Secretary-1 looks into construction and agricultural tasks in Mandalay

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Dec—Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, accompanied by member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw, ministers, deputy ministers, Mandalay Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office and heads of department, on 10 December inspected growing of physic nut plants and livestock breeding at the agriculture and livestock breeding farm of Mandalay City Development Committee at Yedaguntaung and gave necessary instructions.

First, the Secretary-1 inspected saplings of physic nut, growing of 120 acres of physic nut plants in Yedaguntaung region, production of physic nut and extraction of physic nut oil, and heard reports presented by Commander Maj-Gen Khin Zaw and Mandalay Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han.

Next, the Secretary-1 and party looked into milling of physic nuts and gave instructions to officials.

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In the best interests of the nation and the people

The Union Solidarity and Development Association, being a major force of the nation, is actively taking part in the endeavours for the emergence of a new nation. The members of the Association are throwing themselves heart and soul into regional development and social welfare work and, as a result, people have begun joining forces with them to achieve the common goal.

As more and more people have come to place trust in the Association, its membership has been on the marked increase. At present, it is more than 23 million.

The Union Solidarity and Development Association has been constantly conducting various courses, including special management courses for executives, in order to hone the skills and abilities of its members. Therefore, the members have come to realize the essence of unity and peace and the value of Myanmar society and national sovereignty.

Youth members of the Association are now quite familiar with political, economic, organizational, administrative and national security affairs and imbued with such mental characteristics as nationalism and duty consciousness a good citizen should possess.

Now is the time when the government, the people and the Tatmadaw are working in concert to lay concrete foundations for a new nation. At a time like this, members of the Association are required to translate their knowledge and skills gained from the courses into practice and serve the best interests of the nation and the people.

Cash provided to evacuees in Amarapura Township

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Dec—A ceremony to provide cash for the households of Pha-ye Kyun village tract who moved to safer places due to the bank erosion was held at Sasana Hitathakayi monastery in Pha-ye Kyun village in Amarapura Township, Mandalay Division on 9 December.

Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw and Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung provided cash and rice to the households.

Next, the Commander provided 85 bags of rice to them.

Secretariat member U Aung Thaung of Union Solidarity and Development Association presented K 8.5 million donated by USDA (Central) to 85 households of East-Pha-ye Kyun village, West-Pha-ye Kyun village and Phonedawnaingngan village.

On behalf of the villagers, a local thanked the donors.

The Commander, the minister and officials inspected No 17 Basic Education Primary School and houses on the bank of Dokhtawady River.

Minister inspects power stations, lamp-post factory in Hlinethaya

YANGON, 12 Dec—Minister for No-2 Electric Power Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint went to the Administrative Office of the electric power supply board in Hlinethaya Township on 9 December and assisted in supply of power to the township.

At the office, an official of the board reported on supply of electricity to the township and Super-intending Engineer of Yangon City Electricity Supply Board on extension of power lines and tasks for the system improvement in the township.

During his tour of Hlinethaya Township the minister also inspected concrete lamp-post factory of Yangon Electric Power Supply Board. An official of the factory reported on daily production and sales of concrete lamp-posts.

The minister inspected the production process of the factory.

The minister also went to Hlinethaya Township Power Station-1 and inspected the supply of electricity to the township.

MGEA to hold annual meeting

YANGON, 7 Dec—Myanmar Gold Entrepreneurs’ Association (MGEA) will hold its 4th annual meeting at Summit Park View Hotel, here, on 16 December (Saturday).

Members of the association are invited to attend the meeting. — MNA
HK’s export growth forecast to moderate

HONG KONG, 12 Dec — Hong Kong’s exports are forecast to rise by 6 per cent in 2007, two percentage points lower than expected export growth for 2006. Re-exports are expected to rise by 6.5 per cent, but domestic exports are likely to dip by 10 per cent. The council’s Chief Economist Edward Leung said that while the United States is leading slow growth in the region, the Chinese Mainland should benefit from a more dynamic Asia, led by the Chinese Mainland.

“The Chinese Mainland now accounts for nearly half of the city’s total exports and is projected to chalk up further robust economic growth in 2007,” Leung said, adding that domestic demand which has been galloping along at an estimated 10 per cent annually in recent years, will remain the bastion of growth on the Mainland. — MNA/Xinhua

“Durian” death toll in Vietnam rises to 82

HANOI, 11 Dec—Typhoon Durian has killed 82 local people, left 12 others missing, and injured over 1,400 people, local newspaper Pioneer reported Monday.

Southern Ba Ria Vung Tau Province has suffered the biggest human loss with 58 deaths and more than 780 injured people, the paper quoted the Central Steering Committee on Flood and Storm Prevention as reporting.

Durian, sweeping Vietnam’s southern and central regions early last week, has also destroyed over 45,800 houses, damaged roofs of nearly 183,000 others, and made over 800 ships and boats sink, causing estimated property losses of 5.2 trillion Vietnamese dong (VND) (325 million US dollars), said the committee.

Vietnam is actively preparing to cope with approaching typhoon Utor, which reached the South China Sea on Sunday night. In early October, typhoon Xangsane killed or left missing 76 people, and injured over 1,400 people in Vietnam.— MNA/Xinhua

Seven killed in S Africa car collision

JOHANNESBURG, 11 Dec—At least seven people were killed in a collision on Saturday between an minibus taxi and a car in KwaZulu-Natal (KZN) Province, South Africa, local traffic authorities said.

The accident occurred on the N2 Highway near Amatikulu, when a Toyota Corolla strayed into the oncoming traffic and collided with the fully-laden taxi. — MNA/Xinhua

Vietnam detects extremely rare turtle

HANOI, 11 Dec—A kind of endangered turtles, the four-eyed turtle, which has been in Vietnam’s list of animals in danger of extinction since 1939, was found in the country’s central Quang Nam Province, local newspaper Labour said on Monday.

Experts from the Asian Turtle Conservation Network, a non-profit consortium of people, projects, and institutions based in Asia working to conserve the continent’s turtles, have found the four-eyed turtle, whose scientific name is Sacalia quadriocellata, in the Song Thanh wildlife sanctuary. The conservation status of four-eyed turtles, found in some parts of China, Laos and Vietnam, in the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN) Red List 2006 is endangered. Key threats to them are hunting and trade.

Their distinguishing features are two or four bright yellow or green spots in the back of head, three pale stripes on upper side of neck, and low smooth-edged carapace with up to 15 centimetres in length.

