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Spirit of cherishing independence

In Myanmar history, the Myanmar people's spirit of cherishing and safeguarding independence has been strong and prominent.

Senior General Than Shwe
Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council
Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services
(From message sent on the occasion of 49th Anniversary Independence Day)

Senior General Than Shwe sends message of felicitations to President of Cuba

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Jan— Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr.Raul Castro Ruz, President of the Council of State and of the Government of the Republic of Cuba, on the anniversary of the Liberation Day of the Republic of Cuba which falls on 1 January, 2011.—*MNA*

True patriotism

* It is very important for everyone of the nation regardless of the place he lives to have strong Union Spirit.
* Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism all the nationalities will have to safeguard.

Recent elections held successfully without violence

Tatmadaw to continue to render assistance to successive government that will emerge

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Dec—*The following is the full text of speech delivered by Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye at the Passing Out Parade of the 8th Intake of the Military Institute of Nursing and Paramedical Science today.*

Comrades,

At this Passing Out Parade of the 8th Intake of the Military Institute of Nursing and Paramedical Science, I would like to give guidance solemnly on what should you know.

Comrades,

The objective of the Military Institute of Nursing and Paramedical Science is to produce skillful nurses, paramedical and pharmaceutical professionals with physical and intellectual aptitude for the National Tatmadaw which safeguards Our Three Main National Causes.

The Military Institute of Nursing was established in 2000 and it was expanded as the Military Institute of Nursing and Paramedical Science in 2002. To date, the Institute has produced over 2,000 graduates including your batch. There are over 950 students attending at the first to third year courses in this Institute.

More than 20 departments of academic studies have been set up in

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Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye addresses Passing Out Parade of the 8th Intake of Military Institute of Nursing and Paramedical Science. —MNA

PERSPECTIVES

Saturday, 1 January, 2011

Towards the goal of new nation

On this auspicious day of the New Year which falls today, we wish all the people a happy new year filled with peace and prosperity.

It is our sincere wish that may all the national people with new vigor and firm resolution perform every good deed in marching to reach the goal of a new democratic nation.

We the national people are residing in the Union with Union Spirit, mutual understanding and amity. So, we are to practise noble activities upholding the cardinal virtues starting today.

We are also to purify our mind discarding and omitting impure, negative thoughts. We should also focus on serving community's interest while seeking our own.

In marching towards our goal we will get great rewards if we strictly follow the ethic of the community.

Without pointing accusing fingers at each other, we are to work harmoniously with understanding and forgiveness. No matter whoever we are, we need to be honest, diligent, noble-minded and loyal in doing out parts.

Let's live in harmony and amity among us with firm New Year's Resolution discarding bad habit of the old year.

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**

1st meeting on long-term existence of Inlay Lake and environmental conservation

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Dec—The committee for endurance of Inlay Lake and environmental conservation held its first meeting at the Ministry of Forestry here today, attended by Chairman of the committee Minister for Forestry U Thein Aung.

Acting Director-General U Aye Myint Maung of Forest Department reported on completed tasks for maintenance of Inlay Lake and environmental conservation. The committee members and departmental officials also took part in the meeting.

The meeting ended with conclusion remarks by the minister.

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Foreign Minister sends message of felicitations to Cuban counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Jan— U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Bruno Rodrigi Ez Parrilla, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Cuba, on the anniversary of the Liberation Day of the Republic of Cuba which falls on 1 January, 2011.—*MNA*

Minister for Forestry U Thein Aung addresses first meeting on endurance of Inlay Lake and environmental conservation.

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3rd Dam Safety During Design, Construction and Operation paper read

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Dec— Ministry of Electric Power No. 1 held the 3rd paper reading session on "Dam Safety During Design, Construction and Operation" at Yeywa Hall of Hydropower Development Training Department in the base of Paunglong Hydropower here yesterday morning.

It was attended by Chairman of Central Organizing Committee for the paper reading session Deputy Minister for Electric Power No. 1 U Myo Myint, departmental heads and officials concerned and engineers of foreign companies, entrepreneurs of local hydropower construction companies, technicians and invited persons.

On the occasion, the deputy minister read the paper after giving an address.

Next, the14 resource personnel read their papers and replied the queries raised by the deputy minister who gave concluding remarks and cordially greeted those present on the occasion.

MNA

Cash donated to relief fund of flood disaster in Pakistan

YANGON, 31 Dec — The Religious Affairs Department under the Ministry of Religious Affairs along with religious associations in Myanmar donated cash to relief fund of the flood disaster in Pakistan today.

On behalf of the Ministry Yangon Region Religious Affairs Officer U Zaw Zaw Oo handed over K6,513,001 donated by Buddhist, Hindu, Islam and Christian religious associations to the Military Attaché of the Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan Col Muhammad Tariq Farid Khan today.

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On behalf of Religious Affairs Department and religious associations, Yangon Region Religious Affairs Officer U Zaw Zaw Oo presents K 6513001 for flood victims to Military Attache Head of Pakistan Colonel Muhammad Tariq Farid Khan.—MNA

Blood donation to mark 20th Custom Day

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Dec—To mark the 20th Custom Day, 59 staff members of the Ministry of Finance and Revenue made 25th blood donation at No. 2 Military Hospital (500-bed).

Director U Kyaw Win of Custom Department explained purpose of the donation and Dean of the hospital Lt-Col Daw Khin Moe Kywe disseminated knowledge about blood.

Director U Kyaw Win also donated K 100,000 worth of blood bags and laboratory apparatus.

MNA

Massive storm blankets central US

CHICAGO, 31 Dec—A massive storm system blanketed the central United States on Thursday, whipping up blinding blizzards and dangerously frigid temperatures.

The storm stretched from New Mexico to Minnesota and was expected to continue to dump heavy snow on the region on Friday and Saturday as it made its way slowly north into Canada.

"We're expecting almost a one-two punch across the middle part of the country over the next two days," said Bob Oravec, a forecaster with the National Weather Service (NWS).

"You might find localized areas that get as much as 18 inches" (46 centimetres) of snow.

***Snow falls in downtown Fargo, North Dakota in 2009. A massive storm system blanketed the central United States on Thursday, whipping up blinding blizzards and dangerously frigid temperatures.—*INTERNET**

The storm came as much of the northeast was still digging out from one of its worst blizzards in decades.

Back to back storms are pretty typical for this time of year, said NWS forecaster Bob Oravec.

"Once the large scale pattern sets up you can be very stormy and have one after another," he told *AFP*.

White-out conditions led to a massive pile-up on a Fargo, North Dakota freeway involving about 100 vehicles, local media reported.

At least two people were taken to hospital and rescue crews had trouble getting to all the cars and trucks because the road was such a mess of jumbled vehicles.

Internet

***A policeman inspects a damaged vehicle at the site of a bomb attack in Ramadi, 100 km(60 miles) west of Baghdad, 27 December,2010.* INTERNET**

Most Americans oppose Afghan war

WASHINGTON, 31 Dec— Poll results released Thursday found that more than six in ten Americans oppose the US war in Afghanistan, and more people now believe things are going badly over there.

The new CNN/Opinion Research Corporation poll found 63 percent of people questioned in the poll say they oppose the war. It also indicated 56 percent of the public believes things are going badly for the United States in Afghanistan.

The figures are in contrast with those from a similar survey in March, when a majority thought that the war was going well. But by September, the number of people who said that things were going well for the US in Afghanistan had dropped to 44 percent, and opposition to the war had grown to 58 percent. And Pessimism continued to rise about the situation in Afghanistan.

The survey indicated a partisan divide, with three-quarters of Democrats and more then six in ten independent voters opposed to the war, and Republicans supporting it by a 52 to 44 percent margin.—*Xinhua*

Bomb kills one, wounds two near Pakistan police office

ISLAMABAD, 31 Dec—Pakistani police say a bomb has exploded outside a district police headquarters in the country's northwest, killing one passer-by and wounding two others.

Police official Rafique Khan says the explosion on Friday happened in the town of Lakki Marwat, about 110 miles (175 kilometres) south of the city of Peshawar. Khan says the wounded are local residents, but the dead passer-by has yet to be identified.

Militants often target government offices, especially police stations in Pakistan's restive northwest near the Afghanistan border.

Internet

Five killed in attacks on Mexico police

MEXICO CITY, 31 Dec — Four police officers and a doctor died in three separate attacks on Mexican police overnight near the northern city of Monterrey, amid a wave of drug violence in the area, authorities said on Thursday.

