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## Bounden duty

The entire people are duty-bound to safeguard the motherland through the might of national unity for ensuring non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty, while keeping a watchful eye on attempts of neocolonialists to harm the sovereignty of the country.

**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 61st Anniversary Independence Day)

# Wider use of vehicles manufactured by already-opened automobile factories will contribute much to better transport

## Prime Minister attends opening of Heavy Turbo Truck Assembly Shop, Gear & Transmission Plant of No. 3 Automobile Factory (Magway)

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Jan—A ceremony to launch Heavy Turbo Truck Assembly Shop and the Gear & Transmission Plant of No. 3 Automobile Factory (Magway) was held at Magway Industrial Region in Magway Township, yesterday morning, attended by Prime Minister U Thein Sein.

Also present on the occasion were Chairman of Mandalay Region Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command

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*Prime Minister U Thein Sein unveils stone inscription of No. 3 Automobile Factory (Magway).*—MNA

*Photo shows No. 3 Automobile Factory (Magway) in Magway Industrial Region in Magway Township.*—MNA

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- In a sudden loss of mindfulness
  Country may fall under subjugation
- Struggle to free form yoke
  Time its consumes so much
- Memories linger
  Sacrificing lots of lives and blood
  Our forefather for years
  Enemy they drove out with valor
  Till enemy retreated

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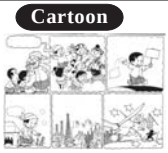

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# PERSPECTIVES

**Sunday, 2 January, 2011**

## For perpetuation of independence, sovereignty

**The Union of Myanmar is a land where national brethren have been living through thick and thin from time immemorial. Myanmar national races have preserved and promoted national culture and prestige and safeguarded sovereignty in the course of the history.**

**Taking a look back to the historical background of Myanmar, the First, Second and Third Empires stood tall in the global family. However, the colonialist resorted to all possible ways to undermine national solidarity.**

**In late 19th century, Myanmar fell under the colonial rule and lost its sovereignty and independence. It was patriotic national people who fought back the invaders with a strong sense of Union Spirit, and the spirit of making sacrifices in the national interests, thus enabling the motherland to regain independence and sovereignty.**

**To value and safeguard independence that cost heavily is the bounden duty on the shoulders of all national people. Myanmar achieved independence, but not an easy way: only after sacrificing a huge number of lives of its people. The nation has got painful memories of the yoke of the colonial rule.**

**So, it is compulsory for the entire people upholding Our Three Main National Causes to safeguard perpetually independence and sovereignty and to remain constantly vigilant against threats posed by neo-colonialists.**

## 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**

## School Family Day for 2010-2011 academic year kicks off

***Opening of School Family Day for 2010-2011 in progress.*—MNA**

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Jan—The Ministry of Education held the School Family Day for 2010-2011 academic year at No. 1 Basic Education High School in Zeyathiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw District today.

It was attended by Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Maung Maung Aye, Minister for Science and Technology U Thaung, Deputy Minister for Education U Aung Myo Min, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo, departmental heads, President of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation Dr Thet Thet Zin, responsible persons of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association, officials and guests.

Fourteen outstanding students formally opened the School Family Day for 2010-2011 academic year.

The commander, the minister, the deputy ministers and guests visited the central booth of development of education.

Students demonstrated their skills in music and dances.

The booth on development of education, music entertainment and skills will be presented up to 3 January.

*MNA*

***Opening ceremony for School Family Day for 2010-2011 held at No. 1 BEHS in Zeyathiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw District.***

**MNA**

## MTTF President's Cup Table Tennis Championship concludes

YANGON, 1 Jan—General Secretary of Myanmar Olympic Committee Director-General U Thaung Htaik of the Sports and Physical Education Department attended the opening ceremony of Myanmar Table Tennis Federation President's Cup Table Tennis Championship at the hall of the federation, here, on 30 December morning.

The director-general and the president of MTTF formally opened the championship.

At 4 pm, the prize presentation ceremony followed.

President U Kyaw Kyaw and Vice-President of MTTF U Mya Maung presented prizes to the winners.—*MNA*

## "Three Friends" joins Housing, Living & Furniture Fair

YANGON, 1 Jan — Sale & Distribution Department of Three Friends Construction Co Ltd is displaying home decoration accessories and laminated floors at Housing, Living & Furniture Fair opened today till 4 January at Tatmadaw Convention Hall.

It will put wallpapers, MDF Board, Chip board and UPVC Doors and Windows up for sale with discount prices.

The department can be contacted via Ph: 09 8721113, 09 5154853, 09 5155037 and 09 5088002 for enquiry.

*MNA*

## Hlawga Park to extend opening hours on Independence Day, Kayin New Year Day

YANGON, 1 Jan—The Hlawga Park of the Forest Department will be kept open from 8 am to 6 pm on 4 January (Independence Day) and 5 January 2011 (Kayin New Year Day) instead of its usual opening hours from 8 am to 5 pm for public recreation.—*MNA*

## Above-65 doubles tennis contest kicks off

YANGON, 1 Jan—With the sponsorship of Myanmar International School Yangon, Myanmar Tennis Federation organized the Above-65 doubles tennis contest of Yangon Region at Theinbyu Tennis Court in Mingala Taungnyunt Township today.

The Board of Directors of MISY, President of MTF U Aung Maw Thein and executives, invited persons, tennis fans were present at the court.

Ten doubles are taking part in the contest up to 9 January.—*MNA*

*The remains of a home, foreground, and a fire station, background, are shown after a tornado tore through the small town of Cincinnati, Ark, early in the morning on Friday, 31 Dec, 2010.*—INTERNET

# New Year's Eve tornadoes kill six in Ark, Mo

LITTLE ROCK, 1 Jan—Tornadoes fueled by unusually warm air pummeled the South and Midwest on Friday, killing at least six people and injuring dozens more across Arkansas, Missouri and Illinois. Forecasters said storms could hit along a stretch from near Chicago to New Orleans later in the evening as New Year's Eve celebrations begin.

Three people died in the northwestern Arkansas hamlet of Cincinnati when a tornado touched down just before sunrise, and three others died when a storm spawned by the same weather system ripped up the Missouri countryside near Rolla. A number of storms were also reported in the St. Louis area. Storms later Friday knocked out power to more than 19,000 Mississippi residents, while broad swaths of Louisiana and Mississippi were under severe weather watches and warnings that threatened New Year's Eve revelry.

"It sucked me out of my house and carried me across the road and dropped me," Chris Sisemore of Cincinnati told *The Associated Press* on Friday. "I was Superman for a while. You're just free-floating through the air. Trees are knocking you and smacking you down."—*Internet*

# Mexico cites breakdown in La Familia cartel

MEXICO CITY, 1 Jan—Mexico's federal police said Friday that the once-fearsome La Familia drug cartel has been "completely dismembered" and has broken down into small groups that commit robberies to pay their members.

The cartel has dominated crime in the western state of Michoacan for several years, making money by trafficking methamphetamines and extorting protection money from businesses. It has also become known for its bloody ambushes of federal police.

La Familia has been thrown into disarray, however by the recent arrest and deaths of top members, including cartel leader Nazario Moreno, nicknamed "The Craziest One," who was killed in a shootout with police on 9 Dec.

"Following the death of Nazario, the Familia Michoacana, as we know it, has been completely dismembered," federal police official Luis Cardenas Palomino told a news conference as he announced the arrest of another La Familia leader: Francisco Lopez Villanueva, known as "El Bigotes," or "The Mustache."

"What are left are little groups that are isolated and completely disorganized," Cardenas Palo-mino said.

*Internet*

# 11 dead in two US drone strikes in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 1 Jan—US drones on Saturday fired missiles into Pakistan's North Waziristan tribal region and killed at least 11 people, local TV channels reported.

Pilotless aircraft carried out two strikes, the first in the beginning of the new year, and targeted a house and a vehicle. In the first strike, the drone hit a vehicle at Spin Wam area, killing at least eight people, *Dawn* TV reported. Four missiles were fired in the strike.

It was not clear as to who were targeted but TV channels said that suspected Taleban militants were travelling in the vehicle. In the second strike three people were killed when missiles hit a house at Ghiristi area near Mir Ali, a main town in North Waziristan.

*Xinhua*

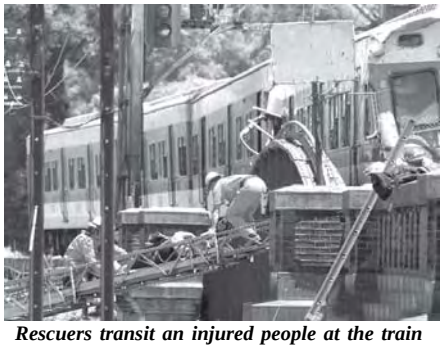
*Men look at a tanker carrying supplies for NATO which was destroyed in an apparent bomb attack, en route to neighbouring Afghanistan, at the Pakistani border town of Chaman, Pakistan, on 31 Dec, 2010.*—XINHIA

# Train collision injures 50 in Argentine capital

BUENOS AIRES, 1 Jan—The number of people injured in a train collision in the Argentine capital of Buenos Aires has risen to 50, officials said Friday.