Besides Sacalia quadriocellata, the experts have recently found some other rare turtle species in Quang Nam, including Mauremys annamensis and Manouria impressa. — MNA/Xinhua

Bangladesh to import crude petroleum

DHAKA, 11 Dec—The Bangladesh Government will purchase 1 million tons of crude petroleum from the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Saudi Arabia shortly, Bangladesh news agency UNB reported Sunday.

Officials said the Cabinet Committee on Public Purchase (CCPP) in a meeting on Sunday approved a proposal of Energy Ministry for the oil purchase for the year 2007.—MNA/Xinhua

A customer looks at CD’s and DVD’s at a shop in Beijing on 11 Dec, 2006. — INTERNET

A labourer cleans the glass of the HSBC bank building in Guangzhou, south China’s Guangdong Province on 11 Dec, 2006. China’s banking regulator will accept the application of eight foreign banks for local incorporation on Monday, the China Banking Regulatory Commission (CBRC) said yesterday on its website, China Daily reported. —INTERNET

Best Buy, the largest consumer electronics chain store in the United States, will open its first China store in Shanghai at the end of December. —XINHUA
Survey shows foreign investment favours eastern China

BEIJING, 11 Dec—Beijing tops the 100 Chinese cities with the best environment for foreign investment, followed by north port city of Tianjin and northeastern Shenyang, according to a survey released by the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) on Saturday.

Seventy-one of the top 100 cities are eastern cities, with Shanghai, Nanjing, Suzhou, Hangzhou and the southern Shenzhen and Guangzhou ranking in the top ten.

China's central region has 16 cities in the top 100, while the western region has 13, the survey shows.

China is attaching more importance to the quality of foreign in-vestment rather than shear quantity, said Zhang Weimin, Deputy Director of NBS. The country is also striving to create a better environment to attract more investors, he said.

China received a total of 622.4 billion US dollars in foreign direct investment from 1979 to 2005. For 11th year running it has attracted more foreign investment than any other developing nation. — MNA/Xinhua

Five killed, 26 wounded in car bomb in Karbala

BAGHDAD, 11 Dec—At least five people were killed and more than 26 others wounded when a car bomb went off in the holy Shiite city of Karbala on Saturday, the Iraq state television channel Iraqiya reported.

“A car bomb parking at a street leading to the holy shrine of Imam Abbas in Karbala detonated at about 11:00 am (0800 GMT), killing at least five people and wounding more than 26 others,” the Iraqiya state TV said. The blast took place at the busy commercial street where many shops and restaurants located, the television said.

513 take tests to sell fireworks in Beijing

BEIJING, 11 Dec—More than 500 people in Beijing took an examination on Sunday hoping to become legally certificated firecracker vendors.

The capital city’s municipal government plans to licence 2,254 retailers — 400 more than last year — to sell fireworks in Beijing during the Spring Festival in February. The firecrackers will be allowed to be sold in Beijing from 7 February to 4 March.

Beijing lifted a 12-year firecracker ban during last year’s Spring Festival. The lifting of the ban was aimed at reviving the festive atmosphere.

Statistics released by the State Administration of Work Safety show in the 20 years prior to Nov. 2005, there were 8,532 accidents involving fireworks, which killed 9,349 people.

The two-hour exam in Beijing tested the candidates’ knowledge of China’s laws and regulations on work safety and the special rules governing fireworks and handling of emergencies. — MNA/Xinhua

Russian military deploys mobile “Topol-M” missiles

MOSCOW, 11 Dec—Russia’s military deployed the first unit of its new, mobile Topol-M intercontinental ballistic missiles on Sunday, news reports said.

The missile system was put on duty in the Teikovo division of the Strategic Missile Forces in the Ivanovo region, northeast of Moscow, the Interfax and ITAR-TASS news agencies reported quoting a spokesman of the forces.

Some 40 silo-based Topol-M missile systems have been deployed in the Russian military since 1997. The mobile Topol-M missiles are less vulnerable to the technical reconnaissance of an enemy. Russian officials said more mobile Topol-M missiles would be deployed over the next few years.

The Topol-M missiles can hit targets as far as 10,000 kilometres away and are expected to form the core of Russia’s Strategic Missile Forces. — MNA/Xinhua

Majority of 68% Americans believe US losing ground in Iraq

NEW YORK, 11 Dec—A large majority of 68 per cent Americans believe that the United States was losing ground in Iraq with only 21 per cent believing that it was making progress, a new opinion poll shows.

As many as 39 per-cent respondents in a Newsweek Poll expressed support for the recommendations of the Iraq Study Group presented last week to President George Bush with 20 per cent disagreeing with them and 26 per cent saying they were not aware of the group headed by former secretary of state Jame S-Baker and former lawmaker Lee Hamilton.

Bush’s overall rating remains low with 59 per cent saying that they are dissatisfied with the way things are going against 31 per cent expressing satisfaction. Fifty-three per cent of those polled say that America did not do the right thing in taking military action in Iraq against 39 per cent who believed it was right thing to do.

When broken down by political party, 67 per cent of Republicans feel that it was right to take military action in Iraq whereas 73 per cent Democrats and 55 per cent Independents do not believe it was the right thing to do. In the Newsweek Poll, a significant majority of Americans agree with most of the Iraq Study Group’s recommendations. — MNA/PTI

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Jordan, PNA, Israel to work together to save Dead Sea

AMMAN, 12 Dec—Officials from Jordan, the Palestinian National Authority (PNA) and Israel met Sunday in Jordan and agreed to launch a two-year study to work together to save the Dead Sea shrinking body of water, local media reported here.

The meeting, also attended by representatives of four donor countries of France, Japan, the United States and the Netherlands as well as the World Bank, discussed the details of feasibility study to save the unique body of water.

The study, which includes environmental and social assessment of the project, will investigate the feasibility of transferring water from the Red Sea to the Dead Sea to prevent its declining level, Jordanian Minister of Planning and International Cooperation Suheir al-Ali was quoted as saying.

He added that “the study, when completed, would help protect the Dead environment and would establish a base for joint cooperation between countries surrounding the Dead Sea.”

In the last 50 years, the Dead Sea, the world’s saltiest body of water and lowest point on earth, has seen its surface area shrink by a third and its depth drop by 25 meters.

Two Chinese contractors win bids for power plant projects in Indonesia

JAKARTA, 11 Dec—The China National Technical Import and Export Corp (CNTIC) and the Harbin Power have won bids for two steam-powered electric generator projects respectively, a local media reported here Saturday.

The CNTIC won the bid for the project in Suralaya of Banten Province with capacity of 473.7 million US dollars, the Bisnis Indonesia daily reported, quoting the committee of the auction.

The Harbin Power became the winner of the bid for the Paiton project in East Java Province with capacity of 625 megawatts, valued at 522.8 million US dollars, the committee said.

