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Entire people to make correct choices

The State's seven-step Road Map designed for emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed nation is the sole process for transition to democracy. The programme is in the process of being implemented step by step. Now, the State constitution has been approved with massive support of the people. Plans are under way to hold elections in a systematic way this year. In that regard, the entire people have to make correct choices.

Senior General Than Shwe

Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council

Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services

(from the message sent on the occasion of 62nd Anniversary Independence Day)

Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing host reception and dinner to mark

62nd Anniversary Independence Day

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Jan—Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing hosted reception and dinner in commemoration of 62nd Anniversary Independence Day 2010 at the City Hall, here, this evening.

At 6.30 pm, Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing arrived at the City Hall where reception and dinner to mark the 62nd Anniversary Independence Day were to be held. Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing, accompanied by Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander in Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, SPDC member General Thura Shwe Mann, Prime Minister General Thein Sein and Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, cordially greeted diplomats led by Dean of the Diplomatic Corps Singaporean Ambassador Mr Robert Chua Hian Kong and their spouses.

Also present at the dinner were Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San, General Thura Shwe Mann and wife Daw Khin Lay Thet, Prime Minister General Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win, Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and wife Daw Khin Saw Hnin, SPDC member Lt-Gen Tin Aye and wife Daw Kyi Kyi Ohn, the Commander-in-Chief (Navy), the Commander-in-Chief (Air) and

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Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing greet Dean of Diplomatic Corps Singaporean Ambassador H.E Mr Robert Chua Hian Kong at the reception and dinner in commemoration of 62nd Anniversary Independence Day.—MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Harmoniously take part in pursuing national goal

The Union of Myanmar's independence that the national people regained after fighting back the colonialists with nationalistic fervour and patriotic spirit has turned 62 this year. Independence Day celebrations are being held nationwide.

The people's courageous efforts during the independence struggles with strong Union Spirit, patriotism and the spirit of treasuring independence and sovereignty have gone down in the annals of Myanmar's history. So, it is our bounden duty to preserve and hand down the independence and sovereignty that were achieved by sacrificing a great deal of lives and blood to posterity.

In his message on the occasion of the 62nd Anniversary Independence Day, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe gave guidance: "Now many projects are ongoing simultaneously for ensuring equitable development of all parts of the Union and improving the living conditions of the people. Pursuing the national goal of building a peaceful, modern and developed nation with might and main is, in fact, laying substantial foundations for a prosperous future of the nation."

Emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed nation is a national goal. Sound foundations are being built for a better future of the nation. The government is building infrastructures necessary for a democratic nation. Particularly, projects for improving living conditions of the people are being implemented.

Peace and stability, the rule of law, strong economy and development of human resources are main requirements for building a new nation. Therefore, measures are being taken to make sure that all regions of the Union develop at the same time.

Thanks to such energetic efforts, the whole nation has seen peace and stability, unity and prosperity. Democratic transition is being carried out in accord with the seven-step Road Map of the State. All the national people are to harmoniously take part in nation-building endeavours with national outlook.

Talks on "Literature & Motion Pictures" on 7 Jan

YANGON, 4 Jan — Talks on "Literature & Motion Picture" will be given by Director Kyi Soe Tun at Asia Plaza Hotel in Kyauktada Township on 7 January.

Myanmar Hoteliers' Association has arranged the talks which is due at 4 pm on 7 January.

Any one may attend the talks. Talks will be held there every Thursday in the first week of every month.—MNA

People's Desire

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

Mr Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General of the United Nations, sends message of felicitations to Senior General Than Shwe

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Jan—The following is the message of felicitations from Mr Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General of the United Nations, sent to Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council, on the occasion of the 62nd Anniversary of Independence Day of the Union of Myanmar.

From Mr Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General of the United Nations

Your Excellency,

It is my great pleasure to extend to you and to the Government and people of Myanmar my warmest congratulations on the occasion of the Independence Day.

The United Nations continues to be the world's leading universal forum. On crucial issues of global concern, from climate change to gender equality, from peacemaking to development and human rights, the UN offers an indispensable channel for articulating and advancing the will of the international community.

The engagement of Member States is vital to this

process. With your support, we can meet the threats of our time and build a more prosperous, equitable and sustainable world for all. In particular, I am counting on Member States to mobilize their collective energies to meet the Millennium Development Goals by 2015.

This agenda demands an effective, responsive United Nations. I am working to set the highest standards, and I am determined to deliver results. It is heartening to know that the United Nations can rely on the guidance and support of Myanmar in all its endeavours.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

MNA

Stakes driven for construction of Ayeyawady Bridge (Nyaungdon)



Minister Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint drives the stakes with the use of Vibro hammer.

MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Jan—A ceremony to drive stakes for construction of Ayeyawady Bridge (Nyaungdon) constructed by special project construction group (5) of Public Works under the Ministry of Construction was held at the pavilion on the west bank of Ayeyawady river on 1 January morning. It was attended by Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Kyaw Swe, Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Myint Thein, departmental officials and locals.

Minister Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint turned on the Vibro hammer machine at the ceremony to

drive the stakes, and the commander, the minister and the deputy minister sprinkled scented water on the stakes.

Afterwards, the commander, the minister and party drove the stakes and sprinkled scented water on them on the east bank of Ayeyawady river.

They offered *Soon* (meal) to the Members of the Sangha.

They viewed the mixed cropping of sunflower and bean on 400 acres in Nyaungdon Township, Maubin District. The commander and the minister urged the farmers to grow more sunflowers and cordially greeted them.

MNA



512 foreign troops killed in Afghanistan in 2009

KABUL, 4 Jan—A total of 512 international troops was killed in Afghanistan in 2009, local media reported on Saturday.

Among those killed, 448 were in military operations and 64 in other incidents, the English newspaper *Outlook Afghanistan* quoted Jeff Loftin, Press officer of the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF), as saying.

The Press officer told the newspaper that 280 foreign soldiers were killed by improvised explosive device (IED) strikes, which is branded the most lethal kind of attack launched by the Taliban.

Loftin failed to disclose as which country suffered how many military casualties.

The around 83,000-strong ISAF troops were from 44 countries. —Xinhua

Roadside bomb kills five Afghan civilians, wounds six others

KABUL, 4 Jan — Five Afghan civilians were killed and six others sustained injuries as a roadside bomb struck a vehicle in Nimroz Province west of Afghanistan, provincial governor Ghulam Dastgir Azad said on Saturday.

“The gruesome incident occurred in a far-flung village along the border with Farah Province, when the innocent civilians were returning home from a local bazaar on Friday,” Azad told *Xinhua*.

Meantime, the official blamed Taliban militants for planting the mine on the road and harming citizens.

Taliban militants fighting Afghan and NATO-led troops have been using roadside bombs as part of a tactic which often claims civilians’ lives. The militants have yet to make comments.—Xinhua

Drone crashes in E Afghanistan

KHOST, 4 Jan—An unmanned plane belonging to the US-led Coalition Forces on Saturday night crashed in Yusuf Khil district of Paktika Province in east Afghanistan, Press Department of the Coalition Forces in the eastern region said on Sunday. However, the Press department ruled out the involvement of hostile fire in crashing the predator, stressing technical problems caused the incident. Meantime, Taliban purported spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid claimed responsibility, emphasizing the militants shot down the pilotless plane. —Xinhua



Iraqi fire fighters inspect the site of a car bomb attack at the al-Baiyaa area of western Baghdad, Iraq, on 2 Jan 2010.

INTERNET

Two killed, 14 injured in Baghdad violence

BAGHDAD, 4 Jan — Two people were killed and 14 injured in twin car bombings and a sniper shot attack in Baghdad on Saturday, an Interior Ministry source said.

A booby-trapped car went off at one end of Eshreen thoroughfare in southern Baghdad neighbourhood of Baiyaa and another car bomb detonated at the other end of the crowded street, the source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

The coordinated bom-

bings killed at least a civilian, wounding 14 others, the source said.

Many nearby shops, stalls, and civilian cars were destroyed in the two blasts which also caused damages to several surrounding buildings, the source said.

In a separate incident, an Iraqi army lieutenant was gunned down by a sniper at a checkpoint in the Shiite neighbourhood of Sadr City in eastern Baghdad, the source added.—Xinhua



People wait for information about family members, who were on Ilha Grande island when a mudslide killed at least 22 people, outside the Medical Legal Institute morgue in Rio de Janeiro, on 2 Jan, 2010. A rain-soaked hillside collapsed on homes and lodges after New Year celebrations early Friday, killing at least 26 people, and a separate mudslide killed at least 13 people in the nearby city of Angra dos Reis.—INTERNET

Spanish Embassy in Yemen to be closed temporarily for attack fear

MADRID, 4 Jan—Spain decided to close its embassy in Yemen on Monday and Tuesday over the threat of a possible attack by al-Qaeda, Spain’s Foreign Ministry said on Sunday. The local Press quoted the Spanish foreign

Ministry as saying that its embassy in Yemen remains “operating”, but access to its facilities has been restricted for security reasons.

The decision came after both the United States and Britain had closed their embassies there for security concern. “The US Embassy in Sanaa is closed today, 3 Jan, 2010, in response to ongoing threats by al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP) to attack American interests in Yemen,” said the US Embassy in a statement on Sunday. The British Embassy in Yemen was closed just a few hours after the US’ move. US President Barack Obama accused the Yemen-based al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula of arming and training a Nigerian, who was involved in a failed Christmas Day attempt to bomb a US aircraft.—Internet

Afghan forces kill 25 militants

KABUL, 4 Jan—Afghan and the NATO-led troops in a campaign against Taliban militants in the northern Kunduz Province have killed over two dozen fighters including their local commander, provincial governor Mohammad Omar said on Sunday.