The accident occurred in the Palermo neighbourhood, north of Buenos Aires. Gustavo Gago, a spokesperson for the Buenos Aires Train (TBA) company, said the accident took place at 11:30 am local time (1430 GMT) Friday, when two trains collided on the Mitre line, operated by the TBA company.

Gago said that one of the trains was waiting for authorization in Empalme Maldonado to go on to the Jose Leon Suarez station, north east of Buenos Aires, when the other train that was going north crashed into it.—*Xinhua*



*Rescuers transit an injured people at the train crash site in Buenos Aires, capital of Argentina, 31 Dec, 2010.*—XINHUA

*Afghan police inspect at the site of a suicide car bomb blast in Kandahar city on 27 Dec, 2010.* INTERNET

# Afghan officials say Taleban commander killed

KABUL, 1 Jan—Afghan and coalition troops killed the Taleban "shadow governor" of a northern Afghan province in an overnight raid, local officials said Friday, while NATO said militants attacks claimed the lives of two coalition service members.

Once relatively peaceful, security in northern Afghanistan has deteriorated as the Taleban, squeezed by NATO operations focusing on militant strongholds in the south, have expanded their reach to other parts of the country.

NATO said a joint force stormed a compound in the Chahar Dara District of Kunduz Province before dawn, killing an militant and detaining several suspects in an operation targeting a high-level Taleban leader believed to make roadside bombs and suicide vests. The coalition said it had not yet identified the slain militant.—*Internet*

# NATO soldier killed in Afghanistan on New Year's Day

KABUL, 1 Jan—Taleban-linked activities claimed the life of a NATO soldier in Afghanistan on the New Year's day Saturday, the military alliance confirmed in a statement released here.

"An International Security Assistance Force service member died following an improvised explosive device attack in southern Afghanistan today,"the statement said.

This is the first casualty of NATO-led troops, reported by the military alliance on the first day of 2011. However, it did not identify the nationality of the victim, saying it is ISAF policy to defer casualty identification procedures to the relevant national authorities.

Troops mostly from the United States, Canada, Britain and Australia have been stationed in south Afghanistan commonly known as the hotbed of Taleban militants.—*Internet*

# Science

## Budding research links climate change and earlier flowering plants

***University of Cincinnati biologist Denis Conover has done extensive plant studies in Hamilton County Parks and the Oxbow area. Here he studies a specimen at Burnet Woods.***
**INTERNET**

NEW YORK, 1 Jan—According to research published 16 November by a University of Cincinnati faculty member, native plants in southwestern Ohio are flowering significantly earlier, a finding he attributes, at least in part, to global warming. UC biologist Denis Conover, field service associate professor, has spent countless hours walking the Shaker Trace Wetlands at Miami Whitewater Forest over the last 18 years to survey hundreds of different plant species.

Conover's results, published in the December issue of *Ecological Restoration*, reveal that for species that were observed flowering during two distinct multi-year surveys, a significant number of wild plants (39 percent) bloomed earlier from 2005 to 2008 than when he recorded the same species' blooming times from 1992 to 1996. Forty-five percent of the plants bloomed at the same time, and 16 percent bloomed earlier.—*Internet*

## New cognitive robotics lab tests theories of human thought

NEW YORK, 1 Jan—In a new Cognitive Robotics Lab, students at Rensselaer are exploring how human thought outwits brute force computing in the real world. The lab's 20 programmable robots allow students to test the real-world performance of computer models that mimic human thought.

The real world has a lot of inconsistency that humans handle almost without noticing — for example, we walk on uneven terrain, we see in shifting light," said Professor Vladislav Daniel Veksler, who is currently teaching Cognitive Robotics. "With robots, we can see the problems humans face when navigating their environment."

Cognitive Robotics marries the study of cognitive science — how the brain represents and transforms information — with the challenges of a physical environment. Advances in cognitive robotics transfer to artificial intelligence, which seeks to develop more efficient computer systems patterned on the versatility of human thought.—*Internet*

## Scientist maps the meaning of Mid-Level clouds

NEW YORK, 1 Jan—Clouds play a major role in the climate-change equation, but they are the least-understood variable in the sky, observes a Texas A&M University geoscientist, who says mid-level clouds are especially understudied. The professor, Shaima Nasiri, is making those "in-between" clouds the focus of her research, which is being funded by NASA.

Mid-level clouds are so understudied, Nasiri says, that scientists have yet to develop a common nomenclature for them. "We do not have a unified definition, so the scientific community can't look at the statistics with a shared level of understanding. Also, because mid-level clouds are formed either from water droplets or ice crystals or a combination of both, they can be more difficult to model.

***Altrostratus clouds at sunset.***
**INTERNET**

"Only in the past few years have we focused on the physical properties of mid-level clouds. This means that previous climate models are incomplete," Nasiri says. "All cloud formations are important tracers in the climate-change equation. But we must accurately define and measure the middle layer before we can have a complete picture."

Nasiri credits recent satellite technology for being the vehicle that gives scientists the facts and figures needed to fold the essence of clouds into climate-change formulas.

*Internet*

# Technology

## China's 4G technology to go global

BEIJING, 1 Jan— China's homegrown fourth-generation (4G) telecommunication technology is expected to go global and be widely adopted by 2015, with countries in Africa and Latin America the most likely to use the technology, according to industry experts.

The Time Division-Long Term Evolution (TD-LTE) technology is the next-generation telecommunication standard that China Mobile Communications Co is promoting.

Under ideal conditions, TD-LTE can easily reach download speed of more than 150 megabytes per second, much faster than third-generation (3G) TD-SCDMA technology.

"Many international operators have contacted China Mobile and expressed a willingness to adopt TD-LTE networks," Chen Jinqiao, deputy chief engineer at the China Academy of Telecommunication Research (CATR), told *China Daily*.

He said the most likely partners in building TD-LTE networks may come from Africa and Latin America, as many countries on those continents have a good relationship with China both economically and politically. "They are more likely to accept China's technology, and TD-LTE may even help them make a leap forward directly from the 2G era to the 4G stage," Chen said.—*Xinhua*

***A booth promoting 4G services at a telecommunications exhibition in Beijing. China on Friday approved wide-ranging tests of new TD-LTE technology in six major cities.***
**INTERNET**

## Remote Conductor app makes iPad a Mac input device

WASHINGTON, 1 Jan—Mobile software developer m3me has released the $10 Remote Conductor app for iPad, which makes your iPad a new input device for your Mac.

The app has three modes. In Trackpad mode, the entire iPad surface becomes a large trackpad, with support for multitouch actions. In Launch mode, a master list of all of your applications, organized by folder, is displayed onscreen to provide you with rapid access to these icons. (An added nice touch: your Dock is replicated on the iPad for even faster access.)

But in my opinion, the pièce de résistance is Switch mode, which displays all of your Mac's windows in a horizontal tree inspired by Exposé. Scroll left and right to see application windows organized by application; scroll up and down if a single application has more windows than can be displayed onscreen. Switch covers windows you've minimized, as well as windows in any additional Spaces you're running, so it's easy to find windows you've temporarily misplaced. Tap on a window to bring it to the front on your Mac; tap on the application icon to do the same for all of the application's windows.

*Internet*

## NTT DoCoMo to launch tablet computer

TOKYO, 1 Jan— Japan's top mobile operator, NTT DoCoMo, is looking to launch a tablet computer that will be produced by LG Electronics and run on software developed by Google, *the Nikkei business daily* reported on Saturday.

The device, which is scheduled to be released in Japan by the end of March, is expected to have a smaller than 9-inch screen, but other details have yet to be determined, the newspaper said without identifying the source of its information.

DoCoMo officials were not immediately able to comment on the report.

The tablet PC would compete with a slew of models from the likes of Dell, Samsung Electronics and Sharp to challenge Apple's iPad in the new gadget segment.—*Reuters*

***A man uses a Skype internet phone next to a laptop in Taipei 11 November, 2005.***—**INTERNET**

# Health

## Health Tip: Healthy habits can help Parkinson's symptoms

Though there is no cure for Parkinson's disease, making certain lifestyle changes can help you manage symptoms.

The University of Maryland Medical Centre offers these suggestions:

* Eat a healthy diet.
* Exercise regularly, but don't try to do more than you have the energy for.
* Allow your body time to rest, and do your best to minimize stress.
* Consider physical therapy, *speech therapy* and occupational therapy.
* Think about special accommodations, such as utensils to make eating easier or the addition of handrails at home.
* Consult with a social worker or counsellor to find out if they may be of help.—*Internet*

***A man looks from his car during a traffic gridlock near Vauxhall Cross in London 2005. Anyone applying for a driving licence in Britain will be asked if they want to join an organ donation scheme under new proposals to boost the number of donors, it was announced on Friday.—*INTERNET**

## In US, obesity afflicts even some of the tiniest tots

LOS ANGELES, 1 Jan—American kids are becoming obese, or nearly so, at an increasingly young age, with about one-third of them falling into that category by the time they're 9 months old, researchers have found.

