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Senior General Than Shwe, wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing host Union Day reception and dinner

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Feb — Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing hosted a reception and dinner to mark the 64th Anniversary Union Day for 2011 at the square of the City Hall here this evening.

At 6.30 pm, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe arrived at the 64th Anniversary Union Day commemorative reception and dinner at the City Hall where he was welcomed by Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, Member of the State Peace and Development Council Thura U Shwe Mann, Prime Minister U Thein Sein, Chairman of the Central Committee for Organizing the 64th Anniversary Union Day Secret-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo, Member of the State Peace and Development Council U Tin Aye, Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence, Dr. Sai Mauk Khan, Chairman of the Management Committee for Organizing the 64th Anniversary Union Day Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Maung Maung Aye and officials.

At the 64th Anniversary Union Day commemorative dinner, Senior General Than Shwe and party cordially greeted Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw representatives and guests. The Senior General hosted the dinner to the guests. Also present at the reception and dinner were Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San, Member of the SPDC Thura U Shwe Mann and wife Daw Khin Lay Thut, Prime Minister U Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win, Chairman of the Central Committee for Organizing the 64th Anniversary Union Day Secret-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo and wife Daw Khin Saw Hnin, Member of the State Peace and Development Council U Tin Aye and wife Daw Kyi Kyi Ohn, Li-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence and wife Daw Kya Kya Hla, (See page 7)

Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe and party greet Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw representatives attending the reception and dinner at the square of City Hall. — MNA

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

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

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

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March towards the desired goal

The Union of Myanmar has already possessed rich land and water resources for many years. Tapping from such invaluable resources, all the national people in the Union have been working hard together for socioeconomic growth.

In order to ensure balanced development of all parts of the Union and strengthen the friendship between the national brethren, priority has been given to improving the transport sector of border areas, which fell behind others in progress. However, thanks to the construction of networks of roads, railways, and bridges, the length and breadth of the country, all regions have gained easy access to each other and amity and friendship developed among the national people.

National unity is a foundation for national sovereignty. Only with consolidated national unity, can the Union be strong and national sovereignty can reign forever. All the national people must always safeguard Our Three Main National Causes, the national policy of the country.

Today is the time when the State is enjoying fruits of peace and progress due to the forged national unity, which had never been achieved before. Border and hilly regions have progressed in all aspects enjoying improved socioeconomic growth. All in all, the national people living in the Union are urged to march towards the desired goal for ensuring the perpetuation of a peaceful and developed Union.

Stake driven for Aleinmar Library in Bilin Township

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Feb—A ceremony to drive stake for construction of Aleinmar library in Thabyen Village of Thbyon Township-tract in Bilin Township, Thaton District, was held at the venue on 3 February morning.

Secretary of Township Peace and Development Council U Maung Maung Nyunt drove stake for construction of the library. Also present on the occasion were township level departmental personnel of Myanmar Agriculture Service, Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department and Information and Public Relations Department, members of the library committee and townswelders.—MNA

Multiplier course on farmland census collection opened in Bilin

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Feb—The multiplier course on farmland census collection being conducted by Settlement and Land Records Department under the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation was opened at the office of Bilin Township Peace and Development Council on 2 February.

Secretary of Township PDC U Maung Maung Nyunt spoke on the occasion. Head of Township SLRD U Htay Win explained collection of farmland census.

It was also attended by township departmental officials and members of Village PDCs.—MNA

Special Refresher Course No. 40 for Basic Education Teachers concludes at CICS (Upper Myanmar)

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Feb—The Special Refresher Course No. 40 for Basic Education Teachers concluded at Yadana Hall of Central Institute of Civil Service (Upper Myanmar) in PyinOoLwin Township yesterday morning.

Speaking on the occasion, Member of Civil Service Selection and Training Board U Nyi Tun, on behalf of Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Thita Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo, said the government is building a democratic nation as national goal while making endeavours for ensuring modern and developed nation. With a view to developing all regions of the Union in equal terms, the government is undertaking Border Areas and National Races Development Plan, Rural Development Tasks and 24-special development region plan.

Each special development region has been facilitated with one 200-bed specialist hospital, one arts and science university, technological university and university of computer studies for uplifting education and health standards of the local people. In addition, the 30-year long-term national education promotion plan has been adopted, and the education tasks to be interrelated with higher and basic education sectors are being undertaken under the five-year short-term plans.

In implementing the 30-year long-term national education promotion plan with nine-point aim in the basic education sector, utmost efforts are being made for flourishing the basic education system in conformity with political, economic and social sectors of the State to be on a par with international education standard; for emerging human resources that can build a peaceful, modern and developed nation by applying advancement of science and technology; for turning out the qualified persons with innovative and creative capability in social-economic sector; for emerging the outstanding persons who can bring about peaceful co-existence in the human society; for shaping the constant learning society to uplift the standards of the State and themselves by accepting Lifelong Learning and Continuing Education; for creating learning opportunity for vocational education in urban and rural areas in equal term; and for shaping basic education schools as supporting centres for regional development.

In conclusion, he urged all to effectively utilize the education sound foundations and good opportunity created by the government, to adore life of educational staff and participate in ensuring perpetuity of a peaceful, modern and developed new nation with Union Spirit through strength of the State and progress of the nation.

The commander and personnel furnished the library with a colour TV set and publications.

