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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

After the nation sees a new government elected by the people in line with the new constitution, all national people have to participate harmoniously in building a new nation with already-built foundations

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Jan—*The following is the translation of the message sent by Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe on the occasion of the 63rd Anniversary Independence Day (2011).*

Esteemed national people,

Today is the 63rd Anniversary Independence Day, a day of historical significance for Myanmar. On this auspicious occasion, I would like to extend my warmest greetings, wishing the entire people every prosperity.

Myanmar people of us are, by nature, not aggressive to others, and willing to lead a peaceful life. However, in late Konbaung Period, our country fell prey to the colonial rule, due to lack of a strong army, and failure to complete the building of a strong army due to various reasons.

It was very inhumane of colonialists that annexed Myanmar through three aggressive wars from 1824 to 1885. In the wars, the people of all national races tried their utmost with the strongest sense of nationalistic vigour to repulse the attacks launched by the colonialists. However, the nation was reduced to a colony, stemming from the great gap of armed power. After occupying Myanmar, colonialists not only oppressed the people to the highest degree, but also implemented varieties of well-prepared schemes to exploit the people. In consequence, the people went through the hell of untold miseries. Doubts and hatred were running high among national races owing to the wedge driven by the colonialists who feared that the people, if they became united, would revolt against them.

Esteemed national people,

In colonial days, the people were in grinding poverty. The colonial education system brought about a class of people who were in favour of living under the colonial rule. However, brilliant, patriotic young people became knowledgeable about political affairs. Peasants and workers staged uprisings against the colonial government to help the nation free itself from the colonial rule, thus inculcating the people with a sense of revolutionary spirit. Becoming convinced that armed revolt was the only way to regain independence, educated, young people established a national army, risking life and limb. In the time of independence struggles, the people had to fall under Fascism which became intolerable. So, the Tatmadaw fought Fascists, in cooperation with the entire people.

After they had driven the Fascists out of the Myanmar soil, colonialists reentered the country. Leaders of Myanmar had to get involved in political campaigns for independence. On the ground of the enmity sowed between national races, national leaders had to hold heart-to-heart discussions with some leaders of national races for all regions of the nation to regain independence simultaneously.

Esteemed national people,

The Union of Myanmar again became an independent, sovereign land on 4 January 1948. So, Independence Day is in its 63rd anniversary this year. It cost greatly for the nation to regain independence and sovereignty. The value of independence and sovereignty is most notice-

able only when they are lost. Naturally, the people take independence and sovereignty for granted. It is not strange certain covetous, aggressive countries are anxious to gain political control over a geographically strategic country like Myanmar. Accordingly, all national races are to remain cohesive forever in order for perpetuation of independence and sovereignty. However much an alien says that he is in favour of the interest of Myanmar, it is merely a sugar-coated speech. Indeed, those who love the motherland best are none other than national brethren. If national solidarity is disintegrated, the nation will relapse into alien rule. The onus is, therefore, on the entire people to put in the fore non-disintegration of the Union and non-disintegration of national solidarity.

Esteemed national people,

The Union of Myanmar has passed through many periods. Unlike past multiparty democracy elections, general elections for the practice of multiparty democracy system were held successfully without any electoral violence. This is the pride of the nation and the people.

In its time, the Tatmadaw has improved political, economic and social infrastructures considerably to build the nation into a peaceful, modern one. Its effort to improve infrastructures in the national interest has gone down to the annals of the history of the nation. That is a fine tradition of the Tatmadaw, which shows benevolent attitude to the people and duty-consciousness. After the nation sees a new government elected by the people in line with the new constitution, all national people have to participate harmoniously in building a new nation with already-built foundations. And with a sense of Union Spirit and patriotic spirit, the entire people have to expedite the tasks for already-achieved stability, community peace, security, the rule of law, national unity, development and democratization.

Esteemed national people,

Ensuring perpetuation of the Union is at the forefront of building the Union of Myanmar. Today, some countries, despite their being developed ones, are on the verge of disintegration of the union and civil wars.

The Union of Myanmar is blessed with vast tracts of waters and lands, rich natural resources, temperate climate patterns, food security, and geographically strategic location. So, surely certain countries are desirous of having influence over Myanmar. To break up the Union and national cohesion is the major as well as only way to weaken Myanmar. In order to implement that point, external elements will be likely to organize and mobilize participation of some nationals who lack political awareness to disrupt national development. Therefore, I would like to urge the entire people to guard the nation with political awareness against any forms of disruptions in order that the mother country's independence and sovereignty will never be under alien influence.

PERSPECTIVES

Tuesday, 4 January, 2011

For perpetuation of independence and sovereignty

National brethren got involved in independence struggles with nationalistic spirit, patriotic spirit and daring spirit, thus helping the nation regain independence. On 4 January 2011 (today), Independence Day of the Union of Myanmar is in its 63rd anniversary.

For a nation or a people, there is no substitute for independence, which is national prestige and integrity. Independence can be by nature lost all of a sudden, but it may take centuries to regain it. That is evidenced by Myanmar's independence struggles in which countless number of national people sacrificed their lives for independence.

The heritage of independence and sovereignty safeguarded by our forefathers in successive periods is to be relayed from one generation to the next for their perpetuation.

Today, Myanmar stands tall with national glory and dignity in the global family, marching towards democracy. Multiparty democracy general elections have been held successfully. There will soon be hluttaws to be formed with representatives-elect. Before long, Myanmar will open a new chapter of building a peaceful, modern and developed democratic nation.

The nation and the people have a prosperous future ahead of them. The entire people are therefore to stick together forever, expediting democratization process and exerting State stability, peace, security the rule of law, national unity and development for perpetuation of independence and sovereignty.

Suspect loses head in attempted bomb attack

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Jan—A bomb explosion occurred near the kitchen of the home of a staff member in the compound of the auto exchange of the Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications in Ward (1), Kya-in Seikkyi, Kayin State, at about 1.40 am today, blowing off the head of the suspect bomber. The blast caused damage to the left brick wall of the kitchen, six corrugated iron sheets in the roof, a main door and two windows. Found about two feet from the building was the head; and about six feet from the compound, the right foot cut from the man.

An investigation is being made into the case in cooperation with

residents. The people have been therefore reminded to inform security officials if they find someone of something suspicious.

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Deputy Director-General U Myo Myint of No. 3 Basic Education Department, Headmaster Dr Aung Ko Ko and Chairman of School Board of Trustees U Soe Nyunt formally open School Family Day 2010-2011 at No. 1 Basic Education High School in Dagon Township on 3 January morning.—NLM

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

Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe of the Ministry of Defence oversees regional development tasks in Kyauktan



Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe of the Ministry of Defence inspects breeding of soft-shell crabs.—MNA

YANGON, 3 Jan — Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe of the Ministry of Defence inspected regional development tasks in Kyauktan Township in Yangon Region this morning.

Accompanied by

Chairman of Yangon Region Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Tun Than and officials, Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe attended the opening ceremony of new tarred

road in Kyauktan held in commemoration of 63rd Anniversary Independence Day.

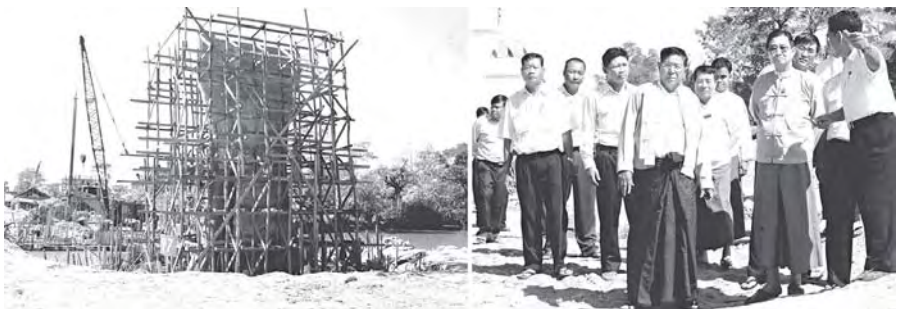
Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe and party inspected the soft-shell crab production at Crabs' World Industrial

Company Limited.

He also visited Zamanin Dam in Thanlyin Township and inspected supply of drinking water and put fingerlings into the dam.

MNA

Rail Transportation Minister inspects Begarat (Pathein)-Hlinethaya (Yangon) railroad construction project



Minister for Rail Transportation U Aung Min inspects construction of Einme River-Crossing Bridge.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Jan — Minister for Rail Transportation U Aung Min, accompanied by Deputy Minister U Pe Than, visited Nyaungdon-Hsamalauk-Hlinethaya (Yangon) railroad section construction project of Begarat (Pathein)-Hlinethaya (Yangon) railroad construction project near Shansu village, Nyaungdon Township yesterday morning.

The minister also visited Hinthada-Nyaungdon railroad section and Begarat (Pathein)-Einme railroad section construction projects.

At the briefing halls of each project, the minister heard reports submitted by officials and left necessary instructions. He inspected construction of bridges, underpasses, overpasses and installation of railway tracks.

Myanma Railways' staff are making strenuous efforts for putting Begarat (Pathein)-Einme railroad section of Begarat (Pathein)-Hlinethaya (Yangon) railroad construction project into services as quickly as possible.—MNA

Iran Guards shoot down two 'Western spy' drones



Iran's Revolutionary Guards have shot down two "Western spy" drones in the Gulf, the Fars news agency has quoted a top commander of the elite military force as saying.—INTERNET

TEHERAN, 3 Jan—Iran's Revolutionary Guards have shot down two "Western spy" drones in the Gulf, the *Fars* news agency quoted a top commander of the elite military force as saying on Sunday.

"Westerners have a series of capabilities which cannot be ignored, especially satellites, or for example they have spy planes which can take pictures in some places," Amir Ali Hajizadeh, head of the air force wing of the Guards said.

He said that the drones were mainly being used in Iraq and Afghanistan but "some violations against our soil" have also occurred.

"And we have so far downed many of their advanced spy planes. In the Persian Gulf, we have downed two of their planes and this is the first time that we are saying it," Hajizadeh said without specifying when exactly the drones were shot down.—*Internet*

Iraq gun and bomb attacks kill four, wound 18 same

BAGHDAD, 3 Jan—Bomb and gun attacks across Iraq killed at least nine people on Sunday, including six members of the Iraqi security forces, security and medical officials said.

In a two-hour stint of the early evening, a traffic police colonel, two other police, an army captain and an engineer were gunned down in five separate attacks in Baghdad, an interior ministry source said on condition of anonymity.

Gunmen also severely wounded a colonel with the interior ministry, he said, adding that security was stepped up in central Baghdad after the attacks.

