Various national races share joys and sorrows

Living together across the Union of Myanmar as well as in each and every part of the nation, various national races have possessed a common socio-economic life and shared joys and sorrows throughout the history. Therefore, a national race or a part of the Union cannot be separated from national races or from the Union. And fruitful results will come out only when the entire Union and all the national races are taken into account together. This indicates a significant characteristic of the Union.

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

Meeting of Group of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives-elect of Presidential Electoral College held

U Thein Sein elected as President, Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo, Dr. Sai Mauk Kham (a) Maung Ohn as Vice-Presidents

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Feb — The Group of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives-elect of Presidential Electoral College held its meeting at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Hall of the Hluttaw Building here today. It was attended by Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint, Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann and representatives-elect of Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw. Director-General of the Hluttaw Office U Myint Thein acted as Master of Ceremonies. (See page 7)

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

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

Meeting of Group of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives-elect of Presidential Electoral College in progress.—MNA
Take great care of the health of mothers and children

Myanmar is giving priority to providing health care for mothers and children. Efforts are being made to reduce mortality rates of infants, the under-fives and expectant mothers, as well as combating HIV/AIDS. Two thirds of the mortality rate of children under five is infants.

With a view to reducing disease outbreaks and such mortality rates, Myanmar is attaching great importance to taking care of mothers and children, including infants.

Babies aged less than five months need breastfeeding only. And a baby must be breastfed within a half hour after its birth. The earliest breastfeeding can prevent diseases and is nutritious. Moreover, there are many benefits from breastfeeding such as family planning, prevention of breast cancer and ovarian cancer, cutting household expenses, having more time for looking after other children and having both physically and mentally fit children.

Maternal and child health care tasks are extensively being carried out as community-based health week activities. Every mother and every family needs to participate in those activities.

In taking care of the health of mothers and infants, Myanmar is taking measures for launching public educative campaigns, delivering babies by way of disinfecting, caring for mothers who have just given a birth and the under-fives, rendering assistance to nutritious development of mothers and children and carrying out vaccination processes. Mothers on their part are therefore to take part in such measures.

Managing Editor Daw Soe Yu Wai explained purpose of publishing the magazine. Chairman Mr. Satoshi Kuroiwa and Director Mr. Akio Suzuki of Economic Sustainable Development-ESD 21 of Japan held discussion about basic principle and practical advantage of TOYOTA production system (TPS)/lean system.

The responsible persons replies queries posed by the attendees. Next, U Tin Maung Aye of Myanmar Resource Group spoke words of thanks.—MNA

Global Health Workforce Alliance Award-2011 goes to Myanmar midwife

The Ministry of Health held a ceremony to honour midwife Daw Nan Than Than Oo who won Global Health Workforce Alliance Award-2011 at the ministry here today. She is from Lweston Rural Health Department (branch) of Meyan Rural Health Department in Tachilek District, Shan State (East).

Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint presented honourable brooch, cash documentation and cash to the honouree. The 2nd Global Forum on Human Resource for Health was held in conjunction with Prince Mahidol Award Conference-2011 in Bangkok of Thailand on 25 January 2011. Among 58 outstanding applicants in healthcare services from 27 countries across the world, Daw Nan Than Than Oo deservedly won the award. Her impressive achievement came from her stupendous efforts without making any excuse and complaint in giving healthcare service throughout 29 years’ service.—MNA

Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views

* Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State
* Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation
* Oppose those trying to undermine the unity and integrity of the State
* Oppose those trying to contribute to the weakening of the State
* Oppose those trying to prevent the development of the State
* Oppose those trying to undermine the national economy
* Oppose those trying to undermine the national security
* Oppose those trying to undermine the national culture
* Oppose those trying to undermine the national identity

The commander and guests then viewed the booths at the expo. The commander later visited local battalions in Bago.

The commander met officers, other ranks and families of local battalions in Taunggyikwe Village and Indagaw Model Village and Thayagon Village and fulfilled requirement.—MNA
**Double bombing kills eight in western Iraq**

BAGHDAD, 4 Feb—A suicide bomber blew himself up Thursday evening in a crowd of people rushing to help victims from a blast minutes earlier, killing eight policemen and wounding 20 bystanders, authorities said.

The first explosion came around 6 pm in downtown Ramadi, the Sunni-dominated Capital of Anbar Province 70 miles (115 kilometres) west of Baghdad, said local council chairman Jasm al-Halbusi.

Minutes later, the suicide bomber joined the crowd of people trying to help the wounded and detonated his explosives-packed vest. Al-Halbusi said the suicide bomber was wearing a military uniform.

Eight policemen were killed and 20 people were wounded in the double-bombing, according to an official at Ramadi hospital, where the victims were taken. He spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not allowed to release the information.

A third blast near the hospital caused no casualties, al-Halbusi said.

Ramadi has been a frequent target for militants, who have attacked the government headquarters four times over the last year alone, including a bombing in which the governor lost a leg. The city was a hotbed of the militancy at the peak of the Iraqi war just a few years ago.—Internet

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**Roadside bomb kills five civilians in N Afghanistan**

KUNDUZ, 4 Feb—Five civilians were killed as a roadside bomb struck their vehicle in Kunduz Province 250 km north of Afghan Capital on Thursday, police said.

"The tragic incident happened in Gortipa District at around 10:00 am local time today as a result five innocent people including two men and three children were martyred," deputy to provincial police chief Abdul Rahman Haqish told Xinhua.

The mine had left over from the past wars, he added. Meantime, a local who introduced himself Mohammad Aman said that there more people were injured in the blast.

Gortipa had been the scene of fierce fighting between Taliban and security forces until early January and according to locals numerous anti-personnel mines and explosive devices had been left over from the past conflicts there.—Xinhua

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**Two killed, 21 injured in blast in Pakistan**

ISLAMABAD, 4 Feb—At least two people were killed and 21 others injured Thursday night when a blast occurred in Pakistan’s eastern city of Lahore, police sources said.