The commander inspected renovation of embankment along the bank of Apyuak River. He went to the township’s station hospital and provided cash assistance and refreshments to patients. The commander formally opened special sales festival in Bahan Township.—MNA

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- Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State
- Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy

The commander presented model trainee award to JAT Dow Myint Myai Naing of Hsimeekhon Village BEHS in Myingyan Township.—MNA

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Three dead in Taleban attack on Afghan police HQ

KANDAHAR, 12 Feb—Three people including two policemen were killed and 26 wounded Saturday in an attack claimed by the Taleban on police headquarters in the volatile Afghan city of Kandahar.

A hit squad stormed a wedding hall across the road at around midday (0730 GMT) and opened fire on the police building amid reports of a total of up to six explosions in Kandahar.

An AFP reporter at the chaotic scene saw attackers firing rocket-propelled grenades, AK-47 assault rifles and machine guns from the sixth floor of the wedding hall at the police headquarters.

He later said that police had entered the building and there had been two loud explosions.

Zalmay Ayubi, a spokesman for the governor of Kandahar, said three people, including two policemen, had been killed in the violence and 26 injured. The wounded included nine children, he added.

“Zarnegar hall, which is located on the other side of the road, 50 metres (160 feet) away from Kandahar police HQ, has been the source of the shootings on the police HQ,” Ayubi said.

US trade deficit rises to 40.6 billion dollars in December

WASHINGTON, 12 Feb—The US trade deficit rose to 40.6 billion dollars in December, an increase of about 6 percent from the previous month, as the value of imports grew faster than exports, the US Commerce Department said on Friday.

The Commerce Department said that total December exports of 163.0 billion dollars and imports of 203.5 billion resulted in a goods and services deficit of 40.6 billion, up from a revised 38.3 billion dollars in November.

The rising exports in December, the best reading since July 2008, were led by sales of industrial machinery, civilian aircraft and autos and auto parts.

Snow slows traffic, air travel in Stockholm

STOCKHOLM, 12 Feb—Heavy snow in Stockholm has caused serious delays in train and subway traffic throughout the city since early Friday.

Police said about 25 traffic accidents have been reported since midnight and as many as five people were injured in the mishaps.

“No road was closed, but the whole traffic net became slowed,” said Ulf Lingren, who is in charge of Stockholm communications.

On Thursday, weather forecasters issued a warning for heavy snow and advised people not to go out if possible because the traffic was in a difficult situation.

In particular, Stockholm train and subway lines above ground faced the greatest difficulty. Almost all bus service was canceled as well.

China calls on UN to pay more attention to Africa

UNITED NATIONS, 12 Feb—China Friday urged the United Nations and Security Council to give more attention to Africa and called on the international community to provide greater support to the region in order to maintain peace and security.

Addressing an open debate of the UN Security Council on the interdependencies between security and development, Li Baodong, China’s permanent representative to the UN said the interlinkages between peace and development are most pronounced in Africa.

There will be no world prosperity and stability without peace and development in the region. He called on the international community to provide greater support and more assistance to regional countries, AU and other regional and subregional organizations to maintain African peace and security.

Li stressed that security and development are mutually linked and reinforcing. To safeguard peace and promote development, the international community should increase development input and eradicate root causes of conflicts. “Poverty and underdevelopment are the major causes for triggering conflicts and breeding terrorism.”

Magnitude-7.0 earthquake hits Chile

SANTIAGO, 12 Feb—A strong earthquake measuring 7.0 on the Richter scale rocked the Bio-Bio region of Chile on Friday, the US Geological Survey (USGS) said.

The earthquake was felt in Concepcion and Santiago, causing panic among local residents, especially along the coast, where people quickly moved to higher ground.

“The Hydrographic and Oceanographic Service of the Chilean Army (SHOA) rejected the possibility of a tsunami after the earthquake,” director of National Office of Emergencies (Onemi) Vicente Nunez told reporters. Nunez said Chileans could now return home. “For the moment there are no reports of any damage or injuries after the earthquake,” he said.

Plane makes emergency landing at Moscow airport

MOSCOW, 12 Feb—A plane flying from Warsaw to Moscow made an emergency landing at Moscow’s Vnukovo Airport as its landing gear failed to open, local media reported on Friday.

Nobody was hurt during the hard landing, the reports said, citing a spokeswoman for the airport.

The spokeswoman said Vnukovo’s CEO Vasili Yegorov directed the emergency landing from the airport’s control tower after the crew of the Hawker-125 plane detected a technical malfunction while attempting to land.
Australia’s floods, cyclone stress barrier reef

Bleached corals on coral reef on southern Great Barrier Reef in January 2002. — Internet

CANBERRA, 12 Feb—Mucky freshwater runoff from Australia’s worst flooding in decades is adding to stresses from pollution and warming seas on the Great Barrier Reef, one of the world’s most fragile ecosystems.

Researchers say it is too early to know exactly how much of the reef has been affected by the flooding, which carved a wide path of destruction on land before draining into the sea off the country’s northeast coast.

So far, the signs are that damage will be isolated to relatively small portions of the reef, a popular dive site and network of coral structures rich in marine life that stretches more than 3,000 kilometres along the coast. A narrow band of the reef was battered by a massive cyclone that passed overhead earlier this month and struck the coast with winds of up to 280 kilometres per hour, though the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority that manages the area said damage such as coral breakage was probably limited.

More worrying than the cyclone are the effects of the recent floods, which sent huge plumes of muddy fresh water over coastal portions of the reef, said Ove Hoegh-Guldberg, a reef expert from the University of Queensland.

Australian scientists restore hearing in mice using nasal stem cells

CANBERRA, 12 Feb—Australian scientists on Friday said they have been able to restore hearing in mice using nasal stem cells.

The research conducted by University of New South Wales Hearing Research Group has found mucosa-derived nasal stem cells can help preserve hearing function in early-onset hearing loss, which is most commonly due to genetic causes and is caused by the loss of sensory cells or neurons in the cochlea.

