

The NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR

Volume XV, Number 269

3rd Waxing of Pyatho 1369 ME

Thursday, 10 January, 2008

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

Commission for Drafting the State Constitution holds meeting



Chief Justice U Aung Toe delivers an address at meeting No 4/2008 of the Commission for Drafting the State Constitution. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Jan — The meeting (4/2008) of the Commission for Drafting the State Constitution was held at the meeting hall of the commission, here, today.

Chairman of the

Commission for Drafting the State Constitution Chief Justice U Aung Toe presided over the meeting while Secretary Dr Thaug Myint acted as MC. The chairman made an opening speech. Af-

terwards, group leaders and deputy leaders of the commission explained measures taken by the respective groups.

Then, thorough discussions were held and suggestions made, re-

garding the draft constitution submitted by the members of the commission.

Later, the chairman

of the commission gave concluding remarks.

Also present at the meeting were Vice-Chairman of the commis-

sion Attorney-General U Aye Maung, the secretary, the joint-secretary and commission members. — MNA

China donates water pumps

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Jan — Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation and Chinese Embassy held a ceremony to hand over twenty sets of water pumps at Water Resources Utilization Department of the ministry here yesterday.

Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo delivered an address and Economic and Commercial Counsellor Mr Tang Hai of Chinese Embassy to Myanmar explained the purposes of the donation.

Economic and Commercial

Counsellor Mr Tang Hai of Chinese Embassy to Myanmar and Director-General U Hla Myint of the Water Resources Utilization Department signed the agreement and exchanged the documents.

Out of 20, 11 pumps will be installed at Myitkyo Hydropower project in Myanaung Township in Ayeyawady Division, seven at Kyeywa Hydropower project in Pakokku Township and two at Minywa Hydropower project in Yesagyo Township in Magway.

MNA .



Dr Tin Aung Aye, Member of the Commission for Drafting the State Constitution. — MNA



Dr Than Nyun, Member of the Commission for Drafting the State Constitution. — MNA

Emergence of the State Constitution is the duty of all citizens of Myanmar Naing-Ngan.

PERSPECTIVES

Thursday, 10 January, 2008

Increasing investment in health for longevity of people

Health is a state of physical, mental, and social well-being. Good health enables people to enjoy life and have the opportunity to achieve their goals. Society as a whole reaps the benefits from people's good health. For that reason, many governments and organizations strive to improve the health of their peoples. The government strives to promote better health of the people throughout the country such as the opening of new specialist hospitals, general hospitals and teaching ones and providing better health care services including modern diagnosis equipment and hospital equipment.

Universities of medicine and health universities have been opened for progress of medical science and turning out qualified human resources.

The 200-acre National Herbal Park of international level was opened near Nay Pyi Taw-Taungnyo Road recently with the aim of producing potent medicines to be used in curing six major common diseases in the country.

In the herbal park the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, the Ministry of Forestry and the Ministry of Health grow altogether 24,831 medicinal plants of 719 species for production of vaccines for cholera, dysentery, hypertension, diabetes, malaria and tuberculosis.

Research works are being conducted for production of new medicines and finding out new therapies with the use of medicinal plants for progress of Myanmar traditional medicine. Concerted efforts are being made for production of potent medicines and finding out effective therapies for the diseases that cannot be cured by western medicines.

No doubt, the health standard of the national people will improve gradually as the government increases its health investment in the fight against diseases for longevity of the people and for their well-being.

နိုင်ငံတော်အစိုးရဌာနပိုင် မော်တော်ယာဉ်မသုံးစွဲရနေ

လစဉ် လ၏ ဒုတိယပတ် (တနင်္ဂနွေနေ့) နှင့် နောက်ဆုံးပတ် (တနင်္ဂနွေနေ့) တို့သည် ရုံးလုပ်ငန်းအတွက် မဖြစ်မနေသွားလာရန် လိုအပ်သည့်ကိစ္စရပ်များမှအပ မော်တော်ယာဉ်များ မသုံးစွဲရနေ ဖြစ်သည်။

၂၀၀၈-ခုနှစ် ဇန်နဝါရီလအတွက်

(၁၃-၁-၂၀၀၈) ရက်နေ့

နှင့်

(၂၇-၁-၂၀၀၈) ရက်နေ့

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

Deputy Minister inspects hospitals in Bago Division (West)

YANGON, 9 Jan — Deputy Minister for Health Dr Paing Soe held a meeting with the head of the Health Department of Bago Division (West), medical superintendent and specialists, doctors, nurses and hospital staff at the Pyay General Hospital yesterday. He then inspected the patient ward, X-ray room and Pathology and the newly-built intensive care ward and equipments.

The Deputy Minister also met the trainees of Nursing and Mid-Wifery training school at the hospital and inspected the training school.

He next looked into the Traditional Medicine Hospital in Pyay, Thayawady District hospital, Gyobingok



Deputy Minister Dr Paing Soe meeting with trainees of Nursing and Mid-Wifery Training School in Pyay.— MNA

hospital, Shwe Taung Township Hospital and Taikkyi Township Hospital.—MNA

Mayor inspects upgrading of Hlawga road construction

YANGON, 9 Jan— Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, accompanied by Secretary U Aung Than Win and officials,

inspected upgrading of 5600-foot long and 24-foot wide Hlawga road section that is from Pyidaungsu junction to Maungmagan junction in Dagon Myothit (South) Township, here, this morning.

The mayor looked into progress in upgrading the road section and constructions tasks. He gave instructions on speedy measures for timely completion of the road construction to meet the set standards and minimizing waste and loss and attended to the requirements of the road construction.

MNA



Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin inspects paving of Hlawga Road in Dagon Myothit (South) Township. — MNA

MCBA holds annual meeting

YANGON, 6 Jan — Myanmar Customs Brokers Association conducted the 11th Annual Meeting of the association at UMFCI Office Tower in Lanmadaw Township on 30 December.

At the meeting, the annual report of the association and budget of the executive committee of the association for the 2006-2007 were approved and 15 new executive committee members for the next two-year term of the association were named.

Chairman of MCBA U Myo Thant, Director-General of the Customs Department U San Thaung and President U Win

Myint of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry delivered addresses at the meeting.

The meeting ended with concluding remarks by Chairman U Myo Thant.

MNA



Director-General U San Thaung delivers an address at 11th annual meeting of Myanmar Customs Brokers Association. — UMFCI

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Sharif asks party members to step up campaign

LAHORE (Pakistan), 9 Jan — Pakistani former prime minister Nawaz Sharif on Monday called on members of his PML-N party to step up campaigning for the upcoming general elections scheduled for 18 February.

Sharif made the calling here after a high level meeting of Pakistan Muslim League (PML-N), which is expected to chalk out the party's strategy for the national and provincial assembly elections.

Addressing a Press conference, Sharif said his party would deploy youth supporters at the polling stations to prevent the rigging of the elections.

President Pervez

Musharraf, who resigned the post of Army chief in late November and took oath as a civilian president, has pledged free and fair elections. The elections were initially scheduled for 8 January but delayed for 40 days due to violence in the aftermath of Benazir Bhutto's assassination on

27 December.

Sharif blamed what he described as "brink of crisis" in Pakistan on the political and economic policies and called for the establishment of a national unity government to replace the caretaker government.

MNA/Xinhua

Clinton vows to continue US presidential battle

WASHINGTON, 9 Jan — Her front-runner status gone, Democrat Hillary Clinton said on Monday she will continue to battle for her party's nomination for the November US presidential election even if she loses the crucial

New Hampshire primary.

A Reuters/C-SPAN/Zogby poll released on Monday showed Clinton, a New York senator and former first lady, trailing Barack Obama by 10 points in New Hampshire, which

holds its primary on Tuesday.

Obama, a senator from Illinois bidding to make history as the first Black US president, has been capitalizing on his surprise win last week in the Iowa caucuses. Clinton, who for months was the front-runner among Democratic candidates, came in third in the Iowa vote behind Obama and former North Carolina Senator John Edwards.

MNA/Reuters

Commuters walk through Moscow's newest downtown metro station, Strogino, on 8 Jan, 2008. The Strogino metro station, situated in the western outskirts of the city, is the 175th station on Moscow's metro system and extends the already existing Arbatsko-Pokrovskaya metro line.—INTERNET

Laos to host Mekong summit in March

HANOI, 9 Jan—Laos is making preparations for the Third Summit of the Greater Mekong Sub-region (GMS) slated for 28-31 March in Vientiane capital, Lao newspaper *Vientiane Times* reported Monday.

Leaders from GSM members—Laos, Vietnam, Cambodia, Thailand, Myanmar and China—as well as representatives from the Asian Development

Bank will meet at the summit to promote economic, social, cultural, tourism and environmental cooperation within the region.

MNA/Xinhua

A visitor looks at an ice sculpture at an exhibition in Rostock, northern Germany, on 8 Jan, 2008.—INTERNET

ASEAN's new Secretary-General assumes

JAKARTA, 8 Jan—Thailand's former foreign minister Dr Surin Pitsuwa assumed the post of Secretary-General of the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) here Monday, succeeding Ong Keng Yong, whose term ended on 31 December 2007.

Surin Pitsuwan's five-year tenure will be from 1 January, 2008 to 31 December, 2012. His appointment was for-

mally endorsed by the ASEAN leaders at the 13th ASEAN summit in Singapore in November 2007. Dr Surin received his MA and Ph D in Political Science and Middle Eastern Studies from Harvard University.