According to police, a small blast occurred when a lot of people gathered at Haider Sain shrine in the downtown area of the city.

Police and rescue teams rushed to the site and shifted the injured to the nearby hospital.

Bomb disposal squad also reached the site and was trying to know what type of explosion that was.

Local TV channel Dawn News reported that the explosive material was thrown from a passing-by vehicle.—Xinhua

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**Death toll of second blast reaches six in Turkish capital**

ANKARA, 4 Feb—Death toll from the second blast in an industrial neighbourhood of Turkish Capital Ankara rose to six, Ankara Mayor Melik Gokcel said on Thursday.

The blast which occurred at around 7:45 pm in a bio-diesel filling station in OSTIM, Ankara’s main industrial area, triggered a fire and blew up an LPG vehicle in front of the building.

Gokcel said at least eight workers were currently trapped in the building, while rescue teams were trying to extinguish the fire.

On Thursday morning, a powerful explosion hit a factory manufacturing hydraulic machines.

Two floors of the four-story OSTIM MegaCentre building collapsed in the blast and windows of nearby buildings and cars were shattered.

"We have counted six dead, 27 others injured," Turkish Interior Minister Besir Atalay was quoted as saying by Anatolia news agency.

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**Afghan detainee dies after exercise at Guantanamo**

SAN JUAN, 4 Feb—A 48-year-old Afghan prisoner at Guantanamo Bay collapsed and died after exercising inside the jail, the US military said Thursday.

Awal Gul fell in the shower Tuesday night after working out on an elliptical machine in Camp 6, a communal section of the Guantanamo reserved for well-behaved prisoners, said military spokesman Army Col Scott Malcom.

The prisoner was taken to the base hospital, where he later died.

Authorities planned to send his remains back to Afghanistan.

Gul was the seventh prisoner to die at the detention centre since January 2002, when the US began using the American Navy base in southeastern Cuba to hold captured detainees suspected of links to al-Qaeda or the Taliban.

Five other deaths were declared suicides. Another was from colon cancer.

Malcolm said the death was still under investigation but that an autopsy completed Thursday appeared to indicate a heart attack or a pulmonary embolism as the cause. He said US patient privacy laws prevented him from discussing any details about Gul’s medical history.

As a prisoner, he was “among the most compliant” at Guantanamo, which now holds about 172 men, but he had not been cleared for release, said Malcolm, a spokesman in Miami, Florida, for the military command that oversees the detention centre.

Gul had been held more than eight years without charge, and the military said in a statement that he was an “admitted Taliban recruiter” who operated an al-Qaeda guesthouse and had met several times with Osama bin Laden.

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**Fire is seen after an explosion hits a thinner factory in an industrial district in Ankara, capital of Turkey, on 3 Feb 2011.**

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**Damage caused by blast in western Iraqi City of Ramadi**

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**Police keep watch at the site of a roadside bomb blast in Kunduz on 3 Feb 2011.**—Xinhua

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Tree rings give clues to ancient droughts

FAYETTEVILLE, 4 Feb—A study of tree rings in Mexico may give clues to the role major droughts played in the fates of long-gone ancient civilizations, US researchers say.

Scientists at the University of Arkansas say their 1,238-year-long tree-ring chronology — the longest and most accurate of its kind for Mexico and Central America — is the first to reconstruct the climate of pre-colonial Mexico on an annual basis for more than a millennium, pinning down four ancient megadroughts to their exact than a millennium, pinning down four ancient megadroughts to their exact years, an American Geophysical Union release reported Thursday.

One large ancient drought previously confirmed in the US Southwest between 1149 and 1167 is shown to have extended into central Mexico, where it may have devastated maize crops, potentially giving a fatal blow to the declining Toltec culture, David Stahle, a UA paleoclimatologist, says. The rainfall chronology provides confirmation of the so-called Terminal Classic drought that some anthropologists tie to the collapse of the Mayan civilization.

“Certainly these cultural changes were very complicated — probably not one single explanation can account for the collapse of the Mayan civilization,” Stahle says. “[But] our study will allow other scientists to more thoroughly investigate and understand the impact of these droughts.”

Insect group in evolutionary freeze

CHAMPAIGN, 4 Feb—US researchers say a fossil of an ancestor of modern cricket-like insects shows the category has undergone little evolutionary change in 100 million years. Scientists at the University of Illinois say the find in a limestone fossil bed in northeastern Brazil differs little from a modern group of large carnivorous insects living today in Asia, Indochina and Africa, showing the genus has been in evolutionary “stasis” since the time of the dinosaurs in the Early Cretaceous Period, a university release reported Thursday.

“Schizodactylidae, or spiny-footed crickets, are an unusual group of large, fierce-looking predatory insects related to the true crickets, katydids and grasshoppers, in the order Orthoptera,” University of Illinois entomologist Sam Heads said. They get their common name from the large, paddle-like projections on their feet, which help support their large bodies as they move around their sandy habitats, hunting down prey,” he said.

‘Static’ Mars dunes seen moving

TEXAS, 4 Feb—Sand dunes in a vast area of Mars, long thought to be static and frozen in time, are moving, US researchers say.

Researchers at the University of Arizona have been collecting images of the dunes using the High Resolution Imaging Science Experiment camera on NASA’s Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter, which reached Mars five years ago. The images show sand avalanches and ripple changes in the dune fields covering an area the size of Texas at the edge of the planet’s polar cap, a university release reported Thursday.

Scientists had long believed the dunes to be fairly static since being created long ago when winds on the planet’s surface were much stronger than seen today, HIRISE investigator Candice Hansen of the Planetary Science Institute, Tucson, Ariz, said.

However, before-and-after images from HIRISE over a period covering two Martian years — four Earth years — show “surprising” changes, researchers found. Seasonal coming and going of carbon dioxide ice and stronger-than-expected gusts of wind are seen as agents of change.