To investigate the effects of this treatment, nasal stem cells were injected into the cochlea of mice with symptoms of hearing loss.

Mice were chosen for this treatment as they display a similar decline in hearing function following infancy. Hearing levels were then examined, and the scientists found those mice with the stem cells scored significantly better in hearing tests compared to mice without the cells.

iBuyPower unleashes chimera XLC gaming desktop

WASHINGTON, 12 Feb—Fire and ice may seem like violently opposing concepts, but iBuyPower has a lot of faith in them when it comes to desktops. To prove it again, the company is releasing the third gaming desktop PC in its Chimera line, the Chimera XLC, which is outfitted with an Extreme Liquid Cooling (XLC) system to temper the fiery nature of its mythical namesake.

The chimera, a fantastic fire-breathing mix of a lion, a snake, and a goat, is painted on the side and front panels of the Chimera Inferno 3 case that houses the Chimera XLC. Inside, the “no-maintenance” cooling system aims to keep temperatures down during long and intense gaming sessions using a 240mm radiator, a 200mm fan, and five 120mm fans to keep the air moving (and chilling) at all times.

In addition, iBuyPower also provides its Level 3 Power Drive service for performing factory overclocking that the company claims can increase system speed by up to 30 percent.

The Chimera XLC offers you a choice of Intel Core i7 CPUs and AMD or Nvidia video cards. Pricing starts at $1,599 for a system powered by transmitters and other electronics that sprouted across the country over the last decade.

Some big names in the wireless world are set to demonstrate “small cell” technologies at the Mobile World Congress, the world’s largest cell phone trade show, which starts Monday in Barcelona, Spain.

Alcatel-Lucent will be at the show to demonstrate its “lightRadio cube,” a cellular antenna about the size and shape of a Rubik’s cube, vastly smaller than the ironing-board-sized antennas that now decorate cell towers. The cube was developed at the famous Russian leased Baikonur cosmodrome, Kazakhstan, on 15 Dec, 2010.—Internet

To this file photo made on 6 Oct, 2009, a mountain-top wireless Internet transmitter tower that serves the Coor Alaine Indian reservation and surrounding communities, is shown near Plummer, Idaho.—Internet

Bell Labs in New Jersey, birthplace of many other inventions when it was AT&T’s research centre.

In Alcatel-Lucent’s vision, these little cubes could soon begin replacing conventional cell towers.

Wireless advances could mean no more cell towers

NEW YORK, 12 Feb—As cell phones have spread, so have large cell towers — those unsightly stalks of steel topped by transmitters and other electronics that sprawled across the country over the last decade.

Dvorak keyboard now available for PC and the Mac

New York, 12 Feb—No matter how fast you think your computer is time will eventually bring it down to the slow crawl of a hill-climbing Datsun. At least you may be able to speed up your typing, thanks to Matias’s Dvorak Keyboard.

Yes, now Mac users can join the revolution with their own hardware Dvorak keyboard. If you’re not familiar with the Dvorak keyboard — no relation to either the noted tech pundit or the Czech composer — it’s a specially designed keyboard layout that supposedly provides faster typing speeds than the standard QWERTY design. Of course, Mac users have been able to switch to a Dvorak layout via software for years, but if you’re just learning the hardware or you’re the hunt-and-peck sort, the hardware keyboard has its benefits.
Early treatment saves stroke victims

Los Angeles, 12 Feb—Early treatment is key to effectively treating stroke and lowering mortality for the majority of patients, a new study suggests. Every 15-minute reduction in administration of intravenous tissue plasminogen activator — tPA — was associated with a five percent lower risk of death, according to the study conducted by researchers at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA).

The faster a clot-reducing drug is administered, the greater the risk of death from stroke diminishes, the researchers said in a news release on Thursday.

“Once the patient arrives at the hospital, it is critical for the facility to perform rapid diagnostic evaluation and imaging, and in eligible patients promptly initiate tPA,” said study author Dr Jeffrey L Saver, a professor of neurology at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA and director of the UCLA Stroke Centre.

The more time that elapses before a patient receives the drug to help break up the clot that is blocking a blood vessel in the brain, the slimmer the chances of a good outcome, the release said.—Xinhua

Chinese company to build luxury helicopters

Wenzhou, 12 Feb—A Chinese motor home manufacturer has acquired licenses from regulatory authorities to build luxury helicopters using technologies from Eurocopter, sources told Xinhua on Friday.

The State Administration for Industry and Commerce (SAIC) had approved Zhong-Ou International Group, which is based in east China’s Zhejiang Province, for assembling helicopters, company chairman Wu Guolin said.

A sample helicopter is expected to run off the assembly line by the end of this year, according to Wu.

Wu said that luxury helicopters would be powered by advanced turbo-charged engines instead of piston engines that are normally seen on private helicopters made by other Chinese companies.

He noted that the new helicopters would be delivered in June next year, with a price tag between 30 million yuan (4.55 million US dollars) to 60 million yuan. —Xinhua

UT Southwestern testing radiation treatment for breast cancer

DALLAS, 12 Feb—A North Texas woman with breast cancer is one of the first to try a cutting-edge radiation treatment.

Kristin Wiginton, 45, of The Colony, is the first patient in a clinical trial at UT Southwestern Medical Centre in Dallas that uses the Accuray CyberKnife System for breast cancer.

CyberKnife has been used in past on brain tumours. It delivers a highly precise, targeted dose of radiation, leaving surrounding tissue untouched.

