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National races have showed their massive support for the State Constitution of the Union of Myanmar to build a new nation. Now, according to the State's seven-step Road Map, a free and fair election will take place soon. That means national people will have the rights to elect representatives, and stand for election. So, members of parliaments, who the voters think will be capable of generating a prosperous future for the nation, will be elected by ballot.

Senior General Than Shwe
Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council
Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services
(From the message sent on the occasion of the 63rd Anniversary Union Day)

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

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Feb—Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing hosted the reception and dinner in commemoration of the 63rd Anniversary Union Day at the square of City Hall, here, this evening.

At 6:30 pm, Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing arrived at the square of City Hall of Nay Pyi Taw where the Union Day commemorative reception and dinner took place. They were welcomed by Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann, Prime Minister General Thein Sein, Chairman of the Central Committee for Organizing the 63rd Anniversary Union Day Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Tin Aye, Chairman of the Management Committee Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin and officials.

Senior General Than Shwe and party cordially greeted Union Day delegates from States and Divisions, traditional cultural troupes and guests.

The Senior General and wife hosted a dinner to the guests.

Also present at the reception and dinner were Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San, Member of the SPDC General Thura Shwe Mann and wife Daw Khin Lay Thet, Prime Minister General Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win, Chairman of the Central Committee for Organizing the 63rd Anniversary Union Day 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, senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence and their wives, the ministers,

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***Senior General Than Shwe and party cordially greet Union Day delegates, members of traditional cultural troupes and social organizations and guests at reception and dinner to mark 63rd Anniversary Union 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

Saturday, 13 February, 2010

Strive for boosting production of import-substitute items

For Myanmar to be able to catch up with the international community in terms of development, the government is striving earnestly for industrial development by laying down national economic plans.

As for the industrial sector, factories are being built to manufacture modern machinery of international standard by using modern production techniques. No (2) Tyre and Rubber Product Factory (Bilin) of the Ministry of Industry-2 was opened on 10 February. It is situated near Mile Post No.122 on Yangon-Mawlamyine Road in Bilin Township, Mon State.

The factory can produce 300,000 tyres weighing 2608 tons (altogether 11 kinds of tyre) per year as well as other rubber products including penstock rubber pipes and gloves for hospital use.

In the factory compound are rubber plantations in addition to buildings, warehouses and various production sections. Rubber, an industrial raw material crop, is much in demand in the global market. It is also an essential raw material for industrialized countries to mass-produce cars.

At a time when the State is fulfilling all requirements for producing import-substitute items in the drive for national economic growth, factory workers are to try to run their factory at full capacity, manufacture quality products and met the target.

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**

Industry-1 to cooperate with Indian company

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Feb—Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung received Mr. Jayaeva Ranade and party of Ballarpur Industries Limited from India at the ministry here on 10 February.

They discussed collaboration between enterprises under the ministry and the Indian company.

MNA

Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung receives Mr. Jayaeva Ranade and party of Ballarpur Industries Limited.—MNA

Timber extraction operates wood-based industry

Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung inspects timber extraction in Sagaing Division.

MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Feb—Timber extraction at forest reserves is in progress along Chindwin River and in Mingin and Kalewa Townships with the use of elephants and heavy machinery.

On his inspection tour on 7 and 8 February, Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung stressed the need for officials to systematically keep logs, take fire preventive measures, and carefully extract timbers.

Under control of Myanma Timber Enterprise, No. 1 Plywood Factory is functioning for domestic use and for exporting purpose at the wood-based industry in Monywa. No. 108 and No. 75 Sawmills are also being operated at full capacity there.

While in Monywa, the minister responded to the reports of officials on forest conservation, thriving plantations and water supply at Bawditahtaung Pagoda.—*MNA*

Priority given to health care in Shan State (North)

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Feb — Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo inspected preventive measures against A/H1N1 being carried out at the border gate in Muse, Shan State (North) on 7 February.

Next, the deputy minister stressed the need for reduction of infant mortality and maternal death rate, improvement in prenatal and postnatal care, availability of safe water in each and every village, use of fly-proof latrine in every household, educating local people to build hand washing habit, combating malaria, tuberculosis and HIV/AIDS and safety measures for patients in meeting with members of health committee, specialists, nurses and health staff at the meeting hall of Muse People's Hospital.

The deputy minister also visited Namhkam, Kutkai and Hsenwi People's Hospitals. — *MNA*

Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo visits Muse People's Hospital.—MNA

Talks on traffic rules given

YANGON, 12 Feb—Head of No.(5) Traffic Police Corps of Yangon Division Cordless and Traffic Police Force Police Captain Maung Maung Than and members gave traffic rules educative talks to teachers and students and school ferry drivers at the No. 5 Basic Education High School in Botahtaung Township on 11 February.—*MNA*

American soldier dies in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 12 Feb — The US military says an American soldier has died in Iraq of injuries unrelated to combat.

A military statement says the soldier from United States Forces-Iraq died on Wednesday.

The name of the soldier is being withheld pending notification of next of kin.

Thursday's statement also says the incident is under investigation. It provided no further details.

The death raises to at least 4,376 the number of US military personnel who have died in Iraq since the war began in March 2003.

Internet

***Mexican soldiers patrol on a boat on a flooded highway in Chalco, Mexico, on 11 February, 2010. The Compania watercourse flooded Chalco after torrential rain from several different weather systems.* —INTERNET**

Heavy rains flood 20,000 houses in northern Peru

LIMA, 12 Feb — At least 20,000 houses were flooded and 150 others collapsed on Thursday as torrential rains lashed northern Peru, according to local media.

The heavy rains affected Peru's northern city of Trujillo, where three hospitals have been flooded, and some building bases cracked by the water.

In the face of floods, La Esperanza, El Porvenir and Salaverry are the most vulnerable towns in Trujillo in La Libertad Province.

According to the regional government, some 60,000 houses are in danger in the province since rocks began to slide down from hills.

The regional administration of health has issued an alert on the breakout of dengue and other diarrheal diseases resulting from the rain.—*Xinhua*

'Several' US troops injured in Afghan base blast

WASHINGTON, 12 Feb — An explosion rocked a joint Afghan-US combat post in eastern Afghanistan on Thursday, injuring "several" US troops, the Pentagon said, but it was not immediately clear if it was an attack.

"An explosion occurred at a joint ANSF/ISAF combat outpost in Paktiya province, eastern Afghanistan this evening," the US military said in a statement.

"Several ISAF service members from the United States were injured. There were no reported fatalities to ISAF or ANSF personnel," it said.

Americans and other international troops have been working closely with Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF) as they try and stand up an effective military and police to protect civilians and defeat the Taleban and Al-Qaeda.

There are about 110,000 international troops as part of the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) battling the Taleban and Al-Qaeda-linked fighters.

ISAF wants to expand the Afghan army to 134,000 troops in October 2010 and 171,600 by October 2011, while the police numbers would expand from some 80,000 now, to 109,000 in October, and 134,000 the following October.

Last month, a suicide bomber killed eight people including seven CIA agents at a forward operating base in eastern Afghanistan's Khost Province.—*Internet*

Shootout in Rio slum ahead of Carnival; eight dead

RIO DE JANEIRO, 12 Feb — Gunfire erupted Thursday in a Rio de Janeiro slum, killing at least seven suspected drug traffickers and a policeman a day before Carnival celebrations kick off.

A police spokesman said the gunbattle in the Jacarezinho slum started while police were on a routine patrol. He declined to be quoted by name, citing standard department policy.

Jacarezinho is located in northern Rio, far from the tourist areas and the Carnival parties that open Friday and draw about 500,000 visitors each year.

But the violence nevertheless adds to concerns about the city's image and how much it will be able to curtail violence as it prepares to host the 2016 Olympics.

Thursday was one of the bloodiest days in Rio since October, when a drug gang war saw police kill scores of suspects during two weeks of operations. That violence was ignited when a police helicopter was shot down by suspected traffickers, and 2,000 officers began raiding slums to look for those responsible.—*Internet*

***A police officer frisks a man during a police operation in the Jacarezinho shantytown of Rio de Janeiro, on 11 Feb, 2010.*—INTERNET**

***A damaged car is removed by a crane during a searching operation of avalanche victims in Salang Pass, some 115 kilometers (71 miles) north of Kabul, Afghanistan, on 11 Feb, 2010.* INTERNET**

6.6 magnitude quake strikes Bali, Indonesia

JAKARTA, 12 Feb — A shallow quake with magnitude of 6.6 struck waters off Bali Island, a center of Indonesia's tourist industry, on Friday morning, the Indonesian Meteorology and Geophysics Agency reported here. The US Geological Survey first recorded the quake was at 5.9 magnitude and then revised it down at 5.7 magnitude.

