Guard the nation with political awareness

To break up the Union and national cohesion is the major as well as only way to weaken Myanmar. In order to implement that point, external elements will be likely to organize and mobilize participation of some nationals who lack political awareness whether they know or not to disrupt national development. Therefore, I would like to urge the entire people to guard the nation with political awareness against any forms of disruptions in order that the mother country’s independence and sovereignty will never be under alien influence.

Senior General Than Shwe  
Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council  
Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services

(from the message sent on the occasion of the 63rd Anniversary Independence Day)
National brethren, united we stand

Myanmar is blessed with favourable geographic conditions, rich natural resources and magnificent scenery. Like colourful flowers blossoming in Myanmar’s land and waters, all national races from every place and region of the Union have their beauties.

The national races have been residing together in the Union from time immemorial. They have been living through thick and thin in unity and amity. As a result, Union Spirit has been forged in them.

In retrospect, the colonialists occupied a prosperous Myanmar by waging aggressive war for three times. The Myanmar people had to have bitter experience of being oppressed by the colonialists and fascists. However, with the national people fighting back with anti-colonialist and anti-fascist sentiment, the colonialists could be driven out of Myanmar soil.

Leaning from past experiences in previous eras, national unity is of the essence. That is why national reconsolidation and national unity have been prioritized. Again, sound foundations have been built for building up a new nation.

Today’s efforts for national reconsolidation and national unity are related to all sectors, including political, economic, military, social affairs. As a result, the whole nation has seen peace and stability, the rule of law and fruits of development.

Myanmar now is in transition of a new era and new system. The time has come for the national brethren to build a new democratic nation in unity and union. Only then, can the peace and prosperity of the Union be perpetual.

Shine Group takes part in Lifestyles Expo 2011

YANGON, 3 Feb—Shine Group of Companies takes part in Lifestyles Expo 2011 at Tatmadaw Convention Hall on U Wirar Road here from 3 to 6 February.

As special programme, any customer may buy a superior condo room with two to three years installment by just filling the booking form at K 50,000.

For further information, contact No. 29, Gyo bya Street, Mingala Taungnyunt Township, Yangon (Ph: 385340) and (Fax: 250485).—MNA

Roads, tube-well opened to hail 64th Anniversary Union Day

YANGON, 3 Feb—The opening of Yayyah-Peinhnih Village gravel road was held to hail the 64th Anniversary Union Day at the archway of the road on 25 January.

The chairman of Township Peace and Development Council and the executive officer of the committee formally opened the facility.

The inauguration of the 1900-foot-long and 10-foot-wide market gravel road in Yaksauk Township took place on 27 January; and 1360-foot-long and 12-foot-wide tarred road in Panglong Township, on 30 January.

Similarly, the opening of the 2-inch diameter tube-well, 7’ x 7’ x 5’ waterworks and 8’ x 6’ x 5’ brick tank in Pwegon-3 Village in Pekon Township was held at the archway of the tube-well this morning.

The roads and the tube-well were built and sunk in 2010-2011 fiscal year by Township Development Affairs Committees.—MNA

FM felicitates Sri Lankan External Affairs Minister

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Feb—On the occasion of the 63rd Anniversary of the Independence Day of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka which falls on 4th February 2011, U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Prof G L Peiris, MP, Minister of External Affairs of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.—MNA

Dinner party of MBA course trainees

YANGON, 3 Feb—Myanmar Professional Development Centre has conducted Master of Business Administration (MBA) course since September 2010 in Yangon. The degree is conferred by Assumption University of Thailand. The dinner party for the trainees from 1st and 2nd batches of course was held on the lawn in Myanmar Info-Tech in Hline Township here yesterday evening.

First, MBA Program Director Dr Ismail Ali Siad and MBA Director Mr Mo Di extended greetings. Managing Director Daw Yin Win Thu expressed thanks after entertainment programme.

For more information, contact Myanmar Professional Development Centre at Room No. 1, Building No. 4, Myanmar Info-Tech, Hline Township (Ph: 507043 and 507047).—MNA

The Tatmadaw columns are in hot pursuit after the skirmish between two insurgent groups in Kyaikmaraw leaves one innocent villager dead

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Feb—Two Mon insurgent groups exchanged gunfire at Maetayo Village in Kyaikmaraw Township, Mon State, on 31 January, leaving one innocent villager dead.

It has not yet been confirmed how many insurgents from both sides were injured and killed during the skirmish.

The Mon splinter group led by Ko Yin Lay (a) Kun Ha Pwe with the rank of platoon commander and the group from New Mon State Party led by Ba Kyaw with the rank of company commander exchanged gunfire in a rubber plantation about 15 ft west of the house of the chairman of Maetayo Village Peace and Development Council. U Ka Lai, aged 83, father of the chairman of Maetayo Village PDC, was killed by gunshots in the battle between the two groups.

The Tatmadaw columns are in hot pursuit after the two groups.—MNA
Afghan security personnel inspect the site of a suicide bomb attack in Kandahar Province on 23 Jan, 2011. A hijacked ship, told his mother over phone that the pirates threatened to kill all of them if the ship owner fails to meet the demand by Thursday.