The joint forces raided Taliban hideouts in Dasht-e-Archi District on Saturday and eliminated 25 rebels including their commander Mullah Abdullah, Omar told *Xinhua*. Three other militants were detained during the operation and some others sustained injuries, he said. Abdul Rahman Haqtash, deputy to the provincial police chief, confirmed the conflict, adding that Mullah Abdullah was involved in carrying out series of “subversive attacks”.

Meanwhile, Zabihullah Mujahid, who claims to speak for the Taliban outfit, in talks with media via cellular phone from an undisclosed location, disputed the claim made by officials, saying that no Taliban fighters were killed in the clash.

Xinhua



An Albanian woman tries to push away water out of her home in Kune village, in the Lezhe district some 86 km (54 miles) northwest of the capital Tirana on 2 Jan, 2010.—INTERNET

Indonesia's President opens market trading

JAKARTA, 4 Jan — Indonesia's President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono opened bourse trading on Monday, the first day of trade in 2010, the *Detik.com* online news reported.

The market index was slightly up after the opening.

The President was thankful to all market par-

ties, particularly the bourse players, for the good index achievement last year that gained 86 percent. "Hopefully, we can have better achievement this year with our hard work," said President.

The President was accompanied by the Coordinating Economy Minister Hatta Rajasa, the Finance

Minister Sri Mulyani Indrawati, the Trade Minister Mari Elka Pangestu, the Minister of State-Owned Companies Mustafa Abubakar, the Head of Indonesian Market Surveillance Agency Fuad Rahmany and the Minister for the National Development Planning Armida Alisjahbana.

In the opening, the market index slightly increased 6.630 points, or 0.26 percent, to 2,540.986.

Xinhua

Nepal to launch Tourism Year 2011 campaign

KATHMANDU, 4 Jan — The official launching of the Nepal Tourism Year (NTY) 2011 will be held amidst gala events in the capital Kathmandu on 26 February, according to Monday's *The Rising Nepal* daily. "With a theme 'together for tourism', the event will seek every individual's commitment to making the NTY 2011 a success," said Yogendra Sakya, National Coordinator of NTY 2011.

The much-awaited event aims to give a boost to Nepal's tourism industry by bringing in one million foreign tourists. Highlighting the framework of the launching programme, Sakya said that political commitment was a must for organizing the event in a successful manner. "It will bring all stakeholders together at a platform to show their firm commitment that they will contribute to making the event a success," he said while addressing a gathering organized in the capital on Sunday to brief about the official launching of the event.—Xinhua

Philippine wheat import expected to grow 10% in 2010

MANILA, 4 Jan — The import of wheat is projected to grow by 10 percent to 2.2 million metric tons (MMT) in 2010 on the back of higher demand flour-based products, the Philippine Association of Flour Millers (Pafmil) said on Sunday.

Pafmil Executive Director Ric Pinca told reporters that the national elections in this May could spur the demand for flour-based products such as bread and noodles. Pinca said they expect wheat imports to grow due to expectations that prices of wheat will be stable and that there will be increase in demand for flour-based products. Wheat imports settled at 2 MMT in 2010, up nearly 10 percent from 1.9 MMT in 2008.

Xinhua

Italy to see very slow economic recovery

ROME, 4 Jan — Hit by the global financial crisis, the Italian economy will have a very slow recovery in the coming years, an Italian economic expert told *Xinhua*. Although the Italian economy has shown some positive signs and would return to growth in 2010, the country's GDP would not be able to come back to normal until 2014, said Gustavo Piga, an economics professor at the University of Tor Vergata of Rome.

The Italian national statistical institute (Istat) said that Italy's GDP has managed to increase by 0.6 percent in the third quarter of 2009 compared to the previous quarter. Italian Economy Minister Giulio Tremonti has predicted that Italy would conclude the year 2010 with a 1-percent growth of the GDP.—Xinhua

S Korea hopes to settle free trade deals with Peru, GCC in 2010

SEOUL, 4 Jan — South Korea is seeking wrapping up free trade negotiations with Peru and six Gulf states, settling the deals within the year, local media reported on Monday, quoting the trade minister.

According to South Korea's *Yonhap News*

Agency, South Korean Trade Minister Kim Jong-hoon said the country will be able to conclude a free trade deal with Peru in 2010, while expecting to reach agreements with the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) on key issues within the year.

"Peru may be this year's first country that South Korea seals a free trade deal with," Kim said, highlighting that agricultural issues, unlike trade deals the country is seeking with other countries, do not stand in the way.

Xinhua

Singapore's economic recovery pace moderates in Q4 2009

SINGAPORE, 4 Jan — Economic activity in Singapore slowed down in the fourth quarter of 2009, according to advance estimates by Singapore's Ministry of Trade and Industry on Monday. On a seasonally adjusted quarter-on-quarter annualized basis, Singapore's gross domestic product (GDP) contracted by 6.8 percent in the fourth quarter due to a pull-back in the manufacturing sector. Compared to the fourth quarter of 2008, the economy grew by 3.5 percent.

For 2009, the Singapore economy is estimated to have contracted by 2.1 percent.—Xinhua

Dubai to open world's highest tower to cater for more tourists

BEIJING, 4 Jan — Dubai is set to open the world's tallest building to cater to growing numbers of tourists to the Gulf Arab emirate amid tight security, according to media reports on Monday. The tower is being celebrated as a bold feat on the world stage, despite the city state's shaky financial footing.

But the final height of the Burj Dubai — Arabic for Dubai Tower — remains a closely guarded secret.

It long ago vanquished

its nearest rival, the Taipei 101, and ranks as the world's tallest structure, beating out a television mast in North Dakota, Dubai-based architects said.

Some 12,000 workers and 100 cranes have built the hotel, residential and shopping complex which will include over 1,000 luxury apartments. The tower alone would cost at least 1 billion US dollars to construct, excluding the complex malls, lakes and smaller tower blocs.

"The design has

pushed the limits of what technology can achieve, no one has gone that high before. You have to invent new elevators that can sustain such heights," Naaman Atallah, sales manager for its owner Emaar told. The Burj's record-seeking developers didn't stop there.

The building boasts the most stories and highest occupied floor of any building in the world. Its observation deck — on floor 160 — also sets a record.

Xinhua



Burj Dubai, the world's tallest building, seen at centre, in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, on 3 Jan, 2010. —INTERNET



Photo taken on 3 Jan, 2010 shows the black-headed gulls in Kunming, capital of southwest China's Yunnan Province. The black-headed gulls migrated from Siberia to Kunming to live through the winter.—XINHUA



Beijing sees heaviest daily snowfall in nearly six decades

BEIJING, 4 Jan—China's capital reported the heaviest daily snowfall in nearly six decades on Sunday, local meteorological bureau said on Monday.

At 10 pm on Sunday, a major meteorological observatory in the southern suburbs of Beijing recorded a daily snowfall of 10 millimetres, the largest amount in one day since 1951, the bureau noted. The previous record was 6.2 millimetres on 6 Jan, 1989.

By 8 pm on Sunday, the

average daily snowfall in Beijing was 10.6 millimetres, or 12.9 millimetres in down-town areas, with the heaviest recorded at 27.3 millimetres in Juyongguan. The thickest layer of snow accumulated was 37.5 millimeters in the city's Huairou District. The downtown areas saw the thickest layer of snow with Shijingshan District getting 33.5 millimetres.

Sources with the Beijing Traffic Management Bureau said at 6:30 am Monday, more than

4,000 traffic police were deployed ahead of schedule to patrol the city's main roads. More than 5,000 volunteers would maintain order at crowded bus stops, said Song Jianguo, head of Beijing Traffic Management Bureau, earlier.

Expressways that were closed on Sunday resumed operation on Monday morning, while sections of several regular highways in the city were closed because of ice. Affected by the snowstorm, primary and middle schools in Beijing and neighbouring Tianjin were closed on Monday.—Xinhua



Tourists with cartoon caps enjoy themselves at Tiananmen Square, Beijing, China, on 3 Jan, 2010. Heavy snow hit Beijing on Sunday to close expressways, delay flights and disrupt bus services.—XINHUA

All items from Xinhua News Agency

Malaysia to build ultra modern "Space City"

KUALA LUMPUR, 4 Jan—Malaysia is planning to build a "Space City" project that costs up to 13 billion ringgit (3.71 billion US dollars) near Seremban, capital of its Sembilan State.

Local newspaper *The Star* reported on Monday that the project, to be financed by a Dubai-based private pension fund from India, would be implemented as early as the end of this year.

It would be similar to Abu Dhabi's 750 billion ringgit (214.29 billion US dollars) Space City project that would be built over the next decade, although not in size, cost and lavishness, added *The Star*.

The daily quoted the Sembilan State's Mentri Besar (chief executive of the state government) Mohamad Hasan as saying that the local Space City project would cover an area of 400 hectares.

It was close to the Kuala Lumpur International Airport, and Putrajaya, administrative centre of the Malaysian Federal Government, added the official. Mohamad Hasan said the ultra modern project would take shape in phases over 15 years. He also stressed that the city, built on a totally new concept, would be the nation's most modern city.—Xinhua

Four people killed in blast in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 4 Jan—Four people, including a former provincial minister of Pakistan, were killed in a bomb attack in the country's northwest on Sunday. Ghani-ur-Rehman, former Irrigation Minister of the North West Frontier Province, came under attack in Hangu District, top regional official Khalid Omar said.