Wireless charging powers forward for mobile devices

NEW YORK, 4 Feb—Gadgets are increasingly becoming more mobile and wireless, and we’re breaking free of cords and wires—or so we wish. Even wireless devices have to be plugged in every so often to recharge their batteries. Wireless charging technology can change that, though, and enable us to live in a truly cord-free world.

What if you could travel with just one charging option for all your digital devices, instead of lugging around a tangle of charging cables? Wouldn’t it be nice if you could set down your smartphone on a special charging table or car dashboard to power it up without any cords?

Plugging your device into an electricity source with a cord is a tedious pain—especially when you consider the diverse array of connector types and power cords involved. Traditional charging relies on electricity conducted directly between a device and a connecting physical wire or through contact with batteries. On the other hand, inductive charging uses magnetic and electromagnetic energy to induce a transfer of power wirelessly. Many electric toothbrushes charge this way.

AI turns sloppy Yelp reviews into useful information

BOSTON, 4 Feb—Online review sites, like Yelp and Citysearch, are rife with caveats. Watch out for the reviewer who didn’t actually eat at the restaurant (and admits to it in her review). Beware of inflated scores. Keep an eye out for obvious self-promotional reviews. The information to guide an intelligent recommendation is there, but you have to dig through the crap. Now, researchers at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology are hoping to automate your BS detector by applying algorithms previously used in linguistic studies.

A new system from the Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence Laboratory’s Spoken Language Systems Group can comb through text and come up with a highly advanced understanding of the context and meaning of the words. The group has already been tested it out on user-written reviews.

Google releases Chrome 9 stable

NEW YORK, 4 Feb—Google has updated the stable branch of its Chrome browser to version 9. The latest stable release brings in many features that Chrome beta users have been enjoying for several months, including Chrome Instant, WebGL support and access to the Chrome Web Store.

Chrome Instant is basically Google Instant but in the Chrome URL/search box. For end users, the two most compelling features are WebGL support and the Chrome Web Store.

Chrome 9.0 brings stable support for WebGL. WebGL lets web developers create hardware-accelerated 3D graphics inside the web browser. We discussed WebGL and the Google Body experiment back in December. If you haven’t seen WebGL in action, be sure to check out the WebGL Experiments page.
Physical exercise helps keeps cancer at bay

GENEVA, 4 Feb—The World Health Organization is advising people in at least 150 minutes of “moderate” physical exercise a week to reduce the risk of breast and colon cancers, in new recommendations published on Friday.

“Cancer is preventable and many cancers are avoidable,” said Eduardo Cazap, president of the Union for International Cancer Control (UICC) and one of the authors of the joint “Global Recommendations on Physical Activity for Health”, UICC and WHO experts estimate based on scientific evidence that around 25 percent of breast and colon cancers could be prevented by undertaking physical activity, while exercise can also affect other types of cancers. “The dose of physical activity required is 150 minutes a week,” WHO health promotion expert Tim Armstrong told journalists. “Most individuals can accomplish it, it’s 30 minutes of moderate effort like walking on five days of the week,” he explained.

The WHO ranks lack of physical activity alongside tobacco, diabetes and high blood pressure as a health risk, leading to the deaths of 3.2 million people a year. “Physical inactivity is the fourth leading risk factor for all global deaths, with 31 percent of the world's population not physically active,” said Lindsay St Claire and Peter J Rogers, both of the University of Bristol in England, tested whether increased caffeine consumption exacerbates stress and disrupts team performance. The researchers gave 64 men and women in same-sex pairs a range of tasks to complete, including carrying out negotiations, completing puzzles, memory tasks and high-pressure meetings. To add to the stress, each was told to deliver a public presentation. The researchers gave decaffeinated coffees, half of which contained added caffeine, to the coffee drinkers. The researchers measured individual cognitive appraisals, emotional feelings, bodily symptoms, coping, performance, memory, psychomotor performance, and negotiation skills under higher or lower stress conditions.

The study, published in the Journal of Applied Social Psychology, found women performed better and faster under stress, provided caffeine had been consumed, but the men were generally impaired if they consumed the caffeinated coffee.

Coffee ups women’s performance, hurts men

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Steel takeover plan powers Tokyo shares

The Nikkei 225 stock average rose 11 percent to 10,530.02, as much of the region took a break for the Lunar New Year holidays. Markets in Hong Kong, mainland China, South Korea, Malaysia and Singapore were closed. Nippon Steel Corp advanced 9.1 percent, and Sumitomo Metal Industries Ltd surged more than 16 percent. On Thursday they announced plans to combine their businesses next year to create the world’s second-biggest steelmaker. The move is an effort by both companies to stay competitive in the global steel industry and expand into high-growth markets like China and India.

Companies that reported bullish earnings Thursday also advanced, including Sony Corp, Hitachi Ltd and Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group Inc. Elsewhere, Australia’s S&P/ASX 200 rose 0.9 percent to 4,861.70 and New Zealand’s benchmark was up 0.6 percent at 3,369.72.—INTERNET

Energy efficiency of China’s energy intensive sectors up 20 pct in past five years

BEIJING, 4 Feb—The energy consumption per unit of gross domestic product (GDP) for China’s major energy intensive industries decreased by more than 20 percent during the 2006-2010 period, the statistics authorities have reported.

The National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) attributed the rising energy efficiency for the industries to the government’s growing investment in energy savings, and the accelerated energy-saving technological upgrading for the sectors.

The sectors include oil processing, coking and nuclear fuel processing, chemicals and chemical product manufacturing, non-metallic mineral product manufacturing, ferrous metal smelting and rolling, nonferrous metal smelting and rolling, and electricity and heat producing and supplying.

