Consolidated people

With the fine traditions and high cultural standards, the national races consolidated themselves as a people in the simple and single term ‘Myanmar’.

Senior General Than Shwe
Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council
Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services
(From the 58th Anniversary Union Day message)

Secretary-1 attends ceremony to present Myanmar Motion Picture Outstanding Award (Academy Award) for 2007

Movie professionals should be supporters of national interest

Films have great influence over the people. So, film artistes have to be positive role models in morale and morality for the youth of today.

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thih Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo greeting best actor award winner Kyaw Ye Aung.—SNA

Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan delivers an address at the ceremony to present the Myanmar Motion Picture Outstanding Award.—SNA

Culture and Arts (Yangon) has conducted the three-year under-graduate course on motion picture and drama since 2007 to produce skilled film technicians. So, there will be an increase in the number of youths who are skilled in the arts of film making and video film shooting, and that will help produce more quality films and video films. In order to improve Myanmar film industry, the Ministry of Information has imported a lot of machines and equipment for the Myanmar Motion Picture Enterprise. So, now we can produce better films in picture, colour and sound, and that saves foreign exchange as we don’t need to develop the films abroad. As a result, films are improving in quality gradually. We will import some more necessary equipment for development of the film industry.

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**PERSPECTIVES**

Safeguard national policies for perpetuation of the Union

The Union of Myanmar is a nation of national races. National people such as Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Bamar, Mon, Rakhine and Shan have been residing in the Union since time immemorial as it is a nation formed with the essence of a society based on family.

Each national race has its own customs, language and culture and they live in the same land partaking water from the same source. Therefore Union spirit has been forged in the minds of the national races. In the history, the imperialists and fascists were driven out of the nation with the strength of all the national races. The nation thus regained its sovereignty and independence.

Today, the government has given priority to building of national solidarity in order to shape a brighter future. Now the country is on the path to modernization in accord with the national policy of non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty.

All the national races are actively participating in the nation-building tasks under the correct leadership of the government and fruitful results have been achieved nationwide.

Emergence of basic infrastructures on economy, education, health and social affairs including roads and bridges that contribute towards better transport in the states and divisions indicates the development images of the Union.

All the national people need to safeguard the national policy upholding the noble traditions and unity for perpetuation of the Union.

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**Peoples’ Desire**

* Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views
* Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State
* Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation
* Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy

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**Lt-Gen Tha Aye on inspection tour of Mon State**

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Feb — Lt-Gen Tha Aye of the Ministry of Defence together with Chairman of Mon State Peace and Development Council Commander of South-East Command Maj-Gen Thet Naing Win and departmental officials on 1 February inspected production process and sample slabs of the marble slab factory (Kyakto) near Taunggale Village of Kyakto Township.

At the construction site of Radial Tyre Factory Project in Bilin Township, he viewed the scale model of the factory and progress of project tasks. He looked into thriving groundnut plantations in Shweindon Phaya field of Bilin Township and tarmacking of the road section at mile post 128 on Yangon-Mawlamyine road.

At That Ah BEHS No. 2, Lt-Gen Tha Aye presented computers for the schools through officials. He oversaw construction of Yinnyein Station Hospital sponsored by Tun Myat Aung Co in Paung and thriving paddy plantations in Phyuba Village.

Lt-Gen Tha Aye and party looked into maintenance of Thanlwin Bridge (Mawlamyine).

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**Kanebo’s rainbow in the rain programme to be held**

YANGON, 7 Feb — Kanebo will exchange its rainbow (K) member cards for gifts through target point up to 15 February from 12 noon to 7 p.m. at Gamonpwint (Kahu-Aye), Seingagyhar (Pyay Road), MK (Dagon Center), from 16 to 28 February at Traders Hotel, Blazon, Yuzana Plaza — N/A

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**31st ISD Team Golf Championship ends**

YANGON, 6 Feb — Organized by the Ministry of Sports and Myanmar Golf Federation, the final round of the 31st Inter State/Division Team Golf Championship was held in conjunction with prize presentation ceremony at Ayethaya Golf Club in Taunggyi on 4 February.

At the final round, Hti Han Hlyan (Chin State) was awarded Eagle for third round and Aye Chantha (Taninthayi Division) and Maung Maung Thaung (Rakhine State) were awarded Eagle for final round.

At Team Captains event, U Aung Than of Shan State (East) stood second by firing 71 strokes and U Kyaw Kyaw of Mandalay Division, first with 69.

At Individual Scratch Event Silver Division, Zaw Win (Mon State) won third prize with 326 strokes, Khin Maung Aye (Kachin State), second with 326 and Soe Myint Thaung (Chin State), first with 323.

At Individual Scratch Event Gold Division, Maung Maung Oo won third prize with 296, Thet Zaw Htwe, second with 292 and Than Zaw (Yangon Division), first with 292.

At Team Scratch Event Silver Division, Ayeyawady Division stood second with 996 and Kachin State, first with 993.

At Team Scratch Event Gold Division, Yangon Division won Championship Trophy with 909 and Mandalay Division stood second with 912.

Next, Team Captain U Khin Maung Latt of Yangon Division team spoke words of thanks.

Officials presented prizes to winners of individual and team events.

Next, MGF Secretary U Aung Kyi handed over gift awarded by the Ministry of Sports and MGF to Deputy Manager U Soe Myint of Ayethaya Golf Club.

The tournament was sponsored by KBZ Bank Ltd and co-sponsors were Dagon Brewery Ltd and KM Golf Center with the aim of turning out Myanmar golfers.

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Director-General of SPED U Thaung Htaik seen together with golfers of Yangon Division which wins Championship Trophy.

MGF
WASHINGTON, 7 Feb — The United States said on Friday it is investigating the “suspicious” death of one of its diplomats at the US embassy in Addis Ababa.

According to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the department was briefly evacuated after an employee received a package containing a dead fish and white powder. The authorities have made a swift response to the reports on the suspicious package delivered to the US Security Dept evacuated for dead fish, white powder

WASHINGTON, 7 Feb — The US Homeland Security Department building was evacuated on Friday after receiving suspicious dead fish and white powder.

The department office in downtown Washington, DC, said FBI spokeswoman Kate Schweit. She also said that the area around the office has been secured by local police and fire department, and the package has been taken to a lab for test. The incidents evoked memory of the anthrax letters that killed five people and stirred panic in the US right after the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

In December, the FBI and the State Department said that more than 40

The ruins of a building destroyed by a suicide car bomb attack in central Baghdad, Iraq recently. —Internet

Israel aircraft strike in Gaza after rocket fire

GAZA, 7 Feb — Israeli aircraft fired several missiles in the Gaza Strip on Friday after two rockets fired from the Hamas-controlled territory landed in Israel, none of the attacks causing any injuries.

Residents in Gaza said the Israeli attacks targeted “open areas” near the southern town of Rafah and smuggling tunnels along the border with Egypt.

An Israeli military spokesman confirmed the air strikes but gave no further details. Earlier, two rockets fired from northern Gaza landed in Israel, the Israeli military said.

Israel and Hamas declared separate ceasefires on 18 January, ending a 22-day Israeli offensive in the Gaza Strip. Israel said it’s campaign, which left about 1,300 Palestinians dead, was aimed at stopping cross-border rocket fire. Ten Israeli soldiers and three civilians were killed in the Gaza campaign.

Israel often targets the tunnels under the Gaza Strip’s border with Egypt, which it says are used by Hamas to smuggle weapons. —Internet

US soldier dies in northern Iraq

BAGHDAD, 7 Feb – The US military says an American soldier has died of a noncombat-related injury near the northern Iraqi city of Balad Ruz.

A US statement released Saturday said the soldier died on Friday but gave no further details.

The latest fatality brings to at least 4,238 the number of US military members who have died in the Iraq war since it began in 2003.

The figure includes eight military civilians killed in action. At least 3,406 military personnel died as a result of hostile action, according to the military’s numbers.

