is shaking off its torpor and building towards “Solar Max,” or the cycle’s climax, say experts.

“The latest prediction looks at around midway

A NASA image of an eruption on the Sun. The coming year will be an important one for space weather as the Sun pulls out of a trough of low activity and heads into a long-awaited and possibly destructive period of turbulence. —Internet

SOHO spacecraft discovers its 2,000th comet

New York, 29 Dec—As people on Earth prepare to mark the passage of another year, a sun-studying spacecraft has quietly reached a big milestone of its own: discovering its 2,000th comet.

The Solar and Heliospheric Observatory, a probe operated jointly by NASA and the European Space Agency, detected comet No. 2,000 on 26 Dec. SOHO, which draws on help from citizen scientists around the world, is the single greatest comet-finder of all time, researchers said.

This is an impressive show of versatility, since SOHO was designed to monitor the sun, not look for comets.

“Since it launched on 2 Dec, 1995, to observe the sun, SOHO has more than doubled the number of comets for which orbits have been determined over the last 300 years,” Joe Garman, the US project scientist for SOHO at NASA’s Goddard Space Flight Centre in Greenbelt, Md, said in a statement.

SOHO itself does not really discover comets. Scores of amateur astronomer volunteers make the finds, after poring over the pictures produced by SOHO’s cameras. —Internet

A handout photo made available by Tel Aviv University spokesperson office shows the Qesem Cave near Rosh Haayin in central Israel, where human teeth were found.—INTERNET

3D TV going Mobile at CES 2011 courtesy of LG

Las Vegas, 29 Dec — Viewing 3D TV while out and about is just one of the technological treats that 2011 may have in store. LG is expected to announce a new Mobile Digital TV (MDTV) at CES 2011. While that by itself isn’t too impressive, the new models are expected to support 3D video playback.

An Aldihihara News report detailed that the device will be capable of receiving and displaying a 3D TV output even while traveling at speeds of up to 125MPH—a much-needed feature for those traveling on Japan’s speedy bullet trains.

The device currently has no product name, and very little is known about the future portable’s capabilities.

More information about LG’s upcoming products, including this mobile set, is expected at CES 2011, which kicks off in Las Vegas from January 6th.

Let’s just hope that the portable TV doesn’t need any special glasses to enjoy its content. And look forward to PCWorld’s CES coverage next week.—Internet

Eltilma releases 2.0 Beta of Folex download manager

WASHINGTON, 29 Dec—Eltilma Software has released the 2.0 Beta of Fokx, its download manager and torrent client for Mac OS X. Beta 2.0 adds iTunes integration, RSS feed downloading options, and more advanced file management abilities to the handy utility.

Standard Web browsers don’t offer many options when it comes to managing and organizing your downloads. Fokx replaces your browser’s download manager and organizes your downloads via a tagging system that identifies and tags specific filetypes according to parameters you set up. Tagged downloads are automatically placed into corresponding folders on your Mac, helping you stay organized and keeping your Downloads folder uncluttered. Fokx can also increase download speeds by splitting your downloads into multiple threads, and can run as a BitTorrent client for Torrent downloads.

One of Fokx 2.0’s biggest new features is its ability to integrate with iTunes. All downloaded music and videos can now be automatically added to iTunes playlists, with Fokx creating new playlists named after the downloaded item’s tag. —Internet

Customers look at iPads at the Apple store in Shanghai on 17 September, 2010. The iPad launched in April by Apple became the must-have device of the year in 2010. —Internet

Texting and driving don’t mix, AT&T Video emphasizes

DENVER, 29 Dec — “Where U at?” “Yeah.” Single words, shorthand or fragments of sentences that flow from cell-phone keyboards millions of times each day. But in a few notorious cases, those words have led to carnage on the road at the hands of texting drivers, an increasingly dangerous form of distracted driving.

AT&T, the second-largest wireless carrier in the US and one of the top companies putting cell phones in the hands of young drivers, is stepping up its campaign to stop the texting road menace. An 11-minute video produced by the company and released this week shows the heartbreaking consequences that can unfold in the few seconds a driver averts his or her glance from the road to a phone display.