Data from the energy department of the NBS showed that the industries had saved a total of 400 million tonnes of standard coal, contributing more than 60 percent to the entire country’s energy savings. The performance of the energy intensive sectors is key to whether China can reach its energy efficiency goal, as the industries accounted for about 77 percent of China’s total industrial energy consumption and more than half of the country’s total energy consumption, said the NBS.—Xinhua

MasterCard profit rises on spending, but fee caps loom

NEW YORK, 4 Feb—MasterCard Inc’s (MA.N) fourth-quarter profit soared 41 percent, beating expectations, as consumers around the world spent more money using credit and debit cards. Revenue rose almost 11 percent to $4.44 billion, slightly above expectations, and grew from the previous quarter in all regions.

“Based on the spending trends we have seen and the improving consumer confidence, I think I am cautiously optimistic that we will see continued improvements in 2011,” MasterCard Chief Executive Ajay Banga told investors in a conference call on Thursday. Cross-border volumes, which indicate that people are travelling more and using their cards in foreign countries, grew almost 19 percent in the fourth quarter.—Reuters

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Three dead, five hurt after SUV plunges into icy river

Oklahoma, 4 Feb—A SUV carrying eight people plunged 80 feet from a highway into an icy river in northeast Oklahoma in subzero temperatures, killing three and injuring the other five, state officials said on Thursday. The accident raises the state’s death toll from the recent winter storm to four, according to the Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management. “Three people died this morning after the vehicle they were occupants in went off the Spring River Bridge on the Will Rogers Turnpike,” said department spokeswoman Michelle Ann Ooten. “Five other occupants in the vehicle were injured in the crash.”

New Year fire destroys China hotel

Beijing, 4 Feb—State media reports say a fire set off by fireworks to celebrate the Lunar New Year destroyed a five-star hotel in northeast China. The official Xinhua News Agency said the fire gutted the hotel in Shenyang, capital of Liaoning Province, before dawn Thursday. There were no casualties. Xinhua said firefighters had trouble dealing with the fire because their fire engines shot water up only 50 metres (165 feet), while the building was 219 metres (720 feet) tall.

Global food prices hit record high in January

Rome, 4 Feb—Global food prices reached a new record peak in January, the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) warned on Thursday in an update of its Food Price Index. According to FAO, food prices have been steadily rising since the last seven months. The food price index averaged 231 points in January, up 3.4 percent from December 2010. The rise, the highest since FAO started measuring food prices in 1990, was mainly due to surging international wheat and maize prices amid tightening supplies. While ruling out a new food crisis similar to that of 2007-2008, the Rome-based agency has repeatedly urged countries not to underestimate hiking food prices, especially in front of a long-term trend which may trigger excessive market volatility.

Decades-long ‘banana war’ ends

Brussels, 4 Feb—A decades-long “banana war” between Europe and the Americas drew to a definitive end Thursday as the European Parliament passed a deal to reduce import tariffs. Lawmakers sitting in Brussels voted 501 for, 114 against, to greenlight a December 2009 deal brokered by the World Trade Organization to buy off complaints by Latin American and US producers of preferential treatment for bananas grown in far-flung EU outlets and rival African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) ex-colonies.

Video appears to show Houston police beating teen

Houston, 4 Feb—Prosecutors said Thursday they remain confident four former Houston police officers can get a fair trial despite the release of a surveillance video that appears to show them kicking and stomping a teenage burglary suspect last year.

Pakistan judge orders American held eight more days

Lahore, 4 Feb—A court on Thursday ordered the detention of an American official suspected in the shooting deaths of two Pakistanis extended by at least eight days, in defiance of US demands the man be released immediately.

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Nevertheless, lawmakers also called for a fresh look at aid for “ultra peripheral” EU territories, namely the French Caribbean and Indian Ocean territories of Guadeloupe, Martinique, French Guiana and Reunion, Spain’s Canary Islands and Portugal’s Azores and Madeira.

Three dead, five hurt after SUV plunges into icy river

This photo provided by the Oklahoma Highway Patrol shows responders working the scene in Miami, Okla., where an SUV packed with eight people veered off of an icy highway bridge on 3 Feb, 2011.—INTERNET

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Fire devours an entire block of the Dynasty Wanxin Hotel in Shenyang in northeast China’s Liaoning Province on 3 Feb, 2011.—INTERNET

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Decades-long ‘banana war’ ends
Meeting of Group of …

Speaker U Khin Aung Myint announced the validity and start of the meeting as it was attended by all 659 representatives-elect accounting for 100% attendance.

Afterwards, the Speaker announced that three vice-presidents elected by the respective groups of Presidential Electoral College were found to have possessed presidential qualifications after they have been assessed by the scrutiny group.

Afterwards, members of the Group of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives-elect of Presidential Electoral College cast secret votes in the presence of the Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and the members of the group. The Speaker and Deputy Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw also cast secret votes together with the members of the group.

After the casting of votes, ballot boxes were opened and counting of votes was carried out of the presence of members of the Group of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives-elect of Presidential Electoral College in accord with the rules and regulations. After counting the votes, it was announced that there were five cancelled votes.

Next, the number of votes cast for each presidential candidate was filled in the Form-15, signed by members of the scrutiny group and signed by the Speaker for approval. Afterwards, the Speaker announced that U Thein Sein from the Group of Pyithu Hluttaw Representatives-elect and Dr. Sai Mauk Kham (a) Maung Ohn from the Group of Amyotha Hluttaw Representatives-elect got 75 votes.

Therefore, the Speaker announced that U Thein Sein from the Group Myint Oo and Dr. Sai Mauk Kham (a) Maung Ohn as vice-presidents.

