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Four political objectives

- * Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order
- * National reconsolidation
- * Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution
- * Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution

Four economic objectives

- * Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well
- * Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
- * Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investments from sources inside the country and abroad
- * The initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national peoples

Four social objectives

- * Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
- * Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
- * Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit
- * Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

Secretary-1 receives Vice-Chairperson of Standing Committee of NPC and President of Chinese People's Association for Peace and Disarmament

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Jan — Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo received Vice-Chairperson of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress (NPC) of the People's Republic of China and President of the Chinese People's Association for Peace and Disarmament (CPAPD) Madame He Luli and party, who are currently in Myanmar at the invitation of the Secretary-General of the Union Solidarity and Development Association, at the hall of the State Peace and Development Council Office here at 10.30 am today.

Also present at

the call were USDA CEC members Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Nay Pyi Taw Mayor Col Thein Nyunt and Deputy Minister for Transport Col Nyan Tun Aung, Director-General Col Kyaw Kyaw Win of the SPDC Office, Director-General Col Thant Shin of the Government Office and Director-General U Kyaw Kyaw of the Protocol Department under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The Chinese delegation was accompanied by Chinese Ambassador Mr Guan Mu.—MNA



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo receives Vice-Chairperson of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress of PRC Madame He Luli and party.

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Lt-Gen Myint Swe sees off Myanmar Tatmadaw football team, volleyball team

YANGON, 11 Jan — Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence

gave instructions to the football team and volleyball team of the Myanmar

Armed Forces at Yangon International Airport at 4 pm today before their de-

parture for India to play friendly football and volleyball matches with the

teams of the Indian Armed Forces at the invitation of the Indian Armed Forces.

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Lt-Gen Myint Swe of Ministry of Defence meeting with the football team and volleyball team of Myanmar Tatmadaw at Yangon International Airport. —MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Actively take part in environmental conservation

Each and every nation is taking all possible measures to prevent environmental degradation. And conservation of environment is being carried out through establishment of forests and guarding against the deprivation of bio-diversity.

In Myanmar the National Commission for Environmental Affairs was formed in 1990, and work is well under way for conservation of environment through the protection and preservation of over 60,000 square miles of reserve forests, protected forests and natural forests.

In the meantime, greening of Bago Yoma, greening of the arid zone, extended establishment of forest plantations and natural forests, sanctuaries and wildlife sanctuaries are being carried out extensively.

Over one million acres of forest plantations including special teak plantations, commercial plantations, rural fire-wood plantations, plantations for industrial raw materials and watershed plantations have already been established.

The nine-district greening project that was launched in 1994 to prevent soil degradation has now been extended to 13 districts of the arid zone.

The protection and preservation of land and water resources of the State amounts to enhancing socio-economic life of the people. Hence, the entire national people are to actively take part in the drive for environmental conservation in order to protect endangered species of wildlife.

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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

Minister receives Chinese guests

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Jan — Minister for Electric Power No 1 Col Zaw Min received President Mr Lu Wenjun and party of China National Heavy Machinery Corporation (CHMC) of the People's Republic of China at the minister's office this afternoon.

They discussed matters related to Yeywa, Khabaung and Kon-chaung Hydro Electric Power Projects.

Also present on the occasion were Deputy Minister U Myo Myint , directors-general and officials of departments under the Ministry of Electric Power No 1.

Vice-President Mr Xiao Ping and Vice Manager Senior Engineer Mr Zhang Fei and officials of CHMC were also present together with Mr Lu Wenjun.—MNA



Minister Col Zaw Min receives Mr Lu Wenjun, President of China National Heavy Machinery Corporation (CHMC). — MNA



Deputy Director-General of IPRD U Ye Htut presents prize to a trainee of Basic Librarian Course No 3/2007. — MNA

Basic Librarian Course No 3/2007 concludes

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Jan — The Basic Librarian Course No 3/2007 was concluded at the Ministry of Information, here, this morning.

Deputy Director-General U Ye Htut of Information and Public Relations Department attended the conclusion ceremony and delivered a speech. He presented prizes to the trainees who stood first, second and third in the course.

He also presented cash assistance to trainees through leader U Sai Aung Zaw Lin provided by Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan.

IPRD Director U Than Tun gave completion certificates to the trainees. A total of 54 trainees attended the 5-week course organized by IPRD under the Ministry of Information.—MNA

Talks on industrial development held

YANGON, 11 Jan — Hailing the 14th Annual General Meeting of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, talks on development of industries were held at UMFCCI office tower here today.

Chairman of Myanmar Industry Association U Paw Hein made a speech.

Adviser to UMFCCI Dr Kyaw Htin presented paper on industrial development and private sector, Vice-President of UMFCCI Vice-Chairman of MIA U Zaw Min Win paper on Challenges and Perspective for the Future Development of SMEs in Myanmar, Executive of Renewable Energy Group of UMFCCI U Tun Naing Aung paper on “Why We need Consultant”, CEC U Tin Maung Win of Myanmar Agro-based Food Processors and Exporters Association paper on quality management of Myanmar and Chief Engineer U Ni Paw of Myanma Agricultural Produce Trading on development of bio-fuel production and trading.—MNA



Dr Kyaw Htin, Patron of Myanmar Industry Association, presents his paper on industrial development and private sector. — UMFCCI

African Union head meets Kenya's feuding parties

NAIROBI, 11 Jan—African Union chief John Kufuor shuttled between Kenya's President and opposition leader on Wednesday to try to break a political impasse behind post-election turmoil that has killed 500 people.

Kufuor, Ghana's President, met President Mwai Kibaki first at State House before holding talks with Raila Odinga at a central hotel. He then returned to Kibaki and was

due to speak to Odinga again on Thursday.

Kibaki's office said the President and Kufuor reiterated that dialogue was "the only way forward towards a sustainable solution to the current political situation."

An opposition spokesman said Odinga discussed forming a transitional government, a vote recount and a new poll as possible options to end a crisis that has dented

Kenya's reputation for stability in volatile east Africa.

"(Kufuor) will leave very soon, after having created a framework in which these negotiations can take place," he said.

Odinga says Kibaki supporters cheated him out of the 27 December vote by rigging. Washington and London have said the vote counting was flawed.

MNA/Reuters



Venezuela's President Hugo Chavez points in a map the site of the hostages released during a meeting at Miraflores Palace in Caracas on 10 Jan, 2008.—INTERNET

IAEA chief arrives in Iran for talks on nuclear programme

TEHERAN, 11 Jan—Director-General of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Mohamed ElBaradei arrived in this Iranian capital early on Friday for a discussion on Iran's nuclear programme.

This is ElBaradei's first visit to Iran in over one and a half years. Received by Mohammad Saeedi, deputy head of Iran's Atomic Energy Organization, the UN nuclear watchdog chief declined to make any

comments on his arrival. Earlier this week, IAEA spokeswoman Melissa Fleming said ElBaradei would spend two days in Iran. ElBaradei hoped his visit can contribute to the clarification of some vague issues regarding Iran's nuclear programs and would help to find measures to improve and accelerate the IAEA's supervision and inspection on the programs, Fleming said. Fleming said ElBaradei would meet some

senior Iranian officials, but refused to give details. On 30 December, 2007, Iranian Foreign Minister Manouchehr Mottaki said Tehran would put the country's first nuclear power plant into operation with half capacity in the summer of 2008.