Dr Dan Garwood, an associate professor of radiation oncology at UT Southwestern, said he is hopeful that the laser can successful treat breast cancers.

“That’s the goal with treatments like this, is if you can put the dose of radiation where you need to put it, you are much more effective in killing the cancer cells, but keeping the radiation away from other things like lung and heart, or the skin,” he said.

Wiginton said she didn’t realize she would be a pioneer when she first signed up for the trial.

Health Tip: losing your sense of taste

A food’s flavour is produced by a combination of your senses of taste and smell. If you begin to lose the ability to distinguish foods that are sweet, salty, sour or bitter, a number of factors could be at fault.

The University of Maryland Medical Centre offers these possible causes for impaired taste:

* Getting older.
* Having Bell’s palsy.
* Having the gum disease gingivitis.
* Having a cold or the flu, a nasal or salivary gland infection, sinuses or nasal polyps.
* Being a heavy smoker.
* Having dry mouth.
* Having an injury to the head, nose or mouth.
* Having pharyngitis, an inflammation of the pharynx.
* Having a side effect of certain medications.
* Having a vitamin deficiency.—Internet

AirAsia delays delivery of ten Airbus A320s

Kuala Lumpur, 12 Feb—Malaysian budget carrier AirAsia has delayed the scheduled delivery of ten of its aircraft by three years to 2015, in a bid to switch its order to more fuel-efficient planes, the company said.

AirAsia agreed to order 175 Airbus A320 aircraft in 2005, with a delivery schedule running from December 2005 to October 2014, but earlier deliveries have been put back several times due to its overcrowded budget terminal.

“A key commercial reason for the (present) deferral is to afford the company some flexibility to switch from its current order of the classic A320 to a new generation A320 aircraft which is more fuel efficient when such aircraft come into production in the near future,” it said in a filing with the local bourse Friday.

“Despite the deferral, AirAsia will nevertheless be taking delivery of 14 aircraft in 2012,” it added.
Sanctions, Daw Suu Kyi and NLD

Yan Gyi Aung

National League for Democracy issued a statement on economic sanctions against Myanmar imprisoned by the West Bloc on 8 February. The English version statement has four pages and the Myanmar version six pages. Seemingly, the statement was translated English into Myanmar. Because it is found that the syntactic structures of the Myanmar version statement are confused and difficult to understand. But the English version statement is fluent as it was written by an Oxford-trained person like a native speaker. Besides, it is found that some sentences in the English version statement were not included in the Myanmar version statement. (For example, the sentence, “The participation of a broad spectrum of political forces is essential to the achievement of national reconciliation in Burma”, shown in the sixth paragraph of the page 3 of the English version statement was not included in the Myanmar version.) Although the statement targeted the Myanmar government, it is also aimed at catching the attention of English-speaking countries or organizations. Moreover, it is apparent that the statement was issued in sync with the US-statement saying that the US government will maintain sanctions against Myanmar.

Nevertheless, the NLD’s statement is far more important, as soon as Daw Suu Kyi had been freed, Myanmar people were willingly waiting to see whether the economic sanctions imposed against them would be lifted as it was reported that there would be a review on the economic sanctions against Myanmar.

When neighbouring ASEAN countries of Myanmar and political parties within the country called for lifting of economic sanctions of West Bloc, Myanmar people have high hopes of lifting sanctions in the transitional period of Myanmar politics.

But, like being kicked in the chest after running hard on the plain in the sun, those hopes are fading as they were hit by the one-sided statements of the US Administration and NLD.

The essence of the NLD statement is “The hardships of the vast majority of the people of Myanmar are not related to sanctions; sanctions do not hurt the public; calls for the removal of sanctions by some political parties, organizations, individual nations have been motivated by political considerations; financial sanction have also prevented, albeit imperfectly, the laundering of black money and the siphoning off of revenue from the sale of gas and other natural resources; the major causes of sanctions are violations of human rights and lack of democratic practices thus the government is to take the necessary steps; and NLD calls for discussion with the United States and the world community with a view to reaching agreement on, how, when and under what circumstances sanctions must be modified.”

What I have understood the overall picture of the whole statement is the sanctions were imposed by the West Bloc. It has nothing to do with the NLD or Daw Suu Kyi. Make reforms and changes as ordered by western countries if wanting sanctions be lifted. The western countries need consultation with the NLD in relaxing or extending sanctions.” These points are extracted from the NLD statement.

As to the statement, some foreign observers reviewed that the NLD and Daw Suu Kyi who are staying outside the framework of the constitution are politicizing the economic sanctions as a political trump card.

Anymore, it is necessary to analyze the NLD’s statement in detail as it is referring to the facts and data of international organizations.

In this article, I would like to present sanctions and changes in the stances of Daw Suu Kyi and NLD regarding the fact “Sanctions are not the outcome of demands by political parties, organizations or individuals in Myanmar.” Only then can one understand all the points that have been updated till the current statement.

Firstly, Daw Suu Kyi made strong demands for sanctions against Myanmar from 1989 through 2002. But in 2002, she changed her voice that she has never ever demanded for sanctions to any nation.

Yet, in the article titled “Handling Relation with Myanmar in a Chinese Way” by Mr Cheng Ruisheng, who is fluent in Myanmar and performed his diplomatic duties as Ambassador of the People’s Republic of China to the Union of Myanmar from 1987 to 1991, it is stated that the author met Daw Aung San Suu Kyi on 6 October 1988, that at the meeting, she said she had demanded she wanted to meet General Saw Maung but the approval had not been obtained, that this was why she would like the ambassador to urge the General to meet her and that she also wanted China to cease border trade activities with Myanmar.