The final bid was participated by four bidders comprising three companies from China and one from Japan, according to the Indonesian Ministry of Mines and Energy.

The two projects, aimed to reduce Indonesia’s dependency on fuel, are part of the government’s plan to establish 10,000 megawatts power plants, which will be complete within three years, said Indonesian Minister of Mines and Energy Purnomo Yusgiantoro.

Indonesia will reduce the use of fuel oil to generate power from 30 per cent at this time to 5 per cent in 2009.

The oil production in Indonesia has been declining due to aging of some oil wells and the slow of finding new well.

Indonesia’s power plants have a total capacity of 25,000 megawatts, but the demand grows by 6 to 7 per cent or 2,000 to 3,000 megawatts annually, according to the minister.

Syria, Nigeria sign agreements on bilateral cooperation

DAMASCUS, 12 Dec—Syria and Nigeria signed on Sunday a couple of agreements on bilateral cooperation during a two-day state visit in Syria by Nigerian President Olusegun Obasanjo, the official SANA news agency reported.

Five bilateral agreements were signed on air services, cultural, educational and scientific cooperation in the presence of Syrian President Bashar al-Assad and Obasanjo after a plenary meeting between the two sides.

Three other pacts on trade and economic cooperation, including one on setting up a joint committee between the two countries, were also signed.

15 killed in road accident in western Kenya

NAIROBI, 11 Dec—Fifteen people were killed in a road accident Saturday in western Kenya when a bus they were travelling in hit a lorry, local media reported.

The accident occurred at Karata, approximately 42 kilometres from Eldoret Town in western Kenya, according to website content of Kenya Time on Saturday.

Among those who died in the accident were 10 men, two women and three children who were travelling from Nairobi, the capital, to western Kenya for Christmas holidays. The accident occurred at about 4:30 am local time, said the police.

Police officers who rushed to the scene said the impact of the accident was huge and that they found bodies strewn all over the place.

 Rift Valley provincial police boss, Everest Wasike, said the bus was speeding towards Eldoret when it hit a stationary lorry at Karata area.

Wasike who led a team of police officers to the area said the bus with a capacity of 42 passengers rammed into the lorry from behind.

Scores of other passengers were seriously injured but the exact number was not immediately established.
Turkey, Greece to conduct joint rescue operation

ANKARA, 11 Dec — Turkey and Greece will conduct a three-day joint rescue operation in Turkey within the framework of their agreement of cooperation in disaster response, Ankara said in an official statement on Sunday.

The statement issued by Turkish Prime Ministry’s Crisis Management Directorate General said that the rescue operation will be held at Ankara Civil Defence Search and Rescue Unit Directorate. Personnel from civil defence, fire department, Air Force and first-aid national centre units, as well as one ambulance, one fire engine and one sniffer dog will participate in the operation.

In 1999, Greek and Turkish foreign ministers agreed on the establishment of a joint standby disaster response unit under the roof of United Nations (UN), which could conduct emergency rescue operations in cases of earthquakes and other natural disasters.

A document was formally signed in this regard between Turkey, Greece and UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) on 26 September, 2002.—MNA/Xinhua

Chinese FM discusses cooperation with Japan, Philippines, Brunei

CEBU, 11 Dec — Chinese Foreign Minister Li Zhaoxing here on Saturday met with his Japanese, Philippine and Brunei counterparts in the central Philippine city of Cebu, saying China will promote cooperation with the three countries.

While meeting with Japanese Foreign Minister Aso Taro, Li said there emerges a good situation of development in Sino-Japanese relations as a result of the efforts made by both countries.

China is willing to join hands with Japan in promoting the Sino-Japanese relations to grow in a healthy, stable manner, and work hard to reach the goal of “peaceful coexistence, friendship from generation to generation, cooperation to mutual benefit, and common development”, Li added.

During the meeting between Li and Philippine Foreign Secretary Alberto Romulo, the two highly appreciated Sino-Philippine relations, saying that both sides are willing to strengthen cooperation in various areas.

The two ministers also promised to join efforts to promote cooperation between China and ASEAN, and between ASEAN on the one side and China, Japan and South Korea on the other.

On another occasion, Li met with Lim Jock Seng, Foreign Minister II of Brunei Darussalam, to discuss the strengthening of friendly relations and cooperation between the two countries.—MNA/Xinhua

Heavy smog shrouds Beijing, disrupting highways, flights

BEIJING, 12 Dec — A heavy smog that descended on Beijing Monday continued to envelop the capital city early Tuesday, causing highways to close and affecting dozens of flights.

Visibility in Beijing was less than 1,000 metres and in part only 500 metres on Monday, according to the Beijing Meteorological Observatory, which issued smog warnings to motorists and the public.

Sixteen flights were delayed and nine cancelled by Monday evening at Beijing Capital International Airport, sources with the airport said.—Internet

China’s vaccination not to blame for bird flu virus mutation

BEIJING, 11 Dec — An international panel of experts has rejected the notion that China’s vaccination programme has caused the bird flu virus to mutate. The experts from the World Health Organization, the UN’s Food and Agriculture Organization and the World Organization for Animal Health, told Xinhua the “Fujian-like virus” is actually not a new strain and was identified in 2005.

It relates to the bird flu virus extracted from poultry samples in 2004, according to the panel.

The mutation of influenza virus is a natural process. There is no scientific evidence backing the theory that H5N1 bird flu virus has evolved as a result of China’s vaccination programme, it said.—MNA/Xinhua

China sets up 200 more stations to monitor wild animal epidemics

BEIJING, 11 Dec — China has set up 200 more nationwide stations to monitor epidemics of terrestrial wild animals, bringing the total to 350, said the State Forestry Administration on Friday.

With 402 province-level monitoring stations and more than 450 ones in cities and counties to provide timely information, China saw no widely spread animal epidemics, while bird flu prevention and control were strengthened, said the administration.

China has more than 1,200 wild animal epidemic monitoring stations of all levels up to now.—MNA/Xinhua
It is art that makes an observer have a particular feeling or emotion and an artistic work is invaluable. If an observer is inspired by an artistic work to an extent, it is worth the creation.

The Project Pre-Show of film star Shar Nyo was launched at the National Museum on Pyay Road, Dagon Township, Yangon, on 10 December, and it continues till 31 December.

We members of the media group from Myanma Alin daily visited the show on 11 December.

Just as we entered the exhibition hall, we noticed artistic works of different styles. They were not multi-coloured paintings. He presented his creation of artistic works of common people are familiar. They are all made of stainless steel. They are original styles and I do not add my personal ideas to them”.