INTERNET

The official expressed hope that the issue will be settled within a week and it will take 10 to 12 days for the crews to return Bangladesh maintaining all the procedures.—Xinhua

Two Iraqis killed in Baghdad, police foil suicide bombing in northern Iraq

BAGHDAD, 3 Feb—Two people were killed in a bomb explosion in a Baghdad District on Thursday morning, while a police force foiled a suicide bomb attack in Salahudin Province north of Baghdad, the police said.

A roadside bomb went off in New Baghdad District in southeastern the capital, killing two civilians and wounding three, including a traffic policeman, an Interior Ministry source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

In north of Baghdad, an Iraqi police force foiled a suicide bomb attack, forcing a suicide bomber to blow up his explosive vest, wounding two people, a source from the operations command of Saladin Province told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.—Xinhua

Nigeria secret police arrests seven suspected militants in oil rich state

PORT HARCOURT, 3 Feb—At least seven men suspected to be militants and kidnappers have been arrested by Nigeria’s State Security Services (SSS) in oil-rich Rivers State.

Douglas Dogo, the state director of the service, disclosed this to reporters in Port Harcourt, the state capital on Wednesday, adding that the men were arrested at different locations in the state on 21 Jan following a tip-off.

According to him, five of the suspects kidnapped four persons in Ahoada West Local Government Area in November last year.

He said the victims paid millions of Naira to the kidnappers before they were freed.

A doctor at a hospital checks wounds of a man who got injured during a suicide attack in Kabul, Afghanistan recently. A suicide bomber on a motorbike blew himself up next to a minibus carrying intelligence service employees in the Afghan Capital.

INTERNET

Australian soldier killed by IED in Afghanistan

CANBERRA, 3 Feb—An Australian soldier has been killed by an improvised explosive device during a patrol in southern Afghanistan, bringing the Australian death toll to 22.

The acting chief of the defence force, Lt Gen David Hurley, said 22-year-old Corp. Richard Edward Atkinson was on his first deployment to Afghanistan.

A second soldier was seriously wounded in the explosion in Uruzgan Province, and is now in satisfactory condition at a military hospital in Tarin Kowt.

“The entire Australian Defence Force and defence community is deeply saddened by the death of this fine young Australian soldier,” Hurley said of Atkinson, who was engaged to be married.

Australia has the largest military commitment in Afghanistan of any country outside NATO, with 1,550 Australian troops there.

INTERNET

2,421 civilians killed in Afghanistan in 2010, mostly by insurgents

LONDON, 3 Feb — The number of civilian deaths in Afghanistan since the United States-led invasion began in 2001 hit record levels last year, according to a new report.

According to the Kabul-based Afghanistan Rights Monitor, some 2,421 civilians were killed, most at the hands of militants.

“Over 3,270 were injured in conflict-related security incidents across Afghanistan,” the BBC quoted the report, as saying.

The report said that the militants - the Taliban, the Haqqani group and others - are to blame for about 60 percent of the deaths.

It also said that foreign troops were to blame for about a fifth of all deaths - a slight fall over the previous year.

The report also found that there has been a dramatic increase in assassinations carried out by militants - 400 in 2010, compared to 230 the year before.—Internet

INTERNET

Pirates threaten to kill 26 Bangladeshis on board hijacked ship

DHAKA, 3 Feb—Somali pirates threatened of killing 26 Bangladeshis on board hijacked Bangladeshi-flagged ship MV Jahan Moni if owner of the ship fails to pay the ransom by Thursday, local media reported on Thursday.

Shahriar Rabbi, engineer cadet of the hijacked ship, told his mother over phone that the pirates threatened to kill all of them if the ship owner fails to meet the demand by Thursday.

The family members Thursday morning rushed to the owner company SR Shipping Limited in Chittagong, 242 km southeast of capital Dhaka, and conveyed the information to officials.

The official expressed hope that the issue will be settled in a week and it will take 10 to 12 days for the crews to return Bangladesh maintaining all the procedures.—Xinhua
NASA announces discovery of more planets

GREENBELT, 3 Feb—Scientists using NASA’s Kepler space telescopes say they’ve discovered six planets consisting of gases and rocks around a single distant sun-like star.

The planets are orbiting a star dubbed Kepler-11 at a distance of about 2,000 light years from Earth, a NASA release said Wednesday.

“The Kepler-11 planetary system is amazing,” said Jack Lissauer of the Kepler science team at NASA’s Ames Research Centre at Moffet Field, Calif.

“It’s amazingly flat, it’s amazingly small, there’s an amazingly large number of big planets orbiting close to their star — we didn’t know such systems could even exist.”

Scientists say it’s the fullest, most compact planetary system ever seen outside of our own solar system. “Few stars are known to have more than one transiting planet, and Kepler-11 is the first known star to have more than three,” said Lissauer. “So we know that systems like this are not common.”