Upon his return from the United States, he spent almost ten years teaching at the Faculty of Political Science at Thammasart University, Bangkok, Thailand. In

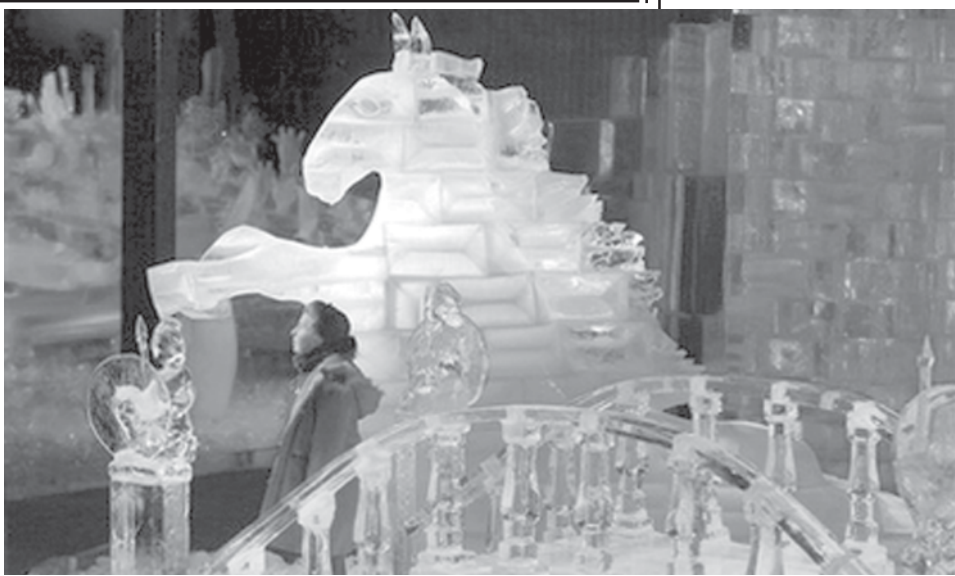
1986, Dr Surin ran for a Parliamentary seat in his home town, Nakorn Sri Thammarat. He has been returned to Parliament eight times since 1986.

Dr Surin was appointed Minister of Foreign Affairs of Thailand from 1997-2001. He served as Chair of the ASEAN Ministerial Meeting and the ASEAN Regional Forum from 1999-2000.

MNA/Xinhua



Musicians from a military band perform as fireworks explode during a ceremony to mark the triumph of the revolution in Cotorro, outskirts of Havana, on 8 Jan, 2008. —INTERNET



Iran has no plan to normalize ties with US

TEHERAN, 8 Jan—Iran has no immediate plan to normalize relations with the United States, Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman Mohammad-Ali Hosseini told reporters during his weekly briefing on Sunday. "Due to continuation of hostile US policies against Iran, Teheran has no programme

for normalizing ties with Washington and that is not in our agenda," Hosseini said. He apparently intended to clarify remarks by Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei who said on Thursday that he was willing to restore diplomatic relations with the United States but doing so now would endanger

Iran's security.

Khamenei was quoted by state media as telling a student group meeting in the central Iranian province of Yazd that now it is not the appropriate time to resume diplomatic ties with the United States since it cannot "benefit" Iranian people.

MNA/Xinhua



Malaysia's Prime Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi (R) shakes hands with visiting India's Defence Minister A K Antony in Putrajaya on 8 Jan, 2008. INTERNET

California struggling to restore power

LOS ANGELES, 8 Jan—Utility crews across California worked overnight to restore electrical service to customers left without power due to a storm lashing the region, officials said Sunday.

During the first wave of the storm Friday night and early Saturday, more than one million households in California lost power. In Los Angeles, about 50,000 households were affected by the power outage, said Kim Hughes, spokesman, of the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power. But all those outages were fixed as of 7 am on Sunday, Hughes said. “There are only a few minor individual jobs being completed, but all circuit and neighbourhood outages from the first two have been restored,” Hughes said. —MNA/Xinhua



Photo taken on 8 Jan, 2008 shows sculptures depicting Anhui ink making process in ancient China, at the Anhui Culture Museum in Huangshan, eastern China's Anhui province. —INTERNET

British Army accused of glamorizing war in its adverts

LONDON, 8 Jan—The British Army is targeting children as young as seven with a glamorous portrayal of warfare, a report said on Monday.

The Army, strapped for new recruits partly as a result of the negative publicity about conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan, is going into schools promoting the “action man” side of a military career rather than the realities, said the report funded by the Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust.

Britain is the only European Union country which allows children as young as 16 to be recruited, it noted.

“Marketing to children below recruitment age commonly glamorizes warfare,” the report said.

“Minors are especially vulnerable to joining the Armed Forces without due consideration of the risks.”

The report, “Informed Choice? Armed Forces and Recruitment Practice in the UK”, calls for a more balanced depiction of Army life to be given and for the minimum age of recruitment to be raised to 17. The Ministry of Defence said it does not target under-16s but goes into schools to promote its work in an increasingly competitive job market.

“Armed Forces careers must compete against other potential employers in a competitive environment and it is right that they have the opportunity to recruit people when

they are legally able to leave school,” a spokesman said. “The single-service schools teams visit about 1,000 schools a year between them — only at the invitation of the school — with the aim of raising the general awareness of their Armed Forces in society, not to recruit.”

MNA/Reuters

Malaysia keen to reduce dependence on foreign labourers

KUALA LUMPUR, 8 Jan —The Malaysian Government is considering ways to reduce the number of foreign labourers, especially in the construction and industrial sectors, local Press reported on Monday.

The government was concerned over the number of foreign workers which stands at about two million in the country and wanted to reduce it, *The Star* quoted Malaysian Human Resources Minister Fong Chan Onn as saying.

One approach is to push for a pre-fabrication building to reduce manual labourers at worksites, Fong said.

MNA/Xinhua

Chinese Defence Minister meets with Singaporean guest

BEIJING, 8 Jan—Chinese Defence Minister Cao Gangchuan met here Monday with Chiang Chie Foo, permanent secretary of the Singaporean Defence Ministry, and both sides discussed cooperation in the defence field.

Cao said China is

satisfied with the good momentum of bilateral relations and will make joint efforts with Singapore to drive forward relations between the countries and Armed forces.

Chiang Chie Foo, who is here attending the first China-Singapore defence

policy dialogue held Monday, said he hoped both countries could expand exchanges and cooperation in the defence area.

Chiang spoke highly of current bilateral state and military relations, saying Singapore seeks to deepen the friendly cooperation between the two defence ministries.

Chiang reiterated the Singaporean Government's one-China stance. —MNA/Xinhua

Ecuador, Venezuela to explore gas in Guayaquil Gulf

QUITO, 8 Jan—Energy ministers from Ecuador and Venezuela Monday signed a statement of intent to begin gas exploration in the Gulf of Guayaquil.

Ecuadorean Energy Minister Galo Chiriboga said that state company Petroleos de Venezuela would assume exploration costs of 150 million US dollars. If exploration finds nothing, “there is no risk for Ecuador, but if the exploration comes up positive, the exploitation process will be negotiated”, he said.

The Navy Oceanography Institute will probably do the seismic studies, he added.

MNA/Xinhua

Flood water in Monon, Indiana on 8 Jan, 2008. Heavy rain and melting snow pushed Indiana rivers and streams over their banks Tuesday, with floodwaters killing at least three people, including two children in an SUV that plunged into several feet of water. —INTERNET



Vietnam eyes bigger realized foreign capital in 2008

HANOI, 8 Jan—Vietnam has targeted 5.5-6 billion US dollars in realized foreign direct investment (FDI) this year, up from 4.6 billion dollars last year, local newspaper *Vietnam Investment Review* reported Monday.

Foreign-invested enterprises in Vietnam are forecast to make total revenues of 38.8 billion in 2008, up 16.5 per cent against 2007. They are also predicted to gain export turnovers of 24.3 billion dollars this year,

up 21.5 per cent over last year.

To attain the six-billion dollar target, Vietnam will remove obstacles preventing foreign investors from putting their promise into reality, including weakness in infrastructure network, shortage of skilled workers, incomplete investment legal framework, and absence of overseas investment promotion offices.

Phan Huu Thang, head of the Foreign Investment Agency under Vietnam's

Ministry of Planning and Investment said the country's attraction of registered FDI capital in 2008 would as bright as 2007 on the back of the nation's continued political stability and sustained economic growth.

Vietnam lured a record FDI of 20.3 billion dollars in 2007, bringing the total registered capital to 83 billion dollars with 8,590 operational FDI projects by the end of the year.

MNA/Xinhua



Jia Qinglin (L), chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, views Chinese paintings in an exhibition in Beijing, capital of China, on 8 Jan, 2008. —XINHUA

Lao Airlines launches route to Chinese city

HANOI, 8 Jan—Lao Airlines opened a new route between the World Heritage town of Luang Prabang and Kunming, capital city of China's Yunnan Province to meet the need of growing tourism in the region, Lao newspaper *Vientiane Times* reported Monday.

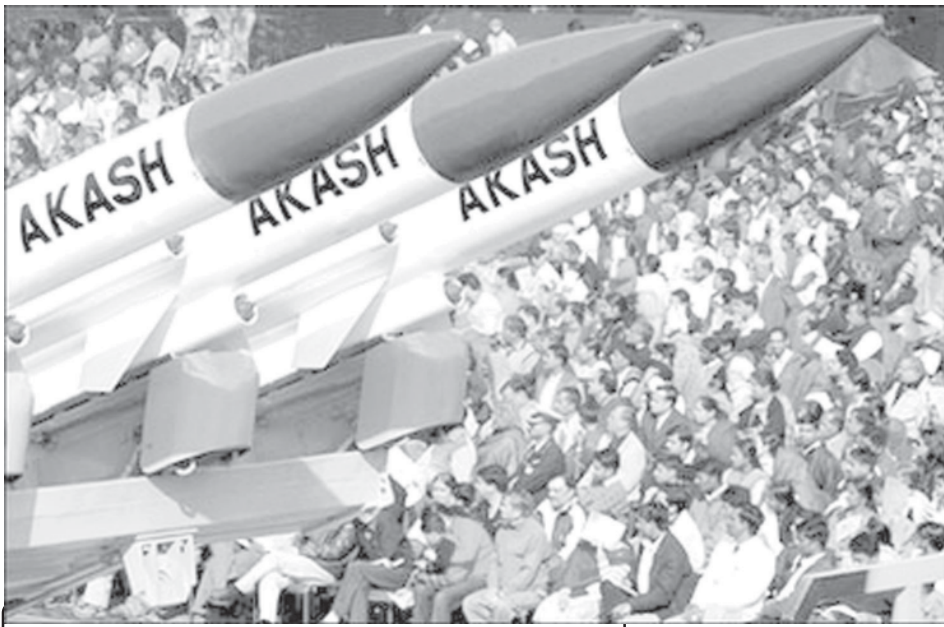
"The opening of this new route (on 5 January) will mean we can better meet the demand and change in the tourism industry, as more tourists

become interested in travelling to the region," said the deputy director of the airline Leuy Bounbandit.

In 2007, Luang Prabang Province, home to the World Heritage site, welcomed 320,000 visitors, including 195,175 foreigners, and generated tourism revenues of about 80 million US dollars, said deputy head of the Provincial Tourism Administration, Khamtanh Somphanvilay.

