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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

Prime Minister General Thein Sein receives CLMV Ministers and senior officials

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Jan— Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein received the Ministers of Culture and Fine Arts and senior officials of Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam who will attend the

culture related roundtable meeting of Ministers of Culture and Fine Arts of Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar and Vietnam (CLMV) to be hosted by Myanmar, at the Government Office, here, at 9 am today.

Also present at the call were Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint, departmental heads and officials and Minister of Culture and Fine Arts of
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Prime Minister General Thein Sein receives Ministers of Culture and Fine Arts and senior officials of Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam.—MNA

Cold season crops thriving in Pakhangyi region of Yesagyo Township

Article & Photos: Pe Tun Zaw (Yesagyo)

As Myanmar is blessed with fertile soil and favourable climate, the farmers are striving for cultivation of various kinds of crops in their respective regions. Extensively applying advanced agricultural methods and using the quality strains of crops, they can contribute to local food sufficiency and export the

surplus of agricultural produce.

We had an opportunity to visit Hsinchaung Model Village located behind Pakhangyi Village of Yesagyo

Township. The model village is making progress in growing various kinds of crops. On arrival at
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Thriving sunflower plantation seen on field No. 192 of Pakhangyi Village-tract of Yesagyo Township.

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The Tatmadaw is merely a guide to the goal of democracy, taking the leadership role in the national politics. It is also a force that is building the nation into a modern, developed de-mocratic nation with flourishing discipline.

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PERSPECTIVES

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Build a new democratic nation through peace and stability

Peace and stability is indispensable for political, economic and social development of a nation or a region. The government is making all-out efforts for improvement of the socio-economic status of the people.

The government is placing emphasis on bringing about peace and stability while striving for economic development and success of national education promotion programmes. With national reconsolidation already in place, mutual trust and understanding among national races have been strengthened.

As part of bringing about harmonious development the length and breadth of the nation, the government has laid down and is implementing the 24 special regions development projects, project for development of border areas and national races and the five rural development schemes. As a result, significant progress has been made in political, economic, education, health and social sectors.

Since the agricultural production has been on the increase year by year, the country has now been able to stand as a top nation of gram production. Meanwhile, with the emergence of industrial regions and industrial zones throughout the nation, it has been able to produce different kinds of import-substitute items, and in consequence, the entire people are now enjoying the fruits of development.

At present, efforts are being made for the emergence of a new democratic nation aspired by the entire people. With this end in view, the seven-step Road Map is being implemented step by step. The new State constitution, the fourth step of the Road Map, has already been adopted by the people. And a new democratic nation will soon emerge in the very near future.

The nation-building task is huge and profound. But, the national brethren have been able to build a fair and just society with Union Spirit. And we firmly believe that the entire national people will be able to march towards a new democratic nation, making better use of the already-achieved peace and stability in unity.

Minister Brig-Gen Lun Thi making a speech at the contract signing ceremony.

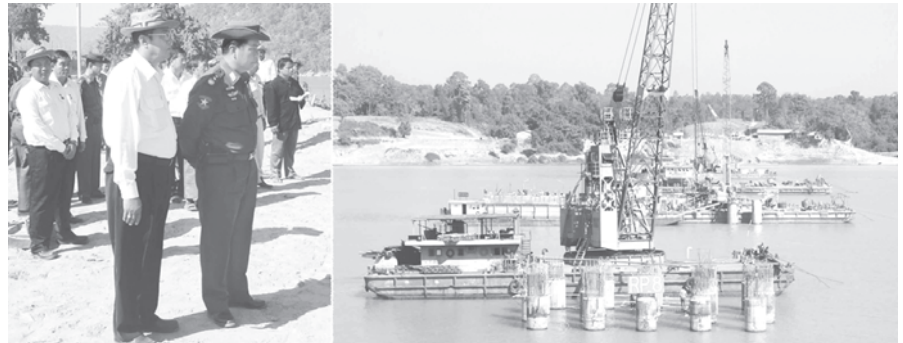
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People's Desire

- * 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

Lt-Gen Tha Aye looks into progress of Ayeyawady Bridge (Sinkhan), NgaO-Mabein Road



Lt-Gen Tha Aye of the Ministry of Defence inspects construction site of Ayeyawady Bridge (Sinkhan) Project.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Jan—Accompanied by Chairman of Kachin State Peace and Development Council Commander of Northern Command Maj-Gen Soe Win and officials, Lt-Gen Tha Aye of the Ministry of Defence on 20 January inspected Bhamo-Mansi railroad section of Katha-Bhamo railroad construction project and placing of rail tracks near Yekhu-Mankhan Village.

At the construction site of rail-cum-road Ayeyawady Bridge (Sinkhan) Project near Sinkhan Village of Bhamo Township, upstream of the second defile of Ayeyawady River, Lt-Gen Tha Aye heard reports on progress of construction task presented by the project engineer.

Lt-Gen Tha Aye viewed construction of the piers and approach structure.

On arrival at the construction site of Paungnet Dam Project near Sithaung Village of Shwegu Township, Lt-Gen Tha Aye looked into project tasks. Next, he viewed progress of Mandalay-Tagaung-Bhamo-Myitkyina Road.

He also viewed thriving teak plantations of private entrepreneurs along NgaO-Mabein Road.

At the hall of Mabein Station, he met with departmental officials and gave instructions on progress of economic, social and education sectors and regional development matters.

After inspecting conditions of NgaO-Mabein Road, Lt-Gen Tha Aye met with departmental officials, townsenders and members of social organizations at the hall of Mabein Township General Administration Department and attended to the needs.—MNA

Contracts between MOGE and Malaysian, Singaporean companies signed

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Jan—The production sharing contracts on exploitation and production of petroleum and natural gas at MD-4, MD-5 and MD-6 oil fields offshore Mottama between Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise of the Ministry of Energy and Petronas Carigali Overseas Sdn.Bhd of Malaysia and UNOG Pte Ltd of Singapore were signed at the ministry here on 21 January.

Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi made an

opening speech. President/CEO Tan Sri Mohd Hassan Marican of Petronas Sdn.Bhd and Managing Director U Myint Htay of MOGE extended greetings.

Next, MD U Myint Htay and MD Datuk Abdullah Bin Karim of Petronas Carigali Overseas Sdn.Bhd signed the contract and exchanged the notes.

Minister Brig-Gen Lun Thi then gave permit of the Energy Ministry and Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein, permit of Myanmar Investment Commission to MD Datuk Abdullah Bin Karim.—MNA

Clerical Supervision Course No.75 and Basic Clerical Course No. 131 conclude

YANGON, 23 Jan—The concluding ceremonies of Clerical Supervision Course No. 75 and Basic Clerical Course No.131 took place at Central Institute of Civil Service (Phaunggyi) yesterday morning.

Rector U Win Maung spoke on the occasion and presented completion certificates to trainees.—MNA

Afghan protesters accuse international troops of killing civilians

KABUL, 23 Jan — Hundreds of Afghans staged a protest demonstration in Qarabagh District of southern Ghazni Province on Friday over what they described unjustified killing of innocent civilians and called on the government to protect citizens' life.

"The protesters blocked Kabul-Kandahar highway in Qarabagh District today calling on the government to punish those responsible for killing of civilians," provincial police chief Khayalbaz Shirzai told

Xinhua.

Meantime, Shirzai rejected the allegation as baseless, adding four militants were killed during operation by troops in Qarabagh District on Wednesday night.

On the other hand, a protester Hajji Deen Mohammad told Xinhua that more than 150 people gathered in Qarabagh bazaar on Friday and demanding the punishment of those responsible for killing civilians. He also added that similar demonstration was held in Liwanai bazaar on Fri-

day.

This is the second protest demonstration over the alleged killing of civilians in Qarabagh District over the past two days.

Scores of people on Thursday also staged a similar demonstration in Qarabagh District.

Afghan and the NATO-led troops during a joint operation against Taleban hideout in Qarabagh District on Wednesday night eliminated four Taleban militants and detained three others, according to Shirzai.—Xinhua



Firefighters walk to Cobo Centre in Detroit, on 21 Jan, 2010, where a small electrical fire forced the evacuation of thousands of people from exhibit halls where they were checking out the North American International Auto Show. The fire was in the rafters above the Audi display and filled the main hall with smoke. No vehicles were damaged and smoke was being aired out from the building auto show spokesman Sam Locricchio said.—INTERNET

Russia expects explanation on US missile plan in Poland

MOSCOW, 23 Jan — Russia needs an additional explanation of the planned US Patriot missile battery in Poland near the Russian border, Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said on Friday. "The question is why something has to be done that creates the impression that Poland is strengthening against Russia. That is something I don't understand," Lavrov said at a Press conference. "We are expecting clarification on that and then we will review the situation," he said.

Poland announced on Wednesday that a US Patriot missile battery would be deployed in Morag, a small town in northeastern Poland about 100 km from the Russian border.

Xinhua



Afghan children scatter after gunfire erupts nearby, while US Army and Afghan National Army soldiers were searching a marketplace on a patrol in Kandilak, a village in the Pech Valley, Kunar Province, northeastern Afghanistan on 21 Jan, 2010.—INTERNET

Bomb targeting Afghan official kills four soldiers

KABUL, 23 Jan — A spokesman says a provincial governor has escaped an assassination attempt but four Afghan soldiers in the same convoy were killed.

A roadside bomb exploded on Friday as Halim Fidai, the governor of the central province of Wardak, was on his way to inspect a school after meeting with elders in the Jagatu District.

Spokesman Shahidullah Shahid said on Saturday that the governor was unharmed but four Afghan soldiers in a different vehicle were killed and another wounded. He said two people, including a local Taleban commander, were arrested as they tried to flee the scene of the attack.—Internet

Germany may increase troops in Afghanistan

BERLIN, 23 Jan — Germany may increase its troop commitment to Afghanistan to train local police and protect civilian reconstruction, German Defence Minister Karl-Theodor zu Guttenberg said on Friday.