Internet

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Obama says New Hampshire loss shows change not easy

JERSEY CITY (New Jersey), 11 Jan—Barack Obama said on Wednesday his upset loss to Hillary Clinton in New Hampshire's US presidential primary was a reminder change was not

easy and would be resisted by those who gain from the status quo.

"My voice is a little hoarse, my eyes are a little bleary, my back is a little sore, but my spirit is strong," Obama said the

day after Clinton won narrowly in New Hampshire despite opinion polls before the vote showing she trailed Obama by double-digits.

Obama, bidding to be the first Black President, had hoped for a New Hampshire win that would solidify his hold on the top spot in the state-by-state race to pick candidates for the November election to succeed President George W Bush.

The Illinois Senator was greeted like a rock star by about 3,000 people at a college gym. He apologized for starting late, saying he had been thanking 2,000 people still waiting to get into the venue at St Peter's College in Jersey City.

MNA/Reuters

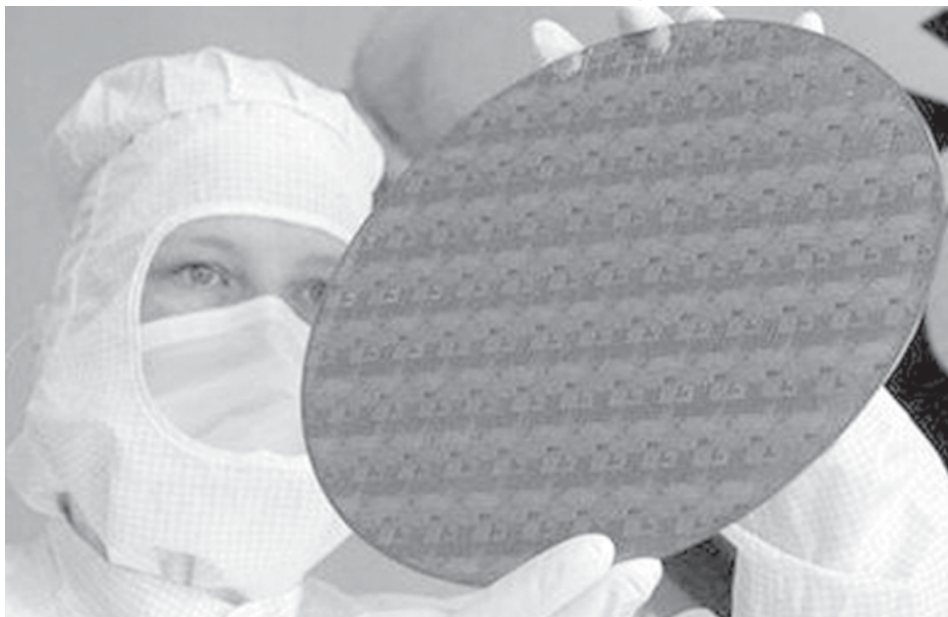


Democratic presidential candidate and US Senator Barack Obama (D-IL) receives an endorsement from US Senator John Kerry (D-MA) (R) as he speaks during a campaign stop at the College of Charleston in Charleston, South Carolina, on 10 Jan, 2008.—XINHUA

Richardson to drop US presidential bid

WASHINGTON, 11 Jan—New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson is dropping out of the race for the Democratic US presidential nomination after a poor showing in early contests, US media reported on Wednesday.

Richardson, who hoped to become the first Hispanic US president, won just 5 per cent of the Democratic vote in Tuesday's New Hampshire primary, finishing fourth behind Senator Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama and former North Carolina Senator John Edwards.—MNA/Reuters



An Advanced Micro Devices technician in a file photo. New York state launched a formal investigation on 10 Jan, 2008 to determine if Intel, the world's biggest chip maker, violated state and US antitrust laws to squeeze out rival AMD.—INTERNET

Japan plans \$10b aid to fight global warming

TOKYO, 11 Jan—Japan plans to set aside about 10 billion US dollars over the next five years to help countries such as China

and Indonesia fight global warming, a newspaper reported on Thursday.

Japan's aid programme would focus on measures to cut greenhouse gas emissions, ease the effects of disasters caused by global warming and promote the use of alternative energy sources, the Nikkei business daily said.

The aid package would come in the form of grants

or yen-denominated, low-interest loans, the daily said.

Apart from helping improve the efficiency of China's ageing coal-fired power plants, it would be used to help developing countries gather and monitor meteorological data so that they could take measures to prevent natural disasters, Nikkei said.

MNA/Reuters



Giant Russian dolls line up in London Eye for launch of this year’s Russian Winter Festival in London, capital of Britain, on 10 Jan, 2008.—XINHUA

Message, not gender turns US voters from Clinton

MANCHESTER (New Hampshire), 10 Jan — Voters are not turning their backs on Hillary Clinton because of doubts about a woman in the White House but rather turning on to the optimistic message of her rival Barack Obama, according to some experts on gender and leadership.

The 46-year-old Senator with his wife and two young children makes Clinton, a 60-year-old political veteran, seem outdated to some voters, they said.

Clinton lost caucuses in Iowa last week to Obama and has seen her poll lead overturned going into Tuesday’s Democratic primary in New Hampshire, part of a state-by-state process by which parties choose a candidate

for President. Victory in November’s election to succeed US President George W Bush would make Clinton the first US female president after 43 male heads of state.

But that possibility could be fading if primary voters opt for the promise

of hope and change projected by Obama over Clinton’s experience and readiness to lead.

MNA/Reuters

A model presents a design from a collection by Indian designer Snehashish Bhattacharya during a fashion show in the eastern Indian city of Kolkata, on 10 Jan, 2008.—INTERNET



US diplomats critical of Bush Iraq policy

WASHINGTON, 10 Jan — Nearly half of US diplomats who do not want to serve in Iraq say a key reason is because they do not support the Bush Administration’s policies there, according to a union survey released on Tuesday.

The survey by the American Foreign Service Association, which represents the rank-and-file diplomatic corps, not political appointees, also found that most US

diplomats were frustrated by what they saw as a lack of resources.

Four out of 10 think Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice is doing a bad job supporting them.

The survey canvassed the opinions of 4,311 foreign service members out of a total of about 11,500. It was unclear how representative the survey was but it indicated what many diplomats say is growing discontent among the rank and file.

The Iraq war has strained the US diplomatic corps and become unpopular among Americans in general.

In the survey, 48 per cent of the diplomats surveyed who said they would not volunteer to go to Iraq cited opposition to US policy on Iraq.

Other reasons were security concerns, time away from family and “obstacles to performing assigned duties”.

MNA/Reuters

Iraqis, Iranian protest at British base in Cyprus

NICOSIA, 10 Jan — Seven Iraqi men and an Iranian were threatening to throw themselves off a building at a British military base in Cyprus on Wednesday unless they got British passports, witnesses said.

The men scaled a 14-metre (45 feet) fire brigade training tower in the western sovereign base area of Episkopi and said they would only come down if they got British citizenship.

“Nobody cares about us or what we want. Maybe some of us will throw ourselves down,” protester Nabil Naji, 36, told Reuters by telephone.