There are some caveats about the research, however. The infants were not studied recently: They were born about a decade ago. And it's not clear how excess weight in babies may affect their health later in their lives. The study found no guarantee that a baby who's overweight at 9 months will stay flabby when his or her second birthday rolls around. Still, the study in the January-February 2011 issue of the *American Journal of Health Promotion* does present a picture of babies and infants who are carrying around a lot of extra weight.

The findings also suggest that small changes in an infant's diet can make a big difference, said Dr Wendy Slusser, medical director of a children's weight programme at Mattel Children's Hospital at the University of California, Los Angeles. For example, she said, "if you don't give your kid juice and have them eat the fruit instead, suddenly there's 150 calories less a day that can make a big difference in weight gain over a long term.

The researchers examined federal data about 16,400 children in the United States who were born in 2001. After adjusting the statistics so they wouldn't be thrown off by such factors as high numbers of certain kinds of kids, the study authors found that 17 percent of 9-month-olds were obese and 15 percent were at risk for obesity, for a total of 32 percent.

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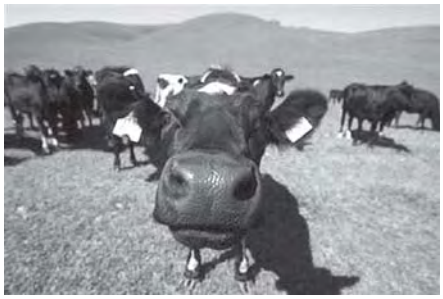
## Eating lots of red meat ups women's stroke risk



***Cows feed on grass as they roam the hills near Pleasanton, California on 23 March, 2007.* INTERNET**

NEW YORK, 1 Jan—Women who eat a lot of red meat may be putting themselves at increased risk of stroke, a new study in more than 30,000 Swedish women hints.

The study team found that those in the top tenth for red meat consumption, who ate at least 102 grams or 3.6 ounces daily, were 42 percent more likely to suffer a stroke due to blocked blood flow in the brain compared to women who ate less than 25 grams (just under an ounce) of red meat daily.

Diets heavy in red meat have been linked to a number of ill effects, including an increased risk of certain cancers, *heart disease*, and high blood pressure. Yet, just three studies have looked at red meat and stroke risk. One study found a link, but the others did not.—*Internet*

## Colombia undertaker launches ghostly census

***William Betancur, manager of Betancur Funeral Parlour, poses for a picture outside one of his offices on 29 December, in Medellin, Colombia.***

A Medellin undertaker has taken his craft to the next level by launchinga "ghostly census" in Colombia's second-largest city, where his workers have so far compiled 215 spirits, 23 in pictures and videos. "It's beyond question that many of the city's buildings and homes have ghosts. For years, we've heard stories about them and we thought the time had come to approach, catalog and classify them through a census," William Betancur said.

The enterprising Betancur Funeral Home owner said he began the list a few weeks ago, sending "a team of four funeral parlour workers — properly attired in uniforms — to buildings" around Medellin, 245 kilometers (152 miles) northwest of the capital Bogota.

"They've reported back with 215 ghosts.... Our video and still cameras have captured 23," he said with pride.

## Bull shot after fleeing slaughter

Authorities in Pennsylvania said a 900-pound bull escaped on its way to slaughter and led them on a two-mile chase before being shot and killed by its owner.

The animal's owner, Wayne Myers of Bald Top, said he was taking the 2-year-old bull to the butcher when it somehow escaped from its trailer while he was stopped at a red light, *The (Danville, Pa.) Daily Item* reported.

Mahoning Township police, Danville police and Danville fire police joined Myers in chasing the bull for at least two miles through Montour and Northumberland counties.

Myers eventually shot and killed the bull in Point Township. "That," Myers said, "was going to be the meat for the rest of the year. Now it will just be hamburger."

***A bull in the Netherlands, courtesy of Wikimedia user Rex.***

## German thief falls asleep on the job

***A tiny mistake has been the undoing of many a clever crook, but unlike an alleged robber arrested in Germany, most manage not to fall asleep at the scene of the crime.***

A tiny mistake has been the undoing of many a clever crook, but unlike an alleged robber arrested in Germany, most manage not to fall asleep at the scene of the crime.

The 26-year-old man broke into a career advice centre in the western town of Ahaus on Tuesday night and completed several trips taking electronics, food and sweets back to his flat, a police spokesman said on Thursday.

But the effort was clearly too strenuous for the man.

**News Album**

*Prime Minister U Thein Sein views production process at Heavy Turbo Truck Assembly Shop of No. 3 Automobile Factory (Magway).*— MNA

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Brig-Gen Ye Aung, ministers, the chairman of Magway Region PDC, deputy ministers, departmental heads, Indian Ambassador Dr. Villur Sundararajan Seshadri, responsible persons of Tata Motors Ltd of India and China New Era International Inc of China, officials of the Ministry of Industry-2, departmental officials, members of social organizations and local people.

Commander Brig-Gen Ye Aung, Minister for Industry-2 U Soe Thein, Minister for Electric Power No. 1 U Zaw Min, Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thein Zaw and Chairman of Magway Region PDC U Phone Maw Shwe formally opened the Heavy Turbo Truck Assembly Shop and the Gear & Transmission Plant of No. 3 Automobile Factory (Magway).

The Prime Minister, the commander, ministers and guests posed for documentary photo together with officials of the factory.

The Prime Minister sprinkled scented water on the plaque and so did the commander, ministers and the Indian Ambassador.

The Prime Minister and party viewed 13 steps of chassis assembly at Heavy Turbo Truck Assembly Shop of No. 3 Automobile Factory (Magway) and machine parts to be installed at Heavy Turbo Truck LPT (2116). Minister U Soe Thein conducted the Prime Minister round the factory.

After visiting the factory by car, the Prime Minister cordially greeted the staff, social organization members and local people.

The Prime Minister viewed 4 seater mini-saloon, Myanmar double cab, Myanmar single cab, TE-21 (6.4 ton) truck, TE-31 (25 ton) truck, TE-31 (3600 Gals) oil tanker, city bus, static road roller (25 ton), and vibratory soil compactor. Minister U Soe Thein conducted the Prime Minister round the factory.

At the hall of the factory, Minister U Soe Thein reported on formation of Magway Industrial Region, facts about the project, organizational set-up of the factory, types of vehicles to be manufactured and benefits for construction of the factory.

After hearing the reports, the Prime Minister said that the State has systematically established industrial regions and industrial zones at the suitable areas for emergence of factories and industries with a view to ensuring establishment of an industrialized nation.

He said that wider scale use of the vehicles manufactured by already-opened automobile factories will contribute much to transport and flow of commodities. Therefore, he added that emphasis is to be placed on improvement of producing vehicles in quality and quantity and manufacturing the products meeting set standards with the use of domestic industrial products plus the assistance of national technicians.

He noted that as the State has spent a large sum of foreign exchange and kyats in addition to time, location and labour on establishment of industries, it is necessary to manufacture the products at full capacity to be lucrative.

He stressed the need to focus on availability of skilled workers and carry out maintenance of machines for operating the machines at full capacity. He pointed out that it is necessary to uplift skills of workers provided with trainings and on-job training courses and give priority to maintenance of machines in line with the mechanical regulations.

Moreover, he said that it is necessary to take preventive measures against natural disasters such as outbreaks of fire and storm and exactly issue security plans.

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*Prime Minister U Thein Sein visits Heavy Turbo Truck Assembly Shop of No. 3 Automobile Factory (Magway).*— MNA

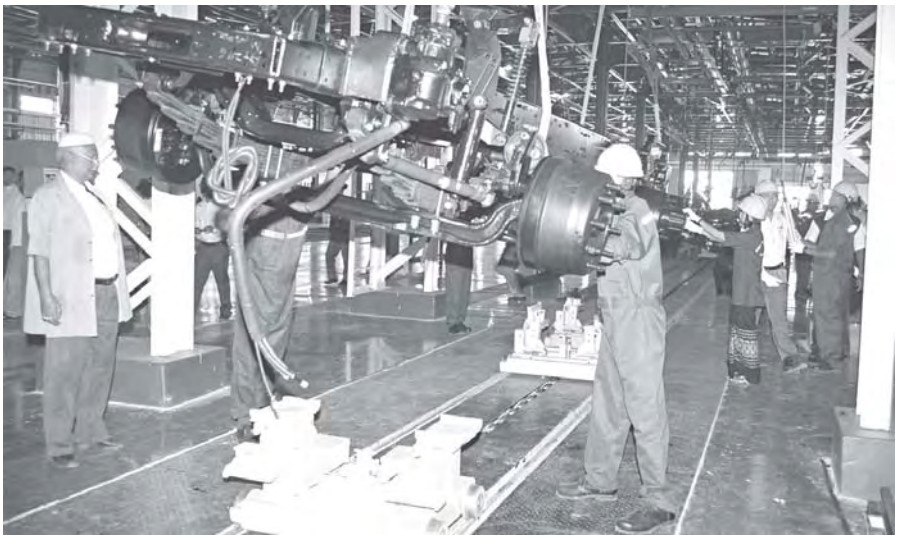

*Photo shows production line of Heavy Turbo Truck Assembly Shop at No. 3 Automobile Factory (Magway).*— MNA

***Prime Minister U Thein Sein looks into production process at Heavy Turbo Truck Assembly Shop of No. 3 Automobile Factory (Magway).***
**MNA**

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The Prime Minister presented a fruit basket to technicians of Tata Motors Ltd of India and China New Era International Inc of China.