Rehman's car was hit by a remote-controlled roadside bomb. District Police Officer, Hangu District, Abdul Rashid Khan said that three guards of the minister were also killed in the attack. Initial reports said that two brothers of the minister and their driver were injured in the blast. No group claimed responsibility for the attack. Ghani-ur-Rehman was the leader of the ruling Pakistan People's Party and has also served as District Mayor.

Officials said that Improvised Explosive Device was used to hit the car of the former minister. The vehicle was completely destroyed in the attack. Pro-government politicians, security forces, police and government officials are regularly targeted by the militants in the restive area.—Xinhua

Over 1,000 houses destroyed in Tajikistan earthquake

DUSHANBE, 4 Jan — An earthquake in the southern mountainous region of Tajikistan on Saturday has destroyed at least 1,050 houses, but no human deaths were reported, said local officials.

Preliminary damage is estimate at about 1.5 million US dollars, the deputy head of the district, Azimjon Shamsiddinov, told the *Interfax News Agency*.

He said people who lost their shelters in the quake have been temporarily settled in their relatives' homes or public shelters such as schools and hospitals. Local authorities are making efforts to provide them with life necessities.

The epicentre of the quake was in Vanj district and the magnitude was 5.5 on the Richter scale, according to Tajikistan's seismic monitor center. Earthquakes are relatively common in Tajikistan.—Xinhua

Strong earthquake hits Solomon Islands

HONG KONG, 4 Jan—An earthquake measuring 6.5 on the Richter scale occurred in Solomon Islands at 5:57 am on Monday Hong Kong time (2157 GMT), according to a bulletin released by the Hong Kong Observatory on Monday.

The epicentre was initially determined to be at 8.9 degrees south latitude and 157.3 degrees east longitude, about 300 kilometers west of Honiara, Solomon Islands, it said.—Xinhua

Moderate quake jolts S Philippines

MANILA, 4 Jan — A 5.3-magnitude earthquake struck the sea off the southern Philippine coast on Monday morning, the US Geological Survey said. There is no yet report of damages or casualties.

The centre of the quake was located 100 kilometres southeast of the southern port city of Davao or 1,080 km South and Southeast of Manila with a depth of 46.8 km, the USGS report said.

The Philippine archipelago sits on the so-called Pacific Ring of Fire, the Pacific Ocean rim that were frequently hit by earthquakes or volcanic eruptions.

Xinhua



A visitor views a painting in an art show in Nanjing, capital of east China's Jiangsu Province, on 3 Jan, 2010. A hundred paintings of artists from all around the country were displayed in the art show held here during the New Year's holidays. XINHUA

Vanuatu's population rises to 243,000

WELLINGTON, 4 Jan—The population of Vanuatu has reached 243,000, new figures showed. The Pacific island country has experienced one of the most dramatic population rises in the Pacific region.

The country's National Statistics Office has released the preliminary findings of the 2009 Census, Radio New Zealand International reported on Monday. According to the figures, 243,000 people live in Vanuatu—60,000 more than in 1999. —Xinhua

Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing host reception ...

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senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence and their wives, the Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command, the ministers and their wives, the Chief Justice,

the Attorney-General, the Chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board, the Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee Nay Pyi Taw Mayor, the deputy ministers and their wives, the heads of departments, diplomats led by Dean of the Diplomatic Corps Ambassador of the Republic of Singapore Mr Robert Chua Hian Kong and their spouses, resident representatives of UN agencies and their wives, mem-

bers of the Central Committee for Observance of the 62nd Anniversary Independence Day, chairmen of the sub-committees and invited guests.

Those present were entertained with songs presented by vocalists to the accompaniment of the Myanmar Athan modern music band before and during the dinner.

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Foreign Heads of State send felicitations to Senior General Than Shwe

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Jan – The following are the messages of felicitations from foreign Heads of State sent to Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council, on the occasion of the 62nd Anniversary of Independence Day of the Union of Myanmar.

(continued from yesterday)

From Mr. Horst Kohler, President of the Federal Republic of Germany

Mr, Chairman,

On the occasion of Independence Day in the Union of Myanmar I offer you and the people of Myanmar my good wishes, together with those of my fellow Germans, for a bright further in peace and freedom.

Allow me to express my confident hope that your country will find its way towards national reconciliation and inner peace through dialogue and the democratic opinion forming process. In this I wish all people of the Union of Myanmar every success.

From Dr. Heinz Fisher, Federal President of the Republic of Austria

Excellency,

On the occasion of the National Day of the Union of Myanmar I convey my sincere congratula-

tions to your country. I seize this opportunity to extend my best wishes for a happy future of the people of Myanmar.

From President of the Councils of State and of Ministers of the Republic of Cuba Mr. Raul Castro Ruz of the Republic of Cuba

Your Excellency,

Upon commemorating the 62nd Anniversary of the Proclamation of Independence, I extend to You, and to the government and people of the Union of Myanmar, on behalf of the Cuban government and people, cordial congratulations and renew to you the resolve to continue enhancing the relations of friendship between both countries.

I renew to you the assurances of my highest consideration.

From Ms. Quentin Bryce AC, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia

Your Excellency,

On the occasion of the 62nd anniversary of the

Union of Myanmar's Independence Day, I wish to convey to you and the people of Myanmar my congratulations together with those of the Australian Government and the people.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

From President Mr. Kim Yong Nam, Presidium of Supreme People's Assembly of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea

I warmly congratulate you and your friendly people on 62nd Independence year of Myanmar.

Conceived that friendly and cooperative relations between our two countries will further expand and develop in conformity with requirements and interest of two peoples in future. I take this opportunity to sincerely wish you and your people greater successes to safeguard national sovereignty and achieve prosperity of the country.

From Mr. Jacob Gedleyihlekisa Zuma, President of the Republic of South Africa

Your Excellency,

On the auspicious occasion of the celebration of the Independence Day of the Union of Myanmar on 4 January 2010 the Government and people of the Republic of South Africa join me in conveying to His Excellency, the Government and people of the Union of Myanmar, our warmest greetings and sincere congratulations.

May I take this opportunity to express the wish for His Excellency's good health, and also reaffirm our desire to further enhance and consolidate the excellent bond of friendship that exists between our countries.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

From President Dr. Ram Baran Yadav of Nepal

On the happy occasion of the Independence Day of the Union of Myanmar, I extend to Your Excellency cordial felicitations and best wishes for Your Excellency's personal health and happiness and for the progress and prosperity of the people of Myanmar.

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Festivities held in commemoration of 62nd Anniversary Independence Day



Commemorative festivities of 62nd Anniversary Independence Day (2010) at BEHSs, staff quarters, wards and village-tracts in townships of Nay Pyi Taw.

MNA



NAY PYI TAW, 4 Jan—Commemorative festivities of 62nd Anniversary Independence Day (2010) were held in townships here this morning.

The commemorative festivities and competitions took place at Basic Education High Schools, staff quarters, wards and village-tracts in townships of Nay Pyi Taw District. Personnel concerned enjoyed the competitions and presented prizes.—MNA



Foreign Heads of Government send messages of felicitations to Myanmar Prime Minister

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Jan—*The following are the messages of felicitations from foreign Heads of Government sent to General Thein Sein, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, on the occasion of the 62nd Anniversary of Independence Day of the Union of Myanmar.*

(Continued from yesterday)

From Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia Excellency,

On behalf of the Royal Government and People of Cambodia, I have the great pleasure to extend to Your Excellency and through you to the People of the Union of Myanmar, my heartfelt congratulations, on the auspicious occasion of the 62nd Anniversary of the Independence Day of the Union of Myanmar.

I strongly believe that, based on our common aspiration, the bonds of friendship and close cooperation between our two countries will be further strengthened and enhanced for the mutual interests of our two peoples as well as for building a stronger ASEAN community.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration and my best wishes for your personal good health and greater success in your endeavour.

From Mr Lee Hsien Loong, Prime Minister of the Republic of Singapore

On behalf of the Government of the Republic of Singapore, I congratulate Your Excellency and the Government of the Union of Myanmar on the occasion of Myanmar's 62nd Independence Day.

The longstanding relations between Singapore and Myanmar have improved in the past year, with our

exchange of high-level visits. Singapore continues to support the post-Cyclone Nargis relief and recovery efforts. I am confident that our bilateral ties as well as close working relationship in ASEAN will continue to strengthen. I also wish Myanmar well in its transition towards civilian democratic government.

From Mr. Vladimir V. Putin, Prime Minister of the Russian Federation

Esteemed Mr Prime Minister,

Please accept my heartfelt greetings on the occasion of the Independence Day of the Union of Myanmar.

I note with satisfaction, that Russia-Myanmar relations have been of mutually beneficial and constructive nature. Their further progressive development meets the interests of the peoples of our nations, as well as security and stability in the Asia-Pacific region.

I wish You, Mr Prime Minister, strong health and new success and wellbeing and prosperity to the people of friendly Myanmar.

From Ms. Yulia Tymosenko, Prime Minister of Ukraine

Your Excellency,

On behalf of the Government of Ukraine and myself I wish to congratulate You on the occasion of the Independence Day of the Union of Myanmar.

Availing myself of this opportunity I would like to stress that Ukraine and Myanmar develop mutually

benefited cooperation and have potential for further deepening of bilateral relations for the prosperity of our peoples.

Please accept, Excellency, sincere wishes of good health, happiness and further successes in Your responsible activities, as well as peace, prosperity and wellbeing to Your compatriots.

From Mr. Kim Yong Il, Premier of the Cabinet of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea

I extend warm congratulations and greetings to you and, through you, to your friendly government and people on 62nd independence year of Myanmar.