“We want citizenship, we have been here for seven years and we want our rights.

We will stay here until we get them,” he said.

The men had entered British sovereign territory in Cyprus seven years ago, getting on the island via Turkish held northern Cyprus, an unrecognized Turkish Cypriot state.

British authorities rejected their application for asylum.

Naji, who said he was from Babylon, said British authorities had told him he had to leave by 14

January. “I have no-where to go,” he said.

Cyprus was a British colony until 1960 and Britain retains sovereignty over two pockets of territory on the Mediterranean island, now used as military bases.

The men, who are all single, had broken into the abandoned tower on Wednesday morning.

Their applications for asylum were rejected by Britain’s border and immigration service after a thorough assessment, a British bases spokesman said. —MNA/Reuters

Russia gas blast kills eight, seven missing

MOSCOW, 10 Jan — Eight people were killed and seven were missing after a suspected gas explosion on Wednesday in an apartment building in the Russian city of Kazan, local emergency services said.

“Rescue and recovery teams have stopped combing through the debris. At this moment, we can say eight people were killed,” said Svetlana Lebedeva, emergency services spokeswoman in the city, around 800 kilometres (500 miles) east of Moscow.

She did not clarify if rescue works would continue later.

Seven tenants of the three-storey building were unaccounted for, she said, adding their chances of survival under the rubble were slim in temperatures of about minus 20 Celsius (minus 4 Fahrenheit).

She said there was hope the missing were away at the time.

Wednesday is Russia’s first working day after 10 days of New Year and Orthodox Christmas holidays.

At least two people were rescued alive from the ruins, the emergency services spokeswoman said.

MNA/Reuters



The Sydney Opera House sits with the Sydney Harbour Bridge behind it. Australia’s Macquarie dictionary this week asked readers to vote for their favourite new word in the latest annually updated online volume, offering a total of 85 words or phrases in 17 categories. —INTERNET



Different color ASUS Eee PC notebooks are seen on display at the ASUS booth at the Consumer Electronics Show (CES) in Las Vegas, on 9 Jan, 2008. The computer on the left is running on Linux; the one on the right is running on Windows.—INTERNET

Tea production in Bangladesh up 8% in 2007

DHAKA, 10 Jan—Bangladesh's tea production posted an 8-per cent growth to a robust 58 million kilogrammes in 2007, thanks largely to favorable weather and expansion of gardens, local newspaper *The Financial Express* reported on Wednesday.

The country's 163 tea gardens, located in greater northeastern Sylhet, southeastern Chittagong and northern districts, were hit by a drought in 2006 when the production fell to 53.7 million kilogrammes.

"This year most of the gardens witnessed very good growth in tea

production. Our estimate for this year's tea output is around 58 million kilogrammes," said Shantanu Biswas, who is a General Manager of the country's leading tea planter, MM Ispahani Limited.

Plucking of tea leaves in the gardens begins in March and ends on 31 December last year. "The high output was due to favourable weather and

expansion of existing tea gardens by at least two and a half per cent as per the directive of the authorities," said Biswas, also the chairman of Tea Traders Association of Bangladesh. The growth is likely to boost tea export and keep the domestic prices down in the current fiscal, traders said.

MNA/Xinhua

Vietnam, Laos to strengthen, investment cooperation

HANOI, 10 Jan—Laos and Vietnam have targeted increasingly closer investment cooperation, and two-way trade of one billion US dollars in 2010, two billion US dollars in 2015 and five billion US dollars in 2020, Lao newspaper *Vientiane Times* reported on Wednesday.

The 30th meeting of the Laos-Vietnam Cooperation Commission, and the Vietnam-Laos

Cooperation Commission co-chaired by Lao Deputy Prime Minister Somsavat Lengsavad and his Vietnamese counterpart Nguyen Sinh Hung in Laos' Vientiane capital lasting from 8 to 10 January is reviewing past achievements and discussing cooperation orientations this year.

On 10 January, the two commissions will sign a cooperation agreement in various areas in 2008,

including enhancing the quality of education, and creating more favourable conditions for Lao and Vietnamese enterprises to invest in areas of high potential like mining, hydroelectricity, industrial crop and service.

Laos and Vietnam gained two-way trade of 307 million US dollars in 2007, up 18 per cent against 2006.

MNA/Xinhua



Overseer of small mammals at Bristol Zoo Gardens Caroline Brown with the young aye aye named 'Raz', (Daubentonia madagascariensis) in Bristol Zoo in Bristol, England, on 9 Jan, 2007. The aye aye is only the second of his species to be born in Britain.—INTERNET

ECONOMIC NEWS

S Korea, EU postpone FTA talks

SEOUL, 10 Jan—South Korea and the European Union (EU) will hold their sixth round of free trade

talks in the last week of this month, one week later than scheduled, South Korea's *Yonhap* news agency reported on Wednesday.

"Both sides agreed that more time is needed to review revised offers from each other," said an official at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

The talks on their free trade agreement (FTA) will be held from 18 January to 1 February, the official said.

The FTA talks between South Korea and the EU has been in impasse due to difference over restrictions on auto trade and

auto-related technical standards, one of the most divisive issues in the trade negotiations.

Brussels wants Seoul to cut regulations for European carmakers by applying international standards instead of different domestic rules. The EU said it cannot accept Seoul's revised proposal on auto-related technical standards, which include a quota and a five-year grace period for cars imported from European carmakers.

But Seoul reiterated that it cannot accept the EU's demand.

MNA/Xinhua

China auto production, sales to hit 10 m units in '08

BEIJING, 10 Jan—Auto production and sales in China are both likely to hit a record 10 million units this year, an industry executive forecast on Tuesday.

Dong Yang, vice chairman of the China Association of Automobile Manufacturers (CAAM), told *Xinhua* it was a "foregone conclusion" that both China's auto output and sales would surpass 8.7 million units in 2007.

"They will continue to expand at double-digit rates in 2008," he added.

In 2006, China overtook Japan to become the world's second largest car market, trailing only the United States, with sales of 7.2 million units, up 25.13 per cent from a year earlier. The country was also the world's third largest vehicle producer, after Japan and the United States.

Currently, vehicle ownership in China was 44 for every 1,000 people. This was compared with the world average of 120. The United States had 750 vehicles for every 1,000 people.

Dong said the domestic car market had huge potential as the country had 57 million motor vehicles by the end of last year. Among them were 21.5 million privately-owned cars, according to latest government figures.

MNA/Xinhua



A Montblanc Eclat diamond necklace and matching earrings are on display at the 7th Annual awards season diamond fashion show preview hosted by Diamond Information Centre and In Style in Beverly Hills, California on 10 Jan, 2008.

INTERNET

AU wants common African position on EU trade deals

YAOUNDE, 10 Jan — Trade ministers from around Africa will meet before the end of February to hammer out a common position for the world’s poorest continent on new trade deals with Europe, a senior African Union official said.

After years of negotiations, the European Union had hoped to sign far-reaching economic partnership agreements (EPAs) with mainly poor former colonies

before preferential trade terms expired on 31 December, but most failed to reach a full deal.