Afterwards, the Prime Minister and party viewed the production of machine parts of gear and transmissions at the Gear & Transmission Plant of the factory.

Newly-opened No. 3 Automobile Factory (Magway) is located on 125 acres of land, about six miles from Magway and about three miles southwest of Magway-Taungdwingyi Road. Heavy Turbo Truck Assembly Shop has 250 metres in length and 135 metres in width, and Gear & Transmission Plant is 120 metres long and 36 metres wide.

No. 3 Automobile Factory (Magway) will manufacture LPT 2116-6x2 Cargo with 160HP engine, Field Artillery Truck, 4928 S-6x4 Tractor with 280 HP engine, 3128T-8x2 Cargo with 280 HP engine and 1613T-4x2 Cargo with 160 HP engine.

Heavy Turbo Truck Assembly Shop was built with the assistance of Tata Motors Ltd of India and it will produce five thousands 20-40 ton Heavy Turbo Truck (6x2&8 6x4) LHD vehicles per year.

The Gear & Transmission Plant built with the assistance of China New Era International Inc of China will manufacture gear & transmission 750 unit.

Automobile manufacturers from local industrial zones can get production technology from No. 3 Automobile Factory (Magway) which is the first-ever heavy turbo truck manufacturing factory in Myanmar.

Magway Industrial Zone is constituted with Heavy Turbo Truck Assembly Shop (Magway), Gear & Transmission Plant (Magway), Technical Training School (Magway), No. 2 Farming Machinery Factory (Malun), Machine and Machine Tools Factory (Myaing) and Technical Training School (Pakokku).—*MNA*

***Photo shows automobile manufactured by No. 3 Automobile Factory (Magway) of Ministry of Industry-2.***— **MNA**

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***Gear & Transmission Plant of No. 3 Automobile Factory (Magway).***— **MNA**

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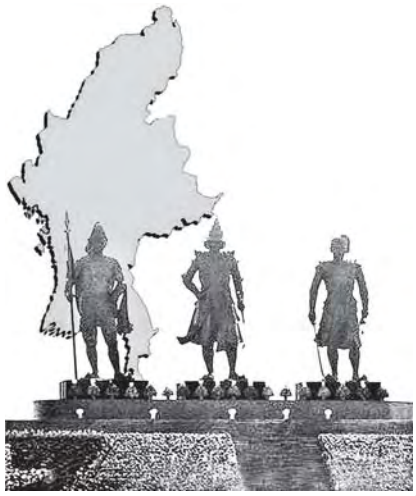
## Ward off colonialist tricks with patriotism



Myanmar people have got a lot of experiences of elections. In the colonial days, ministers were selected by the governor responsible to the British government. At that time, Myanmar national ministers were hardly appointed as members of parliament, and the majority of MPs were Englishmen, Chinese merchants, Indian merchants and mixed-race persons. The British government appointed handpicked members to the liking of the governor in holding elections of a legislative council made up of 14 or 15 MPs. The right to stand for election and the right to vote were based on the rates of income taxes.

After the consultant council to the governor led by General Aung San was formed, a constituent hluttaw was held in April, 1947. At that time, independence struggles were in full swing. The people, who believed that the Anti-Fascist People's Freedom League (AFPFL) led by General Aung San was capable enough of helping the nation regain independence, all voted for AFPFL candidates. AFPFL won all seats, except seven seats won by Communist candidates. There were not any forms of rigging nor violence in the elections.

Independence was regained after the demise of the general. In the post-independence period, AFPFL split into many factions. In 1950, Red Social members broke away from the Socialist Party, the hard-core party of AFPFL. And Communists and Ba-Ka-Tha members turned back on the AFPFL. Pyithu Yebaw Party collapsed into two groups: White Yebaw and Yellow Yebaw. In 1958, AFPFL (remaining Socialist Party members) split into Swe-Nyein or Stable AFPFL and Nu-Tin or Clean AFPFL.

In the post-independence period, the armed insurrection was ablaze the whole nation. The AFPFL government was not capable of coping with the issue, due to its members' rivalry for power. So, there was a sharp decrease in the public support for AFPFL. However, power-craving AFPFL leaders were claiming that the party would continue to win public support for 40 years. They kept pocket forces (Pyusawhti force, defence force, militia force, servicemen force and special police force) and came to arrest, torture and kill opposition members. They breached all possible forms of rigging in the elections. The elections held in 1952, 1956 and 1960 were rigged with a wide variety of cases such as a nine-man murder in Minhla, a massacre in Sitaung-aing Village, Myeik, murders in some townships, and a six-man murder in Ngazun. Such cases were featured in announcements issued and publications published by Opposition Pa-Ma-Nya-Ta (Red Social); tribunal records, the book "To Fair Multiparty Democracy General Elections" by Chairman of the Election Commission Saya Che, and the book "A Fist to Mt. Myinmo" by Yebaw Hla Myo.

Armed insurgents made armed threats that residents of the villages in the black regions and brown regions which were under the influence of insurgents) would have to vote for the candidates of Opposition (left-wing Communists and Red Social) Pa-Ma-Nya-Ta in the elections. Similar cases took place in the elections in May 1990.

The people were disappointed with AFPFL, from which many groups had been broken away and whose members were vying with one another for power. So, Opposition won 48 seats. It was the ruling AFPFL that violated all possible breaches with its motto "Whatever results come out, we must win in the elections". So, AFPFL could extend its rule, winning the 1952 elections and the 1956 elections. The people considered that what Opposition Pa-Ma-Nya-Ta members would pay was just lip-service. So, they cast votes for the ruling party. That was why Opposition branded the AFPFL government the one-party dictator government.

The elections in February 1960 were merely a two-horse race: Stable AFPFL and Clean AFPFL. Opposition Pa-Ma-Nya-Ta dreamt that it would win a landslide voctory in the forthcoming elections because the people were weary of AFPFL. Before 1960 elections, there were 119 MPs of Swe-Nyein (Stable AFPFL) led by U Ba Swe and U Kyaw Nyein, 83 MPs of Nu-Tin (Clean AFPFL) led by U Nu and Thakhin Tin and 44 MPs of Opposition Pa-Ma-Nya-Ta.

BCP (Burma Communist Party) insurgents squeezed villages to vote for Pa-Ma-Nya-Ta in the 1960 elections. Stable AFPFL used pocket forces especially special police force formed with Pyusawhti militias to make threats to Opposition members. About 10 battalion commanders in favour of Stable AFPFL rigged the elections. U Nu's Clean AFPFL canvassed for votes with the incentive that they would prescribe Buddhism as the official religion if they won in the elections. Stable AFPFL-back newspapers such as Ahtauktaw, Pyi Kyaw, Mandaing and Deedok, and Clean AFPFL-back newspapers such as Bama Khit, Pyidaungsu and Ohwai stated news with political bias, thus violating the press ethic. On 19 December 1959, the caretaker government of General Ne Win dissolved the parliament, and held pyithu hluttaw elections on 6 February, and chamber of nationalities elections on 29 February 1960.

At the conference of battalion commanders held in Meiktila on 9 November 1959, the-then Commander-in-Chief General Ne Win delivered a speech, saying that the Tatmadaw would have to be neutral in the elections; that he issued an order on 11 the previous month to make sure that the upcoming elections would be fair; and that the country would go hungry if the Tatmadaw did not follow military codes of conduct. In that way, he reminded military commanders not to meddle in the elections in order that the elections would be fair. Again at Yangon conference of the security

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council on 21 December, he ordered that all servicemen and civil servants concerned would be neutral.

