All national races have remained united

In the course of the Myanmar history, all national races have remained united in repulsing various forms of alien intrusion, and stood tall as a sovereign nation in the world. Here is a notable point that in the times of unifying the nation into a sovereign strong one, the unity of national races reached its peak with flourishing Union Spirit and thriving political, economic and social sectors.

However, in the times when national races were not cohesive nor equipped with Union Spirit well, the nation’s political, economic and social conditions were declining and even the nation’s sovereignty was threatened.

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 60th Anniversary Union Day)

Senior General Than Shwe sends felicitations to Iranian President

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Feb— Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Mahmoud Ahmadenejad, President of the Islamic Republic of Iran, on the occasion of the National Day of the Islamic Republic of Iran, which falls on 11 February 2011.—MNA

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye sends felicitations to Iranian First Vice President

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Feb— Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Mohammad Reza Rahimi, First Vice President of the Islamic Republic of Iran, on the occasion of the National Day of the Islamic Republic of Iran, which falls on 11 February 2011. —MNA

Rakhine State gaining development momentum in the time of State Peace and Development Council

Colourful Rakhine State

Rakhine State is located in the westernmost part of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and has 14,200 square miles. Rakhine State is home to Rakhine and Bamar national races who are living in harmony with Chin, Mro, Thet, Khami, Daingnet, Maramargyi and Kaman. Rakhine State is located between coastal area and mountain ranges.

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Join hands for development of Myanmar’s rural area

As a gesture of hailing the 64th Anniversary Union Day, ceremonies to inaugurate roads, tube-wells, libraries and new school buildings took place one after another.

Ceremonies to open Basic Education Middle School (Branch) in Lekan Village of Pale Township and Pyinnya Ali Library in Nartat Village of Tangan Township were held at the respective venues in late January. Only when rural youths can pursue education, will they contribute to broadening horizons of the local people.

Likewise, ceremonies to inaugurate Kyauktan-Kyunpya-Nweleinkan earthen road near Yaymyet Village of Minbu Township, Zigon-Karhoe rural asphalt road in Kanbalu Township, Thittyagauk-Myinsaing laterite road in Magway Township, repaved Min Road in Shwegin Township and gravel ring-road of Nyaungbin Ward in Wundwin Township took place in early February.

Task to ensure smooth transport is one of fulfilling the requirements for uplifting socio-economic life and living standard of the rural people. Thanks to inter-village roads and the roads linking urban and rural areas, the better transport has emerged for rural people and domestic products.

Health care services are being provided to the rural people by opening new station hospitals, medical wards and dispensaries in rural areas. In addition, talks on health knowledge on prevention against diseases and infection and personal hygiene have been given to the rural people.

In early February, new tube-wells were launched in Chaing and Kyathoe villages of Pakokku Township and Myaysun (East) Village in Chaung Township as part of efforts for supplying clean drinking water to the rural people. Building the small-scale lakes and dams contribute to use of irrigated water and clean water consumption of farmers. In the near future, the environment of Myanmar rural area will gain development momentum thanks to collaboration of the government, wellwishers and social organizations.

270 drug-related cases exposed in January

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Feb—A total of 270 drug-related cases were exposed in January 2011.

The authorities concerned seized 142,247 kilos of opium in 42 cases, 17,992.6 kilos of opium speciosa in six cases, 28 cases, 9.8632 kilos of marijuana in 17 cases, 112.989 stimulant tablets in 68 cases, 0.808 kilo of opium speciosa in six cases, 28 cases, 9.8632 kilos of marijuana in 17 cases, 112.989 stimulant tablets in 68 cases, 0.808 kilo of opium speciosa in six cases, 4.177 litres of opium liquid in one case, 27,000 Zolam tablets in one case, 0.9 kilo of ice in one case, 1.4 litres of Cathamine and 38 kilos of Caffeine.

Action was taken against 398 culprits—322 men and 76 women—in 270 cases under the law.—MNA

FM sends felicitations to Iranian counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Feb—On the occasion of the National Day of the Islamic Republic of Iran, which falls on 11 February 2011, U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to H.E. Mr Ali-Akbar Salehi, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran.—MNA

MYANMAR GAZETTE

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Feb—The State Peace and Development Council has confirmed the appointment of Managing Director U Soe Min of Myanmar Investment and Commercial Bank under the Ministry of Finance and Revenue on expiry of the one-year probation period.

Malaysia Palm Oil Base Product Seminar & Exhibition held

MALAYSIA, 10 Feb—Malaysia Palm Oil Council (MPOC), Felda Delima Oil Products Sdn Bhd and Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry jointly organized the Malaysia Palm Oil Base Product Seminar & Exhibition at Traders Hotel on Sule Pagoda Road, here, yesterday morning.

Factory Manager Mr Liew Chee Ping of Felda Delima Oil Products Sdn Bhd explained the production process of Saji Bakery Fat, Senior Executive Director Mr Wan Mohd Zain of Felda Vegetable Oil Product, facts about Felda company, and Head of Myanmar Marketing Research & Development U Aung Min, use of edible oil in Myanmar and findings in the research.

Later, chefs demonstrated use of palm oil in cooking.

Entrepreneurs who wish to use vegetable ghee, adela margarine, pelangi margarine, mariana shortening, mariana pastry margarine, saji bakery fat may contact Grand Wynn Enterprise Ltd at No. 40 on 67th Street in Botataung Township, Tel: 294045, 290170, 291318 and email: grandwyn@myanmar.com.mm.—MNA

Bomb blast kills two innocent people, wounds six in Myawady

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Feb—A time bomb exploded at Seven Star tea shop in Ward 1 of Myawady in Kayin State at 4.30 pm yesterday. The blast killed Tun Tun, 30 and Ma Mya Mya Than, 21 and wounded six persons (not serious).

The wounded persons were rushed to Myawady Township Hospital and provided medical treatment by officials. The Tatmadaw, Myanmar Police Force and local authorities concerned are conducting investigation with regard to the incident.

The people are to take greater awareness against saboteurs and terrorists who would penetrate into the community and the businesses disguising various forms and expose them. Moreover, the authorities concerned urged the people to inform official concerned of the suspected persons and activities in time. MNA
**Up to 35,000 militants active in Afghanistan**

**KABUL, 10 Feb—**The strength of Taleban militants and other anti-government elements estimated to be between 25,000 to 35,000 in the militancy-hit Afghanistan, Afghan Defence Ministry spokesman Zahir Azimi said on Wednesday.

“There is no accurate statistic on the number of militants in Afghanistan, but according to our assessments it could be been 25,000 to 35,000 persons,” Azimi told a regular weekly Press conference here. The number of militants frequently changes, he said.

He also said that Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF) are ready to take responsibilities of security from NATO and US forces as per scheduled.

“Afghan National Army (ANA) is capable enough to start taking responsibilities from international forces, according to timetable,” he emphasized.

The process of taking security responsibility will start in coming months by ANSF from NATO-led troops and will be completed by the end of 2014, Azimi further said. Xinhua

**Teen suicide bomber kills 20 at Pakistan army centre**

**ISLAMABAD, 10 Feb—**A boy in a school uniform blew himself up at a Pakistani Army recruitment centre on Thursday, killing 20 cadets, officials said, in an attack that challenges government assertions that crackdowns have weakened militants.