Convinced that friendly and cooperative relations between our two countries will further expand and develop across several fields of politics and economy, I sincerely wish your greater successes in your responsible work for economic development of the country and improvement of people's livelihood.

From Mr. George A Papandreou, Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Hellenic Republic

Excellency,

On the occasion of the National Day of your country, I would like to convey to you my warmest congratulations and my best wishes for the prosperity, progress and welfare of the friendly people of the Union of Myanmar.

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State Flag Hoisting and Saluting Ceremony held in Yangon

YANGON, 4 Jan—The State Flag Hoisting and Saluting Ceremony to mark the 62nd Anniversary of Independence Day (2010) was held at the People's Square on Pyay Road, here this morning, with an attendance of over 3,200 people.

Present on the occasion were Senior military officers of Yangon Command, military officers of battalions and companies, members of division, district and township Peace and Development Council, members of the Committee and Work Committee for Holding the State Flag Hoisting and Saluting Ceremony, members and departmental heads

of Yangon City Development Committee, departmental personnel, rectors and principals, representatives of social organizations and nationalities of National Culture and Arts University (Yangon).

The State Flag was hoisted at 4:20 am. The State Flag Saluting Ceremony took place at 7 am. The Guard of Honour of Yangon Command took position at the designated place.

Chairman of the Committee for Organizing the 62nd Anniversary of Independence Day Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council

Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Win Myint took position on the podium, and took the salute of the Guard of Honour. The people saluted the State Flag. Meanwhile the band played the national anthem.

The Guard of Honour paid tributes to the fallen heroes and took the four oaths. The commander read out the message sent on the occasion of the 62nd Anniversary of Independence Day by SPDC Chairman Senior General Than Shwe. Then the ceremony came to an end.

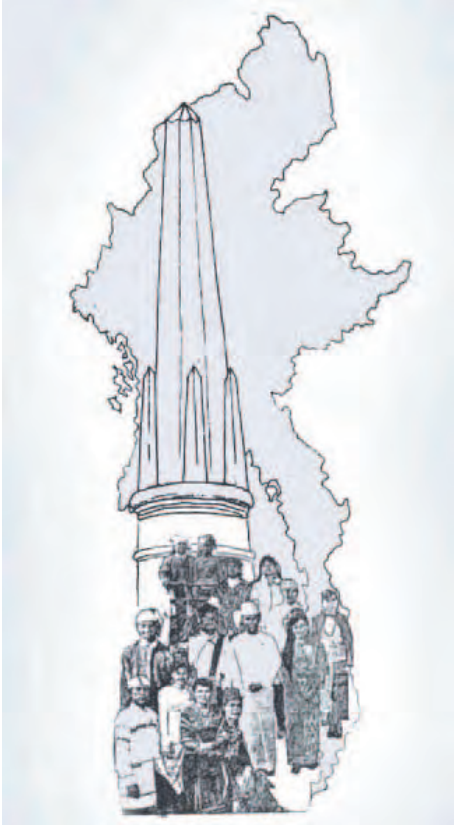
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Commander Maj-Gen Win Myint reads out the Independence Day Message sent to the 62nd Anniversary of Independence Day by SPDC Chairman Senior General Than Shwe.

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Honouring the 62nd Anniversary Independence Day:**Preserve heritage handed down by our ancestors***Maung Maung Moe Aung***Safeguard independence and sovereignty through might of patriotism**

Myanmar's Independence Day is in its 62nd anniversary on 4 January 2010. British colonialists annexed Myanmar through the First Anglo-Myanmar War (1824), the Second Anglo-Myanmar War (1852), and the Third Anglo-Myanmar War (1885). To regain Myanmar's independence cost lives of a large number of its people.

The historic lessons remind that each and every citizen needs to have anti-colonialist sentiment, a strong sense of patriotism, and the fervour of cherishing own race. Only then will it be possible for them to realize the value of independence and to have a sense of safeguarding independence.

Only a tiny minority of human beings bears in mind the value of health while they are healthy. Only when they are sick with mental and physical sufferings will people have a longing for good health. Water is taken for granted because it can be obtained easily. We can know well the value of water fully only if we are in a desert or a place where water is scarce. In like manner, we can know the value and taste of

independence only when we lose it. To regain independence may take ages. I learn that it took 240 years for a neighbouring country to regain independence from the British. The British annexed Myanmar last, but had to grant independence to the nation first. If taken for granted, independence can be lost in no time, but to regain the independence may cost a countless number of lives of the people. Needless to say, independence cannot be regained with no sweat. I would like to present some points about the three aggressive wars the British waged on Myanmar.

On 5 March 1824, the British launched its first aggressive war on Myanmar, and it was over on 24 February 1826. According to Yantabo Treaty inked to put an end to the war, Myanmar had to give up Assam, Manipura, Rakhine and Taninthayi and pay a war indemnity of one million Starling pounds.

The British waged the second aggressive war on the nation in April 1852, which lasted seven months. After the war, Myanmar had to give up lower Myanmar from Myayte.

The third aggressive war began on 14 November 1885, taking only a couple of weeks.

With a strong sense of unwavering spirit, and patriotism, the people tried their utmost to repulse the attacks by the colonialists. Due to the great gap of armed power and warfare, Myanmar had to temporarily succumb to the British attacks.

Undaunted by the enormity of the task, the entire national brethren took every minute throughout the colonial period to regain independence.

From 1886 to 1906, anti-colonialist movements were being operated constantly under the leadership of patriot revolutionaries such as Bo Cho of Bagan, U Aung Myat of Wuntho, Linpin Prince of Shan State, Saw La Phaw of Kayah State, Bo Sun Pet of Chin State, Bo Net Kyaw of Popa region, Bo Hteik Tin Hmat of Shwebo, Bo Tha Kyan of Kyaukse, Bo Ottama of Hsinbyugyun, Myinsai Prince of Zeebingyi, Bo Min Yaung of Natmauk in Taungdwingyi, Bo Po Hsin and Bo Po Win of Myingyan, Bo Toe and Bo Zeya of Mandalay, Saw Yan Paing and Saw Yan Naing of Katha Mogaung, Saw Phahti of Thaungdut, Shwe Joephyu Prince, Phonkan Duwah, Hsama Duwah and Hsaihsin Duwah of Kachin State, Saw Maha Naw Kham Oo of Wa Region, Bo Tha Hman, Bo Hlaing, Bo The and Bo Lugalay of Pyinmana Yamethin, Bo Ya Nyunt of Welaung, Bo Hla Kyaw of Kyunkhingyi, Bo Ywe of Mindon, Bo Rai of

Sheinmagar, and Bo Nyan of Kanma. In 1920, the people were categorically opposed to the education system designed to prolong the colonial rule. Then, there emerged national schools. In 1930, the nation saw the Peasants' Uprising in Thayawady led by Saya San with the title of Thupannaka Galuna Yaza. Oilfield Workers' Uprising or the Myanmar Era 1300 Uprising took place on 30 November 1938. Doh Bamar Asiayon (Our Burmese Association) held a conference in Mawlamyine in April 1939 to protest the 91-Division Administrative System. Myanma Independence Gana was formed on 1 October the same year. It was later known as Burma's Liberation Gana. On 16 April 1940, Doh Bamar Asiayon held a conference in Pyapon. On 11 May 1940, the whole Myanmar Thakin conference was held at the national school between Thayawady and Thonze.

On 10 June 1940, Burma Letyon force, Thanmani force, police force and Myoma volunteers force were combined into the National Defence League in Myoma School, Yangon.

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POEM:**The essence of heritage**

- * Blood, sweat, lives
Sacrificed our brethren
Documented our noble history
Country they freed from subjugation
Unity and sincerity
Independence, the essence
- * Restored they independence
With lives, blood and sweat
Braving lots of heart-rending events
But never moved they
Struggling with patriotism
Dignity and bravery
Adding awareness
The essence of heritage
- * Independence they restored
With gallantry and glory
Let's document independence in heart
Words chosen to show its value
Handing down the documentary
To new generations
As essence of heritage
- * O...Our Three Main National Causes
Keeping them ever in all seriousness
Nobleness in hearts
And in mind willingness
To be worthy of inheriting
The essence of heritage
Let's safeguard independence
In unity as lives of ours
For its perpetuity

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Independence Day
Thaung Ko Ko (Trs)

If taken for granted, independence can be lost in no time, but to regain the independence may cost a countless number of lives of the people.

Preserve heritage handed down ...

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On 10 March 1941, Myanmar youths dividing themselves into four groups left Myanmar for Kyushu Island in Japan, and underwent military training in Suwa, Hainan Island. On 31 December 1941, the Burma Independence Army (BIA) was formed in Bangkok. On 12 January 1942, together with Japanese troops, the five columns of BIA launched attacks, and in late May, they managed to reoccupy Myanmar. On 28 June 1942, Asian Youths Association was formed. In early August, AFPFL (Anti-Fascist People's Freedom League) was established secretly under the leadership of Myanmar patriots. On 27 March 1945, BIA left the place (now Resistance Park) in Yangon, and along the way, the troops received rousing welcome from local people. On 27 March 1945, AFPFL together with the people launched Anti-Fascist Resistance. Fascists surrendered on 17 May 1945.

Following the retreat of the Fascist government, the British reentered the nation and took the office again. Therefore, the people had to fight back the British colonialists again.