Two people, including a soldier, were killed and three others wounded by a car bomb targeting an army patrol in Al-Qayyara, 50 kilometres (30 miles) from the northern City of Mosul, First Lieutenant Khattab Mohammed said.—*Internet*



Iraqi troops implement strict security measures on main roads in Baghdad in 2010. Bomb and gun attacks across Iraq killed at least nine people on Sunday, including six members of the Iraqi security forces, security and medical officials said.—INTERNET

NATO service member killed in south Afghanistan

KABUL, 3 Jan—NATO forces captured two key militant leaders in Afghanistan, while a service member was killed in a deadly bombing that raised to three the number of coalition troops killed since the new year began, the multinational alliance said Sunday.

The NATO fatalities — all in the Taliban's

traditional southern stronghold — opened 2011 on a grim note for the international coalition. One of the two service members killed Saturday was identified as British by that country's defence ministry.

NATO officials say they are making significant progress in the war, but also note that the gains are reversible. Militants are using Pakistan as a base for some of their operations and the government of President Hamid Karzai is widely seen by many Afghans and international observers as so far unable to offer key services to a population struggling for a sense of normalcy after years of war.—*Internet*



Afghan men cross flooded water on a makeshift boat on the outskirts of Kabul, Afghanistan, on 31 Dec, 2010.—INTERNET

Bomb kills civilian in west Afghanistan

KABUL, 3 Jan—A police official in the western Afghan Province of Herat says a bomb planted outside a butcher shop has killed a civilian.

Noor Khan Nekzad, the spokesman for the provincial police chief, said the bomb, believed to be set on a timer, exploded at 8 am on Monday in the City of Herat. Nekzad said four other civilians were wounded. He said the butcher supplied meat to the Afghan army, and the bomb apparently targeted security forces. The Taliban have expanded their attacks from their traditional southern strongholds to regions throughout the country, including areas that had been relatively calm.—*Internet*

Australian cinema roof collapses, injuring 36



Photo illustration. Thirty-six people were injured when the ceiling of an Australian cinema partially collapsed Monday after heavy rain, but nobody is believed to be trapped, police said.—INTERNET

SYDNEY, 3 Jan—Thirty-six people escaped serious injury when the ceiling of an Australian cinema partially collapsed Monday after heavy rain, scrambling under chairs to avoid falling debris, police and reports said.

Police said 36 people suffered minor wounds after a fierce storm in the regional centre of Bathurst, 175 kilometres (110 miles)

west of Sydney, brought down false ceilings.

"All these patients received minor injuries, including cuts and abrasions, with the most serious injury occurring to one person being a shoulder injury," ambulance service paramedic Craig Pusser said.

"That person has been conveyed to hospital." Early reports said 16 people had been trapped in the collapse but police said while all movie-goers had been rescued, emergency personnel were conducting a secondary sweep to ensure nobody had been overlooked.

Reports said that children were among those involved in the dramatic incident which occurred at about 0145 GMT.

Internet

Magnitude-7.1 quake shakes southern Chile

SANTIAGO, 3 Jan—A magnitude-7.1 earthquake shook southern Chile on Sunday, prompting tens of thousands to flee the coast for higher ground amid fears it could generate a tsunami like the one that ravaged the area last year. There were no reports of deaths or damage, and Vicente Nunez, head of the National Emergency Office, said no tsunami alert was issued.

"There has been no harm to people, no harm to property," Nunez said. "We will continue monitoring."

The Pacific Tsunami Warning Centre in Hawaii also said a destructive Pacific Ocean-wide tsunami was not expected. President Sebastian Pinera urged calm in an address to the nation.

"There was an exercise of self-evacuation, which is exactly what we have asked people to do," Pinera said. "Fortunately we do not have to lament accidents or losses of life."

Some cell-phone communications and electrical power were knocked out in the Araucania region where the quake was centred, 370 miles (595 kilometres) south-southwest of the capital, Santiago.

Internet



A woman walks outside a building destroyed by a 8.8 magnitude quake and tsunami in February 2010 in the coastal city of Constitucion, 350 km south of Santiago.—INTERNET



Science

Scents latest weapons in fight against sea lamprey



In this photo taken on 16 July, 2010, a scientist with the Hammond Bay Biological Station near Huron Beach, Mich., holds a female sea lamprey.

INTERNET

HURON BEACH, 3 Jan—In the never-ending battle to prevent blood-sucking sea lamprey from wiping out some of the most popular fish species in the Great Lakes, biologists are developing new weapons that exploit three certainties in the eel-like parasites' lives: birth, sex and death.

Researchers are beginning the third and final year of testing lab-refined mating pheromones — scents emitted by male lampreys to attract females. They're also working on a mixture with the stench of rotting lamprey flesh, which live ones detest, and another that smells of baby lampreys, which adults love. If proven

effective, the chemicals will be deployed across the region to steer the aquatic vermin to where they can be trapped or killed.

Early results appear promising. Yet no one expects the lures and repellents to finally rid the lakes of the despised invader and enable fisheries managers in the US and Canada to end a battle that has cost more than \$400 million over five decades. Especially when a single spawning female lays up to 60,000 eggs.

INTERNET

China to explore Mars with Russia this year

BEIJING, 3 Jan—China's first Mars probe is expected to be launched in October this year in a joint operation with Russia after a two-year delay, state media reported Sunday. The probe, *Yinghuo-1*, was due to blast off in October 2009 with Russia's "Phobos Explorer" from the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan but the launch was postponed, the official *Xinhua* news agency said.

Quoting an unnamed expert at the China Academy of Space Technology, the report said the blast-off had been pushed back to October this year. It added that China planned to launch a Mars probe on its own in 2013. According to previous



People pass in front of models of Long March rocket at the Sichuan Science and Technology Museum in Chengdu, southwestern China.

INTERNET

reports, the orbiter is due to probe the Martian space environment with a special focus on what happened to the water that appears to have once been abundant on the planet's surface.

China has already begun probing the moon and this will be the next step in its ambitious space exploration programme, which it aims to be on a par with those of the United States and Russia.

It currently has a probe — the *Chang'e 2* — orbiting the moon and carrying out various tests in preparation for the expected 2013 launch of the *Chang'e-3*, which it hopes will be its first unmanned lunar landing. —Internet

No word from stuck NASA Mars rover Spirit

LOS ANGELES, 3 Jan—The odometre on the Mars rover Spirit has been stuck at 4.8 miles for more than 1 1/2 years and has been incommunicado since March.

This double dose of bad luck hangs over the scrappy spacecraft, which marks its seventh year on Mars on Monday.

NASA doesn't know if the Spirit is dead or alive, but it's diligently listening for any peep as the rover remains mired in a sand trap.

"There's a realistic possibility that Spirit may never wake up again," said Dave Lavery, Mars rovers programme executive at NASA headquarters.

A pair of Mars orbiters has been making daily overhead passes listening for a signal from Spirit, which became stuck in April 2009 while driving backward. After several attempts to free it were unsuccessful, Spirit got new instructions to conduct science observations while mired in the sand.

It suddenly stopped talking with Earth last March and is presumed to be in hibernation to conserve power. During this deep sleep, communications and other activities are suspended so that energy can go to heating and battery recharging. —Internet



Technology

Google exploring digital newsstand

SAN FRANCISCO, 3 Jan—Google Inc has approached several magazine publishers about creating a digital newsstand, in a move that could open a new front in the Internet company's rivalry with Apple Inc, according to a news report.

The digital newsstand would provide a way for media companies to sell versions of their publications designed for tablet PCs and smartphones based on Google's Android operating system, according to a story in the *Wall Street Journal* on Sunday, citing anonymous sources.

Google has discussed the venture with publishers including Time Warner Inc's Time Inc unit, Conde Nast and Hearst Corp, and has told some publishers it would take a smaller cut of revenue than the 30 percent that Apple typically takes from iTunes sales, the report said.

Google has also offered to provide publishers with certain personal data of customers who purchase the digital versions of their publications.

The report said that Apple is also planning several changes with its iTunes online store, including making

it easier for publishers to sell subscriptions — in addition to single issue sales — as well as the possibility of sharing more customer information with publishers.

Reuters



This undated photo courtesy of Intoxalock shows an unidentified Intoxalock employee demonstrating how to use the Intoxalock device. —INTERNET



People turn to technology to help control impulses

NEW YORK, 3 Jan—Dan Nainan can't trust himself to work at his computer without clicking on distractions, so he uses an Internet-blocking programme to shut down his web access twice a day.

"I'm sorry, but try as I might, I could never, ever do this on my own," said the New York City comedian who's struggling to finish a book. "I wish I could, but I just don't have the discipline."

Nainan's system of two, two-hour blocks is one example of how Americans are trying to control their impulses using technology that steps in to enforce good behaviour.

With the new year days away, many tools are now available to help people stay in line, including a GPS-enabled app that locks down texting once a car gets rolling and a programme that cuts off credit-card spending. Another device monitors your workout and offers real-time voice feedback.

A T-Mobile G1 Google phone running Android is shown photographed in Encinitas, California on 20 January, 2010.

INTERNET

Have we entered an era in which electronics serve as mother, cop and coach because we can't manage our own desires?

Yep, said Ann Mack, a trend-watcher for JWT Intelligence, an arm of the marketing giant. She named "outsourcing self-control" and "detecting" as two top trends for the new year. —Internet

2011 starts with a glitch for some iPhone users

CUPERTINO, 3 Jan—Many iPhone customers had some explaining to do after they overslept to start the new year, due to a glitch in the gadget's alarm clock feature.

Users who set their iPhone alarm for a single wake-up rather than recurring use found the alarm didn't go off with the year's arrival, Apple Inc spokeswoman Natalie Harrison said Sunday.

A fix is in the works, and all iPhone alarms will work properly starting Monday, she said.

The glitch affects iPhones using Apple's latest iOS 4.0 operating system, including earlier versions of the smart phone whose users have downloaded the latest software.

It wasn't immediately clear what caused the alarm problem, or how many iPhone users were affected. Online postings on blogs and social media sites described people being late for work, church services and other appointments on Saturday and Sunday because of the problem.

The problem is the second in two months involving the iPhone's alarm clock. —Internet

Foreign Heads of State send felicitations to Senior General Than Shwe

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Jan—*The following are messages of felicitations from foreign Heads of State to Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council, on the occasion of the 63rd Anniversary Independence Day of the Union of Myanmar.*

From Norodom Sihamoni, King of Cambodia Mr Chairman,

It gives me great pleasure to convey warm congratulations of the People of Cambodia and those of my own to Your Excellency, the Government and the people of the Union of Myanmar on the occasion of the 63rd Anniversary of the Independence of Your great country.