Turkey bombs PKK bases in Iraq

ANKARA, 7 Feb — Turkey launched its first air strikes of 2009 this week aimed at PKK bases in northern Iraq, military officials said on Friday.

Brig Gen Metin Gurak said at a press briefing the raids were carried out Wednesday and Thursday. Hurriyet reported. They struck the Hakurk area.

The PKK, the Turkish acronym for the Kurdistan Workers Party, uses strongholds in Iraq to carry out military operations in Turkey, officials say. Turkey also carried out a ground operation in 2008 that crossed the border. Gurak also told reporters the Turkish government welcomes the US decision to classify PEJAK, an Iranian Kurdish group, as a terrorist organization.
New Zealand Maori warriors paddle their ‘Waka’, a canoe as part of the ceremonies to celebrate New Zealand’s Waitangi Day in Waitangi, New Zealand, on 6 Feb, 2009. Waitangi Day marks the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi between the indigenous Maori and European settlers, the Treaty of Waitangi on 6 Feb, 1840. —INTERNET

UN suspends Gaza aid shipments

JERUSALEM, 7 Feb — The UN agency that provides humanitarian aid to Middle East refugees has suspended relief to Gaza after two incidents this week in which the ruling Hamas government seized the supplies, the UN group said on Friday.

The UN Relief and Works Agency won’t resume deliveries until the stolen supplies are returned, and the agency is “given credible assurances from the Hamas government in Gaza that there will be no repeat of these thefts,” the agency said in a written statement.

Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon underscored that position, issuing a statement demanding Hamas “immediately” release the supplies it has seized. “All parties must refrain from interfering with, or hampering the provision and distribution of, urgently needed humanitarian assistance to the civilian population in Gaza,” Ban said in a statement.

In the latest incident, the UNRWA said truckloads of flour and rice were taken overnight on the Palestinian side of the Kerem Shalom border crossing that links Gaza and Israel.

The food came from Egypt and was to have been collected and distributed by the agency on Friday. Instead, it was taken away by trucks contracted by the Ministry of Social Affairs, according to the UN statement. Two hundred metric tons (220 US tons) of rice and 100 metric tons (110 US tons) of flour were seized, the agency said.—INTERNET

Malaysian twins escape hangman over identity confusion

KUALA LUMPUR, 7 Feb — A pair of identical twins escaped being convicted and hanged on drug charges in Malaysia, due to confusion over which one of them was the culprit, reports said on Saturday.

The 27-year-old twins, R Sathis Raj and Sabarish Raj, had been charged with trafficking 166 kilos of cannabis and 1.7 kilos of raw opium in 2003. But police had trouble identifying which one was in possession of the drugs.

“This is a very unique case as they are identical twins. Even the DNA evidence could not prove anything as the DNA could be either Sathis’ or Sabarish’s,” said High Court judge Zaharah Ibrahim. “I can’t be calling the wrong twin to enter his defence. I can’t be sending the wrong person to the gallows,” she said, according to the New Straits Times as she acquitted the pair.

The court heard that one of the twins was caught taking a car load of drugs to a house in suburban Kuala Lumpur. After he was apprehended, the other twin arrived at the house and was also arrested.—INTERNET

Energy drinks not for children

MONTREAL, 7 Feb — Energy drinks are the coffee of a new generation, but they have too much sugar and caffeine and can have a negative health impact, a Canadian researcher said.

Stephanie Cote, nutritionist with Extenso, said a 2006 study throughout the country found 1.5 billion cans of Red Bull were sold in Canada in 2004. Consumption in the United States in 2004 was 18-to 24-year-olds. A 2008 report by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada found 1.5 billion cans of Red Bull were sold in the United States in 2004. Consumption in Canada is said to be comparable, and it is a growing trend for 18-to 24-year-olds. However, this market segment is broadening as younger children are beginning to consume these drinks before doing physical activity, Cote said.—INTERNET

Russia allows transit of US military supplies

MOSCOW, 7 Feb — Russia granted transit rights Friday to non-lethal US military supplies headed to Afghanistan but only after apparently pressuring a former Soviet state to close an air base leased to the Americans.

The signal from Moscow was Russia is willing to help on Afghanistan, but only on the Kremlin’s terms.

Kyrgyzstan announced the closure of the Manas air base but American officials suspect that Russia was behind the decision, having long been irritated by the US presence in central Asia.

The Russian decision to let US supplies cross its territory opened another route to those through Pakistan now threatened by militant attacks, but US officials were still left scrambling for alternatives to Manas.

Russia wants to open discussions on thorny policy issues that Washington and Moscow have clashed on in recent years — NATO enlargement, missile defense in Europe, a new strategic arms control treaty. More importantly, Russia’s expectation is that Washington must go through Moscow where Central Asia is concerned.—INTERNET

Ex-hostage says Colombian rebels killed lawmakers in cold blood

BOGOTA, 7 Feb — A Colombian former hostage — released by Marxist guerrillas after nearly seven years in captivity — said the rebels who held him and 11 colleagues killed the others in cold blood, an act he called “a war crime.”

Speaking upon his arrival in Cali hours after his release on Thursday, former regional legislator Sigifredo Lopez said he never saw what happened the day his fellow lawmakers died because he had been separated from them as punishment for supposedly being a troublemaker. Rebels of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, better known as FARC, had taken him to another part of the campground, chained him to a tree and built a small wall made from palm fronds so he couldn’t communicate with the other captives.—INTERNET

Australia battling dozens of wildfires

SYDNEY, 7 Feb — Crews battled to contain dozens of wildfires across southeastern Australia on Saturday as temperatures soared to record levels and officials warned conditions were perfect for a deadly inferno.

At least 40 fires were blazing in New South Wales state, and more burned in Victoria and South Australia. Most were in parks and bushland away from residential areas. Forecasters said a heat wave that has stewed millions of people in the southeast in the past two weeks would peak at the weekend with temperatures of up to 117 F (47 C).

Hot, dry winds would also blow across the region, creating conditions very similar to those that caused the 1983 wildfire tragedy known as Ash Wednesday that killed 75 people. Most of the fires burning Saturday were being contained by thousands of volunteer firefighters manning hoses and building firebreaks at the edges.

Tens of thousands more were standing by, along with water-bombing planes and helicopters, said New South Wales Rural Fire Service chief Shane Fitzsimmons.—INTERNET

Université de Montréal health and nutrition think-tank, said it’s not uncommon for students to consume energy drinks to increase their concentration as they study throughout the night.

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Qing Pang and Jian Tong of China acknowledge the crowd from the winners podium after the Pairs Free Skate during the ISU Four Continents Figure Skating Championships at Pacific Coliseum, on 5 Feb, in Vancouver, Canada. —INTERNET
DEVELOPMENT OF RAKHINE STATE IN THE TIME OF TATMADAW GOVERNMENT

Hailing the 62nd Anniversary Union Day

Projects to be implemented for development of Rakhine State

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Sai Tin Hydropower Plant

Photo shows site chosen for construction of Sai Tin hydropower plant project, which will be able to produce 70 megawatts, in Buthidaung Township, Rakhine State.

Thahtaychaung hydropower plant project with 111 megawatts generating power is under construction across Thahtay creek near the site 12 miles north-east of Thandwe for sufficient supply of electricity in Rakhine State. Upon completion, it will be able to generate 417 million kilowatt hours a year.
Rohinja is not Myanmar national race, nor is in Myanmar

Maung Po Hmat

In the late 1991, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics formed with 15 Soviet Socialist republics collapsed into 15 separate countries. In some of those countries, for example the Russian Federation, Muslims of Chechnya launched armed revolt to secede from the mother country. Similarly, Tajistan region saw rebellions for secession from the country. Accordingly, the government of the Russian Federation had to suppress the rebellions. The United States of America and the European Union aided and abetted Chechnya rebels, and provided fertile soil for them in Washington and London. They also accused the government of the Russian Federation of human rights violation and genocide.