The province is expected to receive 500,000 visitors in 2010, 650,000 visitors in 2015 and 800,000 visitors in 2020, and gain tourism revenues of more than 200 million dollars in 2020, he said. Now, Lao Airlines operates four flights a week between Vientiane capital and Kunming. The carrier, currently having three aircraft, plans to purchase a new MA60 plane in the near future.

Lao Airlines transported 251,000 passengers in 2005, over 275,000 in 2006, and 330,000 passengers in 2007, the newspaper said.—MNA/Xinhua



File photo shows Indian spectators watching as short-range Akash missiles are displayed during a military parade in New Delhi. India will develop an indigenous defence system to intercept and destroy ballistic missiles by 2010, a defence official said.—INTERNET

China's Customs revenue in 2007 hits record high

BEIJING, 8 Jan—China's Customs revenue reached a record 758.46 billion yuan in 2007, up 24.3 per cent year-on-year, the General Administration of Customs (GAC) said on Monday.

The Customs revenue increased partly because of the increase of imports, which were up 20.5 per cent to 865.5 billion US dollars during the first 11 months of last year.

The Customs revenue from telecommunication equipment, integrated circuits, television receivers and printing machines rose considerably due to the increase in imports of these products, the

administration said.

More imports of high-end cars and SUVs, and rising prices of imported staple goods such as copper, nickel and other metals also contributed to the revenue rise, it explained.

MNA/Xinhua

Japan's domestic new vehicle sales slide to 35-year low

TOKYO, 8 Jan—Japan's domestic sales of new vehicles slid for the fourth year in a row to 3,433,829 units in 2007, marking a year on year decrease of 7.6 per cent and reaching a new record low since 1972, the Japan Automobile Dealers Association said Monday.

The industry body attributed the loss to continued surges of fuel price in the international market and Japan's falling birthrate.

MNA/Xinhua

ECONOMIC NEWS

Iran cuts natural gas supply to Turkey

ANKARA, 8 Jan—Iran began to cut short natural gas supply to Turkey as of early Monday, but local officials said there was no serious problem for now, the semi-official *Anatolia* news agency reported.

Officials of Turkish Petroleum Pipeline Corp (Botas) said that they have taken necessary measures to make sustain the gas supply to industry and

residents.

However, Energy & Natural Resources Minister Hilmi Guler said on Sunday that Iran had reduced daily gas supply as of last week due to cold weather, noting that Ukraine also dropped the amount of natural

gas it pumped to Turkey.

"We will solve the problem by all means. We will hold talks with Iranian officials and draw gas from our storage depots," Guler was quoted as saying.

MNA/Xinhua

The 4.2 inch Motorola mobile TV DH01 is on display at the 2008 Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas.

INTERNET



Bangladesh to set up seven rental power plants in 2009

DHAKA, 8 Jan— Bangladesh will set up seven rental power plants in 2009 with a total electricity generation capacity of 260 megawatts to mitigate the electricity crisis across the country. The council committee on the government purchase Sunday approved the setting up of the seven rental power plants by private entrepreneurs, local newspaper *The*

Financial Express reported Monday.

“These power plants must start producing electricity within 120 days of signing of the agreements,” Finance and Planning Adviser AB Mirza Azizul Islam told reporters after the meeting.

The finance adviser, who chaired the meeting, hoped that electricity generation from these

plants would be added to the national grid before the next summer.

“Power purchase agreements with the concerned entrepreneurs would be signed by 15 January next,” Power Division Secretary M Fouzul Kabir Khan said.

Of the seven rental power plants, five are gas fired and two are liquid fuel-based.

MNA/Xinhua

Foreign firms to build Vietnam’s second oil refinery

HANOI, 8 Jan— Companies from Thailand, China, Australia, Malaysia and the United Kingdom will develop a multi-billion US-dollar crude oil refining and petrochemical complex with annual capacity of 7-8.4 million tons of crude oil in Vietnam’s central Thanh Hoa Province, according to local newspaper *Vietnam Investment Review* on Monday.

Following a memorandum of agreement signed by the provincial authorities and Thailand-based Saha Regal Best in late 2007, the Thai firm and its partners — China’s Kunming No 1 Construction and Engineering,

Australia’s Leighton Holdings, Honeywell Limited and Global Union, Malaysia’s Transkon Group, and the UK’s Jardin Lloyd Thompson

— want to develop the Nghi Son complex which will produce liquefied gas, unleaded petrol, kerosene, jet fuel, diesel and asphalt.

MNA/Xinhua



Polar bear cub Knut walks in an enclosure in Berlin zoo on 9 April, 2007. Knut, born on 5 Dec, 2006, had to be hand fed by a zoo employee after its mother Tosca refused the baby. —XINHUA

Nepal to set up SAARC food bank

KATHMANDU, 8 Jan—The Nepali Parliament has endorsed the intergovernmental agreement to establish the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) food bank, local media reported on Monday.

According to nepalnews.com website report, Minister for Industry, Commerce and Supplies Shyam Sundar Gupta had presented a proposal for Parliament’s approval to the agreement, which was passed recently by the Cabinet.

The agreement to establish SAARC food bank as adopted by the SAARC during its 14th Summit held in New Delhi in April last year. The food bank will net as a regional food security reserve for the SAARC member countries during normal time food shortages and emergencies, and provide regional support to national food security efforts, foster inter-country partnerships and regional integration, and solve regional food shortages through collective action.

Nepal will contribute to the 241,580 tons of food reserve with 4,000 tons of food grains.

MNA/Xinhua

Uganda announces oil refinery plans

KAMPALA, 8 Jan — President Yoweri Museveni has announced plans to construct an oil refinery, a first step toward lessening Uganda’s reliance on foreign fuel.

“We intend to construct a mini-refinery, in Hoima, using the petroleum products there,” Museveni said on state-owned television, late on Sunday.

“This refinery will commence its operations in mid-2009, with the production of Heavy Fuel Oil, paraffin and diesel.”

Last year, Uganda discovered oil deposits at Hoima, 250 kilometres (150 miles) north western Uganda near Lake Albert.

Museveni has come under strong criticism as the country has no fuel reserves.

The political crisis in neighbouring Kenya highlighted Uganda’s exposure to fuel disruptions as election-related violence choked off supplies of fuel and petroleum products from Kenya’s Indian Ocean port to landlocked countries such as Uganda, Burundi, Rwanda and south Sudan. — MNA/Reuters



An engraved Zune Media Player is displayed during the Consumer Electronics Show (CES) in Las Vegas, Nevada on 8 Jan, 2008. Customers can select from a choice of colours, 4 lines of text, and up to 27 original illustrations from 18 international artists with no extra charge when they order from the zuneoriginals.net website, a representative said.—INTERNET

First ozone observatory in Tibet starts operation

LHASA, 8 Jan — The first ozone measurement observatory in Tibet

Autonomous Region has become operational on the world’s highest plateau, according to local meteorological administration.

With an investment of 1.52 million yuan (208,000 US dollars), installment on the observatory began last December at an elevation of 3,648.9 metres in Lhasa, the regional capital. It is equipped the cutting-edge Brewer Ozone Spectrophotometer which alone costs 1.40 million yuan (192,000 US dollars).

“Qinghai-Tibet Plateau is a hot-spot area for

international climate change observation,” said Zhang Yong, a senior engineer with Lhasa Meteorological Bureau,”The comparison of ozone observation data in Tibet with those in the baseline observatory in Qinghai Province will accurately reflect the changes in the ozone layer over the plateau.”

He said the observatory will provide precise information on the total ozone amount and the Ultraviolet-B (UVB) radiation.

MNA/Xinhua



Artist Bob Smith poses with his proposed Trafalgar Square fourth Plinth short listed model ‘Faîtes L’Art, pas La Guerre (Make Art, Not War)’ on display at the National Gallery in London, on 8 Jan, 2008.—INTERNET

Picasso painting stolen from museum recovered in Brazil

RIO DE JANEIRO, 9 Jan —Brazilian police said Tuesday they had recovered two paintings stolen from the Sao Paulo Museum of Art in December, including one piece by Spanish master Pablo Picasso.

The works are "Portrait of Suzanne Bloch",

painted by Picasso in his so-called Blue Period in 1904; and "O Lavrador de Cafe" ("The Coffee Farmer"), painted by the Brazilian master Candido Portinari in 1939.

The oil-on-canvas paintings are two of the most important pieces in the museum's collection,

and their total market value was estimated at around 100 million US dollars. A gang of burglars stole the paintings from where they were being displayed during the early morning of 20 December. Two suspects have been arrested, police said.

MNA/Xinhua

Turkish forces seize 640 kilos of ammonium nitrate

ANKARA, 9 Jan — Turkish security forces found 640 kilos of ammonium nitrate hidden by members of the outlawed Kurdish Workers' Party (PKK) in a shelter in eastern Turkey, Turkish military said on Tuesday.

According to a statement issued by the Turkish General Staff, the security forces "found 640 kilos of ammonium nitrate," hidden in a shelter in Baskale town of Van Province.

Apart from ammonium nitrate, the forces also seized four detonators, a 10-metre-long explosive fuse, two dynamites, one Kannas rifle, one Kalashnikov rifle and 30 kilos of hashish,

the statement said. Ammonium nitrate is used as an oxidizing agent in explosives.

The latest incident shows the activities of terrorist organization are supported by income received from illicit drugs, the General Staff said.

The Turkish military

has massed up to 100,000 troops near the mountainous Iraqi border and has recently launched several cross-border attacks to battle separatist PKK rebels, who use northern Iraq as a launch pad for attacks against Turkey.

MNA/Xinhua

Live mice found on US flight to China

BEIJING, 9 Jan — As many as eight dead and live mice were found on a United Airlines' (UA) flight from Washington to Beijing, the General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine (AQSIQ) said here Monday.

The UA reported to the Beijing Capital International Airport on Sunday afternoon after its arrival that they found live mice on the flight UA897.

An emergency team was immediately dis-

patched to the aircraft.

All the entries to the plane were shut down for further examination.

The team put rat poison and mice traps at every possible corners on the aircraft, including the cockpit.

Tourists pose for photos in front of a giant Snow Wild Park in Shenyang, capital of northeast China's Liaoning province, on 7 Jan, 2008—

INTERNET



Dutch troops, Taleban combat leave seven dead

BRUSSELS, 9 Jan — Two Afghans were killed and five others injured in combat between Dutch troops and the Taleban in the southern Afghan Province of Uruzgan on Friday, Dutch paper De Volkskrant reported Monday.