Since the US announced in December it would send an extra 30,000 soldiers to Afghanistan, Germany has been under considerable pressure from its NATO allies to increase its commitment from the current 4,500 troops. Guttenberg told local TV station ARD the decision to hold to this limit or increase it must be made on a reasonable basis and no choice had been ruled out at present.—Xinhua

Finland sends more peacekeeping troops to Afghanistan

HELSINKI, 23 Jan — Finnish President Tarja Halonen and the Finnish government's committee on foreign and security policy decided to send more peacekeeping troops to Afghanistan, according to a statement released by Finnish government on Friday.

Finland will first deploy a further 50 peacekeeping soldiers to Afghanistan and the total strength will be brought up to 195 by the beginning of next year.

Finland now has 121 peacekeeping soldiers in Northern Afghanistan as a part of NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) operation.—Xinhua

Afghanistan bans fertilizer chemical used in bombs

KABUL, 23 Jan — The Afghan government banned a fertilizer chemical on Friday that was used in the devastating Oklahoma City bombing and in most of the homemade explosives that have killed and maimed hundreds of American soldiers here.

NATO troops have seized tons of ammonium nitrate fertilizer in raids over the last five months in southern Afghanistan, and the government has been discouraging farmers from using it for years for environmental reasons. Still, the government believes the new ban will make it more difficult for the Taleban to replenish supplies of ammonium nitrate, which the US think tank GlobalSecurity.com says has been used in more than 90 percent of the homemade bombs, the biggest killer of NATO troops in Afghanistan.—Internet



Children play at a refugee camp in Port au Prince, Haiti, on 21 Jan, 2010. The Haitian government on Thursday began to move large amount of homeless people left by the devastating earthquake to temporary accommodations out of the capital.

XINHUA



A worker lifts a pot made of clay inside a warehouse in Vigan city, Ilocos Sur Province, north of Manila on 23 Jan, 2010. Pottery making is one of the traditional industries in Vigan city and a pottery piece costs about 2,500 pesos (\$54).—INTERNET

Ethiopian Airlines orders 10 Boeing 737s

WASHINGTON, 23 Jan—US air manufacturer Boeing announced that Ethiopian Airlines has ordered 10 next-generation 737-800s, in a deal valued at 767 million dollars.

Ethiopian Airlines, based in Addis Ababa, is aiming to expand its fleet and broaden its network, which has been operating Boeing planes since the airline's founding in 1945, according to Boeing.

"Ethiopian Airlines has been among the most profitable airlines in the region and one of our most valued partners," Marlin Dailey, vice president of Sales, Boeing Commercial Airplanes, said in a statement.

Ethiopian Airlines chief executive Ato Girma Wake said the Boeing 737 series "has proven to be a

reliable and profitable component of our fleet."

Ethiopian operates five 737-700s and two 737-800s. It also operates nine 757s and 10 767s, and was the first African carrier to sign up with Boeing for its 787 Dreamliner, ordering 10 of them in 2005.

Earlier this month Boeing said it delivered

481 commercial aircraft in 2009, in line with its forecast, despite difficult economic conditions.

Internet

A recruit of the paramilitary police performs a headstand during a break in a training session at a military base in Suining, Sichuan Province on 19 Jan, 2010.—INTERNET

Air America to close, files for bankruptcy

NEW YORK, 23 Jan—Air America, a politically liberal talk-radio network, said on Thursday it would cease operations and file for Chapter 7 bankruptcy protection to begin an orderly wind down of its business.

The radio network was launched in 2004 by comedian Al Franken, now a US Senator and has helped launch other careers such as that of lib-

eral television personality Rachel Maddow.

The network, which had about 100 radio outlets nationwide, has suffered a decline in advertising amid the US recession and a search for new investors failed, Air America Media chairman Charlie Kireker said in a memo to staff on Thursday. Air America, which has struggled under a succession of management

changes since its inception, had previously been forced into bankruptcy in 2006 when efforts to resolve an outstanding debt with a creditor from the network's earliest days broke down.

Franken stopped broadcasting for the network in 2007 after he announced he was seeking nomination for the Senate seat from his home state of Minnesota.—Internet



Samsung-Ontario massive green energy deal

TORONTO, 23 Jan—Ontario signed a \$7 billion deal on Thursday with a consortium led by South Korean industrial giant Samsung Group and Korea Electric Power Corp to build 2,500 megawatts of wind and solar power.

The first stage of the project, scheduled for completion by the first

quarter of 2013, includes a 500 megawatt cluster—400 megawatts in wind and 100 megawatts in solar—to be built in Southern Ontario. The resulting capacity will help to replace power currently provided by a coal plant due to be decommissioned by 2014.

The plan also calls for Samsung to establish a base of operations to manufacture wind and solar equipment to export clean electricity to

the growing green-energy market in North America.

Under the terms of the agreement, Samsung must build four manufacturing plants in Ontario, promising 16,000 direct and indirect jobs over the next five years.

"Ontario is taking a giant step forward in the green economy," Premier Dalton McGuinty told reporters on Thursday in announcing the deal.

Internet

Hong Kong attracts record 265 firms to invest in 2009

HONG KONG, 23 Jan—The Department of Invest Hong Kong said on Friday it helped 265 firms establish or expand their business presence in Hong Kong last year, which is its record in attracting foreign direct investment to the city.

Director-General of Investment Promotion Simon Galpin said the figure showed investors' confidence in the city despite the challenging global economic environment.

"Hong Kong's strategic location and international exposure make it an ideal two-way service platform for Chinese mainland companies to go global and for foreign companies to access opportunities in the Chinese mainland," Galpin said.

Xinhua

Greek bonds hit record-worst level

ATHENS, 23 Jan—The yield on Greek sovereign bonds on Friday hit its worst level since Greece joined the eurozone, underscoring the country's low credibility on international financial markets.

The yields on Greek bonds, which move opposite to prices, peaked at 6.320 percent before falling back to 6.261 percent by 1700 GMT after the government said it would sell up to five billion euros of bonds through a group of banks. It was the highest peak since 2000 before Greece adopted the euro in 2001.

The interest-rate spread between Greek and German 10-year bonds also widened to 3.12 percentage points, returning to levels unseen since early 1999.

This spread means that Greece has to spend more than three times as much as Germany to attract lenders to finance its overspending.

"The market remains of the view that the Greek government faces something of a credibility gap as regards their ability to close the enormous fiscal imbalance," analysts at Dutch lender Rabobank said in a note.—Internet



Customers are seen looking at a Toyota Corolla Axio at a Toyota showroom in Tokyo. Toyota Motor may recall its vehicles in Europe due to an accelerator problem that triggered massive recalls in the United States, according to a newspaper report.—INTERNET

Toyota's recall may spread to Europe

TOKYO, 23 Jan—Japan's Toyota Motor may recall its vehicles in Europe due to an accelerator problem that triggered massive recalls in the United States, a newspaper reported on Saturday.

The world's largest automaker is considering recalling Corolla, RAV4 and other models produced and sold in Europe, the Mainichi Shimbun reported, adding that it was not clear how many vehicles were involved.

The models are equipped with similar accelerator pedal parts to those of 2.3 million vehicles recalled in the United States, the latest in a series of recalls by Toyota, the daily said.

The Japanese company's US division said on Thursday that the recall was to correct accelerator pedals on the vehicles that become worn and then in some cases get lodged in a partially depressed position.—Internet



People from different Indian states perform during the Press preview of the Indian Republic Day Parade in New Delhi, India, on 22 Jan, 2010. The Indian Republic Day Parade will be held on 26th of this month in New Delhi. —XINHUA

All Items from Xinhua News Agency

Official death toll in Haiti quake rises to 110,000

PORT-AU-PRINCE, 23 Jan—The Haitian government said on Friday that the number of people killed in last week's devastating earthquake has

surpassed 110,000.

The latest figure was announced by the Interior Ministry, which had previously said at least 75,000 people lost their lives in the country's worst earthquake in two centuries.

Nearly 200,000 people were injured and more than 600,000 left homeless after the 7.3-magnitude quake hit the small Caribbean nation on 12 Jan, the ministry said.

Haitian officials estimated that the final death toll could reach 200,000. —Xinhua



Haitians carry food and water distributed by Brazilian UN peacekeepers in front of Haiti's National Palace in downtown Port au Prince on 22 Jan, 2010. —XINHUA

Indonesia's largest telecommunication company to develop satellite product

JAKARTA, 23 Jan—PT Telekomunikasi Indonesia, the country's largest telecommunication company, embraced the National Flight and Space Agency to develop satellite products, the *Bisnis.com* online news quoted a top executive as saying here on Friday.

The company's President Director Rinaldi Firmansyah said that one of the cooperation is sending seven people to study in the satellite factory

Telkom-3 in Russia, including five Telkom's officials and two from the space agency.

He said that the personnel will study in Russia's Zhelesnogorsk for 18 months.

"Besides, the cooperation includes the usage of satellite image's data provided by the space agency to fulfill Telkom's needs in planning, operating, maintaining and marketing," said Rinaldi. —Xinhua

Cai Yukun(L), a member of Chinese formed police unit in Haiti, receives medical treatment after he collapses because of overwork in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, 19 Jan, 2010. —XINHUA



China seeks mutual benefits and win-win results in ACFTA

JAKARTA, 23 Jan — China will support the development of ASEAN-China free trade agreement (ACFTA) steadily and elaborately through close communication and negotiation with ASEAN, so as to seek mutual benefits and win-win results, said China's State Councilor Dai Bingguo here on Friday.

Dai said that the ACFTA is the largest free trade zone among developing counties and in accordance with their basic

and long-term interests. It brings more opportunities, larger market and optimized resource allocation to these countries, aiming at mutual benefits, win-win results and common development.