The quake jolted at 1:43 a.m. Jakarta time on Friday (1843 GMT Thursday) with epicenter at 210 km southwest Nusadua of Bali at the depth at 10 km under sea bed, an official of the agency Farid Nurahim told *Xinhua* over phone.—*Xinhua*

Spacewalking astronauts add space to station

CAPE CANAVERAL, 12 Feb — The International Space Station has a new room and observation deck.

Astronauts hitched the room, named Tranquility, to the space station early Friday. A pair of spacewalking astronauts watched as the 23-foot-long chamber was moved into place by a giant robotic arm.

Spacewalkers Robert Behnken and Nicholas Patrick are expected to hook up power and data cables later Friday and will tackle the plumbing during a second spacewalk Saturday night. The job of installing Tranquility is so big and complicated it will require three spacewalks.

Tranquility sports a big bay window. The domed lookout has seven windows, including the largest ever sent into space.

Space shuttle *Endeavour* delivered the new compartments this week.

Internet

***This image made from video available by NASA on Feb, 2010, shows visiting shuttle crewmen Robert Behnken working outside the International Space Station.*—INTERNET**

Vehicles run on the Jiayue Bridge cross the Jialing River in southwest China's Chongqing Municipality, on 11 Feb, 2010. The 778 meters' long low pylon cable-stayed bridge opened to traffic on Thursday.—XINHUA

Mongolian trade increases, exports drop in January

ULAN BATOR, 12 Feb — Mongolia's trade increased 1.9 percent to 295.5 million US dollars in the first month of this year, yet exports dropped 4 percent compared to the same month last year, the National Statistical Committee said on Thursday.

According to a committee report, the country traded with 70 countries in January, with trade turnover reaching 295.5 million dollars, including 163.5 million dollars of exports and 132 million in imports.

Trade volume increased 5.6 million dollars, or 1.9 percent compared to last January, with imports increasing 10.4 percent and exports shrinking 4 percent compared to the same period last year.

Xinhua

South Korea's Kia Motors introduces eco-friendly, plug-in hybrid concept car

SEOUL, 12 Feb—South Korean automaker Kia Motors Corp unveiled its first ever plug-in hybrid concept car on Thursday that is rechargeable and capable of running on both a gasoline engine and an electric motor, the company said in a statement.

The hybrid vehicle named "Ray" is still in its rudimentary stages but is being designed to reach a driving distance of more than 50 miles (80.46 km) per single battery charge using its electric motor, Kia said.

"Being green doesn't have to be an obvious statement anymore and Kia Ray exemplifies a viable blend of modern, eco-minded features for today's environmentally conscious consumers," said Peter Schreyer, chief design officer of Kia, through a Press release.

The Ray's interior is surrounded by eco-friendly recycled materials that are built to reflect the heat and sun, keeping the temperature relatively low and diminishing the need for air conditioning, the release added.—*Internet*

Volkswagen launches recall in Brazil

SAO PAULO, 12 Feb— Volkswagen announced on Thursday it was recalling nearly 200,000 vehicles in Brazil because of a problem with the rear wheels that could cause them to seize or fall off.

The recall affects its Novo Gol and Voyage models made in Brazil before July 2009.

Volkswagen is the second biggest carmaker in Brazil after Italian group Fiat. It has sold more than 17 million vehicles in the country — Latin America's biggest car market — since launching operations there 50 years ago.

Its announcement follows a massive worldwide recall by Toyota over accelerator and brake problems, and another by rival Japanese maker Honda in North America, Japan, Taiwan and Australia of models with a dangerous airbag fault.

Volkswagen Brazil said on its website that 193,620 Novo Gol and Voyage cars were at risk of not having sufficient lubrication on its rear wheels, which "can cause noise and continuous use could lead to a blockage of the wheels."—*Internet*

A Volkswagen Novo Gol car sits outside of a showroom in Rio de Janeiro. Volkswagen announced on Thursday it was recalling nearly 200,000 vehicles in Brazil because of a problem with the rear wheels that could cause them to seize or fall off. INTERNET

France power company EDF posts 3.9 billion euros in 2009 net

PARIS, 12 Feb.— French state-owned power company Electricite de France (EDF) posted on Thursday a positive net profit of 3.9 billion euros (5.35 billion US dollars), 12 percent higher year-on-year.

The net income from EDF's ordinary operations dropped 10.7 percent to 3.92 billion euros in 2009 from 4.39 billion euros a year earlier.

"After an overall solid year for the group despite an exceptionally difficult year in France, EDF will aim at improving its operating performance in 2010," Chief Executive Officer Henri Proglio said.—*Xinhua*

Five is enough, but Gillette upgrades razor, again

CINCINNATI, 12 Feb—A redesign of Gillette's Fusion razor, the nation's best seller, is coming and — before you ask — it doesn't have any extra blades.

The company plans to have the Fusion ProGlide on store shelves in June. It's the first new shaver Gillette has developed since Procter & Gamble Co took it over in 2005, and it benefits from research expertise at the Cincinnati-based makers of Olay skin cream and Pantene shampoo.

In this product illustration released by Proctor & Gamble, the powered version Gillette Fusion ProGlide is shown. INTERNET

New features range from blades that are 15 percent thinner and meant to tug skin less, to a better grip and new mineral-oil lubrication.

"Guys don't say they want more blades. They want more comfort," Matt Wohl, Gillette general manager for new male products, said on Wednesday.

The five-blade Fusion was developed before Boston-based Gillette became part of P&G and made its debut soon after.

Internet

Suzuki reaffirms plans for US market

CHICAGO, 12 Feb— Japanese carmaker Suzuki said on Thursday it remains committed to the US market despite steep declines in sales, and expressed confidence that a new vehicle launch will help it regain traction.

"We are here to stay," Gene Brown, vice president for automotive marketing and public relations for American Suzuki Corp., said at the Chicago Auto Show, when asked about speculation the company may halt US car sales. Brown said Suzuki will soon launch a new advertising campaign to show off the new mid-sized Kizashi, which will help elevate the brand's profile in the US.

Suzuki has been battling speculation in the US and Japan about its demise in the US market amid a sharp slump in sales. In January, it sold just 2,040 cars and light trucks in the US, for a market share of 0.3 percent, according to research firm Autodata.

In 2009, its sales amounted to 38,695, or 0.4 percent of the market and a drop of 54 percent from a year earlier, Autodata figures showed.

Jeff Holland, director of communication for America Suzuki, said of the rumors: "I know there is a lot speculation but it's not based on facts."

Speculation intensified after a senior Suzuki executive was quoted by the trade publication Automotive News as saying it was "difficult" to retail cars in the United States.

Suggestions that Suzuki was thinking of pulling out of the US also escalated after General Motors bought out Suzuki's stake in the CAMMI joint venture in Ingersoll, Canada.—*Internet*

A customer checking out Motorola phones at a store. Motorola announced plans on Thursday to split into two publicly traded companies in 2011 with one focusing on mobile devices and set-top boxes and the other on professional equipment such as two-way radios and safety systems.—INTERNET

Senior General Than Shwe, wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing...

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the Chief Justice, the Attorney-General and their wives, members of the work committee and the management committee, the deputy ministers, the Chief of MPF, directors-general of the SPDC Office and Government Office, departmental heads, Union Day delegates, traditional cultural troupes, representatives of social organizations and guests.

Before and during the dinner, national races and vocalists presented songs to the accompaniment of Myanma Athan modern music band.

After the dinner, traditional cultural troupes of Kachin, Kayah, Kayin and Chin States, Sagaing, Taninthayi, Bago, Magway and Mandalay Divisions, Mon and Rakhine States, Yangon Division, Shan State and Ayeyawady Division entertained the guests with traditional dances.—*MNA*

***Union Day delegates, traditional cultural troupes, social organizations and guests seen at reception and dinner to mark 63rd Anniversary Union Day.*—MNA**

Yangon observes ceremony to mark 63rd Anniversary Union Day

***Commander Maj-Gen Win Myint reads out message to mark 63rd Anniversary Union Day sent by Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe.*—MNA**

YANGON, 12 Feb—A ceremony to mark the 63rd Anniversary Union Day of Yangon Division was held at the People's Square on Pyay Road here this morning.

It was attended by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Win Myint, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, members of Leading Committee and Working Committee, senior military officers, departmental officials, representatives of social organizations and national brethren from National Culture and Fine Arts University.

While the State Band played the National Anthem, the Commander and people saluted the State flag.