South Ossetia and Abkhazia regions seceded from Georgia, an ex-member of the USSR. Those secessions were due to alien instigation and incitement. The US and European Union gave places to those countries that had seceded from the USSR and former eastern European Socialist countries in NATO. With the intention of breaking up national unity in Ukraine, Georgia, Uzbekistan and Tajistan, they drove wedges among the people. Moreover, they provoked yellow revolution, orange revolution and rose revolution in order that those countries became their minion ones, following downfall of the governments that did not get along with West-Bloc. While being parts of USSR, they were united, but after seceding from USSR, the seceded countries came to fight each other. For instance, Azerbaijan engaged in the battle against Armenian for territorial possession.

Czechoslovakia Socialist Republic, an eastern European country, split into Czech Republic and Slovak Republic following the downfall of the socialist governments. Yugoslavia in Balkan region in the southeast part of Europe used to be a Socialist country constituted with six nations. They were cohesive in the time of President Marshal Broz Tito. In 1992 Yugoslavia collapsed into six parts at the alien instigation. The main land of Yugoslavia is Serbia. Serbs of Serbia made a world history for their brilliant resistance against Hitler's Nazi troops and Mussolini's Italian Fascist troops through guerrilla warfare in the World War II. The US provided assistance for Muslims of Bosnia Herzegovina that seceded from Yugoslavia, and the Muslim troops of Chechnya that seceded from the Russian Federation. It was because it encouraged secession from the Socialist (Communist) countries and according to its strategy to devastate Communism, not because it was in favour of Muslims.

Kosovo, a part of Serbia, saw constant illegal immigration of Muslims from its neighbour Albania. Albanian ethnic groups launched their armed revolts since 1990 to secede Kosovo from Serbia. In fear of collapse of the nation, Serbian government suppressed the rebellion. Initially, the US condemned leader Hashin Sagi of Kosovo separation force as a drug lord and dacoit. But, when it considered Serbia to be the last Communist nation of Europe, the US not only expressed its support for Hashin Sagi but also invaded Serbia, leading NATO troops on 23 March 1999. The US kept Serbia under its control and encouraged secession from Kosovo. In 2008, the US and Europe recognized Kosovo as an independent nation. Showing total disregard for the strong objection of the international community including the Russian Federation, the US separted Kosovo from Serbia.

The US-led troops invaded Iraq in the Middle East on 19 March 2003. Since 1990, the US had abetted Kurd rebels in the northern part rising against the government to secede from Iraq, and Shiia Muslim troops in the southern part of Iraq rising against Sunni Muslim government of Saddam Hussein. The constitution drawn after the US invasion of Iraq manifests three parts: the area of Kurds, that of Sunni Iraqis, and that of Shia Iraqis. Kurds were homeless people like gypsies. Sixty per cent of Kurds took refuge in Turkey, and nearly 40 per cent, in Iran, Iraq and Syria. After seizing parts of Turkey, Iraq, Iran and Syria, Kurds launched armed revolts in Turkey, Iraq and Iran to establish Kurdistan. The US is abetting Kurd revolutionaries. It made some regions secede from some African countries and is driving wedges among the people to secede from the nations concerned.

Myanmar is home to more than 100 national races that have been living in unity since time immemorial. National brethren remained united and safeguarded the nation and sovereignty (independence) from the period of losing independence to the post-independence period, and in the times when the Union was on the verge of losing independence and collapse. The Federal movement to break up the Union into eight parts at the instigation of the colonialists met its end in 1962 due to the unanimous disapproval of the entire people.

National brethren have managed to put an end to all the movements in which a handful of expatriates and national axe-handles tried to secede some parts from the Union as masterminded by their alien masters.

The Union of Myanmar has been standing firmly with independence or sovereignty thanks to consolidated unity and Union Spirit of national brethren. So, neo-colonialists then resort to other possible ways and means to disrupt the national goal of building a peaceful, modern and developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation.

Today, Myanmar has enjoyed peace and stability along with development in various sectors at the unprecedented level. And it has achieved many tangible basic foundations for democratic transition.
In the time of the British government, it was found that the British brought Bengalis and Indians of India (now Pakistan, India and Bangladesh) into the nation with various intentions. There were some cases that the newly Bengalis were hired for farm works in Rakhi State where there was poor transport. Some Bengalis did not return to their natives and steadily lived in the region. In 1953 when the census was taken in the nation, the Bengalis in Rakhi State forcibly asked officials concerned to officially include them in the country’s population as Rohinjas. The Myanmar Census Department refused their demand.

Bengalis who had already arrived in Rakhi State harboured Bangali Muslims who illegally immigrated to the country through Buthidaung, Maungtaung and Rathedaung and abetted them in various ways. When the AFPPFL was split into two, Than Shinsh AFPPFL (then Pahtasa) granted the right to vote to Bangali Muslims in the region in order to win their ballots. Terming themselves as Rohinjas, the Bengalis were active and rose against the government to separate Buthidaung, Maungtaung and Rathedaung from the nation.

During the World War II when Myanmar was under the Japanese subjugation, Bengalis in the border fled to the Bengal region. In 1945 when the British re-entered Myanmar the Bengalis stealthily crossed the Myanmar border again. At the instigation of the colonialists, the Bengali Muslims of Buthidaung and Maungtaw regions launched Mujahid armed insurgencies against the government to secede from the country in 1947. They set fire to villages of Rakhi nationals. The Bengalis who later entered the country even killed Muslims who were there early. Mujahid insurgents were taking a large number of Bengalis to Rakhine State and establishing villages for them while setting Rakhi villages on fire. At that time, the Union Government (AFPPFL Government) had to face a series of attacks of the various enemies as multicoloured insurgencies reigned in the nation.

The British ruled Rakhi State for 123 years from 1827 to 1948. During that period, Bengalis entered the nation en masse. In 1950-1951, the Myanmar Tatmadaw had to suppress Mujahid insurgents and it was able to put an end to the insurgency in 1954. Upon the request of the Myanmar government the Bangladesh (then East Pakistan) government arrested and jailed Kalar Karsin, the leader of Mujahid insurgents.

The fifth conference of Rakhi National Unity Organization held in March 1959 passed a resolution to effectively deter the influx of East Pakistanis (now Bangladeshis) nationals into Rakhi State with the help of some Muslims in the name of Myanmar citizens in Sittway, Buthidaung and Maungtaw regions.

In 1960, due to canvassing for votes by Pahtasa (Than Shinsh AFPPFL) the Bangali Muslims in Rakhi State formed the Rohinja Patriotic Front and were active again. Arab Muslims were stranded in Bengal region as their vessel crashed and got married to local Muslim (Bangali) women. Their offspring were called Rohant which was derived from Rohinha (then Pahtasa) granted the right to vote to Bangali Muslims in the region. With the passage of time, they dubbed themselves as Rohinjas. As the descendants of Arab Muslims sailors from northern Africa and Bangali Muslims in Bengal region were named Rohinja, it is sure that they were not Myanmar nationals but Arab-Bengali Muslims who were those of mixed parentage.

When the Revolutionary Council assumed the State responsibilities, steps were taken from October to December in 1966 to scrutinize and segregate Muslims who had already become Myanmar citizens from Bengali Muslims who later stealthily entered the nation under operation Kyigan. Under the operation, a large number of Bengali Muslims in Sittway, Myebon, Kyauktaw, Ponnagyun, Thandwe, Taungup, Kyemyangya and Maungtaung regions were found to be those who illegally entered the nation.

In February 1969, illegal immigrant Bengalis were scrutinized in Sittway and Kyaukphyu districts under the Myatmon operation. In 1971 when a conflict between East Pakistan (Bengal) and West Pakistan broke out, over 10,000 Bengali refugees fled to Buthidaung and Maungtaw regions. Necessary measures were taken for them to be able to return to their native (Bengal) after systematic scrutiny.

Starting from February 1974, illegal immigrants were scrutinized in Rakhi, Chin, Kachin and Shan states under the Sababi operation. Under the operation, it was found that there were 988 Bangladeshis citizens who illegally entered Rakhi State, 663 who breached the citizen registration act and 18,254 foreigners.