Speaking at the ASEAN Secretariat in the Indonesian capital of Jakarta, he said that Chinese people were willing to join hands with people in Southeast Asia to push forward the rise of Asia and regional integration.

"China and ASEAN

should treat equally and deepen their mutual trust, take each other as a reliable and equal partner, seek mutual benefits and win-win results, support the development of ACFTA elaborately, unite and help each other while facing challenges in terms of climate change, food security and natural disasters, and seek common ground while reserving differences, and deal with disputes properly to avoid influencing the cooperation," he added. —Xinhua



Chinese border policemen help gather goats and sheep for a local herdsman in Xilingol, north China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, on 21 Jan, 2010. Extreme cold weather and snowstorm hit Inner Mongolia recently and affected more than 390,000 people. —XINHUA

Sri Lanka donates tea to Haiti

COLOMBO, 23 Jan—The Sri Lankan government said on Friday that it has committed to donate 1,000 kg tea as part of the relief efforts for earthquake-affected people in Haiti.

"This donation is in addition to the financial pledge of 25,000 US dollars made by the government of Sri Lanka to its counterpart in Haiti soon after the news that the earthquake devastated the country on 12 Jan became known," said the president's office in a statement.

Sri Lankan President Mahinda Rajapaksa said on 15 Jan in his message to President of Haiti Ren Garcia Prval, "As a nation that was touched by a tragedy of similar magnitude five years ago, Sri Lanka can understand and feel the pain of your sorrow." —Xinhua

Indian Navy to induct Shivalik frigates by March

NEW DELHI, 23 Jan—The Indian Navy on Friday said that it would induct the Shivalik Class stealth frigates by March in a bid to bolster its surface fleet.

"The Shivalik Class

of ship is to be inducted in the Navy by March this year. INS Shivalik is the first of the three multi-role class of stealth frigates of the Navy built by Mumbai-based Mazagaon Docks Limited," Indian Navy's Principal Director Commodore Sunil Jetly told the media in the national capital.

"With its ability to detect and engage surface, air and sub-surface targets at extended ranges, the ship is a virtual 'Brahma Astra' (ultimate weapon) when unleashed," he added.

The Shivalik Class frigates are multi-role frigates with stealth features. —Xinhua

Traffic chopper makes emergency landing

DETROIT, 23 Jan — A Detroit-area traffic helicopter made an emergency "hard landing" on Friday on a college campus after the copter caught fire, one of four people on board said.

Bill Szumanski, a traffic reporter for WWJ-AM, Detroit, told the Detroit Free Press the helicopter bounced before landing on a sidewalk on the grounds of Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills. He described it as a "hard landing."

"We got lucky; there was no one here at that time," Szumanski said.

The helicopter was carrying another traffic reporter for two TV stations in

addition to Szumanski and the pilot. It was about 800 feet up, traveling at 100 mph along Interstate 696 when the fire occurred.

"The pilot made a dead-stick landing, without power, just through sheer airmanship," George Cartsonis, a spokesman for the college, said. "Helicopters are designed, when they lose power, to float down and kind of land naturally, and that's what this pilot did."

Bridget Burns, a spokesman for WJR-AM, Detroit, said the helicopter belongs to the station. The pilot, Joel Alexander, has been working for WJR since 1981.

Internet

Brown to face Iraq inquiry before general election

LONDON, 23 Jan — British Prime Minister Gordon Brown will give evidence to the Iraq inquiry before the general election, Britain's Sky News reported on Friday.

Brown wrote to inquiry panel chairman John Chilcot this morning, offering to appear as a witness next month or in March, noting that "I will be happy to agree a date which is to the convenience of the inquiry."

The committee earlier said it would not call the Prime Minister before the poll because it believed that only after the general election could the ministers give their evidence fully without the hearings being used as a platform for political advantage.

But there has been mounting political pressure for Brown to appear at the hearing. William Hague, the opposition foreign affairs spokesman,

said the inquiry and the British public needed to hear the full facts from everyone involved.

The Liberal Democrat leader Nick Clegg said: "It is well known that the prime minister was a key figure in Britain's decision to invade Iraq. It is only right that Gordon Brown should explain his role in this disastrous foreign policy failure before asking the British people for their vote."

Xinhua

Storm lingers over Ariz after battering Calif

FLAGSTAFF, 23 Jan — The remnants of the biggest storm to hit Arizona in nearly two decades lin-

gered over the state on Friday after drenching California, while authorities in both states contin-

ued to tally the damage.

In Arizona, flooding swept through small towns, caused a train derailment and closed major interstates. Snow collapsed roofs in the northern part of the state. Meanwhile, searchers looked for a 6-year-old boy swept away late Thursday in a flood.

Searchers spent Friday looking for the boy, who was caught in rising waters about 70 miles north of Phoenix. Dwight D'Evelyn, a Yavapai County sheriff's spokesman, said the boy was presumed dead.

Internet

Flood waters encroach on a home property on 22 Jan, 2010, in Wenden, Ariz. The remnants of the biggest storm to hit Arizona in nearly two decades lingered over the state on Friday after drenching California, while authorities in both states continued to tally the damage.—XINHUA



A/H1N1 pandemic death toll rises to 14,142, says WHO

GENEVA, 23 Jan — At least 14,142 people worldwide have been killed by the A/H1N1 pandemic influenza since the new flu virus emerged in April, 2009, the World Health Organization (WHO) said in a weekly update on Friday.

Of all the deaths, 7,094 occurred in the Americas, 3,099 were reported from Europe. The other four WHO regions, namely Western Pacific, South-East Asia, East Mediterranean and Africa, reported 1,511, 1,366, 941 and 131 deaths respectively.

The WHO's tally of global pandemic deaths is an under representation of the actual numbers as many deaths are never tested or recognized as influenza related, the UN agency noted.

Xinhua

Man gets \$1.6m from forgotten stock fund

A St Louis-area resident had good timing with a forgotten stock fund — the Missouri treasurer's office cashed it out for \$1.6 million before the recession.

The man recently received the largest check ever from the state unclaimed assets fund, the St Louis Post-Dispatch reported. If the state had not cashed out the fund in 2007 when the market was near its peak, the payout might have been significantly smaller.

Treasurer Clint Zweifel said on Wednesday the average payout is \$360. But 30 accounts hold at least \$100,000.

The \$1.6 million went to a man who apparently forgot about his investment. The broker lost track of him and turned the assets over to the state after five years.

Under state law, the treasurer's office holds the assets for 18 months and then sells them, putting the money into the fund. Zweifel's staff managed to track down the \$1.6 million man.

While the fund was set up in 1985, some of the assets involved were abandoned 75 years ago, Zweifel said.

In Japan's Kyushu Island, people put their whole bodies into the soil to enjoy the soil bath. It is said that this kind of SPA can promote our body to discharge sweat.

NEWS ALBUM



A Bridegroom carries his bride on a bicycle on a street in Liuzhou, southwest China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, on 20 Jan, 2010. The newly-married couple held a bicycle wedding accompanied by more than 30 cyclist friends of the bridegroom in Liuzhou on Wednesday.

Live WWII-era bomb spent years in Kodiak

A World War II-era bomb sat in Kodiak, Alaska, for six decades before anyone realized it contained 600 pounds of explosive, authorities said.

It was only when the bomb was given to Curt Law and Joe Stevens — founders of the Kodiak Military History Museum — that anyone thought to check, the Kodiak Daily Mirror reported. They summoned a disposal crew from Fort Richardson, Alaska. The crew moved the bomb to Salome Creek and detonated it. The explosion was kept from the public.



"The military and state were concerned about a crowd gathering," Law said. "This isn't anything you want to screw with. It's all about not killing anybody."

Kodiak Island became military enclave during World War II and old hardware was left scattered around town. The 4 1.2-foot-long bomb, designed to destroy Japanese naval vessels during World War II, did not attract much attention, especially because everyone assumed it was full of concrete.

Woman kills boyfriend by sitting on him

A woman weighing 136kg has pleaded guilty to killing her much smaller boyfriend — by sitting on him. Police in Cleveland said Mia Landingham and Mikal Middleton-Bey, who have three children together, got into an argument in August. During the altercation Landingham sat on Middleton-Bey, who weighed 54.4kg.

Landingham was sentenced to three years probation and 100 hours community service on Wednesday after pleading guilty to involuntary manslaughter, Fox8 reported. She was immediately released from jail. Her attorney told said there was a long history of domestic abuse in the relationship. He asked Judge Carolyn Friedland for leniency and pointed out she has no prior criminal record.



The photo shows a man is enjoying the petroleum bath in a sanitarium in Naftalan, Azerbaijan. It is said that this kind of petroleum is full of sulphur and it's very effective in defense against arthritis and skin disease.

Myanmar Printers and Publishers Association to work with all its might to promote interests of nation

Information Minister addresses the 18th plenary meeting of MPPA

YANGON, 23 Jan—Chairman of Central Supervisory Committee for Printers and Publishers Registration and Press Scrutiny and Publishing Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan addressed the 18th plenary meeting of Myanmar Printers and Publishers Association at Mingalar Hall of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry Office Tower on Minyekyawswar Street in Lanmadaw Township here today.

It was attended by heads of departments



Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan delivers an address at 18th plenary meeting of MPPA.—MNA



under the ministry, the chairman, vice-chairmen and CEC members of

Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association, the president, vice-presidents and CEC members of UMFCCL, the chairman, executives and members of MPPA, and guests.

Chairman U Maung Maung of MPPA made an introductory speech. Speaking on the occasion, Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan said MPPA was making contribution to economic growth of the nation as well as human resources development and horizons of people with printing trade.

He added that the association had only over 400 members when first established but now the number had increased 10 folds. MPPA stood as a primary association for the State present and future,

encouraging the fourth pillar of the nation in Knowledge Age.