Afterwards, the Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw announced that the presidential election of Presidential Electoral College won 408 votes while Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo from the Group of Defence Services Personnel Representatives-elect obtained 171 votes of Pyithu Hluttaw Representatives-elect was elected as the President as he won the majority of votes. Next, the Speaker announced Thiha Thura U Tin Aung ended at 1.20 pm and the second-day meeting of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw would be held at 10 am on Tuesday, 8 February, 2011.
Hailing the 64th Anniversary Union Day:

Perpetuation of the Union, fundamental cause of all national races

Ko Ko Maung Gyi

National brethren
United we stand

“For perpetuation of the Union” is a fundamental concept conceived by Union Spirit of national brethren.

Union Spirit is the patriotic spirit of every citizen who loves the Union of Myanmar. In this regard, patriotism means national races’ spirit of loving own races as well as the Union of Myanmar.

The Union of Myanmar is a multiethnic country. In the course of the nation’s history, national races have been living through thick and thin, dealing with varieties of vicissitudes. Various national races such as Mon, Shan, Bamar and Rakhine have been preserving fine traditions of the motherland. Chin, Kachin, Kayah and Kayin national races have been joining hands with other national races region-wise throughout successive periods.

In late Konbaung period and the time of the British colonists, Myanmar was the language used by the great majority of national brethren. But, in the time of the British government, English was the first official language and Myanmar was the second official language in the nation. So, British colonialists termed Myanmar as Burma.

After regaining independence, Myanmar became the Union of Myanmar of all national races and regions. So, the term “the Union of Myanmar” became the common term of all national races.

However much the history of the Union of Myanmar, home to all national races, was like in the past, good or bad, at a time when the nation has seen the State Constitution, it is required of the entire people to have positive attitude in looking back to past events of the nation. We have to learn lessons from the strengths and weaknesses of past experiences.

Internal armed conflicts broke out for many years after the independence. However, successive governments and the Tatmadaw throughout the periods managed to safeguard the sovereignty of the Union of Myanmar. Therefore, the Union of Myanmar has stood till today.

For perpetuation of the Union is a bounden duty of all Myanmar people of various national races.

Only with cooperation and harmony, will it be possible for national races to make a good headway in carrying out tasks for development of the Union of Myanmar. It is because a national race alone is not capable of exploiting and utilizing natural resources of the Union. In the process, they can achieve greater success only if they put reliance and trust in one another.

That is an objective approach. Indeed, each national race has to try to develop and preserve their languages, cultures and customs, while working hard for progress of the region concerned. At the same time, they have to work closely in the interest of the whole Union of Myanmar.

For ensuring perpetuation of the Union is not the spreading of a political propaganda. That is, in fact, exactly the most important thing needed by all national brethren. All Myanmar citizens have to be convinced of and exercise that point as an unarguable concept.

Therefore, none of the people should think of breaking up the Union. The entire people are also to consider that Our Three Main National Causes, namely Non-disintegration of the Union, Non-disintegration of national solidarity, and Perpetuation of sovereignty embodies the drive for perpetuation of the Union.

Only then, will the people of all national races be able to serve the public interests.

To serve the interests of the entire people of the Union covers social improvements such as fulfillment of the basic needs of all national races, improvement of the education, health care and relations, promotion and preservation of their cultures, and peaceful life enjoyed in accordance with the law and customs.

In order to improve the socio-economic status of the people of the Union, all must work together with fair-mindedness.

If the people lack unity in working in the interest of the Union, without any doubt, they will never achieve the common goal. It is because natural resources and enterprises, which can bring about benefits to the whole Union, are interrelated to each other.

If the Union splits into pieces, none of the people enjoys fruitful results. Only if the people work hard together like a national family, can they all enjoy the taste of development.

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HAILING THE 64th ANNIVERSARY UNION DAY:
Perpetuation of the Union, fundamental cause of all national races

Ko Ko Maung Gyi

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(From page 8)

However much the history of the Union of Myanmar, home to all national races, was like in the past, good or bad, at a time when the nation has seen the State Constitution, it is required of the entire people to have positive attitude in looking back to past events of the nation. We have to learn lessons from the strengths and weaknesses of past experiences. And only with positive attitude, can they put trust and mutual understanding to each other. Positive attitude and mutual understanding are two interrelated attitudes. Only when two understand each other, can they set mutual trust between them. And only with mutual trust, will the people cultivate the sense of optimism.

In that case, positive attitude means the people ignore weak points, mistakes and misunderstanding of one another, but view only good behaviours of one another such as strong points, good deeds, good habits, good moral conduct, preservation of national culture and fine traditions, peaceful nature, and willingness to do wholesome acts.

Surely, there will be a peaceful and prosperous Union of Myanmar if nation-building tasks are carried out with positive attitude among national races, Regions and States, governing bodies who will take over State duties, and political parties that have rights to deal with national and political affairs.

So, it is obligatory for each and every citizen to have positive attitude and optimism in shouldering nation-building tasks in order that the people can have much-needed requirements fulfilled. To be able to do so, we all have to show good behaviours such as great forbearance, patience, hard work and magnanimity.

I believe that only then will the Union of Myanmar be a peaceful land with a promising future. Therefore, every citizen must abstain forever from thinking of, speaking and doing things that can be harmful to perpetuation of the Union.

In conclusion, I would say that all must have a deep conviction that perpetuation and prosperity of the Union is the most fundamental cause of the entire national races.

Translation: MS
Conference of Anaesthetic Surgeons kicks off

Chairman of Myanmar Society of Anaesthetic Surgeons Professor Dr Tin Myint speaking at 9th Conference of Anaesthetic Surgeons.