Patrick Sims, who was 17 when he slammed into a bicyclist while texting LOL to a friend on a Denver highway in 2005, notes that if someone had asked him to close his eyes for five or six seconds while driving, he would never have done so. “But if someone said read this text. I had done it numerous times before,” he tells viewers.—Internet

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Construction of main Union Highway...

The completion of the whole Yangon-Mandalay Expressway Project which is designed to ensure easy access between upper Myanmar and southern Myanmar with Nay Pyi Taw in the centre.

Since its assumption of State responsibilities, the government has been working hard for national development. In the process, it has been making strenuous efforts to provide further impetus to development of the nation that lagged behind other countries in development, surmounting a variety of consequences triggered by evil legacy, challenges caused by internal and external elements and natural barriers in line with the motto “The strength of the nation lies within”.

Now, the government is in pursuit of the national goal of building a peaceful, modern and developed nation to enable the Union of Myanmar to keep abreast of the global family, taking lessons from the incidents that had adverse effects on national interests, and improving infrastructures in accordance with possible future conditions of the nation.

Such geographical features as Yoma mountain ranges, the delta, rivers, creeks, forests, highlands and plains form natural barriers between one region and another. So, that poses hindrance to the drive for equitable development of all parts of the Union.

Smooth transport is a fundamental requirement for proportionate development of all areas of the nation including states and regions. Smooth transport ensures easy access between regions, makes contributions to the economic and social sectors, and bolsters national unity through frequent relations among national brethren.

The government has built a large number of inter-village, inter-township, and inter-district roads in a strategic way in its bid to build networks of highways, roads, railroads and river-creek-crossing bridges. As a result, the people can travel in a short time with safety between Kachin State in the northern part and Shan State in the eastern part of the nation, between regions on the western bank of the Ayeyawady River and highlands in Chin State and Shan State (South) and Kayah State. And local people have benefited from the transport facilities in the economic and social areas.

The Yangon-Mandalay Expressway Construction Project commenced in October 2005 for gaining easy access from Nay Pyi Taw to other Regions and States and carrying out management matters as quickly as possible. The 202 miles and one furlong long Yangon-Nay Pyi Taw section of the expressway was inaugurated on 25 March 2009. As such, the people can take about four hours between Nay Pyi Taw and Yangon. Thanks to 150 miles and five furlongs long Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay section with three-hour drive, the people can travel from Yangon to Mandalay within seven hours.

Yangon-Mandalay Expressway is 400 feet wide and has a 30 feet wide traffic island, six inches thick lower concrete layer and 12 inches thick surface concrete layer. The two-way two-lane concrete facility can withstand 80-ton loads.

A total of 72 above-180-foot bridges, 202 bridges between 50-180 feet long and 164 bridges in length of less than 50 feet long were built along the expressway. In addition, a total of 842 box culverts and 116 underpasses were constructed on the expressway. There are canteens, workshops, fuel stations, five car parks and five toll gates along the expressway.

Arrangements have been made for enabling the towns along Yangon-Mandalay road to have access to the expressway through 26 link roads including the roads... (See page 6)
Construction of main Union Highway...

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crossing Bago mountain ranges from east to west. As construction of the expressway meets the standards and norms, users can enjoy the services of international standard highways. Construction of the main Union Highway of the State through the collaborative efforts of Myanmar engineers and technicians during the five-year period posted a milestone of the united stability and development tasks with momentum.

In conclusion, the Secretary-1 urged departmental personnel and the entire nation to maintain the development tasks including the already-inaugurated Yangon-Mandalay Expressway for their durability with national outlook; and the people to efficiently use the expressway for enhancement of their strength of the State, the people and the Tatmadaw.

With regard to building a new nation on owned strength, Head of State Senior General Than Shwe gave guidance, saying “Building a peaceful, modern and developed nation is the national goal. The nation-building tasks were carried out on owned might based on the strength that lies within the nation. While building the nation, the people could culture the self-reliant spirit.” He called for making strenuous efforts to carry out ongoing process for emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed new nation based on the strength that lies within the nation with the nationalistic spirit and the Union Spirit and to strive for perpetual existence of the future nation, prevailing peace and socio-economic life by abiding by the laws, rules and regulations of the Expressway.