About 40 steel art works included the replicas of a bus stop, a crane, an overpass, an advertising signboard, a bridge, a one-thousand-kyat note, a lamp post, a television transmitting tower, and the building near Hledan junction.

He said, “Stainless steel is colourless. I like this characteristic. And it reflects nearby things in it. I also use this characteristic as part of the art. So, I decided to use stainless steel to create these works”.

“Now, I focus on objects rather than feelings and emotions and paintings in an artistic way. I would say, this show is comparison between my feelings and my sculptures. I chose to shape the sculptures of some well-known objects with the use of stainless steel because I wanted to help the visitors have different feelings and emotions”, he said.

Meanwhile, we heard the sound of a hollowed log as it was beaten continuously. Sometimes, the sound was made slowly and steadily, and sometimes fast. So, I asked him about the sound. He wore a smile on his face and said, “It is the sound of sculpture”.

Therefore, I had to recognize him as an imaginative artist. He acts simply in the films and creates artistic works simply with high imaginative power.

He had to take more than 12 months to complete his creation of the works for the show. I perceive that he has presented new ideas and perspectives by creating replicas of objects in a fascinating way.

Therefore, I would like to urge the people to grab the unique opportunity to observe artistic works of different style by a film star.
Secretary-1 looks into construction...
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After that, they inspected breeding of pigs at the farms of MCDC and Mandalay Division War Veterans Organization and fish breeding ponds.

On arrival at the Mahalawka Marazein Pagoda, the Secretary-1 and party were welcomed by members of the Pagoda Board of Trustees and the Work Committee for All-round Renovation of the Pagoda.

The Secretary-1 and party offered flowers, lights and joss sticks to the Buddha images of the Pagoda. Next, they inspected renovation works such as construction of rest houses and concrete lanes and laying of tiles on the platform of the Pagoda.

Later, they proceeded to Nammint Bonha Nandawya Sandamuni Pagoda and offered flowers, lights and joss sticks to the Buddha images of the Pagoda.

Afterwards, they viewed 1774 stone inscriptions and the maintenance of Dhamma stupas and gave instructions to officials.

Accompanied by Lt-Gen Ye Myint, Commander Maj-Gen Khin Zaw, Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement and for Immigration and Population Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe, Mandalay Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han and officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein on 11 December arrived at the Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadanabon) Construction Project site, and heard reports presented by Superintending Engineer U San Win on progress of the construction of the main bridge and the approach structure, and future works.

Commander Maj-Gen Khin Zaw reported on other salient points.

After hearing the reports, the Secretary-1 fulfilled the requirements.

Next, they looked into installation of steel beams and construction of the approach road and overpass.

The Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadanabon) is of steel frame type. The 5,614 feet long facility with four-lane motor road is flanked by six-foot pedestrian lanes on either side. It can bear 60-ton loads.

The foundation of the bridge is of concrete type, and 78 per cent of the construction task has been completed.

Secretary-General of USDA meets local people in Ayeyawady Division

YANGON, 12 Dec — Secretary-General of the Union Solidarity and Development Association U Htay Oo, departmental officials and USDA members visited Manaungmyin Pyidawpyan Pagoda in Zalun, Hinthada District, Ayeyawady Division on 9 December.

Under the patronage of Secretary-General of the USDA Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo and wife, families of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation donated gold paints for renovation of Manaungmyin Pyidawpyan Pagoda.

The minister presented the containers of paint to Chairman of the Pagoda Board of Trustees U Myint Swe.

The minister and officials also presented offerings to Sayadaw U Sumingala of Panaung Monastery in Indawyi Village in Hinthada Township.

At the Dhammayon, they discussed matters related to regional peace, stability and progression rural development and boosting production of agricultural produce.

The Secretary-General of the USDA met townsenders, departmental officials and social organizations at the city hall in Hinthada.

Secretary of Hinthada Township USDA U Nyunt Oo and acting Secretary of Hinthada District USDA Dr Thein Soe reported on future tasks and social welfare tasks.

The Secretary-General of the USDA presented desks for schools in the township to Headmistress Daw San Tint of No 1 Basic Education High School.
230 KV power station to be built in eastern Yangon


Head of the power station U Tun Hlaing reported on progress of maintenance work, operation of the generators based on the supply of gas, requirement of gas for the three generators to run at full capacity, distribution of electricity from Toungoo and Hlawga grids and the station.

Chief Engineer of Yangon City Electric Power Supply Board U Tun Aye reported on direct supply of electricity from Toungoo and Hlawga power stations; and Director-General Dr Thein Tun of the Electric Power Department, on plan to establish a 230 KV sub-power station in the east of Yangon City.

The minister stressed the importance of operating the generators at full capacity, calling for constant supervision of maintenance of the generators.

Director U Thein Hlaing of Electricity Distribution Project (South) reported on progress of construction of 230 KV Thakayta-Thanlyin grid over the Bago River. The minister called for cooperation with the officials concerned and completion of the project on schedule.

Daw Soe Soe Tin of Myanmar V-Pile Co Ltd gave an account of the plan under way for setting up towers.

The minister inspected the control room and dealt with facts about the project for distribution of electricity. He also inspected designated sites for putting up the towers on Thakayta side and fulfilled the requirements.

Delegate Groups’ meetings held…

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U Kyaw Myo Win of Padaung of Bago Division (West), Deputy Director U Zaw Win of NCC Work Committee Office acted as master of ceremonies and Assistant Director U Aung Win, co-MC.

First, the master of ceremonies declared the meeting valid as the attendance accounted for 91.49 per cent. Next, the meeting chairman made a speech on the occasion.

Next, delegates U Thin Kyi of Thandwin township in Yangon Division, U Ohn Win of Kyangin in Ayeyawady Division, U Maung Maung of Minhla in Magway Division, U Tin Sein of Pyay in Bago Division (West) and U Nyan Oo of Mawlamyine in Mon State read out the proposal to be submitted to the Plenary Session of the National Convention to lay down the detailed basic principles of the chapters on Amendment of Constitution, State Flag, State Seal, National Anthem, the Capital, Transitory Provisions and General Provisions to be included in drafting the State Constitution.

Afterwards, the meeting chairman made conclusion remarks.

Delegate Group of State Service Personnel Likewise, the Delegate Group of State Service Personnel held its group meeting at the meeting hall-7 in Nyaungshmanp Camp, Hmawby Township at 9 am today.

At the meeting, U Hla Tin of the Ministry of Commerce presided over the meeting together with U Hla Min of the Ministry of Immigration and Dr Myat Myat Ohn Khin of the Ministry of Health, Deputy Director U Htay Win of NCC Work Committee Office acted as master of ceremonies and Assistant Director U Hein Min, co-MC.