The Commander read out the message sent by Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe on the occasion of the 63rd Anniversary Union Day 2010.—*MNA*

ASEAN emphasizes preservation of cultural dances

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Feb—As part of efforts to develop the traditional dances of ASEAN countries, resource persons from the host Myanmar participated in the Training Workshop on Preservation of Intangible Cultural Heritage: Traditional Dance Pattern organized by Subcommittee for Culture under COCI of Myanmar under the supervision of Ministry of Culture, taking place at Thingaha Hotel, here, this afternoon.

Rector of National Culture and Fine Arts University (Yangon) Daw Nanda Hmoon discussed the role of traditional dances from ASEAN countries, Adviser to National Culture and Fine Arts University (Yangon) U Aung Thwin, preservation of traditional dances, and Principal Daw Aye Sanda Aung of State School of Fine Arts (Yangon), development of Myanmar traditional dances.—*MNA*

***Training Workshop on Preservation of Intangible Cultural Heritage: Traditional Dance Pattern in progress.*—MNA**

More patients with A/H1N1 found Collaborative efforts for control of virus in progress

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Feb — According to the information that there were some flu cases in Kyaukme in Shan State (North) on 9 February, a field study team led by the head of Shan State Health Department found out that 11 people were with flu-like symptons. Five people out of them were found with the virus of New Influenza A (H1N1) after approving their laboratory results yesterday. The patients are undergoing treatment at Kyaukme People's Hospital and those who came into contact with the patients are kept in quarantine at their homes.

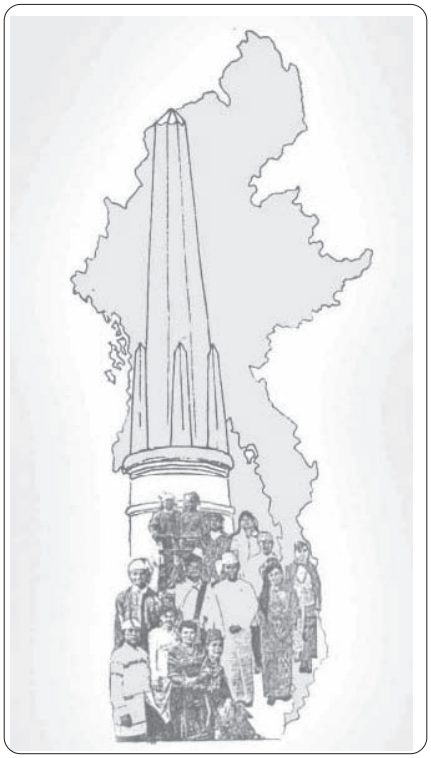
A release on 9 February mentioned that the virus of New Influenza A (H1N1) was found in four people in Mingaladon Township of Yangon. On 11 February, one more patient was found with the virus. Surveillance measures are being taken to family members of neighbouring houses, and they are kept in quarantine separately.

A total of 47 comprising patients with the virus and suspected persons from Dagon Myothit (North) Township in Yangon Division who are given health care at the hospital are all in good condition, and no one died in this incident. The specialists of Health Department, Central Infectious Disease Control Department and Yangon Division Health Department are taking preventive measures against the epidemic in cooperation with local authorities. Collaborative efforts are being made with added momentum to control the spread of the virus. The Ministry of Health urged the people to strictly follow the warnings on preventive measures against the virus in order to avoid the spread of virus among the public and to take part in the campaign on prevention against the pandemic disease.—*MNA*

Honouring the 63rd Anniversary Union Day

Inseparable national races and the future of the Union

Si Thu Aung



In my opinion, one of the requirements for unity of a nation or a human society is to ensure mutual interest. Even in a family, the smallest human society, for instance, the husband and wife have to be reliant upon each other, sharing common goals to set up a world. They both have to do business. They occasionally perform meritorious deeds together to attain Nirvana.

Also in a nation, senses of common interests inspire its national races to rely on one another with consolidated unity.

The Union of Myanmar is a multicultural country, which is home to more than 100 national races. According to the geo position, all national races have to remain united for common interests.

As to the geo-strategic position, except Laos with which Myanmar shares border for a number of miles in the east, the population of each of all the neighbours is larger than Myanmar's. Two of them stand first and second in terms of population in the world, and Myanmar shares border them for thousands of miles. One of them is small, but with population explosion.

One of the neighbouring countries has its natural resources exhausted due to excessive business, and is casting covetous eyes on the natural resources of its neighbours.

Myanmar is rich in natural resources, with vast areas of fallow lands for housing, thus attracting attention from many countries whose eyes are far bigger than their stomachs.

Therefore, any of the parts of the Union of Myanmar cannot stand separately. If they break away from the Union, they will come under alien threats shortly thereafter.

All national races should be well convinced of the fact that the country will perpetuate only if they remain completely harmonious, helping and relying on one another.

In the course of the history of Myanmar, national brethren always managed to repulse alien intrusions from the four directions, and safeguard the country because of the consolidated unity of all national races from all highlands and plains.

As regards the geo-strategic position, the nation has several semi-circular shape Yoma mountain ranges, which form natural barriers to alien troops. Supposing, the national races on the mountain ranges did not get involved in encountering alien attacks, it would not be possible to guard the motherland against such outside threats.

The highlanders have to rely on their brothers in plains for personal goods and other materials including rice, edible oil and salt for their everyday consumption. The rivers and creeks, the sources of fertilizer and irrigation water for dwellers of the plains rise in hilly regions.

So, the national brethren of Myanmar all benefit from the whole rivers and creeks from the very sources to the mouths. Along the Ayeyawady River, for instance, such national races as Htayon, Rawan, Lisu, Maru and Jaingphaw live along the Maykha and the Malikha rivers, whose confluence is the source of the river. Downstream the river are Bhamo and Katha townships along with the regions, home to many national races including Shanni, Kadu, and Kanan. Then, the river meets with the Shweli River, which flows from northern Shan State. The Chindwin River, which rises near the source of the Uru Creek that passes through the regions of Hkamti, Shan, Naga and Chin national races, joins the Ayeyawady River near Pakokku.

Flowing to the delta in central Myanmar, the majority of whose population are Bamars, the river empties itself into the Bay of Bengal, after

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Garden of the Union

*** Born in the Union the national brethren**
Of the same race they are
Sincerity and amity they have
With same vision and goal
Ever united and never divided
Joining hands in this land
Always united they are

*** In hilly regions, plains and states**
Kachin, Kayah brethren
With love and respect Mon and Kayin
Possessing amity Chin and Bamar
Rakhine and Shan in harmony
All marching on the correct road
Striving in togetherness

*** Like blooming flowers**
Ever vigorous and united
Working together for prosperity
In the garden of Union
Unison and harmony all have
Scenic with over 100 flowers
Renowned they the world all over
Glory is the scenery
Fresh and beautiful like the bloom

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Inseparable national races and the future of the Union

Si Thu Aung

A thorough view reveals that all national races in the Union of Myanmar cannot distance from and they have been reliant on one another. They have pursued common interests. They have shared joys and sorrows. They altogether fell under alien subjugation in the past. They regained national races at the same time in the single country. They all suffered the untold miseries of the World War II. None of the national races escaped from the evil consequences of the internal armed insurgency.

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passing through the regions of Bamar, Mon and Kayin national races. In like manner, the Thanlwin River that rises in the regions of Shan national race flows into Mottama Gulf after passing through the regions of Kayin and Mon national people. The Kalaton and Laymyo rivers pass through the regions of Chin, Mro and Thet national people and then through the regions of Rakhine nationals. Many national races including Kachin, PaO, Danu, Taungthu, Wa, and Akhar make Shan State their home; and many national races including Jaingphaw, Maru, Rawan, Lisu, Shanni, Kadu and Kanan make Kachin State their home. Local people of Kayin State are various national races such as Mon, PaO, Bamar; and many national races inclusive of Kayin, Shan and Plain Chin live in Ayeyawady and Bago divisions.

Does a region belong to a single national race? In fact, the whole Myanmar is the land belonging to all national races. Every citizen can travel freely to any other region throughout the Union, with the freedom of , business and trade and the right to settle and reside in any place within the nation. Those rights have been enumerated in the constitutions of successive periods since the independence. They are aimed at get rid of cold relations and mutual doubts among national races due to the Divide-and-Rule Policy exercised in the colonial days, and cementing the amicable relations among them. Therefore, the government has been constructing roads and bridges the length and breadth of the nation including far-flung regions, home to national races, where the colonialists did not construct any transport facilities because they would not get any economic gains.