Pakistan’s army has carried out a series of offensives against al-Qaeda-linked Taleban militants. But the operations in lawless tribal areas along the Afghan border have failed to break the resolve of Taleban fighters determined to destabilize the US-backed government.

The brazen bombing on Thursday in the northwestern town of Mardan suggested militants are regrouping after a lull in major attacks. Militant operations in recent months have been mostly sectarian and have not focused on military targets.

“The bomber struck recruits when cadets were busy in their morning training,” a military official told Reuters. At least 20 people were wounded.

The boy apparently walked into the compound, officials said. “It seems the Taleban are still a very potent force because they continue to attack installations, even if they have been quiet for a time,” said former general Talat Masood.

“They reassert themselves after a while, and it will be a while before we consider them to be less of a threat.” The Taleban have previously launched bold attacks on the military, Pakistan’s most powerful institution. — MNA/Reuters

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**Report says Afghan war killed two children daily in 2010**

**KABUL, 10 Feb—**An average of two children per day were killed in Afghanistan last year, with areas of the once peaceful north now among the most dangerous, an independent Afghan rights watchdog said on Wednesday.

The Afghanistan Rights Monitor (ARM) said in a report that, of the 2,421 civilians the group registered as killed in conflict-related security incidents in 2010, some 739 were under the age of 18. It attributed almost two thirds of the child deaths to “armed opposition groups” (AOGs), or militants, and blamed US and NATO-led forces for 17 percent.

The ARM report said many of the reported child casualties occurred in the violent southern provinces of Kandahar and Helmand, the traditional strongholds of the Taleban insurgency.

But Kunar in the east and Kunduz in the north were also among the most dangerous provinces for children, it said, underlining how violence has spread from militant strongholds in the south and east to previously peaceful areas of the country.

Civilian and military casualties hit record levels in 2010, with violence at its worst since the Taleban were overthrown by US-led Afghan forces in late 2001.

War-related child deaths in 2010 were down from 2009, when ARM said 1,050 were killed. However the watchdog warned: “Children were highly vulnerable to the harms of war but little was done by the combatant sides, particularly by the AOGs, to ensure child safety and security during military and security incidents.”

MNA/Reuters

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**Pirates seize Italian oil tanker, mostly Indian crew**

**ROMA, 10 Feb—**Pirates wielding rocket-launchers seized a large Italian oil tanker with a crew of five Italians and 17 Indians on Tuesday east of the Yemeni island of Socotra in the Indian Ocean, EU naval forces said.

The European Union’s Atalanta mission to the seas off Somalia and the Gulf of Aden (Eunavfor) said the tanker was taken early on Tuesday 600 miles east of the island by a single skiff with five pirates who opened fire on the oiler.

Spokesman wing commander Paddy O’Kennedy said that the 105,000-tonne, Italian-owned and flagged Savina Caylyn was “confirmed” seized and “is currently sailing west,” towards the Somali coast. — Internet

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**Pirates hijack US-bound oil tanker off Oman**

**LONDON, 10 Feb—**Suspected Somali pirates captured a US-bound tanker carrying around 200 million US dollars worth of crude oil n the Indian Ocean on Wednesday in one of the biggest hijackings in the area so far. The Irene SL, the length of three soccer pitches and with 25 crew members on board, was carrying about two million barrels of oil, or nearly one fifth of daily US crude imports.

The hijacking came a day after an Italian tanker carrying oil worth more than 60 million US dollars was snatched by Somali pirates, reinforcing industry fears that the piracy scourge “spinning out of control.” “This morning the vessel was attacked by armed men,” the Irene SL’s Greece-based manager Eunsel said. — MNA/Reuters
**US cuts prison sentence for bin Laden’s cook**

MIAMI, 10 Feb—Osama bin Laden’s former cook had his Guantanamo prison sentence cut on Wednesday to two years from 14, under a plea agreement that remains secret, the Pentagon said.

The sentence reduction had been expected since Sudanese captive Ibrahim al Qosi, who was also bin Laden’s sometime bodyguard, pleaded guilty in the US war crimes court at the Guantanamo Bay US naval base in July.

Qosi pleaded guilty to charges of conspiring with al-Qaeda and providing material support for bin Laden and the group. He was sentenced in August to 14 years in prison, with no credit for the eight and a half years he had been held at the Guantanamo prison for foreign terrorist suspects.

At the time, the US military declined to comment on reports the plea deal capped the sentence at two years. But the Pentagon official overseeing the Guantanamo war crimes court suspended 12 years of Qosi’s sentence on Wednesday, contingent on his adherence to the agreed upon terms, said a Pentagon spokeswoman, Lieutenant Colonel Tanya Bradsher. Those terms included an agreement not to engage in or materially support hostilities against the United States or its coalition partners. Qosi, who is about 50, acknowledged in his plea agreement that he knew al-Qaeda was a terrorist group when he ran one of the kitchens in bin Laden’s Star of Jihad compound in Afghanistan.—MNA/Reuters

**Four killed in factory fire in Malaysia**

KUALA LUMPUR, 10 Feb—A sofa manufacturing plant burst into fire Wednesday morning in Kuala Lumpur, killing four factory workers, including three Vietnamese workers.

According to one of the three survived workers, there were seven people residing on the upper floor of the factory, and all of them were sleeping when the incident took place.

The worker said a large number of flammable materials stored in the plant, including wood, had caused the fire to spread easily. The 30 firemen who arrived at the scene in four fire engines have spent about an hour to bring the blaze under control.

The charred bodies of the deceased were brought to a nearby hospital for DNA tests in order to determine their identities. It was learnt that the three who escaped the fire were rescued by a police patrol team that passed by the factory.—MNA/Xinhua

**Iran says China to invest $13B in rail way**

TEHERAN, 10 Feb—China has signed a 13 billion-US-dollar contract to build a railway network in Iran, where economic sanctions have hampered investment by western companies, Iran’s state infrastructure company said on its website. “The contract to build a railway network extending 5,300 kilometres (3,300 miles) was signed when a Chinese delegation visited Teheran,” the Construction and Development of Transportation Infra-structure Company said in a posting dated Monday. It did not say when the contract was signed or when work would start.

China, the second biggest buyer of Iranian oil, after Japan, has long been involved in infrastructure projects in Iran, such as the building of Teheran’s metro.

As a permanent member of the United Nations Security Council, China voted in favour of a fourth round of UN sanctions on Iran last June, aimed at pressuring Teheran to curb a nuclear programme it says is entirely peaceful, but which many countries fear might lead it to making atomic bombs. China has backed Iran’s right to peaceful nuclear power and has in the past expressed displeasure at sanctions proposals hitting Iran’s energy sector, saying that it does not view such measures as the “fundamental solution” to the dispute.—INTERNET

**Mexico pipeline thieves trigger big fuel spill**

ROSA RITO, 10 Feb—Thieves tapping into a Mexican fuel pipeline triggered a large diesel fuel spill south of the border city of Tijuana in Baja California State on Wednesday, authorities said.

A senior source at the state emergencies agency, which has dealt with a number of fuel spills in recent years due to criminal activity, described the incident as serious. “There cannot be less than 50,000 litres (13,000 gallons) spilled,” the official said, declining to be named since he was not authorized to comment on the size of the spill.

“We’ve never seen anything like this.” A Reuters witness saw a three-foot (one metre) stream of fuel flowing on hilly ranch land a few miles (kilometres) from Rosarito.