May I extend to Your Excellency my best wishes for your personal wellbeing and to the friendly People of Myanmar peace and prosperity.

I am satisfied that the traditional bonds of friendship and cooperation in existing between our two countries will be further enhanced for the benefit of our two Buddhist Peoples.

Please accept, Mr Chairman, the assurances of my highest consideration.

From Ilham Aliyev, President of the Republic of Azerbaijan Dear Mr Chairman,

I convey my sincere congratulations to you and your nation on the occasion of your country's national holiday—day of Independence.

I am sure that the development and strengthening of the establishing friendly relations between our countries will develop in accordance with the interests of our nations.

I wish you strong health, good luck in all your

endeavours and peace and prosperity to the friendly nation of Myanmar.

From Mahinda Rajapaksa, President of Sri Lanka Excellency,

It is with great pleasure that I convey my felicitations and greetings to Your Excellency, the Government and the People of Myanmar on the occasion of the Independence Day of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

The friendly relations existing between our two countries that are traditionally bound by ancient cultural and religious ties will no doubt strengthen and diversify into further areas of mutual interest in the coming years. I wish every success in Myanmar's effort to build a peaceful and prosperous nation.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration and best wishes for your health, happiness and personal well-being.

From Md. Zillur Rahman, President of People's Republic of Bangladesh Excellency,

It gives me immense pleasure in conveying to you and through you, to the people of the Union of Myanmar our warmest greetings and felicitations on the joyous occasion of the Independence Day of the Union of Myanmar.

On this happy occasion, I reiterate my firm conviction that the close relation and friendship existing between our two friendly countries will enable us to achieve the tremendous potentials for further expansion and deepening our relations in various areas of mutual interest. There is need for us to explore new avenues of cooperation. I would like to ensure you of Bangladesh's full commitment to strengthen our re-

lations in the days ahead for the shared benefit and prosperity of our countries and peoples.

I take this opportunity to convey my warm wishes for Your Excellency's good health, long life and happiness as well as for the continued peace, progress and prosperity of the friendly people of Myanmar.

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

From The Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques Abdullah Bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, King of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

I am pleased to extend to Your Excellency on behalf of the people, Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and on my own behalf, the best regards and joyful wishes associated with health and happiness and to the friendly people of Myanmar most progress and prosperity on the occasion of the anniversary of the Independence Day.

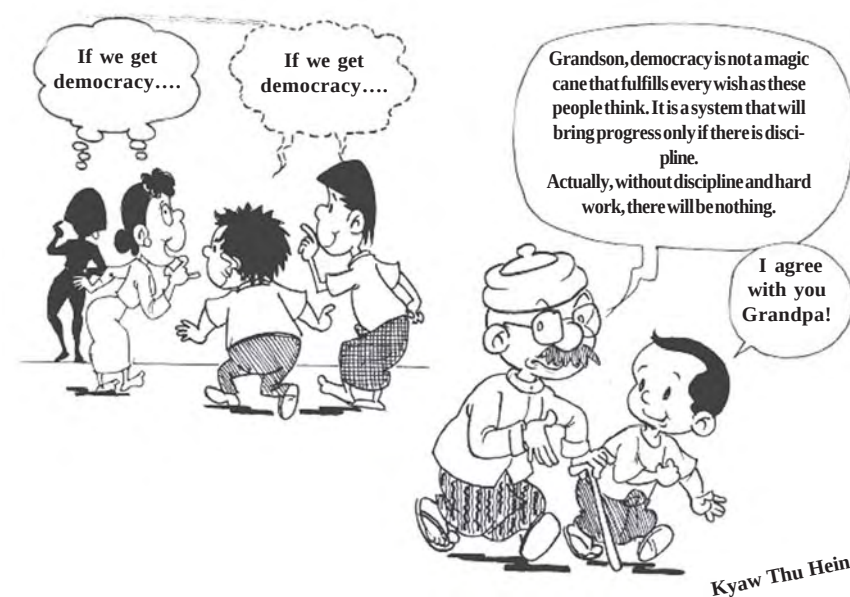
Accept, Your Excellency, my compliments and considerations.

From His Royal Highness Sultan Bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Crown Prince, Deputy Premier, Minister for Defense and Aviation and Inspector General, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

I am pleased to extend to Your Excellency on behalf of the people, Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and on my own behalf, the best regards and joyful wishes associated with health and happiness and to the friendly people of Myanmar most progress and prosperity on the occasion of the anniversary of the Independence Day.

Accept, Your Excellency, my compliments and considerations.

Have discipline



Hospitality courses at Santini

YANGON, 3 Jan—Santini International Training Academy conducts international-standard hospitality courses for those who want to start working in hotel industry. Those who have more than one year experience and those who have completed may attend management level course which last four months. The Academy will also open City & Guides-recognized hospitality diploma courses in the last week of February. For more information, enquire No.170/176, first floor of New Ayeya Hotel (near Aladdin Game Centre), Bo Aung Kyaw Street, Botahtaung Township, Yangon and dial 383739 and 383740.—MNA

Web development course at Myanmar Credent Technology

YANGON, 3 Jan—Myanmar Credent Technology Company will open training on animation and graphic for web development course on 10 January and 11 February. The aim of course is to develop a systematic web site. Government staff, members of Myanmar Computer Professionals Association, Myanmar Computer Enthusiasts Association and Myanmar Engineering Society and students can get a 20 percent discount. For more details, contact Myanmar Credent Technology Co, Hall (1), Room No.7, Myanmar Info-Tech and dial 652285 and 652286.—MNA

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

Information and Communication Sector

People will have media efficiency based on wide range of scope for completely safeguarding the national interest

Today is IT (Information Technology) age as well as ICT (Information & Communication Technology) age. While IT and ICT are developing day by day, the important role of media is becoming larger and larger. Spread and flow of media is very rapid, and the greater effectiveness of media can be seen among the people.

The Ministry of Information is serving the media duty with greater awareness to inform, educate and entertain the people, realizing the important role of media in the present period. Especially, the ministry is providing information, organizing and entertainment for the people to be equipped with higher media efficiency in all aspects. In particular, progress of information sector across the entire nation is being dutifully provided for the people to enable to realize the right circumstances and conditions in time without being deceived by instigations and fabrications of western media that are making attempts to interfere in

internal affairs of Myanmar applying their superior media power as well as to shape the smooth and straight way leading to the future of the State and the people.

Moreover, the Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs is making relentless efforts for raising the Information and Communications sector of the nation to be on a par with that of the international community. At present, communication services have been achieving progress with higher momentum based on emergence of communication networks in urban and rural areas. As new and new infrastructures on communication sector such as digital microwave stations, auto-telephone exchanges and mobile telephone stations have emerged in every second, the number of telephone lines are raising rapidly. The higher rate of telephone users among the people will contribute a great deal to enhancement of education, health, economic and social sectors.

Only when improvement and effectiveness of information and

communication tasks covers the nation on a wider scale, will the people have media efficiency based on a wide range of scope for completely safeguarding the national interest.



Technicians at Mandalay FM radio.

Communication projects under implementation

Implementing projects	unit	number	line
Digital microwave installation			
- total stations under construction	number	81	-
Auto-telephone installation			
- installing exchange	number	80	35966
Establishing of mobile phone system			
- GSM station under construction	number	30	61400
CDMA-450 mobile phone (iPStar)			
- station under construction	number	151	281000
CDMA-800 WLL mobile phone			
- station under construction	number	42	100000

Progress of information sector across the nation after 1988

Sr.	Subject	1988	2010	Progress
1.	TV station	1	2	1
2.	TV relay station	15	218	203
3.	MRTV-4 relay station	-	29	29
4.	FM radio broadcasting	-	6	6
5.	FM radio relay station	-	42	42
6.	IPRD office	-	398	398
7.	IPRD library	111	398	287
8.	Departmental library	-	821	821
9.	Rural library	-	55755	55755
10.	e-Library	-	126	126
11.	Government press	5	7	2
12.	Sub-printing house	-	9	9



Auto-exchange and microwave tower seen in Nay Pyi Taw.



Myanma Radio and Television that is discharging media duty round the clock.



Kyemon and Myanma Alin newspaper houses installed with modern rotary presses in Nay Pyi Taw deliver dailies to readers.

Transmission of MRTV-4, MI-TV and Skynet-TV

Sr.	Television	Number	Remarks
1.	MRTV-4 transmission	27 channel	
	- local channel	13 channel	launched on 15-5-2004
	- international channel	14 channel	launched on 15-5-2004
2.	MI-TV transmission	157 countries	
	- Asian region (including Middle East region)	48 countries	launched on 31-3-2010
	- Africa	41 countries	launched on 31-3-2010
	- Europe	53 countries	launched on 31-3-2010
	- North America	13 countries	launched on 31-3-2010
	- Oceania region	2 countries	launched on 31-3-2010
3.	Skynet-TV transmission	38 channels	
	- local channel	13 channels	launched on 26-11-2010 received in all parts of Myanmar
	- international channel	25 channels	launched on 26-11-2010 received in all parts of Myanmar

Special features to honour the 63rd Anniversary Independence Day

FM Stations and their coverage

Sr.	Subject	Coverage
1.	Padamya FM	Kachin State, Sagaing Region
2.	Shwe FM	Kayin State, Taninthayi Region
		Bago Region, Mon State
3.	Pyinsawady FM	Rakhine State, Ayeyawady Region
4.	Cherry FM	Kayah State, Shan State
5.	Mandalay FM	Sagaing Region, Mandalay Region, Bago Region, Yangon Region
6.	FM Bagan	Chin State, Magway Region

Progress of communication sector across the nation from 1988 to date

Subject	unit	1988	2010	Progress
Post office	office	1114	1379	265
Telegraphic office	office	310	515	205
Facsimile	number	10	5446	5436
Computerized telegraph	number	-	140	140
Telephone office				
- digital auto-exchange	number	12	392	380
- magneto exchange	number	211	296	85
- rural telephone exchange	number	-	234	234
Telephone work	line	74855	2297419	2222564
- digital auto-telephone	line	12000	794279	782279
- ARTS radio telephone	number	-	3856	3856
- DECT radio telephone	number	-	1949	1949
- CDMA (Fixed) telephone	number	-	20038	20038
Mobile telephone work	number	-	1435250	1435250
- CDMA (Mobile) telephone	number	-	583750	583750
- CDMA-800	number	-	250000	250000
- D-AMPS telephone	number	-	38400	38400
- GSM telephone	number	-	485100	485100
- WCDMA telephone	number	-	28000	28000
- Mc WLL telephone	number	-	50000	50000
Telephone density	per 1000	1.92	39.95	38.03
e-Mail/Internet	number	-	7885	7885
Internal satellite ground station	number	-	1825	1825
Internal satellite communication channel	number	-	7300	7300
International telephone channel	number	26	4025	3999
Trunk call communication linkage				
- external satellite ground station	number	1	2	1
- external satellite channel	number	26	804	778
- external under water cable communication channel	number	-	1815	1815
- fibre optic cable linkage	mile	-	1348	1348
- inland cross-border fibre optic linkage	number	-	1406	1406
- digital microwave linkage	station	-	316	316
- analog microwave linkage	station	71	-	digital
- carrier	station	124	-	digital



GSM radio station and its tower seen in Chauk Township.