First, the master of ceremonies declared the meeting valid as the attendance accounted for 93.52 per cent. Next, the meeting chairman made a speech on the occasion.

Next, delegates Daw Than Myaing of the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development, U Maung Maung Than of the Ministry of Immigration and Population and U Than Tun of the Attorney-General’s Office read out the proposal to be submitted to the Plenary Session of the National Convention to lay down the detailed basic principles of the chapters on Amendment of Constitution, State Flag, State Seal, National Anthem, the Capital, Transitory Provisions and General Provisions to be included in drafting the State Constitution.

Afterwards, the meeting chairman made conclusion remarks.
Yangon, 12 Dec — The prize-presentation ceremony for the 59th Independence Day commemorative colour photo contest conducted by the Information and Public Relations Department under the Ministry of Information took place at the Central Hotel here this afternoon.

Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan said in his speech that many of the entries reflect stability, peace and progress of the nation, and enhance the people’s spirit of valuing and preserving independence and sovereignty of the nation.

In the knowledge age, diverse subjects are learnt through advanced pedagogical aids, and so photography is necessary for various sectors. And photography is part of media that plays the most crucial role in the information technology.

Today, certain big countries are resorting to various means especially media to enslave weaker countries. So, the youth are to be educated with the use of photography so that the nation will not come under alien subjugation.

In conclusion, he called on the professional photographers to make collaborative efforts to raise the standard of living and to enhance the national interests, while trying their best to keep abreast of the world level.

Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan presented prizes and certificates to Aung Kyaw Tun (Pathainyi), Wai Kyi Moe (Yangon University and Kyaw Kyaw Win (Myanmar Photographic Society) who stood first, second and third respectively.

Director-General of Information and Public Relations Department U Chit Naing, Director-General of Myanmar Radio and Television U Khin Maung Htay and Managing Director of Myanmar Motion Picture Enterprise Col Aung Myo Moe (Yangon University and Kyaw Kyaw Win (Myanmar Photographic Society) who stood first, second and third respectively.

Altogether 106 photos were opened at the highway terminal on 8 December. It was opened with an address by Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt.

Also present on the occasion were departmental officials and entrepreneurs.— MNA

Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan gives prize to third prize winner Kyaw Kyaw Win (Myanmar Photographic Society). — MNA

Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan and officials pose for documentary photo together with winners of photo competition to mark 59th Independence Day. — MNA

Some former NLD youth members criticize Su Su Nway, who is deeply involved in receiving foreign assistance that she has no turning back

Nay Pyi Taw, 12 Dec — Yesterday, some of the youths who are former members of the National League for Democracy and who once lived in the compound of the house of Daw Suu Kyi criticized Su Su Nway of Htamanaiing village, Kaymu Township, and the foreign countries that are providing assistance to her.

The former NLD youth members continued to say that after the 1988 unrest, they lived in the compound of Daw Suu Kyi as democracy activists; that during that time Su Su Nway was just a paddy transplanter at her village; and that she had no democracy background at all.

They said that the only thing Su Su Nway had done was the filing of a lawsuit against the chairman of the Ward Peace and Development Council; that her efforts could not match theirs in any way; that some powers taking advantage of the authorities’ show of consideration and sympathy for Su Su Nway, were trying to popularize her. It seemed that the powers were nurturing her to use her for their self-interest if she became popular, they added.

Foreign organizations did not pay attention to their works, said the former NLD youth members, denouncing those organizations’ stance that was to support a person only if he or she opposed the government. The stance was getting clearer, they added.

Su Su Nway was deeply involved in receiving foreign assistance that she had no turning back, the former NLD youth members noted, expressing concern for her future.

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The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago.

Second best time is now.

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Members of Shwegu Township NLD quit as they lose interest, faith in party and its leaders

Yangon, 12 Dec — Members of Shwegu Township National League for Democracy in Kachin State U Ar Gau and U Than Maung of Naunglatgyi village, U Myint Oo of Shilmulay village, U Htwe Maung of Naunglatgyi, U Net of Tali village, U Myint Naing and U Than Shwe of Sitta village resigned from the party of their own accord, sending their resignations to NLD Headquarters and authorities concerned on 16 November.

In the resignation letters sent to Shwegu Township Multiparty Democracy General Election Sub-commission; they said they quit the NLD as they lost interest and faith in the party and its leaders because the party never served the interests of the people and the State. — MNA

Some former NLD youth members criticize Su Su Nway, who is deeply involved in receiving foreign assistance that she has no turning back

Nay Pyi Taw, 12 Dec — Yesterday, some of the youths who are former members of the National League for Democracy and who once lived in the compound of the house of Daw Suu Kyi criticized Su Su Nway of Htamanaiing village, Kaymu Township, and the foreign countries that are providing assistance to her.

The former NLD youth members continued to say that after the 1988 unrest, they lived in the compound of Daw Suu Kyi as democracy activists; that during that time Su Su Nway was just a paddy transplanter at her village; and that she had no democracy background at all.

They said that the only thing Su Su Nway had done was the filing of a lawsuit against the chairman of the Ward Peace and Development Council; that her efforts could not match theirs in any way; that some powers taking advantage of the authorities’ show of consideration and sympathy for Su Su Nway, were trying to popularize her. It seemed that the powers were nurturing her to use her for their self-interest if she became popular, they added.

Foreign organizations did not pay attention to their works, said the former NLD youth members, denouncing those organizations’ stance that was to support a person only if he or she opposed the government. The stance was getting clearer, they added.

Su Su Nway was deeply involved in receiving foreign assistance that she had no turning back, the former NLD youth members noted, expressing concern for her future.

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The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago.

Second best time is now.
**TMW Tower of TMW Enterprise Ltd opened in Mandalay**

YANGON, Dec— The TMW Tower of the TMW Enterprise Ltd was opened at a ceremony held at the building at the corner of 82nd and 30th Street in East Aung San Township, Mandalay yesterday.

It was originally planned to run from 16 October to 24 November but later extended to 10 December. It was formally opened by Mandalay Mayor Brig.-Gen Phone Zaw Han, Managing Director U Wai Lwin of TMW Enterprise Ltd extended greetings.

Next, Mandalay Mayor Brig.-Gen Phone Zaw Han, Managing Director Mr Suyama of Sony Corporation, General Manager Mr Jeong Byeong Yun of LG Electric, General Manager Mr Fukuoka of Inax Corporation, General Manager David Yip of OTO Body Care and Managing Director U Wai Lwin of TMW Enterprise Ltd formally opened the building.