What’s more, Daw Suu Kyi demanded foreign governments to impose trade embargo, and the 4-6-1989-issued Bangkok Post carried a news report under the headline “Aung San Suu Kyi calls for trade boycott.”

The news highlighted Daw Suu Kyi’s reproaching of Australia and Japan for establishing relations with the Myanmar government. At that time, regarding the Australian assistance to a dairy project in Mandalay, Daw Suu Kyi also made negative remarks saying Australian government was “in a great hurry to establish good relations” with Rangoon. She also said that industrialized countries which established economic relations with Burma would show they were taking sides against democracy.

Japan has also come under her attack. “I have always said that it’s a great pity that the Japanese should put economic considerations above human rights. A nation as wealthy as Japan does not need the petty profits that it can make out of a few months in Burma,” said Daw Suu Kyi.

As a consequence of her negative remarks, I still remember that at the time, all assistance of international organizations to Myanmar was suspended and that while an HIV project was being launched in the north of Myanmar, Daw Suu Kyi strongly criticized them before foreign diplomats to cause humiliation. A year later, at a conference on rendering assistance held in Amsterdam, a representative of a prominent international organization made a sad comment that it was more convenient for INGOs to operate while Daw Suu Kyi was in detention.

However, at the conference held the day after Daw Suu Kyi’s detention was lifted on 5 May 2002, she said they had never asked any country to impose sanctions against Myanmar. It was indeed a different move regarding her comment.

Let’s look on, the policy on Daw Suu Kyi regarding sanctions is “They have never demand sanctions. But they will not stop supporting sanctions”.

On 4 October 2007, the government issued Notification (1/2007) announcing that Daw Suu Kyi would be permitted to meet the Head of State if she declared that she would give up the policy of confrontation, utter devastation and all restrictions including economic sanctions.

As to the statement, U Nyan Win, spokesman of NLD, disclosed foreign broadcasting stations on 6 October that the military was forcing Daw Suu Kyi to be held accountable for what she had never done.

It is true that Daw Suu Kyi does not have the ability to order foreign governments to impose sanctions against Myanmar. Nonetheless, it is undeniable that there were demands she had made earnestly for sanctions.

But, for governments of some western nations recognizing Daw Suu Kyi as an icon of Myanmar’s democracy, her stance on sanctions has become the policy of theirs.

It cannot be said that those governments’ policy of sanctions do not stem from the instigation of Daw Suu Kyi and her NLD. How big-headed the NLD is to stick to the weapon of sanctions until it gains power by demanding that any changes and modifications should be made in consultation with the party let alone lifting the sanctions!

If Daw Suu Kyi and the NLD keep going to the wrong way ignoring the fact that today’s Myanmar is marching to a new era, new system and new political platforms paving the way for democracy, they will meet their tragic ends. Pointing out that, I would like to invite them to cooperate with the people in building a democratic nation in the interests of the nation and the people.

Translation:YM+ST
Colourful lights illuminated at government offices, city hall, roundabouts, schools and staff quarters in Nay Pyi Taw at night on Union Day. — MNA

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senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence and their wives, the ministers, the Chief Justice, the Attorney-General, the Auditor-General and their wives, members of the central committee and the management committee, deputy ministers, chief of Myanmar Police Force, directors-general of the SPDC Office and Government Office, departmental heads, Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw representatives and guests. Before and during the dinner, national races and vocalists entertained the guests with songs to the accompaniment of Myanma Athan modern music band.

After the dinner, artistees of the Fine Arts Department of the Ministry of Culture entertained the guests with dances at the open theatre at the square. — MNA

Colourful lights illuminated at government offices, city hall, roundabouts, schools and staff quarters in Nay Pyi Taw at night on Union Day. — MNA
State Flag hoisting and saluting ceremony held in Nay Pyi Taw to mark...

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Departmental personnel, social organization members and people took the designated places in the square of City Hall.

At 5.30 am, the Flag Hoisting Platoon hoisted State Flag hoisting and saluting ceremony held in Nay Pyi Taw to mark the Flag of the Union of Myanmar.

The State Flag saluting ceremony for the 64th Anniversary Union Day 2011 took place at 7 am. The Defence Services (Army, Navy and Air) Guard of Honour took the designated place at the square of the City Hall.

Chairman of the Central Committee for Organizing the 64th Anniversary Union Day 2011 Secretary-1 Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo took the position on the dais.

After the Secretary-1 had taken the salute of the Guard of Honour, all the attendees together with the Secretary-1 and the Guard of Honour saluted the state Flag of the Union of Myanmar. Meanwhile, the National Anthem was played.

Next, the Secretary-1 read the message sent by Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Than Shwe on the occasion of the 64th Anniversary Union Day.

As a gesture of honouring the 64th Anniversary Union Day, government offices and buildings, the City Hall, roundabouts, schools and staff quarters were illuminated.—MNA

Dignitaries seen at Union Day State Flag Hoisting and Saluting Ceremony.

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Feb—Under the aegis of Minister for Transport U Thein Swe, eye specialists from Yangon, in collaboration with Ministry of Transport, Ministry of Health, social organizations and wellwishers, provided treatment to patients with eyesight complaint in Sittway District of Rakhine State from 8 to 11 February.

In cooperation with Rakhine State Eye Specialist Dr Moe Kyaw, doctors, nurses and health staff from Sittway, a mobile medical team comprising eye specialist Professor/Dean of Department U Tin Win, Eye Specialist Dr Nilar Thein, 14 assistant doctors, one senior nurse and 12 nurses, technician U Win Naing Tun from Alcon Co Ltd, and optician U Win Naing Tun provided treatment to 1445 outpatients and surgical treatment to patients with glaucoma in Sittway, Yathetaung, Ponnagyun, MraukU, Minbya, Pauktaw and Myebon townships in Sittway District.