Unidentified assailants threw a grenade and fired at a police station in the town of Valle Verde, killing two officers and a doctor who was in the building, said Jorge Domene, security spokesman for Nuevo Leon State, which borders the United States.

A female police officer was killed in an attack on her patrol car in the nearby town of Guadalupe and another police officer was shot dead at a road junction, Domene told a news conference. Police were investigating whether the killings were linked to drug gangs, and were on alert for new attacks, he added.

Nuevo Leon and the neighbouring state of Tamaulipas have seen some of Mexico's worst drug violence in recent months, blamed on turf battles between the Gulf gang and its former allies the Zetas.

More than 30,000 people have been killed in drug-related violence since December 2006, when President Felipe Calderon ordered a military crackdown on the country's powerful drug cartels.

Internet

***The remains of two burnt bodies found in Monterrey in October 2010. Four police officers and a doctor died in three separate attacks on Mexican police overnight near the northern city of Monterrey, amid a wave of drug violence in the area, authorities said Thursday.—*INTERNET**

Two killed in Baghdad attacks

BAGHDAD, 31 Dec—At least two people were killed and nine wounded in a string of six attacks on homes in Baghdad on Thursday, an interior ministry official said.

The worst incident was in the central district of Al-Ghadir, where a homemade bomb exploded around 8:00 pm (1700 GMT), killing the two people and wounding three others the official said.

The attacks started at 7:30 pm and continued over two hours in six different parts of the capital as the Christian community still reels from a massacre at a Baghdad cathedral on October 31 in which 44 worshippers and two priests died.

Al-Ghadir is an area with a significant Christian population, though many have fled following the massacre and in light of threats by Al-Qaeda to target them. Other blasts, also from homemade bombs, injured another nine Christians. Two bombs exploded in west Baghdad, one in the garden of a home in Yarmuk, where one person was hurt, and another in Khadra, wounding two Christians.—*Internet*

***An Afghan doctor treats an injured man at the hospital after a car bomb explosion in Kandahar south of Kabul, Afghanistan on Monday, 27 Dec, 2010.—*INTERNET**

Two Afghan policemen killed in operation

KUNDUZ, 31 Dec— Two Afghan policemen were killed in an operation in Afghanistan's northern Takhar Province, spokesman for provincial administration said Friday.

"The operation was conducted Thursday night in Khawja Bahauddin District to capture militants' commander but the gunshots left two policemen dead," Faiz Mohammad Dawhidi told *Xinhua* on Friday.

He said a militant was also killed in the firefight lasted for a while in the province, some 245 km north of Afghan Capital Kabul. Also, security forces detained six rebels during the raid, he said.—*Xinhua*

***An Afghan policeman inspects a police damaged vehicle in their compound after a car bomb explosion in Kandahar south of Kabul, Afghanistan on 27 Dec, 2010.—*INTERNET**

Science

More repairs ordered for space shuttle fuel tank

Space shuttle Discovery STS-133 sits on launch pad 39A at the Kennedy Space Centre in Cape Canaveral, Florida on 5 Nov, 2010.—INTERNET

CAPE CANAVERAL, 31 Dec— NASA ordered additional repairs to space shuttle Discovery after more cracks were discovered in the ship's fuel tank, but the flight remains targeted for early February, officials said.

The shuttle's cargo run to the *International Space Station*, one of the final missions before the United States ends the 30-year-old shuttle programme, has been on hold since 5 November when a hydrogen fuel leak scuttled a launch attempt. Technicians later found a 21-inch- (53-cm) long crack in the foam insulation that covers the tank, a potential debris hazard for launching.

Further investigation revealed underlying cracking in structural supports, the cause of which has not been determined.

X-rays of the backside of the tank, completed this week, showed additional cracks in three more of the aluminum lithium tank support structures, Kennedy Space Centre spokesman Allard Buetel said late on Thursday.

Those cracks will be repaired while managers consider if additional modifications to the tank will be needed, work that could delay the scheduled 3 February launch to later in the month.—*Reuters*

Massachusetts announces emissions limits

BOSTON, 31 Dec— Massachusetts officials have announced a plan to reduce greenhouse gases emitted in the state by 25 percent below 1990 levels during the next decade.

The Wednesday announcement of the planned reduction in emissions by cars, homes and businesses puts Massachusetts in the company of California, New Mexico and other states that have taken strong official actions to combat global warming, *The New York Times* said.

The Massachusetts plan will rely largely on existing programmes — like renewable-energy mandates, energy-efficiency standards for building construction and curbs in the electricity sector — already in place under a multistate agreement known as the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, the newspaper said.

Massachusetts is one of 10 states participating in the initiative, a cap-and-trade system for electric utilities.

Ian A Bowles, the state's secretary of energy and environmental affairs, said most of the planned cuts would result in net gains in jobs statewide.

Internet

Best to pour champagne down side of glass

REIMS, 31 Dec—Scientists in France report their study found pouring champagne in an angled, down-the-side of the glass motion is best for preserving its taste and fizz.

Gerard Liger-Belair of the University of Reims and colleagues note that tiny bubbles are the essence of fine champagnes and sparkling wines, and past studies indicate that the bubbles — formed during the release of large amounts of dissolved carbon di-oxide gas — help transfer the taste, aroma, and mouth-feel of champagne.

Scientists have long suspected that the act of pouring a glass of bubbly could have a big impact on gas levels in champagne and its quality.

Internet

People sunbathe beside the Mediterranean on Tel Aviv beach on Monday. Some 250 billion microscopic pieces of plastic are floating in the Mediterranean, creating a biological hazard that reverberates up the food chain, according to research supported by green campaigners.—INTERNET

Technology

Hearst, DirecTV reach deal on programming fees

NEW YORK, 31 Dec—DirecTV satellite subscribers around the country will continue to receive network TV stations owned by Hearst Corp after the two companies reached a new deal over the fees that DirecTV pays the broadcasting company to carry stations on its lineup.

The original deal would have expired at midnight Friday, and subscribers in Boston, Pittsburgh, Baltimore and other markets could have lost Hearst-owned stations on DirecTV. Hearst owns 29 local TV stations, which include affiliates of all the major networks except Fox.

Many of these negotiations over fees have been going down to the wire recently as broadcasters look to tap a second source of revenue outside of selling commercial time. Some disputes have even extended past the expiration of previous deals, leaving cable and satellite subscribers without channels for days, even weeks.

Sinclair Broadcast Group is still wrangling with Time Warner Cable Inc over the same issue. If a deal isn't reached by midnight Friday, 33 stations could go dark for Time Warner customers. However, Time Warner Cable said late Thursday that it will continue to show all available programmes from ABC, CBS, NBC and Fox this weekend even if Sinclair pulls local programming such as the evening news.

Internet

An advertisement for a Cyber Monday sale is displayed on a BlackBerry smart phone in San Anselmo, California. Americans clicked up a record 30.8 billion dollars in online holiday sales in 2010, a jump of 13 percent from a year ago, a survey showed.

INTERNET

Virus attacks Android phones in China

BOSTON, 31 Dec— A powerful virus targeting smart phones in China running Google Inc's Android operating system may represent the most sophisticated bug to target mobile devices to date, security researchers said on Thursday.

Anti-virus firm Lookout Mobile Security estimates that the number of phones that have been infected by the virus, dubbed Geinimi, ranges from the tens of thousands to hundreds of thousands.

Researchers said that the virus has yet to wreak havoc, though, and that they were unsure what its authors were seeking to accomplish.

"It is not clear to us what the purpose of it is," said Kevin Mahaffey, chief technology officer for Lookout. "It could be anything from a malicious advertising network to an attempt to create a botnet."—*Reuters*

Facebook tops Google as most visited site in US

NEW YORK, 31 Dec—Facebook surpassed Google for the first time as the most visited website in the United States for most of 2010.

The social network site edged out Google.com with 8.9 percent of all US visits between January and November 2010, while Google.com ranked second with about 7.2 percent of all visits, according to online measurement service Experian Hitwise.

Facebook's move to the top spot shows just how quickly the site has grown in popularity. Within the span of six years, Facebook has become the world's largest Web social network with roughly half a billion users worldwide.

Reuters

A new HTC Android-based smartphone Legend is displayed during a news conference in Taipei on 24 March, 2010.

INTERNET

Health

Health Tip: Help ease morning Sickness

Nausea and vomiting are common among pregnant women. Although these symptoms often are dubbed morning sickness, they can last all day.