In the building are showrooms and service centres of Sony and LG. OTO Body Care, Focal Home Theatre and Excellence Creation Co. in commemoration of the opening ceremony various kinds of items of the showrooms will be sold at special prices up to 16 December, it is learnt.

**New generation junior golf tournament on 26, 27 December**

YANGON, Dec — The fifth new generation junior golf tournament, organized by Myanmar Golf Federation, will be held on 26 and 27 December instead of 20 and 21 December.

The golf tournament will be launched at Myanmar Golf Club (9th mile) golf course. The tournament will be divided into four classes-aged between (10-12), (13-15), (16-20) in the men’s event and aged between (10-18).

Handsome prizes will be awarded to winners after the tournament.

**Shweli Hydel Power Project on Shweli River in Namhkam Township, Shan State (North).**

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**Johannesburg**

**11 Dec**—HIV/AIDS plaguing more than 10 per cent of South African population has brought life expectancy in the country straight down to 51 years old from 64, reported South African newspaper Sunday Independent.

Life expectancy was expected to fall to a little above 50 by 2012 — 48 years for men and 52 years for women — on the assumption that half of the HIV/AIDS sufferers would have access to anti-retroviral treatment (ART).

Only one third of South African AIDS patients in urgent need of ART have been receiving the life-prolonging drug. The newspaper cited a study on the impact of HIV/AIDS which was recently released by the country’s Actuarial Society in association with the Centre for Actuarial Research and the Medical Research Council (MRC).

The study reported a 200-per-cent increase in deaths among women in the 30-39 age group from 1997 to 2002, with a 100-per-cent increase in male deaths.

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**Three Iraqi soldiers killed west of Baghdad**

**FALLUJAH** (Iraq), **11 Dec**—Three Iraqi soldiers were killed by a sniper near the restive city of Fallujah, some 50 Kilometres west of Baghdad, on Sunday, a local police source said.

“An insurgent sniper gunned down three Iraqi soldiers while they were conducting foot patrol in Saqlawiyah town near Fallujah at about 9:00 am (0600 GMT),” the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

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**Over 70,000 Nepali women working abroad**

**KATHMANDU**, **11 Dec**—Some 78,000 Nepali women in foreign employment are currently working in 65 different countries and areas of all over the world except for India, according a local study, which Xinhua received on Sunday.

A study on “Nepali Women and Migrant Labour” conducted by the National Institute for Development Studies (NIDS) under the assistance of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) shows that they bring in about 10 billion rupees (about 139 million US dollars) every year.

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**Eight confirmed dead in N-E China colliery flooding**

**FUXIN** (Liaoning), **11 Dec**—The death toll from a flooded colliery in northeast China has risen to eight after rescuers found the body of the last missing miner, the rescue headquarters said on Monday.

The body was recovered around 4:00 am Monday at Ping’an Coal Mine in the city of Fuxin, Liaoning Province, said Gao Minhui, a member of the rescue headquarters. The flooding occurred Thursday afternoon when ten miners were working underground. Two managed to escape, but eight others were trapped.

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**Singapore’s Tao Yi Jun competes in the women’s wushu taijiquan event at the Asian Games in Doha on 11 Dec, 2006.—INTERNET**

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Ancient global warming suggests high sensitivity to carbon dioxide

**Los Angeles, 11 Dec** — Global warming from 55 million years ago suggests that climates are highly sensitive to carbon dioxide, according to a study published in the latest issue of Science. Scientific studies show that a massive release of carbon into the atmosphere caused the ancient global warming event known as the Paleocene-Eocene Thermal Maximum (PETM) that began about 55 million years ago.

The resulting greenhouse effect heated the earth as a whole by about 5 degrees Fahrenheit (5 Celsius), the study said.

The PETM, which lasted about 170,000 years, warmed the oceans acidic, affecting plant and animal life, and saw the rise of our modern primate ancestors, according to the study by Mark Pagani, associate professor of geology and geophysics at Yale University.

"The PETM is a stunning example of carbon dioxide-induced global warming and stands in contrast to critics who argue that the Earth temperature is insensitive to increases in carbon dioxide," said Pagani.

A number of misses etiquette wait for a celebration to start in Binzhou, Shandong Province, on 8 Dec, 2006. — Xinhua

China’s output value in environmental protection to hit 880b yuan

**Beijing, 11 Dec** — Output value of China’s environmental protection industry will hit 880 billion yuan in 2010, contributing 3.4 per cent to the country’s gross domestic product (GDP).

Of the total output value, resource utilization, equipment manufacture and environmental services will account for 75 per cent, 13.6 per cent and 11.4 per cent, respectively, said Bi Junsheng, an official with the National Development and Reform Commission, on Saturday.

China plans to invest 1.4 trillion yuan in environmental protection from 2006 to 2010, said Bi. About 260 billion yuan of the fund will be invested in dangerous waste disposal, urban sewage treatment, power station desulphurization and natural reserves.

MNA/Xinhua

Int’l film festival provides tastes to Nepali audience

**Kathmandu, 11 Dec** — An international film festival in Kathmandu, capital of Nepal, has provided different tastes to Nepali audience. With the documentary "Chol" (A Stove, A Blouse and A Gun), Nepali filmmaker Subina Shrestha depicted Nepali women’s aspiration and efforts to emancipate from the feudal mindset of society.

The documentary was screened at the Kathmandu International Mountain Film Festival (KIMFF) being organized for the last four days. As many as 54 feature films and documentaries from 26 countries are being screened at the festival that has been taking place in the interval of every two years.

The Chinese feature film “Kekexili: Mountain Patrol” was also screened that has shown tireless and daring efforts of some Tibetan volunteers to save the endangered Tibetan antelopes from merciless poachers even if they have to lose their lives.

MNA/Xinhua

Arson suspected in Moscow hospital fire

**Moscow, 11 Dec** — A fire, believed to be an act of arson, at a Moscow drug rehabilitation clinic killed 45 inmates, mostly women, who were locked behind bars and could not escape.

The fire in the 17th Narcological Hospital in southwest Moscow, filled a women’s ward of the clinic No 17 in the city.

"It is 90 per cent arson," Russia’s ITAR-TASS news agency quoted the official as saying. "We have found the seat of fire and it is limited by an area of three square metres. Our laboratory is working at the conflagration scene and no technical equipment has been found at the site such as electric wiring, heating devices, etc. There was only a wooden closet there in which there was the seat of fire, which is indicative of arson," the fire inspection department head pointed out.

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**SPORTS**

**China breaks Japan’s gold-sweeping dream in women’s wrestling**

DOHA, 12 Dec—Japanese women wrestlers’ dream of grand slam was smashed as the Chinese Olympic champion Wang Xu beat Hamaguchi Kyoko to claim the women’s freestyle 72kg title at the Doha Asian Games on Monday.