Police prevented people from approaching the pipeline but bulldozers could be seen working furiously to build huge piles of earth to contain and absorb the flow of fluid. The odor of petroleum was extremely intense.—MNA/Reuters

**A member of French street art company Generik Vapeur performs during the close of the National Festival Of Arts in the streets of Valparaiso City, 137km (85 miles) northwest of Santiago, on 29 Jan, 2011.**

**Nine feared dead in South African plane crash**

JOHANNESBURG, 10 Feb—Seven senior managers of a leading South African tile manufacturing company and two plane crew were feared dead on Wednesday when the wreckage of their aircraft was found in the sea near Plettenberg Bay off South Africa’s Western Cape Province.

Craig Lambonin, spokesman for South Africa’s National Sea Rescue Institute (NSRI) said the wreckage was located just off shore of the Robberg Nature Reserve. “At this stage the operation is still being treated as a search and rescue with any hope to find survivors,” he told the South African Press Association (SAPA). The single-engine aircraft disappeared on Tuesday while trying to land near the Robberg Nature Reserve in heavy fog.

South Africa’s Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) confirmed to Cape Talk radio station that the debris found belongs to the Italtile plane which disappeared on Tuesday night.—MNA/Xinhua

**A farmer irrigates wheat field at Cha’an Village of Kaifeng City, central China’s Henan Province, on 6 Feb, 2011. Farmers in Henan and Anhui provinces strived to fight against drought as the weather gets warm.**
**Health Tip: Before you take a decongestant**

Though decongestant medications can offer much-needed relief when mucus plugs your nose, the drugs could be harmful to some people.

The American Academy of Family Physicians says you should speak to your doctor before taking a decongestant if you have:

- Heart problems or high blood pressure.
- Glaucoma.
- Problems with the thyroid.
- Diabetes.
- Problems with the prostate.—Internet

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**Limited node removal may suffice in breast cancer**

Surgeons operate in a hospital. A US study published Tuesday suggested that early stage breast cancer patients who have a small amount of lymph node removed fare as well as those who get more extensive surgery.—Internet

WASHINGTON, 10 Feb—A US study published Tuesday suggested that early stage breast cancer patients who have a small amount of lymph node removed fare as well as those who get more extensive surgery.

Researchers examined data from women whose breast cancer had spread to a nearby lymph node and studied survival rates among those who had the first lymph node, or sentinel lymph node, removed compared to those who had lymph nodes from the armpit removed, known as axillary lymph node dissection (ALND).

Their results showed that “do not benefit from the addition of ALND in terms of local control, disease-free survival, or overall survival, and that ALND may no longer be justified for certain patients,” the study said.

“Implementation of this practice change would improve clinical outcomes in thousands of women each year by reducing the complications associated with ALND and improving quality of life with no diminution in survival.” The California-based study included 891 patients who were followed from 1999 to 2004. The limited surgical intervention resulted in five-year overall survival rates of 92.5 percent compared to 91.8 percent among those who had more lymph nodes taken out.

Disease-free survival was also similar across the two groups, with 83.9 percent in the sentinel node group and 82.2 in the group that had more extensive intervention. The research was published in the Journal of the American Medical Association.—Internet

**Feeding babies with solid food early raises obesity risk later**

LOS ANGELES, 10 Feb—US researchers have found that feeding babies with solid foods too early was associated with increased odds of obesity later.

Among children who were never breast-fed—or who stopped breast-feeding before the age of four months, introducing solid foods before four months of age was linked to a sixfold increase in the risk of obesity, said a team of researchers from the Children’s Hospital in Boston and Harvard Medical School.

But the timing of solid foods didn’t increase the odds of becoming obese in youngsters who were breast-fed.

The findings was published on Monday in the online issue of Pediatrics.

In the study, the researchers analyzed data on 847 children enrolled in Project Viva, a long-term study of women and their offspring. The women were initially recruited before the birth of their babies, and they were followed for at least three years.

The researchers found that 67 percent of the children were breast-fed and 32 percent were formula-fed. When the youngsters were three years old, nine percent were considered obese.

Babies who were fed formula, and then introduced to solids foods before they were four months old, were 6.3 times more likely to be obese when they were three years old.

**Junk food diet linked to lower IQ**

PARIS, 10 Feb—Toddlers who have a diet high in processed foods may have a slightly lower IQ in later life, according to a British study described as the biggest research of its kind.

The conclusion, published on Monday, comes from a long-term investigation into 14,000 people born in western England in 1991 and 1992 whose health and well-being were monitored at the ages of three, four, seven and eight and a half.

Parents of the children were asked to fill out questionnaires that, among other things, detailed the kind of food and drink their children consumed.

Three dietary patterns emerged: one was high in processed fats and sugar; then there was a “traditional” diet high in meat and vegetables; and finally a “health-conscious” diet with lots of salad, fruit and vegetables, pasta and rice.

When the children were eight and a half, their IQ was measured using a standard tool called the Wechsler Intelligence Scale.

Of the 4,000 children for which there were complete data, there was a significant difference in IQ among those who had the “processed” as opposed to the “health-conscious” diets in early childhood.

The 20 percent of children who ate the most processed food had an average IQ of 101 points, compared with 106 for the 20 percent of children who ate the most “health-conscious” food.

“It’s a very small difference, it’s not a vast difference,” said one of the authors, Pauline Emmett of the School of Social and Community Medicine at the University of Bristol.

“But it does make them less able to cope with education, less able to cope with some of the things in life.” —Internet

**Most ADHD kids have multiple conditions, study says**

LOS ANGELES, 10 Feb—Two-thirds of American children with attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder struggle with other mental health and developmental conditions, such as learning disabilities and anxiety, a new study suggests.

Examining data on nearly 62,000 children aged 6 to 17 obtained from the 2007 National Survey of Children’s Health, researchers found that those with ADHD had higher odds than others of repeating a grade at school and dealing with strained social and family relationships.

Notably, children from poor families were nearly four times as likely as affluent children to suffer from multiple conditions associated with ADHD, which also include conduct disorder, depression and speech problems, among others, the study said.

“This is a really striking finding that I don’t think has been documented before,” said study author Kandyce Larson, a research associate at the Centre for Healthier Children, Families & Communities at the University of California, Los Angeles.—Internet

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**A woman comes out from a mobile cancer detection unit after her mammography examination during a free medical check-up camp in a slum area in the northern Indian City of Chandigarh on 6 February, 2011.—INTERNET**

**An oil rig for oil exploration is pictured at the Port of Takoradi in 2008. Africa’s rich natural resources will remain key to China as the Asian giant grows at a more moderate but sustainable pace, an expert on the country told an African mining conference Tuesday.—INTERNET**

**A child eats at a fast food outlet. The association between IQ and nutrition is a strongly debated issue because it can be skewed by many factors, including economic and social background.—INTERNET**

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The mountain ranges in Rakhine State is at an altitude of 3000 feet and its northern part of higher than the southern part. Naff, Meyu and Kissapanadi rivers, Maei, Tanlwe, Taungup, Thandwe, Kyaintali and Gwa creeks are flowing from the north to the south. Sittway plain is the broadest in the state constituted with Phayonka, Yanbye, Manaung islands and isles.