The American Academy of Family Physicians offers these suggestions to help alleviate morning sickness:

* Prepare several small meals during the day to prevent getting too hungry or too full.
* Stick to bland and lighter foods, rather than those high in fat, grease, or spices.
* Don't eat anything with a smell that bothers you or makes you feel nauseous.
* Choose carbohydrates such as white rice or a plain baked potato.
* Keep some saltine crackers next to your bed, and munch on a few before you rise from bed each morning.
* Consider wearing acupressure wrist bands, used by some people to prevent sea sickness.
* Some women are bothered by iron in their prenatal vitamins. If this includes you, speak to your doctor.—*Internet*

***A reasercher is pictured feeding stem cells at a US university. Two US companies this year broke new ground by winning regulatory approval to start the first experiments using embryonic stem cells on humans suffering from spinal cord injury and blindness.—*INTERNET**

Risks of obesity, alcoholism linked

ST LOUIS, 31 Dec—A risk for alcoholism also may put individuals at risk for obesity, addiction researchers at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis say.

The researchers say the association between a family history of alcoholism and obesity risk has become more pronounced in recent years, as both men and women with such a family history were more likely to be obese in 2002 than members of that same high-risk group had been in 1992, a university release reported Wednesday.

"In addiction research, we often look at what we call cross-heritability, which addresses the question of whether the predisposition to one condition also might contribute to other conditions," says study author Richard A. Grucza. "For example, alcoholism and drug abuse are cross-heritable.

"This new study demonstrates a cross-heritability between alcoholism and obesity, but it also says — and this is very important — that some of the risks must be a function of the environment," Grucza says.

"The environment is what changed between the 1990s and the 2000s. It wasn't people's genes."

Internet

A worker with protective mask and clothing stands outside a temporary MSF (Medecins sans Frontieres) hospital for cholera victims in Sarthe, a suburb in the north of Port-au-Prince.
INTERNET

Winning the New Year's baby race

CHICAGO, 31 Dec—A US doctor says "not all hospitals play fair" in the annual competition for the title of first baby of the New Year.

"The race to have the first baby is something all hospitals share enthusiasm for, especially in large cities," Dr Karen Deighan of Loyola University Health System's Gottlieb Memorial Hospital in Chicago says in a statement. "Unfortunately, not all hospitals play fair."

Deighan says her hospital has established rules. For instance, the circulating nurse makes the official call on the time of delivery and the time of birth is always called when the baby is completely outside.

"It is not when the cord is cut, or the head crowns," Deighan says.

Internet

Business

Brazil's Petrobras confirms giant oil finds

Brazil's President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva (3rdL) is greeted by workers during the launching ceremony of Petrobras' Transpetro oil tanker Sergio Buarque de Holanda in November 2010.—*INTERNET

RIO DE JANEIRO, 31 Dec—Brazil's state-run Petrobras confirmed that oil fields recently discovered offshore contained 8.3 billion barrels of recoverable crude and gas — and said the biggest field was being renamed "Lula."

That nomenclature happens to be the nickname of President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, who steps down on Saturday after overseeing eight years of prosperity in Brazil capped by the oil discoveries.

Internet

A label reads '? Hinda ei tosta' (Euro will not increase the prices) on a shop door in Tallinn on 28 December. Estonia is braced to adopt the euro, a move pitched by the government as economic good sense despite the eurozone's turmoil, but which has won a muted welcome from the Baltic state's public.—*INTERNET

Crude oil prices slide toward $90

NEW YORK, 31 Dec—Crude oil prices dropped to under $90 per barrel Thursday despite a weekly US stockpile report that said inventories declined in the week ending 24 Dec. The Energy Information Administration said stockpiles of crude oil dropped by 1.3 million barrels in the week to 339.4 million barrels and remain in the upper limit of the average range for this time of year. Traders moved to take end of the year profits, however, as commodities, including grains and gold futures, tipped lower Thursday.

February delivery crude oil prices lost $1.45 to $89.67 per barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Heating oil prices shed 3.89 cents to $2.495 per gallon. Reformulated blendstock gasoline added 0.07 cents to $2.3892 per gallon.

Henry Hub natural gas prices added 4 cents to $4.327 per million British thermal units.

Internet

Workers stand by at an auto assembly line in Shenyang, northwest China's Liaoning Province. —*INTERNET

US bank failures set 18-year high in 2010

NEW YORK, 31 Dec—The number of US banks gone into bankruptcy this year reached the highest level since 1992, according to media report on Wednesday.

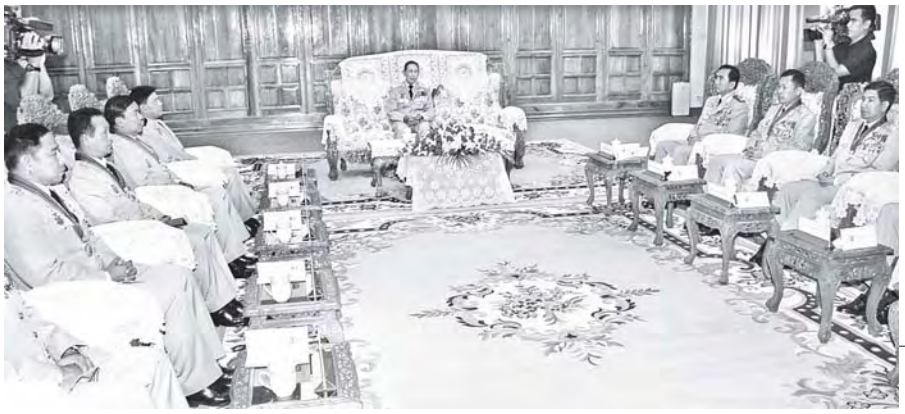
Washington Post reported that 157 US banks failed in 2010, up from 140 in 2009, and it is the highest level since 1992 when the savings-and-loan crisis broke out.

According to the US Federal Deposit Insurance Corp (FDIC), number of banks whose weaknesses "threaten their continued financial viability" stood at 860 as of 30 September, the highest since 1993. Based on historical record, about a fifth of the banks on FDIC's watch list would end up in bankruptcy.

Analysts believe that as the economy gradually comes out of the crisis, 2010 would mark the peak of bank failures.

Xinhua

Trainee companies marching past Vice-Senior General Maung Aye at Passing Out Parade of 8th Intake of MINPS.—MNA



Vice-Senior General Maung Aye meets with award-winning trainees and parents.—MNA

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this Institute, teaching foundation subjects of Arts and Science, Computer Science and major subjects such as Nursing, Pharmacology, Pathology, Radiography and Physiotherapy.

The Institute has also been conducting Master Degree Courses and it has produced 58 Master Degree graduates with 187 students currently attending. I would like to urge you to work hard in view of the opportunity being provided for the outstanding students to pursue post-graduate courses abroad.

Comrades,

Our Tatmadaw is the one, which is complete with its 12 noble traditions such as ever upholding of Our Three Main National Causes — Non-Disintegration of the Union, Non-Disintegration of National Solidarity and Perpetuation of Sovereignty, and having good discipline, loyalty, solidarity and capability.

Our Tatmadawmen have been serving their duties pursuing these traditions by sacrificing their lives, blood and sweat.

Thanks to its fulfillment of these fine traditions, Tatmadaw had been able to stand firmly for the people whenever the country faced challenges. I would like to stress that it is your responsibility to serve and pass on these noble traditions for continued existence of the Tatmadaw in future.

Comrades,

As you become soldiers, you have to obey not only the civil laws but also the military laws. You also need to nurture your second nature to observe 60 codes of conduct for Tatmadawmen such as codes of conduct for individuals, superiors and the public.

By knowing the principles of do's and don'ts clearly and following them firmly, you will become a good and law-abiding citizen.

Being nurses and medical professionals, you must maintain better characters and dignities than other normal people. If medical professionals could not preserve their character and dignity, they will be bound to fail in their life.

Comrades,

You must also be combat soldiers who defend lives, properties and security of the people. You have been taught and trained to acquire the platoon level military education and concepts of military leadership by this Institution. Similarly, you will also have to attend further courses such as the Platoon Commander Course, the Company Commander Course and the Regiment Commander Course.

Since you have to perform your duties together with the infantry, I would like to urge you to make exert utmost perseverance and endeavour when you have opportunity to attend military trainings.

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Dignitaries seen at Passing Out Parade of No. 8 Intake of Military Institute of Nursing and Paramedical Science.—MNA

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye presents Best Trainee Award to Trainee Saw Pyae Thu.—MNA

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye presents Excellence in Training Award to Trainee Yazar Moe Tun.—MNA

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye presents Excellence in Studies award to Trainee Pyae Thet Tun.—MNA

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Comrades,

Today, science and technologies are advanced in a great momentum. As technologies have been developing in every sphere, there are various innovations in military and medical fields.