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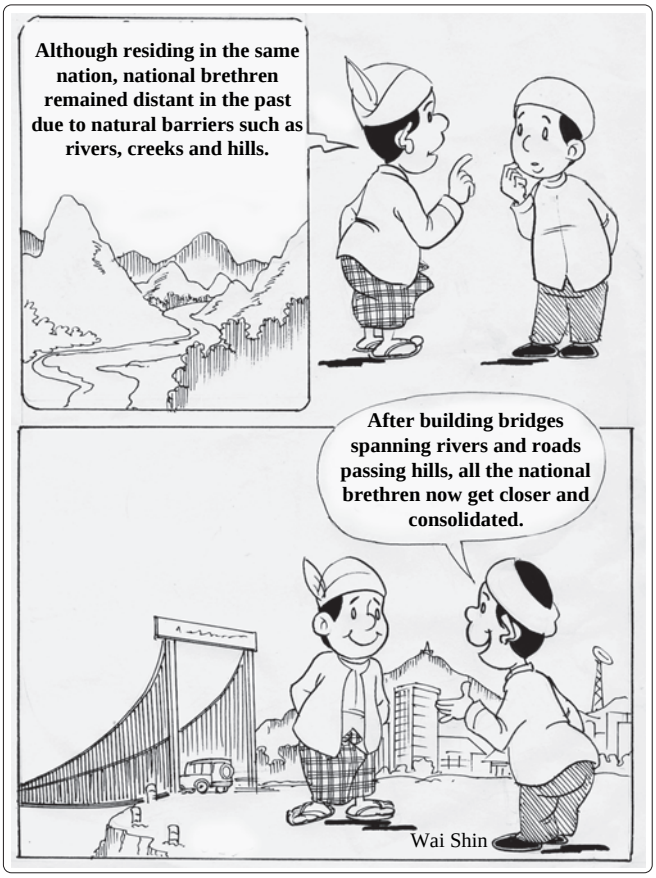
So, there should not be any conflicts among national races. National brethren have to join hands firmly with renewed vigour in shaping the nation into a new modern, developed nation.

Translation: MS

63rd Anniversary Union Day Objectives

- **For all national races to uphold the national policy—non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity, and perpetuation of sovereignty**
- **To boost the sense of Union Spirit of the national people**
- **To defend and safeguard the Union with consolidated unity of all national races against dangers posed to disrupt State stability and development by internal and external subversives**
- **For all national races to work harder to build a modern, developed, discipline-flourishing democratic nation in line with the State Constitution approved with the great majority of the ballot**
- **For all national races to make concerted efforts for successful accomplishment of the seven-step Road Map**

No longer distant



Honouring the 63rd Anniversary Union Day

Developing Shan State in the Union with songs of peace in the air

Article: *Maung Maung Myint Swe;* Photos: *Lay Nwe (Mingaladon)*

Tachilek Microwave Station and GSM Radio Station in Shan State (East).

During the mid-January, I made a journey to Shan State characterized by the misty Shan mountain ranges. Shan State is blossoming with development facilities. Songs of peace are in the air. Peace and stability have been restored on the Shan hilly region.

Onboard the express bus, I conversed with Project Engineer U Sai Tit of Shan State.

Q : Transportation improves in Shan State to some extent. I think the state has better transportation than the past, isn't it?

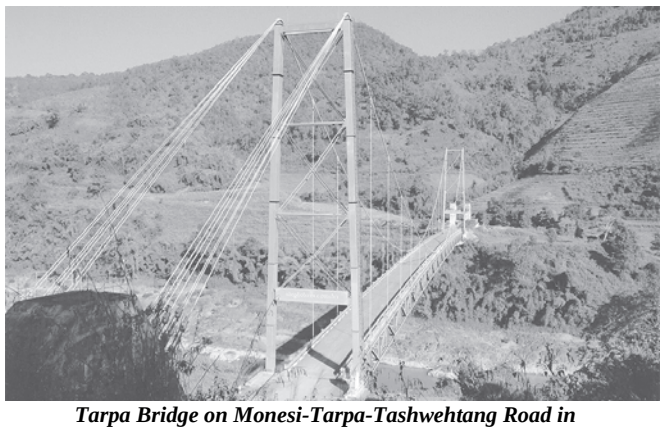
A : Yes. It is true. Transportation has improved in Shan State. Shan State had 3950 miles long motor road in 1988. Now, it has 7877 miles long road. Railroad stretched 169.4 miles in 1988. At present, the region has 496.59 miles long railroad. On completion of 236 miles long Namsang-Kengtung railroad, Shan State will have more improvement in the transport sector.

Q : Tell me facts about construction of above 180 feet long bridges in Shan State (South).

A : Well, although there was 10 bridges of over 180 feet long, Shan State now possesses 14 bridges. They are: 900 feet long Tarhsan Bridge on Namsang-Mongnai-Mongtung-Monghsat Road, Matlan Bridge on Laikha-Mongnawng-Monghsu-Mongkawng Road, Langkho Bridge on Namsang-Mongnai-Mongtung-Monghsat Road and Hsadaw Bridge on Loilem-Panketu-Hsipaw Road. The 1760 feet long Leinli Bridge under construction on Pyinmana-Pinlaung Road will be completed this year. It is good news that the local national races of Shan State (South) will have easy access to Nay Pyi Taw. They can travel to the whole Union via Nay Pyi Taw.

Q : By the way, I have learned that special development regions were designated in Shan State (South). Is there improvement?

A : Yes, of course. Taunggyi and Loilem were designated as special development regions in Shan State (South). Before 1988, Shan State (South) had no technological university. On 20 January 2007, Technological University (Taunggyi) was opened in Ayethaya Myothit. Likewise, Technological University (Panglong) has also been opened. So, local national race youths were turned out as technocrats annually. Those technocrats are working in the regional development tasks. Actually, 24 special development regions have been facilitated with one Science and Arts University, one University of Computer Studies, one Technological University and one 200-bed specialist general hospital each by the State.



Tarpa Bridge on Monesi-Tarpa-Tashwehtang Road in Lashio District of Shan State (North).

While we were talking about Shan State (South), the bus entered Taunggyi. I saw thriving plantations of crops around Taunggyi. Due to reclamation of fallow and virgin lands, Shan State (South) could extend 1,399,668 acres of arable lands from 641,459 acres in 1988. The number of hospitals rose up to 58 from 36 in 1988 to provide health care services to the local people. I have learned that although there were 1930 basic education schools in Shan State (South) in 1988, the number of such schools has reached 2783 so far.

Likewise, the region had 16 dams in 1988, and now, the state has 23 dams and reservoirs. On completion of the project, Myogyi Dam will benefit 3000 acres of farmlands.

During the trip to observe development of Shan State (South), I learned the plans underway for development of the region. **On completion of Myogyi Dam Project of Ywangan Township to irrigate 30,000 acres of farmlands, Kengkham Dam Project of Yaksawk Township, Malankham Dam of Namsang Township to benefit 1500 acres of farmlands, Namla Diversion Weir of Maukmai Township to benefit 470 farmlands, Htibwa Dam of Taunggyi Township to benefit 700 acres of farmlands they will contribute to the agriculture sector.**

Leinli Bridge, over 180 feet long, is under construction in Pinlaung Township, while 226 miles long Mongnai-Kengtung railroad is being constructed. Moreover, Tarhsan hydropower project that can generate 7110 megawatts and Upper Kengtawng hydropower project that can generate 51 megawatts are being implemented in Mongpan Township.

While at Heho Airport to fly to Kengtung, I saw groups of tourists. As a result of prevailing peace and stability, many tourists arrive there.

At Kengtung Airport lounge, I conversed with U Kham Taung of Monghsat.

Q : I have learned about the special development region in Shan State (East). Explain to me facts about development there.

A : Kengtung was designated as special development region in Shan State (East). Kengtung has been equipped with one university, one Technological University (Kengtung) and one University of Computer Studies (Kengtung). From 2001 to date, Technological University (Kengtung) has produced 617 national race graduates. University of Computer Studies (Kengtung) has turned out 533 graduates from 2001 to date. The number of basic education schools in the state increased up to 572 in 2010 from 355 in 1988. The region has been facilitated with 26 hospitals including new Kengtung General Hospital to provide education and health care services to the local people thanks to the government.

Women's and Children's Specialist Hospital in Taunggyi of Shan State (South).

Q : It is good. Does your region have progress in transportation sector?

A : Yes, It has. Kengtung-Tachilek Union Highway is over 200 miles long for all-weather use.

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Honouring the 63rd Anniversary Union Day

Developing Shan State in the Union with songs of peace in the air

Article: *Maung Maung Myint Swe;* Photos: *Lay Nwe (Mingaladon)*

Phayagon Dam of Taunggyi Township benefiting hundred acres of farmlands.

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The number of over 180 feet long bridges increased up to 10 from four in 1988. The 226 miles long Mongnai-Kengtung railroad is under construction for better transportation of the local people. Kengtung, Monghsat and Tachilek airports have been upgraded. You can see extended runway, airport building and passenger lounge at this airport.