Despite location of fertile foil and favourable weather, Rakhine State had faced poor transport in the past. The local people relied on water course for their traveling in the past. In the time of the State Peace and Development Council, utmost efforts are being made for narrowing the development gap between the regions for improvement of the region. In so doing, transport infrastructure is being built by overcoming many difficulties. At present, Rakhine State is enjoying fruits of all sectors including social and economic sectors due to improvement of transport. (See page 7)

Progress of Rakhine State

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A train runs on Kwantaung-Ponnagyun-Yotayok railroad section in Rakhine State.

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Photo shows Kyaukpyu Education College that turns out educated youths who can serve interests of the nation and Rakhine State.
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Projects to be implemented for the progress of Rakhine State

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Upgraded airports in Rakhine State can handle larger commercial planes that can carry more passengers and goods.

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The government provided necessary assistance as much as possible for uplifting living standard of the national people who are residing in the Union through thick and thin. As roads, bridges, dams, hospitals and dispensaries, universities, colleges and basic education schools have been built in the necessary areas, remarkable progress can be seen in Rakhine State similar to that of other States and Regions.

A bird’s eye view of Minkyaung Bridge on Maei-Kyaukpyu Road Section built by the government in Yanbye Township of Rakhine State after 1988.
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After making peace, it launched many projects for all-round progress of border areas and national races in every region where stability and peace had been restored well, along with the project for special development of 24 regions, using a large amount of government funds. As a result, development of far-flung areas has been on a par with that of plains in various sectors. With better socio-economic status, residents of border areas are enjoying development at the unprecedented level in the economic, social, education, health care and transport sectors. More than that, to show priority to the affairs of national races, over 600 people from among national races were selected to represent their national races concerned at the National Convention whose entitled attendance was about 1000. In laying down fundamental principles and detailed basic principles to formulate the constitution, different natures of different national races, different policies and different religious faiths were taken into consideration to achieve the approvals of the overwhelming majority. Therefore, the most appropriate and effective outcomes could be made, which were prescribed as provisions in the constitution.

Today, the whole nation has enjoyed fruitful results of tranquility, peace and development due to national cohesion. Hilly regions of national races have seen all-round development with higher socio-economic status. Most of the national race armed groups who made peace have been changed into border guard forces in accordance with the constitution to transform temporary peace into permanent peace. In the multiparty democracy general election, the people freely enjoyed the rights to elect and to stand for election. The parties of national races won the majority of seats in respective regions. Now, they are prepared themselves to submit cases of their affairs. Yet, some are trying to hold second Panglong Conference or 21st century Panglong Conference under the pretext of national reconciliation for political gains. That is to organize and lure national races, some political groups, the national race armed groups that returned to the legal fold but have not been formed into border guard forces, and insurgents and dissidents outside the nation, at one go. Indeed, the scheme is very dangerous to the nation and the people. It is strange that they launched that programme putting their interest in the fore, despite knowing that it is highly precarious.

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### National brethren

United we stand

Union Day is in its anniversary again, coinciding with a prosperous occasion of ensuring increased achievement in building a new nation and renewed strength and better future for the entire people. For perpetuation of Myanmar and its people as long as the world exists, there is no substitute for consolidated unity among national brethren who have been living in harmony from time immemorial. Therefore, Union Day is commemorated as the day of national significance for national races such as Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Bamar, Mon, Rakhae and Shan. No doubt, Union Day is always full of good characters.

In retrospect, Panglong Conference played a crucial role in building unity among national races. At the conference, consolidated unity of national brethren was proved for independence of all national races together. The theme of the conference is very noble and inspiring. Therefore, national races regained independence together, without any national race set aside in the process. That is the theme, impression and upshot of Panglong Conference.

However, in the run-up to and after independence, Panglong Spirit was dwindling away due to racism and racialism, thus culminating in emergence of armed groups one after another. To make things worse, leaders of some national races were making demands increasingly to secede from the Union and exercise federal system. In consequence, the Union was hovering on the edge of collapse. That led to formation of the Revolutionary Council and the Tatmadaw’s assumption of State duties. To be blunt, if the people had been equipped constantly with Panglong Spirit, the Tatmadaw would not have been involved in political affairs.

Actually, the affair of national races in the nation is a very delicate matter. If a union, home to over 100 ethnic groups, is not capable enough of handling with the affairs of its people, it will meet its end on the day of disintegration of national unity. In that regard, the nation has encountered so many incidents from which lessons can be taken. Historic evidences in this regard are countless. In short, measures were being taken reasonably in late time of the Revolutionary Council and in the time of the Myanmar Socialist Programme Party, but success was not very satisfactory. It is common knowledge that internal armed insurrection persisted for a long time, and in consequence, peace and stability could not be restored in the regions of national races which then came to lag behind other regions in development, as a result.

In 1988, the Tatmadaw government tried various ways to build peace with national race armed groups with the aim of achieving national reconciliation. At that time, the number of national race armed groups with various intentions was over 20. Political conflicts were associated with racial and religious affairs, so the Tatmadaw had to try its best to understand the root cause of internal insurgency. The government showed its correct concept and benevolent attitude in offering peace talks. So, it managed to make peace with 17 major armed groups and over 20 small armed groups. That was the Tatmadaw government’s great achievement for which previous governments in vain tried.

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### POEM

**Hailing the 64th Anniversary Union Day**

**Plot to break up the Union, unacceptable to the people**

Kyaw Ye Min

**POEM**

All in harmony and union

- Since days of yore
  Happily in unity are people
  On hills and in plains
  Our flesh and blood in unity
  Under successive monarchs
  Renowned Myanmar globally
  So noble are her traditions
  Power and glory of country
  Reaching new heights then

- Waning was her might once
  Subjugation she fell under
  However with nationalism
  Rose up against occupation
  States and mainland in unity
  All Colonialists and Fascists
  Driven out of country
  Independence restored with dignity

- Our nearest and dearest
  Caring one another with love
  Through thick and thin live they
  In history so long
  Founded we the Thaki race
  A country in golden age
  Motherland with high prestige

- Disunity vulnerable to aggression
  Always wicked are the raiders
  Well aware of them we all
  On same boat to same destination
  Every one in strong attachment
  Increasing wealth for all

- Consolidated strength all know
  A vow of loyalty
  Country on own course
  Our own right to develop her
  In mind our political vision
  All in unity towards goal
  Outsiders we never believe
  Trust only in brethren
  All in harmony and union
  A new nation we are building
  On our doorstep
  The golden democratic age

**Hailing the 64th Anniversary Union Day**

**Zaw Min Min Oo (Trs)**
and it was just a war-torn country. Today, Myanmar affairs has attracted the global attention because it is associated with the affairs of its neighbours and the international community. Accordingly, Myanmar’s geopolitics is to be taken into consideration seriously.

When it comes to national affairs, national races had only distant relations and were not knowledgeable about internal and international affairs due to the divide-and-rule policy and oppression and unfair treatments of the colonialists. Not all national races attended the Panglong Conference. For instance, Kayin attended the conference as only an observer, and Rakhine and Mon were not present at the conference. Unlike in the past, now, national races have better relations among them and have gained a lot of knowledge. They attended the National Convention and are ready to deal with the affairs of the nation and their own. In 1947, Myanmar had not witnessed any armed insurgency, but today, there are still many insurgents and dissidents. Moreover, there are several national race armed groups that returned to the legal fold but have yet surrendered their arms. That is why I have said that the conditions of the nation today are very different from that in the past.