Myanmar's education goal can be achieved only if parents, teachers and students do their bit in national education promotion programmes

Secretary-1 attends School Family Day awarding ceremony

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Jan—Chairman of the Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo addressed the awarding ceremony of School Family Day for 2010-2011 academic year at the gymnasium of No (1) Basic Education High School in Zeyathiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw District this afternoon.

Also present on the occasion were Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Maung Maung Aye, ministers, deputy ministers, MEC members, heads of department, social organizations, township education officers for

the townships in Nay Pyi Taw District, school heads of basic education schools, school boards of trustees, outstanding students and guests.

The Secretary-1 and members inspected documentary photos on achievements in the higher and basic education sectors, booth on development of basic education sector, booth on handicrafts of students, booth on science, pedagogical aids and media, science practical booth at basic education level, and booth on universities' research skills. Officials conducted them round the booths.

In his speech, the Secretary-1 said that in the drive for transforming the Union of Myanmar



Secretary-1 Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo views education development booth at School Family Day ceremony.—MNA

into a peaceful, modern and developed discipline-flourishing nation,

strenuous efforts are being made to bring about well-round human resources. In the meantime, national education promotion plans and programmes are well underway to enable the nation to catch up with the international community in science and technology.

The government has been implementing the 30-year National Education Promotion Plan since 2001-2002, and this year, the second five-year plan is in its fifth year.

School Family Day has been celebrated on the 3rd of January for 13 times with the aim of

mobilizing participation of parents by presenting outstanding performances, achievements and progress of students in basic education schools concerned.

Regarding the goal, Head of State Senior General Than Shwe gave guidance on improvement of teachers' skills, upgrading curricula and syllabuses to international level, effective use of pedagogical aids, enforcement of law, rules and regulations, enhancing patriotic spirit and Union Spirit, teaching all curricula and supervision over

examination of students' skills.

In compliance with the guidance of the Head of State, the Ministry of Education is systematically implementing the national education promotion programmes in the higher and basic education sectors. He urged local authorities, social organizations, well-wishers and parents to participate in the tasks to ensure all basic education students around the nation complete basic education, to improve learning skills, and to upgrade school buildings.

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Secretary-1 Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo presents prizes to outstanding Science students in 2010 matriculation examination.—MNA



Nay Pyi Taw Command Commander Brig-Gen Maung Maung Aye awards outstanding Arts students in 2010 matriculation examination.—MNA



Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Soe Naing awards outstanding students.

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The Central Level School Family Day for 2010-2011 academic year

has been held since 1 January. He said he was proud that medals, certificates of honour and

honorary prizes will be presented to outstanding students and school heads and the students who are

Secretary-1 Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo attends School Family Day held in conjunction with prize presentation for outstanding students at Nay Pyi Taw Basic Education High School No. 1 for 2010-2011 academic year. Students present the song entitled "Myanma School". — MNA

granted assistance to continue their education according to the programme that all school-age children are enrolled.

Myanmar's education goal can be achieved only if parents, teachers and students do their bit in national education promotion programmes. He said he believes if education staff, school heads, teachers,

authorities, education staff and teachers in the programmes.

Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein reported on education promotion measures taken in 2010-2011 academic year, and presented commemorative gifts to the Secretary-1 and the commander.

The Secretary-1 presented prizes to

Zaw, U Nyan Win, Thura U Aye Myint and U Khin Maung Myint and Deputy Minister U Aung Myo Min presented gifts to prize-winning students in Myanmar Mathematics Olympic Contest, Myanmar and International Social Relations Custom Skill Contest, Myanmar ICT Award 2010-Educational Project Competition, international



Minister for Information U Kyaw Hsan presents prize to an outstanding student.

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Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thein Zaw awards an outstanding student.

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Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint gives away prize to an outstanding student.

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students and their parents, and well-wishers actively participate in school family day celebrations held in respective basic education schools, they can coordinate tasks through discussions to materialize the programmes.

In conclusion, he urged prize-winning students to keep studying hard to become reliable intellectuals and intelligentsia; education staff and teachers, to guide and round students in skills and attitudes; and well-wishers and parents, to join hands with local

outstanding matriculation students (integrated science subjects) for 2010-2011 academic year; the commander, to outstanding matriculation students (integrated arts subjects) for 2010-2011 academic year; and Ministers Dr Chan Nyein, U Htay Oo, U Thaug, Dr Kyaw Myint and U Kyaw Hsan, to outstanding school heads, students, prize-winners of English and Mathematics skills contests at primary and middle school levels.

Ministers U Hla Tun, U Soe Naing, U Thein

painting contest and international sports games; and prizes and certificates of honour to principals for their outstanding performances in tasks for greening schools compounds and environs, to students selected according to the programme for all school-age children to be able to continue education.

After the ceremony, MEC Chairman Secretary-1 Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo cordially greeted the attendees and outstanding students.

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The State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar has conferred religious titles on the following Most Venerable Sayadaws, Ganthadhura Pariyatti Lecturer Sayadaws, Vipassanadhura Patipatti Kammathana Instructor Sayadaws, Mobile Dhamma Preachers, national and foreign missionary figures and outstanding donors of the Four Essentials to the Buddha Sasana.

Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Title

1. Dr Bhaddanta Kumarabhivamsa, Bhamo Monastery, Maha Nwesin Ward, Mahaaungmyay Township, Mandalay Region
2. Bhaddanta Aggavamsabhivamsa, Aletaikkyi, Paukmyaing Monastery, Mahaaungmyay Township, Mandalay Region
3. Bhaddanta Viçarindabhivamsa, Maha Wizitayon Monastery, Patkon Pyawbwe Ward, Chanayethazan Township, Mandalay Region

Agga Maha Pandita Title

1. Bhaddanta Çandavarabhivamsa, Kkemathiwun Pariyatti Monastery, Khemathiri Ward, Myitkyina, Kachin State
2. Bhaddanta Suradhaja, Zawtikayon Pali Tekkatho Monastery, Hsandaw Ward, Pyay, Bago Region (West)
3. Bhaddanta Çandobhasabhivamsa, Mingala Thiri Okkyau, Maha Withoddayon Taikthit, East Daewun Ward, Mahaaungmyay Township, Mandalay Region
4. Bhaddanta Sumanananda, Hsutaungpyay Monastery, Taunglonbyan Ward, Mingala Taungnyunt Township, Yangon Region
5. Bhaddanta Panditabhatikabhivamsa, Phayaphyu Pariyatti Monastery, Ward 10, Pazundaung Township, Yangon Region
6. Bhaddanta Paññajota, Shwehintha Tawya Moastery, Ward 7, Nyaungdon, Ayeyawady Region

Title recipient Sayadaws from abroad

7. Ven. Ambalangoda Sri Sumangala Mahanayaka Thero, Swarmamali, Maha Vihara Monastery, Thelawala Road, Mount Lavinia Ratmalama, Sri Lanka
8. Bhaddanta Ñaninda, Myanmar Monastery, Budh Gaya, Bihar State, India
9. Ven. Dhammarakkhita Bhikkhu, Buu Long Monastery, Nguyen Xien Road, Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam
10. Dr Bhaddanta Uttarañana, Birmingham Buddha Vihara Monastery, Lady Wood Ward, Birmingham, England

Dhammakathika Bahujanahitadhara Title

1. Bhaddanta Naradadhaja, Chanaye Yeiktha Monastery, Myothit Ward, Monywa, Sagaing Region

Agga Maha Ganthavaçaka Pandita Title

1. Bhaddanta Nipaka, Yadana Hmankyaungtaik, Shwegun Village, Hlaingbwe Township, Kayin State
2. Bhaddanta Ravatabhivamsa, Pariyatti Saddhammawasi Minkyaung Monastery, Ward 1, Kyain-seikkyi, Kayin State
3. Bhaddanta Paññadipa, Weluwun Taikthit Pali Tekkatho Monastery, Ward 1, Shwebo, Sagaing Region
4. Bhaddanta Puññasettha, Maha Thandayon Monastery, Aunghitsa Ward, Kalay, Sagaing Region
5. Bhaddanta Paññamsi, Gawthitayon Pali Tekkatho Monastery, Kanyon Ward, Dawei, Taninthayi Region
6. Bhaddanta Sumangala, Zawtikayon Pali Tekkatho Monastery, Hsandaw Ward, Pyay, Bago Region (West)
7. Bhaddanta Kodañña, Taikkyau Pali Tekkatho

Monastery, Zaygyo South Ward, Gyobingauk, Bago Region (West)

8. Bhaddanta Panditasara, Mingala Thasi Pariyatti Monastery, Ohnmyarsu Ward, Chauk, Magway Region
9. Bhaddanta Nagavamsa, Bandasoe Monastery, Shweyay Building, Kyunlon Okshaung Ward, Chanmyathazi Township, Mandalay Region
10. Bhaddanta Vilasa, Nawama Okkyau, Maha Nandithaynayama Monastery, Kyunlon Okshaung Ward, Chanmyathazi Township, Mandalay Region
11. Bhaddanta Rajindabhivamsa, Padetha Shwekyau, Myataung Monastery, Yadana Bonmi West Ward, Mahaaungmyay Township, Mandalay Region
12. Bhaddanta Paññasiri, Pakokku new monastery, Koehsaung Building, Ward 10, Myingyan, Mandalay Region
13. Bhaddanta Khemindaçara, Maha Withoddayama Monastery, Hsugon ward, Kyaukse, Mandalay Region
14. Bhaddanta Ankura, Gangaw Mingala Monastery, Phettan Ward, Mawlamyine, Mon State
15. Bhaddanta Sumannabhivamsa, Saddhamma-jotikayama Monastery, Nankhe Ward, Thaton, Mon State
16. Bhaddanta Viçittasara, Sein Ma Ma Pali Tekkatho Monastery, Phettan Ward, Mawlamyine, Mon State
17. Bhaddanta Vayamasara, Kyaukchaung Pariyatti Monastery, West Ward 7, Thakayta Township, Yangon Region