To boost the interests of the nation and those engaged in publishing industry, the association was to strive for development of printing and publishing industry putting the nation's interest in the fore,

enhancement of socio-economic life of those engaged in the industry, and to serve the interests of the State and the nation hand in hand with the press as the reliable fourth pillar of the nation, and to do its bit in realizing the seven-step Road Map aspired by the whole nation, he said.

In conclusion, the minister urged the association to work with all its might to promote interests of the nation and those engaged in printing and publishing industry in unity, grasping the already-achieved success of the association. President U Win Myint of the UMFCCL made a speech.

Next, officials concerned read out the report of the executive committee and sought

approval for annual financial statement. It was followed by election of new executive committee for 2010-2011.

Afterwards, Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, President U Win Myint of the UMFCCL and Patron U Maung Maung of MPPA accepted a contribution of K 1.7 million including K 0.3 million each by the president of the UMFCCL and the chairman of MPPA on behalf of executives of the association and K 0.2 million by Chairman Dr Tin Tun Oo of Swesone Media Group and presented certificates of honour to donors.

The speech of new chairman of MPPA Dr Tin Tun Oo was followed by concluding remarks of the chairman of plenary meeting.

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Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan accepts cash from a wellwisher.—MNA



Chairman U Maung Maung of MPPA making a speech.

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The collective blood donation of Mittamon blood donors group in progress.—MNA

Collective blood donation of Mittamon group

YANGON, 23 Jan — The 59th Jivatadhana collective blood donation of Mittamon blood donors group was held at No (1) Defence Services General Hospital (1000-bed) in Mingaladon Township here this morning.

On behalf of the commandant of the hospital, Head of Pathology Department Professor Lt-Col Daw Tin Moe Mya extended greetings. Daw Nyunt Nyunt Wai, on behalf of Mittamon blood donors group, explained purpose of donation and Pathologist Capt Aung Ko Than shared knowledge

on blood donors.

The head of the Pathology Department accepted the donation of K 0.3 million cash to the hospital and K 0.1 million cash to the department by Shine Hope Company and expressed thanks.

A total of 20 Mittamon blood donors donated blood in No (1) Defence Services Obstetric, Gynaecological & Paediatric Hospital (300-bed) and 30 donors in Defence Services Orthopaedic Hospital (500-bed).

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We never accept any scheme to break up the Tatmadaw (2)

Maung Hmat

(Continued from yesterday)

After it had come to the light of the people that there was not even a grain of truth in the accusations against No. 66 Light Infantry Division and No. 77 Light Infantry Division and they were totally groundless, they came to choose defence industries as soft targets. The 16-1-2010 BBC broadcast said that staff members of No (9) Defence Industry in Hsinde, Htonbo, in the west of Pyay, were on strike for four days; that the root cause of the strike was hardship of their basic needs; that not only were they in defiance of the orders of superiors, but they were selling factory products ranging from the empty shells to gunpowder to cope with their hardships; that they were found selling gunpowder residue, fiber plates of butts outside the factories; and that similar incidents were taking place in DI (8) in Hsinde in the west of Pyay and DI (10) in Minhla, Kongyi in defiance and protest against the government. What they aired were all fabrications.

As usual, there was not even an element of truth in their broadcasts. In the story, they mentioned Hsinde in Htonbo, in the west of Pyay. In fact, Hsinde is very distant from Htonbo. For the knowledge of U Than and BBC, Htonbo is a large village near the border between Bago Division and Ayeyawady Division, and Hsinde is a large village on the other bank on Pyay side. It used to be a Pyay-Hsinde ferry jetty through which people crossed the Ayeyawady River to the western bank before Pyay Nawade Bridge was constructed. In addition, neither Hsinde nor Htonbo has DI (9) that BBC mentioned in its broadcast.

According to the news story, DI (8) in Hsinde in the west of Pyay, and DI (10) in Minhla, Kongyi, saw defiance and mass demonstrations. In reality, there is no DI (8) in Hsinde and no region called "Kongyi Minhla" around there. So, it made it clear that U Than and BBC made up a story, without knowing the locations of defence industries, Hsinde, Htonbo, Minhla and Kongyi, and they are in the habit of doing their duty as usual.

Actually, the defence industries under the Myanmar Tatmadaw (armed forces) remain stable with no riots, and soldiers, staff members and their families are in regular

service. They did not show any acts of defiance of authority and protest, smuggle State-owned products, or have dissatisfaction with the government, and that is known to the dwellers especially those in that society. Hearing various forms of made-up stories by foreign radio stations despite peace and stability in the nation, not only the staff members, military and civil, but also the people of us came to lose our patience. The staff members and those in their society saw the truth that foreign radio stations were airing distorted stories, but the people in distance of the region might be in doubt and in fear.

Foreign radio stations are happily entertaining the stories provided by internal axe-handles despite knowing that the stories are baseless. The intention of the broadcasts is to create a public panic, and disintegration of the Tatmadaw, and deceive naïve minions of foreign countries into taking to the streets. In that regard I am serious about reminding that the people find out the real intention of the fabricated broadcasts.

It is clear the acts internal traitors commit in complicity with BBC, a story-teller, are cleverly designed to make the people stay in a state of panic and misunderstand the government; to undermine already-achieved stability, peace and development momentum; and to weaken the Tatmadaw and break up the consolidated unity of the armed forces. That is not the first time they do so. In my living memory, internal axe-handles and foreign radio stations have invented so many stories in hand in glove to trouble the nation and the people. They have tried many times to deal a devastating blow to the Tatmadaw. Nonetheless, every time, their stories dwindle away after the truth is out.

It is common knowledge that anti-government groups resorted to all possible ways with all-out efforts to break up the Tatmadaw in the 1988 disturbances. It is still in my mind that leaders, old and young, of the anti-government groups on the roadside podiums gave anti-government talks very eloquently. More than that, they issued fake declarations that the air force would launch bomb attacks, the navy would open artillery fire, and the Tatmadaw would split into pieces. However, it is the Tatmadaw that showed significant resilience and did not let itself swayed by the psycho-

logical attacks, and managed to save the country and the people. And it showed its strong sense of duty by shouldering all the assigned duties.

In fact, the Tatmadaw managed to accomplish the duties in the independence struggles, in safeguarding the independence and sovereignty, and defending the people and public property against dangers. Today, it has done a good job in shaping the nation into a far better one. Here, I would say all the tasks were carried out successfully with the mighty strength of the nation and the people with the Tatmadaw in the centre. Surely, the role the Tatmadaw plays will always be at the core of national duties.

Furthermore, the Tatmadaw is merely a guide to the goal of democracy, taking the leadership role in the national politics. It is also a force that is building the nation into a modern, developed democratic nation with flourishing discipline. It has come to the knowledge of the people of us. Yet, anti-government groups give priority to the power and their party affairs, instead of the public interest and democratic transition. That is why their goal remains contrary to the way the Tatmadaw has chosen for national politics. And they stick to plots to break up the Tatmadaw in collusion with certain foreign radio stations which is very harmful to the future of the nation and the people.

As far as I am concerned, hard talks about the elections due to take place in 2010 were held at the Karaweik Hotel several days ago. A famous veteran writer in his discussion said that he was deeply concerned in case armed forces of Myanmar would split into pieces; that the Tatmadaw was necessary for every nation; that if the Tatmadaw collapsed, those who would suffer evil consequences were none except the people; and that therefore the people would have to help make the Tatmadaw stronger. What he said is absolutely right. I wish anti-government groups would realize that point.

Today, every country has three forms of might for their survival. The first is political might, which is unity or harmonious cooperation. Without unity among political forces, and they split themselves into many factions, nothing will work. So, every country tries to build political unity in them. The second is economic might. All countries try to be able to stand on their own feet in terms of economy. Otherwise, they will become neo-colonies for their economic growth.

The third is military might. All countries have to try to build their military might up. Only then will they be held in great esteem. It is therefore required of the people to realize that point. The people should not accept any schemes to break up the Tatmadaw at a time when all global family members are trying to build the three forms of might. Harming the future of the nation and the people is, indeed, treason against the State and the people.

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Prime Minister General Thein Sein receives...

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Cambodia Mr Him Chhem, Minister of Culture and Information Mr Mounkeo Oraboun of Lao

People's Democratic Republic, Minister of Culture, Sports and Tourism Mr Hoang Tuan Anh of the Socialist Republic of

Vietnam and senior officials of culture and fine arts affairs from Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam.

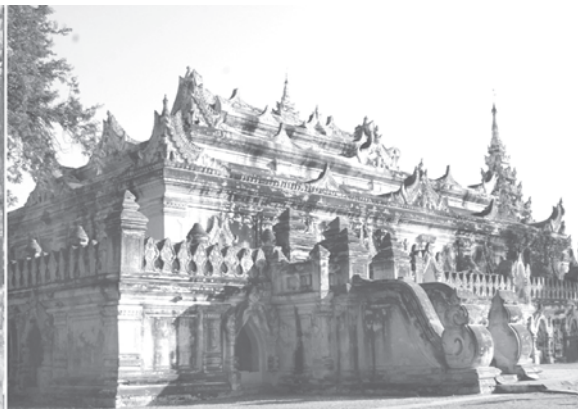
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Prime Minister General Thein Sein shakes hands with Cambodian Culture and Fine Arts Minister Mr Him Chhem.—MNA

Prime Minister General Thein Sein shakes hands with Vietnamese Culture, Sports and Tourism Minister Mr Hoang Tuan Anh.—MNA



Prime Minister General Thein Sein shakes hands with Minister of Culture and Information Mr Mounkeo Oraboun of Laos.—MNA



Ministers of Culture and Fine Arts and senior officials of Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam observe Maenu bricked monastery in Innwa ancient region.—MNA

We never accept any scheme to break up the Tatmadaw (2)

Maung Hmat

(from page 8)

I am confident that the Tatmadaw will continue to prove remarkably resilient in spite of such plots because it has been preserving its fine traditions throughout its life. Servicemen have to uphold the orders and duties assigned by superiors and abide by the military code of conduct. Therefore, Tatmadaw members will be cohesive in discharging follow-up programmes in line with the motto "The Tatmadaw remains united whoever tries to break it up". Without doubt, the people will continue to collectively pursue the common goal with confidence, without heeding what aliens say in a bad light.