“But whether it’s one in a thousand, one in 10 thousand or one in a million, that we don’t know, because we only have observed one of them.—INTERNET

Meteoricites yield Mars water clues

LEICESTER, 3 Feb—Rare fragments of martian meteorites have revealed evidence of how water once flowed near the surface of that planet, UK researchers say. Scientists at the University of Leicester have examined five samples of nakhlite — a form of meteorite known to have originated on Mars and named after the Egyptian Village of el-Nakhla where the first one was found in 1911 — using an electron microscope, a university release said Wednesday.

The samples showed veins created during an impact on Mars and filled with clay, carbonite and other materials probably carried there by water from ice melted in the impact, John Bridges of Leicester’s Space Research Centre says. The discovery closely ties in to recent geological discoveries of clay and carbonate on the surface of Mars made by NASA and European Space Agency probes, and suggests how some of it probably formed. “We are now starting to build a realistic model for how water deposited minerals formed on Mars, showing that impact heating was an important process,” Bridges said. “With models like this we will better understand the areas where we think that water was once present on Mars.”—INTERNET

‘Space net’ for orbiting debris proposed

TOKYO, 3 Feb—Japan’s space agency says it is teaming up with a maker of fishing nets to create a “space net” for safely collecting orbiting space debris.

The Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency and the Nitto Seimo Co. propose launching a satellite, attached to a thin metal net spanning more than a mile, into space before the net is detached and begins to capture space waste while orbiting Earth, Britain’s Daily Telegraph reported Tuesday.

As it collects debris the net would become electrically charged and be attracted back to Earth by the planet’s magnetic field, causing the net and its contents to safely burn up in the atmosphere.

As many as 10 million pieces of “space junk” are estimated to be orbiting Earth at any one time and are a cause for concern because of the potential for collisions with satellites and shuttles. Nitto Seimo, which became famous for inventing the world’s first machine to make strong knotless fishing nets in 1925, says it has been researching superstrong space nets for six years.—INTERNET

Expo Notes: Naturespace adds another dimension to ambient sounds

NEW YORK, 3 Feb—3D video was the talk at this month’s Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas, but at Macworld 2011, app maker Holographic Audio Theater was looking to promote the idea of 3D audio.

The company thinks that “three-dimensional audio” provides the most immersive experience, and it was in San Francisco this week to promote an app—Naturespace—that it thinks will drive that point home.

With 3D audio, you get the feeling of sounds coming from all around you, rather than just from your two earbuds. For NatureSpace, that means rather than listening to recordings as they play in the left and right ear of your headphones, you can experience the sounds of the natural world in 360 degrees. The free app comes with six tracks of nature sounds; an additional $0.99 tracks are available as in-app purchases, ranging from $1 to $3. Tracks include rainforest sounds, wolves howling, and rainfall.

For the best experience with NatureSpace tracks, the developer recommends listening on headphones with your eyes closed.

Each song title you purchase comes with a headphone and earbud optimized track. While I only experienced the app with the high-end headphones at the Holographic Audio Theater booth on the Expo showfloor, the exhibitor enthusiastically assured me that the company’s matching process for earbud tracks also does an excellent job of transporting a listener to the audio environment they’re hearing.—INTERNET

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The news surfaced earlier this week when Intel revealed that the CPU is affected by a flaw in the chipset. Now computer manufacturers and distributors are scrambling to address the situation before it spirals out of control.—INTERNET
New test may help guide prostate cancer treatment

NEW YORK, 3 Feb—A new experimental test may someday help doctors with one of the most vexing problems in cancer therapy: identifying which prostate cancer patients need aggressive treatment.

Currently, once prostate cancer is diagnosed, doctors have no reliable way to know which cases are life-threatening. Most are not. So doctors have a difficult time determining whether they should monitor the cancers to see if they progress or recommend immediate treatment, such as surgery or radiation. Both treatments can cause problems, such as incontinence and impotence.

The dilemma results in overtreatment, such that about 48 men are treated for every life saved, says Dr Ronald DePinho of the Dana-Farber Cancer Centre in Boston.

But DePinho and colleagues have created a test they say might help doctors identify dangerous tumours more accurately than is possible now. In results published online Wednesday by the journal Nature, the scientists showed an improvement in accuracy to 91 percent from 84 percent. When applied to prostate cancer samples, the gene test indicates “how this particular cancer is wired to behave,” DePinho said.

Drawing on research in mice, DePinho and colleagues identified four genes whose combined activity within cancers appears to drive prostate tumours toward being lethal. The genes are involved in processes like growth and ability to invade other tissues. In the largest test, they looked at 405 tumour specimens from men who’d been diagnosed between 1983 and 2004. Thirty-eight cases turned out to be lethal.

Researchers looked for the chemical signatures of gene activity in the samples and tested how accurately that could classify tumours as lethal or not.—INTERNET

Vitamin D deficiency linked with lung dysfunction

LOS ANGELES, 3 Feb— People with Vitamin D deficiency are more likely to suffer from reduced lung function, a new study suggests.

In the study, published in the February issue of Chest, researchers from the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine evaluated vitamin D levels in 67 patients with concurrent connective tissue disease (CTD) and interstitial lung disease (ILD) and 51 patients with other forms of ILD.