Since you are combat soldiers-cum-medical professionals who ought to be acquainted in advance with injuries likely to be caused by modern extraordinary weapons, you must constantly study military education along with medicine. As only constant learning would be just right enough in this knowledge age, you must devote your time wisely for education.

Comrades,

After the Tatmadaw assumed responsibility of the State, Tatmadawmen have been making efforts timelessly in building a peaceful, modern and developed nation with might and main. The milestones of peace, stability and development have been set up in all-round sectors which have demonstrated Tatmadaw's *cetana* (goodwill) and dutifulness to the people.

With a view to smoothly transferring into a State that exercises the democratic practice in the country, a Seven-Step Road Map has been laid down and being implemented step by step heading the nation towards its final destination. Now, the general elections have already been successfully held in a peaceful and systematic manner.

In the past, election-related violence had taken place more or less in our country. Despite such circumstances, the recent elections have been held successfully without any violence or threats enabling the people to have the opportunity to cast their votes in an independent and peaceful manner. It is indeed a source of pride for our country and people.

In the same way, I wish to stress here that the Tatmadaw has to continue to render assistance to successive governments that will emerge, while safeguarding the interests of the people.

Comrades,

In concluding, I would like to urge you:

-To uphold Our Three Main National Causes;
-To continue to shoulder the 12 noble traditions of the Tatmadaw;
-To observe not only the relevant laws and regulations, but also to nurture yourself conduct become your second nature; and
-To study the education of military and medicine simultaneously in order to keep abreast of the modern age.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San attend graduation dinner of MINPS 8

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Dec— Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San attended the graduation dinner of the No. 8 Intake of Military Institute of Nursing and Paramedical Science at the convocation hall of Defence Services Medical Academy in Yangon at 6 pm today.

Also present on the occasion were Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Nyan Tun, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence and their wives, the commander of Yangon Command, ministers, senior military officers, departmental heads, the Commander of Mingaladon Station, the commandant of Military Institute of Nursing and Paramedical Sciences, advisers, faculty members, graduate trainees and their parents and relatives.

After the dinner, artistes of Myawady music troupe and Myanmar Music Organization and Myawady Anyeint troupe entertained the guests with traditional dances.

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Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San attend graduation dinner of MINPS 8.—MNA

HAILING THE 63RD ANNIVERSARY INDEPENDENCE DAY:

Resolution to build a new nation

Myint Maung (PhilQ)

Ward off colonialist tricks with patriotism

Today, the first decade is over, thus ushering in the second decade of the 21st Century. The period coincides with the auspicious occasion on which the government and the people have been working in collaboration to shape the future of the Union of Myanmar, a member of the global family. The national goal the people are pursuing is to transform the nation into a peaceful, modern and developed discipline-flourishing democratic new nation to be known as the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

Now, many economic, social and political foundations have been laid to meet the goal for the nation to be able to stand tall with a new system in the world.

In particular, multiparty democracy general elections have been held successfully to form executive, legislative and judicial organs responsible for serving the interests of the nation, respective regions and all national races. Employing the good conditions, the people will soon build a new nation with combined efforts.

The plan to shape the future of the nation must to comply with the desires of the people. Neglecting that important point, certain powers are instigating particular situations by using those citizens who lack patriotism and wielding their economic and political power with the intention of putting their targeted countries under their thumb. The conspiracies are quite disruptive to plans being implemented by weak countries like Myanmar to determine their future in their own ways.

The 63rd Anniversary Independence Day warns the people about such disruptions to nation-building tasks. To be able to determine the future of the nation, the entire people, in the drive for building a modern, developed nation, are to take a vow on forthcoming Independence Day to translate into reality the Independence Day objective "All the national people to constantly join hands for ensuring the perpetuity of independence and dignity of the State".

Fair and freedom

Every people enjoy their independence in their own ways and lifestyles. From time immemorial, Myanmar people with high civilization has enjoyed the taste of independence with good characteristics such as independence, justice, content, nature to lead a peaceful life, being sensitive to alien invasion, and no-invasion practice. Myanmar people enjoy independence in a more proper way than many other peoples, as supported by facts that they quite admire justice, stability and peace. In other words, they safeguard their independence and they never harm independence of others.

However, some peoples, who claim themselves as those of prestigious countries, are very loud in freedom and justice, but they, in practice, are harming independence, sovereignty, stability and peace of other peoples. Myanmar people suffered colonial rule more than a couple of decades. Myanmar stood without independence and sovereignty and went through the hell of instability from late 19th century till mid-20th century. For Myanmar people, who admire independence, will never forget such awful days in the hell of colonial rule.

To regain independence and sovereignty cost a very large number of lives of the people. From post-independence period to date, certain countries have been resorting to an endless variety of ways under the pretext of democracy to undermine independence, sovereignty and stability and to gain political control over Myanmar. In that case, I would very much like to warn some Myanmar nationals who are being exploited as stooges or axe-handles (national traitors) about the plots of internal and external groups. The entire people are working hand in hand to cope with the plots. On the shoulders of each and every citizen is the duty to safeguard and safeguard independence and sovereignty of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

Peace for nation and people

Myanmar, a land of natural beauty, is adorable and is a pride of the people. Due to its geopolitics and global economic power shifting, Myanmar occupies a strategic position. Those favourable conditions are added by land, resource and people, which experts designated as fundamental requirements for development of a nation. So, what is just needed to achieve the national goal is that the entire people work in harness.

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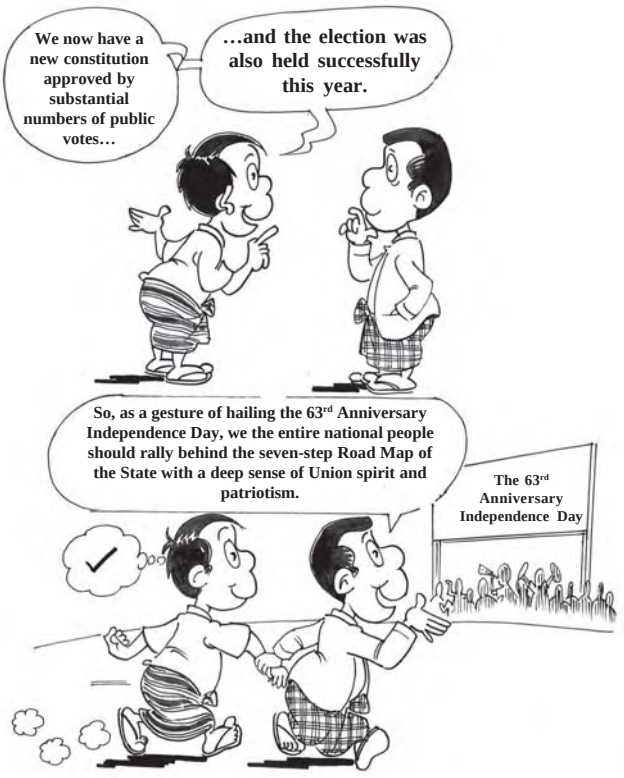
Rally full public support!



Khaing Hsu

Objectives of 63rd Anniversary Independence Day

(a) All the national people to constantly join hands for ensuring the perpetuity of independence and sovereignty of the State

(b) All the national people to collectively strive for non-disintegration of the Union and non-disintegration of national solidarity

(c) All the national people to work in concert for building a modern, developed and discipline flourishing democratic new nation as the multiparty democracy general elections have been held successfully

(d) All the national people to make collaborative efforts with the Union Spirit and the patriotic spirit for further strengthening the already achieved stability and peace, security, prevalence of law and order, unity, development and democratization process with momentum

(e) All the national people to have greater awareness in warding off all destructive acts to disintegrate the Union and the national unity as the perpetuity of the Union plays a crucial role in building the Union of Myanmar

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In fact, independence, stability, peace and development are at the top of the list of priorities of every country and people. In order to have such desirable wishes fulfilled, the people of the nation concerned have to work diligently and to be fit and healthy with etiquettes and high education standard. Those requirements are not enough for Myanmar, a multicultural country. All national races have to remain cohesive with a strong sense of patriotic spirit. Only then will it be possible for them to enjoy freedom, stability, peace and development.