YANGON, 4 Feb—The 9th conference of Myanmar Society of Anaesthetic Surgeons took place place at Panda Hotel in Lanmadaw Township here yesterday morning. On behalf of the Chairman of Myanmar Medical Association (Central), Professor Dr Khin Maung Aye extended greetings, and Chairman of the society Professor Dr Tin Myint gave an opening speech. Dr Daw Theingi of the reception subcommittee gave an introductory speech. Next, the 9th conference followed. The conference included symposium and workshop, exhibition and academic programmes.—MNA

Strong earthquake jolts

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Feb—A strong earthquake of magnitude 6.4 Richter Scale with its epicenter inside Myanmar (about 35 miles Northeast of Tamu Township) about 200 miles Northwest of Mandalay seismological observatory was recorded at 20 hrs 26 min 24 sec MST on 4th February 2011.—MNA

Fires break out in Yangon, Magway regions

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Feb—A fire broke out from the frying-pea stove of a house on Thitsapankhin Street in Hla Ward of North Okkalapa Township, Yangon Region at about 00:25 am on 31 January, leaving seven houses burnt down and ten families homeless. Similarly, 12 houses caught fire as a result of cooking in Shangon Village, Natmauk Township of Magway Region at about 11:30 am on the same day. Fire Services Department warns all the people to seriously take fire preventive measure individually as well as in combination as anyone’s negligence causes losses and damages to other people.—MNA

Speeding car overturns on Mandalay-Lashio Road killing five, injuring five

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Feb—A speeding pilgrimage bus with 20 passengers on board reroute from Yangon turned over at Mile Post No.51/1 on Mandalay-Lashio Road near Yathayankon Village in PyinOoLwin Township at about 7.30 am yesterday, killing three men and two women and injuring four men and one woman. Police of Mandalay City Police Station has opened a case to arrest driver Myo Nyunt, who is at large. After the incident, a witness said that motorists are still found to be reluctant to follow the traffic rules and regulations although the country’s transport facilities have been in better condition. There are still reckless driving, violations of traffic rules and regulations and hit-and-run drivers despite the country’s efforts for giving educative talks on traffic rules and regulations, it is learnt.—MNA
Europe aims to boost innovation

BRUSSELS, 4 Feb—Remi Caron, a computer programmer and entrepreneur in Amsterdam, thought he had the perfect idea. One of his clients, a researcher, had been collecting the data of the sheep being used in a study. Caron feared that the data might be included in a legislation — or so Caron feared. He headed for Brussels, the headquarters of the European Union, which oversees data protection on the continent, to find answers, but even there no one could help him, he says. “The EU itself doesn’t really know where to find the legislations of various member states,” says Caron.

Roadblocks to innovation like the one encountered by Caron have caught the attention of European policymakers as they scramble for ways to get their economies growing after a financial crisis that has pushed several states to the brink of bankruptcy.

Like US President Barack Obama and his call for a “spuntik moment,” the EU is touting innovation as the magic bullet for economic recovery. At a summit in Brussels Friday, the EU wants to get leaders to agree on investing more in education, research and technology, even as they slash spending elsewhere.

Heads that Brussels

Bitter cold sets in as US digs out from epic storm

CHICAGO, 4 Feb—Bitterly cold temperatures set in Thursday as millions of Americans dug out from a massive storm which dumped snow, ice and sleet over a 3,000 kilometres (2,000 miles) stretch from Texas to Maine.

The storm — one of the largest since the 1950s — had ground travel nearly to a halt Tuesday and Wednesday, and authorities warned that road conditions remained treacherous even though the storm had dissipated.

“Motorists should still not travel if it can be avoided,” said Col. Ron Replogle of the Missouri State Highway Patrol as he announced the reopening of Interstate 70, which had been closed all day from one end of the state to the other.

“Also, remember that many other roads around the state are still not passable.”

An Oklahoma news crew captured the dramatic rescue of eight people whose truck skidded off a highway bridge into a frozen river near Tulsa Thursday morning.

Six people had managed to climb onto the roof of the truck and the other two were able to stay out of the frigid water which seeped inside. But three of them nonetheless died from exposure and the conditions of the others was unknown, News on Six reported.

Australian rescuers battle to reach cyclone towns

TULLY, (Australia), 4 Feb—Australian rescuers cut their way through to towns splintered by a monster cyclone, as officials urged people stranded by the storm to stay calm until help arrives.

Local residents sit on a tin roof as they watch a thunderstorm approaching after Cyclone Yasi tore through Tully, on 3 February.—INTERNET

Authorities on Friday announced the first death linked to top-strength Cyclone Yasi, which roared into Queensland state Thursday: a young man who suffocated on fumes from a generator running in an enclosed space.

“The is a tragic loss of life and again our condolences go to that young man’s family and friends,” Queensland State Emergency Services Minister Neil Roberts said, urging people without power to ventilate if using generators.

The biggest storm to hit Australia in a century wrought huge damage to small coastal communities, cutting some of them off completely.

But while two men were reported missing, there were no confirmed deaths caused directly by Yasi.—INTERNET

Over 43,000 marooned in Sri Lanka floods

COLOMBO, 4 Feb—At least three were killed with over 43,000 marooned in the flooding caused by heavy rains in the north, north central and eastern parts of Sri Lanka, officials said on Thursday.

“There are 51 camps housing 10,043 people in the Ampara, Trincomalee, and Vavuniya districts”, Pradeep Kodippily, a top disaster management official said.

Commenting on the damage caused to housing, Kodippily said some 702 houses have been fully destroyed while 3,310 more were partly damaged.

The department of irrigation said sluice gates of many reservoirs have been opened as most reached spill levels.

Gayana Hendawithana, a meteorologist said over 100 kilometres of rains had been recorded in the east.

All schools in the North Central Province will remain closed Thursday, Chief Minister Berty Dissanayake said.

Sri Lanka has been experiencing a wet patch since November and the weather department says

Ruins of wooden Great Wall discovered in NE China

SHENYANG, 4 Feb—Archaeologists have identified the dilapidated walls in northeast China to be the remains of the “Wooden Great Wall”, breaking the stereotype that the landmark wall of China was only made of stone and earthen bricks.

Some willow fences, found in the mountainous areas of Dandong City, Liaoning Province, helped corroborate the existence of the “Wooden Great Wall”, which is mentioned in ancient history books, according to a report jointly released by Liaoning Culture Relics Bureau and Liaoning Bureau of Surveying and Mapping.