Some African leaders have been critical of the proposed agreements, saying they were being strong-armed by Europe into signing deals that would be damaging to local economies.

But others who were anxious to safeguard their exports — including cocoa and banana growers Ivory Coast, Ghana and

Cameroon — broke ranks last month and initialled 11th hour interim deals.

“We at the AU intend to hold a meeting of trade ministers in Addis Ababa before the end of next month to critically analyse the provisions of the EPAs and adopt a common position before comprehensive agreements are signed,” AU Trade Commissioner Elisabeth Tankeu said in Cameroon late on Monday.

MNA/Reuters



An Aboriginal community (L) lies before the arkose massif of Uluru (Ayers Rock) rising above the surrounding desert of central Australia. Global warming could hit human health in remote Australia hard by causing irregular disease distribution and extreme weather, according to a new study, which also said that Aborigines could be among those worst affected since many of them live in remote areas. —INTERNET

Six killed in US winter storm

WASHINGTON, 10 Jan — A storm system caused by abnormal warm winter weather pounded central parts of the United States in last two days, leaving at least six people dead.

The National Weather Service (NWS) said on Wednesday that the winter storm has brought tornadoes and floods to Missouri, Tennessee, Kentucky, Wisconsin, Arkansas, Illinois and Oklahoma, and spun off floods in Indiana, where at least three people were killed. Two more deaths were reported from Missouri and one was confirmed dead in Arkansas. The NWS said the storm system is moving east and has already hit New York state, where some 40,000 customers were knocked out of power.

MNA/Xinhua

Critics try to sway debate on US-India nuclear deal

WASHINGTON, 10 Jan — Critics of the US-India civil nuclear agreement on Wednesday urged two international groups whose approval is vital to the deal to take steps to ensure it does not undermine global nonproliferation efforts.

Nearly 100 nongovernmental organizations and 25 individuals made their case in a letter to the 45 nations of the Nuclear Suppliers Group, which governs international nuclear trade, and to some board members of the International Atomic Energy Agency, the UN nuclear watchdog.

The letter, a copy of which was obtained by Reuters ahead of its public release on Wednesday,

argued that the deal would “damage the already fragile nuclear nonproliferation system and set back efforts to achieve universal nuclear disarmament.”

MNA/Reuters

China’s union charity drive benefits 71 m poor families

BEIJING, 10 Jan — China’s trade unions have appropriated 26.4 billion yuan (about 3.6 billion US dollars) of charity funds to help 71 million poor workers’ families since its “Sending Warmth” programme was launched in 1992.

An official with the

All-China Federation of Trade Unions (ACFTU), the country’s top level trade union, disclosed the figures at an international forum on economic globalization and trade unions which was concluded here Tuesday. Launched by the ACFTU 16 years ago, the charity programme aims

to give care and material support to poor workers.

In the past 16 years, trade unions at various levels have visited 1.14 million enterprises with financial difficulties and have lifted about 4.45 million poor workers’ families out of poverty, the official said.

A nation-wide assistance network for poor workers has come into place, with assistance centres for poor workers covering 100 per cent prefectures and 80 per cent counties, according to the official. “The network provides a strong backup for maintaining workers’ lawful rights and for ensuring a more equal sharing of the fruit of economic and social development in the country,” the official said.

MNA/Xinhua



Hardelibieke Mardan, a herdsman of China’s Kazak ethnic group, trains a golden eagle in Altay, northwest China’s Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, on 8 Jan, 2008. —XINHUA



Sculptures and building made of ice attract visitors at the Harbin Snow and Ice World, on 9 Jan, where the mercury in January often creeps below 20 degrees Celsius, (minus four degrees Fahrenheit). —INTERNET

Most vulnerable homeless at risk of dying in LA

LOS ANGELES, 10 Jan — Dozens of most vulnerable homeless are at risk of dying at Los Angeles Skid Row and need immediate assistance, city officials said on Tuesday.

To provide housing and social services to the most vulnerable homeless people, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors has approved a 5.6-million-dollar bud-get, the board announced.

The effort, named “Project 50”, is patterned after efforts in New York and other cities designed to save the lives of those most likely to die on the streets.

New York City-based Common Ground, one of the advocacy groups being contracted for the effort, implemented a similar programme in a 20-block area of Times Square and reduced the

number of homeless people there by 87 per cent, according to the organization.

Last month, Los Angeles officials, assisted by Common Ground staff, canvassed an area of Skid Row in downtown Los Angeles for nine days during early morning hours and surveyed people they found sleeping on the streets.

MNA/Xinhua

English, Maths poor in one fifth of schools in Britain

LONDON, 11 Jan—One in five schools in England fails to give pupils a decent education in maths and English although the trend is improving, exam league tables showed on Thursday.

Some 639 state-funded schools last year failed to meet the government target of 30 per cent of their students achieving a good grade—at least a C—in five GCSEs including English and Maths.

Prime Minister Gordon Brown said in November he wanted all schools to reach this level by 2012 in the exams taken by 15 and 16-year-olds.

He said those that failed to hit the target faced closure or federation with another school.

Schools Minister Jim Knight said 150 more schools had made the required grade in Thursday's tables than the previous year.

"The vast majority are improving year on year and those at the lowest level are receiving intensive support." He said improvement over the past decade was excellent—in 1997 only half of schools reached the target. The opposition Conservatives said the tables showed that more than 500,000 pupils were at schools the prime minister regarded as failing.

MNA/Reuters

Venezuelans fly to Colombia to free hostages

CARACAS, 11 Jan— Venezuela flew aircraft to Colombia on Thursday in an operation for the release of two women hostages being freed by Marxist rebels, after a similar effort led by President Hugo Chavez collapsed on New Year's Eve.

Aided by the International Committee of the Red Cross, Venezuela plans to pick up Colombian politicians Clara Rojas and Consuelo Gonzalez, held for years in secret jungle camps, after the FARC guerrillas again promised to free them.

The release would be the first major breakthrough for years in moves toward peace between the Colombian Government and the rebels and should bolster the standings of Chavez and Colombian President Alvaro Uribe, despite weeks of bickering over the deal.

"At this moment I can confirm that the operation is in progress," said Irma Alvarez, spokeswoman for the Red Cross, in an interview with Venezuelan state television.

Chavez last year brokered a deal with the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, the FARC, to release the two hostages and a boy born to one of them in captivity, but the mission crumbled as it emerged the child was already in Colombian custody.

MNA/Reuters



A Venezuelan helicopter with Red Cross insignias takes off from the airport of San Jose del Guaviare, in southern Colombia, on 10 Jan, 2008, to pick up two women who were kidnapped by rebels of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia more than six years ago. — INTERNET



Soldiers of Pakistan's para-military force search a vehicle in Karachi, Pakistan on 10 Jan, 2008.

INTERNET

Bomb threat snags Giuliani campaign stop in Florida

MELBOURNE (Florida), 11 Jan —Republican Rudy Giuliani, who regularly touts his leadership of New York City during the September 11 attacks, saw his plan to jump-start his presidential campaign tripped up by a bomb threat in Florida on Wednesday.

The threat threw off his schedule and reduced the turnout for the former New York mayor's speech

in Melbourne from what his campaign manager Bill McCollum said was initially expected to be "several hundred" people to about 50.