Every time when operations were launched, the illegal Bengali Muslim immigrants fled to Bangladesh en masse. In 1978 when the Nagamin operation was launched those who illegally entered Rakhi State fled to their native nation. Some of those who fled to the native nation were scrutinized and accepted through the Hintha operation.

In 1991-1992 when the Immigration Department scrutinized those who illegally entered Rakhi State they fled to the native nation en masse. Under the agreement of the Bangaldehs government and the Myanmar government those who met the four requirements were accepted. During 13 years from 1992 to 2005, 236,495 persons were scrutinized and accepted. The western media aired fabricated news over the matter and abetted those who illegally entered Myanmar.

The US which harboured millions of expatriates and refugees from different countries was suffered severely on 11-9-2001. Therefore, it has had to tighten the immigration law. As it was vulnerable to the illegal influx of people from south Mexico, it had to set up the wall with steel fences at the border sharing with Mexico. It has to shoot the illegal immigrants to death. Israel had to build a big wall in the west bank to deter the entry of Palestinians. Harbouring over 300,000 renegades, the US is making attempts to topple the Castro socialist government.

In the time of President Clinton the US marines drove out boat people Cubans and Hispanics who attempted to enter the US.

After the Vietnam war, boat people from south Vietnam fled the country. Hong Kong then belonged to the British did not accept the boat people and expelled them. Most recently, Indonesia and Australia drove out boat Muslims. It is obvious that no house owners want to accept any unscrupulous visitors. It is fair that Thailand didn’t want to accept more Bengali Muslims (so-called Rohinjas) as there were Muslim insurgency in four Muslim provinces of south Thailand. In Myanmar there is no national race by the name of Rohinha. The destructive elements should be aware of the fact that the principle calling for no secession of any parts from the Union was included in the State constitution adopted by the people.

In Myanmar there is no national race by the name of Rohinjas.

Leprosy Elimination Day observed

NAV Pyi Taw, 7 Feb—Organized by the Ministry of Health, the 6th Leprosy Elimination Day Commemorative Ceremony was held at the meeting hall of the ministry here this morning, with address by Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint.

It was also attended by Deputy Minister Dr Mya Oo, Vice-President of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw Aye-Aye and member Daw Nilar Thaw. Health Ministry Department under Women’s Affairs Federation Daw Kyi Kyi Win, Head of International Relations Department Daw Myint Myint Soe, the directors-general and officials of the ministry, the medical superintendents, responsible persons of social organizations, the resident representatives of UN agencies, representatives of IMCI, HCA and TL-MI and guests.

After delivering address by Minister Dr Kyaw Myint, the prize presentation ceremony followed. The munir, the deputy minister, WHO Public Health Administrator Ms. Margareta Skold and Director Dr. Norihisa Ishii of International Medical Center of Japan presented prizes to winners of essay contests to mark Leprosy Elimination Day 2009. Next, educative programme on elimination of leprosy was shown and the ceremony came to an end. This year’s motto of Leprosy Elimination Day is Treat Early: Prevent Disability—MNA

Minister Dr Kyaw Myint addresses the 6th Leprosy Elimination Day Commemorative Ceremony.—MNA
Secretary-1 attends...

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The new executive committee of the Myanmar Motion Picture Association was reconstituted in 2007. The executive committee is working hard with renewed strength in various aspects.

The Myanmar Motion Picture Association is importing film reels with its funds and distributing them on credit to producers with the aim of producing more and more Myanmar films. Furthermore, it has launched film and video film acting course to produce new generation artists. And it has also launched film directing course to improve the number of skilled film directors. Now, it is trying to regularly open other courses such as script course, editing course and photography course. It occasionally conducts seminars and workshops on film technology to improve the film industry. And it is training and organizing film professionals to improve their skills mentally and morally.

Besides, the Ministry of Information and the Myanmar Motion Picture Enterprise are trying in all aspects to improve the Myanmar film industry. Myanmar film delegations were sent to the People’s Republic of China in 2008 to hold discussions with China Film Group Corporation to co-produce films; to the International Co-production Workshop in the Republic of Korea in 2008 to co-produce films and video films; and the 17th Chinese Golden Rooster and Hundred Flowers Film Festival in China. I believe national film professionals would be able to improve the Myanmar film industry through international studies and cooperation. The Myanmar Motion Picture Association and film professionals are working hard, but I would say they still need to work harder in order to improve the Myanmar film industry. I have said several times that market expansion is an engine for improvement of the film world. So, we need to penetrate not only domestic but also foreign markets. In this regard, our works need to meet international standard in theme, plot, acting, picture, sound and colour as well as in production and distribution. Therefore, national film professionals need to combine their skills with modern film equipment effectively. And they need to purchase other necessary machines individually or in share.

I have heard some comments that at present, film professionals focused only on profits rather than on quality, and that was the root cause of a fall in the quality of films. I do not think it is wise to pay too much attention to profits, if we really want to produce quality works. Therefore, we can dream about improvement only if such producers quit that profit-oriented policy and invest enough time, funds, manpower and equipment without sacrificing their pride and dignity in producing films. And if we can produce quality films and penetrate international market, we can make greater profits.

Here, a fact I would like to point out is that films have great influence over the people. So, film artists have to be positive role models in morality and morality for the youth of today. They have to demonstrate and promote traditional culture, Myanmar spirit and social values in a mode of dress, behaviours and expressions. More than that, they have to enhance the image and prestige of the nation and the people in portraying the traditions and lifestyles of the people. And they have to avoid decadent performances that can bring disgrace to the nation and the people.

Film professionals are also to try to transform analogue to digital system by co-producing pictures with other countries so as to improve Myanmar film industry. I feel encouraged to learn that some professionals are trying to shoot quality films with the digital system. I would like to urge them to keep on trying to attract the emulation of other producers in this case.

I do not think a film can attract complete attention of the fans although it is of high quality but the projecting and sound systems are not modern. So, we have to upgrade the present cinema halls to modern ones. I am pleased to learn that the upgrading of sound systems and projectors of the cinemas is already ongoing. The project should be extended in the whole country. The world countries are changing to cinema complex system which includes 50-seat to 100-seat mini-cinemas along with other services such as sales rooms, beauty salons and fitness centres and digital cinema system from 400 to 500 capacity cinemas. Hence, individual or collective efforts should be made to introduce the cinema complex system and digital system.

Our country also needs big studios like some other countries to produce films of higher quality. Professionals of the movie world should build international level studios individually, collectively or in cooperation with the Myanmar Motion Picture Association. The Information Ministry will also render assistance to the best of its ability in accord with the frames and principles. I have already made suggestion in connection with the five tasks to be implemented by the MMPA and entrepreneurs. I will now state the tasks as follows to enable the film professionals to try to implement them in cooperation:

1. To build modern studios individually or collectively within the framework of the principles laid down by the State.
2. To cooperate broadly with foreign countries in film-making, film editing and screening and to strive for showing Myanmar films abroad.
3. To strive to change from analogue to digital in film-making and screening
4. To modernize sound and projecting systems of private and State-owned cinemas.
5. To strive for emergence of cinema complexes and digital cinemas simultaneously.

(See page 9)
Patience and under-
5. Cooperation
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standing

The ministry will
also lend a helping hand
for achieving success.
All the persons
of the media world in-
cluding movie profes-
sionals should be the
supporters of the na-
tional interest and
should have correct
conviction. This is very
important. The interest
of the country and the
national races is the na-
tional interest. Here,
the supporters mean
persons who are always
serving, protecting and
promoting the national
interest and those who
will wipe out all dan-
gers harming the na-
tional interest. I would
emphasize that the movie
professionals have the
duty to serve, protect and
promote the interest of
the country and the na-
tional races while work-
ing in the interest of the
people of the same pro-
fession. The artists have
the fine tradition of
awakening the national
spirit during the pre-in-
dependence era and du-
fully serving the na-
tional duties in the re-
spective roles during the
independence struggle
and during the period the
nation has to maintain her
independence. The pro-
fessionals will have to
actively participate in the
present nation-building
efforts with correct
conviction in the national
interest.