Next, Commander Brig-Gen Maung Maung Aye delivered an address. He said that the Directorate of Military Engineers of the Ministry of Defence and Public Works of the Ministry of Construction took responsibility to build the Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay section of Yangon-Mandalay Expressway. In providing necessary assistance for the people with farsightedness, the Head of State has given guidance to carry out the already-opened expressway for serving the interest of the State. As such, he urged the people to maintain the expressway for its durability.

Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint gave accounts on construction of Yangon-Mandalay Expressway. Then he stressed the need to follow the prescribed rules for durability of the expressway meeting set standards and thanked military and civilian officials, personnel of ministries and organizations, town-sellers and local people for giving a helping hand for successful opening of the expressway. Next, the Secretary-1 and party cordially greeted those present. Then the opening ceremony of Yangon-Mandalay Expressway followed. Commander Brig-Gen Maung Maung Aye, Minister U Khin Maung Myint and Managing Director U Kyaw Lin of Public Works formally opened the Yangon-Mandalay Expressway (Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay section).

Vehicles seen on newly-inaugurated Yangon-Mandalay Expressway (Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay section).—MNA

Secretary-1 Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo cordially greets local people at opening ceremony of Yangon-Mandalay Expressway (Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay section).—MNA

Quartermaster-General Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, Deputy Minister U Myint Thein and Brig-Gen Than Lwin of Meiktila Station formally open Yangon-Mandalay Expressway (Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay section).—MNA

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Likewise, the opening of Yangon-Mandalay Expressway (Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay section) was held at the pavilion near Zaga-inn junction in TadaU at 6:30 am today.

Next, Maj-Gen Myint Soe of the Ministry of Defence, Commander Brig-Gen Ye Aung and Deputy Minister U Tint Swe formally opened the expressway and posed for a documentary photo.

Maj-Gen Myint Soe of the Ministry of Defence, Commander Brig-Gen Ye Aung and Deputy Minister U Tint Swe open Yangon-Mandalay Expressway (Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay section). — MNA

Deputy Minister for Construction U Myint Thein explained construction of Yangon-Mandalay Expressway (Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay section). Next, the project engineer presented commemorative pennant and gifts to Quartermaster-General Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, Deputy Minister U Myint Thein and Brig-Gen Than Lwin of Meiktila Station.

Quartermaster-General Maj-Gen Wai Lwin formally opened the Yangon-Mandalay Expressway (Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay section) and posed for a documentary photo together with officials concerned. Then Quartermaster-General Maj-Gen Wai Lwin and party inspected the expressway, toll gate and greeted passengers.

As Yangon-Mandalay Expressway (Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay section) was put into service today, people can travel directly from Yangon to Mandalay along the expressway.
Hailing the 63rd Anniversary Independence Day:

Safeguard independence at risk to life

Ward off colonialist tricks with patriotism

Alaungminthaya U Aung Zeya, the Third Myanmar Empire with Swetho in the centre.

In the course of the Myanmar history, national races such as Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Bamar, Mon, Rakhshe and Shan stuck together in unity with Union Spirit. They shared joys and sorrows and mutual understanding. They risked life and limb to preserve fine traditions and to ensure perpetuation of the nation and sovereignty. So, Myanmar stood tall as a sovereign, independent nation with own rulers throughout periods.

Geographically, Myanmar occupies a politically strategic position, lying in the mainland of Asia with a long exit to the sea. It shares borders with interior regions in Asia in the north-west and north. It is also bounded by world’s most populous nations such as China and India along with Southeast Asian, South Asian and East Asian countries.

Myanmar is blessed with vast tracts of arable lands and favourable climate patterns for agricultural farming. Myanmar’s forest coverage stands more than 50 percent. Crops especially rice and precious stones are abundant in the nation. It is also a source of teak, oil and minerals. Therefore, colonialists cast a covetous eye on Myanmar.

It was in the 19th century when British colonialists annexed India to their Empire. Then, they colonized Myanmar through three aggressive wars. So, Myanmar lost its sovereignty and independence. With the ill intention of undermining national unity, British colonialists drove a wedge among national brethren (a) geographically by ruling regions of ethnic groups separately, (b) racially by exercising different administrative systems for different national races, and (c) administratively by keeping and abetting sympaths of making their administrative mechanism effective.