The anonymous threat was called into the headquarters of communications equipment maker Harris Corp at about the same time Giuliani's plane landed at the airport for his scheduled appearance at the company, according to

Melbourne Police Commander Ron Bell.

All 500 Harris employees were evacuated and sent home while the presidential hopeful waited at the airport for police to secure a hangar as an alternative site for the event and check reporters and supporters with bomb-sniffing dogs.

"There was no specific threat made to Mayor Giuliani at any time," Bell said. —MNA/Reuters

South Korea, China resolve kimchi pickle

BEIJING, 11 Jan— South Korea and China have resumed normal kimchi trade, state media said on Thursday, two years after Seoul kicked up a stink about the quality of the Chinese version.

Kimchi is a fiery, pungent dish of raw, pickled vegetables, including cabbage and radish, served at every meal in Korea but an acquired taste for many outsiders.

South Korea launched an investigation into Chinese-made kimchi after the discovery of parasite eggs in October 2005. In response, China banned several imports of Korean food and started an investigation into Korean cosmetics.

South Korea agreed to cut down random sampling of Chinese kimchi from 100 per cent to 20 per cent in August and this week cut the sampling to the regular 10 per cent, Xinhua news agency said.

MNA/Reuters

Ex-bodyguard says British Intelligence Services bug Diana

LONDON, 11 Jan— A former bodyguard of deceased British Princess of Wales Diana told the inquest into her death on Wednesday that the government's intelligence services had been recording her conversations. The recordings featured Diana talking on the phone with her close friend James Gilbey who affectionately called her "Squidgy" and said repeatedly, "I love you", Sky news reported.

Ken Wharfe, who guarded Diana for around seven years until 1993, told her inquest he believed the British intelligence listening station GCHQ had routinely bugged the Princess' conversations and had broadcast the recording of the phone conversation over the airwaves for radio enthusiasts to pick up.

He added that he believed GCHQ were monitoring members of the royal family due to heightened IRA (Irish Republican Army) activity at the time. Diana and her boyfriend Dodi Al Fayed died in Paris after a car crash in August 1997. And the inquest started in London last year into their deaths. — MNA/Xinhua



A traffic jam on the A 12 highway near Vomp. Cutting the speed limit on Austrian roads to 80 kilometres an hour (50 mph) would save 90 lives every year and reduce pollution, a study released by a road safety group said on Tuesday.—INTERNET

Foreign Heads of State felicitate Senior General Than Shwe

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Jan—*The following are the messages of felicitations sent by Foreign Heads of State to Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, on the occasion of the 60th Anniversary Independence Day of the Union of Myanmar.*
From His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej of the Kingdom of Thailand

On the occasion of the Independence Day of the Union of Myanmar, I wish to extend to Your Excellency cordial felicitations and best wishes for your well-being and happiness as well as for the progress and prosperity of your country and its people.

From Mr Nguyen Minh Triet, President of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam
On behalf of the State and people of Vietnam and in my own name, I have the great honour to convey to Your Excellency and the people of Myanmar the warmest congratulations on the occasion of the 60th anniversary of the Independence Day of the Union of Myanmar.
As a neighbouring country and a member of ASEAN family, Vietnam sincerely wishes that Myanmar would soon obtain stability so as to concentrate on the cause of national construction development, thus bringing about a prosperous and wealthy

living for the people of Myanmar.
We are Much delighted to witness the fine development of the traditional friendship and multifaceted cooperation between Vietnam and Myanmar in the past 32 years and strongly believe that these fine relations will be further strengthened and consolidated in the interests of the peoples of our two countries and for peace, stability, cooperation and development in the region and the world over.
May Your Excellency ever stay in the best of health and happiness. Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.—MNA

Vietnamese Prime Minister sends felicitations to Prime Minister General Thein Sein

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Jan— *The following is the message of felicitations sent by Mr Nguyen Tan Dung, Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, to General Thein Sein, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, on the occasion of the 60th Anniversary Independence Day of the Union of Myanmar.*
On behalf of the Government and people of Vietnam, I have the honour to convey to Your Excellency and the Government and people of Myanmar the

warmest congratulations on the occasion of the 60th anniversary of the Independence Day of the Union of Myanmar.
I am pleased to see the excellent development of the traditional friendship and multifaceted cooperation between Vietnam and Myanmar in the past years, especially after my official visit to Myanmar in August 2007 and your official visit to Vietnam in November 2007. I am confident that with the efforts of our two

Governments and peoples, the relationship between the two countries would be unceasingly strengthened and developed in the interests of the two peoples and for peace, stability, cooperation and prosperous development in Southeast Asia and the world over.
I wish Your Excellency the best of health and happiness and please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.
MNA

45th Myanma Gems Emporium 2008 to be held in March

YANGON, 11 Jan — Plans are under way to hold the 45th Myanma Gems Emporium 2008 in March by Ministry of Mines and Central Committee for Organizing Myanma Gems Emporium. National gem entrepreneurs will get more export earnings at the emporium since local and foreign gem merchants will purchase gems under competitive bidding. Collaborative efforts

between the central committee and respective departments at home and abroad and Myanmar Gem Entrepreneurs Association are making collaborative efforts to attract more local and foreign gem merchants to visit the emporium.
Those national gem entrepreneurs who wish to participate in the emporium may contact the central committee not later than 20 February.

MNA

China's Internet consumption to rise 45.8% in '08

BEIJING, 11 Jan— China's Internet consumption hit 398.8 billion yuan (53.89 billion US dollars) last year and is expected to reach 581.5 billion yuan in 2008, up 45.8 per cent, according to a survey released on Tuesday.
The "Netguide 2008" survey, which provides a wrap-up of China's 2007 cyberworld, polled more than 300 websites and about 200 enterprises, with 50,786

interviewees around the country.
The Internet consumption includes all web-related expenses such as broadband installment expenses, payment for online game and shopping, and payment for IP phone services. according to Fu Zhihua, director of the Data Centre of the China Internet (DCCI) research department that conducted the survey
MNA/Xinhua

Lt-Gen Myint Swe sees off Myanmar Tatmadaw football team, ...

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In his speech, Lt-Gen Myint Swe said that under the arrangement of Myanmar-India friendship programme, Myanmar and Indian Armed Forces have exchanged sports teams for many times. Myanma Tatmadaw teams will play friendly matches for the fourth time, and the teams of Indian Armed Forces have played three times.