Afterwards, I visited downtown Kengtung and surrounding area. While in Kengtung Township, I saw modern housings and progress of Kengtung, the 200-bed Kengtung Hospital built on 40.77 acres of land near Hwekha Village of Mongzin Village-tract in Kengtung Township, construction of Pintauk Dam to irrigate over 200 acres of arable lands near Pinyauk Village of Kengtung Township, Kengtung University with Shan mountain ranges in the background, University of Computer Studies (Kengtung) upgraded at the university level on 20 January 2007 on 33.11 acres of land near Yanhla Village on Kengtung-Mongla Road, and Technological University (Kengtung) located on 38.38 acres of land near Wammai Village of Loimwe Road, five miles east to Kengtung. In the region, there was no microwave station in 1988. At present, Shan State (East) has been facilitated with 12 microwave stations. On my visit to Tachilek Microwave Station and GSM radio station, I noticed that the local people have access to the whole nation through online.

I have learned that **the State plans to construct the Pintauk Dam to irrigate over 200 acres of farmlands, the Mongnai-Tahsan section of 226 miles long Mongnai Kengtung railroad, the 72 miles long Tarhsan-Monghsat Road, the 87 miles long Monghsat-Kengtung Road and six bridges of over 180 feet long for development of Shan State (East). In the communication sector, arrangements are being made to install 200 more telephone lines in Kengtung and 500 lines in Tachilek, construct a 350-line exchange in Kattawng Village of Kengtung Township.**

I proceeded to Lashio for studying development of Shan State (North). Dreams of the local people came true because they have opportunities to travel to the whole Shan State through transport services of train, car and flight of their choice. On arrival at Lashio, my friend U Laphon Chaing welcomed me. While observing regional development we had a conversation.

Q : Do you know locations of special development regions in Shan State (North)? And, explain me their progress.

A : In Shan State (North), Lashio was designated as special development region. One Technological University, University of Computer Studies and Lashio General Hospital have been built in Lashio. The two universities are turning out youth technocrats annually. They are joining hands in the regional development tasks. The state has now increased over 300 basic education schools up to 1667 from 1368 in 1988. So, the local youths can pursue education in their region peacefully.

Q : Tell me matters related to progress of transport and construction task in Shan State (North).

A : Shan State (North) had 14 bridges of over 180 feet long in 1988. Now, the region has been facilitated with 21 bridges, including Dokhtawady (Nawnghkio), Thanlwin River crossing Tarkaw-et suspension bridge and Thanlwin River crossing Tarpa Bridge. The length of motor road was 1679 miles long in 1988, but the region has

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Technological University (Kengtung) for turning out national race technocrats.

Tarkaw-et Suspension Bridge across Thanlwin River in Shan State (North).

Development of Shan State

No.	Subject	Unit	1988	2009	Progress
1.	Dam	dam	383	522	139
2.	River water pumping station	station	-	7	7
3.	Forest reserve	sq/mile	2192.96	9847.40	7654.44
4.	Protected public forest	sq/mile	-	602.272	602.272
5.	Railroad	mile	180.38	496.59	316.21
6.	Motor road	mile	3596.7	7877	4280.3
7.	Over 180 feet long bridge	bridge	28	45	17
8.	Post office	office	88	162	74
9.	Telegraphic office	office	31	89	58
10.	Telephone office	office	27	128	101
11.	Microwave station	station	-	44	44
12.	Hydropower plant	plant	2	15	13
13.	Basic education school	school	3652	5022	1370
14.	University/college	number	2	5	3
15.	Technological university/ college	number	-	4	4
16	University of computer studies	number	-	4	4
17.	Hospital	number	86	144	58

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Dokhtawady Bridge (Nawnghkio in Shan State (North).

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extended 4938 miles long motor road. So, the region has 3259 miles long motor road more than 1988. Now, you can witness the local people can travel to their destinations onboard the express bus installed with TV along the tarred road at any time.

Q : May I know progress of agriculture sector and irrigation facilities in Shan State (North).

A : Although Shan State (North) is teeming with hills and mountain ranges, the local farmers strove for extending the arable lands. You can see thriving paddy, tea and jute plantations. The state has now 1,504,239 acres of farmlands by extending 429,924 acres of farmlands, up from 1,074,315 acres of farmlands in 1988. In the agriculture sector, although there were 349 dams in 1988, the state has now 460 dams. As a result of building Humon and Kaukkwe dams in Lashio Township to irrigate hundreds of sown acreage, the local farmers are engaged in the agricultural task on a commercial scale. You can witness unprecedented progress in the state.

In Lashio, I viewed the magnificent buildings such as Technological University (Lashio) and University of Computer Studies (Lashio), where local national race youth are pursuing higher education peacefully, the hydropower plants and the water supply of Humon Dam.

To develop Shan State (North), the plans are underway to implement Namhmyin Diversion Weir to irrigate 2500 acres of farmlands in Hsenwi Township, and Kyatilin Dyke to benefit 500 acres of lands and Pawei Diversion Weir to supply water to 120 acres of lands in Laukkai Township. On completion, the sown acreage would be extended to boost agricultural production. That is why the local people can enjoy fruits of economic development. Moreover, arrangements are being made to install 750 CDMA telephones each in Kutkai, Khaungkha Myothit, Hsenwi Township, Namtu Township and Mantong townships. As a result, the local national brethren will have easy access to other regions of the Union at any time. Furthermore, a plan was adopted to build a power plant to generate 800 megawatts in Momeik Township. Therefore, progress and prosperity can be seen in Shan State (North) in the future.

I left Lashio after observing all-round development of the whole Shan State. The government is striving for development of Shan State in all aspects similar to that of other States and Divisions. Ongoing development undertakings can be seen up to now. Thanks to genuine goodwill of the State, Shan State is enjoying fruits of development with songs of peace reverberating in the air.

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Shan State (East) General Hospital (Kengtung) providing health care services to national race.

Projects underway for progress of Shan State

Subject	Location	Remarks
Shan State (South)		
- Myogyi Dam Project (underway)	Ywangan Township	30,000 benefited acres
- Kengkham Dam Project (underway)	Yaksawk Township	
- Malanklham Dam (underway)	Namsang Township	1500 acres
- Namhla Diversion Weir (underway)	Maukmai Township	470 acers
- Htiba Dam	Taunggyi Township	700 acres (plan underway)
- Constructing above 180 feet long bridge (Leinli Bridge)	Pinlaung Township from Mongnai to Kengtung	under construction under construction
- Mongnai-Kengtung railroad	Mongpan Township	7110 megawatts (main hydropower), 200 megawatts (supporting hydropower), 51 megawatts
- Tahsan Hydropower Project		
- Upper Kengtawng Hydropower Project	Mongpan Township	
Shan State (East)		
- Pintauk Dam	Kengtung Township	200 benefited acres
- Mongnai-Kengtung railroad (226 miles) Mongnai-Tahsan section (67 miles) Tahsan-Monghsat section (72 miles) Monghsat-Kengtung section (87 miles) - 18 railway station - 445 bridges of under 40 feet long - 10 bridges of 40 ft-180 ft long - Six bridges of over 180 feet long	Shan State (East)	They are under construction beginning 2009-2010 financial year.
- CDMA/GSM mobile telephone	Kengtung	extension of 200 lines
- Auto-telephone	Kattaung Village of Tachilek	extension of 500 lines
	Kengtung Township	construction of 350-line auto-exchange
Shan State (North)		
- Dam	Namhmyin Diversion Weir of Hsenwi Township	2500 benefited acres
	Kyatilin Dyke of Laukkai Township	500 benefited acres
	Pawai Diversion Weir	120 benefited acres
- **CDMA-450**		
Kutkai	750	
Kaungkha Myothit	750	
Hsenwi Township	750	
Namtu Township	750	
Mantong Township	750	
Namtu Mine	750	
- Electric power project	Momeik Township	800 megawatts (Shweli-3)

Nay Pyi Taw observes 63rd Anniversary Union Day

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Also present on the occasion were senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, the Chairman of the Management Committee for Organizing the 63rd Anniversary Union Day Ceremony the Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command, CEC members of the Union Solidarity and Development Association, ministers, the Auditor-General, the Nay Pyi Taw Mayor, deputy ministers, senior military officers, members of the central committee and the management committee, departmental heads, heads of offices of ministries, local authorities, Union Day delegates, members of cultural troupes, service personnel, families of the station, representatives of Nay Pyi Taw District and Township USDAs, township war Veterans organizations, Red Cross and Auxiliary Fire Brigades, totalling over 2,600.