I would say that the people do not need to worry lest the Tatmadaw may split into pieces due to the fabrications aired by certain foreign radio stations; the already-achieve development momentum will come to a halt; and the goal of democracy, which is now within the touching distance, will deviate from its path. And such attacks will not work at all. In particular, the people should not let themselves to be swayed by the broadcasts provided by unreliable sources. They will continue to do their work: deceiving others into misunderstanding the Tatmadaw. What is important is that the people have to remain vigilant against such attacks.

Faithfully, the mottoes "BBC lying" "VOA, BBC-sowing hatred among the people", and "Do not allow ourselves to be swayed by broadcasts designed to cause trouble" stated in the newspapers and screened on TV daily are completely right. They are intended to help the people notice the attitude of the radio stations towards the nation. I am sure they will, sooner or later, suffer from evil consequences for the broadcasts they have aired for more than decades to upset and the people. Anyhow, I, on behalf of the people, want to say that the people of us never accept any scheme to break up the Tatmadaw.

Translation: MS

Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing tours Tangyan, Mongyai, Lashio Tsps



Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence views tea plantations in Tangyan.—MNA

Preliminary meeting of 6th Sports Minister's Trophy Myanmar Traditional Chinlone Contest and 36th ISD Myanmar Traditional Chinlone held

YANGON, 20 Jan—The preliminary coordination meeting for holding the 6th Sports Minister's Trophy Myanmar Traditional Chinlone (cane ball) Contest and the 36th Inter-State/Division Myanmar Traditional Chinlone (cane ball) Contest, to be held at Bahtoo sports ground, Mandalay, Mandalay Division, took place at Hotel Mandalay Sabeiphyu in Mandalay on 16 January. The meeting was attended by Deputy Director-General U Kyaw Soe Myint, member-2 of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council U Win Maung, President of Myanmar Chinlone Federation U Soe Naing, Vice-President U Soe Tin and responsible persons.

The vice-president of the MCF elaborated on background history of the federation. The traditional Chinlone contests were held in states and divisions

across the country on a grand scale since its inception in 1953. And he explained holding the contests to be held in Mandalay.

Deputy Director-General U Myo Myint Aung gave explanation on arrangements for holding the 6th Sports Minister's Trophy Myanmar Traditional Chinlone (cane ball) Contest and the 36th Inter-State/Division Myanmar Traditional Chinlone (cane ball) Contest to be held in Mandalay and tasks sponsored by the MCF. Afterwards, officials of the MCF answered to the queries raised by those present.

Men's and women's teams to compete in the contest may enlist with the name and photo of the team at Bahtoo sports ground (Mandalay Division Sports and Physical Education Department) not later than 15 February.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Jan—Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence together with Chairman of Shan State (North) Peace and Development Council Commander of North-East Command Maj-Gen Aung Than Htut met with departmental personnel at township level and townselders at the Town Hall of Tangyan on 21 January

Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing looked round the development of Tangyan and called personnel concerned for keeping the town neat and tidy. Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing visited thriving tea plantations of Tangyan. He met with members of border guard forces at Mankat station. He visited Mansai Village Basic Education High School and inspected progress in construction of new school building.

Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing then went to Mongyai People's Hospital where he comforted patients and presented cash to them. He then observed production of groundnut oil at Pawsant oil mill in No. 3 Ward. He also viewed thriving rubber plantations of Nammabawda Village and honey orange plantations in Nampaung Village of Lashio Township and gave necessary instructions.

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Industry-2 Minister receives Chinese guests

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Jan — Minister for Industry-2 Vice-Admiral Soe Thein received President Madam Luo Yan of China CAMC Engineering Co Ltd and party at the ministry here this afternoon. They discussed matters related to production of diesel engines.

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Cold season crops thriving in Pakhangyi region of Yesagyo Township

Article & Photos: Pe Tun Zaw (Yesagyo)

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Hsinchaung Model Village, we saw lamp-posts in a row along the clean

flower. I think I would earn K 200,000 per acre from the sales of chick pea. Before cold season

acres of chick pea, 212 acres of mixed crop sunflower, two acres of white wheat, three acres of on-

Hlaing Min Aung at their plantations.

At an onion plantation, five women were weeding.

We saw thriving onion plants. Moreover, other kitchen crops are being cultivated on the vacant plots next to the onion plantation.

In an interview, the farmer said, "I am U Myint Htay from Hsinchaung Village. I am inspecting weeding work

at my onion plantation. It is 0.80 acres of plantation. I bought one viss of onion strain per K 1200. I used 700 viss of onion on my land. I have spent K 1 million as total expenses on cultivation. I estimated that I would fetch about K 1.5 million profit from my plantation. After onion, I will grow green gram in summer."

While in Pakhangyi Village-tract which was an ancient city, we saw thriving

ing cold season crops namely chick pea, sunflower, wheat, onion, beans and pulses, maize and tobacco plantations like green and golden carpets. As a result of growing various crop plantations, the local farmers of Pakhangyi region would earn the increased income in the near future.

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Photo shows wheat and sunflower mixed cropping field.

village roads and neat and tidy housings.

The news team, accompanied by Chairman of Village Peace and Development Council U Aung Thin and party, arrived at the plantations. At the cold season crops plantation of Pakhangyi Village-tract, we had an interview with a farmer.

He said, "I am U Aung Mya from Pakhangyi Village. I grew eight acres of chick pea mixed with sun-

crops, I cultivated two acres of monsoon paddy and got K 200,000 as profit per acre. In summer, I planned to grow five acres of green gram."

In meeting with Head of Township Settlement and Land Records Department U Khin Maung Htwe, we asked his point of view on thriving plantations. He said, "Field No. 192-193 in Pakhangyi Village-tract is reliable plantations for the township. You can see 316

ion and two acres of chilli in the field No. 192. Moreover, the field No. 193 is put under 76 acres of chick pea, 55 acres of mixed crops sunflower, two acres of 888 CP maize and one acre of summer paddy. So, Pakhangyi Village-tract grows 740 acres of sunflower in total.

The township set the target to cultivate 38,721 acres of sunflower."

We made more interviews with local farmers U Aung Thin and Ko



Thriving 888 CP maize plantation.

Culture Minister hosts dinner to officials from CLMV

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Jan—Ministers of Culture and Fine Arts, and senior officials from Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam, who are here for the culture related roundtable meeting of Ministers of Culture and Fine Arts of Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar and Vietnam (CLMV), led by Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint proceeded to Innwa archaeological

region in TadaU Township from Mandalay yesterday morning.

There, they made observations about Maenubricked monastery and paid homage to Lawka Tharaphu Pagoda and then they observed Bagaya wooden monastery and Innwa ancient city.

The delegation also paid homage to Yadanalabamuni Hsu-

taungpyae Mway pagoda in Palake.

In the evening, they arrived at Nay Pyi Taw from Myitnge by special train.

Minister Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint hosted dinner to them at Thingaha Hotel here. Before and during the dinner, artistes of Culture Ministry performed Myanmar traditional culture.

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Pupils of Zhangfei Primary School in Liaocheng, east China's Shandong Province, select their favourite books donated by their peers of Affiliated Primary School of Liaocheng University, 18 Jan, 2010. —XINHUA

Oil tumbles below 75 dollars on equity losses

NEW YORK, 23 Jan—Oil prices tumbled to one-month low below 75 US dollars on Friday as the energy market shared a sluggish sentiment with stocks which plunged for a third day.

US stocks suffered their worst one-day decline in nearly three months as bank shares tumbled after President Obama proposed to impose new limits on the size of the nation's biggest banks as well as restrict their risk-taking abilities.

There was little upbeat news from the fundamentals. A government report on Thursday showed that US fuel consumption in the past four weeks fell 1.8 percent from one year earlier.

Light, sweet crude for March delivery fell 1.54 US dollars to settle at 74.54 dollars a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. In London, Brent crude for March delivery fell 1.98 dollars to 72.60 dollars a barrel on the ICE Futures Exchange.—Xinhua

Milk companies in antitrust suit

WASHINGTON, 23 Jan—The US Justice Department filed an antitrust lawsuit on Friday to undo Dean Foods Co's 2009 acquisition of a division of Foremost Farms, officials said.

The merger between Foremost Farms USA's Consumer Products Division and Dean Foods Co, the department said, takes away competition between the two companies when selling milk to grocery stores, retailers in Illinois, Michigan and Wisconsin and Michigan.

"The purpose of the department's lawsuit is to restore competition so that schools, grocery stores and other retailers in Illinois, Michigan and Wisconsin, will pay lower prices for their milk," said Christine

Varney, assistant attorney general in charge of the Department of Justice Antitrust Division.

The acquisition has resulted in a monopoly provider for many school districts in Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula, the department said.

Internet

Gazprom expects to reach gas deal with China in 2011

MOSCOW, 23 Jan—Russia and China are likely to reach an agreement on Russian natural gas supplies to China in mid-2011, the deputy head of Russian energy giant Gazprom said on Thursday.

Russia would start to deliver gas to China via the West Siberia pipeline in 2015, said Alexander Medvedev.

Gazprom's natural gas

output in 2010 was expected to be higher than the 2008 figure of 549.7 billion cubic metres. By 2012 to 2013, global demand for gas would reach its pre-crisis level, said the company.

Gazprom and China National Petroleum Corporation signed a framework agreement on Russian natural gas exports to China last year. Under the agreement, Russia

will deliver 70 billion cubic metres of gas to China annually via two pipelines.