The great majority of the people were Buddhists, so they voted for U Nu's Clean AFPFL in the elections held in February 1960. The party won 159 seats; Stable AFPFL, 42 seats; and Pa-Ma-Nya-Ta, nil despite the participation of its 135 candidates. Leader of Stable AFPFL (Pa-Hta-Sa) U Nu became Prime Minister. A complaint was lodged with sound evidences against some Socialist Party member military commanders who rigged the elections in favour of Stable AFPFL. General Ne Win took action against and fired about 10 commanders led by Maj-Gen Maung Maung and Brig-Gen Aung Shwe. In the period of elections, six Clean AFPFL candidates were assassinated in Ngazun, which was later known as the Ngazun six-man murder.

In the time of the Myanmar Socialist Programme Party from 1974 to 1988, the nation saw elections four times. In those elections, in a constituency, a voter has to put his vote into the white ballot box if he favoured or into the black ballot box if he did not favour the only candidate nominated by the one-party government. At that time, Socialism was popular among the people. In some constituencies, some objection voters were found in black ballot boxes. There were no rigging cases nor violence in the elections.

On 27 May 1990, the Tatmadaw government held multiparty democracy general elections. It did not interfere in the elections at all. It practised the ballot paper system in place of the ballot card system in order that the elections could not be rigged. Voters cast votes in polling booths freely and put them into the ballot boxes. When the voting hours were over, the cast votes were counted before candidates in the polling stations. Election results were recorded in front of many witnesses and were submitted to respective commissions at higher level. By contrast, in the time of the AFPFL government, ballot boxes were stored for many days in the offices of district commissioners concerned, and only then, were the votes counted.

However, in the run-up to the 1990 elections, BBC, VOA and All India Radio aired fabricated broadcasts in order that the party they oppose would not win victory. Armed insurgents also made armed threats. And diplomats also tried to meddle in the elections.

Election breaches were stated in publications. Losers and opposition members complained breaches of elections. After the elections, objection notes were heard in line with the law, which were featured in tribunal records.

In the referendum held in May 2008 for the State Constitution (2008), a transparent suffrage was exercised, which won recognition of the diplomats who visited polling stations. As soon as a polling station was opened, voters were invited to check the ballot boxes in the station. Then, the empty ballot boxes were set in clearly visible sites. A voter had to show his Citizenship Scrutiny Card to draw a ballot paper, enter a polling booth and put a tick, fold the paper in half and put it into a ballot box in front of many others. When polling hours were over, latecomers were invited and votes were counted before them. Then, results were recorded and the lists were put into bags and returning officers put their signatures on the bags, and they were submitted to higher commissions.

The multiparty democracy general elections were held freely and fairly on 7 November 2010. Diplomats, representatives from UN agencies, and local and foreign journalists observed and applauded the voting processes. Many countries including the ASEAN chairman and the Chinese government praised the process.

Many persons from neo-colonialist countries and local pessimists who claimed that the ruling government was not a legitimate government as it was not a democratically-elected one persuaded the people to oppose as well as dissuaded the people from casting votes in the elections, instead of welcoming the elections in which the people could vote for the candidates they favoured. The elections were organized in line with the Election Law and Rules based on the 2008 State Constitution.

In every polling station, voters could cast votes freely and put them into the ballot boxes in visible sites. When polling stations were opened, ballot boxes were examined in front of voters. When polling stations were closed, ballot boxes were opened and votes were counted in front of the representatives of the candidates. Diplomats and journalists were given opportunity to observe the voting processes.

The 2008 State Constitution was formulated by the National Convention, based on the principles laid down by the representatives of the 10 legal parties, representatives of seat-winning political parties, workers, peasants, civil servants, intellectuals and intelligentsia, and representatives of national races from the four corners of the nation. Altogether 98.12 percent of eligible voters cast their votes and the constitution was approved with the support of 92.98 percent of the voters.

The 2010 elections were held in 325 of the 330 Pyithu Hluttaw constituencies, accounting for 98.48 percent, in all the 168 Amyotha Hluttaw constituencies; 661 of the 673 Region or State (including nationalities) hluttaw constituencies, accounting for 98.22 percent. Of over 29 million eligible voters, over 22 million (77.26%) cast votes for Pyithu Hluttaw; over 22 million (76.78%), for Amyotha Hluttaw; and 21.8 million (76.62%), for Region/State Hluttaws. The validity of votes for the three Hluttaws accounted for about 93 percent each. Despite being urged not to cast votes in the elections, the people were dutiful for democratization.

Under the ultimatum of the so-called general secretary, a certain party claimed that it did not recognize, and opposed and objected to the State Constitution and the elections held in line with the constitution on 7 November 2010. It indicates that it flagrantly disregarded the public opinion of over 25 million people who participated in the referendum, and that of about 22 million who participated in the elections. In reality, they are anti-democracy elements because they consider that any constitution, elections and public opinion are not legitimate so long as they come to power.

Certain foreign radio stations including DVB and RFA founded with huge funds for dissidents claimed before, during and after the elections that elections were not free and fair. Neo-colonialists and their minions underestimated the people of Myanmar. The people remain united with the spirit of cherishing independence and nationalistic fervour in times of emergency in the national interests.

The media foretold that votes in advance would be the decisive factor in the election. A vote in advance is the right bestowed in line with the law for the people who are abroad or in the nation on duty, who are away from the constituency concerned, who are in hospitals, bed-ridden people, the disabled and older persons. The election results of the Union Election Commission show that there are many votes for representatives of other parties and for independent candidates.

The results of the 2010 elections are the fruits of democracy or the democratic right of the people to transform the nation from the rule of the Tatmadaw that is taking State duties unavoidably to the democratic government system. The previous elections were free from rigging and violence. So, the State Constituency will come into force soon. The Union will perpetuate with sovereignty and independence. Therefore, that is a good sign of perpetuation of independence.

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## 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**

**Poem:**

## Let's join hands in harmony

*** In a sudden loss of mindfulness**
**Country may fall under subjugation**
*** Struggle to free from yoke**
**Time it consumes so much**
*** Memories linger**
**Sacrificing lots of lives and blood**
**Our forefathers for years**
**Enemy they drove out with valor**
**Till enemy retreated**
**And country regained independence**
*** Unlike in past**
**Aliens never come and invade**
**Only with power and influence**
**Neocolonialism they practise**
**Enslavement the same old goal**
*** With own styles and norms**
**Glorious are we Myanmars**
**Under own sovereign rule**
**Joining hands in unity**
**In perpetuity country advances**

Hailing the 63rd Anniversary Independence Day

**Maung Sein Naung (Lewe) (Trs)**

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

## Agriculture and electric power sector

*Namhkyan Dam supplying water for agricultural purpose and drinking water for local consumption of Lashio Township.*

## Today's endeavours become sound foundations for progress and prosperity in the future

**Hailing the 63rd Anniversary Independence Day**

During the period of its assumption in taking State's responsibilities, the government is building sound foundations for emergence of a democratic new nation by developing all parts of the Union in equal term with momentum. Due to its belief that it is necessary to provide full infrastructures for all-round development of a nation without fail, the government is striving for construction of sector-wise infrastructures in the initial status of the State's future.

As utmost efforts were made for enhancement of agricultural sector so as to promote socio-economy of rural people, accounting for about 70 per cent population of the nation, the numbers of dams, sluice gates, irrigated acres and sown acreage raised in leaps and bounds. It is true that cultivation and production of crops were on the increase for many times compared with all-round development of infrastructures in agriculture sector. At present, remarkable achievements have been secured that Myanmar is standing on the list of high paddy production countries and becomes a leading country in South-east Asian region in terms of producing beans and pulses.

In shaping the nation as a modern industrialized nation with high technology, it is necessary to strive for development of electricity sector. As such, plans are under way to generate electricity by utilizing all natural resources as much as possible including hydropower plant projects. Generating electricity hit 529.1 megawatts before 1988 compared with 3045.4 megawatts as nearly six times at present. As 41,206.5 more megawatts will be generated from over 60 ongoing power plants and 25 more megawatts from one more power plant to be built, all the projects on their completion will generate 442,276.9 more megawatts. Due to improvement of lifestyle and condition of socio-economy, demand of electricity is increasing day by day. Upon completion, the completed projects will satisfy the electricity demands cent per cent in addition to surplus production.

Today's developments that did not emerge automatically are the fruitful results of endeavours made for many years through collaborative efforts of the State, the people and the Tatmadaw. That is why today's endeavours become sound foundations for progress and prosperity in the future.