Wang, who won the final by a point of 3-1, was the only non-Japanese champion as the gold medals of 48kg, 55kg and 63kg freestyle were bagged by three Japanese women, namely Chiharu Icho, Saori Yoshida and Kaori Icho.

The 21-year-old Chinese did not give up easily for the start of the women’s 800m freestyle final during the USA Swimming National Championships in Irvine, California.

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**Malaysian breaks Asian Games cycling record**

DOHA, 12 Dec—Josiah Ng Oon Lam of Malaysia broke the Asian Games record of the men’s sprint in the qualifying stage at the 15th Asian cycling tournament on Monday.

Josiah dashed out the starting line with his superior skills of keeping next to the sprinter’s line, the shortest distance on the track.

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**South Korea’s Lee ends China’s dominance**

DOHA, 12 Dec—South Korea’s Lee Min Hye broke the Asian Games record to win the women’s 5-kilometre individual pursuit and China’s long-time dominance in the event here on Monday.

Lee led from the start to cover the 3km race in three minutes 44.146 seconds, beating the Asian Games record by 0.073 seconds.

"I feel like I’m flying in the sky. I want to continue setting the Asian record and join the world stage after this," said Lee.

Lee thus ended China’s perfect winning streak in this event over the past four Asian Games.

"In the qualifying round, I beat the Chinese riders, so I have expected today’s performance," added Lee.

Li Meifang of China won the silver in 3:45.870, while her teammate Wang Li took the bronze in 3:49.489. "I did not get used to the track because my main sport was on the road. I have not prepared well for this," said Li.

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**Malaysia’s Wang Lei snatches men’s individual epee gold**

DOHA, 12 Dec—China’s top fencer Wang Lei snatched the men’s individual epee gold after beating his compatriot Xie Yongjun 15-8 at the 15th Asian Games.

Wang and Xie advanced into the final after eliminating Yaghoubian Ali of Iran and Kim Seung Gu of South Korea in their semifinal bouts.

Wang, silver medallist at the 2002 World Championships, eased into a 8-4 lead by the first break. In the second three minutes, though Xie tried to came back, Wang held his form to finish the bout 15-8.

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**S Korean archer Park claims Asiad women’s individual title**

DOHA, 12 Dec—South Korean archer Park Sung Hyun, the double winner of the Athens Olympics, claimed her first Asiad individual title despite stiff and shifting winds here on Monday.

The 23-year-old Park outshot her compatriot Yun Ok Hee in the gold medal match with 95-91, Yun, the individual winner of the World Cup in Shanghai this year, took the silver medal.

"I estimate that the wind this afternoon travelled 8km per hour, sometimes even faster than that," said Tian Yuling, the coach of the China’s women team.

"We seldom saw such low scores. You know, the South Koreans normally can collect more than 110 points from 12 arrows."

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**Uzbekistan snatches men’s C1 1000m gold**

DOHA, 12 Dec—Uzbekistan’s Vadim Menkov snatched the gold medal in the men’s C1 1000m of canoe and kayak competition at the Doha Asian Games here on Monday.

Vadim Menkov caught up with the first 250m leader Yevgeny Bezhran of Kazakhstan and led the way to finish the race in minutes four and 57.815 seconds, followed by Bezhran in 4:58.571.

Japan’s Taizo Ambo took the bronze in 5:08.883, while Olympic champion Yang Wenjun of China settled fifth in 5:20.247.

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**Saudi Arabia wins equestrian gold in team jumping**

DOHA, 12 Dec—Saudi Arabia (KSA) claimed their first Asiad equestrian gold medal in the team jumping event in Doha on Monday.

Sydney Olympic bronze medallist Khaled Al Eid led the team to beat South Koreans to the runners-up as the bronze medal went to the riders from the United Arab Emirates.

The KSA team scored only four penalty points overall as Kamal Bahaman and Abdullah Sharbatly jumped clear in round two with Al Eid and Price Abdullah Al Saud ranking with clean scores from both rounds.

"All team members showed their abilities though being under big pressure. They knew that there were quite a lot of people watching them, even members of the Saudi Royal Family. But the riders did good job,” said KSA team manager Van Jeserl of the Netherlands.
Malaysia seeks natural cures to fight pathogen

KUALA LUMPUR, 12 Dec — Malaysia has joined the international efforts to look to nature for cures where chemical or synthetic drugs have failed, local newspaper reported on Monday.

Drugs for Neglected Diseases Initiative (DNDI) to fight pathogens that developed a resistance to modern drugs. Their job will focus on identifying new compounds in marine, plant and other biological material, said a New Straits Times report.

Malaysian Institute of Pharmaceuticals and Nutraceuticals director Mohamed Isa Abd Majid said the problem in conventional medicine is the resistance that pathogens have developed over time.

“In order for us to come up with new and effective drugs, we have to go back to nature. It is like taking one step back to move two steps forward,” he was quoted as saying on Sunday at a DNDI con-ference in Putrajaya.

Malaysia decided to collaborate with DNDI as the country is one of 12 mega-biodiversity sites in the world and could offer its natural resources for medical cures, said Mohamed Isa.

The collaboration will also help Malaysia achieve its own goals under the National Biotechnology Policy to enhance capacity in research and development.

Neglected diseases refer to those diseases which threaten the majority of the world’s population but for which little research and funding has been invested. — MNA/иноха

WEATHER

Tuesday, 12 December, 2006

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, except for the isolated light rain in Taninthayi Division and weather has been generally fair in the whole country. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below normal in Chin, Rakhine States and Upper Sagaing and Magway Divisions and (3°C) above normal in Taninthayi Division, (5°C) above normal in Shan and Mon States and about normal in the remaining areas. The significant night temperature was Haka (1°C).

Maximum temperature on 11-12-2006 was 97°F. Minimum temperature on 12-12-2006 was 69°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 12-12-2006 was 79%. Total sunshine hours on 11-12-2006 was (8.3) hours approx.

Rainfalls on 12-12-2006 were (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2006 were (98.46) inches at Mingaladon and (111.61) inches at Kaba-Aye and (116.69) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (9) mph from Southeast at 08:15 hours MST on 12-12-2006.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 13-12-2006: Rain are likely to be isolated in Kachin State and Taninthayi Division and weather will be partly cloudy in Mon, Kayin States, Ayeawady and Yangon Divisions and generally fair in the remaining states and divisions. Degree of certainty is (60%).

State of the Sea: Seas will be slightly to moderate in Myanmar waters.