The team also donated sun glasses, cash assistance and medicines for the patients. A ceremony to mark the success of the free medical care was held at Rakhine State’s General Hospital yesterday. U Hla Maung Tin of Rakhine State Union Solidarity and Development Party spoke on the occasion and Leader of the mobile team Dr U Tin Win recounted treatment works. Then, the ceremony came to an end with an eye patient words of thanks.

On behalf of the Transport Minister, Managing Director U Soe Tun of Inland Water Transport, officers and staff of Rakhine State IWT in Sittway, Rakhine State level departmental heads, members of social organizations, the head of Rakhine State Health Department assisted the mobile team and Dr Maung Maung Aye (Mohtet Kaba Co Ltd), U Aung Myat (Mother Trading Co Ltd), U Win Lwin (Kyawtha Co Ltd), U Aung Moe Kyaw (Pyae Phyo Aung Co Ltd), U Htin Lin Aung-Daw Htet Htet Aung (Myanmar Prodigy Co Ltd) donated necessary medicines and operation costs for the treatment.—MNA

Dignitaries seen at Union Day State Flag Hoisting and Saluting Ceremony.

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Feb—Hailing the 64th Anniversary Union Day, YaungkyiU Library Committee of Akyiban Village in Htilin Township, Magway Region organized an essay-writing contest and presented prizes to winners on 9 February.

The topic of the essay was “Our Library”. The township Peace and Development Council Chairman, the chairperson of the township Maternal and Child Welfare Association, and the head of Gangaw District Information and Public Relations Department awarded four prize winners from the village Basic Education High School.

MNA
State Flag hoisting and saluting ceremony held in Nay Pyi Taw to mark 64th Anniversary Union Day 2011

Botany graduates pay respects to old teachers

YANGON, 12 Feb — The third respect-paying ceremony of Botany graduates of Yangon University was held at Universities’ Dhammayon in Kamaryut Township here this morning.

First, old students paid respects and presented gifts to teachers aged 70 and above.

Next, Professor and Head of Department Dr Thet Thet May, chairperson of organizing the respect-paying ceremony, gave accounts of holding the ceremony. On behalf of the old teachers, a teacher spoke words of encouragement. Then Professor U Aye Pe presented gifts to lab staff aged 64 and above.

The ceremony came to an end with words of thanks by Lecturer Dr Soe Soe Aung.

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SPDC Member U Tin Aye addresses Safari Park (Nay Pyi Taw) opening ceremony

Nay Pyi Taw, 12 Feb — The opening ceremony of Safari Park (Nay Pyi Taw), built by the Ministry of Forestry, took place at entrance plaza of the park here this morning, with an opening address by Member of the State Peace and Development Council U Tin Aye.

Development Council U Tin Aye.

It was also attended by Maj-Gen Yar Pyae, Maj-Gen Kyaw Phyo and senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Maung Maung Aye, ministers, auditor-general, deputy ministers, departmental heads, officials from the Ministry of Forestry, through all sectors in the time of the SPDC.

The newly-opened Safari Park (Nay Pyi Taw) will become a significant symbol reflecting the country’s development in all sectors in broadening horizons of the people and helping them able to take nation-building measures effectively.

He expressed thanks to the Minister of Forestry, staff of Safari Park (Nay Pyi Taw) and guests. Songsters opened the ceremony with the commemorative song of opening ceremony.

In his speech, SPDC Member U Tin Aye said the State is upgrading the nation into a modern and developed one departmental staff and MRT Company which built the park for completing the construction of park only in five months.

As the park lies by Yangon-Mandalay motor road next to Zoological Garden (Nay Pyi Taw) and Planetarium (Nay Pyi Taw), it is a good place for recreation and knowledge. He continued to say that Upattasanti Pagoda, Gems Museum, National Landmark Garden, Water Fountain Garden, Zoological Garden (Nay Pyi Taw) and Planetarium (Nay Pyi Taw) have been opened in Nay Pyi Taw as the State Peace and Development Council built the clean, scenic and international-standard capital of the nation since 2006 and world-class stadium, National Library, Cultural Museum, Defence Services Museum and Gems Emporium will also be opened soon.

In implementing the park, it was is designated near the already-built Zoological Garden (Nay Pyi Taw), Planetarium (Nay Pyi Taw) and National Landmark Garden for public convenience.

He also stated that the country is rich in natural resources and biodiversities, with around 50 per cent forest coverage and over 20,000 biodiversities.

(Nay Pyi Taw) Safari Park was constructed as a recreation centre for the people and to witness wild-life animals’ culture, to conserve endangered species and to realize ecology system.

The opening ceremony of Safari Park (Nay Pyi Taw) in progress. — MNA

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Now the government has established 43 natural forests including wildlife sanctuaries and Hukaung valley, world largest tiger reserve.

Myanmar's six wildlife sanctuaries and national gardens have been recognized as heritages of ASEAN. This brings honour to the nation.

The ecosystem has an influential role in survival of living things. He quoted Head of State Senior-General Than Shwe as saying that the basic resources of the State are land, water and climate; if forests were spoiled, land and water will be ruined and climate change will happen; so it is needed to preserve forests.

He pointed out that the world is now suffering from natural disasters as implications of global warming and climate change. It is because the human beings have less knowledge on ecosystem. It is necessary to reduce harming to nature while boosting economy of the State, he said.