There must be some intention behind the plan to hold second Panglong Conference. That is nothing more than the scheme to disrupt the national cause to be launched by those who are in no position to come to power. Apparently, their conspiracy is to undermine national unity, stability, peace and national development.

They are shouting that according to the present conditions, anti-government will work together for democracy, but they are also claiming the drive for formation of true union. They are using a beautiful word “peace revolution”, but in practice, they still stick to the hard-line of confrontation and utter devastation. They cling on to the 1990 election results; they do not accept the 2008 constitution; and they are against whatever the government does.

Bluntly, the theme of the 21st Panglong Conference is federal system which is perilous. To mobilize participation of underground national race groups and insurgents apart from aboveground national race leaders in the 21st Panglong Conference is simply unrealistic. It is impossible at all to compromise with all of them, handling with all of their views, policies and demands. So, some national race parties, national race leaders and experienced politicians and journalists comment that the 21st Panglong Conference is impossible and they condemn it. If they go on in spite of knowing that, they will have to suffer evil consequences.

In fact, the constitution enumerates many provisions in connection with the affairs of national races, and that were unanimously laid down and adopted by the National Convention convened with the representatives, most of which represented national races. What is the most proper is that things must go in line with the constitution. The safest and the most suitable means is to seek win-win situation through discussions about the pros and cons of the constitution.

Now, hluttaw sessions are being held to implement the sixth of the seven-step Road Map. So, at the sessions, issues of political, economic and social affairs and legislative matters can be under discussion for decisions acceptable to all. Then, all national races will be able to collaboratively build a peaceful, modern and developed democratic nation according to the seventh step.

What all should do is to prioritize the interest of the Union and the people over political affairs. For the time being, the drive for national economic growth is high on the list of plans to improve the living conditions for the people. I think it will work more beautifully to shape the future of the nation if political reforms are made only after the nation has enjoyed great economic growth. That is the way initiated by Deng Shao Feng in the People’s Republic of China. That is very delicate and demanding, but with it, national development will be like a dream. That is the best example. If they prioritize political issues and carry on the plan to hold the 21st Panglong Conference with the silly concept that everything will be available only with democracy, there will be undesirable consequences, rather than fruitful results.

Overall, today, the 21st Panglong Conference is quite unnecessary. So, they should have given up their plot to deluge the people into believing in the 21st Panglong Conference. The Panglong Conference held in 1947 was in conformity with the prevailing conditions of the nation at that time and it did ensure independence. Nonetheless, what the 21st Panglong Conference will produce is nothing more than a spark of collapse of the Union. Therefore, on such an auspicious occasion of the Union Day, I would like to urge the entire people to keep working closely, while warding off all the conspiracies to break up the Union, so as to ensure perpetuation of the Union, fortify national unity and ensure smooth transition to democracy.

**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
2. For all national races to keep Union Spirit ever alive and dynamic among national people
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
4. For all national races to make efforts with might and main to build a modern, developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation in accordance with the State Constitution approved by the great majority of the people
5. For all national races to work in concert with national unity for perpetuation of the Union that has existed for thousands of years

**The symbol of Union**

*Better mind your own business, man! Our monument to Panglong Conference is the symbol of our Union and the herald of independence. We will always preserve our historic monument.*
Computer pioneer Ken Olsen dies at age 84

KENNESAW, 10 Feb—Kenneth Olsen, a computer industry pioneer and co-founder of Digital Equipment Corp, has died. He was 84.

His death Sunday was announced by Gordon College in Wenham, Mass, where he was a trustee and benefactor. The college did not release a cause of death. DEC, which Olsen launched in 1957, is considered an icon in technology circles today.

The company attracted top engineers and helped usher in a technology revolution that changed the way people interact with computers.

In the 1960s and 1970s, Digital played a central role in creating the market for “mini-computers,” powerful, refrigerator-sized machines that appealed to scientists, engineers and other number crunchers who did not need the bigger, multimillion-dollar mainframes used by big corporations. At its peak in the 1980s, DEC was the second-largest computer maker behind International Business Machines Corp.

“In the heady days of Bill Gates and Steve Jobs, it’s too easy to forget that it was Ken Olsen’s vision of interactivity that took computing away from the centralized mainframe and into the hands of the people,” said Gordon Bell, who joined DEC in 1960 and headed the company’s engineering operations for more than 20 years.

Prenatal alcohol exposure causes FAS

LOS ANGELES, 10 Feb—Drinking excess alcohol during pregnancy can cause fetal alcohol syndrome (FAS) due to the damaging effects of alcohol on a developing baby’s brain, a new study suggests.

This conclusion was drawn by researchers at University of California, San Francisco who used fruit flies to figure out how prenatal alcohol exposure causes fetal alcohol syndrome (FAS), the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) reported on its website EurekAlert.com.

Because of ethical barriers to studying human fetuses, the researchers decided to study FAS using the fruit fly, a commonly used organism in biological research, according to the AAAS. Their results establish a new system for studying how alcohol causes harmful effects during development and open the door to further genetic and molecular studies of FAS, the AAAS said in a news release.

When the researchers exposed fruit flies to alcohol during development, they found that the flies grew more slowly, had smaller brains, abnormal behaviour and were more sensitive to the effects of alcohol as adults, according to the news release.

The study found that greater amounts of alcohol had more severe effects on fly development and behaviour. More surprisingly, exposure to alcohol later during a fly’s development was more harmful than at early stages, said the release.

The study also confirmed previous findings that the problems were caused in part because alcohol interferes with the function of insulin - a molecule essential for normal fetal development - in the developing brain, said the release.

“It was pretty surprising that so many features of FAS were recapitulated in this model, including some of the molecular mechanisms,” said lead researcher Ulrike Heberlein.

Philippine authorities capture militant

MANILA, 10 Feb—Philippine authorities captured Wednesday Abu Walid, an extremist linked to a kidnapping case in Basilan, southern Philippines.

Lt Col Randolph Cabangbang, spokesman for the Armed Forces’ Western Mindanao Command, said the police and military apprehended Walid in Zamboanga City. The arrest was effected by virtue of a warrant arrest issued by the regional trial court of Basilan Province.

Walid is a member of the terrorist Abu Sayyaf group, which has links to al-Qaeda and Jemaah Islamiyah group. The Abu Sayyaf has been involved in several kidnappings and bombings.

Ford recalls new Explorers for seat problem

DETROIT, 10 Feb—Ford Motor Co is recalling more than 1,600 just-built Explorers for a safety problem with the second row of seats.

Ford said in a filing with federal safety regulators that the seats may not provide the required strength in the event of a crash.

The redesigned Explorer, which is built in Chicago and was launched in late 2010, is an important new vehicle for Ford.

The automaker sold more than 7,300 of the new Explorers in January — a 70 percent increase in sales compared with the SUV’s older version a year earlier.

Ford said its seat supplier for the Explorer, Lear Corp, had shipped some second-row seats with manual reclining mechanisms that did not meet federal safety standards.

The automaker said it had identified the problem at its assembly plant in December and instructed dealers to stop selling affected vehicles until they could be repaired.

Ford said it would repair recalled vehicles under warranty for consumers who have already purchased them. Recall notices will be sent starting on 14 February, Ford said.