The west gas pipeline that originates in West Siberia will transport an annual 30 billion cubic meters of gas, while the annual capacity of the east pipeline stretching from East Siberia to Sakhalin island is estimated at 38 billion cubic metres.

Xinhua

Brazil's oil giant Petrobras approves purchase of Quattor

RIO DE JANEIRO, 23 Jan—Brazil's state-owned oil and gas giant Petrobras announced its approval of the purchase of petrochemical company Quattor on Friday.

Braskem, controlled by Petrobras and con-

struction giant Odebrecht, actually purchased Quattor for 870 million reais (478 million US dollars). After the merger, Braskem will maintain its name, and will become the largest petrochemical company

on the American continent, and the 11th largest in the world.

According to an agreement between Petrobras and Odebrecht, the two companies will jointly make decisions in the "new" Braskem, with Odebrecht owning 50.1 percent of the voting capital in the company.

Xinhua

A baby Kirk's Dik Dik antelope stands on a desk in the office of Chester Zoo's curator of mammals Tim Rowlands, northern England, on 22 Jan, 2010. The antelope is being hand reared at the zoo after being rejected by its mother during the recent cold weather. —INTERNET



Peugeot Citroen recalls 263 cars in China Mainland on faulty radio

BEIJING, 23 Jan—French auto maker PSA Peugeot Citroen would recall combined 263 autos of three models sold to the Chinese Mainland due to defective radio, China's product quality watchdog has announced.

The 263 autos included two of 307 CC produced between 21 July of 2006 to 19 March of 2007, 215 of C4 coupe manufactured between 29 July of 2006 to 19 March of 2007, and 46 of C5 made between 17 July of 2006 to 20 March of 2007, the General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine said in a statement on its web site on Friday.

The defection with radio software would lead to radio malfunction after CD ejection. It would also cause continuous running of radio after auto engine stops working, which would exhaust auto battery and result in failure in starting engines.—Xinhua



File photo shows an Indian Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) officer checking vehicles outside the terminal building of Bengaluru International Airport in Bangalore. India has increased security at its airports and warned its domestic airlines about a possible hijack attempt by militant groups following Western intelligence reports, officials said on Friday.—INTERNET

One in five American youths has abnormal lipid levels

WASHINGTON, 23 Jan—Twenty percent of young people aged 12-19 years in the United States have at least one abnormal lipid level, according to a report released on Thursday from the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Abnormal lipid levels are major risk factors for heart disease, the leading cause of death among adults in the United States.

The report examined data for 1999-2006 from the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey, an ongoing study that explores the health and nutritional status of about 6,000 participants every year. Researchers analyzed measurements

of low-density lipoprotein, or "bad," cholesterol; high-density lipoprotein, or "good," cholesterol; and triglycerides.

The researchers found that young people who were overweight or obese were more likely to have one or more abnormal lipid levels compared to normal weight youth. Fourteen percent of nor-

mal weight, 22 percent of overweight, and 43 percent of obese youth had one or more abnormal lipid levels.

The study also found that 32 percent of these young people would be candidates for lipid screening based on American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) guidelines.

Xinhua

Flash flood in Indonesia leaves 8 dead, 4 missing

JAKARTA, 23 Jan—Eight people were killed and 4 others missing when flash flood hit eastern part of Indonesia on Friday, Health Ministry reported here on Saturday.

Incessant rain sparked flood in two remote villages of the Kolaka District of Southeast Sulawesi Province, with over 79 families fleeing

their homes and taking shelters, head of the crisis center of the ministry Rustam Pakaya told Xinhua by phone.

Among the deaths were one baby and one child, said Pakaya.

Four people are being treated at hospital for their injuries, he said.

Xinhua

India strengthens security in airports following intelligence report on terror attack

NEW DELHI, 23 Jan—The Indian authorities on Friday strengthened security in airports across the country after intelligence reports said that terror groups might target a state-owned Air India flight operating from an unnamed South Asian country, according to the Indo-Asian News Service.

The news service quoted a civil aviation ministry spokesman as saying that the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security has issued a high-alert advisory to all carriers and airports across the

country. Security agencies, airlines and airport authorities have been required to adopt measures for hijack alerts, although the aviation security agency said an alert was already on in view of the Republic Day

of India next week, said the report. But an Air India spokesperson said the intelligence reports were being looked into and the airline is taking action accordingly.

Xinhua

In this undated photo provided by the International Game Fish Association shows Manabu Kurita of Aichi, Japan holding his on 2 July, 2009 record catch, a largemouth bass caught on Lake Biwa, Japan's largest lake.

INTERNET

Surgery again delayed for baby koala

CANBERRA, 23 Jan—Life-saving surgery for Doug the koala has again been postponed, with the joey still too sick to endure the operation. Doug was found with slug gun shots to his ribs and abdomen at the base of a tree at a Morayfield property, north of Brisbane, on Tuesday morning. His mother, Meryl, was also shot during the attack but is expected to make a full recovery after earlier surgery.

Doug's surgery to remove the two air rifle pellets had been planned for Friday afternoon, after earlier having been postponed from Wednesday because of his poor health.

Xinhua



Germany to review Munich Airport security breach

BERLIN, 23 Jan—The German government demanded a thorough review on Thursday of the Munich Airport security breach, which caused hundreds of people to be evacuated on Wednesday. The security

breach allowed a man, most likely in his 50s and wearing glasses, to leave the security checkpoint without being stopped for re-checking after his laptop triggered a scanner's alarm, suggesting the computer might conceal possible explosives.

However, he successfully boarded a plane and flew away, with his identity and destination remaining unknown. The airport's Terminal II was cleared and hundreds of people missed their flights due to the alarm. "I'm taking this incident very seriously," Interior Minister Thomas de Maiziere said on a morning TV programme. The security guard responsible for the checkpoint, a woman with some 20 years of experience, found the man was gone before she could check him again.—Xinhua



A gardener takes care of her moth orchid for sale at a greenhouse in Kaifeng County, central China's Henan Province, on 21 Jan, 2010. Despite the rare cold winter this year, gardeners in the county planted plenty of ornamental flowers for sale during the coming traditional Chinese lunar new year, or Spring Festival.—XINHUA

Cambodian to held its first international film festival

PHNOM PENH, 23 Jan—Cambodia will launch its first international film festival this year to promote the country's fledgling film industry, local media reported on Friday. That was the message from government and industry officials on Thursday while announcing the launch of Cambodia's first government-sponsored international film festival.

The festival will be held on the third week of October, the Chinese language newspaper *Jian Hua Daily* quoted Som Sokun, secretary of state for the Ministry of Culture, as saying. The event will feature 30-40 films from Cambodia, other Asian countries and Europe, Som Sokun said. In addition to help promote Cambodia's culture, the festival will also help attract international filmmakers, movie stars and directors to shoot movies in Cambodia, he added.

Xinhua



Breast cancer vaccine being developed

BUFFALO, 23 Jan—Researchers at the University at Buffalo and King Saud University in Saudi Arabia said they are working together to develop a breast cancer vaccine.

Kate Rittenhouse-Olson, professor of biotechnical and clinical laboratory sciences at the University at Buffalo, is collaborating with Adel Almogren, a professor at King Saud

University, who worked with Rittenhouse when he was a graduate student at the University at Buffalo.

Their work, published in the journal *Neoplasia*, resulted in groundbreaking research on development of a novel vaccine immunotherapy approach that may be able to decrease the tumour burden in cancer patients by blocking cancer metastasis, the researchers said.

The researchers said

they are perfecting the vaccine in an animal model for ultimate use in humans.

"This is a very promising vaccine target, because if we are successful, it could be important to breast, colon, bladder and prostate cancer patients," Rittenhouse-Olson said in a statement.

Internet



A local resident holds a child, wading through flood water in Sao Paulo, Brazil, on 21 Jan, 2010. Heavy rain hits many areas of Sao Paulo these days.

XINHUA

Salt reduction could save 92,000 lives a year

BEIJING, 23 Jan—Shaving three grammes off the daily salt intake of Americans could prevent up to 66,000 strokes, 99,000 heart attacks and 92,000 deaths in the United States, while saving 24 billion US dollars in health costs per year, researchers reported on Wednesday.

The benefit to the US population would be comparable to cutting smoking by 50 percent, significantly lowering obesity rates and giving cholesterol drugs to virtually everyone to prevent heart attacks, said Dr Kirsten Bibbins-Domingo of the University of California, San Francisco and colleagues.

Internet



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INTERNET

Stain repellent linked to thyroid disease

EXETER, 23 Jan—Researchers in Britain have linked thyroid disease with human exposure to stain repellent containing perfluorooctanoic acid.

Senior author Tamara Galloway, a professor at the University of Exeter University, and colleagues at the Peninsula Medical School said perfluorooctanoic acid is a persistent organic chemical used in industrial and consumer goods, including non-stick cookware and stain- and water-resistant coatings for carpets and fabrics.

The study, published in the journal *Environmental Health Perspectives*, revealed that people with higher concentrations of perfluorooctanoic acid in their blood have higher rates of thyroid disease.

Internet

Good health begins with heart health

NEW YORK, 23 Jan—A US metabolic cardiologist says good health begins with taking care of the heart. Dr William Lee of Patients Medical in New York is trained in both Eastern and Western medicine.

As a metabolic cardiologist he looks at the cell structure of the heart to improve its function.

"Heart problems may be an indication of other serious problems elsewhere in the body, and treating the patient's overall health will help get their body back on track while addressing the root cause of the heart problem," Lee said in a statement.

The body's energy molecules, he says, are stored throughout the body in each organ — the highest concentration being stored in the heart.—Internet

Drops, not pills, best for swimmer's ear

BEIJING, 23 Jan—Antibiotic or antiseptic drops are the best approach to treating swimmer's ear, according to a new research review. And while oral antibiotics are often prescribed along with ear drops to treat swimmer's ear, this is not necessary, the reviewers say.