Among the victims were one child and three other children were wounded, the newspaper quoted the Dutch Defence Ministry as saying.

There were no reported casualties among Dutch troops, the paper said.

A Dutch armoured vehicle was hit by a bomb on Friday morning near Khorma, 10 kilometres north of Tarin Kowt, where Dutch troops are stationed. — MNA/Xinhua

Bus crash kills eight in Utah

LOS ANGELES, 9 Jan — Eight passengers were killed on Monday when a chartered bus ran off a wet road and rolled over in southeastern Utah, authorities said.

The accident also injured 20 others in Mexican Hat, a remote area in southeastern Utah, said Trooper Cameron Roden of the Utah Highway Patrol.

MNA/Xinhua

Helicopter crashes in Germany, killing one

BERLIN, 9 Jan — A helicopter crashed near Southwestern German city of Heidelberg on Monday, leading to one death and one injury.

The helicopter was checking a cross-country gas pipeline from the air before the crash, according to German news agency DPA.

A pipeline monitor, 46, was killed during the crash, and the pilot, 51, was injured. The investigation is still underway.

MNA/Xinhua

Two sailors drown, four missing in French shipwreck

RENNES (France), 9 Jan — Two sailors have drowned and four are missing after a fishing boat sank on Monday off the northern Brittany coast, maritime officials said.

A seventh person was picked up with hypothermia and taken to hospital.

The "Petite Julie" trawler sent a distress signal when it was sinking at around 0350 GMT off the north coast of Finistere. Five helicopters and five ships were searching for the missing sailors on Monday morning in strong waves and high winds.

MNA/Reuters

Floods hit southern Africa, over one mln at risk

LUSAKA, 9 Jan — Zambia said 1.5 million people would be displaced by floods and aid agencies warned the lives of tens of thousands were in danger on Monday as rising waters inundated southern Africa.

Zambia put half of its territory on alert, while floods in Mozambique, fed by heavy rains from there and Zimbabwe, killed six people and cut major transport links to neighbouring countries, relief officials said.

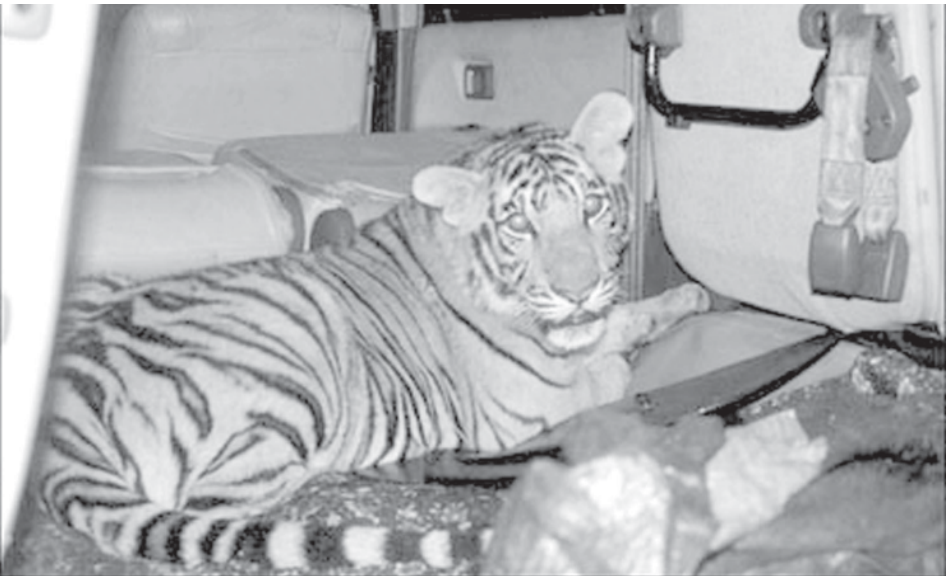
The early heavy rains have swollen rivers to alarming levels across the region, catching authorities off guard and forcing governments and aid agencies to step up efforts to avert crisis.

"At least 1.5 million will be displaced by the floods and the government and aid groups will have to provide relief food and

shelter to the families in tents for some time," said a senior Zambian Government official who wished not to be named.

MNA/Reuters

MNA/Xinhua



A tiger is pictured inside a car of a busted illegal wildlife trafficking gang, in central Hanoi, on 7 January. The wild cats had been anaesthetised by the animal smugglers but awoke during a police raid.—INTERNET

Minister meets GM of Qatar Airline

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Jan — General Manager Commercial, Mr Ali M-Al Rais, Qatar Airline, Qatar, and party called on Maj-Gen Thein Swe, Minister for Transport at the Ministry here on 7 January. They discussed flight services between Doha and Yangon.

MNA

Prize presenting ceremony of Grand Royal Special Reserve Golf Championship 2008 Qualify Round held

YANGON, 9 Jan — Under the arrangements of the Myanma Golf Federation and sponsorship of International Beverages Trading Co Ltd, Grand Royal Special Reserve Golf Championship 2008 Qualify Round continued its second day 18-hole event along with prize presenting ceremony at Phankhamyae Golf Club in Magway this evening.

After the event, Chairman of Magway Division Peace and Development Council Col Phone Maw Shwe presented first prize to Soe Lwin Oo who fired 138 nett total strokes, second prize to Aung Lwin Moe, 140 strokes and third prize to Tin Lin Ko, 140 strokes. Brig-Gen Htay Aung of Magway Station awarded first to fifth consolation prize winners and Magway Division PDC member 1 Police Col Thein Kyi to sixth to tenth consolation prize winners.

Executive of MGF U Ko Ko Lay presented prize to Than Oo who stood first



at Putting Challenge, and General-Secretary of MGF U Aung Kyi, Longest Drive prize to Aung Myine, and nearest to the pin prize to Dr Than Htaik Shein.

Production Manager of International Beverages Trading Co Ltd U Zaw Htaik presented prizes to Kaung Naing, Myint Han, Soe Lwin Oo, Zaw Myo Han and Tin Lin Ko who are qualified for final round due to be held from 14 to 16 March, 2008 at City Golf in Yangon.

International Beverages Trading Co Ltd was main sponsor. Co-sponsors were Dusit Inya Lake Hotel, Srixon and Alpine (Purified Drinking Water) and Han Event Management organized the event.

MNA



Golfers who reach the final of Grand Royal Special Reserve Golf Championship 2008 Qualify Round. — MGF

60th Anniversary Independence Day marked in Myitkyina, Lashio, Patheingyi, Sittway, Toungoo



Commander Maj-Gen Ohn Myint visits the 60th Anniversary Independence Day commemorative exhibition in Kachin State. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Jan — Kachin State held its 60th Anniversary Independence Day State Flag hoisting and saluting ceremony (2008) at the office of Kachin State Peace and Development Council in Myitkyina at 4.20 am on 4 January.

The attendees saluted the State Flag.

Next, the ceremony to mark the 60th Anniversary Independence Day took place at the sports grounds at Ayemyathaya Ward in Myitkyina at 7 am. On the occasion, Chairman of Kachin State PDC Commander of Northern Command Maj-Gen Ohn Myint read out the message to mark the 60th Anniversary Independence Day (2008) sent by Chairman of the State Peace and Development

Council Senior General Than Shwe. The commander inspected the 60th Anniversary Independence Day commemorative exhibition of the ministries and sports events.

Similarly, the 60th Anniversary Independence Day (2008) commemorative celebration of Shan State (North) took place at the parade ground of the command at 7 am on 4 January. The attendees saluted the State Flag. Chairman of Shan State (North) PDC Commander of North-East Command Maj-Gen Aung Than Htut read out the message to mark the 60th Anniversary Independence Day (2008) sent by SPDC Chairman Senior General Than Shwe.

The commander and officials viewed the sports events held to mark the 60th Anniversary Independence Day.

On behalf of the

Chairman of SPDC, the commander presented awards to those of Shan State (North) who won medals conferred by the State. Likewise, Ayeyawady Division held the 60th Anniversary Independence Day (2008) commemorative ceremony at the sports grounds of the division in Patheingyi at 4.20 am on 4 January. Those present saluted the State Flag. Chairman of Ayeyawady Division PDC Commander of South-West Command Brig-Gen Kyaw Swe read out the message to mark the 60th Anniversary Independence Day (2008) sent by SPDC Chairman Senior General Than Shwe. Rakhine State also held the 60th Anniversary Independence Day (2008) commemorative ceremony at Yamanya sports grounds of the division in Sittway at 7 am on 4 January. Those present saluted the State Flag. Chairman of Rakhine

State PDC Commander of Western Command Maj-Gen Maung Shein read out the message to mark the 60th Anniversary Independence Day (2008) sent by SPDC Chairman Senior General Than Shwe.

Bago Division celebrated the 60th Anniversary Independence Day (2008) commemorative ceremony at the sports grounds in Toungoo at 7 am on 4 January. The attendees saluted the State Flag. Chairman of Bago Division PDC Commander of Southern Command Maj-Gen Ko Ko read out the message to mark the 60th Anniversary Independence Day (2008) sent by SPDC Chairman Senior General Than Shwe. The commander, on behalf of the SPDC Chairman, presented awards to those from Bago Division who were conferred medals.

MNA

Seinle Shwepyi Journal in circulation

YANGON, 9 Jan — No 3 Volume V of Seinle Shwepyi Journal comes out today.

The weekly journal has covered news on efforts for sufficiency of drinking water, booming dried fish market in the upper Myanmar, booming sales figures of chemical fertilizer in Ayeyawady

delta region and UNFPA's project for prevention of mother-to-child HIV infection. Moreover, the journal has covered international news including economic news, articles and crime news in this issue.

The journal is available at Sarpay Beikman Bookshop on Merchant Street, the bookshop of

Printing and Publishing Enterprise and Panshwepyi Bookshop on Theinbyu Road. Those wishing to send manuscripts may contact Seinle Shwepyi Journal Publishing House at Building No 228, Printing and Publishing Enterprise, on Theinbyu Road, Botahtaung Township, Ph 01-382070. — MNA

MPPA AGM 13 Jan

YANGON, 9 Jan—The Myanmar Printers and Publishers Association will hold the 16th annual general meeting at the Mingalar Hall of UMFCCI building on Minyekyawswar Road in Lanmadaw Township, here, at 9 am on 13 January.