S Korea handles record container traffic in January

SEOUL, 10 Feb—Container volume handled at South Korea’s seaports reached a record monthly high in January, fueled by improving economic and business conditions, the Ministry of Land, Transport and Maritime Affairs in Seoul said Wednesday. Container traffic posted a 12.7 percent increase to 1.66 million TEUs, or 20-foot equivalent units, in January compared with the same month a year before, according to the ministry.

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South Koreans pass in line for a chimney sweep service in Seoul, on Wednesday. Officials said a record high number of chimney sweeps were expected as many South Koreans are checking on such services for the first time this winter. —Yonhap

People are silhouetted at the lobby of an office building in Tokyo on 9 Feb, 2011. A lack of success by the Japanese government on fiscal reform would have a negative implication for the country’s credit rating, Tom Byrne, senior vice president and regional credit officer at Moody’s Investors Service, said on Wednesday.

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Ford Motor Co unveils the new 2011 Ford Explorer outside the Ford Motor World Headquarters in Dearborn, Michigan on 26 July, 2010.—INTERNET

The recall affects 2011 model-year Ford Explorers made between July and December last year.

Container ships moor in the harbour in the northern German City of Hamburg. German exports grew by 18.5 percent in 2010 to 951.9 billion euros ($1.3 trillion), the national statistics office said on Wednesday, data that might renew calls for Berlin to buy more from neighbours.—INTERNET

Dogs look out from their pet hotel rooms at luxury pet care centre “Trion” in Seoul on 9 Feb, 2011. The centre, which has a hospital, luxury hotel, kindergarten, grooming room, training room and a store, all for pets, opened on Wednesday to cater to the rapidly increasing numbers of pet lovers in South Korea.—INTERNET

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Colorado pharmacy mistake puts woman's pregnancy at risk

DENVER, 10 Feb — A Safeway Inc pharmacist mistakenly sold a pregnant Colorado woman a powerful anti-cancer drug that may cause birth defects or miscarriages, the grocery chain said on Tuesday.

Mareena Silva was six weeks pregnant when she went to a Safeway pharmacy in Fort Lupton, Colorado, last week to pick up a prescription for an antibiotic.

Instead, the 19-year-old woman was sold the drug methotrexate that was intended for a 59-year-old patient with a similar name.

Safeway issued a written statement apologizing for the mix-up and offered to pay Silva “any medical expenses incurred as a result of the prescription error.”

“We understand the anxiety this has caused and the difficulty of Ms Silva’s situation,” the statement said.

Silva told Denver TV station KDVR she became nauseous after taking the drug, and after checking the prescription bottle realized she was given the wrong medication.—Reuters

Suspected US spy drone ‘crashes in Yemen’

ADEN, 10 Feb — A suspected US spy drone crashed near the south Yemen town of Loder on Tuesday before Al-Qaeda gunmen made off with the wreckage, a police official and witnesses said.

The drone crashed in Jahaun village near Loder, in Yemen’s Abyan Province where Al-Qaeda has a strong presence, and was found by local residents, the official said.

Witnesses said residents called in police, who collected the debris. But as they headed to a police station about 30 kilometres (18 miles) away, Al-Qaeda gunmen in cars intercepted the police and hijacked the wreckage.

There were no reports of casualties. The police official said the drone was a Predator, which is used for reconnaissance but can also be armed with missiles. The US military has widely used Predator drones in Afghanistan and Pakistan.

The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said he believed the drone was "monitoring the movements of Al-Qaeda partisans, who have a strong presence in Loder. Government forces and alleged Al-Qaeda militants fought a deadly battle in Loder in late August. At least 33 people 19 militants, 11 soldiers, and three civilians were killed in the fighting, according to an AFP tally based on official and medical sources.—Internet

Facebook to open sales office in Hong Kong

SHANGHAI, 10 Feb — Facebook, the world's largest social networking site, will open a sales office in Hong Kong, in a move to tap the region's booming Internet scene, local media reported on Wednesday.

The Hong Kong office will service brands, companies and agencies in Hong Kong that want to advertise or launch marketing campaigns on its website, the company said in a statement posted on Asia Media Journal’s website http://www.asia-mediajournal.com.

Facebook has been banned in mainland China, the world's largest Internet market at over 450 million users, since 2009 and since then many Facebook-clones have sprung up to fill the void.

"By continuing to build our presence in the region, Facebook will be able to directly provide full support to advertisers here,” Blake Chandlee, a Facebook executive, said in the press release.

Facebook opened offices in Singapore and India last year and has been looking for ways to expand into Asia, home to billions of young, savvy Internet users.

Hong Kong’s South China Morning Post reported that Jayne Leung, a former Google executive, will head Facebook’s North Asia operations.—Reuters

Mainland Chinese visitors sit in a jewellery store promoting gold and platinum accessories for the upcoming Valentine’s Day in Hong Kong on 9 Feb, 2011. Gold was barely changed on Wednesday, after rising 1 percent in the previous session, as investors and other physical buyers in Asia haggled the sidelines following China's second interest rate increase in just over six weeks.—INTERNET

A heart failure therapy helps women more

ROCHESTER, 10 Feb — US researchers called it a first in medical history — a heart therapy more effective in women than men.

Researchers at the University of Rochester Medical Centre in New York found cardiac resynchronization therapy with defibrillator — a treatment that strengthens the heart’s mechanical pumping action and helps heart electrical activity — reduced heart failure 70 percent and mortality 72 percent in women with mild heart failure.

"In prior cardiac studies, men and women generally received similar benefit from preventive medical therapy," lead author Dr Arthur Moss said in a statement. “Our finding was unexpected, but extremely important because this is the only heart treatment that is clearly better in women than men.”

The study, published in the Journal of the American College of Cardiology, indicated women in the study were more likely to have non-ischemic heart disease linked to inflammatory scarring of the heart muscle or left bundle branch block — disorganized heart electrical activity. However, the men tended toward coronary artery disease that led to ischemic heart attacks.

"It’s not that men did poorly in the trial, but rather, women had really fantastic results, likely due to the type of heart disease we see more commonly in women," Moss said.

LinkedIn

A Great White shark jumps out of the water as it hunts Cape fur seals near False Bay, South Africa. There were 79 unprovoked shark attacks around the world in 2010, the highest number recorded in a decade, according to researchers in Florida.—INTERNET

A US Predator unmanned drone. A suspected US spy drone has crashed near the south Yemen town of Loder, a police official said, while witnesses said that Al-Qaeda forces were able to make off with the plane’s wreckage.—INTERNET

Emergency fire crews were put on standby after the plane was diverted from Wellington.—Xinhua

Plane makes emergency landing safely in South Island, NZ

WELLINGTON, 10 Feb — An Air Nelson plane made an emergency landing at New Zealand’s South Island on Wednesday afternoon. Airways New Zealand said the aircraft landed without its nose wheel, but no one was injured.

Emergency fire crews were put on standby after the plane was diverted from Wellington.—The New Light of Myanmar
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**Australia said on Wednesday day carbon emissions will rise more than predicted by 2020 in the world’s biggest per capita polluter, blaming its Asian-led mining boom.—INTERNET**

**Mother of missing twins makes Italian TV appeal**

Rome, 10 Feb — The mother of missing six-year-old twins fought back tears on Wednesday as she made an emotional plea on Italian television, hours after prosecutors revealed that witnesses had seen the girls on board a ferry.