He urged officials to make arrangements for development of the park with the help of the public.

The Forestry Ministry said in his address that the Forestry Ministry is carrying out tasks for development of Yangon Zoological Garden, and Mandalay Yadanaung Zoological Garden and Nay Pyi Taw Safari Park was constructed as a recreation centre for the people and to study the nature of wildlife, to conserve endangered species and to realize ecology system.

He continued that the Nay Pyi Taw Safari Park is a kind of day safari that stands on 291.52 acres, consisting of three parts—Asian, Australian and African safaris. There are 202 animals (16 species) in the park. Before long, another 58 animals (10 species) worth US$ two million will be added.

Next, Thai Sawat Import & Export Co Ltd donated a pair of giraffes to Safari Park (Nay Pyi Taw), and Toseva Timber Private Ltd of Singapore, educative videos to Planetarium (Nay Pyi Taw).

Acting Director-General U Aye Myint Maung of Forest Department presented certificate of honour and gift to a responsible person of Thai Sawat Import & Export Co Ltd of Thailand. After that, Commander Brig-Gen Maung Aye, Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Htay Oo, Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs and Nay Pyi Taw Mayor U Thein Nyunt and Forestry Minister U Thein Aung opened Nay Pyi Taw Safari Park.

SPDC Member U Tin Aye unveiled archway of the park, sprinkled scented water on inscription plaque and then together with the attendees posed for documentary photo.

Vocalists sing a song of honour to mark opening ceremony of Safari Park (Nay Pyi Taw).
SPDC Member U Tin Aye addresses...

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of entrance plaza of Nay Pyi Taw Safari Park.

Minister U Thein Aung and officials also planted Gangaw, teak and hilly toddy palm plants.

SPDC Member U Tin Aye and party later looked around Safari Park (Nay Pyi Taw), Planetarium (Nay Pyi Taw), Aquarium and Zoological Garden (Nay Pyi Taw).

Zoological Garden (Nay Pyi Taw).

Safari Park (Nay Pyi Taw) lies on 291.52 acres on Yangon-Mandalay Road near milepost No. 257/0.

Safari Park (Nay Pyi Taw) is composed with three parts—Asian Safari, Australian Safari and African Safari.

Unlike other zoological gardens, the people can observe Safari Park (Nay Pyi Taw) naturally alive with various kinds of rare animals across the world.

Safari Park (Nay Pyi Taw) is thrown open to public from 8 am to 4 pm daily—MNA.
Small calf muscles are bigger PAD risk

CHICAGO, 12 Feb — Smaller calf muscles may be a clue to why women with peripheral artery disease develop problems walking sooner than men, US researchers say. Peripheral artery disease — blockages of the leg arteries — also puts patients at greater risk of heart attack or stroke. Study leader Dr Mary McDermott of Northwestern University observed 380 men and women with the disease for four years.

The study, published in the Journal of the American College of Cardiology, found the women were more likely than the men to become less able to walk continuously for 6 minutes and more likely to develop a mobility disability. “When we took into account that the women had less calf muscle than men at the beginning of the study, that seemed to explain at least some of the gender difference,” McDermott said in a statement.

McDermott noted the men experienced greater calf muscle loss each year than the women, but the men’s greater lower extremity muscle reserve protected them against the women’s rapid loss of function. “We know that supervised treadmill exercise can prevent decline, so it’s especially important for women with PAD to get the diagnosis and engage in walking exercise to try and protect against decline,” McDermott advised. — Internet

In this film publicity image released by Touchstone Pictures, Gnomeo, voiced by James McAvoy, left, and Juliet, voiced by Emily Blunt are shown in a scene from ‘Gnomeo and Juliet.’ — Internet

Doctors’ long lab coat sleeves no problem

DENVER, 12 Feb — Long-sleeved white lab coats worn by physicians are no more heavily contaminated with bacteria than short-sleeved uniforms, US researchers say. Researchers from the University of Colorado in Denver tested doctors wearing either long-sleeved white lab coats or short-sleeved uniforms for statistically different difference in contamination between the short- and long-sleeved work wear. They also found bacterial contamination of newly laundered uniforms occurs within hours of putting them on.”

Indeed, Burden reported, after only 3 hours of wear the newly laundered uniforms — nearly sterile prior to putting them on — had nearly 50 percent of the bacteria counted at 8 hours were already present. — Internet

Residents take a walk in Shimuogou Park in downtown Urumqi, capital of northwest China’s Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, on 9 Feb, 2011. — XINHUA

Couple charged in cancer hoax, elder abuse

GREENWOOD COUNTY, 12 Feb — A South Carolina couple face multiple charges for allegedly neglecting the woman’s father and running a scam in which they said their daughter had cancer. Alicia Kelly, 38, and Steven Kelly, 39, of Greenwood County allegedly convinced their 15-year-old daughter she had cancer, gave her blood pressure medication they told her was “chemo medicine,” and told the American Cancer Society’s Relay for Life and other groups she was sick, ABC News reported on Thursday.

“A few months into it, the daughter figured out she didn’t have cancer,” said Maj John Murray of the Greenwood County Sheriff’s Office, who added authorities got a tip and arrested the couple on a warrant for phishing checks on Feb 4. Police asked the state Department of Health and Environmental Health Control for the girl’s medical records and discovered she was not on any cancer drug treatment. — Internet

Manager charged in Wis worker shooting

RIVER FALLS, 12 Feb — Police in Wisconsin said a manager at a cookie factory is facing charges after a shot he took at birds in the rafters missed and hit an employee. River Falls police said the 29-year-old manager at the Best Maid factory was firing birdshot at the birds in the rafters of the factory on Dec 14 and a poorly aimed shot struck a 28-year-old employee in the back of the head, the River Falls Journal reported on Thursday.