The willow fences were built upon the remains of the oak walls in the Qing Dynasty (AD 1636 - 1911), after the wooden structures corroded and collapsed, said the report.—Xinhua

A girl displays “bunny dolls” at the Spring Festival cultural temple fair held in Ditan Park, Beijing, capital of China, on 2 Feb, 2011. —Xinhua

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Hundreds of cars are seen stranded, on 2 Feb, 2011 in Chicago. A winter blizzard of historic proportions wobbled an otherwise snow-tough Chicago, stranding hundreds of drivers for up to 12 hours overnight on the city’s showcase lakeshore thoroughfare and giving many city schoolchildren their first ever snow day.—Xinhua

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**Man arrested after shoving argument**

Police in Boston said they arrested a man who allegedly threatened a neighbour with kitchen knives while they were both shoveling snow.

Investigators said William Plaza, 38, was shoveling a parking spot alongside a neighbour Tuesday evening and began dumping his snow into the spot being shoveled by the other man, the Boston Herald reported on Thursday.

“The victim asked the suspect to stop,” the police report said. “The suspect responded ‘What are you gonna do about it?’”

Police said the pair argued and Plaza retrieved a pair of kitchen knives from his home.

“Someone’s going to get stabbed,” the report quoted Plaza as saying. Plaza was arrested and later freed on $300 bail.

**Fat patients force British ambulances to supersize**

Britain is having to buy new ambulances and upgrade others to cope with a growing number of fat patients as an obesity crisis grips the country, a report said.

“Every ambulance service in Britain has had to buy extra-strength wheelchairs and wider stretchers while reinforcing existing vehicles at a cost of millions of pounds (dollars, euros), the BBC said, citing official figures.

Several fleets have also have also had to buy specialist ambulances costing up to £90,000 ($145,000, 105,285 euros) each, according to the figures, which the broadcaster obtained through a freedom of information request.

“Fat patients are getting larger and larger and ambulances need to be able to respond immediately to what could be life-threatening situations,” Jo Webber, director of Britain’s Ambulance Service Network, told the BBC.

“Every service is having to invest money in this. It shows that some of the changes we are seeing have a range of costs.”

**New York, 4 Feb—**

The Guggenheim Museum is returning to its roots with an exhibition presenting the masterworks of modern art that form the foundation of Solomon R Guggenheim’s collection. Beginning in the late 1920s, Guggenheim began to branch out into new artistic directions with the help of an adviser, German artist Hilla Rebay. She steered the American industrialist toward artists who were making nonobjective, almost abstract art.

Until then, Guggenheim had been fond of old master paintings, the realistic landscapes of the French Barbizon school and similar works; under Rebay’s direction, he began acquiring art of the moment that captured the v...
Redknapp ponders new Beckham bid

London, 4 Feb — Tottenham Hotspur manager Harry Redknapp is contemplating a new bid for David Beckham even as the former England captain prepared to end his temporary stay without having played for the London club.Redknapp hasn’t ruled out making a move for Beckham when the midfielder’s current deal with the Los Angeles Galaxy expires in November, even though the deal-talk will then be 36.

Beckham has been training with Spurs ahead of the new Major League Soccer season in the United States and is due to return to Los Angeles on Wednesday. Redknapp

Hoffenheim coach Pezzaiuoli signs until 2014

Hoffenheim, 4 Feb — Hoffenheim coach Marco Pezzaiuoli on Thursday signed a contract which will keep him at the Bundesliga side until 2014.Pezzaiuoli, 42, took over as head coach last month after stalwart Ralf Rangnick quit in early January after four-and-a-half years in charge.

Since taking over as head coach, Pezzaiuoli has endured a torrid time as his team were dumped out of the German Cup by second division Energie Cottbus and went three games without a win before they won 1-0 at Schalke last weekend. Hoffenheim are eighth in the Bundesliga and take on Kaiserslautern on Saturday.— Internet

Roma ready to sell to US businessman Di Benedetto

Rome, 4 Feb — Roma has announced it is ready to negotiate a sale to American businessman Thomas Di Benedetto, a part owner of the parent company of the Boston Red Sox and Liverpool. Members of the Roma’s management have been in the United States for over a week to try to find buyers, and choose Di Benedetto’s company Di Benedetto AS Roma LLC ahead of four other offers.

A club announcement on Thursday says the American company “present themselves as the most competitive offer.” The two parties hope to conclude the deal within two weeks. Di Benedetto is a partner in the Fenway Sports Group, formerly New England Sports Network and Roush-Fenway Racing.— Internet

Inter up to third in Italian league after Bari win

Rome, 4 Feb — Inter Milan moved up to third in the Serie A table after labouring to a 3-0 victory at rock bottom Bari on Thursday.

Following league leaders AC Milan’s 0-0 draw with Lazio on Tuesday, Inter closed the gap to their bitter city rivals to seven points and with a game in hand.

Although the final score appeared comfortable it did not tell the story of a game that for 70 minutes seemed destined to finish in a sterile goalless stalemate. But 20 minutes from time Moroccan midfielder Houssine Kharja struck his first goal for the champions in his first start for the club. Fellow transfer deadline day signing Giampaolo Pazzini then took his tally for the nerazzurri to three goals in two games with the first of two added time strikes before Wesley Sneijder on his injury comeback added the third. Inter coach Leonardo started the game with three strikers but admitted that his team improved when he made changes.— Internet

Cologne lose appeal over dodgy transfer fax

Frankfurt, 4 Feb — The German football league (DFL) on Thursday rejected an appeal from Bundesliga club Cologne over a failed last-minute transfer which was scuppered by a tempramental fax machine.

Cologne launched the appeal after managing to fax the transfer request for Hamburg’s Cameroonain Eric-Maxime Choupo-Moting to the DFL 12 minutes after the deadline of 6:00 pm (GMT) on Monday.