***State Flag hoisting and Flag saluting ceremony to mark 63rd Anniversary Union Day in progress.*—MNA**

***Night scene of Nay Pyi Taw on 63rd Anniversary Union Day.* —MNA**

Dignitaries and Union Day delegates seen at the State Flag hoisting and Flag saluting ceremony to mark the 63rd Anniversary Union Day.

MNA

***Union Day delegates seen at the ceremony State Flag hoisting and Flag saluting ceremony to mark the 63rd Anniversary Union Day.*—MNA**

First, departmental personnel, social organizations and the people took positions at the square beginning 5:00 am.

At 5:30 am, the State Flag was hoisted. Next, the Guard of Honour of Defence Services (Army, Navy and Air) took the position at the square.

The Secretary-1 took the salute of the Guard of Honour from the dais. Then, the Secretary-1 and those present saluted the State Flag. Meanwhile, the National Anthem was played.

The Secretary-1 read the message to mark the 63rd Anniversary Union Day sent by Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe, and the ceremony came to a close.

On the 63rd Anniversary Union Day, the government offices and buildings, the City Hall, the junctions and roundabouts, schools and staff quarters in Nay Pyi Taw were beautifully illuminated with coloured lights.

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State Flag hoisting and Flag saluting ceremony to mark the 63rd Anniversary Union Day in progress in Nay Pyi Taw.

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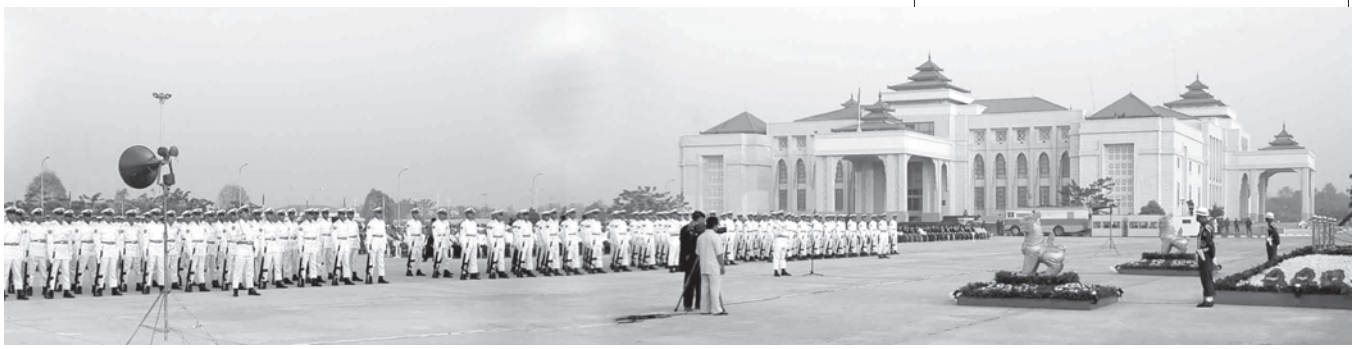

Information Minister receives Vice-Chairman and party of THAICOM Public Company Limited

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Feb—Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan received Vice-Chairman Mr. Makin Petplai and party of THAICOM Public Company Limited of Thailand at the Ministry, here, this afternoon.

Present on the occasion together with Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan were Director-General U Khin Maung Htay of Myanma Radio and Television, Director-General U Ye Htut of Information and Public Relations Department, Managing Director U Aung Nyein of Printing and Publishing Enterprise, Managing Director U Soe Win of News and Periodicals Enterprise, Managing Director U Aung Myo Myint of Myanma Motion Picture Enterprise and Head of Office U Myint Htwe.

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***Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan receives Vice-Chairman Mr. Makin Petplai and party of THAICOM Public Company Limited of Thailand.*—MNA**

***Prof Dr Khin Maung Win speaking at Press Conference for First Seminar on Gastro-intestinal Tract and Liver Disease.*—MNA**

First Seminar on GI Tract & Liver Disease on 27-28 Feb

YANGON, 12 Feb—A press conference on the First Seminar on Gastro-intestinal Tract and Liver Disease to be organized by the Myanmar Medical Association took place at the Traders Hotel on Sule Pagoda Road here this afternoon.

Chairman of the committee for organizing the seminar Professor Dr Khin Maung Win presented the purpose of the seminar.

The seminar is due to be held at the hotel from 8 am to 6 pm on 27 and 28 February. Interested doctors many sign up, and contact 30th Street Clinic for more information.—*MNA*

Want to buy vehicle tracking devices?

YANGON, 12 Feb—The Real Time Vehicle Tracking System (RTTS) was introduced for security of vehicles, at the Traders Hotel, here, this afternoon.

Responsible persons demonstrated use of RTTS and replied to the queries raised by those present.

The devices of vehicle tracking system are imported by Million Commercial Co Ltd.

RTTS is available at No. 355 of Million Commercial Co Ltd on Theinbyu Street in Mingala Taungnyunt Township, Tel: 098614945 and 908022025 and website.

MNA

***Director U Kyaw Pyi Soe of Million Commercial Co Ltd explains use of device for Real Time Vehicle Tracking System (RTTS).*— MNA**

Thingangyun Market engulfed in flames

YANGON, 12 Feb—A fire broke out at Thingangyun Market on Laydauntkan Road in Thingangyun Township, here, at about 7:37 pm today.

The disaster was under control at about 9:30 pm due to the combined work of 49 fire engines. The fire was put out at about 9:50 pm.

The cause of the fire is still under investigation.—*MNA*

Traffic rules put in place in Mon State

YANGON, 12 Feb — Mon State Traffic Rules Enforcement Supervisory Committee held a work coordination meeting at the office of the commander of Mon State Police Force on 5 February.

Police Col Win Kyi, commander of Mon State Police Force, commanders of Mawlamyine and Thaton District Police Force and officials of the committee decided to gear up tasks of traffic rules enforcements and preventive measures against road accidents and to organize more traffic rules educative talks at the meeting. — *MNA*

Diploma Courses on Marketing, Management, Accounting and Administration on 3 March

YANGON, 12 Feb — Noble Nine Education will open the Level-3 Diploma Courses on Marketing, Management, Accounting and Administration on 3 March.

Not only any person but also those attending the basic education high school and university/college may submit applications to attend the diploma courses. Ten trainees each will be admitted for respective courses. Training courses will be conducted from Monday to Friday weekly.

For further information, contact No. 7, Wutkyaung Street in Pazundaung Township, Tel: 01-396915, 01-73002966 and 01-73013201.—*MNA*

Take Fire Preventive Measures

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV XIANG XIU VOY NO (1016)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV XIANG XIU VOY NO (1016) are here by notified that the vessels will be arriving on 13.2.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claim Day.

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Beer may help prevent osteoporosis

DAVIS, 12 Feb— Researchers at the University of California, Davis, said beer may help prevent osteoporosis — the loss of bone density that can result in fractures.

Lead author Charles Bamforth says the study suggests that beer is a significant source of dietary silicon, a key ingredient for increasing bone mineral density. Bamforth and colleagues studied commercial beer production to determine the relationship between beer production methods and the resulting silicon content.

Silicon is present in beer in the soluble form of orthosilicic acid, which yields 50 percent bioavailability, making beer a major contributor to silicon intake in the Western diet.

Internet

Third-hand smoke also bad for you

WASHINGTON, 12 Feb — You know smoking is bad for you. You know inhaling someone else's smoke is bad for you. Now a US study says third-hand smoke — tobacco residue clinging to surfaces — is also bad for you.

When a cigarette burns, nicotine is released in the form of a vapor that collects and condenses on indoor surfaces such as walls, carpeting, drapes and furniture, where it can linger for months, said the study, which was published in the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* (PNAS).

"Our study shows that when this residual nicotine reacts with ambient nitrous acid it forms carcinogenic tobacco-specific nitrosamines, or TSNAs," said Hugo Destaillats, a corresponding author of the study.

"TSNAs are among the most broadly acting and potent carcinogens present in unburned tobacco and tobacco smoke," he said.

The most likely human exposure to TSNAs is through either inhalation of dust or the contact of skin with carpet or clothes — making third-hand smoke particularly dangerous to infants and toddlers.

Opening a window or turning on a fan to air out a room while a cigarette burns does not eliminate the hazard of third-hand smoke. Smoking outdoors doesn't help much either.

Internet

Smokers at Tampa International Airport are seen taking advantage of the airport's smoking area. When a cigarette burns, nicotine is released in the form of a vapour that collects and condenses on indoor surfaces said the study, which was published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS).—INTERNET

Israeli fire kills Gaza militant

GAZA CITY, 12 Feb—A Palestinian militant was killed and two young girls wounded by Israeli fire in the Gaza Strip in two separate incidents on Thursday, medics said.