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

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 13-12-2006: Fair weather.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 13-12-2006: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 13-12-2006: Fair weather.

An Indonesian employee checks new cars at Toyota Motor Manufacturing stockyard in Jakarta on 11 Dec, 2006. Toyota Motor Manufacturing Indonesia, the local arm of the world’s second largest automaker, Toyota Motor Co, said on Monday it is aiming to boost exports by 12 per cent to $952 million this year. — INTERNET

8:15 am
7. Radio 6: International news
8:25 am
8. Nice and sweet song
8:30 am
9. International news
8:45 am
10. Let’s go
9:00 pm
1. Martial song
4:15 pm
2. Song to uphold National Spirit.
4:30 pm
3. Practice in Reading
4:45 pm
4. ལ་བོ་མོ་ གནས་བཟོར་ལོག་ རྒྱ་མཚོ་ དབྱུར་ཆད་པའི་ རྩོམ་(འབྲོ་བོ་བོ་)
5:00 pm
5. Song of national races
5:15 pm
6. ཀྲོད་ཀྱུ་ གནས་བཟོར་ལོག་ རྒྱ་མཚོ་ དབྱུར་ཆད་པའི་ རྩོམ་(འབྲོ་བོ་བོ་)
5:25 pm
7. གདུན་པ་ གནས་བཟོར་ལོག་ རྒྱ་མཚོ་ དབྱུར་ཆད་པའི་ རྩོམ་(འབྲོ་བོ་བོ་)
5:35 pm
8. Classical song
5:45 pm
9. ཆུ་ཐོས་ གནས་བཟོར་ལོག་ རྒྱ་མཚོ་ དབྱུར་ཆད་པའི་ རྩོམ་(འབྲོ་བོ་བོ་)
6:00 pm
10. Evening news
6:30 pm
11. Weather report
6:35 pm
12. ར་བོས་ གནས་བཟོར་ལོག་ རྒྱ་མཚོ་ དབྱུར་ཆད་པའི་ རྩོམ་(འབྲོ་བོ་བོ་)
7:05 pm
13. Guinness World Records
7:20 pm
14. རང་སྟོང་ གནས་བཟོར་ལོག་ རྒྱ་མཚོ་ དབྱུར་ཆད་པའི་ རྩོམ་(འབྲོ་བོ་བོ་)
7:35 pm
15. The mirror images of the musical oldies
7:45 pm
16. གཅིག་ གནས་བཟོར་ལོག་ རྒྱ་མཚོ་ དབྱུར་ཆད་པའི་ རྩོམ་(འབྲོ་བོ་བོ་)
8:00 pm
17. News
18. International news.
20. Myanmar movie: ཆུ་ཐོས་ གནས་བཟོར་ལོག་ རྒྱ་མཚོ་ དབྱུར་ཆད་པའི་ རྩོམ་(འབྲོ་བོ་བོ་)
21. The next day’s programme
8:45 pm
9. National news/ Slogan
9:00 am
10. Official news/ Slogan
9:05 am
11. International news
9:10 am
12. Music: Take on me
1:30 pm
13. News/ Slogan
1:40 pm
14. Lunch time music
2:00 pm
15. She’s my girl
2:15 pm
16. Hello
2:30 pm
17. Evance
2:45 pm
18. Am I the only one...Mare Anthony
3:00 pm
19. Variations on a tune
3:15 pm
20. Uptown girl
3:30 pm
21. Instrumental, Westlife
9:15 pm
22. Article
9:25 pm
23. Music at your request
9:45 pm
24. News / Slogan
Delegate Groups’ meetings held at Nyaunghnapin Camp

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Dec — The group meetings of Delegate Group of National Races, Delegate Group of Workers and Delegate Group of State Service Personnel were held at the designated places in Nyaunghnapin Camp, Hmawby this morning.

At the meeting, U Maung Hla (a) U Hla Myint of Tanimthaiy Division presided over the meeting together with U Manh Ohn Maung of Kayin State, U Kyaw Din (a) U Htay Hla of Kayah State, Du War Zoak Khaung of Shan State (North) and U Aung Zan Wa of Rakine State. Deputy Director U Tin Maung Oo of NCC Work Committee Office acted as master of ceremonies and Assistant Director U Ye Lwin, co-MC.

First, the master of ceremonies declared the meeting valid as the attendance accounted for 80.36 per cent. Next, the meeting chairman made a speech on the occasion.

Next, delegates U Sai Paung Nat of Shan State, U Myo Tint of Magway Division, U Be Taw Zaung and U Hla Tun Kyaw of Rakhine State read out the proposal to be submitted to NCC Work Committee to lay down the detailed basic principles of the chapters on Amendment of Constitution, State Flag, State Seal, National Anthem, the Capital, Transitory Provisions and General Provisions to be included in drafting the State Constitution.

Afterwards, the meeting chairman made conclusion remarks.

Delegate Group of Workers

Similarly, the Delegate Group of Workers held its group meeting at the meeting hall-5 in Nyaunghnapin Camp, Hmawby Township at 9 am today.

At the meeting, U Bo Thein (Taungdwin Bo Thein) of Kengtung of Shan State (East) presided over the meeting together with Dr Myo Thant Tin of Ahlon township of Yangon Division and Dr Tin Aung Win of Nyaungshwe. — MNA

River water diverted to Shweli Power Project

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Dec — Shweli Hydel Power Project in Namkmam Township, Shan State (North), started to store water from Shweli River on 10 December.

Chairman of Shan State (North) Peace and Development Council Commander of North-East Command Brig-Gen Aung Than Htut, Minister for Electric Power-1 Col Zaw Min and President of Yunan United Power Development Ltd Mr Huang Guangming officially opened the diversion tunnel of the dam.

The project is located on Shweli River in Namkmam Township and 42% of construction work have been completed. Upon completion, the project is expected to generate 3,022 million kilowatt hours in a year.

After the opening ceremony, the commander and party inspected construction work of the project and gave instruction on work site safety and timely completion of the work.

Commander Brig-Gen Aung Than Htut and Joint Secretary-General of Union Solidarity and Development Association Col Zaw Min also met with local USDA members at the USDA office in Lashio. — MNA

The Union Solidarity and Development Association has been constantly conducting various courses, including special management courses for executives, in order to hone the skills and abilities of its members. Therefore, the members have come to realize the essence of unity and peace and the value of Myanmar society and national sovereignty. — MNA

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U Maung Hla (a) U Hla Myint delivers an address at group meeting of Delegate Group of National Races. — MNA

Commander of North-East Command Brig-Gen Aung Than Htut delivers an address at a ceremony to divert Shweli River water to Shweli Hydel Power Project. — MNA