*Nagapauk Sluice Gate built in Waw Township of Bago Region for achieving success in cultivation of crops.*

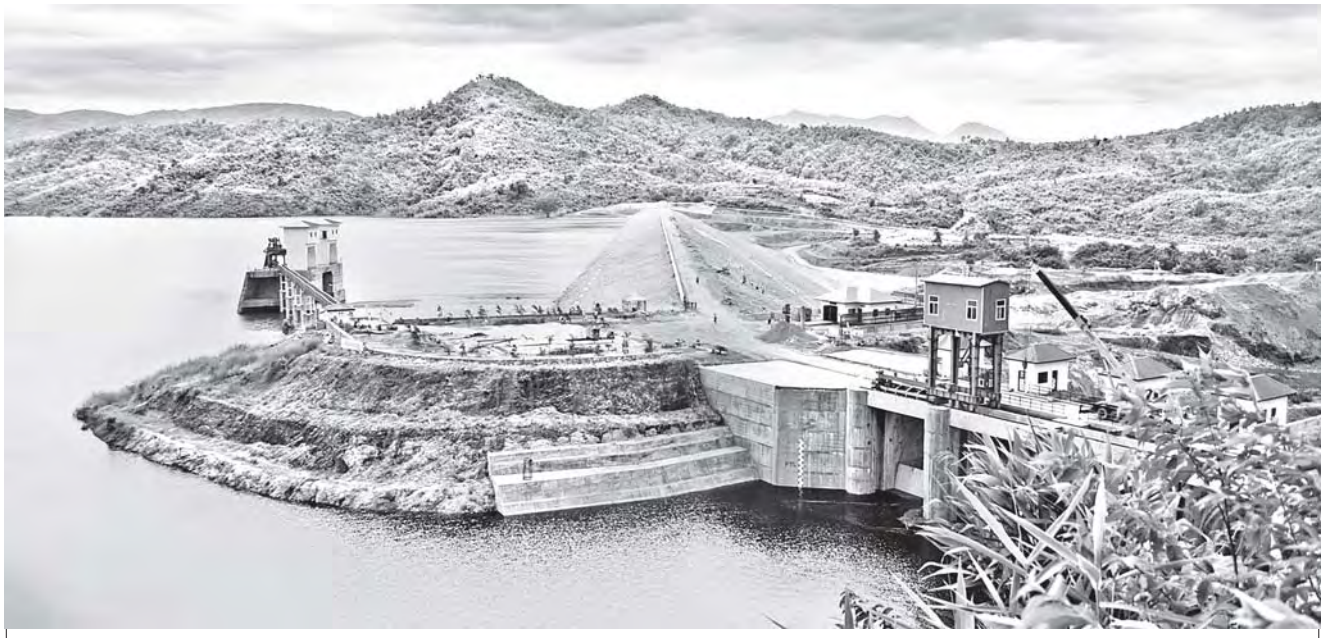

***Photo shows progress of Shwegyin Hydropower Project in Shwegyin Township, seen on 28 November.***

## Progress of agricultural sector from 1988 to date

| Subject | 1988 | 2010 | Progress |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Land resource** | | | |
| - sown acreage (million) | 23.80 | 56.73 | 32.93 |
| **Availability of water** | | | |
| **(a) Dam, lake, embankment** | | | |
| - completed project | 138 | 371 | 233 |
| - project under implementation | - | 26 | 26 |
| **(b) River water pumping project** | | | |
| - completed project | - | 327 | 327 |
| - project under implementation | - | 41 | 41 |
| **(c) underground water tapping** | - | 8001 | 8001 |
| Total benefited acres (million) | 1.35 | 5.20 | 3.85 |
| Double cropping area (million) | 3.89 | 23.40 | 19.50 |
| **Increased cultivation of paddy** | | | |
| - monsoon paddy acreage (million) | 11.80 | 16.50 | 4.70 |
| - summer paddy acreage (million) | - | 3.25 | 3.25 |
| - local food sufficiency (percent) | 102 | 173 | 71 |
| Sown acreage of beans and pulses (mln) | 1.80 | 5.21 | 3.41 |
| Tractor station | 89 | 98 | 9 |

## Dams under construction

| Sr. | State/Region | Qty | Benefited area (in acre) |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Kachin | 1 | 5000 |
| 2. | Kayin | 1 | 3000 |
| 3. | Sagaing | 6 | 1064550 |
| 4. | Taninthayi | 1 | 3200 |
| 5. | Bago | 3 | 117000 |
| 6. | Magway | 5 | 12840 |
| 7. | Mandalay | 5 | 6400 |
| 8. | Rakhine | 1 | - |
| 9. | Shan | 2 | - |
| 10. | Ayeyawady | 1 | 25000 |
| | Total | 26 | 1236990 |

## Progress of electric power sector across the nation from 1988 to date

| Sr. | Plant | number | Installed power (MW) | KWH per year |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Existing power plants | 32 | 3045.4 | 18587.5 |
| 2. | Power plants of implementing projects | 61 | 41206.5 | 245203.33 |
| 3. | Power plants of projects to be implemented | 1 | 25.00 | 1599 |
| | Total | 94 | 44276.9 | 265389.83 |

## Projects under implementation

| Sr. | States/Regions | Projects | Installed power (MW) |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Kachin | Myithson, Yinan, Khaunglanphu, Phizaw, Wuhsauk, Chipwe,Chipwenge, Lyza, Tapein-1 Tapein-2, Tarkha, Nawchankha (five projects) | 19968 |
| 2. | Kayah | Biluchaung (3), Ywathit, Nampun (five projects), Namtabet | 892 |
| 3. | Kayin | Hatgyi | 1360 |
| 4. | Rakhine | Saingdin, Laymyo, Anchaung, Thahtay, | 6975 |
| 5. | Shan | Tahsan, Shweli-2, Shweli-3, Upper Thanlwin, Upper Yeywa, Upper Biluchaung, Upper Kengtawng, Naungpha/Mantawng (two projects), Namlwe (five projects), Namkha | 12292 |
| 6. | Sagaing | Shwesayay, Mawlaik, Htamanthi, Manipur | 2760 |
| 7. | Taninthayi | Taninthayi, Thakyet, Anyaphya | 629 |
| 8. | Bago | Bawgata, Kunchaung, Pyuchaung, Thaukyekhat-2, Shwegyin | 463 |
| 9. | Mandalay | Upper Paunglaung, Nancho, Upper Hsedawgyi | 244 |
| 10. | Magway | Upper Bu | 150 |

*SPDC Secretary-1 Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo addressing ceremony to present Life-time Achievement for National Literary Award, National Literary Award for 2009 and Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Award to winners.*

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and magazines are published in Myanmar every year. Of them, the books in line with the rules and regulations of National Literary Award were scrutinized in 14 genres. A total of 2288 books were scrutinized for 2009 National Literary Awards and the books for ten genres were chosen.

Since 2001, the Life-time Achievement for National Literary Award has been presented to the winners as recognized by the State for their outstanding performance in serving the interest of the Myanmar literary world. This year, the ninth award of its kind will be given to the winner.

With a view to flourishing the literary works that serve the interests of the State and the people, the Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Award Contest has been organized yearly, and the manuscripts in 12 genres have been scrutinized and awarded annually. This year, a total of 30 prize winning works among 174 entries will be awarded. As the best works of prize winners in Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Award Contest have been published , the good reading emerged from the prize winning works. In addition, the contest can encourage the new generation literati.

In the 21st Century, it is known to all that the big countries enjoying economic and modern technological privileges are interfering in internal affairs of developing countries through media with the reasons of democratization and human rights for seeking their interests and put these countries under their management practicing neo-colonialism. At the same time, the developing countries are encountering influential activities of big countries that dull nationalistic ideology, own culture, fine traditions and own national characters of respective countries.

Upholding Our Three Main National Causes to be conformity with Myanmar society as the correct national policy forever for ensuring the nation peaceful and developed, the government has adopted and is implementing the political, economic and social objectives as national objectives to be able to serve the national interest. Therefore, the persons in the literary field are to work in concert with the government.

The literati are to discharge bounden duty through literary strength to enable the entire people to correctly know internal and international progress in serving the national interest and to develop and strengthen the national culture. Protecting against alien culture through literary and own cultural strengths, the literati are to participate in building a Union in line with the political, economic and social objectives of the State.

Therefore, the literati are to apply their literary strength in broadening the horizons of the people and providing them with nationalistic outlook to be able to analyze the instigation of foreign media.

Myanmar's literacy rate is upward as the government is implementing the Myanmar education vision with the aim of building the sustainable learning society which can overcome the challenge of the current education age in accordance with the motto "Build the modern and developed country through education".

The majority of the population is living in rural areas, and the country will enjoy the development of its human resource in parallel with the improvement of reading habit of rural people. Therefore, in accordance with the guidance of the Head of State, self-reliance libraries have been established in almost every village across the country.

Today, the government has been making efforts for development of all sectors including the information and communication technology sector for development of the human resource. Meanwhile, in the education sector, students are trained to become intellectuals of modern technology, the literati are to participate in the drive for development of the knowledge society.

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*SPDC Secretary-1 Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo and party pose for photo together with Life-time Achievement for National Literary Award winner Dr Khin Maung Nyunt.*

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# Literati to discharge bounden duty through …

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The literati and those of today's literary field are to constantly strive for disseminating the literary knowledge to the people for practicing correct moral ideology, culturing the Union Spirit, preserving honourable national characters and raising the strengths of knowledge and technology to be able to build a new country nation while preserving fine national legacies of the nation.