It is common
knowledge that the seven-
step Road Map is being
implemented in accord
with the public wish for
the democratization pro-
cess. The Road Map is
the best means to reach
the goal desired by the
people in accord with
the nation’s prevailing
conditions. It is also the
most appropriate and
harm-free means to
transform to democracy
in a peaceful and stable
atmosphere. The consti-
tution has been ratified
with the massive approval
of the people, which is
the fourth step. The gen-
eral election, the fifth
step, will be successfully
held in 2010. The movie
professionals will have to
dutifully play their part
for the success of the 2010
general election.

Soon, the motion
picture academy awards
for 2007 will be an-
nounced. As in the pre-
vious years the judges at
different levels selected
every award in accord
with the set standards.
The ten movies released
in 2007 were watched
again and again to award
the persons who actually
deserved and met the set
standard. The persons
who won awards this
year are to carry on try-
ing to win more awards
and the persons who have
not won the award yet
should strive to win the
award in the coming
years.

In conclusion, I
would like to urge the
movie professionals to
implement the five aims:
the five tasks in hand
and the 12 basic work
programmes for devel-
oping the movie
world and its profes-
sionals; to strive to ac-
quire required equip-
ment and studios, to
make films in coopera-
tion with foreign coun-
tries, and to upgrade
film projecting system
and cinemas till reach-
ing the international
level; to strive for
Myanmar movies to pen-
etration foreign markets;
to preserve and protect
cultural heritage and na-
tional characters with
the help of their profes-
sion; and to join hands
with the government and
the people for emergence
of a peaceful, modern
democratic nation.

In the list of Acad-
emy Award winners, the
Best Music Award went
to Sein Mutta, the Best
Film Director Award to
Maung Yin Aung for his
work in “Koe-hse-hsa-
tha-leint-mei!”, the Best
Film Award to “Koe-hse-
hsa-tha-leint-mei” pro-
duced by Myint Marlar
Film Production, the Best
Cinematography Award
for Kyaukphyu (Padetha)
for his work in “Nga-dar-
nga-thwe-nga-Aye-
yawady”, the Best Sup-
porting Actor Award to
Moe Di for his work in
“Koe-hse-hsa-tha-leint-
mei!”, the Best Actor
Award to Kyaw Ye Aung
for his work in “Koe-hse-
hsa-tha-leint-mei”.

Next, some se-
clected scenes of the award
winners were shown.
Afterwards, Min-
ister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan
presented Academy
Awards to the respective
winners.

The Academy
Award winners for 2007
paid respects to Secretary-
1 Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin
Aung Myint Oo and wife
Daw Khin Saw Hnin.

After the cer-
emony, the Secretary-1,
wife and party cordially
greeted Academy Award
winning film stars and
film technicians.

Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan
presents the Best Film Award to
Myint Marlar Film Production.—MNA

Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan
presents the Best Film Award to
Kyaw Ye Aung.—MNA

Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan
presents the Best Actor Award to
Moe Di.—MNA

Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan
presents the Best Cinematography
Award to Kyaukphyu (Padetha).—MNA

Secretary-1
attends...
(from page 8)
We have already
drawn five aims and
12 basic work pro-
grammes since about 2005
for development of the
movie world. I would like
to urge again all film pro-
essionals to strive to suc-
cessfully implement them.
The professionals may
face difficulties, disagree-
ments and challenges in
implementing them. Suc-
cess will surely be
achieved if the following
point points are used as the base
in overcoming the diffic-
culties, disagreements and
challenges:
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2. A balanced view of self-interest and other’s
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efforts
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best Supporting Actor Award winner Moe Di being greeted by
film artistes.—MNA

Best Film Director Award winner Maung Yin Aung being greeted by
film artistes.—MNA

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Lt-Gen Myint Swe attends MFF 10th annual meeting, Myanmar Maritime Products Market Festival

Lt-Gen Myint Swe visits booths at Myanmar Maritime Products Market Festival. — MNA

YANGON, 7 Feb— The opening of 10th Annual Meeting of Myanmar Fishery Federation was held in conjunction with Myanmar Maritime Products Market Festival at MFF building in Insein Township here this morning, attended by Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence.

It was also attended by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commanders of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Win Myint, Patron of MFF Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein, departmental heads, diplomats of foreign embassies, resident heads, diplomats of foreign missions and CEC members and members and guests.

Comandant at the event, Brig-Gen Win Myint, Minister Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein and MFF President opened the ceremony. Next, Lt-Gen Myint Swe, the commander and party viewed booths opened at the festival.

Then Lt-Gen Myint Swe, Minister Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein and MFF President delivered addresses at Thiri Annawah Hall.

Afterwards, the minister presented prizes to outstanding students who are offspring of members of MFF and certificates of honour to those of international organizations and companies who provided motorized fishing boats and fishing gear to the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries and MFF.

Next, Lt-Gen Myint Swe, the minister, the secretary of Yangon Division PDC and officials accepted cash donations of wellwishers and presented certificates of honour to them.

Then the 10th annual meeting of MFF followed.

Hailing the meeting, Myanmar Maritime Products Market Festival will be held up to 10 Feb from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily, Miss Mermaid competition, Photo show and contest on development of fisheries sector, paper reading sessions and entertainment programme will be held at the festival.— MNA

First special sales promotion and fun fair (2009) on 12-14 Feb

YANGON, 7 Feb—The first special sales promotion and fun fair (2009), organized by 547 Trading and Ruby Mart, will be held at Kandawgyi Island Garden from 12 February to 14 February.

At the special sales promotion, 547 Trading will sell its multi-plastic products, soap and sugar with special prices. Stationery products, foodstuffs, clothes, electronics, ISUZU buses & Light Truck and household goods will be available on special discount from 20 to 70 per cent.

On 11 February, wholesale merchants may purchase the varieties of products. Arrangements have been made for smooth transports with Parami Taxi and bus lines.

And various products will be available at reasonable prices with lucky draws and entertainment programmes during the promotion.

Educative talk on 6th Leprosy Elimination Day held

NAT PYI TAW, 7 Feb— A ceremony to mark the sixth Leprosy Elimination Day was held at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Health, this morning.

Project Manager Dr. Kyaw Myint, writer Chit Naing (Psychology), writer Ma Sandar, actor academy Myat Kay Thi Aung and writer Chit Naing will gave talks on the occasion.

It was attended by officials under the Ministry of Health and other Ministries, interested persons, members of International Medical Centre Japan (IMCJ), members of social organization, teachers and students. — MNA

Indian Vice-President and wife leave for Mandalay

YANGON, 7 Feb—At the invitation of Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Deputy Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San, a delegation led by Vice-President Shri M. Hamid Ansari of the Republic of India and wife Shrimati Salma Ansari accompanied by Deputy Minister for Communications, Posts and Telecommunications Maj-Gen Thein Tun and wife, Myanmar Ambassador to the Republic of India U Kyi Thein and wife, Indian Ambassador Mr. Aloke Sen and wife and Director-General of the Protocol Department under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Kyaw, left for Mandalay at 12.15 p.m. by special flight from here.

The goodwill delegation was seen off at Yangon International Airport by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Win Myint and wife, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, Senior Military Officers and officials.

The delegation led by Indian Vice-President and wife visited Zaphar Shah Tomb in Dagon Township and Yadana White elephants at white elephant garden in Mindhamma Hill in Insein Township this morning. — MNA

Mo Asia Co. Ltd (Dumex) donates milk powder, nutritious powder

YANGON, 7 Feb— On behalf of the Commandant, the head of Paediatrics Department accepted Dumex milk powder and Dumex One Plus nutritious powder worth over K 700,000 donated by Mo Asia Co. Ltd (Dumex) for children who are receiving treatments at No. (1) Defence Services Obstetric and Gynaecology and Children Hospital (300-bed), Mingala Sadan yesterday. The head of department spoke words of thanks on the occasion. — NLM

Mountaineering group successfully scale Saramayti

YANGON, 7 Feb— A Winter mountaineering group including 22 members led by Associate Professor U Myo Thant of Myanmarars Department of Yangon University, Chairman of Universities’ Hiking and Mountaineering Association successfully climbed Mt Saramayti at 9 am on 26 January.