As it is the friendly matches, players of Myanma Tatmadaw teams are to play the matches with sporting spirit without concentrating on winning and losses. However, Myanmar Tatmadaw players to vigorously compete in the friendly matches to uplift the prestige of the State. All the players are to observe the directives of the leader of the team. The

UK lawmakers want tougher, faster drug appraisals

LONDON, 11 Jan— Britain's medicines advisory agency should assess all new drugs at launch but set a tougher initial cost hurdle for using them on the state health service, lawmakers said in a report on Thursday.
The proposals could add to pressure on drug prices in Britain, where the government is already renegotiating a pricing agreement with industry in a bid to get better value for money.
Since 1999, the

National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE) has led the world in measuring the cost-effectiveness of new treatments, and its actions are closely watched by other governments and insurers. Parliamentarians said NICE played a vital role in rationing healthcare but they criticized the arbitrary nature of the threshold above which it deemed drugs as too expensive, which was higher than used by primary care trusts.
MNA/Reuters

football and volleyball teams are to promote friendly ties between the two countries. In addition, it is necessary to adopt modern sport techniques modern for development of Myanmar sports standard. In conclusion, Lt-Gen Myint Swe stressed the need to cement friendly relationship between the two countries. The 38-member sports contingent of Myanmar Armed Forces led by Vice Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Hla Shwe was seen off at Yangon International Airport by Lt-Gen Myint Swe, Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win, senior military officers and Defence Attaché Col Manoj Mukund Naravane of the Indian Embassy.
MNA



Pro-Rector of International Institute of Abhidhamma U Mya Than, retired ambassador, accepts cash donated by wellwishers at the office (branch) of the institute in Kyauktada Township recently. Altogether 30 donors at home and abroad donated over K 2.8 million and FEC 450 in total to International Institute of Abhidhamma. — H

USDA Joint Secretary-General attends opening of school building, meets USDA members

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Jan — Joint Secretary-General of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Electric Power No 1 Col Zaw Min attended the opening ceremony of the building at Basic Education Middle School (Branch) in Chaukpin Village of Kanma Township on 7 January.

Minister Col Zaw Min, Chairman of Thayet District Peace and Development Council U Khin Maung Win and Sayadaw Bhaddanta Rajinda, on behalf of wellwisher Sayadaw Bhaddanta Nayaka of Byama Neinmitayon Pariyatti Monastery, formally opened the school building.

Next, the minister delivered an address. On behalf of the Sayadaw, Member of the School Board of Trustees U Hsan Win reported on the purpose of donating the school building and handed over documents related to the new school building to Township Education Officer Daw Nyunt Nyunt Tin.

While in Kanma, the Joint Secretary-General of USDA inspected tasks of bio-gas fired power station being undertaken by USDA in Pazinneint Village. The power station is supplying power to 100 houses in the village.

At Kanma Township USDA Office, the Joint Secretary-General met executives, organizers, members and local people and urged them to participate in Community welfare tasks.

He also met with executives, organizers, members and townsenders at Mindon Township USDA Office. In the evening, the Joint Secretary-General together with Chairman of Magway Division PDC Col Phone Maw Shwe met executives, organizers, members and townsenders of Padan Township USDA at the Dhammayon of No 25 Saw Mill in Padan of Thayet District.—MNA

MMA conference on 15 Jan

YANGON, 11 Jan—The 54th conference of Myanmar Medical Association will commence at 8 am on 15 January at the hall of the Association on Theinbyu Road in Mingalar Taungnyunt Township here.

The invited persons, representatives to the conference and members of the association are to arrive by 7:30 am.—MNA



Ni Ni Moe demonstrates shaping hair styles at a ceremony to introduce "Hair Style DIY (Do It Yourself)" Book.
MNA

Spirit of wise men

As a solid rock is not shaken by the wind, even so are the wise men unshaken in blame and praise.

Dhammapada 81

Electric Power No 2 Minister attends signing ceremony

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Jan — A ceremony to sign agreement between Myanmar Electric Power Enterprise under the Ministry of Electric Power No 2 and Yunnan Machinery and Equipment Import and Export Co Ltd (YMEC) of the People's

Republic of China on purchasing materials was held at the meeting hall of the ministry, here, yesterday.

Minister for Electric Power No 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint delivered an address and Vice-Chairman Mr Gao Chong

Yun of YMEC spoke words of thanks.

Next, Managing Director of Myanmar Electric Power Enterprise Dr San Oo and Mr Gao Chong Yun signed the documents and exchanged them.

It was also attended by Minister for National Plan-

ning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Electric Power No 1 Col Zaw Min, Attorney-General U Aye Maung, Deputy Minister for Industry -2 Lt-Col Khin Maung Kyaw, departmental heads and officials.

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Myanmar, UAE consult...

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The Emirates Airline from UAE is interested in and is planning to operate air services to Yangon. Under the airline cooperation agreement endorsed by the two countries, the Myanmar Airways International and Air Bagan can enjoy the rights as marketing carriers for passengers and cargo transportation in cooperation with Emirates Airline.

This consultation was



Director-General of Civil Aviation U Tun Hlaing and Air Transport Manager Miss Aysha Al Hamili of General Civil Aviation Authority of UAE sign air services agreement. — TRANSPORT

held under the directive of the Ministry of Transport for the

development of air transport, which can enhance the tourism,

trade and investment between Myanmar and UAE.—MNA

Deputy Minister for Health inspects hospitals in Mon State

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Jan — Secretary of National Health Committee Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo, accompanied by departmental officials, on 8 January met doctors, nurses, health staff, members of township health committee, members of social organizations and townsenders at the hall of Mottama Station Hospital of Paung Township and urged them to participate in realization of the Millennium Goals Project in cooperation with the people.

Afterwards, the deputy minister inspected patient wards, operation theatre, medical store and delivery room of the hospital. On 9 January, the deputy minister also visited Theinseik Station Hospital of Thaton District, Daukyat rural development station hospital of Bilin Township, Bilin People's Hospital, Kyaikto People's Hospital and Theinzayet Station Hospital of Kyaikto Township and he gave necessary instructions to health staff.—MNA

Book on hair style launched

YANGON, 11 Jan — A ceremony to launch the book entitled "Hair Style DIY (Do it yourself)" written by house surgeon Ni Ni Moe of Mandalay University of Medicine was held on the first floor of City Star Hotel on Maha Bandoola Street, here, this afternoon, attended by journalists and guests.

Actor Hsan Htut explained the book launching and purpose of publishing it.

Next, Ni Ni Moe together with models demonstrated various kinds of hair styles and spoke words of thanks.

It was the first ever book on hair style creations in the literary world of Myanmar. — MNA

Man wounded in mine explosion

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Jan—A man lost his right leg and left little finger and sustained injuries in his face in a mine explosion that occurred at 1 pm on 4 January.

Maung Ohn Tun, son of U Tun Kyi of Taungngu Tann Ward in Kyaukkyi Township was on his way to the woods to collect thatches when he stepped on the mine planted by the insurgents. The victim was rushed to Kyaukkyi Township People's Hospital. Officials concerned are now making investigation into the case.