Members are invited to attend the meeting without fail whether they received invitations or not.—MNA

USDA CEC member attends Kayin New Year Day

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Jan —CEC member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung together with Chairman of Kayin State Peace and Development Council Brig-Gen Zaw Min donated provisions and K 1 million for Maha Bawdi Thitsa Mandine Pagoda to the Sayadaw of Kayin State central missionary monastery on 7 January.

They paid homage to Thihta Manaung pagoda in Hpa-an and made cash donations.

In the evening, the minister and the chairman met with executives and secretaries of district/ township USDAs at the office of Kayin State USDA.

On 8 January, they attended the ceremony to mark the Kayin New Year

Day on the lawns of Kayin State PDC office and presented gifts to the aged.

Next, they offered robes and provisions to the Sayadaws and members of the Sangha and met with local people at Ahtet monastery in Mekkadi village. The minister also accepted 2,600 membership applications of four villages.

The CEC member and the chairman visited physic nut plants growing ceremony in Mekkadi village and inspected giving free medical treatment at the village dispensary.

Next, they viewed the entertainment to mark Kayin New Year Day at Mekkadi village BEHS (branch) and met with teachers and students.

The CEC member and the chairman also visited Hsin Shweli sugarcane plantation and onion plantation of farmer U Saw Toe Hlaing. — MNA

Sale agents wanted

YANGON, 9 Jan—Ministry of Industry 1 is producing 891 items of consumer and household goods. Among them, 498 items which are sold at Win Thuzar shops and tax-free markets. It is now inviting sale agents, with the aim of extending its distribution sector.

Those interested may contact the director-general of Directorate of Industries, Ministry of Industry 1, Nay Pyi Taw (Ph: 067-408135, 01-577074).

MNA

Good deed

Good is the doing of that deed, having done which one does not repent and the result of which one experiences with delight and with a happy mind.

Dhammapada 68



U Than Kyaw, Member of the Commission for Drafting the State Constitution.
(News on P-1)—MNA



Dr Daw Khin Mar Yi, Member of the Commission for Drafting the State Constitution.
(News on P-1)—MNA



Tekkatho Myat Thu, Member of the Commission for Drafting the State Constitution.
(News on P-1)—MNA



U Tin Aye, Member of the Commission for Drafting the State Constitution.
(News on P-1)—MNA

Thaungyi-Daikpyet new gravel road opened in Kyonpyaw

YANGON, 9 Jan—To hail the 60th Anniversary Independence Day 2008, the 3,180-foot Thaungyi-Daikpyet gravel road section 6 was put into service in Kyonpyaw Township on 3 January.

The road was undertaken by Kyonpyaw Township Development Committee during 2007-2008 fiscal year.

Executive officer U Thant Zin Thein of Township Development Committee explained matters on new gravel road. A local resident spoke words of thanks.

Executive Officer U Thant Zin Thein presented the commemorative pennants to Chairmen of Township Peace and Development Council, Kyee-ai village tract PDC U Aung Lwin and Organizer of Kyee-ai village Union Solidarity and Development Association U Tun Lwin.

Chairman of Township PDC, executive officer and organizer of Village USDA cut the ribbon to open the new road which can benefit rural people from 26 villages of 13 village tracts.—MNA

Talks on industrial sector development on 11 Jan

YANGON, 9 Jan — To honour the 14th annual general meeting of Myanmar Industrialists Association which will be held on 12 January, 2008, the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry will hold talks on development of industrial sector at Mingalar Hall of UMFCCI Office Tower at 1 pm on 11 January.

Dr Kyaw Htin (advisor) (UMFCCI/MIA)

will give talks on industrial development and private sector, U Zaw Min Win (Vice-President) (UMFCCI/MIA), on challenges and perspective for the future development of SMEs in Myanmar and U Tun Naing Aung (New and Renewable Energy Group), on why we need consultancy. Every one may attend the talks, it is learnt.

MNA

Tharaphu (Crown) donates cash to MWJA, honours sales agents

YANGON, 9 Jan — Tharaphu (Crown) Magazine donated cash to Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association and honoured the outstanding sales agents at its 10th anniversary celebration at Sedona Hotel here yesterday.

At the celebration, Publisher of the magazine Daw Nan Ei Ei Zar donated K 100,000 to MWJA and honoured its best sales agents.

Executive of MWJA

(Central) U Myo Thant (Maung Hsu Shin) also spoke and Daw Nan Ei Ei Zar spoke words of thanks.

Responsible persons from MWJA, publishers, writers, media men and guests attended the celebration and artistes entertained those present at the celebration with songs and dances.

Members of Shan Literature and Culture Association also performed traditional dance of Shan ethnic tribe. —MNA



Daw Nan Ei Ei Zar speaks at the 10th anniversary celebration of Tharaphu (Crown) Magazine. — MNA

Shwe Naing Ngan Journal comes out

YANGON, 9 Jan—Shwe Naing Ngan Journal volume VI no 16 is in circulation today.

It features articles written by Mawgyun Soe Myint, Soe Thiha Soe, Suyati Htet, Dr Khin Maung Nyo, Hset Naung and Maung Maung Myint Thein. Moreover, it carries economic news, international news and local news.

The journal can be bought at Sarpay Beikman bookshop, Printing and Publishing Enterprise bookshop, and Pan Shwe Pyi bookshop. Those wishing to send manuscripts may contact Shwe Naing Ngan Journal Printing and Publishing House No 228 Thein Phyu Street, Botahtaung Township Yangon, Ph: 01-382070.—MNA

Special sales festivals to be held

YANGON, 9 Jan — Ministry of Industry-1 will organize special sales festivals at the township playgrounds in Katha, Sagaing Division from 8 to 17 January, at the compound of Hthithonesint Pagoda in Meiktila, Mandalay Division from 11 to 17 January, at the Hline playgrounds in Hline Township, Yangon Division from 12 to 21 January, at the compound of Shwethalyaung Pagoda in Mogaung, Kachin State from 16 to 22 January and at the Independence stone pillar ground in Maubin, Ayeyawady Division from 10 to 19 January. The special sales festivals will be held at the designated places from 8 am to 8 pm daily on a grand scale. — MNA

Obama recalls being broke seven years ago

NEW LONDON (New Hampshire), 9 Jan — US Senator Barack Obama is running for the White House, but it was not so long ago that he was so broke his debit card was declined.

At an unscheduled campaign stop at Vessels & Jewels store in New London, Obama bought a necklace for each of his two young daughters and a key chain, spending 37 US dollars on his debit card.

Waiting for his receipt, the man who is hoping to be elected as America's first Black president turned to an aide and said, "Have I told you the story of the 2000 convention?"

"After I had lost my congressional race I had been running on broke and I got talked into going to Los Angeles. I got to the airport and I tried to use my card but it was declined," Obama said.

"That was only seven years ago," he said. "It's not that far from being normal, that's my point."

MNA/Reuters

Vietnam's rubber export to rise slightly in 2008

HANOI, 9 Jan — Vietnam is estimated to export 780,000 tons of rubber worth nearly 1.5 billion US dollars this year, posting respective increases of four per cent and 2.3 per cent, local newspaper Vietnam Investment Review reported Monday.

Vietnam, currently having 495,000 hectares of rubber plantations, plans to increase the

acreage to 700,000 hectares by 2010.

The country has also grown hundreds of thousands of hectares in Laos and Cambodia.

Vietnam exports some 80 per cent of its rubber output to 40 countries and regions, including Chinese Mainland, South Korea, Russia, China's Taiwan, the United States, Japan

Health Deputy Minister inspects hospitals

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Jan—Secretary of National Health Committee Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo, accompanied by officials concerned, arrived at Gyobingauk People's Hospital in Bago Division (West) on 1 January. At the meeting hall of the hospital, he met with doctors, nurses, health staff, members of township health committee, members of social organizations and spoke on the occasion. Afterwards, he looked into operation theatre, drug store, patient wards, labour room, delivery department and X-ray room.

He also inspected Minhla Hospital, Letpadan Hospital and Thayawady General Hospital.—MNA

Japanese Government provides Medical Equipment for State General Hospital in Myitkyina, Kachin State

YANGON, 9 Jan — The Government of Japan, under its Grassroots Grant Assistance (GGA) Scheme, granted US \$ 85,250 for provision of medical equipment for the State General Hospital in Myitkyina, Kachin State.

Mr Tetsuro AMANO, Minister-counsellor/Deputy Chief of Mission, the Embassy of Japan in the Union of Myanmar, and Dr U Win Ko Ko, Medical Superintendent of the State General Hospital Myitkyina a recipient organization, signed the grant contract today.

In recognition of the hospital's attempt for providing earlier detection of breast cancer for the population of Kachin State, the Government of Japan decided to fund a mammogram with processor and an ultrasound with a probe.

It is expected that this assistance will lower the mortality rate from breast cancer and benefit women in the area. — H

Mexican army battles drug gang near US border

MONTERREY (Mexico), 9 Jan — Mexican troops and police fought a fierce battle with suspected drug hitmen armed with grenades in a town near the US border on Monday, and one police officer was killed, witnesses and Mexican media said.

Soldiers fought around 20 armed men after being attacked with grenades following a search of a suspected drug safe house in Rio Bravo, across the border from McAllen, Texas, witnesses told Reuters.

Mexican media said at least one policeman was killed. Police confirmed the gun battle in Rio Bravo in the state of Tamaulipas but declined to give more details. "The aggressors threw dozens of grenades and there was a lot of blood on the street. Some civilians were badly hurt and taken to hospital," said local journalist Ely Enriquez.

Many cities in the border area north of the industrial city of Monterrey are dominated by the powerful Gulf drug cartel and its armed wing, the Zetas. — MNA/Reuters

District News in Brief



Executive Officer U Tin Oo Lay briefs U Aye Cho, Deputy Superintending Engineer of Bago Division Development Affairs Committee, on progress of earth work and designation of axis being implemented by DaikU Township DAC during 2007-2008 fiscal year. — TOWNSHIP DAC

Thanlwin road opens to mark 60th Anniversary Independence Day

HINTHADA, 4 Jan — Thanlwin road (Old Hospital Street No 1) was opened to mark the 60th Anniversary Independence Day on 2 January.

Chairman of Hinthada Township Peace and Development Council U Aung Kyaw Naing, Township Development Affairs Committee Executive Officer U Khin Maung Myint and townselder U Tin Saw formally opened the road.

The Township DAC contributed K 1,700,000 to the road construction and the public, K 1,200,000.