The overall prevalence of vitamin D deficiency and insufficiency was 38 percent and 59 percent respectively among the participants. The study, found that reduced vitamin D levels were strongly associated with reduced lung function among patients with CTD-ILD.

Those with CTD-ILD were more likely to have vitamin D deficiency (52 percent vs 20 percent) and insufficiency (79 percent vs 31 percent) than other forms of ILD. Researchers conclude that vitamin D may have a role in the pathogenesis of CTD-ILD.

Vitamin D deficiency is prevalent among ILD patients, with the largest prevalence seen in patients with CTD, according to the study.—Xinhua

Beijing, Shanghai record robust economic growth in 2010

BEIJING, 3 Feb—China’s Capital City Beijing and economic hub Shanghai both realized nearly double-digit growth in 2010, showing powerful economic momentum.

Beijing generated nearly 1.37 trillion yuan (208 billion US dollars) in gross domestic product (GDP) in 2010, up 10.2 percent year-on-year, according to the publicity office of the municipal government.

The growth was higher than what the city had originally expected, said Yu Xiuqin, spokeswoman of the office. Beijing’s import and export value hit 301.41 billion US dollars last year, up 40.3 percent as against the previous year.

Shanghai’s GDP grew 9.9 percent to hit nearly 1.69 trillion yuan last year, according to the city’s bureau of statistics. The Shanghai World Expo that ran from May 1 to 31 Oct last year has helped boost economic growth. Xinhua

Visa profit rises as it preps for new environment

NEW YORK, 3 Feb— Visa Inc’s (VN) quarterly profit rose 16 percent, slightly beating expectations, as consumer spending ramped up and the company processed more transactions abroad.

But the days of outsize returns on low expenses appear to be ending for Visa, the world’s largest credit and debit card processing network. It failed to beat expectations by as much as investors have come to expect, and it has yet to fully assuage investor concerns about how it will cope with new US regulations that may reduce future revenue.

Shares fell about 1 percent in after-hours trading, after closing 2 percent higher at $72.09.

Visa said it expects operating margins to remain around 60 percent for 2011, in what investors said signaled a shift from its earlier days of high revenues and relatively low expenses. “This quarter is a pretty clear view of the transition that’s going on within the business for Visa and most likely for MasterCard,” said Jim Tierney, chief investment officer of money management firm WP Stewart.

“The business is settling down into a really nice healthy fundamental growth rate that’s coming from revenue growth and free cash flow usage instead of operating margin expansion,” said Tierney, whose firm owns shares of MasterCard Inc (MA.N) and has owned Visa shares in the past.—Reuters
Prime Minister U Thein Sein sends message of felicitations to Sri Lankan counterpart

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Perennials Crops Diploma Training School opened in Myeik

YANGON, 3 Feb — Perennials and Farming Department (Myanma Perennials Crops Enterprise) of Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation opened the Perennials Crops (Rubber+Oil Palm) Diploma Training School at Shwedua Farm in Shwedua Village of Myeik Township on 21 January morning.

Managing Director of Myanma Perennials Crops Enterprise U Kyi Win explained the purpose of opening the school and opened it. The school will admit 50 trainees per year. The training period is designated as two years. On completion, the trainees will be conferred on Diploma in Agriculture (Rubber+Oil Palm Major).

MNA

Lifestyles Expo 2011 kicks off

Visitors seen at opening ceremony of Lifestyles Expo 2011 at Tatmadaw Convention Hall in Dagon Township.—MNA

Fires break out in Lewe, Pathein

NavPyiTaw, 3Feb
—A house in Ward 6 of Lewe in Nay Pyi Taw District caught fire due to a burning cigarette at about 1 pm on 1 February. The fire lasted about 20 minutes destroying the roof of the house. Lewe Police Station has filed a lawsuit against house owner U Maung Myint. At about 4 pm on 1 February, a fire broke out due to intense heat at a filling station on Strand Road in Ward 6, Pathein, Ayeyawady Region, when a station attendant opened up a petrol tank with a lever. Due to the fire, the attendant was burned and a shop, tanks of diesel and petrol, nearby houses and polythene bags were destroyed. Athegyi Police Station has filed a lawsuit against Attendant Tet Toe. As Fire Services Department has already issued fire warnings, all people are to follow the warnings and beware of fire in order to avoid the danger of fire.

MNA

Khin Pyone Mon Indonesian batik at Lifestyles Expo 2011

YANGON, 3 Feb — Mon Shine International Trading Co Ltd (Khin Pyone Mon-Indonesian batik) is exhibiting its colourful design batiks in Life-styles Expo 2011 held at Tatmadaw Convention Hall on U Wisara Road in Dagon Township here from 3 to 6 February. During the exhibition, various kinds of batiks are available at 10% to 15% discount. As part of repaying gratitude to customers who bought Khin Pyone Mon batik during the past 10 years, the company plans to give glasses, air-con, electronic and related materials, computers, mobiles and wifi phones, floors and clothes, shoes and slippers and much more. Customers may visit the four-day show from 9 am to 6 pm.