Insurgents, with the intention of harming the stability of the State, peace and development of the region and killing and wounding the people, are committing destructive acts in various means.—MNA

Universities Hiking and Mountaineering team scale mountains in Chin State

YANGON, 11 Jan — A 40-strong all university winter mountaineering team led by executive members of Myanmar Hiking and Mountaineering Federation and Chairman of Universities Hiking and Mountaineering Association Associate Professor of Myanmar Department under the University of Yangon U Myo Thant started a mountaineering trip to Mindat District, Southern Chin State on 27 December 2007. During the trip, they were able to scale the highest peak of Khawnuthon also known as Mount Vitoria 10,500 feet above sea level on 1 January; the highest peak of

Mount Lonetain in Matupi Township 8,224 feet above sea level on 4 January; the fifth highest peak of Bontala Waterfall in Chin State, flowing to Laymyo River also called Issanawadi River 4,200 feet above sea level on 7 January; and the second highest summit of Mount Mawti in Chin State 9,010 feet above sea level. Health staff and Red Cross Society members provided medical care for the climbers while in the villages of Chin State. Moreover, the mountaineering team members also presented gifts to the local people and cash for rural development works. — MNA

Mixed cropping of bean and sunflower demonstrated

BOGALE, 5 Jan — Myanma Agriculture Service of Bogale Township organized a demonstration on cultivation of sunflower in bean plantation as mixed cropping in Tonhle Village of Kyunryo Village-tract and Shwebosu Village of Padamyagon Village-tract in Bogale Township on 21 December. It was attended by Chairman of District Peace and Development Council U Myo Chit, Police Major San Thein and officials. —Township IPRD

Bomb blast kills woman in Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Jan — A bomb exploded in a public toilet in the compound of the staff quarters near Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana Railway Station at 4:30 am today, leaving one dead. Naw Gay Lar, 40, daughter of U Saw Shwe Lay, of Laythit Village, Htantapin Township, Bago Division, died on the way to the 100-bed hospital in Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana as she was injured in her left and right ankles, stomach and hands in the blast. Authorities inspected the place where the bomb blasted and fulfilled the requirements, and they are investigating the blast. According to the tips-off, insurgents have sent terrorists and explosives to the country across the border to carry out sabotage. The authorities are in hot pursuit of terrorists. The people are urged to inform the authorities concerned if they find any suspicious persons and to be on the alert for suspicious saboteurs and terrorists who are disguised to penetrate into the local communities — MNA

Chrysler recalls Jeep models in China over brake flaws

BEIJING, 11 Jan — US auto maker Chrysler is recalling 1,371 Jeep brand vehicles sold in China due to brake problems, the nation's product quality watchdog said. The affected vehicles were Grand Cherokee and Commander models made between on 31 January, 2005, and on 12 July, 2007, the General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine said in a statement on its website. All the vehicles, which had been imported, had problems with their electronic brake control system. In addition, 57 of the units, made between on 11 June and 11 July last year, were also found to have flaws in the front brake calipers due to unqualified materials used in their production.—MNA/Xinhua

Dental equipment installed at Mindat District General Hospital

MINDAT, 2 Jan — Chairman of Mindat District Peace and Development Council U Than Myint and Chairman of Mindat Township PDC U Myint Thein inspected installation of dental equipment at Mindat District General Hospital on 27 December. Officials reported on opening of the dental unit at the general hospital and installation of the dental equipment. The government spent K 720,000 and the people K 720,000 on installation of the dental equipment. At present, the hospital is providing dental care service to the people. District IPRD

South Korea starts special probe of Samsung Group

SEOUL, 11 Jan — South Korea launched a special investigation into Samsung Group on Thursday on suspicions the country's largest conglomerate bribed public officials to squash investigations into its management practices. Samsung has warned the probe could upset its business operations but some analysts said the investigation could shed welcome light on the group's secretive leadership. South Korea's Parliament approved the special counsel in November in response to allegations made by a former top legal executive at Samsung, who said the company used its subsidiaries to help create a 200-billion-won (213.4-million-US-dollar) slush fund. Samsung has denied the accusations, calling them groundless, and issued detailed rebuttals of the claims made by its former legal executive Kim Yong-cheol. The special counsel legislation allows the team about 100 days to conduct its investigation. South Korean prosecutors have been conducting a separate probe. Kim, who waited about three years after leaving Samsung to make his allegations in late 2007, said the company bribed senior members of the prosecutors office. In December, soon after Kim's allegations, the country's top financial watchdogs said a bank and a brokerage had violated banking rules on naming account holders in setting up accounts for the Samsung Group. Kim said Samsung set up accounts in employees' names as a way to hide money for slush funds. MNA/Reuters

District News in Brief

Sarsodaw Day marked in Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana



NAY PYI TAW PYINMANA, 25 Dec — Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana Township Writers and Journalists Association observed the Sarsodaw Day at its office, here, on 10 December. U Khin Maung Than (Khin Maung Than-Sethmu) delivered an address and Chairman of the Township WJA U Myint Lwin (San Kaung) explained the purpose of holding the ceremony. U Tun Kyaw (Kogyi Kyaw) read the message sent by Chairman of MWJA U Hla Myaing (Ko Hsaung). U Thein Htaik Aung (Mam Thway Thit Min) gave talks on matters related to writer Sayagyi Thadoe Piya. The Annual General Meeting of the township association followed. Myanmar Alin

Long-distance race held in Ottwin

OTTWIN, 6 Jan — As a gesture of hailing the 60th Anniversary Independence Day, the 15-mile long-distance race, sponsored by Kyei Ni Cheroot Family, was held in front of Phonedawtoe Phonedawpwint Pagoda on Yangon-Mandalay Highway in Ottwin on 1 January morning. A total of 69 runners participated in the race. Officials presented prizes to the respective winners. Cash award K 80,000 was given to the first prize winner, K 60,000 to the second, K 40,000 to the third and K 10,000 each to consolation prize winners. Myanmar Alin

Images of the Day



An Iraqi couple enjoy snow battle in a garden in Sulaimaniyah in 2007. Light snow fell in Baghdad in what weather officials said was the first time in about a 100 years.—INTERNET



Oui the frog sits on a miniature motorcycle in the eastern beach town of Pattaya on 10 Jan, 2008. Oui's owner says Oui loves playing with human toys and posing for photographs.—INTERNET

A model displays plates with patterns of Beijing Opera facial make-ups during the preview of the Exhibition of Beijing Opera Art and Design in Hong Kong in south China on 10 Jan, 2008. XINHUA



News in Brief

2007 China Yearbook published

BEIJING, 11 Jan— Chinese and English versions of the 2007 *Yearbook* of the People's Republic of China (PRC) have been published by Xinhua news agency.

The yearbook will be distribute at home and abroad according to official sources.

The yearbook which has been published annually since 1981, contains about three million Chinese character and more than 100 news photos, and breaks up social and economic issues into 39 categories to “offer a handy reference for both Chinese and foreign readers”, according to a statement released by the publisher.—MNA/Xinhua

Over 100,000 cars sold in Philippines last year

MANILA, 11 Jan— For the first time in a decade, the Philippine auto industry sold over 100,000 units in 2007 as the economy continued to grow and the business environment remained stable, reports said on Thursday.

The auto industry exceeded its target of 108,000 units as final sales totalled 117,903, the *Philippine Star* reported, citing a joint statement by the Chamber of Automotive Manufacturers of the Philippines (CAMPI) and the Truck Manufacturers Association.—MNA/Xinhua

Austrian woman lived months with dead partner

VIETNAM, 11 Jan— A 66-year-old Austrian woman lived for almost a year with the corpse of her 85-year-old partner, APA news agency said on Wednesday.

Police found the remains of the man in the couple's small vacation cottage in the eastern village of St Andrae am Zicksee on Tuesday, swaddled in blankets with the dwelling reeking of decomposition odours. —MNA/Reuters



Voodoo practitioners celebrate Voodoo Day in Porto Novo, Benin on 10 Jan, 2008.—INTERNET

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SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S ADVANCE CONTAINER
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Chinese customs uncovers 1,190 smuggling cases in 2007

BEIJING, 10 Jan —The Chinese General Administration of Customs (GAC) uncovered 1,190 smuggling cases in 2007, up 4.3 per cent year on year, according to a notice posted on the official website of the GAC.