National brethren have got painful memories of dire straits caused by lack of those requirements. In the colonial days, the whole country was deprived of stability, peace and justice, and national and cultural heritage and characteristics were degrading. Just after independence was regained, the nation encountered fierce battles took place at the instigation of the colonialists. Alien troops, aided and abetted by certain military powers, invaded the nation. In 1962, the nation was hovering on the edge of collapse. And in the 1988 mass protest, the people of Myanmar were in a state of panic, and to make things worse, a super power brazenly tried to interfere in the internal affairs and threatened the nation. Today, some union countries split into pieces and the people of those countries are still going through really hard times on the ground of interference of certain powers, and disintegration of national unity. What the people of Myanmar are desirous of is to continue to have a peaceful life without any forms of adversities.

The Tatmadaw born of the public with the aim of helping the motherland regain independence and sovereignty and well convinced of the desire of the people fulfilled the wishes of the people throughout successive periods. Since its assumption of State responsibilities to date, the Tatmadaw has given the top priority to restoration of stability and peace. Now, stability and peace have been restored well across the nation. While restoring stability, peace, security and the rule of law, the Tatmadaw has been implementing the objectives and policies it has adopted for building national reconsolidation, development and democratization.

The government made peace with national race armed groups for progress of local people and restoration of stability and peace in border areas that lagged behind other regions in development, stemming from evil legacy left by the colonialists. In addition, it formed the Central Committee for Progress of Border Areas and National Races for speedy development of far-flung areas. As a result of the prudent programmes, some of the national race armed groups surrendered arms for peace. And it held multiparty democracy general elections. Such fruitful results are largely due to peace.

The Special Projects Implementation Committee was established and special projects were laid down for progress of the remaining regions of the Union. The government has built a huge number of infrastructural buildings in the political, economic and social sectors. Today, the people are enjoying the taste of stability, peace and development at the unprecedented level.

The land with equal right and genuine ideology

Correct ideology is necessary for peace and development of a society. History shows that throughout periods, various societies have been seeking ideologies. However, the ideologies are beneficial to the society concerned, but may be harmful to many others.

Myanmar is a land where a lofty policy is thriving, and humanity and equality are put in the fore, and the interest of the people and the world has priority over self-interest. Thus, the nation is worldwide recognized as a nation that focuses on wellbeing of world people and practises the principles of peaceful coexistence. The fine policy helps restore peace, justice and freedom. The Tatmadaw government and the people are employing the policy with good volition to make the Union a prosperous land for our posterities.

Perpetuity of legacy of the Union

National races were born and have grown up and settle in the land where four cardinal virtues are flourishing. Our forefathers protected the Union. And the inherited Union has been handed over from one generation to the next up to now. Therefore, national races have to build consolidated unity and equip themselves with a strong sense of Union Spirit for perpetuation of the Union.

Take solemn vow

It is a formidable task to achieve State peace, stability and development, facing and braving disruptions made by internal and external subversives. It also calls for great care. The people are therefore to ward off the plots conspired by destructive elements inside and outside the nation at a time when tasks are in progress to shape the future of the nation. In conclusion, I would like to urge the people to take a solemn vow on the forthcoming Independence Day to work hard to their utmost in building a peaceful, modern and developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation under the leadership of the new government for perpetuation of the Union, national consolidation, and perpetuation of independence and sovereignty.

Translation: MS

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Poem:

Independence Day thoughts

* Glorious like rising sun
Pleasant with picturesque nature
Myanmar so beautiful
* Wealthy and impressive
Constructive is foundation
Amity the country fosters
* Helping one another
In harmony national races
Unity brings prosperity
Scenery so enjoyable
* For prosperity of Union
For joyfulness of brethren
And also for continuation of progress
Working in harmony if all
With belief so firm
Like own blood and life
The future path of Myanmar
(Beauty and lush at world's heart)
Truly a peaceful floral road

Myo Myat Myat Myint Maung (Trs)

(Hailing the 63rd Anniversary Independence Day)

Progress of infrastructures across the nation in the time of the State Peace and Development Council

Transport Sector

Thanks to better transport, people can travel to any region of the Union in a short period, enjoying fruits of economic and social sectors

In building a peaceful, modern, developed and discipline-flourishing new nation to enable the Union of Myanmar to keep abreast of international community, the government is placing emphasis on building the infrastructures in conformity with the future State, taking lessons obtained from the wrong events of the history that harmed the national interest in the past.

According to the geographical conditions, natural barriers for transportation between the regions each others are located as hindrances in making all-out efforts for equitable development of all parts of the Union. Thus, it is noticeable that the secure and smooth transport plays a key role in development of all parts of the nation including States and Regions in equal term.

The government, therefore, has built highways, railroads and small and large bridges as networks among States and Regions based on inter-village roads, inter-township roads and inter-district roads. As a result, the secure and smooth transport has been created for the local people from Kachin State in the north to Taninthayi Region in the south, from Rakhine State in the west to Shan State in the east, from Ayeyawady Region in the western bank areas and hilly Chin State to Shan State (South) and Kayah State in a short time. At present, the Yangon-Mandalay Expressway has been commissioned into service with the aim of enabling Nay Pyi Taw at the centre to have easier and smoother access to States and Regions.

Thanks to better transport, the people can travel to any region of the Union in a short period, enjoying the fruits of economic and social sectors. It is true that the national solidarity is further strengthening among the national brethren due to forging friendly relations among them, and in consequence, new strengths and sectors will be flourishing for the forthcoming new Union.

Nay Pyi Taw Railway Station, the heart of rail transportation between upper and lower Myanmar, which is linking its east and west areas.

Hailing the 63rd Anniversary Independence Day

Progress of roads, bridges and rail transportation sector across the nation from 1988 to date

Sr.	Subject	1988	2010	Progress
1.	**Road work**			
	- completed roads (miles)	13635	21361	7726
	- roads under construction (miles)	-	1815	1815
2.	**Bridge work above 180 feet long**			
	- completed bridges (number)	198	449	251
	- bridges under construction (number)	-	67	67
3.	**Railroad work**			
	- completed railroads (miles)	1976	3579	1603
	- completed rail tracks (miles)	2793	4402	1609
	- railroads(miles) under construction	-	1778	1778
	- railroads (miles) to be built	-	297	297
	- stations	487	899	412

Yazudaing Bridge No. 1, 1955 feet long, built in Mawlamyinegyun Township, ensures better transport in Ayeyawady Region.

An airplane of Myanmar Airways International extends flight schedules for better aviation services for the people.

Progress of aviation and water transportation sector across the nation from 1988 to date

Sr.	Subject	Unit	1988	2010	Progress
1.	**Aviation**				
	- airports	number	66	69	3
	- Airport with above 10000 ft long runway	number	-	11	11
	- Airport with above 5000 ft long runway	number	21	27	6
	- Airport with under 5000 ft long runway	number	45	31	upgraded
2.	**Water transport**				
	Inland water				
	- jetties	number	92	111	19
	- dockyards	number	5	6	1
	- routes	number	53	62	9
	- passengers	million	17.48	25.79	8.31
	- Passenger/mile	million	346.13	541.22	195.09
	- tons of cargo	million	1.89	3.60	1.71
	- goods/mile	million	242.64	400.45	157.81
	foreign going vessels				
	- jetties	number	13	28	15
	- vessels (coastal, foreign)	number	14	25	11
	- inland container yards and container stations	number	-	3	3

Loading and unloading of containers being carried out at Asia World Port. Container yards and container stations have been built for smooth flow of foreign commodity.

Train making its maiden trip on newly-opened Hinthada-Zalun Railroad Section.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye attends…

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Also present on the occasion were Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Nyan Tun, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe and Maj-Gen Soe Win of the Ministry of Defence, Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Khin Zaw Oo, Defence Services Inspector-General Maj-Gen Thaung Aye, Judge Advocate-General Maj-Gen Yar Pyae, Maj-Gen Sein Win of the Ministry of Defence, Chief of Armed Forces Training Lt-Gen Hla Htay Win, Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Tun Than, Ministers Dr Kyaw Myint and Dr Chan Nyein, Vice-Chief of Armed Forces Training Maj-Gen Thoe Htein, Directors Maj-Gen Hla Myint, Maj-Gen Kyaw Nyunt, Maj-Gen Than Soe, Maj-Gen Maung Maung Ohn, Brig-Gen Hla Myint, Brig-Gen Tin Maung Win, Maj-Gen Than Htay, Maj-Gen Sein Lin and senior military officers, Commander of Mingaladon Station Brig-Gen Ko Ko Naing, Commandant of Military Institute of Nursing and Paramedical Science Brig-Gen Kyaw Zan Myint and senior military officers of the station, parents and relatives of graduate trainees and guests.

Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye took the salute of trainee companies. Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye inspected trainee companies.

Trainee companies marched past Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye.

Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye presented Best Trainee Award to Trainee Saw Pyae Thu, Excellence in Training Award to Trainee Yazar Moe Tun and Excellence in Studies Award to Trainee Pyae Thet Tun.

Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye delivered an address.

Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye left the parade ground after taking the salute of trainee companies.

After the parade, Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye received three outstanding trainees and their parents at the room of Main Lecture Hall at DSMA and gave words of encouragement.—*MNA*

PBANRDA Minister inspects upgrading of Maubin-Twantay Road

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Dec—Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs U Thein Nyunt inspected the upgrading of Maubin-Twantay Road on 27 December.

Maubin-Twantay Road is being upgraded to the tarred road, and so far five bridges on the road have been constructed.

On 28 December, the minister attended a ceremony to inaugurate a tarred road in Yelegale Village in Maubin Township and a ceremony to inaugurate a macadam road linking Seiktha, Kyonnattaw and Kywedon in the township.— *MNA*

***PBANRDA Minister U Thein Nyunt looks into upgrading of Maubin-Twantay Road.*—MNA**

Calif man tried to register taxi he stole

Authorities in Northern California say a man released from a hospital after a psychiatric evaluation stole a taxi and tried to register it at a Department of Motor Vehicles office.

Authorities tell the *Contra Costa Times* that 26-year-old Jermaine Grosse was arrested Monday on suspicion of auto theft and forgery.

Grosse had been sent to the county's regional medical centre on an involuntary psychiatric hold. After his release Sunday morning, he shared a taxi with a woman who was going to a San Pablo hospital.

Authorities say when they arrived, Grosse asked the driver to help with the woman's luggage, then drove away in the yellow minivan. Grosse was arrested after a DMV worker in El Cerrito reported someone was using forged documents to register the cab.

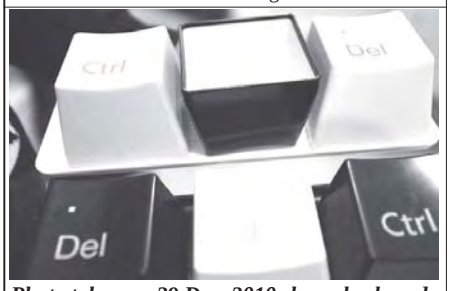


Photo taken on 29 Dec, 2010 shows keyboard-shaped cups in a store in Bozhou, east China's Anhui Province.

A lionfish is pictured in the waters near Miami Florida, in this undated photograph released on 29 Dec, 2010.

Man in Wash pushes stolen TV past police station

Prosecutors in Washington State say a man was arrested when he was caught wheeling a 50-inch television in a shopping cart right past a police station.

Seattlepi.com reports that a bystander called 911 to report that she saw a man grab the TV out of the back of a delivery truck, load it in the cart and start pushing it away.

An Auburn police officer heard dispatchers relay the call as he was pulling into the police station parking lot — and then he saw the man, dressed entirely in camouflage, walking by with the cart. Charging documents say that when the officer asked 22-year-old Johnathon D Barnes what he was doing, he said he bought the TV from and friend — and then he ran.

The officer caught up with Barnes and arrested him.

News Album

Police called to fry freshness dispute

Police in Ohio said officers were called to a McDonald's when a customer argued with the manager about the freshness of his fries.

Officers said Robert Quillen, 45, went to the restaurant in Perkins to get fries for his wife and became upset when employees took the fries from the side catch basin, where the food is kept after being put into serving pouches, the *Sandusky (Ohio) Register* reported Tuesday. Police said Quillen demanded fresh fries and Manager Sean Rine told him the fries were fresh and offered to refund his money. However, Quillen told the manager he was not leaving without fresh fries and employees called police.

Quillen told officers an employee hit him in the arm with a mop, but a witness said Quillen called the worker a derogatory name and the employee did not actually hit the customer.

McDonald's Corporation has announced it will cook its famous french fries in a new oil that reduces the type of fats that cause heart diseases, in Chicago on 3 Sept, 2002.

UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

Vacancy Announcement Myanmar

The United Nations Development Programme is seeking applications from dynamic and highly motivated Myanmar nationals for the following vacancy with UNDP, Yangon, Myanmar.

Functional title and level : Administrative Analyst
Type of Contract : NO-B
Duty Station : Yangon

Under the overall administrative guidance of the Deputy Resident Representative (Operations) , the Administrative Analyst will be responsible for the transparent implementation of all procurement/administrative and logistics strategies in the CO's active delivery of procurement and logistics services and management of the CO Procurement, Logistics and General Administration services (transport, travel/visa, customs, registry and common services) He/She analyses, interprets and applies general administration and procurement policies, rules and regulations, establishes internal procedures and provides solutions to a wide spectrum of complex procurement and administrative issues.

Competencies Required: Corporate Competencies: Demonstrates commitment to UNDP's mission, vision and values. Displays cultural, gender, religion, race, nationality and age sensitivity and adaptability.

Functional Competencies: Management and Leadership. The Administrative Analyst promotes a collaborative, client-oriented approach and contributes to the maintenance of high staff morale. He/She leads and supervises the staff of the Procurement, Logistics and General Administration Section. He/She works in close collaboration with the operations, programme and project teams in the CO and UNDP HQs staff ensuring successful CO performance in procurement and general administration management of the CO.

Qualifications: Education: & Experience: Masters degree or equivalent in Business Administration, Public Administration, Finance, Economics or related field. Background and experience in legal and contracting services and procurement essential.

Minimum 12 years of relevant work experience in providing legal advisory services, provide administrative advisory and support services, staff management, effective interrelationships among international organizations and national governments and NGOs; strong administrative and negotiations skills; effective management of assets, facilities and logistical services; effective planning and tracking of common services budget and of users' contributions to the common services account; strong interpersonal skills and ability to establish and maintain effective relations with people in a multi-cultural environment with sensitivity and respect for diversity; excellent team spirit; familiarity with UNDP working tool ATLAS an added asset; experience in the usage of computers and office software packages; experience in handling of web based management systems. Excellent level of English, both written and spoken an absolute requirement. Ability to work under pressure, multi-task and meet deadlines. s Good humour, patience, high energy and a shared belief in UNDP's mission.

Closing date: 15 January 2011

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV ALAW VOY NO (5)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV ALAW VOY NO (5) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 2.1.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W-4 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 Claims Day.

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: EASTERN CAR LINER SINGAPORE PTE LTD

Phone No: 256924/256914

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV XIANG XIU VOY NO (1110)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV XIANG XIU VOY NO (1110) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 1.1.2011 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 Claims Day.

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S CHINA SHIPPING (MALAYSIA) AGENCY SDN BHD

Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

***Ronald Herrick at his home in Belgrade, Maine.*— INTERNET**

World's first organ donor dies aged 79

LONDON, 31 Dec — A man who donated a kidney to his dying twin brother 56 years ago in the world's first successful organ transplant has died in the United States. Ronald Lee Herrick died, aged 79, on Monday in the Augusta Rehabilitation Centre, a hospital in Maine, New England, following complications from heart surgery in October, his widow, Cynthia, said.

Herrick donated a kidney to his identical twin, Richard, in a pioneering operation on 23 December 1954. The successful surgery kept Herrick's brother alive for eight years and was the first successful organ transplant, according to the United Network for Organ Sharing.

Internet

***A duck rests on a frozen lake with the air temperature at about minus 18 degrees Celsius (minus 0.4 degrees Fahrenheit) on the outskirts of Minsk, on 1 Dec, 2010.*— INTERNET**

'Denglish' now verboten

BERLIN, 31 Dec — Germany's Transport Minister claimed to have struck an important blow for the preservation of the German language yesterday after enforcing a strict ban on the use of all English words and phrases within his ministry. Peter Ramsauer stopped his staff from using more than 150 English words and expressions that have crept into everyday German shortly after being appointed in late 2009.

His aim, which was backed by Chancellor Angela Merkel, was to defend his language against the spread of "Denglish" — the corruption of German with words such as "handy" for mobile phone and other expressions including "babysitten" and "downloaden". —*Internet*

Boy scalded in fall into New Zealand hot pool

WELLINGTON, 31 Dec— An eight-year-old New Zealand boy is fighting for his life after being scalded head to foot when he fell into a geothermal pool which could have been as hot as 212 degrees Fahrenheit (100 degrees Celsius), a hospital spokesman said on Thursday. The incident, which happened on Sunday, was made public on Wednesday.

The incident occurred at Kuirau Park in the North Island city of Rotorua. The boy was taken to hospital in the tourist town widely known for its steaming geothermal geysers and hot mud and water pools. He was later flown by helicopter to Middlemore Hospital in the northern city of Auckland, where he was in "intensive care in a critical condition and causing concern," spokeswoman Lauren Young said.