The fighter was killed and another wounded when a tank fired on a group of militants near the border east of Gaza City, according to Muawiya Hassanein, the head of Gaza emergency services.

Hours earlier, two Palestinian girls aged five and nine were wounded when an Israeli tank shell exploded near their home further south, close to the Bureij refugee camp, Hassanein said. An Israeli army spokesman said an air strike had been launched in the area where the fighter was killed, and that there had been a separate exchange of fire along the border near the refugee camp.

Internet

Relatives in eastern Cuba say woman has turned 125

Relatives in eastern Cuba claim to have held a 125th birthday party for a woman named Juana Bautista de la Candelaria Rodriguez, but it is not clear if she is really that old.

The state-run news agency *Prensa Latina* reported on the party last weekend in the city of Bayamo in Granma province, attended by Rodriguez's family, including 15 great-grand children and four great-great-grandchildren.

Prensa Latina said Rodriguez, known affectionately as "Candulia," is "presumably the oldest person on the planet, although that has not been confirmed."

In a phone interview with Cuban media, Rodriguez said she was happy and looking forward to many great years.

In this on 4 Feb, 2010 photo, Juana Bautista de la Candelaria Rodriguez sits in her home near the village of Campechuela, where she was born in the Granma region of eastern Cuba. Bautista, who is also known as Candulia, was born in 1885 according to the civil registry and celebrated her 125th birthday on 2 Feb, making her possibly the oldest person in the world. A spokesperson for Guinness World Records told the AP they were not aware of Bautista.

NEWS ALBUM

Message in bottle yields response

A group of California fishermen who sent a message in a bottle two years ago said they were delighted when someone found the bottle and even sent a reply.

The fishermen, from the San Francisco and Monterey Bay areas, said they tossed the bottle into the water just south of San Diego in August 2007 with a message about Bob Dubcich, a friend of theirs who died from a rare form of cancer, KSBW-TV, Salinas, Calif, reported.

The men said they enclosed $20 with the note to increase the chances of someone coming forward after finding it, which they said felt like sending their friend out to sea for a last voyage.

"(We said) if anyone found the bottle, send it back and we'd send you $100 so we made sure we'd get it back," John Saunders said.

Saunders said he and his friends were shocked by how far the bottle had travelled — to the Philippines.

"To send him on a trip for 10,000 miles was bigger and better than anything we'd ever expected," Saunders said. The fishermen said the man who found the bottle in the Philippines and sent it back to them has more than $100 coming. "If he ever comes to America, he's going fishing with us. We're taking him, period," Saunders said.

Man survives four days in snow-trapped car

An Indiana man lost for four days after his car became lodged in deep snow said he survived on Mountain Dew and mountain snow.

Jason Pede, 31, said he was on his way from Dulce, NM, to Aspen, Colo, on a rescue dog delivery when his Lincoln Navigator became lodged in deep snow on a small country road off Highway 114 near Saguache, Colo, KMGH-TV, Denver, reported on Monday. Pede said he stayed in the car, surviving on a diet of Mountain Dew and snow, and found his electronic communication devices were not functioning in the weather. He said he burned small items to keep warm but eventually decided to brave the cold to search for existence. Pede was found on Sunday morning walking into Amarillo, Texas. He said he felt healthy but hungry and looked forward to reuniting with his family.

The dog, an Australian Shepherd, was found in Pede's car and taken to an Aspen vet for treatment.

A giant tattoo ice cube is seen at Potters Fields, close to the Tower Bridge, in London, on 9 Feb, 2010. The ice cube was made by London's famous tattoo artist Henry, who used Japanese Samurai chisels to carve the unique tattoo design into it. A stylish car called "Cube" is frozen at the centre of the ice cube and will be shown to the public as the ice melts in the following three days.

SPORTS

Hammer blow for United as Giggs ruled out for month

MANCHESTER 12 Feb—Ryan Giggs has broken his right arm and will be out of action for at least four weeks in a serious blow to Manchester United's prospects of claiming silverware this season.

Ryan Giggs

The Welsh winger was injured in a collision with Steve Sidwell during the second half of United's 1-1 draw at Aston Villa on Wednesday and an x-ray has confirmed a fracture that will mean he misses the League Cup final against Villa on February 28.

Giggs, 36, will also be absent for both legs of Champions League last-16 clash with AC Milan and Premier League games against Everton, West Ham and Wolves.

In the twilight of his career, Giggs has become more important to United than ever and his absence will be felt even more because Portuguese winger Nani, who has lately been playing the best football of his time at Old Trafford, faces a three-match domestic ban after being sent off against Villa.

Nani will be available for next week's first leg in Milan, a match that United will have plenty of time to prepare for as a result of their third round FA Cup defeat by Leeds last month. "In terms of preparing for a European tie we are pleased to have a free weekend," United manager Sir Alex Ferguson said.—*Internet*

Pressley steps into Falkirk hot seat

LONDON, 12 Feb—Former Scotland defender Steven Pressley was Thursday appointed as the new manager of struggling Scottish Premier League (SPL) club Falkirk following the departure of Eddie May.

Former Scotland defender Steven Pressley

Pressley, 36, steps up from his role as May's assistant for his first job in management and will be aided by veteran former Aberdeen and St Mirren boss Alex Smith, who had been director of football under May.

May left by mutual agreement after less than eight months in charge. He had been promoted to manager following five years on the coaching staff at the club.

His reign concluded with Wednesday's 1-0 defeat by Kilmarnock which left Falkirk, known as the Bairns, three points adrift at the bottom of the 12-team SPL.

Pressley has been appointed until the end of the season and said he believed he could keep Falkirk in the top flight.

"There are still 15 games remaining with a potential of 45 points to be won and, make no mistake, all 15 of these games are potentially winnable," he said.

"I feel I have a good relationship with the players and I would not have taken on this job if I did not believe that I can manage them and bring the club a degree of success."

Internet

Eriksson quits Notts County as new owner arrives

LONDON, 12 Feb—Former England and Manchester City manager Sven-Goran Eriksson has resigned as director of football of English League Two side Notts County.

Former England and Manchester City manager Sven-Goran Eriksson

Eriksson's resignation comes as ownership of the club, which plays in England's fourth tier division, changed hands for the third time this season.

Former Lincoln City chairman Ray Trew has snapped up the club which has debts of over 1.5 million pounds for just one pound.

Trew said in a statement: "Our vision is not for the short term but for the long term."

Internet

Lucky Djokovic gets 2nd free ride in Rotterdam Tennis

ROTTERDAM, 12 Feb— Novak Djokovic earned a free trip into the semi-finals of the Rotterdam Open on Thursday, benefiting as his second opponent in three matches this week proved unable to take to the court.

Only 48 hours after Sergiy Stakhovsky was unable to complete his first-round contest with Djokovic, German Florian Meyer withdrew with a hamstring tear a day before his Friday quarter-final match with the Serb top seed.

"Of course you never want to get a win this way, but I'll take it the way it is," said the world number two after moving into the quarter-finals with a 6-4, 6-2 win against Swiss Marco Chiudinelli.

"Today's win was a convenient match for me from the start. I felt confident on my service games and took enough of my opportunities on his. I did what I needed to win and that's what matters."

The top seed paved the way for a sweep of the leading players into the last eight, with third seed Gael Monfils joining in with a 6-3, 6-2 win over Holland's Thiemo de Bakker.–*Internet*

Leonardo says Inter draw gives Milan hope

ROME, 12 Feb—AC Milan coach Leonardo said on Thursday that his side still has a chance of winning the Serie A title following Inter Milan's 1-1 draw at Parma on Wednesday.

AC Milan coach Leonardo.

Milan host Udinese on Friday night in a groundbreaking move in the Italian football calendar, with the match having been brought forward to give Milan an extra day's rest ahead of their Champions League clash against Manchester United next week. In the league they sit 11 points behind leaders Inter but with a game in hand and the Brazilian coach believes those dropped points in Parma have given his team a boost.

"We can't deny that Inter's draw at Parma last night has given us the chance to close the gap a bit," he said.

"Right now we're coming into an important period in the season. We're coming into it off the back of a defeat and two draws (in the league) and we have to gain points for the road ahead." Milan picked up just two points out of a possible nine in their last three matches and saw Inter's lead go from six to 11 points.—*Internet*

Ashely Cole

Chelsea rocked by Cole fracture

LONDON, 12 Feb—Chelsea and England were rocked Thursday by news that Ashley Cole has suffered a fracture of his left ankle and will be out of action for approximately three months.

The news is a serious blow to the west London club, for whom Cole had been in superb form, and for England, who will now be left sweating over the fitness of their first-choice left-back for the World Cup in South Africa in June and July.