Maha Ganthavaçaka Pandita Title

1. Bhaddanta Pandita, Sasana Mandaing Pali Monastery, Pangyangon Ward, Bago, Bago Region
2. Bhaddanta Suçitta, Hsuhtupan Pariyatti Shwegyin Monastery, Natmauk Ward, Tamway Township, Yangon Region

Ganthavaçaka Pandita Title

1. Bhaddanta Çandavara, Maha Zawtikayama Pali Tekkatho Monastery, Phonesoe Ward, Monywa, Sagaing Region
2. Bhaddanta Kesava, Maha Ledi Monastery, Ledi Ward, Monywa, Sagaing Region
3. Bhaddanta Indaçariya, Sasana Mandaing Pali Tekkatho Monastery, Pangangon Ward, Bago, Bago Region
4. Bhaddanta Rajinda, Panhlaing Monastery, Panhlanig Ward, Bago, Bago Region
5. Bhaddanta Javana, Okthathiri Monastery, Nandawya Ward, Bago, Bago Region
6. Bhaddanta Janita, Sasana Zawtika Monastery, Myodwingyi Ward, Bago, Bago Region
7. Bhaddanta Sitalaçara, Withoddayon Baranasi Monastery, Nawin Ward, Pyay, Bago Region (West)
8. Bhaddanta Çadobhasa, Ngwetaung Tawya Pariyatti Monastery, Bo Min Yang Ward, Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon
9. Bhaddanta Sumana, Singapore Monastery, East Hsnide Taik, Pyigyimythman Ward, Chanayethazan Township, Mandalay Region
10. Bhaddanta Çitrañanalankara, Abbots Training School, Dawnabwa Ward, Aungmyethazan Township, Mandalay Region
11. Bhaddanta Revata, Aungchantha Monastery, Sagu Building, Thiri Hayma West Ward, Chanayethazan Township, Mandalay Region
12. Bhaddanta Çadobhasa, Wandawpyay Monastery, Kyidawgon Ward, Meiktila, Mandalay Region
13. Bhaddanta Kumara, Myaing Marlar Monastery, Maha Wizitayon Pariyatti Monastery, Patkon Pyawbwe Ward, Chanayethazan Township, Mandalay Region
14. Bhaddanta Nandavamsa, Saddhamma Wunthayon Monastery, Nandawgon Ward, Meiktila, Mandalay Region
15. Bhaddanta Kosiyavudha, State Pariyatti Sasana University, Dawnabwa Ward, Aungmyethazan Township, Mandalay Region
16. Bhaddanta Sobhitalankara, Mingala Beikman Monastery, Maha Withoddayon Taikthit,

Daewun East Ward, Mahaaungmyay Township, Mandalay Region

17. Bhaddanta Vijaya, State Pariyatti Sasana University, Dawnabwa Ward, Aungmyethazan Township, Mandalay Region
18. Bhaddanta Vimalasara, Sasana Weponlla Pali Tekkatho Monastery, Yanmyoang Ward, Meiktila, Mandalay Region
19. Bhaddanta Sudassana, Maha Bawdi Pariyatti Monastery, Ward 14, Yankin Township, Yangon Region
20. Bhaddanta Janaka, Kyaukkon Tawya Medini Monastery, Yankin Township, Yangon Region
21. Bhaddanta Suçittasami, Five Nikaya Sasana Beikman Monastery, Yankin Township, Yangon Region
22. Bhaddanta Vilasa, Kainggon Pali Tekkatho Monastery, Ward 5, Kayan Township, Yangon Region
23. Bhaddanta Rajinda, Sagaing Monastery, Hninzigon Ward (A), Thingangyun Township, Yangon Region
24. Bhaddanta Paññissara, Nikaya Monastery, Ward 26, Dagon Myothit (South) Township, Yangon Region

Nuns

25. Nun Daw Dgammatheri, Yaunggyi U Theravada Buddhist Missionary Nunnery, Mashikahtaung Ward, Phakant, Kachin State
26. Nun Daw Çandamala, Theravada Buddhist Missionary Nunnery, Cinhmwa Ward, Falam, Chin State
27. Nun Daw Sumala, Maha Ledi Dhammethaka Nunnery, Ledi Ward, Monywa, Sagaing Region
28. Nun Daw Tikkhivati, Myawady Nunnery, Chanmyathaya Ward, Pyigyidagun Township, Mandalay Region

Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika

1. Bhaddanta Kheminda, Phayalayhsu Monastery, Kandawgyi Ward, Sittway, Rakhine State
2. Bhaddanta Çatila, Aungzedi Sasana Beikman Monastery, Sawbwagyigon Ward, Insein Township, Yangon Region
3. Bhaddanta Gunesana, Maha Dhammikayon Pariyatti (Kyaikpi) Monastery, Maha Bawdi Road, Ward 14, Yankin Township, Yangon Region

Title recipient Sayadaws from abroad

4. Bhaddanta Gunavamsa, Molan Khamti Monastery, Ledo, Teinchukya District, Assam State, India

Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Title

1. Bhaddanta Obhasa, Aungmingala Monastery, No 1 Monastic Education Primary School, Aungmingal Ward, Hsahmaw, Mogaung Township, Kachin State
2. Bhaddanta Tejanaya, Kawkarak Missionary School, Kawkarak Village, Papun Township, Kayin State
3. Bhaddanta Paññajota, Theravada Buddhist Missionary Central Monastic Education School, Pawmaing Ward, Khamti, Sagaing Region
4. Bhaddanta Uttara, Maha Dhammapala Monastic Education School, Hsinthay Village, Khamti Township, Sagaing Region
5. Bhaddanta Manitasiri, Myoma Monastery, No. 1 Monastic Education School, Myoma Ward, Tamu Township, Sagaing Region
6. Bhaddanta Javana, Kanthaya Theravada Buddhist Missionary Centre, Kanthaya Village, Kangyi Village-tract, Kalay Township, Sagaing Region
7. Bhaddanta Paññavamsa, Zeyabonmi Monastic Education School, Orphanage for National Race Youths, Peinnetaw Ward, Dawei, Taninthayi Region
8. Bhaddanta Paññavamsa, Parahita Monastic Education School, Yangyiaung Monastery, No. 11 Pulontontone Ward, Kawthoung, Taninthayi Region
9. Bhaddanta Sundara, Shwegulay Pagoda Monastery, Kalyani Ward, Bago, Bago Region
10. Bhaddanta Vayama, Kyaynigan Taikok Monastery, Mazin Ward, Bago, Bago Region
11. Bhaddanta Sunanda, Yadanabon Monastery, Monastic Education School, Seinkantlant Village, Minhla Township, Bago Region (West)

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12. Bhaddanta Ñanindaçara, Sandayon Monastic Education School, Sandayon Monastery, Hsinsu Ward, Pyay, Bago Region (Region)
13. Bhaddanta Paññavara, Yaytaung Tawya Monastic Education School, Myoma Ward 4, Mudon Township, Mon State
14. Bhaddanta Kelasa, Myazedi Monastery, Muiyitgyi Village, Chaungzon Township, Mon State
15. Bhaddanta Kemindasami, Sasananugghaha Monastery, Chaukhtatgyi Phayagyi Monastery, Middle Shwegondaing Ward, Bahan Township, Yangon Region
16. Bhaddanta Kodañña, Chaungwa Monastery, Monastic Education School, Alatchaung Ward, Kyimyindine Township, Yangon Region
17. Bhaddanta Viçittasara, Theravada Buddhist Missionary School, Mongyawng Township, Shan State (East)
18. Bhaddanta Tissa, Parahita Monastic Education School, MyoU Monastery, Theravada Buddhist Missionary Centre, Thatunpyant Road, Ward Market Ward, Pekkhan, Shan State
19. Bhaddanta Paññaçakka, Parahita Monastery, Yaysakhan Village, Kyonpyaw, Ayeyawady Region
20. Bhaddanta Pandissa, Parahita Monastic Education Post-Primary School, Maha Withutayama (Uyingyi Monastery), Uyin Road, Ward 1, Kyaunggon, Ayeyawady Region

Title recipient Sayadaws from abroad

21. Ven. Nanadhammo, Vietnam, Buddhist Sangha, Ratanaran Si Lang Cat Pagoda, No. 349, Ngo, Quyec Street, Vinh Lac Ward, Rach Gia City, Kien-Giang Province, Vietnam

Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Title

1. Bhaddanta Tejavamta, Athawka Monastery, Zathabin Village (west bank), Hpa-an Township, Kayin State
2. Bhaddanta Kusala, Parahita Okkyaung, Thazi Model Village, Kalay Township, Sagaing Region
3. Bhaddanta Devinda, Mingala Thazi Monastic Education School, Thakkala Model Village, Kawa Township, Bago Region
4. Bhaddanta Khanti, Pariyatti Mamaka Dhammarakkhi Monastery, Thayagon Ward, Kyaungywa Model Village, Ye Township, Mon State
5. Bhaddanta Tejobhasa, Dhammalinkara Monastic Education School, Hngetpyawdaw Village, Kyaikto, Mon State
6. Bhaddanta Vannasami, Maunghnama Theravada Buddhist Missionary Monastery, Maunghnama Village, MraukU Township, Rakhine State
7. Bhaddanta Vinayaçara, Zeyathukha Monastery and Monastic Education Post-Primary School, Kaunghsa Missionary Centre, Myoma Ward 2, Namkham, Muse Township, Shan State (North)
8. Bhaddanta Ukkamsa, Tamoenye Theravada Buddhist Missionary Centre, Waiyanbontha Monastery, Kutkai, Shan State (North)
9. Bhaddanta Vasettha, Shwzedi Tathaung Monastery, Gandamadana Hill, Chinle Village-tract, Laymyethna Township, Ayeyawady Region

Title recipient Sayadaws from abroad

10. Ven. Thich Thien Tam (Kusalacitto), Pho Minh Pagoda, No. 2 Thien Ho Duong, Go Vap Dist, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam
11. Bhaddanta Kittima, Sasana Hitakayi Monastery, Sushetwet Village, Rajohtawli Township, Ringamati District, Bangladesh

Nun

12. Nun Daw Kissaratheri, Withahka Nunnery for the Women, Ward 81, Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Township, Yangon Region