Irina Lucidi, whose estranged husband ran off with little Alessia and Livia on 30 January before throwing a ferry. Witnesses had seen the girls on board 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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**Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff smiles during a ceremony at Planalto Palace in Brazil.—INTERNET**

Brazil cuts $30b from 2011 budget

**Brazil, 10 Feb — Faced with climbing inflation and slowing growth, Brazil on Wednesday unveiled $30 billion in cuts to its 2011 budget that Finance Minister Guido Mantega said would affect “all ministries.” The decision would not however impact spending on social programmes or infrastructure, officials said. The announcement of the big cuts to this year’s budget were anticipated ever since new President Dilma Rousseff took charge last month of the eighth biggest economy in the world.**

―We are withdrawing stimulus measures that were introduced to the Brazilian economy in 2009 and 2010 because of the international crisis,” Mantega said.—INTERNET

**PetroChina pays $5.4 billion for Canadian gas assets**

Calgary, 10 Feb — Encana Corp will sell half of a prolific Canadian shale gas project to PetroChina for C$5.4 billion ($5.4 billion), marking the largest Chinese investment yet in a foreign natural gas asset.

Encana, one of the North America’s largest gas producers, and state-owned PetroChina agreed to form a 50-50 joint venture to develop the Cutbank Ridge lands in the westernmost province of British Columbia over several years. The deal came after nine months of talks, the Canadian company said on Wednesday.—INTERNET
Competitive movie-watching for Bolivia’s cinephiles

A Bolivian cineplex on Tuesday announced a film marathon competition likely to test the endurance of even the most avid cinephile.

The challenge is to watch the most uninterrupted movies without leaving the theater and without falling asleep, said organizers of the contest sponsored by the Megacenter cinema concern.

“We’re trying to measure the endurance of people watching movies without stopping,” Megacenter’s chief executive Jose Luis Gomez, who told AFP that the competition gets underway on 19 February.

Gomez said that his cineplex would show continual screenings of movies from various film genres and that any contestant leaving the theater for more than five minutes at a time would be eliminated.

British ‘hero granny’ foils jewel thieves

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Ann Timson, 71, was captured on video hitting three of the six helmet-clad robbers, causing one to fall off his moped as he tried to make his escape during the botched raid in Northampton, central England. “I saw a kid run up to the doorway of the jeweller,” Timson explained. “Three lads followed him and when I saw their arms going, I thought the kid was being beaten up. I used my mother’s instinct kicked in and I ran across the road shouting at the lads to stop it. “As I got closer I saw it was a robbery, and then I was even more angry,” the former market trader added.

View inside a movie theater. A Bolivian cineplex on Tuesday announced a film marathon competition likely to test the endurance of even the most avid cinephile.

Teens fight using chains, kitchen sink

British police said no one was injured when a group of teenagers threw items, including a kitchen sink, at one another during a street fight.

Northampton police said the brawl near the entrance to the Groevern Centre about 12:15 pm Monday involved about eight youths armed with a chains, a BMX bike, a shopping cart, a metal kitchen sink and other items, the Northampton Chronicle and Echo reported Tuesday. Police said there were no serious injuries and two people were arrested.

Critics merciless in swat at musical ‘Spider-Man’

It’s been delayed five times, suffered multiple cast injuries and been the butt of jokes. Now Broadway’s most expansive show ever, “Spider-Man,” has been reviewed by the critics, and universally panned.

Critics had respected tradition by holding back from reviewing the beleaguered $65 million musical, “Spider-Man: Turn off the Dark,” because it was still in previews and not scheduled for a formal opening until 15 March.

But with the true opening night uncertain and producers charging as much as $277 for a seat, critics decided to wait no longer and on Tuesday reviewed the show in an apparent contest to see who could denigrate it the most.

The unprecedented and spectacular aerial stunts that account for much of the costs failed to save an incomprehensible storyline, flat and cartoonish sets and songs that failed to please, critics said.

The New York Times concluded that the musical was “so grievously broken that it is beyond repair.”

Art-house cinema in 3D to star at Berlin film fest

BERLIN, 10 Feb—Art-house cinema in 3D, Ralph Fiennes’s directorial debut and new thrillers starring Liam Neeson and Kevin Spacey will headline the 61st Berlin film festival starting Thursday. A slimmed-down competition will see 16 films from around the world vying for the Berlinale’s Golden Bear top prize, to be awarded by a jury led by Italian-American actress and director Isabella Rossellini on 19 February.

And at the event’s booming European Film Market where rights are traded, out-takes from a new movie made by Madonna are slated for a sneak preview, possibly in the presence of the pop superstar.

The festival will kick off with Joel and Ethan Coen’s reimagining of the classic Western “True Grit,” a US box office smash starring Jeff Bridges and Matt Damon that is nominated for 10 Academy Awards.

“Margin Call”, the feature film debut of US director JC Chandor starring Spacey, Demi Moore and Jeremy Irons and set at an investment bank at the start of the financial crisis, will launch the competition Friday.

Bonham Carter predicts Oscars outfit ‘catastrophe’

LOS ANGELES, 10 Feb—Quirky British actress Helena Bonham Carter predicted that her outfit for the Oscars this month “will probably be a catastrophe” — but vowed to at least wear shoes of the same colour.

The actress, known for her exuberant clothes and hair — and wearing one red shoe and one green at the recent Golden Globes awards show — said her partner Tim Burton knew how difficult it is to guess what she was going to wear. “I have no idea,” she said on Monday, when asked what she would wear for the 27 February Academy Awards. “Of course I want to have fun ... It’s probably going to be a catastrophe. But it’s like, I’m gonna go for it.”

“I’m so indecisive. I promise I’ll wear the same coloured shoes,” she added at a lunch for nominees vying to win an Oscar at the climax to the multi-billion dollar movie industry’s annual awards season.
Benzema on the mark as France beat 10-man Brazil

PARIS, 10 Feb — Laurent Blanc’s regeneration of the French national team continued apace on Wednesday as his side defeated 10-man Brazil 1-0 in a friendly match at the Stade de France.

Karim Benzema capped a fine performance by claiming the game’s only goal in the 54th minute, having earlier been on the receiving end of a shocking high challenge by Hernanes that saw the Brazil midfielder go off.

“The fact we played with 11 against 10 obviously made it easier for us, but I liked what I saw in terms of the content of the match,” said Blanc.

“We didn’t pull off everything that we tried but we managed to compete with Brazil in terms of the circulation of the ball and possession.”

**FRANCE’S KARIM BENZEMA CELEBRATES AFTER SCORING AGAINST BRAZIL AT THE STADE DE FRANCE.**—INTERNET

**Spain’s forward David Silva (2nd R) is congratulated by teammates (From L) midfielder Sergio Busquets.**—INTERNET

**SPORTS**

Messi leads Argentina to 2-1 win over Portugal

GENEVA, 10 Feb — Lionel Messi got the better of Cristiano Ronaldo in the first national-team meeting between soccer’s most acclaimed goal-scorers, converting a 90th-minute penalty kick Wednesday night to give Argentina a 2-1 exhibition win over Portugal.

“We always enjoy seeing two great players on the same field,” coach Sergio Batista said.

“I liked both of them tonight. Lionel was at a higher level.”

Argentina went ahead in the 14th minute when Angel Di Maria scored off a pass from Messi, the reigning two-time FIFA player of the year.

Messi was positioned as a central striker and didn’t have to retreat into the midfield, the tactic employed by then-coach Diego Maradona at the World Cup last year.