On 20 January 1946, the AFPFL held a national conference in the middle terrace of the Shwedagon Pagoda. On 29 September 1946, the mass of people along with the AFPFL unanimously opposed the white paper of the British colonialists. A Myanmar delegation went to London on 27 January 1947 and signed Aung San-Attlee agreement. On 12 February 1947, Panglong Conference was successfully held for national unity and Panglong agreement was inked.

The independent Union of Myanmar was

Honouring the 62nd Anniversary Independence Day:

The three main pillars depend on each other. Out of them, if one collapses, all will break up. If national unity broke up, the Union would break up. If the Union split, sovereignty would be lost. If independence was lost, the nation would be under subjugation again. Our Three Main National Causes, therefore, is of utmost importance to safeguard already-achieved independence for its perpetuity.

declared on 4 January 1948.

The above-mentioned points are only a brief account of struggles for regaining independence by sacrificing a great deal of lives, sweat and blood for many years. Preserving and safeguarding the independence that was achieved by risking lots of lives is indispensable. The younger generation who were born after regaining independence without the bitter experience of being under subjugation are mainly responsible for safeguarding independence for its perpetuity. They have to protect and maintain independence with anti-colonialism, the spirit of valuing independence and the spirit of cherishing their own nation and people. "Our Three Main National Causes" is instrumental in preserving and safeguarding independence.

Our Three Main National Causes — (1) Non-disintegration of the Union, (2) Non-disintegration of national solidarity and (3) Perpetuation of sovereignty — are three main pillars of safeguarding our independence. The phrase "Our Three Main National Causes" has three words namely Doh, Tarwin and Ayaythoneba

(in Myanmar language). Doh means all the national people living in the Union of Myanmar. Tarwin means a duty that a citizen has to perform to a certain extent. Ayaythoneba means the three tasks that all the national people of the Union of Myanmar have to carry out. These three main tasks are Our Three Main National Causes.

The three main pillars depend on each other. Out of them, if one collapses, all will break up. If national unity broke up, the Union would break up. If the Union split, sovereignty would be lost. If independence was lost, the nation would be under subjugation again. Our Three Main National Causes, therefore, is of utmost importance to safeguard already-achieved independence for its perpetuity.

In the world atlas, the map of Myanmar can be seen very beautifully. To the north lies snow-capped Mount Khakaborazi. In the middle are rivers and national cultural heritages. In the southwest and in the south is the blue ocean. Moreover, Myanmar is rich in natural resources on the ground and underground. Myanmar is strategically located in Southeast Asia. It lies between the two most populous countries in the world. Myanmar shares borders with five countries of different cultures and religions. With Myanmar having these blessings, the neo-colonialist nations covet our country and are trying to disintegrate the Union.

In order for Myanmar to remain in the world map, fencing with iron posts and walling with bricks and stones cannot be enough. For perpetuation of independence inherited by our forefathers and for the nation to stand independently for posterity, we need to be equipped with the spirit of loving our nation and the people. Only then, will the nation be safe and peaceful.

Our country is blessed with land and water resources. In view of eco-politics or geo-politics, our country is strategically located in Southeast Asia. Our country has temperate climate with hills and mountains, a network of rivers and creeks and the gateway to the sea. Ours is an independent, sovereign nation.

The onus is upon us to safeguard and maintain our independence with nationalistic fervour and patriotic spirit. Hsibanni Sayadaw wrote a poem, expressing his sadness to see the nation being enslaved.

Waning was the Konboun glory
Country in state of decline
Monarchy we lost
All towns fell
And we were reduced to nothing
Wish all were dead
Rather than living in such a situation

The poet meant that one should die rather than live under subjugation. It is a tremendous national duty for every citizen to preserve and safeguard independence, our ancestral legacy, with nationalistic spirit, patriotism and the spirit of cherishing own nation and people.

Translation: MS+ST

Only with peace and stability

Now we have passed the 62nd Anniversary of Independence.

I, for one, favour stability and peace which are essential for maintaining the Independence.

Then only, will we be able to achieve the goal of peaceful, discipline flourishing democratic nation and safeguard the Independence, won't we father?

For me, I'm opposed to riots.

Of course.

Soe Min (Pabedan)

Honouring the 62nd Anniversary Independence Day:

Media sector endeavouring utmost to enhance public knowledge Efforts aimed at extending global coverage of Myanmar media

Hlaing Bwa (Parami)

Touching the Myanmar lush and green coastline was the Bay of Bengal stretching far towards the horizon. The Inland Water Transport-run double-decker I was riding was sailing in the waters lying between these two splendid sceneries. I chose this double-decker as I would not be able to enjoy the natural beauties all along the way if I traveled by Sittway-Taungup hovercraft service. For some, the double-decker was slow and boring. But for me, I was fully captivated by the beauty of nature while listening to FM radio. During my childhood, we could not listen to the radio programmes clearly in this coastal sea. But now it is different. Technology cannot be monopolised anymore. FM radio stands witness to the fact that not only the West but also the East is enjoying rapid technology development.

Apart from me, fishermen I saw from my boat were also listening to FM programmes, while doing their work. That was view I had never seen before. They would be listening to Myanmar traditional songs and music as well as pop and rock. The occupation of these fishermen has become more lively thanks to the amazing advancement of the media of the new age. The radio will also save many lives as it will warn people of the coming natural disasters in a state of emergency.

While thinking about these media advantages, the accomplishments of the Ministry of Information after 1988 came into my mind.

The radio programme was first launched on 15 February 1946 with one 7.5kw short-wave transmitter and one 5kw medium-wave transmitter. In 1957, three RCA 50kw short-wave transmitters and one RCA 50kw medium-wave transmitter were added. In 1971, programmes were extended with the use of a new CMEC 50kw medium-wave transmitter. January 1988 saw the introduction of FM system along with three RIZ 50kw short-wave transmitters and two AEG 100FM medium-wave transmitters. In the past, FM programmes could be received only in Yangon and its surrounding areas. Hence, the Ministry of Information added three more 100kw medium-wave machines and one 50kw short-wave machine and extended the broadcasting time of the main programme and national races language programmes. During the time, 82.83% of the nation's population could receive medium-wave



Nay Pyi Taw Printing Plant.

programmes and 53.02% were within the reach of short-wave programme.

With the participation of private entrepreneurs in launching FM radio programmes, Padamyar FM in the north of Myanmar is transmitting radio programmes to the people residing in Kachin State and Sagaing Division, Shwe FM in the south of Myanmar to those in Mon State and Kayin State, Pyinsawady FM in the west of Myanmar to those in Rakhine State and Ayeyawady Division, Cherry FM in the east of Myanmar to those in Shan State and Kayah State, Mandalay FM to those in the central Myanmar and Bagan FM to those in Chin State and Magway Division. If the FM stations in Popa, Thandwe, Kyaungkon, Taungoo, Pyay, Minhla, Bilin, Kawthoung, Monywa, Myitkyina, Lashio, Kengtung, Tachilek, Loikaw and Minbu are completed, the people across the nation will be able to listen to Myanmar FM radio programmes.

Just like the radio programmes of FM, Nay Pyi Taw Myanmar Athan is presenting regular and national races programmes clearly with sophisticated technologies. The people from Kachin, Shan and Kayin States and Taninthayi Division have already had access to the programmes of Nay Pyi Taw Myanmar Athan. Now most of FM radio stations produce their programmes from 6 am to 10 pm. Soon, radio programmes will be presented to the public from 5 am to 11 pm. Plans have been under way to extend FM radio transmitters in Putao, Phakant, Laukkai, Tamu, Haka, Sittway in the first phase, Mogaung, Mohnyin, Kunlon, Lashio,

Kannaydi, Buthidaung in the second phase, An, Peinnetaung, Taungup and Thandwe in the third phase. On completion, the people across the nation will be able to enjoy listening Myanmar Athan radio programmes. In addition, Myanmar Athan radio programmes were posted on the Internet starting from January 2003 and therefore, the people can listen to the programmes while working.

With the success of transmitting radio programmes, Myanmar Radio and Television had only 15 TV retransmission stations before 1988. Now, there are 25 retransmissions in Kachin State, 7 in Kayah State, 8 in Kayin State, 11 in Chin State, 24 in Sagaing Division, 17 in Taninthayi Division, 5 in Bago Division, 6 in Magway Division, 6 in Mandalay Division, 2 in Yangon Division, 5 in Ayeyawady Division, 6 in Mon State, 12 in Rakhine State, 82 in Shan State totalling 216 in the country. All these stations are presenting radio programmes to 91.72 percent population of the whole nation.

MRTV-4 has been broadcasting news, songs, movie and interview programmes from early morning to time to bed since its launch in May, 2004. Besides, other programmes such as 5 Cartoon, 5 Movies, 5 Series, ESPN, STAR SPORTS, CNN, NGC WILD, 5 Movies MTV, CHANNEL-V, STAR MOVIES, STAR WORLD, NGC, ANIMAL PLANET, ADVENTURE ONE are on the MRTV-4.

The channel-4 has converted its telecast system to DVB-T system since February, 2005. Thanks to the Free-to-Air System, the telecast of MRTV-4 could be received without digital receiver in Yangon and its environs in December, 2006, and Mandalay (Sagaing) and its environs in April, 2009. Meanwhile, the duration of telecast has been extended up to 20 hours per day. Today, the channel-4 broadcasts its programmes through 28 retransmission stations. When the DVB-T system of the MRTV-4 is in full swing, the digital telecast will reach across the country.

Owing to the cooperative efforts of the Myanmar Radio and Television-MRTV and Information and Public Relations Department-IPRD, people in far-flung areas can enjoy the programmes of MRTV-4 through DTH (Direct To Home) Terminal Equipment (Set-top Box) system equipped at their villages. The combination of new re-transmission stations and use of DTH satellite dishes across the country has become the turning point in the change of media in the country.