District IPRD

Coord meeting to build Flowers' City held

PYIN OOLWIN, 22 Dec — The coordination meeting to build Flowers' City in Pyin Oolwin Township, Mandalay Division was held at the meeting hall of Pyin Oolwin District Peace and Development Council on 3 December.

At the coordination meeting, District Secretary U Aung Thi Tun urged departmental officials to participate in the construction tasks and compilation of proposals for implementation of projects in 2008-2009. Departmental officials were engaged in the discussions.



Deputy Director-General U Ohn Nyunt of Development Affairs Department and party go on an inspection tour of Mindat in Chin State on 19 December, 2007. They looked into flow of water in Bawkhwe lake and regular water supply tasks.

TOWNSHIP DAC



The swimming pool in the most expensive new property ever sold in Britain is seen in this undated handout photograph received in London on 8 Jan, 2008.—INTERNET

Images of the Day

News in Brief

Sarkozy ready to wed Bruni, gives no date

PARIS, 9 Jan— French President Nicolas Sarkozy on Tuesday dropped a heavy hint he was preparing to marry Italian singer and former model Carla Bruni, but he avoided announcing a wedding date.

Sarkozy, 52, was asked at a news conference about his romance with Bruni after the *Journal du Dimanche* (JDD) newspaper reported on Sunday that the couple could wed on February 9, only two months after they met at a party in November. —MNA/Reuters

Four die in north China laundry fire

HOHHOT, 9 Jan— Four people were confirmed dead in a laundry fire early on Monday in north China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, the local fire brigade said.

Fire engulfed the laundry on the first floor of an apartment building on Heping Road in Donghe District of Baotou at around 1 a.m.. It was put out at 2:50 a.m., a fire brigade spokesman said.—MNA/Xinhua

“Missing” canoeist couple facing extra charges

LONDON, January 9 — A man who “returned from the dead” after apparently being lost at sea in a canoeing accident five years ago will face extra charges, as will his wife, Cleveland Police confirmed Tuesday.

John Darwin, 57, and his wife Anne, 55, will face additional charges of obtaining money by deception when they appear before Hartlepool Magistrates' Court on Wednesday, a spokesman said. The pair already face charges of deception by dishonestly claiming his life insurance money. Anne Darwin, who was arrested following her return from Panama where she had recently moved, is charged with dishonestly obtaining 25,000 pounds by money transfer and dishonestly obtaining 137,000 pounds by money transfer.

MNA/Reuters



The Hope Diamond is seen in this undated handout photo provided by Smithsonian Institution in Washington.—INTERNET

A view taken of the ‘Salone del Maggior Consiglio’, at the ‘Palazzo Ducale’, on 10 July, 2001 in Genoa, Italy. The original structure of the building dates back to the end of 1200, but a large part of the actual structure was built at the end of 1500. Most of the frescoes in this room were painted after a fire heavily damaged the original decoration in 1777.—INTERNET

Trabant cars produced by the former East Germany, drive past Cambodia's main capital of Phnom Penh, on 9 Jan, 2008. Three Americans and a Briton, after traveling through 21 countries, have arrived in Cambodia by means of the two unlikely vehicles.

INTERNET



ADVERTISEMENT

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV BANG SAO TONG VOYNO (107)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV BANG SAO TONG VOY NO (107) are hereby notified that the vessel has arrived on 10.1.2008 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.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm up 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 WONG SAMUT OCEAN
SHIPPING CO, LTD

Phone No: 256916/256919/256921

TRADE MARK CAUTION

MATSUSHITA ELECTRIC INDUSTRIAL CO., LTD., a corporation incorporated and existing under the laws of Japan, of 1006, OaZa Kadoma, Kadoma-Shi, Osaka 571-8501, Japan, is the Owner of the following Trade Mark:-

National

Reg. No. 5011/1996

Reg. No. 228/2003

in respect of "Class 7: Machines and machine tools; motors and engines (except for land vehicles); machine coupling and transmission components (except for land vehicles); agricultural implements; incubators for eggs, but not including 'carbon or graphite or carbonaceous or graphitic products' and/or 'oil or grease seals and parts thereof, bearings and parts thereof, and similar thereto'."

Fraudulent imitation or unauthorised use of the said Trade Mark will be dealt with according to law.

Win Mu Tin
M.A., H.G.P., D.B.L.,
for MATSUSHITA
ELECTRIC INDUSTRIAL
CO., LTD.
P. O. Box 60, Yangon
Dated: 10 January 2008

A staff holds the toy baby inside a mainland Chinese booth at the Hong Kong Toys & Games Fair, on 8 Jan, 2008. Hong Kong toy makers' increased vigilance on quality control will drive up cost by at least 10 percent and take more time to produce, industry insider said on Monday as the city kicked off Asia's largest annual toy fair.

INTERNET

Up to 1,000 dead in Kenya violence

NAIROBI, 8 Jan—African Union mediation to end Kenya's post-election turmoil, in which up to 1,000 people may have died, could start on Wednesday, opposition leader Raila Odinga said on Monday.

Odinga told Reuters AU chairman John Kufuor, the President of Ghana, would arrive on Tuesday night. "He will

be ready to begin chairing the talks on Wednesday," he said. Asked about the death toll in a week of violence since the disputed re-election of President Mwai Kibaki, which the government puts at 486, he said it was "closer to a thousand".

Odinga said in an interview with Reuters that he had spoken to Kufuor by telephone after

talks earlier on Monday with US Assistant Secretary of State for Africa Jendayi Frazer.

He said Kufuor "confirmed to me that he has now received an invitation from (President Mwai) Kibaki to come and chair mediation talks".

This was a "major, major breakthrough" and a "very significant move", he said. — MNA/Reuters

Singapore derivatives trading market hit record in '07

SINGAPORE, 9 Jan—Singapore Exchange Limited (SGX) announced Monday that its Futures and Options market saw another record year in 2007. Its derivatives volume exceeded 44 million contracts, surpassing its previous annual record volume in 2006 by 21 per cent.

SGX said in a statement that the strong increase in overall volumes was fueled by soaring growth in some of its key contracts including the Nikkei 225, MSCI Taiwan and the MSCI Singapore Index Futures contracts, which also hit new record highs this year.

In particular, SGX saw its MSCI Singapore Index Futures (SiMSCI) volume grow by more than 80 per cent year-on-year.

MNA/Xinhua

Plastic bags set to be banned in China

BEIJING, 9 Jan—China launched a crackdown on plastic bags yesterday, banning production of ultra-thin bags and forbidding supermarkets and shops from handing out free carriers from 1 June.

China uses too many bags and fails to dispose of them properly, wasting valuable oil and littering

ANNOUNCING A MARRIAGE

Parents of both families agreed the marriage of
Ma Than Than Swe
daughter of (U Aung Than) & Daw Than Kyi
Htaung Muchaung village, Dadaye township,
Ayeyawadi Division

to

Mg Tun Hlaing@ David Tun
son of U Than Chaung & Daw Ohn May
No.755, Anawmar 9th street, ward 13, South
Okkalapa township, Yangon on Thursday, 28th
of December 2007 at the presence of the
magistrate.

Mg Tun Hlaing @ David Tun, Ma Than Than Swe
and the parents of both families.

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV KARANA SEMBILAN VOYNO (EAL 10)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV KARANA SEMBILAN VOY NO (EAL 10) are hereby notified that the vessel has arrived on 10.1.2008 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY 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 up to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the vessel.

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

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: EASTERN CAR LINER LTD
Phone No: 256924/256914

Don't Smoke



the country, China's cabinet, the State Council, said in a notice posted on the central government Website (www.gov.cn).

"Our country consumes huge amounts of plastic bags every year. While providing convenience to consumers, they have also caused serious pollution, and waste of energy and resources, because of excessive use and inadequate recycling," it said.

Worries about pollution are growing among citizens, as years of breakneck growth take their toll on the country's air and water, but the new ban may not be universally welcomed.

Late last year the southern boom town of Shenzhen sparked a public controversy by unveiling draft regulations to ban free plastic bags in its shops.

Shopkeepers were worried that customers might be turned away.

According to the new rules, from June shops, supermarkets and sales outlets would be forbidden to offer free plastic bags and all carriers must be clearly marked with their prices.

"We should encourage people to return to carrying cloth bags, using baskets for their vegetables," the notice said. In addition the manufacture, sale and use of bags under 0.025mm thick is banned from the same date, with fines and confiscation of goods and profits for firms that flout the rules.

The cabinet also said finance authorities should consider adjusting taxes to discourage the production and sale of plastic bags and encourage the recycling industry.

Internet

Bangladesh rice import records hefty growth

DHAKA, 8 Jan—Nearly 950,000 tons of rice were imported during July-December period of 2007 compared to that of 173,000 tons imported during the corresponding period of the previous year, local newspaper *The Financial Express* reported Monday.

Rice import, thus, recorded a 443.35-per-cent growth in terms of quantity over that of the corresponding period of the previous year, according to Bangladesh Bank statistics.

The average cost of a ton of rice imported during July-December period of 2007 was 316 US dollars

while it was 208 US dollars during the corresponding period of 2006.

The import of rice witnessed a rise by 728.16 per-cent, in term of value, to 296.98 million US dollars during the period compared with 35.86 million US dollars of the same period of the previous year.

Bangladesh is facing acute food deficit following the production loss caused by twice monsoon flooding and devastating cyclone “Sidr” last year that battered the country’s southern coastal region.

MNA/Xinhua



Biren Sod of BigBand Networks and James Ludington, Senior VP, Advanced Technology group for Time Warner Cable, share a historic Emmy moment; for the 1st time in its 59 year history, NATAS presented the Advanced Media and Technology award as a glass pillar—not with an EMMY, due to litigation with the Hollywood-based Academy of TV Arts & Sciences.—INTERNET

Cuban scientists discover new drugs for fighting heart diseases, parasites

HAVANA, 8 Jan — Cuban researchers have discovered substances that can reverse the side effects of drugs used to fight heart diseases and parasites, the country’s *Juventud Rebelde* newspaper reported Tuesday.

The chemicals were derived from tiadiazines, based on their potential anti-parasite properties and the diversification of heterocyclical systems with pharmaceutical properties, the newspaper quoted Hortensia Rodriguez, head of Havana University’s Organic Synthesis Laboratory, as saying.

After studying new

agents which could be more effective against dangerous parasites, the researchers then sought compounds with novel molecular structures, using methods with a minimal environmental impact, the newspaper said. Heart diseases and acute parasitic infections are among the world’s most serious diseases.