Messi failed to score a goal in South Africa, and the Albiceleste lost 4-0 to Germany in the quarter-nials.—INTERNET

**Argentina’s Lionel Messi celebrates after scoring the second goal during a friendly soccer match.**—INTERNET

**Ukraine’s Alexandr Dolgopolov advances in Brazil Open tennis**

SAO PAULO, 10 Feb — Ukraine’s Alexandr Dolgopolov won a place Wednesday in the Brazil Open’s quarterfinals, while Spain’s 2nd-seeded Albert Montanes crashed out against Brazil’s surprisingly assured Ricardo Mello on the third day of play. Dolgopolov will face Italy’s Potito Starace in the next round, as both vie for a place in the 470,200 dollar tournament in Brazil’s Costa do Sauep resort town.

“The Dog,” as the Ukrainian is nicknamed, had a struggle in his first set against Spain’s Ruben Ramirez Hidalgo, coming from behind to finally send that 7-5. In the second set, he dominated the court for a 6-4, 6-2 win.—INTERNET

**Ukraine’s Alexandr Dolgopolov.**—INTERNET

**Silva goal saves Spain’s blushes**

MADRID, 10 Feb — David Silva scored just four minutes from full time on Wednesday to earn Spain a hard-fought 1-0 victory over Colombia and end the world champions’ embarrassing streak of wireless friendlies.

The Manchester City striker picked up a pass from Jesus Navas to slot the ball past David Ospina in the Colombian goal.

Before that, it was Colombia, ranked 50 places below the top-ranked Spain in the FIFA rankings, which had much of the best chances in the match at Real Madrid’s Santiago Bernabeu stadium.

In the 13th minute, Abel Aguilar only had Iker Casillas to beat after dodging Xavi Hernandez, but the Spanish keeper blocked the shot.

Two minutes later, David Villa hit post at close range after latching on to a through pass from Andres Iniesta. The Barcelona striker caught the rebound but then sent the ball across the front of the goalmouth.

Left back Pablo Armero, Juan Cuadrado, who had come on for Adrian Ramos early in the second half, and Wigan striker Hugo Rodallega all had chances for the South Americans.—INTERNET

**Spain’s forward David Silva (2nd R) is congratulated by teammates (From L) midfielder Sergio Busquets.**—INTERNET

**Rossi strikes as Germany fail to break Italy curse**

DORTMUND, 10 Feb — Germany failed to break their 15-year-old-run without a win over Italy on Wednesday as striker Giuseppe Rossi came off the bench to score a late equalizer and seal Wednesday’s 1-1 friendly draw.

The last time Germany beat Italy was a 2-0 win in Zurich in June 1995 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Swiss Football Federation. With the Azzurri winning all four games between the two sides since, Italy’s 24-year-old Rossi cancelled out Miroslav Klose’s first-half goal for the hosts.

The Bayern Munich forward’s strike was his 59th on his 106th appearance as he draws closer to Gerhard Muller’s all-time Germany record of 68 goals.

Germany hosted Italy at Dortmund’s same Signal Iduna Park stadium where the Italians knocked the hosts out of the 2006 World Cup on their way to winning the title.

The home side have a poor record in matches between the two nations with Italy enjoying 14 wins compared to Germany’s seven victories with now nine games drawn.—INTERNET

**Italy’s defender Andrea Ranocchia (L) and Germany’s striker Miroslav Klose vie for the ball.**—INTERNET

**England come from behind to beat Denmark in friendly**

COPENHAGEN, 10 Feb — Ashley Young scored his first goal for England as Fabio Capello’s side came from behind to beat Denmark 2-1 in a morale-boosting win ahead of their Euro 2012 qualifier against Wales next month.

Aston Villa player Young, recently converted from winger to striker, came off the bench to give England victory after Daniel Agger had put the Danes ahead and Young’s Villa team-mate Darren Bent had equalized.

There was plenty to encourage Capello as his side showed good composure even though they had lost to France and stuttered through a frustrating draw against Macedonia in their last two games.—INTERNET

**England’s Ashley Cole controls the ball during a friendly match against Denmark.**—INTERNET

**Pienaar scores in easy South Africa win**

Johannesburg, 10 Feb — South Africa warmed up for an Africa Cup of Nations qualifier against Egypt next month with a comfortable 2-0 friendly victory over Kenya in north-west mining town Rustenburg on Wednesday.

Bafana Bafana (The Boys) dominated the first half and led 2-0 at half-time courtesy of goals from Lerato Moloto and Aaron Mokoena in the second half.

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**South Africa’s Steven Pienaar (R) fights for the ball with Kenya’s Jamal Mohammed (L).**—INTERNET

**INTERNET**
At least four dead after Cambodian vessel sinks off S Korea

SEOUL, 10 Feb — A Cambodian cargo vessel sank in waters off Ulsan, about 400 kilometres southeast of Seoul, at around 6 am Wednesday, killing at least four people, Yonhap news agency reported.

Two lifeboats belonging to the sunken ship were discovered in the East Sea off Ulsan at around 12:16 pm, Yonhap said, citing the Ulsan Coast Guard, and one Russian crew member on board was rescued by the Coast Guard. The Coast Guard also recovered four bodies of those who are assumed to be foreign crew members of the sunken ship.

The stern of the 1,500-ton vessel with 12 crew members hit an unidentified large vessel at around 6 a.m. when it was heading to Ulsan after departing Pohang, the Ulsan Coast Guard said after investigating the rescued Russian crew member.

A search operation involving a helicopter and seven patrol ships has been launched by the coast guard as seven crew members remain missing.

MNA/Yonhap

WEATHER

Thursday, 10th February, 2011

Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 9-2-2011 was 91°F. Minimum temperature on 10-2-2011 was 65°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 10-2-2011 was (83%). Total sunshine hours on 9-2-2011 was (9.3) hours (Approx).

Yagon (Kaba-Aye)

Minimum temperature on 9-2-2011 was 77°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 10-2-2011 was (79%). Total sunshine hours on 9-2-2011 was (13.1) hours (Approx).

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Local Transmission

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Alluring Myanmar’s Rattan Product

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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

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

HAILING 64TH ANNIVERSARY UNION DAY

Rakhine State gaining development momentum in the time of State Peace and Development Council

Libraries in Thanlyin Tsp benefit from donation

YANGON, 10 Feb — Donors contributed cash, books, clocks and radios to libraries in Thanlyin Township yesterday.

During the ceremony to accept the contributions from the donors organized by Thanlyin Township Peace and Development Council and the Township Information and Public Relations Department at the township PDC office, the Chairman of the Township PDC handed over cash donated by wellwishers, and donors presented books, clocks, radios and chairs to the head of the township IPRD. The total donation to the libraries amounted to K1,406,900. — MNA

State Flag saluting ceremony to be broadcast live

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Feb—The State Flag saluting ceremony to mark the 64th Anniversary Union Day 2011 will be held in Nay Pyi Taw at 7 am on 12 February (Saturday).

Myanma Radio and Television, Nay Pyi Taw Myanma Adhan and MRTV-4 will screen live the ceremony to salute the State Flag beginning 6.45 am.—MNA

Plot to break up the Union, unacceptable to the people

Since days of yore Happily in unity are people On hills and in plains Our flesh and blood in unity Under successive monarchs Renowned Myanmar globally So noble are her traditions

All in harmony and unison

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