To make matters worse, Cologne had twice tried to fax the relevant documents before the deadline, to no avail. But the DFL stuck to its mantra of one rule for all, insisting that adhering to the deadline strictly guaranteed the integrity of transfers.— Internet

Neville to stay with United for the season

Manchester, 4 Feb—Gary Neville said on Thursday he intended to stay with Manchester United for the rest of the season. The 35-year-old full-back announced his retirement with immediate effect on Wednesday, ending a one club career of some 20 years that yielded eight English titles, a Champions League final triumph and 85 caps among a host of honours.

Neville, speaking to United’s in-house television channel MUTV on Thursday, said retirement from a career that ended with his appearance against West Brom on New Year’s Day, had been on his mind for some time. The outspoken defender has been linked with both a move to television punditry or a place in United manager Sir Alex Ferguson’s backroom staff

Anderson, Mannarino survive at S African Tennis Open

Johannesburg, 4 Feb—Normality returned to the shock-strewn South African Open on Thursday with remaining seeds Kevin Anderson and Adrian Mannarino reaching the quarter-finals. South African Anderson gradually took control against Israeli Dudi Sela to triumph 6-4, 6-2 in the 442,500-dollar ATP tournament at the Tuscan-style Montecasino entertain

Wenger attacks Fabregas ‘witch hunt’

Loius Saha scored despite being in an offside position. 

Arsenal skipper Cesc Fabregas Long-term injury...Angry Arsenal boss Arsene Wenger claimed on Friday that his skipper Cesc Fabregas has become the target of a witch hunt. The 23-year-old midfielder was at the centre of controversy in midweek when he was involved in an angry confrontation with match officials after Everton striker Andy Carroll ready to live up to record price tag

Samir Nasri, who arrived at Arsenal for £5 million in 2004, is also in the headlines today, after his three goals in two games with the first of two added time strikes before Wesley Sneijder on his injury comeback added the third. Inter coach Leonardo started the game with three strikers but admitted that his team improved when he made changes.— Internet

Carroll ready to live up to record price tag

Liverpool, 4 Feb — Andy Carroll has insisted he will cope with the pressure of his record-breaking transfer to Liverpool. The 22-year-old England striker moved to Liverpool from Premier League rivals Newcastle for £35 million — the highest

But having been a striker with hometown club Newcastle where forwards such as Alan Shearer have always been accorded special status by the north-east club’s fans, the 6ft 3in Carroll is looking forward to life at Liverpool.

Currently sidelined with a thigh injury, he also believes the off-field controversies he endured at Newcastle, including being fined for common assault, will also stand him in good stead on Merseyside.— Internet

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FIFA to test ten goal-line technology systems

GENEVA, 4 Feb—Ten different goal-line technology systems will compete to persuade FIFA that referees need high-tech help to make correct decisions. FIFA said on Friday that the 10 systems, which it did not identify, will be tested privately at its headquarters next week by researchers from a Zurich-based technology institute. “A report will be presented to the IFAB (International Football Association Board) following an independently monitored testing phase of 10 companies and their respective technology systems,” FIFA said in a statement.

The subject will top the agenda when IFAB, comprising FIFA and the four British federations, meets March 5 in Wales for its annual review of soccer’s laws. —Xinhua

WEATHER

Friday, 4th February, 2011

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

During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Upper Sagaing, Yangon and Taninthayi Regions, generally fair in the remaining Regions and States. Night temperatures were (7°C) below February average temperatures in Upper Sagaing Region. (5°C) to (6°C) below February average temperatures in Kachin and Chin States. (3°C) below February average temperature in Mandalay Region and Northern Shan State and 14°C above February average temperatures in Mon State and about February average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant night temperatures were Haka (0°C), Lashio and Pinaung (3°C) each and Pathein (4°C).

Maximum temperature on 3-2-2011 was 91°F. Minimum temperature on 4-2-2011 was 58°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 4-2-2011 was (73%). Rainfall on 4-2-2011 was (Nil). Yangon (Kaba-Aye)

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Bay Influence: According to the observations at (12:30) hrs MST today, the low pressure area over Southwest Bay and adjoining St. Lanka Coast still persist. Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy in the Andaman Sea and South Bay and generally fair elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal. Forecast valid until evening of the 5th February 2011: Light rain are possible to be isolated in Taninthayi Region, weather will be partly cloudy in Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions, Kachin, Mon and Kayin States and generally fair in the remaining Regions and States. Degree of certainty is (46%).

State of the sea: Strong Easterly winds with moderate to rough seas are likely at times Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthay Region. Surface wind speed in strong wind may reach (35) mph. Seas will be Moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Generally fair weather in the Whole country.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 5-2-2011: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 5-2-2011: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 5-2-2011: Generally fair weather.

Weather outlook for second weekend of February 2011: During the coming weekend, weather will be generally fair in Nay Pyi Taw and Mandalay Region and partly cloudy in Yangon Region.

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (5-2-2011) (Saturday)

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Democracy can be introduced only through constitution

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- We favour peace and stability
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- Wipe out those inciting unrest and violence

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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

International community had misunderstood Myanmar regarding human rights because anti-government groups and certain powers, which aided and abetted the groups, were one-sidedly manufacturing fabrications.

Constitution of Myanmar carried a separate chapter about fundamental rights of citizens whose standards and norms were on a par with that of international constitutions.

Nay Pyi Taw, 4 Feb—The review of Myanmar’s progress of human rights took place on 27 January, at the 10th Session of Universal Periodic Review Working Group held from 24 January to 4 February 2011 in Geneva, Switzerland.

The Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Attorney-General Dr Tun Shin and deputy leader Permanent Representative Ambassador U Wunna Maung Lwin of Office of Permanent Myanmar Representatives of United Nations in Geneva took part in the discussions.

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