The literature that specializes the national affairs can disseminate correct ideology and knowledge to the people and inspire the property of knowledge so as to preserve fine characters and traditions of Myanmar through nationalistic spirit and patriotic spirit. Therefore, the literati are to create the knowledgeable and aesthetic works in line with the secular and religious ethics and codes of conduct.

Today, over 10,000 types of books, journals

*SPDC Secretary-1 Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo presents literary award to Linka Yi Kyaw.*

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# Literati to discharge bounden duty through …

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In conclusion, the Secretary-1 urged the literati to join hands with the people for achievement of the seven-step road map and for implementing the steps for building a modern state with the works of literature; to do their literacy duties best while conserving the fine traditions of their literacy world and to work hard, joining hands with other literacy forces with Union Spirit, to reach their good works which can propagate belief for national interests among the people.

Afterwards, Secretary-1 Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo presented Life-time Achievement for National Literary Award for 2009 to Dr Khin Maung Nyunt and the literary awards for 2009 to Linka Yi Kyaw, Maung Cheint, Maung Ni Win and Maung Khin Min (Danubyu).

***SPDC Secretary-1 Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo and party pose for documentary photo together with the National Literary Awards winners.*—MNA**

***SPDC Secretary-1 Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo and party pose for documentary photo together with the Serpay Beikman Manuscript Awards winners.*—MNA**

Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Maung Maung Aye presented the literary awards for 2009 to U Kyaw Than (Phekon), Min Shwe Min (Insein) and Ye Tint.

Minister for Information U Kyaw Hsan presented the literary awards for 2009 to Ma Kyan, Pho Swe (Timber Enterprise) and U Saw Aung Hla Tun and Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Awards to Thu Thein, Ko Yaw (Economics) and Thein Zaw (ShweliOo).

Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win presented un Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Awards to Maung Cheint, Myay Latt Min Lwin, Khin La Pyae Win, Zaw Myo Han (Ngathainggyoung), Maung Han Tint (Pinlebu) and Hlaing Htay Aung (Shwetada).

Minister for Mines U Ohn Myint presented Sarpay Beikman Literary Awards to Maung Yin Hlaing (Pyinmamyaing), Dr Cho Cho Tint (Myanmarsar), Shwe Hintha (University of Mandalay), Thaung Nyunt Thit, Aung Soe (Agriculture/107) and Pho Swe (Timber Enterprise).

Minister for Sports Thura U Aye Myint presented Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Awards to Nay Myo Nwe, Myat Wai Toe (University of Education), U Thaung Tun and Htoo Htoo Win.

Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung presented Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Awards to Kanbalu Khin Maung Swe, Khin Maung Myint (Shwe Hse Myay) and Ma Swe Than.

Minister for Labour U Aung Kyi presented Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Awards to Nay Myo Thant, Thwe Htar Nyo (Thetkala) and Wutyee Khin (Bago).

Chairman of the Civil Service Selection and Training Board U Kyaw Thu presented Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Awards to Nyein Min, Maung Sanda (Lewe) and Tin Htun Oo (Culture).

Deputy Minister for Social Welfare and Relief and Resettlement U Kyaw Myint presented Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Awards to Myint Soe (Na-Ta-La) and Dr Nyunt Shwe (Taunggyi).

Afterwards, the Life-time Achievement for National Literary Award Dr Khin Maung Nyunt spoke words of thanks and the ceremony ended.

After the ceremony, Secretary-1 Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo and party posed for documentary photos together with Dr Khin Maung Nyunt.

The Secretary-1 and party also posed for documentary photos together with National Literary Award winners and Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Award winners.

In the evening, Minister U Kyaw Hsan hosted a dinner in honour of the Life-time Achievement for National Literary Award for 2009, National Literary Award winners and Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Award winners and members of the scrutiny committees for the wards.

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***Foreign Affairs Minister U Nyan Win presents second prize to Myay Latt Min Lwin for Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Awards.*—MNA**

***Information Minister U Kyaw Hsan presents literary awards to Daw Tin Tin Hmwe who receives the awards on behalf of Ma Kyan.*—MNA**

***Chairman of CSSTB U Kyaw Thu presents first prize to Nyein Min.***

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**THINKING OF YOU ON YOUR BIRTHDAY WITH GOOD WISHES FOR A YEAR FILLED WITH HAPPINESS.!!!**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**
**TO**
**CAPTAIN AUNG THEIN MYINT (LISTAR)**

**FROM**
**YOUR LOVED ONES.**

**OHN MAR KYI WIN, THIRI KYI WIN (PHARMACY) & MOE HEIN AUNG (U.S.A)**
**2nd JAN' 2011**

# Landlord arrested on suspicion of murder

BRISTOL, 1 Jan — Joanna Yeates's landlord Christopher Jefferies has been arrested on suspicion of murdering the landscape architect. Detectives arrested the 65 year-old at his home at 7am in Bristol, England.The arrest comes after Mr Jefferies, who taught English at nearby public school Clifton College, appeared to make contradictory comments on Wednesday about whether he had seen Miss Yeates leaving her flat with two people on the night she disappeared.

This morning they were seen removing his car — a silver Chrysler Neon — for forensic examination. Forensic officers in white overalls were seen going in and out of the flats. Mr Jefferies lived in the same block of flats where Miss Yeates lived with her boyfriend Greg Reardon.—*Internet*

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Consignees of cargo carried on MV RATHA BHUM VOY NO (540) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 2.1.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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# Auschwitz sign theft: Swedish man jailed

WARSAW, 1 Jan — A Polish judge has jailed a Swedish man for two years and eight months for plotting the theft of the "Arbeit macht frei" Auschwitz entrance sign. Anders Hoegstroem, a former neo-Nazi leader, admitted theft under a plea bargain last month and will be moved to Sweden to serve his sentence. The infamous sign was stolen in December last year and recovered in three pieces three days later. The judge in Krakow also jailed two Poles for up to two-and-a-half years.

One of the pair, named as Andrzej S, apologized in court for the offence, Polish media report. The

***The original sign has been repaired and is now in the Auschwitz museum.***
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5m (16ft) wrought-iron slogan which translates as "Work sets you free" is a potent symbol of many of the Nazi-era atrocities. During the Nazi Holocaust, 1.1 million people - most of them Jews — were murdered at Auschwitz. The sign has since been repaired although it now hangs in the Auschwitz museum and has been replaced by a replica at the entrance to the former death camp.—*Internet*

# Cole rescues Roy's Reds

LIVERPOOL, 1 Jan—Joe Cole came off the bench to rescue Liverpool with an injury-time winner in a 2-1 success over Bolton Wanderers.

The Reds had fallen behind to Kevin Davies' header shortly before half-time, with manager Roy Hodgson's job on the line following a string of poor results.

***Johan Elmander and Lucas fight for possession during a dramatic Anfield affair.***
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Boos rung out at half-time but Liverpool re-emerged in a different spirit and Fernando Torres volleyed them level within four minutes of the restart.

Steven Gerrard, a first-half substitute, put in a dominant display and all Liverpool's play came through the club captain.

With the game on a knife's edge in injury-time, Cole popped up to tap home from close range after Maxi Rodriguez had bundled Gerrard's delivery across the face of goal.

An element of doubt surrounds the winner, though, with Cole appearing to have strayed offside, but whether Maxi's assist deflected off a Bolton defender remains inconclusive.—*Internet*

**BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE**

*1-1-2011 Saturday.*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| West Brom | 1 - 2 | Man Utd |
| Liverpool | 2 - 1 | Bolton |
| Man City | 1 - 0 | Blackpool |
| Stoke City | 2 - 0 | Everton |
| Sunderland | 3 - 0 | Blackburn |
| Tottenham | 1 - 0 | Fulham |
| West Ham | 2 - 0 | Wolves |
| Birmingham | 0 - 0 | Arsenal |

# West Bromwich Albion 1-2 Manchester United

MANCHESTER, 1 Jan—Manchester United made a winning start to 2011 to stretch their lead at the top of the Barclays Premier League.

Wayne Rooney scored his first goal in open play since March to give United the lead after just three minutes with a flicked header.

But the home side levelled in spectacular fashion 11 minutes later when James Morrison thumped in from 25 yards. Albion should have taken the lead on 62 minutes as they were awarded a penalty when Jerome Thomas cut inside Rio Ferdinand and went over the England skipper's trailing leg. But Peter Odemwingie rolled the spot-kick harmlessly wide.

United grabbed the winner 15 minutes from time when Javier Hernandez glanced home a header from a Rooney corner.—*Internet*

***Javier Hernandez celebrates after scoring United's winner against West Brom.***
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# Match previews - Sun 2nd Jan

LONDON, 1 Jan—A look ahead to Sunday's fixtures in the Barclays Premier League.

There are two exciting matches in Sunday's round of Barclays Premier League fixtures.

The programme kicks off with Chelsea's home meeting against Aston Villa and concludes with Newcastle United's visit to Wigan Athletic.