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Staff of MRTV and IPRD equip DTH satellite dish at a house in a village.



Media sector endeavouring utmost to enhance public knowledge...

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Moreover, as from August, 2001, MRTV-3 has broadcast its programmes in English to enable the people living abroad to know the traditional culture and customs of Myanmar. The programmes of MRTV-3 can be received in Europe from 3 pm to 11.30 pm (MST) and in North-America from 11.30 pm to 7.30 am (MST). Besides, daily newspapers in Myanmar and English languages can be reached on the website of MRTV-3.

MRTV-3 also broadcasts two-hour programmes of MRTV-4 to Europe and North America daily. As part of its extensive coverage to reach global coverage in future, the channel-3 has used more satellites, advanced equipment, signed MoUs with international TV stations and exchanged news and programmes with them. The channel-3 has also planned to extend the telecast duration from 16 hours to around-the-clock to reach the global coverage.

As part of efforts for development of the media sector, the Ministry of Information has also implemented the five tasks to enable every village gets a library each. Thanks to the cooperative efforts of



Retransmission Station in Falam, Chin State.

local authorities, wellwishers, organizations and local people, the total number of libraries across the country has reached 55,755. Today, efforts are being made to turn the libraries in villages into the places which can help future leaders of villages, the places which can help broaden the knowledge of local people, the places for meetings, community centres and electronic libraries. Thanks to the ministry's noble and ambitious efforts, libraries have mushroomed across the country, and the country would become the one which can establish library in every village of the country.

There was no library in villages till 1988. Today, libraries in villages help villagers broaden their horizons. Seventy per cent of the population of the country is living in rural areas. Efforts to enable the rural people to become the Life Long Learning Societies that can overcome the challenges of the Knowledge

Age have also brought the country on the road to development.

The number of students at basic education level has increased from 5 million in 1988 to over 8 million this year. As part of efforts for fulfilling the need of the students, the Printing and Publishing Enterprise has printed text books and exercise books so that the students can buy books at reasonable prices. In 1988, there were five State-owned printing presses only. Now there are seven State-owned printing presses due to Upper Myanmar Press House (Mandalay) set up in 2003, Nay Pyi Taw Press House (Tatkon) in 2006 for printing works of education sector and State's printing works and in order to meet the demands of the regions concerned.



FM radio station airing programmes to broaden the horizons of locals.

Besides, the Printing and Publishing Enterprise is cooperating with the literati in presenting National Literary Award, Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Award and Pakokku U Ohn Pe Literary Award to winners yearly and publishing Myanmar Encyclopedia under the supervision of the Ministry of Information in compliance with the directive of the government.

The News and Periodicals Enterprise of the Ministry of Information carries out the task of publishing dailies, one of the media, that plays an important role in each and every country in the world. Before 1988, production process of newspaper had weak points in technology, machines and printing and delivery system.

The News and Periodicals Enterprise is selling dailies at reasonable prices while the Information and Public Relations Department is making donations to the village libraries under the supervision of the Ministry of Information in accord with the plan to have access to newspapers in each and every village. In doing so, dailies are being delivered to the villages in eight townships in Rakhine State and villages in six townships, Nargis rehabilitation region, in Ayeyawady Division. Arrangements are being made by the News and Periodicals Enterprise to continue to deliver dailies at a special price with the aim of promoting the reading habit

and widening the horizons of local people.

In carrying out the task of delivering dailies to each and every village, the News and Periodicals Enterprise is organizing people not only to emerge volunteers who deliver dailies to the fur-flung areas and donors but also to buy dailies by the villages with a sense of cooperation.

In line with the advancement of the media dailies are being printed at sub-printing houses in Mandalay, Taunggyi, Magway, Kengtung, Kalay, Myitkyina, Sittway, Lashio and Myeik, not printing at one place. As sub-printing houses were set up in all parts of the nations, the entire people can read dailies in time.

Today's dailies play a prominent role in fulfilling the public demand for news as form and content of dailies are being changed.

We can read dailies printed with colours soon as the News and Periodicals Enterprise has bought modern colour printing presses, and they have been installed.

Besides, the Myanma Motion Picture Enterprise is striving for forging of nationalism and patriotic spirit among the people. Development in movie industry lagged behind in terms of modern technology as machines used in movie industry were old and expired ones manufactured 30 years ago. After 1988, movie industry has seen progress to a certain degree thanks to contribution of the government in purchasing new machines and changing and installation of parts with the aim of keeping abreast of the international movie industry. In accord with the guidance of the Head of State, the Ministry of Information is fulfilling the needs for promotion of Myanmar movie industry.

In 2007, machines such as stereo converter, color separation machine and film developing machine had been bought and modern HD Professional camera and accessories in 2008. In addition, Myanmar movie industry has been able to open a new era as Digital Cinema has been opened in Nay Pyi Taw. Plans are underway to cooperate with international movie industries. Thus, Myanmar will soon be able to produce films with better stories, play scripts and acting, sharper pictures and better sound quality.

As the ship was closing to Taungup, passengers on board were packing up. Along the trip, I was thinking about the media and visualizing the retransmission station on Thandi Thukha Hill by Taungup-Thandwe Road. As the advanced transmission machines have been installed, the retransmission station will be able to transmit the programmes covering the beautiful scenes of the country and news to Taungup. Hence, the region will bear the testimony to the development of Myanmar media sector.

Translation: WH+AMS+YM



Sub-printing houses servicing timely supply of dailies.



*The State Flag Hoisting Ceremony of 62nd Anniversary Independence Day in progress.
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State Flag Hoisting and Saluting Ceremony held in Nay Pyi Taw



Nay Pyi Taw City Hall illuminated by coloured lights on the 62nd Anniversary Independence Day.—MNA

Dignitaries at the State Flag Hoisting Ceremony of 62nd Anniversary Independence Day. (News on page 16)—MNA



Images of ceremonies held to mark the 62nd Anniversary Independence Day

*Thabyegon, Kyaban and Yazathingaha roundabouts illuminated by coloured lights on the 62nd Anniversary Independence Day.
MNA*





Study focused on cellphone health risks

RALEIGH, 4 Jan — A US scientist says researchers are taking another run at determining whether cellphone use can actually cause cancer.

John Bucher, associate director of the national toxicology programme at North Carolina's Research Triangle Park, says while cellphone safety has been the focus of dozens of studies worldwide, the ongoing five-year, \$25 million study involves a

comprehensive focus that could yield new answers, The (Raleigh, N.C.) News & Observer reported on Saturday.

"We have the world's experts working on this project," Bucher said. "If the question can be answered using animal experiments, this study is as good a shot as we have to answer that question."

For the study, researchers will expose nearly 1,000 rats to elec-

tromagnetic radiation. Radiation levels in the study will be similar in intensity to levels given off by cellphones.

"I anticipate either no correlation or, if anything is seen at all, it won't be a strong signal," Bucher said of his expectations of the study's outcome. "There's no biological basis explaining why someone would expect to see adverse effects from cellphone radiation."—*Internet*

US tightens security on flights from foreign countries

WASHINGTON, 4 Jan — The US government on Sunday released new security procedures for travelers of the US-bound flights from foreign countries, especially seven countries that are deemed "terrorism sponsors," according to local media reports. According to a report by the Politico web, all travelers from Nigeria, Yemen, Pakistan, Cuba, Iran, Sudan and Syria flying into the United States will be patted down and

have carry-on luggage searched under new security procedures starting on 4 Jan, authorized by the Transportation Security Administration (TSA).

Although tightened random screening efforts are required for all passengers from foreign countries, special attention is given to 14 "terrorism-prone" countries on the State Department's lists of "State Sponsors of Terrorism" and other "countries of interest,"

where all US-bound passengers will be patted down and have their carry-ons searched as additional security check, said the report, adding that the complete list was not released yet.

Xinhua

Thirty paintings stolen in S France

PARIS, 4 Jan — Some 30 paintings worth around one million euros (1.4 US million dollars) as a whole were reported stolen from a private building in the southern French city of Cadere d'Azur, local media reported on Saturday.

Local authority told French media that the disappearance of the paintings, including works by Picasso and Rousseau, was reported by a housekeeper Thursday afternoon, while the theft took place possibly between Wednesday and Thursday when the house owner was on vacation in Sweden.

Xinhua

Pakistan to increase military operations to wipe out fiercer militants

ISLAMABAD, 4 Jan — Pakistan will continue military operation against militants as the violent attacks like Friday's blast in the country's northwest spread hate among common people, analysts said.

A powerful blast hit a village in Lakki Marwat, southern district in North West Frontier Province (NWFP) that borders the restive Tribal areas of the country, killing more than 90 people and injuring 60 others at the New Year's Day. This time the target was a volleyball ground where some local players, in the presence of 300 spectators around them, were busy in match.

Commenting on the blast, Mehmood Shah, former Secretary of Federal Administered Tribal Areas (FATA) and a well-known defence analyst, told *Xinhua* that the militants have been divided into groups and lack of leadership, inducing them to commit violence without thinking it over. — *Xinhua*

Roadside bomb kills two Afghan border policemen

GHAZNI, 4 Jan — Two Afghan border policemen were killed as the vehicle they were riding on run over a roadside bomb in southern Zabul Province of Afghanistan, deputy provincial police chief Ghulam Jilani Khan said on Monday.

"The blast occurred Sunday evening in Shamulzayi district, when a police unit was on routine patrol," Jilani Khan told *Xinhua*. "As a result two policemen were killed and their car was damaged."