Layperson

13. U Win Pe, No. 86, Thittaw Street (Upper), Sawyanpaing East Ward, Ahlon Township, Yangon Region

Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Title

1. Bhaddanta Paññasetha, Theravada Buddhist Missionary Monastery, Myoma Ward, Sawlaw Township, Kachin State
2. Bhaddanta Tejavanta, Bawgali Theravada Buddhist Missionary Monastery, Ward 4, Bawgali, Thandaunggyi Township, Kayin State
3. Bhaddanta Paññobhasa, Monastic Education Post-Primary School, Kawbok Ward, Haka Township, Chin State
4. Bhaddanta Ñanavara, Theravada Buddhist Missionary Monastery, Masheinhlaw Village, Mindat Township, Chin State
5. Bhaddanta Indaka, Dekkhinayama Monastery, Shwepan Village, Myaung Township, Sagaing Region
6. Bhaddanta Paññavamsa, Shwekyauunggyi Monastery, Agama Zawtikayon Monastery, Zay Ward 2, Paungde, Bago Region (West)
7. Bhaddanta Paññinda, Aungmingala 6-storey Monastery, Sagu Taik, Thiri Hayma Ward, Chanayethazan Township, Mandalay Region
8. Bhaddanta Çanda, Theravada Buddhist Missionary Monastery, Sibithaya Village, Sannhnyinwe Village-tract, Buthidaung Township, Rakhine State
9. Bhaddanta Paññasetha, Aungmyethukha Missionary Monastery, Kyaungtaung Missionary Centre, Chaungnet Village, Minbya Township, Rakhine State
10. Bhaddanta Ñanavamsa, Natmauk Arts and Science Youth Development Monastic Education School, Athawady Road, Ward 2, North Okkalapa Township, Yangon Region
11. Bhaddanta Çadima, Theravada Buddhist Missionary Monastery, Shwedaung Missionary Centre, Shwedaung Village, Hopan Village-tract, Mongton Township, Shan State (East)
12. Bhaddanta Çandavara, Taping Theravada Buddhist Missionary Monastery, Taping Village, Kengtung Township, Shan State (East)
13. Bhaddanta Nandamanju, Pimong Theravada Buddhist Missionary Centre, Kayan Special Region, Pekkhan Township, Shan State

Title recipient Sayadaws from abroad

14. Bhaddanta Udayabhadda, Viswashanti (Kaba Aye) Monastery, Alokannagar Ward, Kathmandu, Bargmati State, Nepal
15. Bhaddanta Açinna, Thiri Winaya Kinkara Myanmar Monastery, Kandi, Sri Lanka

Agga Maha Kammathanaçariya Title

1. Bhaddanta Ñanobhasa, Thazin Yegyaw Monastery, Athawady Monastery, Ward 2, North Okkalapa Township, Yangon Region

Title recipient Sayadaw from abroad

2. Ven. Phra Dhammamangla Jarn, Wat Phradhatu Sri Chomtong Varavihara, Chomtong, Chaing Mai, Thailand

Kammathanaçariya Title

1. Bhaddanta Ñanabala, Saddhammayinzi Monastery, Paungtale, Pyay Township, Bago Region (West)
2. Bhaddanta Dhammapiya, Taungpaw Yeiktha Monastery, Zayatgyi Village, Minbu (Sagu) Township, Magway Region
3. Bhaddanta Mahinda, Mogok Vipassana Dhamma Yeiktha Branch-29, Upper Ward, Einme Township, Ayeyawady Region

Agga Maha Thiri Thudhamma Manijotadhara Title

1. Dr Kyaw Zaw, No. 146-B, Mandalay-Lashio Road, Ward 4, PyinOoLwin, Mandalay Region
2. U Shwe Hmi, No. 105, Thameinbayan Road, Tamwaygyi A+C Ward, Tamway Township, Yangon Region
3. Dr Than Tun, (Gangaw Shwepyi), No. 3/A, Pyidawaye Yeiktha, Kaba Aye Pagoda Road, Ward 7, Yankin Township, Yangon Region
4. U Soe Thein, No. 206, corner of Thanthuma Street and Sayeebin Street, Ward 23, Thingangyun Township, Yangon Region

Agga Maha Thiri Thudhamma Theingi Title

1. Daw Kyway Kyway, No. 3, Tayoktan Street, Phayagyi Ward, Monywa, Sagaing Region
2. Daw Kyin Thein, No. 49, 27th Street, Ward 3, Pabedan Township, Yangon Region
3. Daw Nwe Nwe Kyi, No. 65, Kyaukseipat Street, K extension Ward, Yadanakyun Yeiktha, North Okkalapa Township, Yangon Region
4. Thidagu Daw Aye Thein, No. 1, Hlawga Road, 20/A Ward, Dagon Myothit (South) Township, Yangon Region

Thiri Thudhamma Theingi Title

1. Daw Nilar Shwe, No. 83, Upper Kyimyindine Road, East Zaygyi Ward, Kyimyindine Township, Yangon Region

Thudhamma Manijotadhara Title

1. U Yar Chi, Tayoktan Road, Phayagyi Ward, Monywa, Sagaing Region
2. U Sein Hlaing, Pwesardan Road, Phayagyi Ward, Monywa, Sagaing Region
3. U Kyaw Htay, Ywameiktha Village, YeU Township, Sagaing Region
4. U Yon Sein, No. 385, 82nd Street between 30th and 31st Streets, Aungnan East, Block 581, Chanayethazan Township, Mandalay Region
5. U Maung Thein, No. 46-E, Po Sein Street, Natmauk Ward, Tamway Township, Yangon Region
6. U Than Htay, No. 76, Nilar Street, Region 2, Thukha Chantha Ward, Shwenyaung Ward, Taunggyi Township, Shan State

Thudhamma Theingi Title

1. Daw Than Than Swe, No. 194/12, between 34thx35th and 78thx79th Streets, Kinsanamahi Ward, Shwechitoe West Ward, Chanayethazan Township, Mandalay Region
2. Daw Khin Pyone Yin (a) Ma Nge, No. 144, 34th Street between 80th and 81st Streets, Aungnan East, Block 556, Chanayethazan Township, Mandalay Region
3. Daw Zabei Ko Lay, No. 331, 83rd Street between 31st and 32nd Streets, Aungnan Yeiktha East, Block 572, Chanayethazan Township, Mandalay Region
4. Daw Aye Kyi, No. 46, Maunggalay Street, East Shangan Ward, Daiwunkwin, Mawlamyine, Mon State
5. Daw San San Oo, No. P/14, Myananda Street, Myakantha Park, Ward 5, Hline Township, Yangon Region
6. Daw Lei Lei Aung, No. 44, Panwa Street, Ward 30, Yangonhit, Thuwunna, Bogyoke Ywathit, Thingangyun Township, Yangon Region
7. Daw Pyone Yi, No. 5, Yegeset 11th Street, Ward 5, Myaungmya, Ayeyawady Region
8. Daw San Shin, No. 10, Mahn Ba Khaing Road, Uyin North Ward, Hinthada, Ayeyawady Region
9. Daw Nan Chit Swe, No. 17, Shwewuthmon 1st Street, Patheingyi, Ayeyawady Region
10. Daw Yi Yi Htay, No. 13, 7th Street, Ward 4, Myaungmya, Ayeyawady Region

By order,

Sd/Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo
Secretary-1
State Peace and Development Council

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**MV SINAR BIMA VOY NO (080)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV SINAR BIMA VOY NO (080) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 3.1.2011 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 SAMUDERA SHIPPING
LINES**

Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**MV HAL ADMIRALTY VOY NO (015)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV HAL ADMIRALTY VOY NO (015) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 4.1.2011 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.

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S HARTMANN ASIA
CONTAINERLINES**

Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**MV MILLENNIUM VOY NO (14/10)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV MILLENNIUM VOY NO (14/10) are hereby notified that the vessel arrived on 3.1.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W (1) 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.

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S K.M. INTERTRANS
CO, LTD**

Phone No: 256916/256919/256921

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**MV ORIENTAL BRAVE VOY NO (020)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV ORIENTAL BRAVE VOY NO (020) are hereby notified that the vessel arrived on 1.1.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of B.S.W-2 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.

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: SONG WON ENTERPRISE**

Phone No: 256924/256914

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**MV ISLAND GREEN VOY NO (017-5)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV ISLAND GREEN VOY NO (017-5) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 3.1.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T 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.

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S HERTLING CHARTERING & SHIP
MANAGEMENT PTE LTD**

Phone No: 256916/256919/256921

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**MV AN TAO JIANG VOY NO (480)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV AN TAO JIANG VOY NO (480) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 3.1.2011 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.

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AGENT FOR: M/S COSCO SHIPPING
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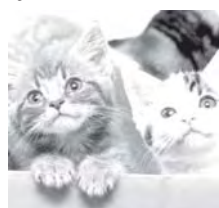
Sanctuary fire kills scores of cats

NEW YORK, 3 Jan — A fire at a California animal sanctuary killed more than 60 cats, authorities said. Fire officials responded to the blaze at Last Hope Cat Kingdom in Atwater. State fire spokesman Jose Quintana said the fire,

caused by some sort of an electrical failure, was under control about two hours later. But by then, more than 60 of the nearly 140 cats housed there had died.

Last Hope Cat Kingdom founder Renate Schmitz told the *Merced Sun-Star* they will be cremated at a pet cemetery. Some of the others are now being treated for smoke inhalation at an animal medical centre. Ms Schmitz said the cats could have escaped through doors in each of the sanctuary's rooms. She plans to rebuild the facility, which had been open for four years.

Internet



A fire at a California animal sanctuary killed more than 60 cats.—INTERNET

Moderate quake strikes off Sumatra, Indonesia

JAKARTA, 3 Jan — A shallow undersea earthquake with a magnitude of 5.9 jolted Sumatra Island of Indonesia on Sunday evening, the Meteorology and Geophysics Agency said.

The quake struck at 22:19 pm. Jakarta time (1519 GMT) with the epicenter at 157 km southwest of Bengkulu City of Bengkulu province and at a depth of 113 km under sea bed, the agency said. The USGS reported on its website that the quake was at 5.7 magnitude.—Xinhua

Scotland welcomes first 2011 babies

EDINBURGH, 3 Jan — Scotland has welcomed the first babies of 2011 at



Scotland has welcomed the first babies who arrived in 2011.—INTERNET

hospitals around the country. One of the earliest arrivals was a boy who entered the world at 30 seconds past midnight. Parents Jennifer Britton and Scott Morton welcomed the 7lb 13oz (3.540kg) youngster at Wishaw General Hospital in South Lanarkshire.