The climbers also hoisted the flags of the Union of Myanmar and their group on the 12,553-foot high mountain’s peak, which is also called Nawemo. — MNA

Indian Vice-President Shri M. Hamid Ansari visits Yadana White elephant garden in Mindhamma Hill. — MNA

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Special refresher course for faculties concludes

Chairman of CSSTB U Kyaw Thu presents prize to a trainee.

YANGON, 7 Feb — The conclusion ceremony of special refresher course No. 14 for faculty members was held at Nawarat Hall of Central Institute of Civil Service (Phaunggyi) in Hlegu Township this morning.

On behalf of Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board U Kyaw Thu delivered a speech.

Also present were Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun, Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, the deputy ministers, members of CSSTB, officials of the Ministry of Education, the rector of CICS (Phaunggyi), course instructors and trainees.

Chairman of CSSTB U Kyaw Thu said every citizen in the country has regarded independence and perpetuation of sovereignty as their soul. They made the country stronger and the younger generation has to continue to discharge these duties as noble national tasks.

The State Peace and Development Council upholding Our Three Main National Causes has laid down 12 objectives to enable the nation to keep abreast of international communities, he said.

In the education sector, better education foundations were built nationwide. Now there are arts and science universities, technological universities and universities of computer studies in all 24-special development regions.

National race youths in those regions can learn higher education.

He elaborated on importance of research and application of research in social and economic affairs of the respective regions.

He said as long as there is unity in the country difficulties, hindrance and limits can be overcome.

High human resources are the main forces that support the perpetuation of a democratic nation. A new nation has to be built based on those who serve the national and regional interest not in words but in actions, he added.

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RV! Centre (Yangon) completion certificates

YANGON, 7 Feb — RV! Centre (Yangon) held its 12th completion certificate presentation ceremony at Parkroyal Hotel on Alanpya Pagoda Road, here, on 13 January.

Chairman of RV! Centre (Yangon) U Win Sein extended greetings and Managing Director Mr. Aung Aung spoke.

Next, they presented completion certificates, outstanding awards in the respective subjects, team/group best awards and best outstanding awards.

The centre conducts English proficiency courses for entrance exams, IELTS and TOFEL preparation course, Oral English, SAT-1 (Eng/Maths), English Diploma course, Summer Programme course, IGCSE Exam course and Primary (1-6) for iPSE (Singapore International Primary School Examination).

RV! Centre (Yangon) is an exam centre recognized by University of Cambridge and is also an exam centre of Singapore Examinations & Assessment Board. Moreover, there will be certificate and diploma courses related to management, presented by Murdoch University in Australia.

Those interested may contact RV! Centre (Yangon) (Tel: 242410, 541886, 543618, 250388-352, and 09861-2246).

The 12th ceremony to present completion certificate of RV! Centre (Yangon) in progress.—MNA

62nd Anniversary Union Day Objectives

— For all the national races to make endeavours for the emergence of an enduring State Constitution in accord with the fundamental principles and detailed basic principles laid down by the National Convention.

— For all the national races to make concerted efforts for successful implementation of the seven-step Road Map.

POEM

Nation of rising dignity and bravery

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Bamar, Mon with enduring amity
Rakhine, Shan in cordial friendship
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Min Oo (Dathana)

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Hailing the 62nd Anniversary Union Day

Salin Phone Kyaw (Trs)

Progress is emerging in our nation as a result of unity and harmony
It’s true.
International events reflect human suffering due to lack of unity
TENDER INVITATION
Myanmar Ceramic Industries, Ministry of Industry(1), is intended to establish (5) Cement Manufacturing Plants in Pyin Nyaung area, Thar Zi Township, Mandalay Division, and (1) Cement Manufacturing Plant in Ppng Pop area, Taungyi Township, Southern Shan State, adopt ing the following Cement Manufacturing process and capacity, using kiln firing systems with kiln burner of coal and gas dual firing system (free mixing ratio).

(a) 700 ton per day, wet process.
(b) 1000 ton per day, dry process.

Sealed tenders are invited from Japanese OEM Companies only, with the machinery of Japan origin and same-turnkey basis including technical advice, machinery supply, erection, commissioning and supervisory serv ices. The details can be obtained from the following contact office.

Myanmar Ceramic Industries:
Building No.41, Nay Pyi Taw
Union of Myanmar
Tel: 067-408386, 408296
Fax: 067-408064
* Tender Closing Date: 16.3.2009 (Monday)

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV XIANG DA VOY NO (9005)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV XIANG DA VOY NO (9005) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 8.2.2009 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm up 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.

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S CHINASHIPPING
(MALAYSIA) AGENCY SDN BHD
Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

Doctor loses license in live birth abortion case

MIAMI, 7 Feb—A doctor’s license was revoked Friday in the case of a teenager who planned to have an abortion but instead gave birth to a baby she says was killed when clinic staffers put to death even if its mother intended for a fetus born alive cannot be

Joseph Harrison, the attorney representing Renelique at the license revo cation hearing in Tampa, said Renelique has not decided whether to appeal. The state attorney’s office, meanwhile, said its criminal investigation into the incident is ongoing and no charges have been filed. A fetus born alive cannot be put to death even if its mother intended for a live birth abortion, which Harrison said was the incident occurred in 2006.

Light plane forced to land in Australian harbour

DARWIN, 7 Feb—A pilot guided a light plane and his five passengers to a safe landing in shallow waters in northern Aus tralia on Friday — and walked away with his baggage.

The dual-propeller Piper Chieftain experienced engine trouble shortly after takeoff from the frontier city of Dar win. It quickly descended as pilot Steve Bolle sought a place on a nearby beach to make an emergency landing reminiscent of the dramatic splashdown of an Airbus 320 in New York’s Hudson River last month.

The plane came to rest on a sand bar in Darwin Harbour in about two feet of water at low tide. All six people were able to wade the 200 yards (meters) to the beach. News photos showed a drenched Bolle hugging his bag ashore.

“The pilot should be commended for keeping a level head and acting appropriately to ensure the safety of his passenger,” said Northern Ter ritory emergency superintendent Rob Farmer.

Fla man issued 50 traffic citations in one day

BOYNTON BEACH, 7 Feb—Elvis has left the vehicle. A man was ar rested on more than 50 traffic citations — all in one day. Police said Elvis Alonzo Barrett, 46, fled from police trying to stop him for a traffic violation Thursday morning. Police said he ran through red lights, crashed into another car and a fence. Police said they found crack cocaine and a crack pipe in his car.

Barrett faces several charges, including fleeing and eluding and reckless driving. He was also is sued more than 50 traffic citations on charges in cluding speeding, running red lights, and not wearing a seat belt.

Internet

High cancer rates confirmed near Canada’s oil sands

CALGARY, 7 Feb—Health officials in Alberta confirmed on Friday that there are more cases of cancer than expected in a small aboriginal village downstream from the Canadian province’s massive oil sands plants, but they said there was no cause for residents to be alarmed.

Residents of the village of Fort Chipewyan, a one time trading post on the northeast shore of Lake Athabasca, say oil sands developments may be responsible for rare biliary duct cancers first spotted by a doctor in the community in 2006. Those complaints sparked a study by Alberta health auth orities, which released the results on Fri day.

The study said that while the incidence of cancer was higher than ex pected in the village of about 1,400, only two of the six cases of the rare cancer cholangiocarcin oma reported by the community’s doctor were confirmed, while three were other types of cancer, and one was not cancer at all. However, the study found 47 individuals in the community had 51 differ ent cancers over the 1995 to 2006 study period, more than the 39 cases health officials had expected to find.