He put the attack on Taleban militants, saying the militants want to disrupt peace and stability in the province by carrying out such attacks. Taleban militants fighting Afghan and NATO troops have yet to make comments. — *Xinhua*



Passengers wait to be rescreened in front of the security checkpoint at Terminal C at Newark International Airport in Newark, New Jersey on 3 Jan, 2010. The terminal was locked down on Sunday because of a security breach.

XINHUA

Traffic accident kills five, injures 14 in Turkey

ANKARA, 4 Jan — Five people were killed and 14 others injured in a traffic accident in southeastern Turkey on Saturday, the semi-official *Anatolia* news agency reported.

A truck collided with a minibus in Dogansehir town of Malatya Province, according to the report.

Earlier report said that three people were killed and 25 others injured in the traffic accident in Malatya.—*Xinhua*

Lava tube could house moon colony

TOKYO, 4 Jan — A deep lava tube discovered on the moon could shield human colonists from harsh temperatures and meteorites, Japanese scientists said.

The tube, in the Marius Hills on the moon's near side, is believed to be 213-feet wide and more than 260-feet deep, said Junichi Haruyama, a researcher with the Japanese space agency JAXA. The tube was discovered through images taken by the Japanese moon orbiter

SELENE.

"Lunar lava tubes are a potentially important location for a future lunar base, whether for local exploration and development, or as an outpost to serve exploration beyond the Moon," Haruyama and his team wrote in a recent issue of the *American Geophysical Union*.

Internet

Vietnam orders gold-trading floors shut by end-March

HANOI, 4 Jan — Vietnam, where many people see gold as a safe haven against economic uncertainty, has ordered public gold-trading floors shut by 31 March because they rest on a "fragile foundation".

The order affects about 20 gold-trading houses operated by banks and other firms, which have been running for more than two years, the state-run *Vietnam News* reported. Retailing of gold jewellery will still be allowed, it said.

The gold-trading floors have offered heavily-leveraged trading in which investors pay a security deposit of only seven percent of the net asset value of their trades while banks back the rest, the report said.—*Internet*

Motorola's new Droid smart phone sold through Verizon. Google is expected to ring in the new year by unveiling its own smartphone on Tuesday, the Nexus One, in a bid to expand its powerful Web brand in the booming mobile arena.—INTERNET



SPORTS

Arsenal down West Ham at FA Cup

LONDON, 4 Jan—Arsenal came from behind to beat West Ham 2-1 in a thrilling London derby at Upton Park for the third round of FA Cup here on Sunday. With just 12 minutes to go, the Gunners were behind to their Premier League rivals after Alessandro Diamanti had put the struggling Hammers ahead on the stroke of half-time.

But in the 78th minute Aaron Ramsey equalized with a fierce shot from close range after the 19-year-old Wales midfielder had been neatly played in by Carlos Vela. Five minutes later Arsenal had the lead when Eduardo rose high to power in a header for the ten-time FA Cup winners.—Xinhua

Holders Chelsea thrive, Man Utd wither at FA Cup

LONDON, 4 Jan—Holders Chelsea crushed Championship (second division) club Watford 5-0, while Manchester United lost to League One (third division) Leeds United 1-0 in humiliation on Sunday at the FA Cup third round fixture.

Chelsea started strong at Stamford Bridge routing Watford to 3-0 lead in 22 minutes. Daniel Sturridge, John Eustace (own goal) and Florent Malouda settled the outcome with early goals before

Sturridge and Frank Lampard scored in the second half to ensure Chelsea to reach the fourth round.

Manchester United suffered their most embarrassing FA Cup defeat for 26 years when Leeds United pulled off a stunning 1-0 victory at Old Trafford. It was the first time Alex Ferguson had suffered defeat in the third round, the stage at which the top clubs enter the FA Cup, since he became United manager in 1986.

United's first lost to lower league opposition since 1984 also gave Leeds a memorable victory at a ground where they regularly used to duel with United for national supremacy before their slide down the leagues.—Xinhua



Chelsea's Joe Cole (R) challenges Watford's John Eustace, earning Cole a yellow card, during their FA Cup soccer match at Stamford Bridge in London, on 3 Jan, 2010. —XINHUA

Barca coach Guardiola warns his players there is still work to do

MADRID, 4 Jan—Barcelona coach Pep Guardiola had a message for his players after watching them draw 1-1 at home to Villarreal on Saturday night. Pedro Rodriguez put Barcelona ahead after just seven minutes, but David Fuster levelled the scores early in the second half to give Villarreal a well-deserved draw.

It was the first time Barcelona has dropped points in the Camp Nou Stadium this season and Guardiola considered it to be a wake-up call for his charges, who had kicked off the match after celebrating the six titles they won in 2009.

Xinhua

Real Madrid wastes chance to go top in Spanish soccer league

MADRID, 4 Jan—Real Madrid could only draw 0-0 away to Osasuna this Sunday night to help FC Barcelona maintain its two point lead at the top of the Spanish Primera Liga. Barcelona's 1-1 draw at home to Villarreal on Saturday night meant that a win for Manuel Pellegrini's side in Pamplona would

have lifted them to the top of the table.

However, Osasuna's El Sadar Stadium has long been a difficult ground for Real Madrid to visit and Sunday proved to be no exception. The home side, cheered on by 20,000 fanatical fans, made life very hard for the visitors and the first half was typified by a flurry of hard tackles as neither side was willing to give an inch.—Xinhua

Real Madrid's Esteban Granero (L) fights for the ball against Osasuna's Patxi Punal during their Spanish first division soccer league match at Reyno de Navarra stadium in Pamplona, on 3 Jan, 2010.

XINHUA



Atletico Madrid seals loan deal for Juventus defender Molinaro

MADRID, 4 Jan—Atletico Madrid reached an agreement this Sunday with Italian side Juventus to take left back Cristian Molinaro on loan until the end of the current season.

The Spanish Primera Liga club has been looking to add to its leaky defense and Molinaro's arrival will provide competition for current left backs Antonio Lopez and Mariano Pernia, who has only just returned to the first team after suffering a car crash this sum-

mer. Molinaro has struggled to hold down a regular place in the Juventus starting 11 this season, making just four first team appearances in Italian Serie A since the start of the campaign.

"It is a loan deal that gives us an option to make the move permanent in June, depending on his performances, we will decide whether to keep him or not," Atletico President Enrique Cerezo told the online version of sports paper Diario Marca. Ironically the signing comes less than 24 hours after Antonio Lopez gave his team a 2-1 win against Sevilla by scoring a 93rd minute header on Saturday night.—Xinhua

Holyfield and Botha to fight in Uganda

KAMPALA, 4 Jan—Former heavyweight champion Evander Holyfield will challenge Francois Botha for the lightly regarded WBF title in Uganda on 16 Jan.

Organizers of the fight in Kampala's Nambole Stadium said on Thursday that both fighters had signed contracts. A turnout of about 80,000 fans was predicted. "I am very much looking forward to going to Uganda and I expect a tough fight against Francois Botha," Holyfield said. "I am going to win and I will cherish the WBF world title."

Internet

Ivanovic survives tennis scare against Dokic



Ana Ivanovic of Serbia hits a return on the way to victory over Jelena Dokic of Australia in their first round women's singles match at the Brisbane International tennis tournament.—INTERNET

BRISBANE, 4 Jan—Third seed Ana Ivanovic survived a big scare against Australia's Jelena Dokic to move into the second round of the Brisbane International on Monday. Ivanovic claimed a tight first set, suffered a huge lapse of concentration in the sec-

ond, then regained her composure in the third to win 7-5, 1-6, 6-3 in front of a large crowd seemingly unsure as to who to support.

Former world number one Ivanovic is using the Brisbane tournament as a stepping stone in her bid to regain her place in the sport's elite following a poor 2009 marred by injury and a loss of form. She said she started nervously but was happy with her form thereafter. "I had a really good preparation and that gave me a lot of confidence," she said. "I thought I was serving a lot better and moving better since the last match I played, which has been a while.—Internet

Beckham regrets leaving Manchester United

LOS ANGELES, 4 Jan—Los Angeles Galaxy Midfielder David Beckham said in remarks published on Sunday that he regrets ever leaving Manchester United, the English club that catapulted him into the international spotlight. "I would like to have stayed at Manchester United" if his relationship with the team's head coach, Sir Alex Ferguson, had not soured prior to his switch to Spain's Real Madrid in June 2003, Beckham told the British



Los Angeles Galaxy soccer player David Beckham

Broadcasting Corp (BBC). Beckham moved to the Los Angeles Galaxy in 2007, and the local team has for two years lent him to AC Milan for most of the year, to allow Beckham a chance to win a place in England's World Cup squad this year. "I went to Real Madrid and in the last year we were successful so I enjoyed that time," Beckham said. "But I would like to have stayed at Manchester United."—Xinhua

Angry Ferguson to wield axe after FA Cup loss

MANCHESTER, 4 Jan—Furious Manchester United manager Sir Alex Ferguson threatened to wield the axe after his star-



Leeds United's English midfielder Jonny Howson (2nd R, front) confronts Manchester United's English defender Wes Brown (R) during their English FA Cup football match at Old Trafford in Manchester. Leeds won 1-0.—INTERNET

studded side slumped to a shock FA Cup defeat against fallen giants Leeds. United were beaten 1-0 by third-tier Leeds in the third round at Old Trafford on Sunday and Ferguson has pledged to shake things up when his team face Manchester City at Eastlands on Wednesday in the League Cup semi-finals.