Swimmer's ear — known medically as acute otitis externa — is an inflammation of the ear canal that may or may not involve infection. A person's ear may feel blocked and touching or gently pulling the ear may be painful. Ear-drops have been the mainstay of treatment for swimmer's ear for over 50 years, but studies have shown as many as 40 percent of these patients may also receive a prescription for oral antibiotics.

To investigate the best approach to treating the

condition, Dr Vivek Kaushik of the Stepping Hill Hospital in Stockport, UK, and colleagues looked at 19 randomized clinical trials including 3,382 patients in all. Treatments evaluated included astringent (drying), antiseptic, antibiotic, and steroid ear drops; various combinations of these topical treatments; oral antibiotics; and ear cleaning.—Internet



In this August 2005 photo released by the National Sunflower Association a sunflower farm is seen in Carrington, ND A \$10.5 million research project aimed at mapping the DNA sequence of sunflowers could one day yield a towering new variety for both food and fuel.—INTERNET

Scientists want more safety studies on e-cigarettes

BEIJING, 23 Jan—Greek researchers called on Wednesday for more safety studies into electronic cigarettes, saying scientific knowledge of them was "very limited."

Electronic cigarettes, or e-cigarettes, were first made in China and are sold mostly on the Internet.

They are battery-powered devices which emit a "puff" or fine mist of nicotine into the lungs and

are intended to replace normal cigarettes and help smokers quit.

The products are at the centre of a legal battle in the United States between manufacturers and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), which regulates drugs and which wants to stop e-cigarettes from being imported into the US.

The FDA, which conducted research into e-cigarettes, has expressed

concerns about their safety, and teams from Greece and New Zealand have also carried out studies into them.

But interpretations of the three reports vary, with the New Zealand study saying e-cigarettes should be recommended because they are safer than tobacco cigarettes, and the Greek study taking a broadly neutral stance.

Internet

SPORTS

United eye return to the top

MANCHESTER, 23 Jan—With Chelsea and Arsenal otherwise engaged on FA Cup duty, Manchester United can steal a march on their rivals and return to the top of the Premier League table with victory over Hull at Old Trafford. United's third-round defeat by League One Leeds ensured United were able to bring forward their meeting with the Tigers, originally scheduled for the middle of next week, and they can't afford to pass up the opportunity of three points.

Arsenal moved to the top of the table with a 4-2 win over Bolton in midweek but United could return to the summit with a win over Phil Brown's side. United manager Sir Ferguson surprised some with the strength of the team that he fielded in the League Cup semi-final first leg against Manchester City on Tuesday. That match ended in a 2-1 defeat and now Ferguson must decide how many of his first-choice players he can afford to rest on Saturday ahead of the second leg against City at Old Trafford on Wednesday.

Internet

Serena Williams, Federer reach 4th round

MELBOURNE, 23 Jan—Serena Williams moved a step closer to successfully defending her Australian Open title and extracted some family revenge Saturday with a 6-0, 6-3 victory over Carla Suarez Navarro. Last year, Suarez Navarro beat Venus Williams in the second round and made it to the quarterfinals. Serena Williams' only real difficulty was in closing the first set, needing eight set points in a game that went to deuce 13 times and lasted longer than the previous five games combined.

Top-ranked Roger Federer had no trouble in a 6-3, 6-4, 6-4 win over No 31 Albert Montanes of Spain. It was the 28-year-old Swiss star's 50th win at Melbourne, where he has collected three of his record 15 Grand Slam singles titles. "It was important to come through the first week," Federer said. "I feel good, I feel confident. Physically I'm fine and mentally fresh and that's the way you want to go into the second week." Nikolay Davydenko, Federer's potential quarterfinal opponent, extended his impressive winning run with a 6-0, 6-3, 6-4 victory over No 30 Juan Monaco of Argentina.

Internet

Fighting-fit Klose keeps the pressure on at Bayern

BERLIN, 23 Jan—Germany's Miroslav Klose plans to fire both his country and Bayern Munich to success in the coming weeks as the German giants look to keep up the pressure on Bundesliga leaders Leverkusen. The 31-year-old, the top-scorer at the 2006 World Cup, scored his first German league goal of the season in last weekend's 2-0 win over Hoffenheim which leaves Bayern two points behind Leverkusen.

But Saturday's clash at his former club Bremen promises to be a battle royal and, although he is set to start on the bench, Klose looks sure to be used by Bayern coach Louis van Gaal. Munich have scored 17 goals in their last five league matches and the return of the killer instinct in front of goal has sent the club off on an impressive winning run as they are now 11 league games without defeat.— Internet



Bayern Munich's players (L-R) Miroslav Klose, Arjen Robben, Mark van Bommel and Philipp Lahm celebrate after defeating Hoffenheim in their Bundesliga match on 15 January, at the Allianz-Arena in Munich.— INTERNET



AC Milan's Marco Borriello (right) celebrates after scoring with teammate David Beckham during their Serie A match vs Siena at San Siro Stadium in Milan, on 17 January.— INTERNET

Milan's title chances on line against Inter

ROME, 23 Jan—AC Milan head into this weekend's top of the table derby clash with Inter Milan knowing defeat could spell the end of their Serie A title hopes. Champions Inter have a six-point lead at the top although Milan, in second, have a game in hand, away to Fiorentina in February. In-form Milan head into this match with eight wins from their last nine Serie A clashes while Inter have stumbled several times recently, particularly on their travels.

They have won only one of their last four away matches in the league and even needed two late strikes to earn a 4-3 victory at home to rock bottom Catania in their last home match. They will be the hosts at the San Siro on Sunday, although the stadium is also Milan's home.

Internet

FA Cup provides answer to Accrington Stanley question

LONDON, 23 Jan—For most English football fans, Accrington Stanley will forever be associated with a fondly-remembered television commercial for milk from the 1980s. In it, a football-loving urchin tells a friend that if he does not drink his milk he'll only ever be good enough to play for Accrington Stanley. His friend replies: "Accrington Stanley? Who are they?" and fans of the perennially unsuccessful Lancashire club have never been allowed to forget that line, or the response: "Exactly!"

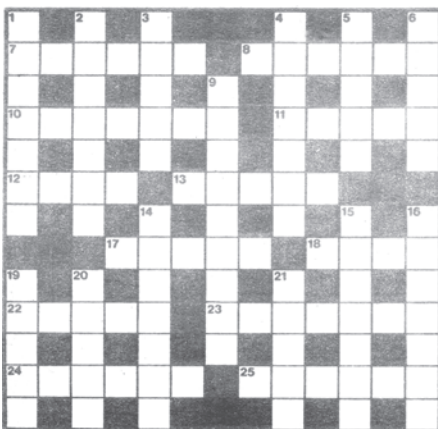
For those long-suffering supporters this weekend's FA Cup fourth round tie with Premier League Fulham offers an opportunity for their club, which only a few months ago was on the verge of bankruptcy, to make itself synonymous with something other than the dismissive scorn of a ten-year-old.— Internet

Real Madrid keep Barca in their sights

MADRID, 23 Jan—Real Madrid have picked up one point from the last six on the road so will be glad of some home comfort at their fortress Santiago Bernabeu when they host Malaga on Sunday as they bid to close the five-point gap on leaders Barcelona. Real lost 1-0 at Athletic Bilbao last time out but are going for a 10th straight home victory in the league and need to maintain their 100 percent record to keep Barca within their sights.

Since thrashing Real Zaragoza 6-0, Madrid have failed to score in two of the subsequent three matches at Osasuna (0-0) and Bilbao (1-0) so coach Manuel Pellegrini may choose to bring the club's all-time leading goalscorer Raul back in from the cold after a lengthy spell on the substitutes bench. Barcelona have not had much trouble in front of goal plundering nine goals in the last two league matches with Lionel Messi scoring five of the nine.—Internet

CROSSWORDS PUZZLE



ACROSS

- 7 Roar
- 8 Looks intently
- 10 Lured
- 11 Farewell
- 12 Outlet
- 13 Shelf
- 17 Humped animal
- 18 Footwear
- 22 Unsited
- 23 Make up
- 24 Fruit
- 25 Mythical monster

DOWN

- 1 Notice
- 2 Conspicuous
- 3 Trainer
- 4 Unusual
- 5 Small particle
- 6 Progeny
- 9 Dance here (anag.)
- 14 Design
- 15 Crows
- 16 Fate
- 19 Sorceress
- 20 Cob or colour
- 21 Iterate

Celtic on course to sign Danish striker

GLASGOW, 23 Jan—Scottish giants Celtic manager Tony Mowbray's bid to freshen up his squad took another step forward on Friday as his one million pound bid for Danish striker Morten Rasmussen was accepted by the player's club Brondby. Rasmussen, who will turn 25 on 31 January, has yet to decide whether he wants to move to Celtic as he is desperate to make Denmark's World Cup finals

squad. The striker — who is playing for the Danish League Select at the King's Cup invitational tournament in Thailand — has been with Brondby since making a 1.2million pounds move from Aarhus in 2006.

Rasmussen — whose nickname is Duncan because his style of play has been compared to former Everton, Rangers and Scotland striker Duncan Ferguson — has scored 52 goals in 111 appearances for Brondby. Should Rasmussen, who has played for his country at all youth levels but is yet to make his senior international debut, agree to the move he will join fellow January signings, Norway Under-21 international defender Thomas Rogne and 26-year-old Dutch defender Jos Hooiveld.

Internet



F Brondby's forward Morten Rasmussen in action at Brondby stadium in 2009.— INTERNET



A rural worker is pictured collecting berries at a coffee plantation. — INTERNET

Haiti government calls off search and rescue

PORT-AU-PRINCE, 23 Jan— Haiti's government has declared the search and rescue phase for survivors of the earthquake over, the United Nations said Saturday, saying there was little hope of finding more people alive 10 days after much of the capital was reduced to rubble.