However, Myanmar people are by nature equipped strongly with the spirit of making self-sacrifices in the national interest, the spirit of cherishing and valuing own race, sovereignty, literature, culture, customs and traditions, and the spirit of being hypersensitive to national dignity. So, national brethren bravely fought back colonialists and helped the nation regain independence and sovereignty.

Sovereignty is, in fact, the lifeblood of a nation. If a nation’s legislative power, executive power and judicial power are in the hands of aliens and foreign countries directly or indirectly, the nation is enslaved indirectly according to neo-colonialism.

Today, some countries are under the rule of alien troops. They are in no position to build security and carry out rebuilding tasks. They are uneasy with sham independence and puppet governments. The people of each country are treated unfairly by alien troops. Thousands of their people have died owing to alien troops’ indiscriminate bomb attacks and gun and artillery fires, from which many lessons can be learnt.

Today’s colonial policy is that if a targeted nation does not collapse itself, it is broken up through a wedge driven among its people. If the driven wedge does not work, neo-colonialists are not hesitant to make military threats. They are claiming the Third World War irresponsibly, and throwing total disregard for international laws and a nation’s sovereignty. The policy they practise is “might is right”.

So, a nation can safeguard its independence only if it is militarily strong. Only with nationalistic spirit and patriotic spirit, can the people build their own strength. National unity is a driving force behind building a nation capable of catching up with other countries.

Thus, the government has built national unity, putting an end to armed insurrection that made the nation lag behind other nations in development for about 40 years.

Now, the people have taken giant strides in pursuance of the national goal of building a peaceful, modern and developed discipline-flourishing democratic new nation. In full swing are the 24-Special Regions Development Project, the Border Areas and National Races Development Project and the Five Rural Development Programmes designed to ensure State stability, community peace and the rule of law, build economic infrastructures, and develop human resources necessary for shaping the future of the nation. Therefore, the nation is enjoying rapid development in all fields. With prudent projects and pragmatic approaches, the government has improved all infrastructures to a certain degree. In other words, the government has been in a position to hand over State duties to the new government because of the good foundations it has built.

In 1988, the nation had 138 dams, paddy sown acreage of 11 million, and over 26 million acres of vacant lands. Due to 233 more dams and sluice gates, the nation’s irrigated acreage has increased from over 130,000 to over 2.8 million. The government built 327 river water pumping stations and sank 8162 tube-wells in the regions where construction of a dam is not available. As a result, sown acreage has jumped from over 23.8 million to over 57 million in the same period. Of the over 26 million acres of virgin lands, 11.7 million acres have been put in use.

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Objectives of 63rd Anniversary Independence Day

(a) All the national people to constantly join hands for ensuring the perpetuity of independence and sovereignty of the State
(b) All the national people to collectively strive for non-disintegration of the Union and non-disintegration of national solidarity
(c) All the national people to work in concert for building a modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic new nation as the multiparty democracy general elections have been held successfully
(d) All the national people to make collaborative efforts with the Union Spirit and the patriotic spirit for further strengthening the already achieved stability and peace, security, prevalence of law and order, unity, development and democratization process with momentum
(e) All the national people to have greater awareness in warding off all destructive acts to disintegrate the Union and the national unity as the perpetuity of the Union plays a crucial role in building the Union of Myanmar

In order for perpetuation of independence and sovereignty, the entire national people are required to safeguard the nation in concert. And they are all responsible for non-disintegration of the Union and non-disintegration of national solidarity. Furthermore, they have to welcome the new government that will take over responsibilities for transforming the nation into a discipline-flourishing democratic new one.

In conclusion, I would like to call on the entire people to harmoniously participate with Union Spirit and patriotism in the process of stable and peaceful transition to a democratic new nation.