"We have a semi-final on Wednesday and a lot of these players today won't be playing. You have to view that performance in the right light. But we have to get ready for Wednesday now," said the United manager. "I had the team in mind but there may be one or two changes now." Ferguson's mood was not helped by the mystery surrounding his defender Nemanja Vidic who pulled out of the Leeds game after claiming he felt an injury during the warm-up.—Internet

Man arrested after stealing ambulance

KANSAS, 4 Jan—According to the Associated Press, Kansas police have arrested a 21-year old man in the college town of Lawrence after he stole an ambulance while he was driving under the influence.

Police Sgt. Susan Hadl told the AP that the ambulance crew parked the vehicle early Sunday morning while responding to a medical call at a nearby bar. Hadl then said that, after the man led police on a brief, low-speed chase and was subsequently arrested, he explained that he was intoxicated and believed this was the only method of him getting home.

The man was charged with theft of the ambulance as well as driving under the influence.

The wannabe ambulance driver should've teamed up Justin Parker. Parker was charged with two counts of stealing a motor vehicle and two counts of driving while intoxicated when he managed to steal an ambulance from a Kansas City hospital back in July.

Parker was at the hospital for blood work when he decided to hop in the ambulance and lead cops on an hour chase while he swerved all over the road. The chase ended when Parker crashed the ambulance and tried to get away. He was bitten by a police dog.

Thomas Glisson, also of Kansas City (what's the deal with KC and stolen ambulances?) was accused earlier this year of also stealing an ambulance outside a hospital.

Internet



Workers try to contain diesel oil leaking from a pipeline into a river in China's Shaanxi province on 3 Jan, 2010.—INTERNET

MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (5-1-2010) (Tuesday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	- (09:00am~10:00am)MST
Europe	- (19:30pm~21:30pm)MST
North America	- (23:30pm~07:30am)MST

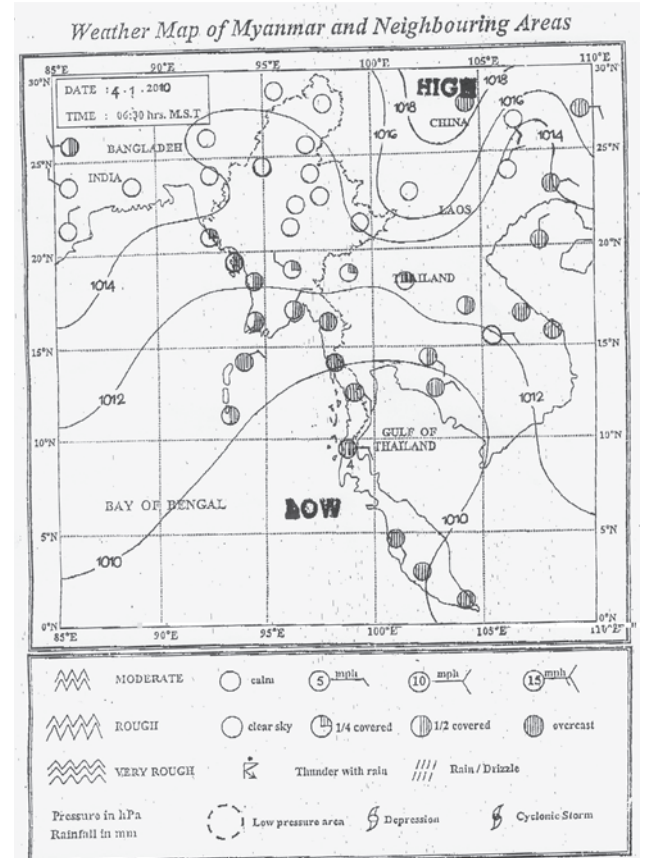
Local Transmission

- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
- * Tea Industry
- * Meditation Centre
- * The Grand Bagaya Monastery (INWA)
- * A Gift to mark a visit to Myitkyina (Kachin-Snack)
- * Myanmar Modern Song
- * Significant Inlay Novitiation Ceremony
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights

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- * Myanmar Modern Song
- * Significant Inlay Novitiation Ceremony
- * Songs on Screen
- * A Brief Account of Bagan
- * Enjoy Beautiful Ngwe Hsaung
- * Preservation of Myanmar Star Tortoise
- * Myanmar Modern Song
- * Beauty Of The Women Of Myanmar
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights

Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm



WEATHER

Monday, 4th January, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, light rain has been isolated in Taninthayi Division, weather has been partly cloudy in Rakhine and Mon State, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions and generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below January average temperatures in Kachin State, lower Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway, Bago and Yangon Divisions, (5°C) to (6°C) below January average temperatures in Northern Shan and Chin States, upper Sagaing Division, (4°C) above January average temperatures in Mon State and Taninthayi Division and about January average temperatures in the remaining areas. The significant night temperatures were Loilem (-4°C), Namsam, Heho and Haka (-2°C) each, Lashio and An (1°C) each, Pinlaung (1°C), Mogok (2°C) and Pinlaung (3°C). The noteworthy rainfall recorded was Kawthoung (0.16) inch.

Maximum temperature on 3-1-2010 was 91°F. Minimum temperature on 4-1-2010 was 56°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 4-1-2010 was 73%. Total sun shine hours on 3-1-2010 was (9.4) hours approx.

Rainfall on 4-1-2010 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from Northeast at (06:30) hours MST on 4-1-2010.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 5th January 2010: Rain are likely to be isolated in Taninthayi Division and weather will be partly cloudy in Mon, Kayin and Rakhine States, Bago, Ayeyawady and Yangon Divisions and generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

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

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 5-1-2010: Fair weather.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 5-1-2010: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 5-1-2010: Fair weather.

Myanmar

TV

Tuesday, 5
January
View on today

7:00 am

1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ပရိတ်တရားတော်ယောဆရာတော်ဟောကြားတော်မူသော ဥပ္ပါတသန္တိပါဠိတော်

7:25 am

2. To Be Healthy Exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning News

7:40 am

4. အောင်တော်မူ (စောမင်းနောင်၊စိုင်းညိုမင်း၊ တေးရေး-ဗိုလ်ကလေး တင့်အောင်)

7:50 am

5. Nice & Sweet Song

8:05 am

6. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:15 am

7. Songs Of Yester Years

8:25 am

8. Dance Of National Races

8:40 am

9. International News

8:45 am

10. Local Talent

8:50 am

11. ရှမ်းတောင်တန်းဆီက တံတားကြီးများ

4:00 pm

1. Martial Song

4:05 pm

2. Musical Programme

4:15 pm

3. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:35 pm

4. “သတိတစ်ချက် တစ်သက်အမှား”

4:50 pm

5. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေးရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ ဒုတိယနှစ် (အင်္ဂလိပ်စာအထူးပြု) (အင်္ဂလိပ်စာ)

5:05 pm

6. Songs For Uphold National Spirit

5:15 pm

7. The Mirror Images Of The Musical Oldies

5:35 pm

8. ရင်မှာစွဲထင်တေးအလွယ်စဉ်

6:00 pm

9. Evening News

6:05 pm

10. Weather Report

6:20 pm

11. ကြယ်ပွင့်များရဲ့ရင်ခုန်သံ

6:35 pm

12. ဆိုလိုက်ကြစို့

7:00 pm

13. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “အဆိပ်သင့်တဲ့အချစ်” (အပိုင်း-၂၃)

8:00 pm

14. News

15. International News

16. Weather Report

17. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ဆူးလွမ်းသောချစ်နှင်းဆီ” (အပိုင်း-၁၄)



- ★ Only with stability and peace will the nation develop
- ★ Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

- ★ Anarchy begets anarchy, not democracy
- ★ Riots beget riots, not democracy
- ★ Democracy can be introduced only through constitution

People's Desire

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

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

State Flag Hoisting and Saluting Ceremony held in Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Jan—The State Flag Hoisting and Saluting Ceremony to mark the 62nd Anniversary Independence Day (2010) was held in front of Nay Pyi Taw City Hall this morning, with an attendance of over 3000 local people.

Present on the occasion were senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of the Subcommittee for Holding the State Flag Hoisting and Saluting Ceremony Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, the Secretary-General, the Joint-Secretary General, Secretariat members and CEC members of the Union Solidarity and Development Association, ministers, deputy ministers, senior military officers, heads of department, officials, members of the subcommittee and work committees, members of Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee, rectors, principals, local authorities, USDA members, representatives of social organizations, and representatives of national races in Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana Township.

The State Flag was hoisted at 4:20 am. The State Flag Saluting Ceremony took place at 7 am. The Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) Guard of Honour

took position at the designated place.

Chairman of the Central Committee for Organizing the 62nd Anniversary Independence Day Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo took position on the podium, and took the salute of the Guard of Honour. Together with the people, the Secretary-1 saluted the State Flag, while the band of the Guard of Honour played the national anthem.

The Guard of Honour paid tributes to the fallen heroes and took the four oaths.

The Secretary-1 read out the Independence Day commemorative message sent on the occasion of the 62nd Anniversary Independence Day by SPDC Chairman Senior General Than Shwe.

Next, the Secretary-1 took the salute of the Guard of Honour. Last night and tonight, the offices of the ministries in Nay Pyi Taw, Nay Pyi Taw City Hall, Thabyegon Roundabout, Kyaban Roundabout, Yazathingaha Roundabout, Nay Pyi Taw Myoma Market, Thabyegon Market, residences and staff quarters were illuminated.—MNA



Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo reads out the Independence Day message sent by SPDC Chairman Senior General Than Shwe on the occasion of 62nd Anniversary Independence Day.

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