The earliest arrival in Glasgow was baby Amber Jane Moss, who arrived at

11 minutes past midnight at the Princess Royal Maternity hospital, weighing 6lb 5oz (2.85kg). She was the first baby for parents Fiona and Darren Moss from Cambuslang. Mrs Moss said: "It was a bit of a shock as she wasn't due till the 19th so she arrived really early. I only finished work yesterday so it has all happened quite fast."

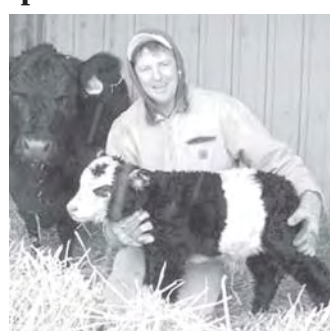
Internet

Farmer celebrates 'panda cow' birth

NEW YORK, 3 Jan — A rare miniature cow with markings similar to a panda bear was born on a farm in northern Colorado. The so-called "panda cow" born in Larimer County is thought to be one of only about 24 in the world.

The *Loveland Reporter-Herald* reported the male calf named Ben was born on Friday morning. His mother is a Lowline Angus cow. Farmer Chris Jessen raises miniature cattle and also owns a miniature kangaroo on his hobby farm.

The miniature panda cow is the result of genetic manipulation. A white belt encircles the animal's midsection, and the cow has a white face with black ovals around the eyes, giving it a panda-like appearance. The mini-cattle



Farmer Chris Jessen holds his new 'panda cow' named Ben.—INTERNET
are bred solely as pets. Mr Jessen said panda calves can sell for 30,000 US dollars (£19,200).—Internet

Hungry pet python kills two-year-old

ORLANDO, 3 Jan — The pet python that strangled a two-year-old girl in Sumter County, Florida, 18 months ago hadn't been fed in about a month and had escaped from its tank 10 times since its last meal — a road-kill squirrel, according to newly released documents.

Gypsy, the 2.6m albino python, was most likely hungry when it escaped its terrarium and attacked Shaianna Hare in a crib, according to investigation documents examined by *The Orlando Sentinel*.

A review of reports regarding the tragedy on 1 July, 2009, show that the child's mother and the mother's boyfriend had kept the snake in violation of wildlife rules and apparently could not afford to feed it. The death spurred a statewide hunt of exotic reptiles and fuelled a crackdown on the imported constrictors.

Internet

British government steps in to save Beatle's home

LONDON, 3 Jan—The British government has stepped in to stop Beatles legend Ringo Starr's birthplace from being bulldozed.

Housing Minister Grant Shapps has written to Liverpool City Council urging a temporary reprieve for 9 Madryn Street, in the Dingle District, which is scheduled for demolition.

The childhood homes of bandmates John



Ringo Starr performs at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel and Casino in Hollywood, Florida on 15 July, 2010.—INTERNET

Lennon and Paul McCartney are popular tourist attractions in the northwest English City, run by the National Trust, which looks after many of Britain's most treasured buildings and beauty spots.

Liverpool City Council says 445 pre-1919 terraced houses in Dingle are "beyond economic repair" and has decided to tear them down.—Internet



Swedish actor Per Oscarsson, left, is seen just after winning Best Actor at the 1996 Cannes film festival for his lead role as Pontus in Henning Carlsen's "Hunger", an adaptation of the homonymous novel by Norwegian Nobel Literature laureate Knut Hamsun.

INTERNET

Cannes-winning Swede Oscarsson feared dead in fire

STOCKHOLM, 3 Jan—Swedish actor Per Oscarsson, who took top honours at the 1966 Cannes film festival, and his wife were feared dead Sunday after human remains were discovered among the ashes of their burned home.

"Remains have been found, but we do not of whom," Jan Strannegaard, a police spokesman in the southwestern Swedish region of Vaestra Goetaland said.

Oscarsson, 83, and his wife, 67, were both believed to have been home when their isolated house near the small town of Skara burned to the ground overnight Thursday.

"That is the hypothesis. We don't have any other theory," Strannegaard said, pointing out that no one had heard from the couple since the fire.—Internet



In this film publicity image released by Universal Pictures, Robert De Niro, left, and Daisy Tahan are shown in a scene from 'Little Fockers.'—INTERNET

'Fockers' finishes first with \$26.3M weekend

LOS ANGELES, 3 Jan—Robert De Niro and Ben Stiller's "Little Fockers" remained the top draw at the weekend box office with \$26.3 million, according to studio estimates Sunday.

It was closely followed by Jeff Bridges and Matt Damon's Western "True Grit," which was No 2 for the second-straight weekend with \$24.5 million.

"Little Fockers," released by Universal, raised its domestic haul to \$103.2 million. Paramount's "True Grit" lifted its total to \$86.8 million, becoming the top-grossing film ever from directors Joel and Ethan Coen, whose previous best was \$74.3 million for "No Country for Old Men."—Internet

After rehab release, more uncertainty for Lohan

LOS ANGELES, 3 Jan—Lindsay Lohan is scheduled to be released from a rehab centre Monday into another year of uncertainty.

For months, the actress has been haunted by her inability, or unwillingness, to shake a 3 1/2 year old drunken driving case that resulted in two rehab stints and two trips to jail in 2010 alone.—Internet



In this 24 May, 2010 file photo, actress Lindsay Lohan arrives at the Beverly Hills Courthouse in Beverly Hills, Calif.—INTERNET

Polar Bear Swim going strong — and frigid



Seven-year-old Ean Patterson departs the water after participating in the 27th annual Polar Bear jump into the Burley Lagoon in Olalla, Washington on 1 January, 2011.

A record 1,500 swimmers dashed into the 35-degree surf at New York's Coney Island for the annual New Year's Day Polar Bear Swim, organizers said.

"It was like 10,000

knives stabbing you at once," Tim Henshall, 50, an Army reservist from Blairstown, NJ, told the *New York Daily News*.

Just returned from Afghanistan, Henshall made his second New

Year's plunge in only a Speedo and dog tags. "It's a great way to remind you you're alive," he said.

The swimmers' attire ranged from bikinis to mermaid costumes and scuba gear.

The event was also a fundraiser for Camp Sunshine for seriously ill children.

Ruby's Bar and Grill defiantly opened for the occasion, serving hot chocolate and coffee, but no alcohol. The bar's owners are fighting their eviction by a developer.

Spain lotto winner nearly loses millions by tossing tickets

A Spanish lottery player nearly lost nine million euros (12 million dollars) in winnings after tossing tickets in the rubbish only to later discover they were winners, Spanish media said Sunday.

Ignacio Gonzalez, a lottery ticket vendor in



the country's northern Basque Country, was stunned to discover Friday that the number he had played along with 14 friends — 48104 —

A Spanish lottery player nearly lost nine million euros (12 million dollars) in winnings after tossing tickets in the rubbish only to later discover they were winners, Spanish media said Sunday.

had come up in a charity draw run by a Spanish organization for the blind, ONCE.

Facebook chorus prompts Qantas to scrap instruments ban



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"After travelling with them for 20 years, I was made to check my

saxophone in for the first time a few weeks ago, causing 1,200 dollars worth of damage," Oehlers wrote, launching the Facebook campaign last month.

"I want to get a boycott of Qantas by musicians in place until they reverse this ridiculous policy."

More than 8,700 people joined the group, including members of the country's symphony orchestras, posting stories and pictures of instruments that had been damaged in the cargo hold.

Qantas confirmed Thursday it had reversed the policy from 24 December.

"In this situation we were able to listen to our customers and we were able to provide a change in our policy," a Qantas spokeswoman said.

News Album

A woman receives a piece of bread known as "Ring of Wisemen" (Rosca de Reyes), baked by Mexican Association of Bakers for residents, in Mexico City's historic Zocalo square 2 January, 2011.



Kaka returns to Real Madrid squad

MADRID, 3 Jan — Brazilian attacking midfielder Kaka, who has been out since the start of the season, was on Sunday named in the Real Madrid squad for Monday's trip to Getafe by coach Jose Mourinho.

"Kaka won't start, he can't yet," said Mourinho at a Press conference.

"He can give us 15 or 20 minutes of his very great quality, but no more."

The playmaker, who won the 2007 Ballon d'Or, underwent surgery in August after injuring his left knee and only returned to training with the squad on 18 December.

"I'm very happy today," Kaka wrote on his Twitter account.

Internet



Real Madrid's Portuguese forward Cristiano Ronaldo (R), Brazilian midfielder Kaka (L) and goalkeeper and captain Iker Casillas (C) share a light moment during a training session at Real Madrid sport city in Madrid on 30 December.

INTERNET

No new players for Bayern, says Rummenigge



Bayern Munich chairman Karl-Heinz Rummenigge.—INTERNET

BERLIN, 3 Jan — Bayern Munich chairman Karl-Heinz Rummenigge declared on Sunday that the club would sign no new players in the January transfer window.

His words appeared to contradict coach Louis van Gaal, who had earlier said that he was "99 percent" sure that an attacking player would join the Bavarian giants, potentially even in the coming week.

"I think that he was talking about Arjen Robben, who is coming back after his injuries," said Rummenigge, according to the website of German daily *Bild*.

"Seriously: we will sign no new player in January."—Internet

Liverpool players back Hodgson

LONDON, 3 Jan — Joe Cole insists Liverpool's players remain completely supportive of under-fire manager Roy Hodgson. Cole gave Hodgson some much-needed breathing space as his 90th minute goal clinched a 2-1 win over Bolton at Anfield on Saturday.

After three days of criticism following the Reds' shock home defeat against Wolves, Hodgson couldn't afford another poor result in front of the fans he had accused of failing to support him. Reports that Hodgson had lost the support of his players were hardly helping his cause, but second half goals from Fernando Torres and Cole



Liverpool midfielder Joe Cole (left) scores their late winning goal during the English Premier League.—INTERNET

allowed the former Fulham boss a moment of respite.

Liverpool owners New England Sports Ventures may well be considering who is the best man to lead the club forward, but England midfielder Cole is convinced Hodgson can still turn things around and he has no doubts the squad are behind him.

Internet

SPORTS

Results on 2 January

International - Club Friendlies

Al-Ahli 1 - 2 AC Milan

England - Premier League

Chelsea 3 - 3 Aston Villa

Wigan Athletic 0 - 1 Newcastle U.

Spain - Primera Division

Athletic Bilbao 1 - 2 Deportivo La Coruna

Barcelona 2 - 1 Levante

Sporting Gijon 1 - 2 Malaga

Sevilla 1 - 0 Osasuna

Valencia 2 - 1 Espanyol

Coe says Beckham could star in 2012 Olympics



English football icon David Beckham

LONDON, 3 Jan — David Beckham could star at the London 2012 Olympics by playing or coaching the Great Britain football team, according to organising committee chairman Sebastian Coe.