The village is about 260 kilometres (160 miles) north of Fort McMurray, where a number of projects have been estab lished to mine the oil sands, as part of the pro cess that converts the tar like bitumen stripped from the sand into synthetic crude oil.

Internet

First US face transplant patient leaves hospital

CLEVELAND, 7 Feb—She can eat pizza. And hamburgers. She can smell perfume, drink coffee from a cup, and purse her lips as if to blow a kiss. Except that one lip is hers, and the other is from a dead woman. She is the nation’s first face transplant patient, and on Thursday night, she went home from a Cleveland hospital.

“I’m happy about myself,” she told her doctors.

“She accepted her new face,” said Dr Maria StTEMmow, the Cleveland Clinic reconstructive surgeon who led the historic operation in early December. The woman’s identity has not been revealed, and hospital officials won’t say where she went. She and her family have declined requests for an interview.

She suffered a traumatic injury several years ago, the details of which doctors also won’t reveal. But it left the woman with no nose, palate, or way to eat or breathe normally. In a 22-hour procedure, 80 percent of her face was replaced with bone, muscles, nerves, skin and blood vessels from another woman who had just died.

It was the fourth partial face transplant in the world, though the others were not as extensive.
US octuplets were product of six embryos

LOS ANGELES, 7 Feb — The California woman who gave birth to octuplets less than two weeks ago said in an interview broadcast on Friday that her babies were the product of six implanted embryos, the same procedure used to conceive her six other children.

In the NBC television interview, Nadya Suleman, 33, also defended her decision to have so many children and suggested she was being singled out for harsh public criticism in part because she is a single mom. Suleman, dubbed “Octo-mom” in New York tabloids, went public as “Octo-mom” in New York tabloids. The California Medical Board launched an inquiry into the fertility treatments leading to the birth of her octuplets, delivered on January 26, 9:1/2 weeks premature. The arrival of the six boys and two girls marked only the second known set of US octuplets to have survived birth.

“I feel as though I’ve been under the microscope because I’ve chosen this unconventional kind of life,” Suleman told NBC News. “I didn’t intend on it being unconventional. It just turned out to be. All I wanted was children. I wanted to be a mom. That’s all I ever wanted in my life.” Internet

Dutch find more human trafficking victims

AMSTERDAM, 7 Feb — The number of victims of human trafficking found in the Netherlands increased to 809 in 2008 from 716 in 2007, records indicate.

The newspaper Trouw, using figures obtained from the National Center Against Human Trafficking, said there were especially large increases in the number of victims from Hungary and China. Radio Netherlands/Expatica reported. Most of the victims, 763, were women, the great majority of them forced to work as prostitutes.

The number of Hungarians found in the Netherlands increased to 43 from 12 in 2007, all of them women forced into sex work. Investigators said trafficking networks bringing women to the Netherlands appear to have shifted to Eastern Europe. Internet

Weather satellite blasts off from SoCal coast

VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE (Calif.), 7 Feb — A rocket carrying a US global weather satellite has blasted off from California’s Vandenberg Air Force Base.

The NOAA-N Prime satellite was launched aboard a Delta 2 rocket from the central coast base at 2:22 a.m. Friday. The launch had been planned for Wednesday but it was postponed because of launch pad technical problems.

NOAA-N Prime is the last in a series of polar-orbiting satellites that have been observing Earth’s weather since 1960. Its data will be used for long-range weather and climate forecasts. The satellite also carries sensors that can receive distress signals from mariners and hikers. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration manages the $564 million mission. The satellite was built by Lockheed Martin Space Systems Co.—Internet

Hungry caterpillars spread misery in West Africa

GROLIME (Liberia), 7 Feb — Martha Kermel holds out rattle-thin arms covered with a latticework of scratches that can touch the statues for free during business hours.

Scientists develop ways producing anti-bird flu drug Zanamivir

Scientists in Shanghai and two pharmaceutical companies in Jiangsu province have successfully developed ways to produce the anti-bird flu drug Zanamivir, based on a licensing agreement with pharmaceutical giant GlaxoSmithKlince (GSK), China Daily reported, citing local media report. Zanamivir is an antiviral medication that can block the action of influenza A and influenza B, the two most common types of flu. The drug, marketed by UK-based GSK under the trade name Relenza, is said to be on par with Oseltamivir, a drug produced by Swiss pharmaceutical company Roche under the trade name Tamiflu, in battling bird flu in humans.

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A trip to Ripley’s Believe It or Not museum in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, may make it easier for couples to have a baby.

The museum launched a month-long display of its fertility statues. The 5-foot tall wooden statues have been on display around the world. According to the company, more than 2,000 women have reported becoming pregnant after touching the statues.

Baby with two heads dies in Indonesia

A baby with two heads in Indonesia died at a hospital in Medan, the second largest city in the country, hospital officials said.

The baby had been treated at the Adam Malik General Hospital for 13 days, kompas website Friday quoted announcement issued by the hospital as saying. Hospital director Azwan Hakim Lubis said the baby died of heart failure, which eventually halted the baby’s blood circulation and troubled the breathing.

The baby, which was actually a twin, was accepted in late January. The baby, who was later called Marwati 1 and Marwati 2, has two lungs, two legs, one abdomen, one genital and anus, two hearts and two backbones. The hearts and backbones, however, were linked together.

A 60-year-old Canadian woman gives birth to twins

A 60-year-old Canadian woman has given birth to twin boys, after receiving IVF treatment in India, media reports said.

Ranjit Hayer, originally from India, tried in vain for decades to have a child, enduring multiple miscarriages, surgery, even the trauma of being robbed by a fertility doctor. Finally, after a successful IVF treatment, the Calgary woman gave birth to twins.

Hayer’s boys were delivered seven weeks prematurely by Cesarean section at Calgary’s Foothills Hospital on Tuesday morning, Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC) Radio reported.
Tsonga and Ferrer stay on track for showdown

JOHANNESBURG, 7 Feb—Top seeds Jo-Wilfried Tsonga of France and David Ferrer of Spain continued their relentless advance Friday toward the SA Tennis Open final.

Crowd favourite and first seed Tsonga took control in the second set en route to a 6-4, 6-1 victory over seventh seed Kristof Vliegen of Belgium at Montecasino entertainment centre.

And second seed Ferrer won down Paris-based Cypriot Marcos Baghdatis to triumph 7-5, 6-2 in the other centre-court duel watched by a capacity 3,000 crowd.

The big guns were joined in the semi-finals by fifth seed Jeremy Chardy, who defeated Sebastien de Chaunac in an all-French clash, and Portuguese Frederico Gil, a 7-6 (8/6), 6-3 victor over fourth seed Guillermo Garcia-Lopez of Spain.

Safina to set up base in Croatia

ZAGREB, 7 Feb—Russia’s Dinara Safina, the current world number two, will begin training in Croatia from March onwards, the Croatian sport daily Sportske Novosti reported on Friday.

The 22-year-old, and her Croatian coach Zeljko Kranj, have asked the northern town of Varazdin to enter into a partnership over the construction of tennis courts where the Russian can train with Safina putting her on track for the French Open in May.

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Atletico turn to Resino to revive Champions League hopes

MADRID, 7 Feb—Atletico Madrid may still be in the money-spinning Champions League, but on the domestic front they are in crisis without a win in 2009 giving them an uphill task to match last season’s top four finish.

Mexican Javier Aguirre paid the price for the club’s downturn when he was sacked as coach on Monday and former Atletico goalkeeper Abel Resino has been appointed on a six-month contract and takes charge for Sunday’s match at Recreativo Huelva.

The 49-year-old Resino, who arrives from second division side Castellon, is seen by many as a stop-gap, but if he can push Atletico into the Champions League places he could make the job his.

“We have a great squad and the logical thing is for us to be in the top four,” said Resino.

“We have a lot of quality but need to believe in ourselves again. We need to restore confidence.”