Internet

Malaysia to woo more big-spending visitors

KUALA LUMPUR, 8 Jan — Malaysian tourism authorities are pulling out all the stops as they set out to woo more big-spending visitors, local media reported on Monday.

The target is to attract 21.5 million tourists this year, especially well-heeled and long-haul visitors from the Arab and East Asian countries.

The ambitious plan is expected to rake in 50 billion ringgit (14.7 billion US dollars) in tourism revenue.

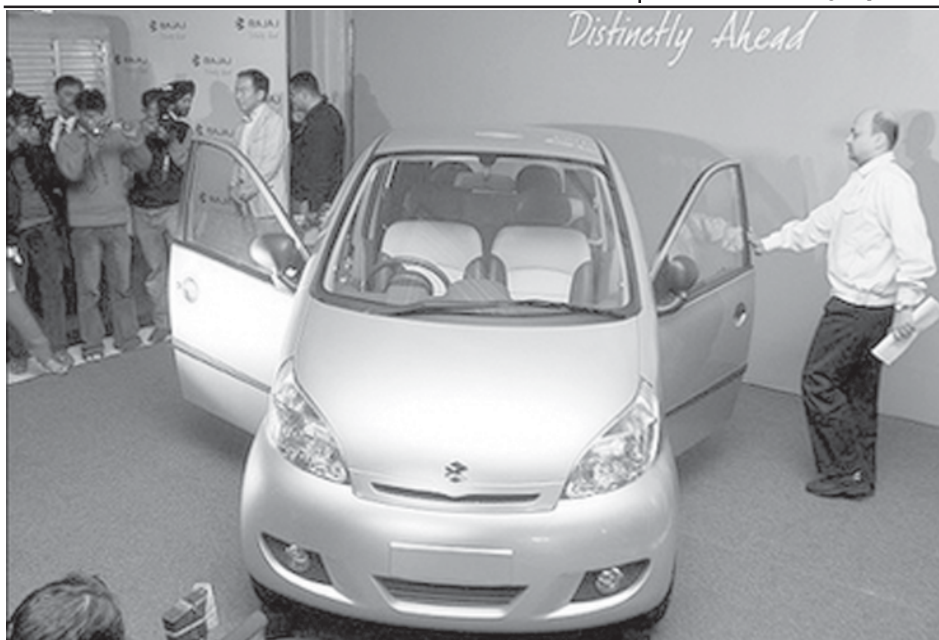
The move was spurred by the success of the Visit Malaysia Year 2007 campaign, which the Tourism Ministry estimated had brought in 20.7 million tourists and total tourist receipts of 45.7 billion ringgit (13.4 billion US dollars).

It is also in line with remarks by Malaysian Deputy Prime Minister Najib Razak last month, urging the Tourism Ministry to focus on ultra-rich tourists.

Such “quality tourists” would bring in more revenue as they would usually spend twice more than the average tourist, deputy Tourism Minister Donald Lim Siang Chai said after opening a Chinese calligraphy and painting exhibition here on Sunday.

Generally, tourists usually stay 6.7 nights and spend 2,300 ringgit (676 US dollars) per visit, but quality tourists stay an average of eight nights and spend between 4,000 ringgit (1,176 US dollars) and 5,000 ringgit (1,471 US dollars), he said.

MNA/Xinhua



Members of the Indian Press cover the unveiling of Bajaj Auto’s Lite four-wheel passenger vehicle in New Delhi. India’s second-biggest motorbike maker Bajaj Auto said on 8 Jan, 2008 it aims to bring out a cheap, highly fuel-efficient small car within four years in a tie-up probably with French carmaker Renault. INTERNET

A little sunshine in your life could make it longer

BEIJING, 8 Jan—A little more sunshine might help you live longer, according to a study published Monday that suggests for some people health benefits from the sun outweigh the risk of skin cancer.

Sunlight prompts the body to produce vitamin D, but fear of skin cancer is keeping many people in the dark, depriving them of an important protection from a range of diseases, researchers said. “The skin cancer risk is there but the health benefits from some sun exposure

is far larger than the risk,” said Johan Moan, a researcher at the Institute for Cancer Research in Oslo, who led the study. “What we find is modest sun exposure gives enormous vitamin D benefits.”

A number of studies have found protective effects from higher vitamin D intake for some cancers and ailments such as rickets, osteoporosis and diabetes, Moan said. Certain foods contain vitamin D but the body’s main source is the sun.

The researchers calcu-

lated that given the same amount of time spent outside, people living just below the equator in Australia produced 3.4 times more vitamin D than people in Britain and 4.8 times more than Scandinavians.

This means even though rates of internal cancers such as colon cancer, lung cancer, breast cancer and prostate cancer rise from north to south, people in the sunnier latitudes were less likely to die from the diseases, the researchers said.

Internet

This photo, published on 7 Jan, 2008, shows a cluster of the rare plant *Plantago erosa* var. *fengdouensis*. INTERNET



SPORTS



Chelsea's Joe Cole (L) and Juliano Belletti (R) challenge Everton's James McFadden during their English League Cup semifinal, first leg soccer match at Stamford Bridge in London on 8 Jan, 2008. — XINHUA

Barca say they have permission to retain Eto'o

MADRID, 9 Jan — Barcelona have written permission from Cameroon to delay striker Samuel Eto'o joining the country's African Nations Cup preparations until Saturday, the Primera Liga club's coach Frank Rijkaard said on Tuesday.

"We have written permission from the Cameroon Federation," Rijkaard told a news conference.

"The important thing for Samuel is to play and the Federation and their coach have seen that that is best for them and for us."

Barcelona have included Eto'o in their

Marseille chairman says Cisse will not leave

MARSEILLE, 9 Jan — French international Djibril Cisse is not for sale in the January transfer window, Olympique Marseille chairman Pape Diouf said on Tuesday.

"Djibril Cisse will not leave. He will stay with Olympique Marseille until the end of the season," Diouf told a Press conference.

"Djibril has been approached, it's true. I have myself been approached by Manchester City and my answer was a point-blank no," he added.

"We talked about it and he accepted my position. He understood I would not let him go and didn't make an issue of it."

MNA/Reuters



No. 1 seed Richard Gasquet of France plays a shot in his match against Russia's Dmitry Tursunov at the Sydney International tennis in Sydney, Australia, on 9 Jan, 2008. Tursunov won the match 3-6, 6-3, 6-4.—INTERNET

Argentina midfielder Belluschi signs for Olympiakos

ATHENS, 9 Jan — Greek champions Olympiakos Piraeus have signed Argentina international midfielder Fernando Belluschi on a four-and-a-half year contract, the club said on Tuesday.

No details of the fee to be paid to his previous club River Plate have been made public but reports in the Greek media said it could reach 6.5 million euros.

"I am very happy. I was really anxious for the negotiations to be completed," Belluschi, 24, told

reporters.

"Now I just want to get involved in training as soon as possible."

Belluschi, who has two caps, is unlikely to feature in the derby against Panathinaikos at the weekend but should play a part in Olympiakos plans against Chelsea in the last 16 of the Champions League next month.

"It is a dream for every

Argentine footballer to play in Europe," he said. "I feel lucky and happy to be here and hope that I can reproduce the form I had in Argentina." Greek media have reported Olympiakos are negotiating with another Argentine, Sergio Almiron who joined Juventus for nine million euros in June but has only played three times.— MNA/Reuters



Monterrey forward Humberto Suazo (R) fights for a header with San Luis defender Oscar Mascorro during the second half of their Interliga Mexican soccer club tournament in Carson, California, on 8 Jan, 2008. INTERNET

Real's Heinze out for up to five weeks with injury

MADRID, 9 Jan — Real Madrid defender Gabriel Heinze will be out of action for up to five weeks with a torn muscle in his left leg, the Primera Liga leaders said on Tuesday.

The Argentina international picked up the injury during the 2-0 home win over Real Zaragoza in the Primera Liga on Sunday and had to be substituted after 16 minutes. Heinze has suffered a string of muscle problems since joining from Manchester United for 12 million euros in August, and has only made six starts in the league. — MNA/Reuters

Derby sign Robert, agree deal for Savage

LONDON, 9 Jan — Premier League strugglers Derby County were busy in the transfer market on Tuesday, signing French winger Laurent Robert and agreeing a deal with Blackburn

Rovers for Welsh international midfielder Robbie Savage. In a statement on their website (www.dafc.premiumtv.co.uk) Derby said Robert, 32, would complete his move to Pride Park later on Tuesday.

The former Newcastle United player, without a club since leaving Levante of Spain, will sign to the end of the season subject to international clearance.

The former French international, who spent four years in England with Newcastle and had six months on loan at Portsmouth, has also played for Montpellier, Paris St. Germain and Benfica. — MNA/Reuters



Milwaukee Bucks forward Yi Jianlian from China shoots under pressure from Philadelphia 76ers guard Willie Green (33) during the second quarter of their NBA basketball game in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on 8 Jan, 2008.—INTERNET

Avramovic to coach Singapore until 2011

BANGKOK, 9 Jan — Singapore coach Radojko Avramovic has signed a three-year extension to his contract, which will keep him in the city-state until 2011.

The 58-year-old Serb, who has coached the Lions since 2003, will lead the team through qualifiers for the 2010 World Cup and the 2011 Asian Cup.

"I want to keep moving Singapore forward, I have a lot of support so I'm happy to stay," he told

Reuters on Tuesday.

"I had looked at other options but we've worked hard these last four years and I'm really happy with the way it's been going."

The former Oman and Kuwait national team coach, who steered Singapore to victory in last year's ASEAN (Southeast Asian) Championships, said his focus would now be on the players of the future.

MNA/Reuters

Cara, Huber reach Medibank Int'l quarterfinals

HARARE, 9 Jan — Cara Black and Liezel Huber from Zimbabwe flushed out their disappointing semifinal exit from last week's Mondial Australian Women's Hardcourt Tennis Tournament to reach the quarterfinals of the Medibank International in Sydney, Australia.

The world's top women's doubles team returned to the top of their game to eke out a ruthless 6-1, 6-2 defeat of Australians Nicole Pratt and Bryanne Stewart in the first round of the 600,000-US-dollar Tier II tournament on Monday. Black and Huber are the top seeds at this hardcourt tournament while their opponents were unseeded. Black and Huber were just fired-up in a match which took them less than an hour, according to Tuesday's *The Herald*.