"He's very extensively burnt," she told *The Associated Press*, adding he was of Pacific Island ethnicity and believed to be visiting New Zealand with his family. Family members were at the child's bedside. Exactly what happened to the boy was not immediately known. —*Internet*

Last police agent missing in Mexican border town

GUADALUPE, 31 Dec — The last agent on the police force in the Mexican border town of Guadalupe is missing, a government official said on Wednesday. The agent, Ericka Gandara, was kidnapped from her Guadalupe home early on 23 December, said Arturo Sandoval, a spokesman for the attorney general's office in the state of Chihuahua.

***Ericka Gandara has been missing since 23 December.*— INTERNET**

Gandara's family has not filed an official report on her disappearance, Sandoval said, and authorities learned of her disappearance from friends. There is an official investigation into her whereabouts, Sandoval said. Guadalupe is located on the outskirts of Juarez, Mexico, across the border from El Paso, Texas, and an epicentre of Mexican drug violence.—*Internet*

***Several hundred people enjoy a flash mob snowball fight, organized through the Internet, between people living at Berlin's district of Kreuzberg and Neukoeln in a Berlin park.*— INTERNET**

Inmate in men's prison sues to be woman

RICHMOND, 31 Dec—A Virginia inmate who was surgically changed from male to female as a baby has filed a lawsuit demanding to be held in a women's prison. Deena Kaye Myers, or Scott Myers, is also seeking $25 million in damages under the Americans With Disabilities Act, the *Richmond Times-Dispatch* reports. The lawsuit, filed this month, also asks for a court order that her prison records be changed to show her gender as female.

Myers was born male in late 1981 with a severe congenital defect that often led to gender reassignment surgery. In February 1982, a birth certificate filed in Virginia said she was a girl. In 2001, Myers was sent to prison for robbery and car theft. In the lawsuit, Myers said she was told by prison officials she could not be sent to a women's prison because she had been sentenced as a man.— *Internet*

Fletcher says City title talk just 'kidology'

LONDON, 31 Dec— Manchester United's Darren Fletcher has insisted talk from title challengers Manchester City that the Premier League is the Red Devils to lose as nothing more than "kidology".

Manchester United's Darren Fletcher

Appropriately enough, the comment was made by Manchester City assistant manager Brian Kidd, once deputy to United manager Sir Alex Ferguson, who as a striker made his name at Old Trafford before also playing for City.

United, chasing a record-breaking 19th English title, head into the New Year on top of the Premier League table but on goal difference alone, although they do have two games in hand over City.

"It is just a bit of kidology," said Scotland captain Fletcher ahead of United's trip to West Bromwich Albion on Saturday. "It is still early stages and a lot of teams will feel they are capable of winning the league. We are one of them.—*Internet*

La Liga games to go ahead on 2 January

MADRID, 31 Dec— Spain's La Liga matches scheduled for 2 January will go ahead after the High Court ruled on Thursday that it had no jurisdiction to hear a players' appeal against the date.

The Spanish Players' Association called for the games to be suspended, saying it had an agreement with the Professional Football League for no official games to be played from 23 December to 2 January inclusive.

But the court said the dispute over the games on matchday 17 was not within its ambit.

"The Social Chamber of the High Court has declared it is not competent to decide on the precautionary measure of suspending the League for Sunday 2 January," it said in a statement.—*Internet*

***Barcelona's Dutch new recruit Ibrahim Afellay, pictured outside Nou Camp last week, could play his first match for the club on Sunday after the Spanish High Court ruled that it had no jurisdiction to hear a players' appeal against La Liga matches going ahead on that date.—*INTERNET**

Austrian Stranzl signs with Moenchengladbach

VIENNA, 31 Dec— Austrian international Martin Stranzl announced on Thursday he had signed a two-and-a-half-year contract with bottom-of-the-table Bundesliga club Borussia Moenchengladbach. "It's a great challenge and I will do everything to help Gladbach avoid relegation," Stranzl told the *Austria Press Agency (APA)*. The 30-year-old defender returns to the Bundesliga after four and a half years with Russian side Spartak Moscow.

***Austrian international Martin Stranzl, announced on Thursday he had signed a two-and-a-half-year contract with bottom-of-the-table Bundesliga club Borussia Moenchengladbach.—*INTERNET**

Before that, he had played between 1999 and 2006 with 1860 Munich and VfB Stuttgart.

Internet

Champions Egypt face Cup of Nations early exit

***Moisepe Patrick of Botswana (right) tackles Tunisa's Youssef Msekni in an African Cup of Nations.—*INTERNET**

JOHANNESBURG, 31 Dec—Defending champions Egypt are teetering on the brink of elimination from the African Nations Cup going into the new year while Botswana are just one win away from a fairytale first appearance.

The struggle for 14 places at the premier national-team football competition on the continent will dominate 2011 with four rounds of qualifiers starting in March and ending seven months later.

Egypt, winners of the last three tournaments and a record seven overall, find themselves in the same precarious position as two years ago with a solitary point from two games.

Facing the two lower ranked countries in the four-nation group, the Pharaohs had to come from behind at home to draw with Sierra Leone last September and suffered a shock loss in Niger one month later.—*Internet*

Ljungberg signs for Celtic

GLASGOW, 31 Dec— Former Arsenal and West Ham star Freddie Ljungberg has signed for Celtic, the Scottish Premier League (SPL) leaders announced here on Thursday.

The 33-year-old Ljungberg, capped 75 times by Sweden, passed a medical on Thursday and could make his debut for the Glasgow giants in Sunday's Old Firm derby away to bitter rivals Rangers at Ibrox.

Former Arsenal and West Ham star Freddie Ljungberg

"Celtic are delighted to announce the signing of Freddie Ljungberg," said a club statement.

Ljungberg, who has been training with Celtic this week, was at Parkhead on Wednesday to watch the 1-0 win over Motherwell that saw the Hoops go back to the top of the SPL.—*Internet*

Japan's Ienaga determined to wow Mallorca fans

PALMA DE MAJORCA, 31 Dec—Japanese midfielder Akihiro Ienaga was presented Thursday to fans at Real Mallorca on Thursday, saying he felt determined to make an impression at his new club.

***Mallorca's Japanese new recruit Akihiro Ienaga, seen here posing with his new jersey outside the Iberostar stadium in Palma de Mallorca, told fans he felt determined to make an impression at his new club.—*INTERNET**

"I know that I will be under pressure, but I want to succeed here in Mallorca, where I'm told you can live well," he told a news conference.

Mallorca announced earlier this month they had signed the 24-year-old on a contract until 2015 with a buyout clause of 18 million euros (24 million dollars).

"Japanese players are very quick and have a good technique," said Mallorca's Danish coach Michael Laudrup, who has played in Japan's top division, the J-League. "To go to Spain will help him to improve as this championship is much more demanding.—*Internet*

SPORTS

Doan scores twice, Coyotes beat Kings 6-3

GLENDALE, 31 Dec— Shane Doan scored two goals and Scottie Upshall and Keith Yandle each had three points in the Phoenix Coyotes' 6-3 victory over the Los Angeles Kings on Wednesday night.

The Coyotes set season highs for goals and goals in the first period with four — matching their total from their previous four games. Doan has 36 two-goal games in his NHL career, but has never had a hat trick. The Phoenix captain also scored twice in a 11 December home game against Dallas.

Upshall had a goal and two assists, all in the first period, and Yandle had three assists. Brett MacLean scored his first NHL goal in his first game, and Ray Whitney and Kyle Turris added goals for the Coyotes. Brad Richardson, Marco Sturm and Ryan Smyth scored for Los Angeles.—*Internet*

Tennis glamour girl Ivanovic emerges from mental fog

PERTH, 31 Dec— Clearer of mind and fitter of body than for some time, Serbian glamour girl Ana Ivanovic is confident she can climb back into the top 10 in 2011.

***Serbran tennis player Ana Ivanovic.* INTERNET**

Ranked No 1 in the world in 2008, when she won her only Grand Slam singles title at the French Open, Ivanovic dropped out of the top 60 this year as she battled poor form before climbing her way back to 17 by season's end. The 23-year-old claimed titles in Austria and Bali in the last three tournaments she played for the season and enters the new year full of confidence that her career is finally back on track.—*Internet*

Malaysia grants public holiday for ASEAN Cup win

KUALA LUMPUR, 31 Dec—Malaysians on Thursday celebrated their first win at a regional football tournament in more than two decades, prompting the prime minister to declare a public holiday.