MNA

Pyinnya Alin library opens in Tangyan Tsp, Northern Shan State

NavPyiTaw, 3Feb—The opening of Pyinnya Alin Library took place in Natat Village, Waingma Village-tract, Tangyan Township Peace and Development Council on 30 January. The library is now receiving treatment at Kataingti clinic. The victim lost his left knee and is now receiving treatment at Kataingti clinic.

One injured in mine blast planted by KNU in Papun Township

NavPyiTaw, 3 Feb — U Pya Tu residing in Pazunmyaung village of Kamamaung sub-township, Papun Township of Kayin State stepped on a mine planted by KNU insurgent group, on 30 January while searching for his elephant near Hikalaw Creek about 10 miles to the northeast of Kataingti village. The victim lost his left knee and is now receiving treatment at Kataingti clinic.

MNA
Green World to open marketing courses on 7 Feb

YANGON, 3 Feb — Green World – Academy of Marketing will commence its courses on Practical Retail Management, Marketing Fundamental, Integrated Marketing Communication and Consumer Behaviour in Yangon on 7th February. Employees from the marketing companies and those who are interested in the retail market are suitable to do the courses. The 16-hour courses are arranged to suit the employees working for offices.

Those wishing to do the courses may contact the academy at No.388/398, 4th Floor, Yoma Bank (Ahlon Branch) Building, Ph: 01-227032, 73114508.

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Next, he announced that the Group of Pyithu Hluttaw representatives-elect of Presidential Electoral College will hold the presidential election at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw at 10 am tomorrow, and the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw speaker’s invitation of all Pyithu Hluttaw representatives to the election. The Pyithu Hluttaw speaker announced the conclusion of the second-day meeting of Pyithu Hluttaw representatives-elect. The meeting ended at 11.55 am.

Pyithu Hluttaw representatives-elect cast secret ballots with voting form (3) before the speaker and members of the group to elect either of the two candidates as a vice-president. Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann and Deputy Speaker U Nanda Kyaw Swar also cast ballots.

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Pyithu Hluttaw representatives-elect sign attendance book.

STI to confer certificates, hold talks on 13 Feb

STI Education will hold a ceremony to confer diplomas and certificates including diplomas and certificates of London Teacher Training College (LTTC) based in London, Association of Managers and Administrators (AMA), Queensfield Business School (QBS) based in Singapore, courses of Diploma in Business Management, Diploma in Commodity Flow and Production, and Diploma in Information and Business which are recognized by Australia, from 10 am to 12 noon on 13 February.

Those successful candidates who have not received invitation cards are requested to contact STI.

For more details, visit STI Education at 377, Shwebontha Street (Upper), Pabedan Township; or Room No. 7, Building No. 4, Myanmar Info-Tech, Hline Township, or dial 507048, 507151, 507152, 250056, 700273.
Second Panglong conference verges upon the absurd

Maung Su San

The theme of a motto depends on whether it carries enough institutions or not. It is to be convinced that First Panglong Conference was just a process to seek necessary institutions because at that time there were not enough institutions for independence. Now, there have been the State Constitution and three hluttaws (parliaments), thus indicating there have been all necessary institutions. If there have been sufficient institutions, some mottos will become unreasonable and pointless.

From those facts, it can be deduced that the motto “Second Panglong conference” is irrational and illogical since the nation has already witnessed the constitution and three hluttaws. Any political issues can be submitted to the forum provided according to the constitution.

The constitution and the three hluttaws provide enough forums in which any hard talks can be held. To address issues of democratization and ethnic groups, which can be under discussion in those forums, rests on the strength of the nation and institutions. The constitution and the three hluttaws are, in reality, enough forums, so there is no need to set up any parallel forums. According to the objective conditions of the nation, political issues are to be addressed in conformity with the existing institutions. Despite enough institutions, some are claiming that they will have to hold second Panglong conference, which is a pretty silly thing to do. The constitution and the three hluttaws serve as the fundamental pillars where a large variety of public voices can be produced and heard. So, any others pillars except these pillars should not be used. I do not think that the motto intended to set up a parallel pillar is sensible. They should bear in mind that issues of ethnic minorities are to be addressed in line with the constitution in Pyithu Hluttaw, Amyotha Hluttaw and State or Region Hluttaw. To address issues of ethnic groups in a parallel forum is like the dream of an opium eater. That is merely an unrealistic idea.

If one considers that there is no other way but to use official forums, one will notice that the motto “second Panglong conference” is quite nonsensical. For activists, many of the mottos are no longer consistent with prevailing conditions due to recent achievements. Therefore, they try an unrealistic agenda “second Panglong conference”. Politics must be exercised in accordance with the constitution at hluttaws in peak condition. So, any types of mottos that do not comply with that point are inappropriate and impracticable. In fact, a political motto must reflect feasibility and comply to objective conditions. Today, lip service and high-flown language do not work at all, so things must be viewed objectively without stereotyped beliefs. In the term of power, that is paradigm transformation from monopoly of power to the sharing of power.
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Translation: MS

Results of unity and harmony

Developments can be witnessed everywhere in our country. They are the results of unity and harmony.