The statement from the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs comes the day after an Israeli team reported pulling a man out of the debris of a two-story home and relatives said an elderly woman had been rescued.

Internet

MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (24-1-2010) (Sunday)

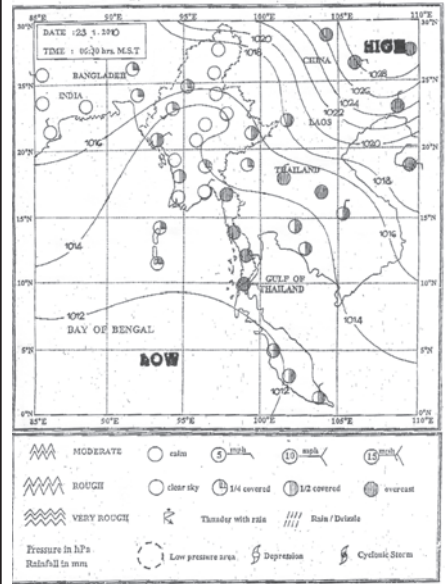
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Local	- (09:00am ~ 10:00am) MST
Europe	- (19:30pm ~ 21:30pm) MST
North America	- (23:30pm ~ 07:30am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Signature Tune
 - * Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights
 - * A Gift from The Sea
 - * Clothes decorated with Sequin-like Colourful Plastics
 - * A Day in the life of the Pa-O Family
 - * Culture Stage
 - * Mandalay's Grand Walls and Moat...
 - * Myanmar Modern Song
 - * Natioanal Races Village (Kachin, Kayah, Kayin)
 - * Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights
- #### Europe/ North America Transmission
- * Signature Tune
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 - * Mandalay's Grand Walls and Moat...
 - * Myanmar Modern Song
 - * Natioanal Races Village (Kachin, Kayah, Kayin)
 - * Myanmar Modern Song
 - * Welcome to Yanangyaling
 - * Naga Traditional Cultural Showroom
 - * Pickled Featherback
 - * Culture Stage
 - * The Enchanting Ahkha Village
 - * Myanmar Modern Song
 - * The Art of Making Paper Toys
 - * Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights

Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Saturday, 23rd January, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Shan and Rakhine States, upper Sagaing, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and generally fair in the remaining areas. Night temperatures were (4 °C) below January average temperatures in upper Sagaing Division, (5 °C) to (6 °C) below January average temperatures in Kachin and Chin States, (3 °C) to (4 °C) above January average temperatures in Shan, Rakhine States and Ayeyawady Divisions, (5 °C) to (6 °C) above January average temperatures in Taninthayi Division and about January average temperatures in the remaining areas. The significant night temperatures were Haka (-2 °C), Putao, Heho and Mogoke (2 °C) each, Machanbaw (4 °C) and Lashio, Namsam, Pyin Oo Lwin and An (5 °C) each.

Maximum temperature on 22-1-2010 was 95 °F. Minimum temperature on 23-1-2010 was 61 °F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 23-1-2010 was 68%. Total sun shine hours on 22-1-2010 was (8.9) hours approx.

Rainfall on 23-1-2010 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (Tr) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and (Nil) at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from Southeast at (18:30) hours MST on 22-1-2010.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 24th January 2010: Light rain are likely to be isolated in Taninthayi Division, weather will be partly cloudy in Shan, Kayah, Kayin and Mon States and generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Slight decrease of night temperatures in the upper Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 24-1-2010: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 24-1-2010: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 24-1-2010: Generally fair weather.

Myanmar



Sunday, 24
January
View on today

7:00 am

1. တောင်တန်းသာသနာပြု ဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am

2. To Be Healthy Exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning News

7:40 am

4. မြတ်ဂုဏ်တော်သခင် (သန်းမြတ်စိုးတေးရေး-မောင်မောင်လတ်)

7:45 am

5. Nice & Sweet Song

8:00 am

6. ယဉ်ကျေးလိမ္မော်(ဂုဏ်)

မြာမင်္ဂလာ

8:10 am

7. တက္ကသိုလ်တက္ကသိုလ်ရာ

8:25 am

8. ပေါက်တံတား(ရေပြာ)နှင့် ပေါက်တံတား(အုန်းတော)

8:40 am

9. International News

8:45 am

10. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:50 am

11. Musical Programme

11:00 am

1. Martial Song

11:10 am

2. Round Up Of The Week's International News

11:20 am

3. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

12:20 pm

4. Golf Magazine (TV)

12:45 pm

5. မြန်မာ့ရုပ်ရှင် "ဆွေဂ်" (လွင်မိုးဝေဠုကျော်၊ သျှားညို၊ ချမ်းသာကြည်စိုးမြင့်မြင့်ခိုင်၊ ထွန်းအိန္ဒြာဝိုင်း၊ မိုးသန္တာထွန်းခင်ဇာတိကျော်)

12:50 pm

6. Sing & Enjoy

1:00 pm

7. "ခေတ်မီဖွံ့ဖြိုးတိုးတက်မှုသင်တန်း" (အသိပညာ)

1:10 pm

8. Sing & Enjoy

1:20 pm

9. Sing & Enjoy

1:30 pm

10. Sing & Enjoy

1:40 pm

11. Sing & Enjoy

1:50 pm

12. Sing & Enjoy

2:00 pm

13. Sing & Enjoy

2:10 pm

14. Sing & Enjoy

2:20 pm

15. Sing & Enjoy

စိုးမြတ်စိုး(အုန်းတော)

2:45 pm

6. International News

2:55 pm

7. အတုပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:00 pm

1. Martial Song

4:10 pm

2. အတုပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:20 pm

3. Song Of National Races

4:25 pm

4. Musical Programme

4:35 pm

5. အမေသင်တက္ကသိုလ်

6. နဂါးရေခဲမြစ်သို့ ကြားသင့်ခန်းစာ ဒုတိယနှစ် (မြန်မာစာပေအသင်း)

7. အမေသင်တက္ကသိုလ်

4:55 pm

6. Songs For Uphold National Spirit

5:00 pm

7. "ခေတ်မီဖွံ့ဖြိုးတိုးတက်မှုသင်တန်း" (အသိပညာ)

5:10 pm

8. Sing & Enjoy

5:20 pm

9. Sing & Enjoy

5:30 pm

10. Sing & Enjoy

5:40 pm

11. Sing & Enjoy

5:50 pm

12. Sing & Enjoy

6:00 pm

13. Sing & Enjoy

6:10 pm

14. Sing & Enjoy

6:20 pm

15. Sing & Enjoy

6:30 pm

16. Sing & Enjoy

6:40 pm

17. Sing & Enjoy

6:00 pm

9. Evening News

6:15 pm

10. Weather Report

6:20 pm

11. တစ်မျက်နှာတစ်ကွက်စာ

- "အချစ်နှင့်ယဉ်ကျေးမှုသင်တန်း" (ခင်ဇော်မြင့်ကျော်၊ မိုးထွန်း၊ မိုးမြင့်၊ မိုးမြင့်၊ မိုးမြင့်)

6:40 pm

12. "ချစ်တတ်ကြရအောင်" (အောင်ခင်လင်း၊ ခင်ဇော်မြင့်ကျော်၊ မိုးထွန်း၊ မိုးမြင့်၊ မိုးမြင့်)

7:00 pm

13. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

7:10 pm

14. News

7:20 pm

15. International News

7:30 pm

16. Weather Report

7:40 pm

17. တက္ကသိုလ်တက္ကသိုလ်ရာ

7:50 pm

18. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

8:00 pm

19. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

8:10 pm

20. ရုပ်သံကြိုပွင့်များ

8:20 pm

21. Sing & Enjoy

8:30 pm

22. Sing & Enjoy

8:40 pm

23. Sing & Enjoy

8:50 pm

24. Sing & Enjoy

9:00 pm

25. Sing & Enjoy

9:10 pm

26. Sing & Enjoy

9:20 pm

27. Sing & Enjoy

9:30 pm

28. Sing & Enjoy

9:40 pm

29. Sing & Enjoy



- ★ 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

Thekkelkyin Dam in Seikpyu Township under construction to turn Pakokku District lush and green

Byline & Photo: *Khin Maung Than (Sethmu)*

The government, in order to provide sufficient irrigation water to arid regions in Upper and Central Myanmar and to turn these regions green

and lush ones, has been extensively constructing dams and reservoirs. Thekkelkyin Dam is being constructed by damming up Banbo Creek near

Thekkelkyin Village, Seikpyu Township, Seikpyu District, with a view to greening Pakokku Plain.

At present, groundwork is being carried out. Upon completion, the facility will have a dead storage capacity of 435 acre feet of water and be able to supply 400 acres of farmland. The facility will be of earthen type with 53 feet in height and 2,000 feet in length. The saddle dyke will be 1150 feet long, maximum storage capacity 2,909 acre feet, full dam water surface area 192 acres and catchment area 5.8 square miles.

The aims of building Thekkelkyin Dam are to store 2,909 acre feet of water so as to irrigate 400 acres of farmland in Seikpyu Township and to green the region. Thekkelkyin Dam Project was put into commission in 2009-2010 and will be completed in 2010-2011.

Now, Thekkelkyin Dam is in the course of construction in Seikpyu Township. When the dam is in service, local farmers will be able to grow paddy all year round and double and mixed cropping will also be possible. Altogether 650 acres of farmland will benefit from Ngachin Dam and Thekkelkyin Dam in Seikpyu Township, which will contribute towards food security and greening of arid regions in Pakokku Plain.

Translation; TKK
Kyemon (17-1-2010)



Thekkelkyin Dam will be in service of farmers of Seikpyu Township in 2011.