Investigators said the victim felt a sensation like a bee sting and removed a small piece of lead from above his ear. The manager is believed not to have realized the shot struck the employee. The manager, whose name was not released, is now facing a charge of injury by negligent handling of a dangerous weapon, police said. — Internet
West Ham wins bid for London’s Olympic Stadium

London, 12 Feb — West Ham was selected over Premier League rivals Tottenham on Friday to take over the Olympic Stadium after the 2012 London Games. The Olympic Park Legacy Company picked West Ham as its preferred tenant for the $867 million stadium, which will stage the opening and closing ceremonies and track and field competition in 2012.

OPLC chairwoman Baroness Margaret Ford said the decision by the 14-member board was unanimous.

The decision, which followed months of fierce debate and rancor between the two clubs, still requires ratification by two government departments and the London Mayor’s office.

Arsenal down Wolves to go second

London, 12 Feb — Arsenal secured a comfortable win to send Wolverhampton Wanderers back to the foot of the Barclays Premier League.

Arsenal took the lead on 16 minutes when Cesc Fabregas floored a cross in from the right channel and Robin van Persie executed a wonderful volley from a horizontal position.

With 56 minutes on the clock, Van Persie made it 2-0. Fabregas was the creator with a perfectly weighted pass from the deep leaving Theo Walcott and Van Persie with a two-on-one against Christophe Berra.

The England winger did his job, rolling the ball to his team-mate who slotted home his 10th Barclays Premier League goal of the season.

Lyon feel pressure ahead of Ligue 1 derby

Paris, 12 Feb — Fallen French league giants Lyon will face a potential backlash on Saturday when their semi-finals last season, but this campaign it’s a different story. Lisandro’s last offering came in a 1-1 draw with Marseille last December, while Lyon’s last win, a 3-0 home drubbing of Lorient, was nearly a month ago. For Lisandro’s fellow strike partner Bafetimbi Gomis, the turnaround can’t come soon enough.

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Manchester United beat Derby rivals to keep top spot

Manchester, 12 Feb — A sensational Wayne Rooney volley moved Manchester United four points clear at the top of the Premier League table as they beat rivals Manchester City 2-1.

Nani collected a pass from Ryan Giggs before slotting home from 15 yards to put United ahead just before the break.

David Silva, who side-footed wide from an acute angle in the first half, was oblivious as Edin Dzeko’s shot cannoned off his backside to level for City.

But Rooney won it with an overhead kick that flew into the top corner.

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Owen Coyle’s side have lost five and drawn one of their last seven Barclays Premier League matches. Despite that poor form, they have been buoyed by the signing of Daniel Sturridge on loan from Chelsea, and the young striker has scored in each of his first two matches, including the winner against Wolverhampton Wanderers.

Everton’s dramatic 5-3 win over Blackpool last weekend was their first in four matches. The Toffees lost this fixture 3-2 last season but that was their first defeat in five visits to the Reebok Stadium.

Match preview - Sun 13th Feb

A look ahead to Sunday’s fixture in the Barclays Premier League.

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Parys, 12 Feb — Kim Clijsters became the first mother to be crowned world number one on Friday when she battled back from 3-0 down to defeat Australia’s Jelena Dokic 6-3, 6-0 in the Paris Open quarter-finals.

The 27-year-old reigning US and Australian Open champion has now reached the top spot for the fourth time in her career.

Clijsters, who was also US Open champion in 2003, when she battled back from 3-0 down to defeat her mother to be crowned world number one on Friday. She is the fourth time in her career.

Belgian tennis player Kim Clijsters reacts after winning a point during her quarter-final tie against Jelena Dokic of Australia, in the WTA Paris Open tournament.

WEATHER

Saturday, 12th February, 2011

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr.
M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Upper Sagaing, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi regions, Kachin, Rakhine and Mon States, generally fair in the remaining Regions and States. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below February average temperature in Taninthayi Region and Shan State, (5°C) below February average temperature in Upper Sagaing and Mandalay Regions, Chin State and about February average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant night temperatures were Haka (1°C), Lashio (2°C), Pyin Oo Lwin (4°C) each.

Nay Pyi Taw
Maximum temperature on 11-2-2011 was 93°F. Minimum temperature on 12-2-2011 was 59°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 12-2-2011 was (73%). Rainfall on 12-2-2011 was (Nil).

Yangon (Kaba-Aye)
Maximum temperature on 11-2-2011 was 95°F. Minimum temperature on 12-2-2011 was 66°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 12-2-2011 was (62%).

Total sunshine hours on 11-2-2011 was (9.8) hours (Approx).
Rainfall on 12-2-2011 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2011 was (1.97) inches at Mingaladon, (1.89) inches at Kaba-Aye and (3.54) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 5 mph from Northeast at (9:30) hours MST on 11-2-2011.

Bay Influence: Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy in the Southwest Bay and partly cloudy in the Andaman Sea and elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of the 13th February 2011: Light rain is likely to be isolated in Taninthayi Region and Kachin State, weather will be partly cloudy in Upper Sagaing, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions. Shan, Rakhine, Mon and Kayin States and generally fair in the remaining Regions and States. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of isolated light rain in the Southern Myanmar areas.


Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 13-2-2011: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 13-2-2011: Generally fair weather.

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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
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Do not allow ourselves to be swayed by killer broadcasts designed to cause troubles

State Flag hoisting and saluting ceremony held in Nay Pyi Taw to mark 64th Anniversary Union Day 2011

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