Although Cole should theoretically be back in action in mid-May, that will leave him with only a month and a handful of games, at best, to regain full match fitness in time for the start of the World Cup in mid-June.Cole limped off in the second half of Chelsea's 2-1 defeat at Everton on Wednesday following a challenge with Landon Donovan, the United States international who ironcially could line up against the defender again when England face the Americans in their World Cup opener on 12 June.

Internet

Roddick books San Jose quarter-final berth

SAN JOSE, 12 Feb—Top-seeded American Andy Roddick reached the quarter-finals of the SAP Open with a 6-3, 6-2 victory over Argentina's Leonardo Mayer.

Top-seeded American Andy Roddick

Roddick lined up a quarter-final clash with fifth-seeded Czech Tomas Berdych.

Roddick, who was bothered by a pinched nerved in his shoulder in his five-set loss to Marin Cilic in the quarter-finals of the Australian Open last month, has also had his practice time limited by a sore knee.

But he said his second round match here, in his first event since the Australian Open, showed progress.

"Tonight it was just coming off a bit firmer and I was able to move the ball around a bit more - that comes from getting a match in," Roddick said.

Roddick broke Mayer for a 5-3 lead in the first set, and as the American took control Mayer was clearly frustrated.

"This was a good match for me," Roddick said. "I felt like he had big swings and I thought that forced him to play a bit more aggressively on the first ball of a point which in turn creates a little bit of a more hit-or-miss deal for him, which I thought caught up with him tonight."

Ricardas Berankis, ranked 255th in the world, made a bit of ATP history when he became the first Lithuanian-born player to reach a tour-level quarter-final. He upset Germany's Bjorn Phau, ranked 126th in the world, 7-6 (7/5), 6-3.

Berankis will play second-seeded Spaniard Fernando Verdasco, a 7-5, 6-2 winner over Germany's Benjamin Becker.

Internet

Bernd Bieger
(58 Years)

Representative, Fritz Werner Industrie-Ausruestungen, Yangon Branch Office Beloved Hushand of Diyah Bieger and loving father of Sally Bieger, passed away suddenly at 9 pm on Thursday, 11 February 2010. Funeral arrangements will be made known later.

Air China orders 20 Airbus A320s for $1.63b

BEIJING, 12 Feb—Air China, one of the three major civil aviation companies in the country, said that it has ordered 20 Airbus A320 planes to promote its fleet capacity on growing demand.

In a statement to the Shanghai Stock Exchange, Air China said that the plans of the 1.63-billion US dollars deal would be delivered in stages from 2011 to 2014.—*Xinhua*

MRTV-3
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* Myanmar Movies Impact "Old Pal, In-Law"
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* Record Album "Sculpture Angel"

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Myanmar TV

Saturday, 13 February
View on today

7:00 am
1. တောင်တန်းသာသနာပြု ဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

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. တေးသရုပ်ဖော်အစီအစဉ်

8:00 am
6. ကဗျာပန်းဥယျာဉ်

8:10 am
7. Nice & Sweet Song

8:20 am
8. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:30 am
9. "စက္ကူနှင့်ပျော့ဖတ်စက်ရုံ (သာပေါင်း)"

8:40 am
10. International News

8:45 am
11. Musical Programme

11:00 am
1. Martial Song

11:10 am
2. Musical Programme

11:25 am
3. Game For Children

11:50 am
4. Round Up Of The Week's TV Local News

12:40 pm
5. Yan Can Cook

1:00 pm
6. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ဟာသကမ္ဘာ" (အပိုင်း-၇၁)

2:00 pm
7. "ကလေးများ၏ ကျန်းမာဖွံ့ဖြိုးရေး"

2:20 pm
8. ငွေသောင်ယံကမ်းအလှပန်းချီချောင်းသာဆီ

2:30 pm
9. "ရိုးသားစွာကြိုးစားပါ"

2:55 pm
10. International News

4:00 pm
1. Martial Song

4:10 pm
2. Musical Programme

4:20 pm
3. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:30 pm
4. "ဝါသီးကရွေသီးဖြစ်ပြီ"

5:00 pm
5. (၆၃)နှစ်မြောက်ပြည်ထောင်စုနေ့ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်

5:10 pm
6. ၂၀၁၀ခုနှစ်၊ တက္ကသိုလ်ဝင်စာမေးပွဲဘာသာရပ်ဆိုင်ရာ သင်ခန်းစာ (စိတ်ကြိုက်မြန်မာစာဘာသာရပ်)

5:35 pm
7. Song For Uphold National Spirit

5:45 pm
8. ရုပ်မြင်ရသတေးစုကဏ္ဍ

6:00 pm
9. Evening News

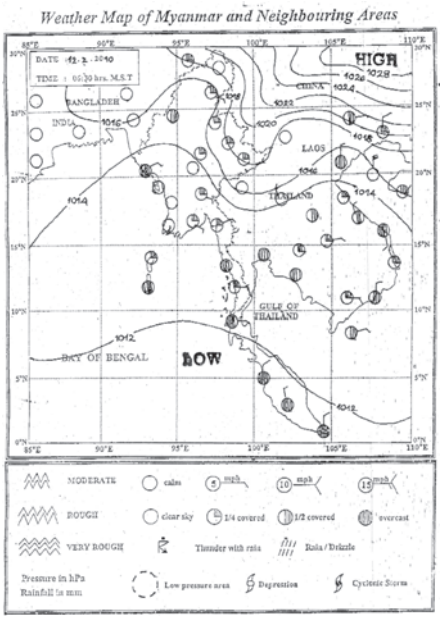
6:15 pm
10. Weather Report

6:20 pm
11. အလှရှာမယ်၊အလှကမ္ဘာဝယ်

6:50 pm
12. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "တော်ဝင်နှလုံးသား" (အပိုင်း-၁၁)

7:40 pm
13. "ပြည်ထောင်စုစိတ်ဓာတ် မပြတ်ရင့်သန်ဦးမာရန်မှာ ဒို့ဝန်တာ" (အသီးတစ်ရာအညာတစ်ခု ဒို့ပြည်ထောင်စု)

8:00 pm
14. News
15. International News
16. Weather Report
17. ကာတွန်း-အစီအစဉ် "ဒို့ဝန်ဆောမိသားစု စွန့်စားခန်း" (အပိုင်း-၈၄) (ဇာတ်သိမ်းပိုင်း)
18. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ရွှေဖူးစာလည်" (အပိုင်း-၁၆)
19. ဂီတတံခါးလေးဖွင့်ပါဦး



WEATHER

Friday, 12th February, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kachin, Shan and Rakhine States, upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions and generally fair in the remaining areas. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below February average temperatures in Kachin State, upper Sagaing and Bago Divisions, (5°C) below February average temperatures in Chin State, (3°C) to (4°C) above February average temperatures in Mon State and Taninthayi Division and about February average temperatures in the remaining areas. The significant night temperatures were Loilem (0°C), Haka and (1 °C), Namsam (2°C), Putao, Lashio and Heho (4°C) each.

Maximum temperature on 11-2-2010 was 100°F. Minimum temperature on 12 -2-2010 was 67°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 12-2-2010 was 50%. Total sun shine hours on 11-2-2010 was (10.0) hours approx.

Rainfall on 12-2-2010 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 Northwest at (16:30) hours MST on 10-2-2010.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 13th February 2010: Weather will be partly cloudy in Kachin, Chin and Rakhine States, Taninthayi Division and generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions.

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likehood of light rain in the extreme Northern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 13-2-2010: Fair weather.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 13-2-2010: Fair weather.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 13-2-2010: Fair weather.

Weather outlook for second weekend of February 2010: During the coming weekend, weather will be fair in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon and Mandalay Divisions.

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★ Only with stability and peace will the nation develop

★ Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

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

People's Desire

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

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

Nay Pyi Taw observes 63rd Anniversary Union Day

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Feb —The State Flag hoisting and Flag saluting ceremony to mark the 63rd Anniversary Union Day 2010 took place at the square in front of the City Hall here this morning. Chairman of the Central Committee for Organizing the 63rd Anniversary Union Day Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo attended the ceremony and read out the message sent by Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe. *(See page 11)*

Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo reads out the message sent by Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe on the occasion of 63rd Anniversary Union Day 2010.—MNA

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Any of the parts of the Union of Myanmar cannot stand separately. If they break away from the Union, they will come under alien threats shortly thereafter.

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SI THU AUNG

Poem

Garden of the Union

* Born in the Union the national brethren
Of the same race they are
Sincerity and amity they have
With same vision and goal
Ever united and never divided
Joining hands in this land
Always united they are

Cartoon