Translation: MS

A nationalistic vow

* O dear friend
  Know this we both
  Under own monarchs
  Lived our kin for years of many
  Country in grandeur

Standing tall in world
  We Mannmars are Thaki race

* O dear friend
  Warding off conspiracies
  To harm sovereignty
  And enslave our country

Unyielding spirit as core
  Essence is strength and endurance
  Sacrifice we blood, sweat and lives
  Independence, sovereignty
  And State duties

All we regard as
  Honour for Mannmars

* O dear friend
  Our land Mannmar
  Defend we always
  In hearts national character
  Noble is Mannmar spirit

Independence and sovereignty
  Safeguard we all
  Never tolerate we
  Any kind of intrusion
  With strength and unity
  Ward off we will
  Mannmar spirit it is

(Hailing the 63rd Anniversary Independence Day)
Po Yan Naing-Kyaukkyi (Trs)
After taking the State's responsibilities in 1988, the government has been giving first priority to national reconsolidation. The government firmly accepted that prevailing peace and stability and national unity are essential for development of the nation. As such, the government has adopted and is implementing the policies different from that of past successive eras for ensuring national reconsolidation with might and main. As the government made negotiation for peace based on correct and right attitude and genuine goodwill, a total of 17 national race armed groups and over 20 small groups have returned to the legal fold and the government built peace with them. It was an unprecedented achievement of the Tatmadaw government in the national race affairs.

Understanding goodwill of the State and its national policies, the national race armed groups made peace with the government and are joining hands with the State and the people in undertaking regional development tasks. The State, on its part, implemented border areas and national race development projects with momentum for all-round improvement of the peaceful and stable regions by spending a large sum of funds. As a result, all the border areas that had lagged behind in development for over 40 years have achieved unprecedented development of socio-economy including economic, social, education, health and transportation sectors as the plain regions.

Development of border areas and national races is related to progress of the whole nation. All the national brethren are in unison for the prosperous future of the State. While striving for further strengthening the national unity and amity with developing socio-economic lives through thick and thin, the national people will surely march together in unity till reaching the goal which is a new democratic nation.

Kaunghmulon Suspension Bridge built in Putao of Kachin State for better transport of people in border areas.
Ongoing and Follow-up Projects for Border Region Development

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Technological University (Loikaw) built by the State to nurture youths of border regions to become reliable human resources.

Daseik River Water Pumping Station

Daseik River Water Pumping Station supplying water to farmlands around Daseik Village in Langkho Township, Shan State (South).

Technological University (Loikaw)

TV re-transmission station in Falam for performing entertainment programmes to local people.

Photo shows new general hospital in Kengtung to provide health care services to local people in Shan State (East).
THE NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR  Thursday, 30 December, 2010

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV KOTA TEGAP VOY NO (553)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA TEGAP VOY NO (553) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 30.12.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon. Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

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INTERNET

US online payment service Paypal has agreed to help set up an international e-commerce hub in southwestern China as more foreign companies cash in on the country’s fast-growing Internet sales market.

Medicine subsidised by France killed 2,000 patients

PARIS, 29 Dec — French politicians of both the right and left are facing severe embarrassment and legal recriminations with the forthcoming publication of an official report on what could become the worst health scandal in the country’s history.

President Nicolas Sarkozy has promised “the most complete transparency” on how a drug which is now suspected to have killed up to 2,000 people was officially approved, and subsidised, for 33 years by the French health service.

Despite repeated warnings from scientists in France and abroad, the drug mediator was prescribed to five million French people, originally to fight diabetes and later as an slimming pill.

A report from the French health inspectorate, due in mid-January, will investigate why successive French health ministers failed to heed advice that the drug produced by the French pharmaceutical giant Servier was at best useless, and at worst highly dangerous.

Separate French press investigations have focused on an alleged campaign of intimidation by the Servier company to keep the drug on the market.

British wildlife benefits from return to ‘traditional’ seasonal weather

Lews, 29 Dec — This year’s weather may not always have been to everyone’s taste but for British wildlife and plant life, at least, a return to four “traditional” seasons has been good news, conservationists said on Monday.

The cold winter, reasonably decent summer and good old-fashioned spring and autumn benefited many kinds of fauna that had suffered through previous mild winters and soggy summers.

The National Trust, which produces an annual Christmas round-up of how the weather has affected wildlife, expressed relief. Matthew Oates, the trust’s policy adviser, said: “For the first time in a generation we have experienced a traditional year of weather and our wildlife has mostly responded favourably. A cold winter enabled wildlife to hibernate properly while a warm spring and early summer created ideal conditions for insects and led to bumper autumn berry crops in our orchards, woods and hedgerows.”

Two years ago the trust was warning that “unseasonal” weather could start to spell disaster for many species of insects, birds and mammals.