MNA/Reuters

Hard work pays off for Ivanovic in Sydney

SYDNEY, 9 Jan — A gruelling off-season training regime in Australia paid off for Ana Ivanovic when she fought back from the brink of defeat to beat France's Virginie Razzano 6-1, 2-6, 7-5 at the Sydney International on Tuesday.

The Serb looked to be heading for an early exit from the Australian Open warm-up event when she trailed 5-2 in the deciding set before reeling off five games to join Slovenian Katarina Srebotnik in the quarterfinals.

Ivanovic, ranked four in the world, said she had trained harder than ever over the summer and her confidence was soaring ahead of the first grand slam of the year.

"This match today gives me some confidence because I am coming into the new season looking for some tough matches and to get through them," she told a news conference.

MNA/Reuters

Bangladesh to build 2,000 cyclone shelters in 2008

DHAKA, 9 Jan— Bangladesh, still struggling to overcome the devastating effects of cyclone Sidr late last year, will build 2,000 new storm shelters in 2008.

“Some 2,000 new cyclone shelters will be built in 15 low-lying coastal districts, which had been trampled by the 15 November cyclone,” Food and Disaster Management Secretary Mohammad Ayub Miah told Reuters

on Tuesday. The worst cyclone since 1991 killed more than 3,300 people, made millions homeless and washed away around one million tons of rice, the country’s main staple food.

The disaster-prone south Asian country of more than 140 million people currently has around 1,500 shelters, each capable of offering refuge to up to 5,000 people on average, officials said.

MNA/Reuters

GM Chairman and CEO Rick Wagoner is pictured here with the Cadillac Provo Fuel Cell Concept prior to its world introduction during his keynote speech at the Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas, on 8 January.—INTERNET



US arrests eight in online sports betting operation

NEW YORK, 8 Jan— US authorities arrested eight people on Monday in connection with a Costa Rica-based online sports gambling operation they said made millions of dollars in profits annually.

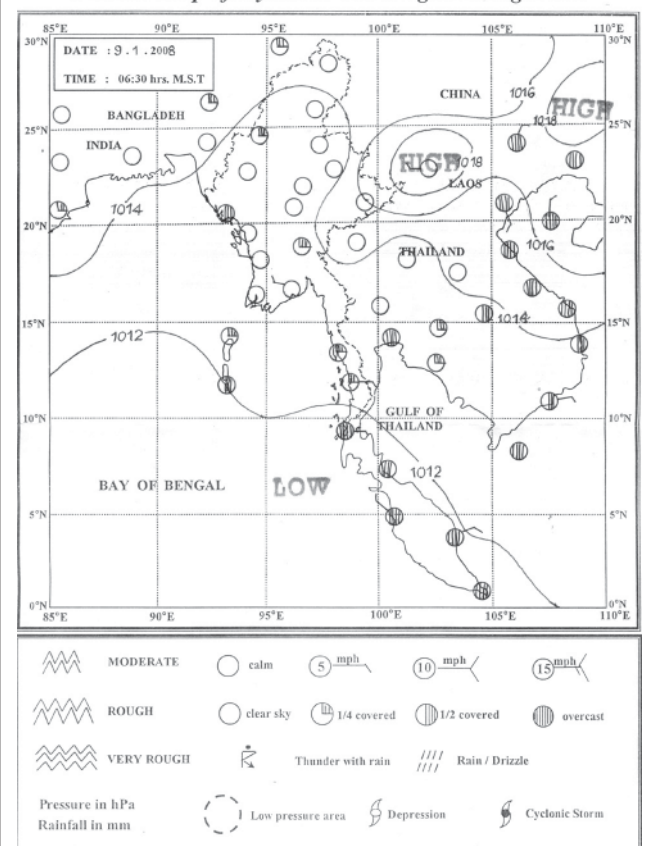
Twelve men face charges including conspiracy and illegal gambling in an indictment unsealed on Monday in Manhattan federal court for their role in operating a gambling website and call centre that serviced US-based sports bookies.

US prosecution of foreign online gambling companies has drawn criticism from such com-

panies in Europe, who have accused the Justice Department of violating World Trade Organization rules by singling out foreign companies in such cases. In the latest case, US prosecutors said that starting in 2005 Carmen Cicalese headed the operation out of Costa Rica, charging several hundred US bookies weekly fees of 15 US dollars to 30 US dollars for each gambler they registered.

MNA/Reuters

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Wednesday, 9 January, 2008

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Taninthayi Division and generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions. Night temperatures were (4°C) below January average temperatures in Chin State, (5°C) below January average temperatures in upper Sagaing Division and about January average temperatures in the remaining areas. The significant night temperatures were Haka (1°C), Loiilem (3°C), Mogok and Pyin Oo Lwin (3°C) each.

Maximum temperature on 8-1-2008 was 92°F. Minimum temperature on 9-1-2008 was 61°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 9-1-2008 was 70%. Total sunshine hours on 8-1-2008 was (8.2) hours approx.

Rainfall on 9-1-2008 was nil at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2008 was nil at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from West at (17:30) hours MST on 8-1-2008.

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 10-1-2008: Weather will be partly cloudy in Taninthayi Division and generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions.

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of slight decrease of night temperatures in the Eastern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 10-1-2008: Fair weather.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 10-1-2008: Fair weather.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 10-1-2008: Fair weather.



Thursday, 10 January
View on today

- 7:00 am**
1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Ottamathara
- 7:25 am**
2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am**
3. Morning news
- 7:40 am**
4. Nice and sweet song
- 7:55 am**
5. Dance of national races
- 8:05 am**
6. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:10 am**
7. Dance variety
- 8:20 am**
8. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

- 8:25 am**
9. စလင်းချောင်းတံတား
- 8:30 am**
10. International news
- 8:45 am**
11. Let's Go
- 4:00 pm**
1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm**
2. Song to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm**
3. English for Everyday Use
- 4:45 pm**
4. အပေးသင်တန်းသို့လ် ပညာရေးရပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ-တတိယနှစ် (ဒသနိကဗေဒအထူးပြု) (ဒသနိကဗေဒ)
- 5:00 pm**
5. Cute little dancers
- 5:10 pm**
6. Musical programme
- 5:25 pm**
7. “သစ်ကောင်းတစ်ပင်” (နဒီစိုးပြည့်စုံရှင်၊ ကျော်ချိုးဟိန်း၊ မိုးယံထက်၊ ရန်ပိုင်စိုး၊ မောင်ဂဠုန်)(ဒါရိုက်တာ- မိုးထက်လူ(သစ်တော))

- 5:40 pm**
8. မူဟန်သွယ်သွယ်ဆိုကြမယ်
- 6:00 pm**
9. Evening news
- 6:30 pm**
10. Weather report
- 6:35 pm**
11. တိုင်းရင်းသားတို့ဆုံစည်းနေ စွမ်းရည်ဖွံ့ဖြိုးရေး ကောလိပ်မြေ
- 6:50 pm**
12. “နတ်လူသာဓုခေါ်စေသော်” (ဇော်သစ်၊ ဝိုင်းစုနိုင်သန်း၊ သတိုးစော)(ဒါရိုက်တာ- သော်ကိုကျော်)
- 7:00 pm**
13. နိုင်ငံခြား ဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ရေသူမလေးတတိယချစ်ပုံပြင်” (အပိုင်း-၃၄)
- 8:00 pm**
14. News
- 8:15 pm**
15. International news
- 8:30 pm**
16. Weather report
- 8:45 pm**
17. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ချစ်သူများ” (အပိုင်း-၁၇)
- 9:00 pm**
18. The next day's programme



Thursday, 10 January
Tune in today

- 8:30 am** Brief news
- 8:35 am** Music
-Love at first sight
- 8:40 am** Perspectives
- 8:45 am** Music
-Funny
- 8:50 am** National news/ Slogan
- 9:00 am** Music
-Here and now
- 9:05 am** International news
- 9:10 am** Music
-I will wait
- 1:30 pm** News/ Slogan
- 1:40 pm** Lunch time music
-The closet thing to heaven
-The best thing
- 9:00pm** Aspects of Myanmar
“Kantharyar-Pleasant Beach Resort”
- 9:10pm** Article
- 9:20pm** Topics
potpourri
-Bean sprouts grow in tamato
-British research proves better new breast cancer drug
- 9:30pm** Songs of your choice
-Like a rose
-Show me the meaning of being lonely
- 9:45 pm** News /Slogan
- 10:00 pm** PEL

People's Desire

- ★ **We favour stability.**
- ★ **We favour peace.**
- ★ **We oppose unrest and violence.**

Electric Power No 2 Minister inspects tower construction plan

YANGON, 9 Jan — Minister for Electric Power No 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint accompanied by officials inspected the progress of the construction of 230 KV towers between Toungoo main sub power station to Thakayta main sub power station and construction of bore pile on 8 January. Deputy Chief-Engineer U Tint Lwin of

Construction Project Special Group No 1 under the Public Works of Ministry of Construction and Project Director U Thein Hlaing of Electric Power Supply Enterprise under the Myanma Electric Power Enterprise reported on progress of work. The minister fulfilled the requirements and inspected the site.

MNA

Minister looks into Royal Kaytumadi Hotel Construction Project



Hotels and Tourism Minister Maj-Gen Soe Naing inspects Royal Kaytumadi Hotel Construction Project in Toungoo. — H&T

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Jan— Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing held a meeting with hoteliers of Bago zone at the briefing hall of the construction site of the Royal Kaytumadi Hotel Construction Project in

Toungoo on 6 January morning.

Director-General U Htay Aung of the Directorate of Hotels and Tourism explained laws, rules and regulations to be enforced in undertaking hotel and tourism industry.

Chairman of the Myanmar Hoteliers Association Dr Khin Shwe reported on hotel and tourism services in Myanmar.

Hotel general Manager Daw Stella Kyaw Win gave an account of progress of construction

of Royal Kaytumadi Hotel. The entrepreneurs put forward the business difficulties. The Minister attended to the needs.

The Minister and party inspected the construction tasks around the project site.—MNA

INSIDE

Research works are being conducted for production of new medicines and finding out new therapies with the use of medicinal plants for progress of Myanmar traditional medicine. Concerted efforts are being made for production of potent medicines and finding out effective therapies for the diseases that cannot be cured by western medicines.

PAGE 2

PERSPECTIVES

- ★ **Skyful liars attempting to destroy nation**
- ★ **BBC lying**
- ★ **VOA deceiving**
- ★ **RFA setting up hostilities**
- ★ **Beware! Don't be bought by those ill-wishers**