If we will strive resolutely in unity through thick and thin with these results as the spur, we will surely be able to stand tall in the world. Honourable Myanmar.

Kyaw Thu Hein

Objectives of 64th Anniversary Union Day (2011)

1. For all national races to safeguard the national policy—Non-disintegration of the Union, Non-disintegration of national solidarity, and Perpetuation of sovereignty
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3. For all national races to wipe out, through national solidarity, disruptions caused to peace, stability and development of the nation by internal and external subversives
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Yangon, 3 Feb — Strategy First Institute will conduct general management diploma courses and triple major diploma courses of the United Kingdom’s Institute of Commercial Management (ICM) in March.

The general management diploma courses includes the Diploma in Business Studies and the Advanced Diploma in Business Studies. The triple Major Diploma includes the Diploma in Marketing and Advertising & Public Relations (MAPR), Diploma in Marketing, Advertising, Public Relations and Buyer Behaviour.

Depression becomes low pressure

Nav Pay Taaw, 3 Feb.—According to the observation at 10.30 hrs MST today, the depression over southwest and adjoining Sri Lanka coast has weaken into a low pressure area still persist, announced the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology.—MNA

It is announced that the speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw invites all Amyotha Hluttaw representatives to be present.

Later, the speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw announced the end of the second-day meeting at 11.30 am.—MNA

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More information are available at Room No. 1005, Pangyan Tower, at the corner of Dhammazedi Road and Bargara Road, Sangyoung Tsp, Yangon, Ph: 539132 and 539135. MNA
Conflict, Instability cause mental illness in Somalia

NAIROBI, 3 Feb—Prolonged conflict and instability have largely impacted on the mental and psychological well-being of the Somali people, the UN health agency said on Wednesday.

According to the World Health Organization (WHO), one in three Somalis has been affected by some kind of mental illness, a prevalence which is higher than in other low-income and war-torn countries.

To have a better understanding of the mental health services within the country, WHO in Somalia produced a mental health situation analysis.

The document groups all crucial information on mental health in Somalia and is the result of a participatory process, which has engaged stakeholders through desk review work, group discussions, data collection, and consultative meetings both done in Somalia and at Nairobi level.

“Taking care of mental health patients shows the communities that mental illnesses can be treated effectively, without stigmatizing the patients,” said Dr Marthe Everard, WHO Representative for Somalia.

Unemployment up sharply in January in Spain

MADRID, 3 Feb — Unemployment in Spain increased sharply in January, the Labour Ministry announced on Wednesday.

The number of jobless rose by 130,930 in January, a 3.19 percent increase, to a total of 4.23 million, according to the ministry.

The service sector was the hardest hit, with 105,080 people losing their jobs, followed by industry with 8,266 people, and construction with 5,275.

Spanish Secretary of State for Employment Mari Luz Rodriguez said the news was “bad,” but it did highlight the fact that January was traditionally a bad month for the labour market in Spain.

The Spanish government has predicted that unemployment might fall slightly in the first half of 2011 and improve at a faster pace in the second half of the year, which would end with the creation of around 100,000 jobs.—Xinhua

China to sell bullet train technology

BEIJING, 3 Feb — China is ready to sell its high-speed bullet train technology to other countries, authorities said.

“China is willing to export the high-speed rails technology to any country that wants to buy,” Wang Yongping, spokesperson of the ministry of railways, told the Global Times. “We own the most advanced technology of high-speed rails.”

The statement came after British daily The Sunday Times reported that Chinese-made bullet trains would hit the rails in Britain by 2025.

The bullet train, unveiled in December last year, can run at the speed of up to 486 km per hour.

The report said China’s ambassador to Britain, Liu Xiaoming, met with British ministers to discuss a deal and convinced them that China could supply the advanced trains at a much lower cost.

Britain needs 120 bullet trains for the 30 billion pounds (USD 47.6 billion) high-speed rail project that will connect London to other major cities, such as Manchester, in 2025, the report said.

The cost for 120 high-speed trains from Western producers, such as Siemens, Bombardier and Alstom is 4 billion pounds (USD 6.3 billion), but Chinese trains cost only half that, the report said.

Wang, however, declined to comment on negotiations with Britain.—Xinhua

New Sino-Russian pipeline delivers 1.3 mln tonnes of crude oil in 1st month

MOSCOW, 3 Feb — Some 1.318 million tonnes of crude oil had flowed through an oil pipeline from Russia’s far-east to China by 31 Jan, a month after the pipeline began operating, an officer of the Chinese operator of the pipeline said. The pipeline, which originates in the Russian town of Skovorodino in the far-eastern Amur region, enters China at Mohe and terminates at Daqing City of northeast China’s Heilongjiang Province.

The facility witnessed the test of the severe coldness since it was put into operation on 1 Jan and no production accident has been reported so far, said Gou Hanghai, director of the Mohe administration station of the pipeline.