Internet

Puffins on the Farne Islands off the Northumberland coast have fared well, according to the National Trust.

Envoys returning to L.Coast on 3 Jan

ABUJA, 29 Dec — A delegation of three presidents will return to Ivory Coast on 3 Jan to continue negotiations with incumbent leader Laurent Gbagbo, the chairman of regional bloc ECOWAS Goodluck Jonathan said on Wednesday.

“They are going back on the 3rd of January and when they come back from this second visit the outcome will determine the next action,” Jonathan, who is also Nigeria’s president, said after a meeting with the envoys.

The presidents of Benin, Sierra Leone and Cape Verde were sent by the French diplomatic service to tell Gbagbo to cede power to rival African neighbours to have won a 28 Nov election—or face possible military force.

MNA/Reuters
Daily her debut in China on New Year's Eve, Y
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Colombian singer Shakira
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2010 in south west
BEIJING, 29 Dec— Pop star Shakira will make
Elephant Race and Festival in Sauraha of Chitwan District, south of
Kathmandu, capital of Nepal, on 28 Dec, 2010. The three-day
International Elephant Race and Festival concluded here on Tuesday.

Indian man becomes oldest father at
age of 94

A labourer in the
northern Indian state
Haryana is reported to
have become the
country's oldest father
at the age of 94,
breaking earlier record
of a 90-year-old
farmer in the western
state of Rajasthan, said
Times of India
Tuesday.
Ranajit Raghav, a
landless labourer from
Kharkhoda in Haryana,
said that he had
become a proud father
of a son. His wife
Shakuntala, who gave
birth to the child, is in
her mid fifties, said the
report.
The child was born
in a local government
hospital where doctors
said that the child was
delivered normally and
was in good health.

The couple termed
their child’s birth as
“God’s gift” and
named him Karamjit,
the report said.
Raghav said that
he had been a wrestler
in his youth and his
daily diet comprised
of three kilograms
milk, half a kilogram
of almonds and half a
kilogram of ghee, the
report said.

Shakira to make debut in
China

BEIJING, 29 Dec— Pop star Shakira will make
her debut in China on New Year’s Eve, Youth
Daily reports.

Jiangsu satellite TV,
which is located in
Nanjing, East China’s
Jiangsu Province
announced officially on
its microblog that the
singer-dancer would join
in the New Year’s Eve
concert on 31 Dec.
Shakira will sing
three songs in the New
Year’s Eve Concert
including “Waka Waka”
(“This Time for Africa”),
the official song for the
2010 FIFA world cup,
said the general director
of the concert.—Xinhua

Oscar nomination ballots
sent to voters

LOS ANGELES, 29 Dec— The Academy of
Motion Picture Arts and Sciences on Monday
sent out Oscar ballots to its members, who will
select the nominees for Hollywood’s top film
honours.
The academy’s 5,755 voting members must
cast their ballots to determine the Oscar
nominations, which will be announced on 25
January.
The 83rd Academy Awards show, when the
winners will made known, is to be held on 27
February. Completed Oscar nomination ballots
must be sent to the professional accounting firm
PriceWaterhouseCoopers by 14 January.
The company tabulates the ballots to “ensure
that all aspects of the balloting process are
conducted with fairness and accuracy,” the
Academy said in a statement.

153 bras stolen from
Victoria’s Secret

Suburban Chicago police said someone stole
153 bras from a Victoria’s Secret store at a mall.
Northbrook Police Department spokesman
Michael Shep said the thief, who struck between
7 and 10 pm 20 Dec, stole $9,675 worth of bras
from the Victoria’s Secret store in Northbrook
Court mall, the Chicago Tribune reported Tuesday.
“I’m assuming it was a display in the front of
the store. They just come and sweep them off
the display without being seen,” Shep said.
Shep said he did not know the motive behind
the theft.
“I don’t know if there’s a market for stolen
underwear or what,” he said.
A statement from Victoria’s Secret corporate
office said the company is “aggressively working
with local law enforcement authorities to address
this incident and deter future such thefts.”