Klose fit to face Dortmund, van Bommel waits

BERLIN, 7 Feb—Germany striker Miroslav Klose will play for Bayern Munich against Borussia Dortmund in Sunday’s Bundesliga clash having shaken off a knee injury, while captain Mark van Bommel remains unsure of his future.

Klose, the top scorer at the 2006 World Cup, sat out training last week with a knee strain, but passed a fitness test on Friday and will partner Luca Toni up front against Dortmund.

Bayern are fourth in the league after suffering their third defeat of the season at Hamburg last Friday.

“He (Klose) looks good,” said Bayern coach Jurgen Klinsmann, who will be without banned Italian Massimo Otto for the Allianz Arena clash with Dortmund.

Klose’s inclusion means no place in the starting line-up for Podolski, who has not played a single game for Bayern since November 2008 and the 23-year-old will re-join Cologne in the summer.

Meanwhile, Bayern captain Mark van Bommel has said he is no closer to making a decision about where he will play next season. The 31-year-old is out of contract in June and is considering whether to sign a year’s extension.

Beckham’s desire boosts Milan title push

ROME, 7 Feb—AC Milan continue their pursuit of Inter Milan this weekend boosted by David Beckham’s admission that he wants to stay in Italy rather than end his loan deal in March. The former England captain joined Milan from LA Galaxy at the end of December and is due to return to the US on March 9, a day after Milan host Atalanta in Serie A.

But having previously kept diplomatically quiet regarding the subject of staying, Beckham made it clear following Wednesday’s 2-2 friendly draw against Rangers in Glasgow that he wants to continue his Italian experience for as long as he can.

“I have enjoyed my time here. I knew I would enjoy it but I didn’t expect to enjoy it as much as I have,” said the 33-year-old. “I’ve expressed my desire to stay here for a while but at the moment I’m still a Galaxy player. I respect the Galaxy and everything they have done for me. They have always been great to me.”

Boys practice during a boxing lesson on a street in central Havana on 5 Feb, 2009.
Russia, allies to create joint air defence

MOSCOW, 7 Feb—Russia and its post-Soviet allies are planning to create a joint air defence system stretching from NATO’s borders to China, news agencies quoted an official from their Moscow-led regional security group as saying on Friday.

Russia and Belarus, which borders NATO members Poland and Lithuania, agreed on Tuesday to merge their air defence systems in a move seen by many experts as a response to US plans to deploy elements of its missile defence system in Eastern Europe.

The united air defence system of Russia and Belarus will become part of a joint air defence system of the Collective Security Treaty Organization (ODKB),” Interfax news agency quoted general secretary Nikolai Bordyuzha as saying. The seven-member ODKB also includes the Caucasus republic of Armenia and four Central Asian states of Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan.—MIN/Reuters

Afghan men gather around the wreckage of a vehicle after a suicide car bomb attack in Kandahar, Afghanistan recently.—INTERNET

WEATHER

Saturday, 7 February, 2009
Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr
MST: During the past 24 hours, light rain has been isolated in Taninthayi Division, weather has been partly cloudy in Kachin and Shan States and generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below February average temperatures in Chin State, upper Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway and Bago Divisions, (4°C) above February average temperatures in Kachin State and Taninthayi Division, (5°C) above February average temperatures in Mon State and about February average temperatures in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded was Myeik (0.43 inch). The significant night temperatures were Haka (1°C), Pinlaung and Loliem (2°C) each and Ann (5°C).

Maximum temperature on 6-2-2009 was 94°F. Minimum temperature on 7-2-2009 was 65°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 7-2-2009 was 68%.

Total sunshine hours on 6-2-2009 was (8.8)hrs approx. Rainfall on 7-2-2009 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from North at (13:30) hours MST on 6-2-2009.

Bay influence: Weather is partly cloudy in the Andaman Sea and South Bay and generally fair elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 8th February 2009:
Weather will be partly cloudy in Kachin and Shan States, upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions and generally fair in the remaining areas.

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of slight decrease of night temperature in Eastern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 8-2-2009: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 8-2-2009: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 8-2-2009: Generally fair weather.

8:30 am
8. International news

8:40 am

9. "Pocket Dragon Adventure" (Pocket Dragon)

8:50 am
10. Musical programme

11:00 am
1. Martial song

11:10 am
2. "Pocket Dragon Adventure" (Pocket Dragon)

11:25 am
3. Round up of the week’s International news

11:40 am
4. "Pocket Dragon Adventure" (Pocket Dragon)

12:25 pm
5. Golf Magazine (TV)

12:45 pm
6. "Pocket Dragon Adventure" (Pocket Dragon)

1:00 pm
7. Musical programme

2:45 pm
8. Sing and enjoy

4:00 pm
9. "Pocket Dragon Adventure" (Pocket Dragon)

5:20 pm
10. "Pocket Dragon Adventure" (Pocket Dragon)

5:35 pm
11. "Pocket Dragon Adventure" (Pocket Dragon)

6:15 pm
12. "Pocket Dragon Adventure" (Pocket Dragon)

8:00 pm
13. News

8:40 pm
14. International news

9:00 pm
15. Weather report

9:10 pm
16. "Pocket Dragon Adventure" (Pocket Dragon)
**Haking, Tiddim Townships: on the path to development**

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Feb – Lt-Gen Khin Zaw of the Ministry of Defence accompanied by Chairman of Chin State Peace and Development Council Brig-Gen Hon Ngai and Col Aung San Chit of local station heard reports on road works of Tiddim-Reed road section and construction of retaining wall and bridge presented by officials at the briefing hall on 5 February Lt-Gen Khin Zaw gave instructions on giving priority to paving of roads in the township.

Next, Lt-Gen Khin Zaw inspected maintenance of 460-foot long Manhsaung suspension bridge across Manipur river. In the afternoon, Lt-Gen Khin Zaw and party visited Border Trade Department under the Ministry of Commerce in Reedkhora and gave instructions on extended cultivation of maize, ginger and fermented soya-bean and promotion border trade. He also looked into Myanmar-India friendship bridge, boundary post and shops there.

Next, Lt-Gen Khin Zaw oversaw construction of 108-foot Thingarchaung bridge. At the office of General Administration Department in Reedkhorda, Lt-Gen Khin Zaw met with departmental officials and local people and presented clothes, medicines and cash assistance to them.

At Kam Hauk hall in Tiddim, Lt-Gen Khin Zaw and party met departmental officials and local people and presented clothes, medicines and cash assistance to them.

Next, Lt-Gen Khin Zaw inspected works of trainees of Women Vocational Training School in Tiddim and visited Border Areas and National Races Development Training School.

**Projects to be implemented for development of Rakhine State**

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

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

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

**HAILING THE 62ND ANNIVERSARY UNION DAY**

**Projects to be implemented for development of Rakhine State**

**Cartoon**

**Poem**

**Nation of rising dignity and bravery**
- Kachin, Kayah love each other
- Kayin, Chin kith and kin
- Bamar, Mon with enduring amity
- Rakhine, Shan in cordial friendship
- Unity blooming among them

**Buffon and Pirlo back for Italy**

Rome, 7 Feb—Italy coach Marcello Lippi has recalled Gianluigi Buffon and Andrea Pirlo to his squad for next week’s friendly with Brazil at the Emirates Stadium.

Juventus stopper Buffon and AC Milan midfielder Pirlo missed the last match against Greece in November through injury.

But there is no place again for attacking pair Alessandro del Piero, of Juve, and Antonio Cassano, of Sampdoria, while Giorgio Chiellini is missing through injury.

Chiellini’s absence means Fiorentina’s Alessandro Gamberini should partner Fabio Cannavaro in defence.

Lippi has included youngsters Alberto Aquilani, Riccardo Montolivo, Giuseppe Rossi and Simone Pepe with an eye on the World Cup next year.

**Rohinja is not Myanmar national race, nor is in Myanmar**

The forces of national politics are persuading and encouraging politicians to give priority to national interest rather than to personality cult, attachment to the party concerned, sectarianism and dogmatism in the 2010 elections.