Malaysia took its first ASEAN Suzuki Cup on Wednesday, beating Indonesia 4-2 on aggregate over two legs of the Southeast Asian championships finals in Jakarta.

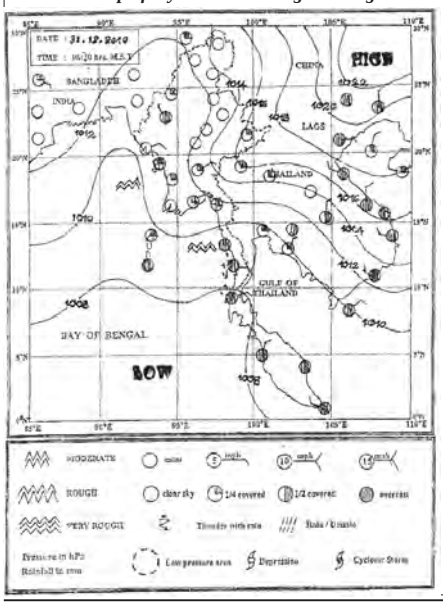
The country last won the biennial Southeast Asian Games at the 1989 Kuala Lumpur tournament and had never taken the ASEAN Cup, launched 14 years ago.

The success dominated the front pages of almost all local papers, with the influential Star daily declaring "The Cup is ours" and the New Straits Times plastering a picture of the victorious players across its front and back pages under the headline "CHAMPIONS".

Internet

***The captain of Malaysian team Safiq (C) holds up the trophy of the Suzuki Cup 2010 in Jakarta.* INTERNET**

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Friday, 31st December, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Eastern Shan, Rakhine and Kayin States, Yangon and Taninthayi Regions and generally fair in the remaining States and Regions. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below December average temperatures in Northern Shan and Rakhine States, Mandalay, Magway and Bago and Ayeyawady Regions, (5°C) to (6°C) below December average temperatures in Kachin State and Upper Sagaing Region and about December average temperatures in the remaining States and Regions. The significant night temperatures were Pinlaung (0°C), Putao, Namhsan and Heho (2°C) each and Loilem (3°C) .

Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 30-12-2010 was 86°F. Minimum temperature on 31-12-2010 was 54°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 31-12-2010 was (65%). Rainfall on 31-12-2010 was (Nil) .

Yangon (Kaba-Aye)

Maximum temperature on 30-12-2010 was 90°F. Minimum temperature on 31-12-2010 was 59°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 31-12-2010 was (74%). Total sunshine hours on 30-12-2010 was (9.5) hours.

Rainfall on 31-12-2010 was at (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since1-1-2010 was (83.19) inches at Mingaladon, (97.64) inches at Kaba-Aye and (109.29) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (6) mph from North at (11:30) hours MST on 30-12-2010.

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

Forecast valid until evening of the 1st January 2011: Light rain are likely to be isolated in Kachin State and Taninthayi Region, weather will be partly cloudy in Rakhine and Mon States, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions and generally fair in the remaining States and Regions. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of isolated rain in the extreme Northern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 1-1-2011: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 1-1-2011: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 1-1-2011: Generally fair weather.

Weather Outlook For Fourth Weekend Of January 2011: During the coming weekend, weather will be generally fair in Nay Pyi Taw and Mandalay Region and partly cloudy in Yangon Region.

China Eastern to buy 50 Airbus airliners

HONG KONG, 31 Dec — China Eastern Airlines said Thursday it had agreed with Europe-based Airbus to buy 50 A320 airliners with a list price of 3.22 billion dollars, in the latest sign of the country's aviation boom.

China Eastern said in an announcement to the Hong Kong stock exchange the aircraft would be delivered in stages from 2012 to 2015 and would expand its capacity by 11.24 percent including the fleet of its Shanghai Airlines subsidiary.

The airline did not disclose the price of its acquisition but said the Airbus consortium had granted it "significant price concessions which will mainly affect the depreciation of the aircraft in the operation cost of the company."

The announcement marks the latest in a line of large deals by some of the bigger players in China's burgeoning aviation market.

Last week Shandong Airlines said it planned to buy 15 Boeing passenger planes worth up to 1.2 billion dollars, to be delivered between 2014 and 2015.—*Internet*

Airbus chief commercial officer John Leahy gives a press conference in Colomiers, France, earlier this month to present the company's forecasts for the next 20 years. China Eastern Airlines has signed an agreement with Airbus to buy 50 A320 airliners with a list price of 3.22 billion dollars.—INTERNET

Myanmar TV

Saturday, 1 January
View on today

7:00 am
1. Paritta By Venerable Min Gun Sayadaw

7:15 am
2. Dhamma Puja Song

7:25 am
3. To Be Healthy Exercise

7:30 am
4. Morning News

7:40 am
5. Nice & Sweet Song

7:50 am
6. Poem Garden

8:10 am
7. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competition

8:20 am
8. Musical Programme

8:40 am
9. International News

8:45 am
10. Local Talent

11:00 am
1. Martial Song

11:10 am
2. 63rd Anniversary Independence Day

11:20 am
3. Game For Children

11:45 am
4. Round Up Of The Week's TV Local News

12:45 pm
5. Yan Can Cook

1:10 pm
6. TV Drama Series

2:05 pm
7. Mahowthada

2:30 pm
8. Songs Of National Races

2:35 pm
9. Joint Performace by State Traditional Orchestra

2:55 pm
10. International News

4:00 pm
1. Martial Song

4:10 pm
2. Cultural Dance

4:20 pm
3. Musical Programme

4:30 pm
4. University Of Distance Education (TV Lectures) -First Year (Myanmar)

4:45 pm
5. Songs For Upholding National Spirit

4:55 pm
6. Musical Programme

5:10 pm
7. 63rd Anniversary Independence Day

5:25 pm
8. Game For Children

6:00 pm
9. Evening News

6:15 pm
10. Weather Report

6:20 pm
11. Documentary

6:40 pm
12. TV Drama Series

7:40 pm
13. Documentary

8:00 pm
14. News
15. International News
16. Weather Report
17. Cartoon Series
18. TV Drama Series
19. Gitadagale Phwinfbaohn

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL
Programme Schedule
(1-1-2011)(Saturday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	- (09:00am~11:00am MST
Oversea Transmission	- (1-1-11 09:30 am ~ 2-1-11 09:30 am MST

Local Transmission
* Opening
* News
* A Day In Yangon (Myanmar's Shwedagon)
* 63rd Anniversary Independence Day (Sound Foundations for the New Government) ''Nation-wide Special Projects (Part-II)''
* News
* Kambozathadi : Palace of Conquerors
* News
* Youth and fashion (Yawai Aung, Sandi Myint Lwin)
* News
* Music Gallery
* Modern Bridal Hairstyle

Oversea Transmission
* Opening
* News
* A Day In Yangon (Myanmar's Shwedagon)
* Melodious Myanmar Harp (Auspicious Blessing)
* 63rd Anniversary Independence Day (Sound Foundations for the New Government) ''Nation-wide Special Projects (Part-II)''
* News
* Kambozathadi: Palace of Conquerors
* Myanmar Royal Regalia(I)
* News
* Youth and Fashion (Yawai Aung, Sandi Myint Lwin)
* News
* Music Gallery
* Modern Bridal Hairstyle
* News
* Cultural Shows Enchancing Ties Between Myanmar & Indonesia
* News
* Melodious Flute Tunes of the Villages
* ''Song For You'' Eternity Band (II)
* News
* Secret Places for Yummy Food (Porridge)
* News
* Memorable Visit to Inle Lake & Unforgettable Stay at Hupin Hotel
* Myanmar Movies ''Unchangeable Love''

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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

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye attends Passing Out of Parade of MINPS 8

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Dec — Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye delivered an address at the Passing Out of Parade of the No.8 Intake of the Military Institute of Nursing and Paramedical Science held at the parade ground of Defence Services Medical Academy in Yangon at 7.30 a.m. today.

(See page 12)

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye inspects trainee companies at passing out parade of 8th Intake of Military Institute of Nursing and Paramedical Science.—MNA

HAILING 63rd ANNIVERSARY INDEPENDENCE DAY

Article

Resolution to build a new nation

MYINT MAUNG (PHILQ)

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Poem

* Glorious like rising sun
Pleasant with picturesque nature
Myanmar so beautiful
* Wealthy and impressive
Constructive is foundation
Amity the country fosters

MYO MYAT MYAT MYINT MAUNG (TRS)

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Cartoon

KHAING HSU

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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