China’s first 3D animated
film to hit cinemas

BEIJING, 29 Dec— China’s first 3D animated film, “Little
Big Panda” (“Xiong Mao Zong Dong Yuan”), will
be released in cinemas on 3 February.
Director Greg Mannering introduced to the
audience the whole process of making the
cartoon.
The story of “Little Big Panda” is set in a
mountainous area in China. The ancestors of
“Panda” are trying to find a new panda to fulfill
the task of saving the
whole group. A little panda is
chosen by them who will be
the lifesaver of the
whole group. The total
production costs of the
film reached 350 million
yuan (about US$51.5
million).

Berlin police pepper spray
snowballers

Two Berlin police
officers were punched
by snowballs thrown by a
group of about 40
youths but were able to
fight them off with
pepper spray, police
said on Sunday.
The officers were
investigating a brawl
early Saturday
morning. They ignored
demands from a group
of about 25 youths to
leave and were then
attacked by snowballs.
The number of youths
throwing snowballs
quickly grew to 40.
The officers first
retreated but then
fought back with the
pepper spray, prompt-
ing the youths to flee.
Many were later
arrested. There were no
injuries, police said.
Man United’s Ferguson issues title warning

BIRMINGHAM, 29 Dec — Sir Alex Ferguson did his best to dispel any doubts about Manchester United’s challenge for the Premier League title by insisting his side were on course for glory despite dropping points in a 1-1 draw away to Birmingham.

United, still unbeaten in the league this season, were set for victory after Dimitar Berbatov’s sublime goal gave them the lead just before the hour mark at St Andrew’s here on Tuesday. But Lee Bowyer’s controversial 90th minute equaliser denied United the full three points and left them top on goal difference alone from Manchester City.

Although Ferguson’s men do have two games in hand over their local rivals, they are still unbeaten in their bid for the Premier League title.

For the second match in a row, Spurs won after being reduced to 10 men following the sending-off of defender Younes Kaboul, whose head appeared to make contact with Newcastle’s Cheik Tiote.

Dean Lennox opened the scoring in the second half before Kaboul was red-carded but in-form Wales midfiedler Gareth Bale sealed victory nine minutes from time following a typically surging run as Tottenham leapfrogged champions Chelsea into fourth place.

Bordeaux discard Bellion returns to Nice on loan

NICHE, 29 Dec — Much-travelled French striker David Bellion returned to one of his former clubs Nice for loan on the rest of the season on Tuesday from French First Division rivals Bordeaux.

The 28-year-old — who previously played for Nice from 2006-07 before moving to Bordeaux — was an integral component of the Bordeaux team that won the 2009 title under present France coach Laurent Blanc.

However, the former Sunderland, Manchester United, Porto and Bordeaux frontman has rarely been out of the headlines since arriving from European champions Inter Milan in a 24 million pounds (37 million dollars) pre-season move.

Baltaloti going nowhere vows Man City’s Mancinis

MANCHESTER, 29 Dec — Manchester City manager Roberto Mancini has insisted Mario Balotelli’s long-term future is at Eastlands as the striker himself denied rumours of a move back to Italy with AC Milan.

Balotelli, 20, scored a hat-trick as City overcame Aston Villa 4-0 on Tuesday to maintain their bid for the Premier League title.

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Crosby extends scoring streak to 25 games

PITTSBURGH, 29 Dec — Sidney Crosby extended his point streak to 25 games with a power-play goal in the first period against Atlanta on Tuesday night.

The Penguins captain passed the puck from along the right-wing boards to defenseman Kris Letang between the circles, then took Letang’s giveback to score while dropping to a knee 10:34 into the game.

Crosby added another goal in the first period, giving him 32 this season. He has at least one goal in five consecutive games and 26 during his streak, which began 5 Nov in Anaheim.

Shaq fined for criticizing referee

MIAMI, 29 Dec — Boston Celtics center Shaquille O’Neal was fined $35,000 by the NBA on Monday for criticizing the referee after the Christmas Day defeat by his former team Orlando Magic. O’Neal fouled out in only 13 minutes of play in the 86-78 loss and took aim at referee Bob Delaney who wore the number 26.

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EPL results

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West Ham stay in drop zone as Everton take a point

LONDON, 29 Dec — West Ham missed a chance to climb out of the relegation zone as Everton fought back to earn a 1-1 draw at Upton Park on Tuesday.