The pipeline remains a daily oil delivering capacity of 42,000 tonnes, he said. The 1,000-km-long pipeline will transport 15 million tonnes of crude oil from Russia to China per year from 2011 to 2030, according to an agreement signed between the two countries. Some 72 kilometres of the pipeline is in Russia and 927 kilometres of it is in China.—Xinhua

Confidence upbeat among Chinese singles

A man surfs the internet looking for love at a cafe in Beijing in 2010. Chinese singles in the US now have an online matchmaking service to help them find love and marriage with others that share their culture and values.

INTERNET
Scientists have built an ‘invisibility cloak’ using crystals to split light.

**CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**

**MV HAL ADMIRALTY VOY NO (017)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV HAL ADMIRALTY VOY NO (017) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 4.2.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises 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. No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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**INVITATION TO TENDER**

Sealed tenders are invited by the Department of Health, Central Medical Stores Depot for the supply of medical equipment.

Tender documents are available during office hours at the office of the Deputy Director (Medical Stores), Central Medical Stores Depot, No-57, Sakawa Road, Dagon Township, Yangon, commencing from (7.2.2011). Sealed bids are to be submitted to the office of the Deputy Director (Medical Stores), Central Medical Stores Depot, not later than (22.2.2011) 14:00 hour, after which no bid will be accepted. No telegraphic/telex proposal will be accepted.

For detail information please contact the Deputy Director (Medical Stores) Phone No. 371969, 372362.

**Central Medical Stores Depot Department of Health**

**‘Invisibility cloak’ hides objects**

LONDON, 3 Feb — Scientists have built an “invisibility cloak” that can hide everyday objects by splitting light. It’s not quite on a par with Harry Potter’s magic garment, but the “cloak”, which is actually a lump of calcite, can make objects disappear to the human eye.

Physicists from the University of Birmingham and colleagues from Imperial College, London, and Technical University of Denmark, said using the natural crystal enabled them to hide bigger objects than other researchers.

The team, led by Dr Shuang Zhang, from the University’s School of Physics and Astronomy, glued two triangular pieces of calcite together, placed on a mirror.

The light enters the calcite and splits into two rays of different polarizations travelling at different speeds and in different directions. Although the cloak itself is visible, it hides objects placed underneath it.

The researchers said the size of the cloaking area was not limited by the technology available but the size of the crystal and their experiments might pave the way to more devices which can hide much larger objects.

Dr Zhang said: “This is a huge step forward as, for the first time, the cloaking area is rendered at a size that is big enough for the observer to see the invisible object with the naked eye.”

**Yachts with champagne showers tempt the world’s super-rich to Germany**

BERLIN, 3 Feb — Fancy an ocean-going super yacht fitted with showers that spray champagne? Or perhaps a giant room-sized freezer so that guests can have snowball fights in the Bahamas? Germany now claims to be the best place to go shopping for such craft. Forget the recession, the global super-yacht business is booming. According to evidence gleaned by Der Spiegel magazine, Germany has become the world’s top producer of luxury motor vessels for the ultra-rich, outstripping rival concerns in the Netherlands and Italy.

With a handful of specialist shipyards in the port cities of Hamburg and Bremen, it caters to a variety of exclusive customers such as Microsoft co-founder Paul Allen, Muammar Gaddafi’s son, and the Russian owner of Chelsea FC, Roman Abramovich. “We have an unusual situation,” said Michael Breman, the head of sales at the super-yacht builders Lürssen in Bremen whose luxury vessels start at £50m ($43m). “Never has there been so much money available to spend on yachts.”

**Male model was the real Mona Lisa**

LONDON, 3 Feb — A male apprentice, long-time companion and possible lover of Leonardo da Vinci was the main influence and model for the Mona Lisa painting, an Italian researcher said.

But Silvano Vinceti said the portrait also represented a synthesis of da Vinci’s artistic, scientific and philosophical beliefs.

Because the artist worked on it at various intervals for many years, he was subjected to different influences and sources of inspiration, and the canvas was full of hidden symbolic meanings, he said. “The Mona Lisa must be read at various levels, not just as a portrait,” Mr Vinceti said.

The male model is one of many theories that have circulated over the decades about the identity of Mona Lisa and the meaning for her famously enigmatic smile.

**FA official claims phone was hacked**

LONDON, 3 Feb — A former football executive who knew sensitive information about England players and managers has launched legal action over allegations that his phone was illegally hacked by a private investigator working for Britain’s biggest-selling newspaper.

David Davies, a former football Association veteran who had three stints as acting chief executive of the game’s governing body, confirmed he had begun High Court proceedings to force police to disclose information about the alleged interception of his messages by Glen Mulcaire for the ‘News of the World’.

**Filipino gold rabbits take the cake**

LONDON, 3 Feb — Wealthy Chinese-Filipinos are snapping up rice cakes decorated with gold and diamonds to celebrate the Lunar New Year in the hope of attracting good luck in the Year of the Rabbit. The rabbit-shaped glutinous rice cakes sell for between 500 and 2,700 dollars and are covered with 24-carat gold foil and a few small diamonds.