**Chelsea (4th) v Aston Villa (15th)**

**V**

Aston Villa will be keen to avenge their thumping defeat in last season's corresponding fixture when Chelsea won 7-1.

The Blues also won the FA Cup semi-final between the sides 3-0 in April but the most recent meeting between the sides finished goalless at Villa Park in October.

Both sides have been struggling for form in recent weeks with Villa losing five of their last six and taking just one point from a possible 15 on the road while Chelsea ended a run of six matches without a win as they beat Bolton Wanderers in midweek.

**Wigan Athletic (16th) v Newcastle United (13th)**

**V**

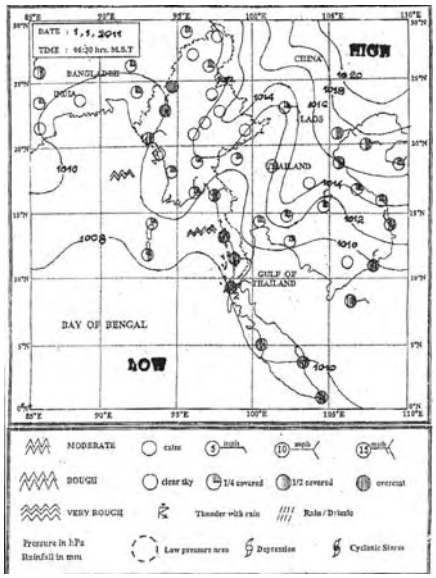
Alan Pardew will be looking for his first away win as manager of Newcastle who have now lost their last three on the road.

Wigan squandered a 2-0 lead when the sides met at St James' Park in October with the Magpies battling back for a 2-2 draw.

The Latics have won all four home Premier League matches against the Tynesiders - all by a single goal.

*Internet*

*Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas*




# WEATHER

**Saturday, 1st January, 2011**

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T.** During the past 24 hours, light rain have been isolated in Kachin State and Taninthayi Region and weather has been partly cloudy in Chin State, Sagaing and Mandalay Regions and generally fair in the remaining States and Regions. Night temperatures were (3°C) below January average temperatures in Chin State, Bago and Taninthayi Regions, (6°C) below January average temperatures in Upper Sagaing Region and about January average temperatures in the remaining States and Regions. The significant night temperatures were Pinlaung and Hakha (0°C) each, Namhsan and Heho (3°C) each and Katha ( 4°C) .The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded was Kawthong (0.08) inch.

**Nay Pyi Taw**

Maximum temperature on 31-12-2010 was 90°F. Minimum temperature on 1-1-2011 was 56°F. Relative humidity on (09:30) hours MST on 1-1-2011 was (72%). Rainfall on 1-1-2011 was (Nil) .

**Yangon (Kaba-Aye)**

Maximum temperature on 31-12-2010 was 90°F. Minimum temperature on 1-1-2011 was 61°F. Relative humidity on (09:30) hours MST on 1-1-2011 was (74%). Total sunshine hours on 31-12-2010 was (9.4) hours.

Rainfall on 1-1-2011 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since1-1-2011 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from Southeast at (18:30) hours MST on 31-12-2010.

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

**Forecast valid until evening of the 2nd January 2011:** Light rain are likely to be isolated in Kachin State, Upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Regions, weather will be partly cloudy in Shan, Rakhine and Mon States, Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions and generally fair in the remaining States and Regions. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

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

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 2-1-2011**: Generally fair weather.

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 2-1-2011:** Generally fair weather.

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 2-1-2011:** Generally fair weather.

# Henin beats Molik at Hopman Cup

CANBERRA, 1 Jan—Justine Henin came back from injury to beat Alicia Molik 6-4, 6-4 on Saturday, giving Belgium an early 1-0 lead over Australia at the Hopman Cup mixed team's tennis tournament.

Former world No 1 Henin was playing her first match Saturday since suffering an elbow injury at Wimbledon in June. Henin, a seven-time Grand Slam winner, broke Molik's serve in the opening game of the first set and, after dropping serve, regained the break to serve out the set at 6-4. She broke again in the first game of the second set, setting up her straight sets win.

Australia's Lleyton Hewitt will play Belgium's Ruben Bemelmans later Saturday, then the four players meet in mixed doubles.—*Internet*

***Belgium's Justine Henin celebrates with trophy and a Porsche Boxster Spyder.***

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**MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL**
**Programme Schedule**
**(2-1-2011)(Sunday)**

| Transmissions | | Times |
|---|---|---|
| Local | - | (09:00am~11:00am MST |
| Oversea Transmission | - | (2-1-11 09:30 am ~ 3-1-11 09:30 am MST |

**Local Transmission**

* Opening
* News
* 63rd Anniversary Independence Day (Sound Foundations for the New Government) ''Uplifting the Socio-Economic Life of the People''
* News
* King Alaung Mintaya's Palace Site
* Easily Cooked & Tasty Dishes "Beef Curry with Thick Gravay"
* News
* Kid's Talent (Dancing and Playing Harp)
* News
* MI People's Celebrities "The Power of Nawarat"
* A Visit To Kayah State

**Oversea Transmission**

* Opening
* News
* 63rd Anniversary Independence Day (Sound Foundations for the New Government) ''Uplifting the Socio-Economic Life of the People''
* News
* King Alaung Mintaya's Palace Site
* Easily Cooked & Tasty Dishes "Beef Curry with Thick Gravay"
* News
* Kid's Talent (Dancing and Playing Harp)
* News
* "Record Album" A Shan National From Hilly Region
* News
* A Visit To Kayah State
* News
* A Study Tour to Bagan (Sulamuni Temple)
* Myanmar Toys... For Your Eye-catching
* Modernized Myanma Fashion Designs
* Music Gallery
* News
* Kokang Nationals &Their Top Festival
* Inlay Traditional Cotton Clothes
* News
* Padalin Cave; A Hidden Treasure House
* Myanmar Movies "Longing For Mother"

Myanmar TV

**Sunday, 2 January**
**View on today**

**7:00 am**
1. Paritta By Hilly Region Missionary Sayadaw

**7:25 am**
2. To Be Healthy Exercise

**7:30 am**
3. Morning News

**7:40 am**
4. Dhamma Puja Song

**7:50 am**
5. Nice & Sweet Song

**8:05 am**
6. (38) Phyar Mingalars

**8:15 am**
7. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competition

**8:25 am**
8. Musical Programme

**8:40 am**
9. International News

**8:45 am**
10. Teleplay (Health)

**11:00 am**
1. Martial Song

**11:10 am**
2. 63rd Anniversary Independence Day

**11:20 am**
3. Round Up Of The Week's TV Local News

**11:30 am**
4. TV Drama Series

**12:20 pm**
5. Golf Magazine (TV)

**12:35 pm**
6. Myanmar Movies

**2:35 pm**
7. Musical Programme

**2:50 pm**
8. International News

**4:00 pm**
1. Martial Song

**4:10 pm**
2. Musical Programme

**4:25 pm**
3. Dance Of National Races

**4:35 pm**
4. Instrumental Music

**4:40 pm**
5. University Of Distance Education (TV Lectures) -Second Year (Philosophy)

**4:55 pm**
6. Songs For Upholding National Spirit

**5:00 pm**
7. 63rd Anniversary Independence Day

**5:05 pm**
8. Sing & Enjoy

**6:00 pm**
9. Evening News

**6:15 pm**
10. Weather Report

**6:20 pm**
11. Cartoon Series

**6:45 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

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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

# Literati to discharge bounden duty through literary strength to enable the entire people to correctly know internal and international progress in serving the national interest

## Literati to participate in building a Union in line with political, economic and social objectives of the State

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Jan—The ceremony to present Life-time Achievement for National Literary Award, National Literary Award and Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Award for 2009 to the winners was held at the hall of the Ministry of Information, here, yesterday morning, with an address by Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo.

Also present on the occasion were the commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command, ministers, the chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board, deputy ministers, departmental heads, members of Myanmar Historical Commission, members of Life-time Achievement for National Literary Award, National Literary Award Scrutiny Committee, members of Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Award Scrutiny Committee, literati, members of the reference committee, social organization members, mediamen, prize winners and their family members, guests and staff.

Daw San San Yin and Daw Khin Moe Oo of MRTV acted as MC and Co-MC.

Speaking on the occasion, the Secretary-1 said that while shaping a peaceful, modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation, the government is building necessary infrastructures for physical development and raising spiritual development of the people to equip them with correct ideology through literature, culture and fine arts.

It can be seen that literati members of the Sangha and patriots have been preserving heritage of Myanmar culture and fine arts in the successive eras of the Union of Myanmar successfully. Based on social and religious directives in Myanmar literature, they could uplift the prestigious national culture, lineage and religion.

*(See page 12)*

*Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo presents Life-time Achievement for National Literary Award to Dr Khin Maung Nyunt.*

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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