Avram Grant’s side could have ended 2010 outside the bottom three with a victory and the Hammers were on course when an own goal from Everton defender Tony Hibbert gave them a first half lead.

But Seanus Coleman equalised for Everton just before half-time and the east London outfit remain second bottom of the Premier League going into the new year. After ending their 27-game wait for an away win in the league with a 3-1 triumph at Fulham on Sunday, West Ham were looking back for back-to-back flight victories for the first time this season.

Malaga pick up Atlético duo

MADRID, 29 Dec — Spanish First Division strugglers Malaga signed two players from rivals Atlético Madrid on Tuesday — highly-rated Spanish Under-21 international defensive midfielder Ignacio Camacho and goalkeeper Sergio Asenjo.

Camacho, 20, signed a four year contract while Asenjo has gone on loan till the end of the season. ‘Atlético Madrid and Malaga have agreed in principle for the sale of Ignacio Camacho and the loan till the end of the season of Sergio Asenjo’,” Atlético announced on its website.

Campbell’s double sinks Sunderland

SUNDERLAND, 29 Dec — Blackpool striker DJ Campbell bagged a double as the Seashiders recorded an impressive 2-0 win against Sunderland on Tuesday.

Campbell struck twice in the second half at the Stadium of Light to lift Blackpool to fourth in the Championship table.

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Reese Witherspoon engaged to Hollywood agent

LOS ANGELES, 29 Dec—Oscar-winning US actress Reese Witherspoon got engaged to Hollywood agent Jim Toth, the latest in a series of holiday engagements, People magazine reported.

Witherspoon, 34, who won the Academy Award in 2006 for her portrayal of June Carter Cash in the Johnny Cash biopic “Walk the Line,” began quietly dating 40-year-old Toth last January, according to People.

The actress was previously married to actor Ryan Phillippe, with whom she had two children, now 11 and seven years old, before separating in 2006.

She is now starring in the romantic comedy “How Do You Know” alongside Owen Wilson, Paul Rudd and Jack Nicholson. Witherspoon’s engagements, People magazine reported.

Forecast valid until evening of the 30th December 2010: Light rain or thundershowers are possible to be isolated in Taninthayi Region, weather will be partly cloudy in Kachin, Rakhine and Mon States, Mandalay, Bago, Yangon and Ayeawady Regions and generally fair in the remaining States and Regions. Degree of certainty is (40%).

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

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 30-12-2010: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 30-12-2010: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 30-12-2010: 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

Model monsoon paddy plot harvested in Myawady

MYAWADY, 29 Dec—Harvesting of model monsoon paddy was held at field No. 1284 of farmer U Nwet Eik in Waishan village-tract in Myawady Township, Myawady District, on 4 December.

Members of Township Agricultural Development Coordination Committee, Head of Township Settlement and Land Records Department U Tun Wai and staff participated in harvesting monsoon paddy. Secretary of District Peace and Development Council U Aung Win, Chairman of Township PDC U Thein Zaw Kan and officials supervised the paddy harvesting.

The yield of the model farmland is 80.45 basket per acre.—Myanma Alin

Defence Services Commander-in-Chief’s Trophy Football Tournament concludes

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Dec — The final match of the 8th Defence Services Commander-in-Chief’s Trophy Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) Football Tournament was held in conjunction with the prize presentation ceremony at the Nay Pyi Taw Sports Ground here today.

Among the spectators were Vice-Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Hla Shwe, senior military officers from the Ministry of Defence, officers and other ranks and their families from regiments and battalions.

Yangon Command team beat Southern Command team 3-0.

At the prize presentation ceremony, Vice-Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Hla Shwe presented cash award and medals to players of first prize winning Yangon Command team.

On behalf of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Maung Maung Aye presented the Championship Trophy and duplicate trophy to Yangon Command team.

Senior military officers from the Ministry of Defence awarded the players of the third prize winning Nay Pyi Taw Command team and second prize winning Southern Command team, and presented fair-play award to Nay Pyi Taw Command team.—MNA

SPECIAL FEATURES TO HAIL 63rd ANNIVERSARY INDEPENDENCE DAY

Today, some countries are under the rule of alien troops. They are in no position to build security and carry out rebuilding tasks. They are uneasy with sham independence and puppet governments. The people of each country are treated unfairly by alien troops.

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