The creator of the custom-baked sweets, Angelito Araneta Jr, says they are meant to attract wealth as well as secure good ties with friends and kin. Chinese-Filipinos traditionally share glutinous rice cakes with family and friends to celebrate the Lunar New Year, which falls on Thursday this year.
News Album

1,500-year-old church found in Israel

A view of a mosaic in the archaeological site where an ancient church was found in Hirbet Madras, central Israel, on 2 Feb, 2011. Israeli archaeologists presented a newly uncovered 1,500-year-old church in the Judean hills on Wednesday, including an unusually well-preserved mosaic floor with images of lions, foxes, fish and peacocks.

The Byzantine church located southwest of Jerusalem, excavated over the last two months, will be visible only for another week before archaeologists cover it again with soil for its own protection.

The small basilica with an exquisitely decorated floor was active between the fifth and seventh centuries AD, said the dig’s leader, Amir Ganor of the Israel Antiquities Authority. He said the floor was “one of the most beautiful mosaics to be uncovered in Israel in recent years.”

“It is unique in its craftsmanship and level of preservation,” he said.

Eldest Cuban woman turns 126

Juanita Bautista de la Candelaria Rodriguez, the eldest person in Cuba, celebrated her 126th birthday on Wednesday in good health, the official Prensa Latina news agency said.

Rodriguez lives in her birth town of Campechuela in the eastern Granma Province. According to local authorities and her relatives, she was born on 2 Feb, 1885. An original document of the Campuchuela Civil Registry confirms her age.

With three children including two having been dead, six grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren, Rodriguez said her long life is due to pure country air, rich diet and a “heart always full of love for her fellows.”

Cab concept car includes mini-fridge

Turkish car company Karsan said its entry for New York’s “Taxi of Tomorrow” competition includes a mini-fridge and charging ports for mobile devices. Karsan said its concept car, which will compete against submissions from Ford and Nissan, also includes adjustable headrests, an intercom for communicating with the driver, reading lights and receipt-printing equipment, the New York Post reported Wednesday.

The New York Taxi and Limousine Commission said the winner of the “Taxi of Tomorrow” contract will design cabs for the city for more than 10 years. The winner is not expected to be announced for several months.

Final Oscar ballots mailed to voting members

LOS ANGELES, 3 Feb—The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences (AMPAS) has mailed final ballots for the 83rd Academy Awards to the 5,755 voting members, the Academy said on Wednesday.

Completed ballots must be returned to PricewaterhouseCoopers by 5 pm Tuesday, on 22 February, according to the Academy. Ballots received after the deadline will not be counted.

Nominees in 19 Awards categories were listed on the ballots. Ballots for the remaining five categories including documentary feature, documentary short subject, foreign language film, animated short film and live action short film will be distributed after verification of mandatory member attendance at screenings, AMPAS said.

When the tabulation of the votes is complete, the winners’ names will be placed in sealed envelopes to be opened at the awards presentation held 27 Feb at the Kodak Theatre.
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WEATHER

Thursday, 3rd February , 2011

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, weather has been generally fair in Lower Sagaing and Magway Regions, Chin, Rakhine and Kayah States and partly cloudy in the remaining Regions and States. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below February average temperatures in Upper Sagraing Region and Shan State, (5°C) below February average temperatures in Kachin and Chin States, (4°C) above February average temperature in Bago Region and Mon State and about February average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant night temperatures were Haka (1°C), Pinlaung (2°C), Lashio and Heho (3°C) each, Namhsan and Putao (4°C) each.

Yangon (Kaba-Aye)

Maximum temperature on 2-2-2011 was 92°F. Minimum temperature on 3-2-2011 was 59°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 3-2-2011 was (73%). Rainfall on 3-2-2011 was (Nil).

Normal airport operations were delayed, canceled or diverted after fog began to shroud many Sichuan cities early Tuesday. The fog left 24,000 travelers stranded at the airport, resulting in many failing to return to their homes before Wednesday, the eve of the Lunar New Year, China’s most important festival. Airport authorities launched an emergency response and rescheduled flights in response to the disruption. Normal airport operations resumed at 4:26 am.

Performers wearing costumes of the Qing Dynasty (1644-1911) act during a performance presenting the ancient royal heaven worship ceremony in the Tiantan Park (Temple of Heaven) in Beijing, capital of China, on 3 Feb, 2011, on the occasion of the Chinese Lunar New Year of Rabbit.

XINHUA

Forecast valid until evening of the 4th February 2011: Light rain are likely to be isolated in Taninthayi Region and Kachin State, weather will be partly cloudy in Upper Sagaing, Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions, Chin, Shan, Rakhine and Mon States and generally fair in the remaining Regions and States. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Sunday, 6 February 2011, on the occasion of the Chinese Lunar New Year, Capital of China, the Tiantan Park (Temple of Heaven) in Beijing, capital of China, on 3 Feb, 2011, on the occasion of the Chinese Lunar New Year of Rabbit.

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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

Meeting of Amyotha Hluttaw representatives-elect group of Presidential Electoral College resumes

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Feb—The second-day meeting of Amyotha Hluttaw representatives-elect group of Presidential Electoral College was held at 10 am today at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw building here. It was attended by Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint and Amyotha Hluttaw representatives-elect from Regions and States.

(See page 10)

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

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

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

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

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