Although football is played as an Under-23 tournament at the Olympics, the rules allow for three over-age players and Coe believes Beckham or players like Steven Gerrard and Frank

Lampard should feature because their global profile would attract more interest in the event.

Coe told BBC Radio Five: "We are not going to have a big international football tournament on domestic soil for some time so we want to use it to inspire a generation of young players."

"It is an under-23 tournament but you are allowed to play three over-age players and just picking out names that could be Steven Gerrard or Frank Lampard towards the end of their career or David Beckham — or even David Beckham as a coach, though I have gone way beyond my brief saying that!"

Internet

Chelsea's Ancelotti eyes buying new defender

LONDON, 3 Jan — Chelsea manager Carlo Ancelotti will decide whether to make a centre back one of his primary January transfer targets when Alex returns to Stamford Bridge this week.

Alex is currently undergoing rehabilitation following knee surgery and is due back at the club after a trip to Brazil.

The Brazilian central defender is not expected to be fit until the end of January, and Ancelotti wants to check the progress of his recovery before making a move in the transfer market.

In Alex's absence, Chelsea have looked unconvincing defensively

and, with Branislav Ivanovic also missing while serving a one-match suspension, Ancelotti was forced to hand a league debut to teenager Jeffrey Bruma in the 3-3 draw with Aston Villa on Sunday.

Internet



Aston Villa's Bulgarian footballer Stiliyan Petrov (L) vies with Chelsea's French footballer Florent Malouda during a Premier League match at Stamford Bridge in London, on 2 Jan, 2011.—INTERNET

Samaras double helps Celtic beat Rangers

GLASGOW, 3 Jan — A Georgios Samaras second-half double helped Celtic to a 2-0 win over Rangers in the second Old Firm derby of the season as they extended their lead at the top of the Scottish Premier League to four points.

Lee McCulloch's header was cleared off the line in an explosive start but the neither side created many chances in a tame first 45 minutes.

However, Celtic looked sharper immediately after the break and after Paddy McCourt came close it was Samaras who opened the scoring in the 62nd

minute with a breakaway goal.

Just seven minutes later the Greek striker, in only his second start since October, won and dispatched a penalty after being brought down by Madjid Bougherra as Celtic got off to 2011 with their first win at Ibrox since December 2008.

Internet



Celtic's Georgios Samaras (left) celebrates a goal.—INTERNET

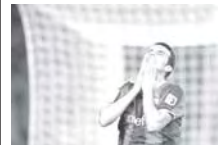
Pedro brace sends Barcelona five clear in Spanish league

MADRID, 3 Jan — Pedro Rodriguez netted a brace as champions Barcelona started 2011 with a nervy 2-1 home win over Levante on Sunday to move five points clear of Real Madrid at the

Spanish first division summit.

Pedro struck on 47 and 59 minutes to clinch an 11th successive league victory for Barca and Real must now defeat derby rivals Getafe on Monday to move back to within two points of their bitter rivals.

Brazilian Dani Alves set up the opener for Pedro, faking to shoot twice before laying the ball back for the forward to drill home Barcelona's first goal of the new year two minutes after the break.—Internet



Barcelona's forward Pedro Rodriguez reacts during the UEFA Spanish League football match FC Barcelona.—INTERNET

Tennis player Tsonga out to erase his biggest setback

DOHA, 3 Jan — Jo-Wilfried Tsonga believes the Qatar Open is in the ideal place to continue a comeback from what he describes as the biggest setback of his career.

The former world number six from France is enjoying the mild warmth and balmy air of the Arabian Gulf as he recovers from a knee injury which has been maddeningly persistent since he reached the Wimbledon quarter-finals in July.

Tsonga was struck down again in October and forced to miss the Davis Cup final in which

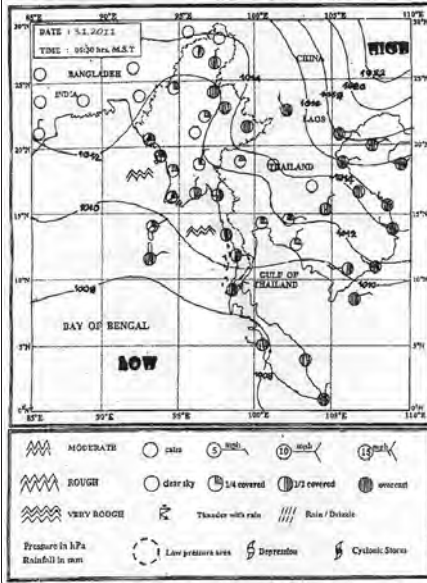
France lost 3-2 to Serbia in Belgrade last month.

For a player with a 6-0 unbeaten record for his country to have to sit and watch, believing he might have made the difference, was agony. Tsonga hopes with a passion that sunshine, success, and a new season will banish that feeling.—Internet



Jo-Wilfried Tsonga

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Monday, 3rd January, 2011

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kachin, Shan and Mon States, Upper Sagaing, Yangon and Taninthayi Regions and generally fair in the remaining States and Regions. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above January average temperatures in Kachin, Shan, Chin and Rakhine States, Lower Sagaing and Mandalay Regions, (4°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 (2°C), Namhsan and Hakha (4°C) each Putao and Lashio (5°C) each.

Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 2-1-2011 was 90°F. Minimum temperature on 3-1-2011 was 60°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 3-1-2011 was (73%). Rainfall on 3-1-2011 was (Nil).

Yangon (Kaba-Aye)

Maximum temperature on 2-1-2011 was 90°F. Minimum temperature on 3-1-2011 was 64°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 3-1-2011 was (96%). Total sunshine hours on 2-1-2011 was (9.1) hours.

Rainfall on 3-1-2011 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2011 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (6) mph from Northeast at (15:30) hours MST on 2-1-2011.

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 4th January

2011: Light rain are possible to be isolated in Kachin State and Taninthayi Region, weather will be partly cloudy in Shan State, Upper Sagaing and Yangon Regions and generally fair in the remaining States and Regions. Degree of certainty is (40%).

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

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

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 4-1-2011: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 4-1-2011: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 4-1-2011: Generally fair weather.

Bomb threat on Turkish airline plane found to be hoax

ISTANBUL, 3 Jan—The Turkish police said here on Monday that it is investigating a bomb threat on a Turkish Airlines (THY) passenger plane, so far no explosives were found and no arrests were made.

According to the semi-official *Anatolia* news agency, a short time after the plane took off on Sunday from Ercan Airport in Lefkosa, a cabin attendant of the Airbus 319 THY plane found a note claiming there was a bomb on board and would explode in 45 minutes.

The plane landed at Istanbul's Ataturk Airport safely and its 105 passengers and crew were evacuated.

After the plane was swiftly emptied and searched together with the baggage, the threat was found to be a hoax but police are investigating in a bid to ascertain who was responsible for the note.—*Xinhua*



Photo taken on 3 Jan, 2011 shows the crowded venue of a job fair for the college graduates in north China's Tianjin Municipality. A total of 120 large and medium sized enterprises of 28 state-owned business groups provided more than 2000 job vacancies in the fair.

XINHUA

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (4-1-2011)(Tuesday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	(09:00am~11:00am MST)
Oversea Transmission	(4-1-11 09:30 am ~ 5-1-11 09:30 am MST)

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * 63rd Anniversary Independence Day "Sound Foundations for the New Government" (Towards the Industrialized Nation)
- * News
- * Myanmar As Told By History
- * Music Gallery
- * News
- * Ngapali, Unique Spot To Relax
- * News
- * Top Historic Sites in Mandalay

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- * Colourful Lotus-Shaped Candles
- * News
- * Young Champions of this Generation
- * Music Gallery
- * News
- * Myanmar Jewels In Style
- * News
- * Stamps; High Lights of Successive Periods
- * Myanmar Movie "Whom do you love most"

Myanmar



Tuesday,
4 January
View on today

6:45 am

- 63rd Anniversary Independence Day - Flag Hoisting and Faluting Ceremony (Live Broadcast)

7:45 am

- 63rd Anniversary Independence Day

8:30 am

- Joint Performance by State Traditional Orchestra

8:50 am

- International News

4:00 pm

- Martial Song

4:10 pm

- Musical Programme
- University Of Distance Education (TV Lectures) -Fourth Year (Law)

4:25 pm

- Songs For Upholding National Spirit

4:55 pm

- The Mirror Images Of The Musical Oldies

5:05 pm

- Sweet Melody

5:00 pm

- 63rd Anniversary Independence Day

5:30 pm

- Star Garden

6:00 pm

- Evening News

6:15 pm

- Weather Report

6:20 pm

- Kyae Pwint Myaye Yin Khone Than

6:35 pm

- 63rd Anniversary Independence Day

7:00 pm

- TV Drama Series

7:00 pm

- Documentary

8:00 pm

- News

15. News

16. International News

17. Weather Report

18. Just for Laughs

19. TV Drama Series

20. Movie Quiz

21. Mytta Pawana

By Mingun

Sayadaw Phayagyi

- ★ 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

State Peace and Development Council issues notifications to confer religious titles, medals

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Jan—The State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar issues Notification No (1/2011) to confer religious titles on venerable monks, prominent lecturer monks, meditation lecturer monks, itinerant missionary monks and missionary monks inside and outside the country, and persons who make cash and kind with great generosity for propagation of Buddha Sasana; No (2/2011) to confer honorary

titles and medals; No (3/2011) to present Myanmar War Veteran Thingaha Medal; No (4/2011) to confer Good Military Service Title; No (5/2011) to present Good Civil Servant Medal; No (6/2011) to present Good Police Service Medal; No (7/2011) to present Police Service Medal; and No (8/2011) to present Civil Servant Medal and Law and Order Restoration Medal on the 63rd Anniversary Independence Day today. — MNA

Marathon, mini marathon events on Independence Day

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Jan — Jointly-organized by Sports and Physical Education Department, Myanmar Sepak Takraw Federation, Myanmar Track and Field Federation and Myanmar Traditional Sports Federation under the supervision of the Ministry of Sports, sports competitions to mark the 63rd Anniversary Independence Day are taking place in Volleyball Ground in Nay Pyi Taw. Inter-ministry Sepak Takraw and Tug of War Competitions are held there starting from 30 Jan. A total of 32 men's teams are participating in the Sepak Takraw tournament and 26 men's and 18 women's teams are in the Tug of War tournament.

On 4 January morning, marathon and mini marathon events will be organized. The prize-giving ceremony will be held after the final matches of Sepak Takraw and Tug of War Competitions.

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