These cases involved a total of 7.568 billion yuan (1.04 billion US dollars), down 45.7 per cent from the same period last year, of which 26 cases were "severe" ones involving more than 10 million yuan each.

It spotted and handled 356 drug cases, seizing 496 kilos of different kinds of drugs, said the notice.

The GAC said although it had achieved some tangible results in its anti-smuggling endeavors in 2007, it said commercial fraud and illegal cases in the processing trade are on the rise.

MNA/Xinhua

167 kilos of heroin seized in S-E Turkey

DIYARBAKIR (Turkey), 10 Jan— The police department in the southeastern Turkish Province of Hakkari said Wednesday that 167 kilos of heroin was seized during an operation in the region.

The department said that Turkish policemen stopped a truck in the Yuksekova Town of Hakkari Province and confiscated this amount of heroin inside a secret place under the truck, which would be transferred to western part of Turkey.

Nine suspected smugglers were arrested during the operation, added the department. Turkey is a key transit route for smuggling drugs from Asia and the Middle East to markets in Western Europe. — MNA/Xinhua

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UN says to help Iraqis choosing to return home

GENEVA, 10 Jan—The United Nations refugee agency said on Tuesday it was not ready to recommend Iraqis return home despite its plan to help repatriate 15,000 refugee families.

In a 2008 appeal to governments, the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) is seeking 261 million US dollars to provide health care, education, and cash to Iraqis uprooted by the 2003 US-led invasion and subsequent sectarian violence. The appeal includes funds to assist up to 15,000 families who may choose to return home from Syria, Jordan and other countries that host two million Iraqis.

Many of those who fled Iraq have congregated in cities such as Damascus and Amman where they are running out of money

and finding it increasingly difficult to get by, the UNHCR said.

"This refugee situation represents the largest urban population which UNHCR has ever been called upon to respond to and poses an unprecedented load on the economies and social infrastructures of host countries," it said in its appeal. UNHCR said it was "seeking to ensure the continued safe stay of Iraqis in their respective asylum countries until voluntary repatriation becomes a viable option".

MNA/Reuters



Young children display NTT DoCoMo's new child-friendly mobile handsets, "Foma F801i" called "kids' mobile phone", which comes with a GPS tracking device to help keep children safe, during a press preview in Tokyo.—INTERNET

Portugal Parlt to approve EU treaty, not referendum

LISBON, 10 Jan—In an apparent change of position, the Portuguese Government said Tuesday that the new reform treaty of the European Union (EU) will be presented to Parliament instead of a referendum for approval, Portugal's Lusa news agency reported.

The decision will be formally announced by Prime Minister Jose Socrates at a parliamentary session Wednesday, a leader of the ruling Socialist Party (PS) told Lusa. The move appears to be a change in stance, as last year, Socrates, who is also general secretary the PS, and other party

leaders said Portugal should approve the Lisbon Treaty in a referendum to embody public opinion and democracy.

Earlier in the day, President Anibal Cavaco Silva called on all EU members to approve the treaty, which he said is important for the 27-nation bloc's future.

The Lisbon Treaty, signed by EU heads of

state and government on 13 December in Portugal's capital, replaces the failed EU Constitution.

The new treaty, aimed at conducting far-reaching changes in the EU's institutions and decision-making mechanisms, has to be ratified by each member state before entering into force in January 2009.

MNA/Xinhua

AWAS leasing company orders 75 "A320 Airbus" jetliners

PARIS, 10 Jan—AWAS, one of the world's leading aircraft lessors based in Dublin, has completed a firm order for the delivery of 75 new A320 Airbus medium-range jetliners, according to a statement issued Wednesday by the European aircraft manufacturer.

This is the first order to be announced by Airbus this year, although the statement did not indicate the total amount of the order or other details about the aircraft ordered.

"This order of the A320 Family by AWAS, one of the leading aircraft leasing companies in the world, shows that this model remains the most popular, and responds to the current and future demands of the market," said John Leahy, Airbus commercial director.

The Airbus Family, consisting of A318, A319, A320 and A321, is recognized as being the most popular market reference for single-aisle aircraft family. The smallest among them, A318, can carry about 107 passengers, while the largest model, A321, can carry 185 passengers. — MNA/Xinhua

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EU, WB eye loan for climate change fight

BRUSSELS, 10 Jan— The European Union and the World Bank are discussing raising a major long-term loan to help poorest countries fund essential measures to combat climate change, the EU's development chief said on Wednesday.

Industrialized countries would borrow the money on the international capital markets and advance it to developing states to help reduce their emissions of greenhouse gases and protect them from environmental damage, Development Commissioner Louis Michel told reporters.

The size of the fund had not yet been discussed but it could involve the "colossal sums" needed to help poor countries fight against global warming, he said.

"I don't agree to use existing development funds to finance the fight against climate change in the least developed countries," Michel said.

"My aim is to create a global loan with the World Bank — we are working with (World Bank President) Bob Zoellick — to help the LDCs (Least Developed Countries) fight climate change."

MNA/Reuters



Health workers collect blood samples from a pigeon in the neighbourhood of woman who died of bird flu in Jakarta, December 2007. Bernard Vallat, director general of the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), has said that the H5N1 virus that causes deadly avian flu has proven remarkably stable and action to curb outbreaks of the disease are highly effective.

INTERNET

Indonesia records 117 bird flu patients

JAKARTA, 11 Jan— A 16-year-old Indonesian girl from an outskirts city of Jakarta has been infected by avian influenza, putting the total number of cases in the hardest-hit country to 117 with 94 fatalities, the health ministry said here Friday.

The girl from Bekasi city has been treated at the bird flu-designed hospital of Persahabatan in East Jakarta since Wednesday after receiving treatment at a hospital in Bekasi since 4 January, an official of bird flu center of the ministry Joko Suyono said.

All lab tests indicated that the girl was positively contracted by the H5N1 virus, he said.

"Both laboratories tests of her blood samples are positive," he told *Xinhua*.

The girl consumed three chicken eggs two weeks ago after scores of chicken died suddenly in her residence in the last two months, said Suyono.

The girl first showed symptoms of the disease with high fever and throat problems on 30 December, he said. Then she went to doctors on 31 December and 2 January, said the official.

Internet

Nine passengers hurt after Air Canada plane hits turbulence



Nine people were injured, six of them seriously, when an Air Canada jetliner hit turbulence on Thursday during a cross-country flight.—INTERNET

OTTAWA, 10 Jan — Nine people were injured, six of them seriously, when an Air Canada jetliner hit turbulence on Thursday during a cross-country flight.

"The City of Calgary

Emergency Medical Services has transported a total of six patients to area hospitals with stable but potentially life-threatening (injuries)," said Stuart Brideaux of Calgary Emergency

Medical Services.

That would include injuries to do with the neck and back or other muscular skeletal-type injuries, he said, adding three more passengers suffered minor injuries.

Early media reports had said that up to 50 passengers were hurt, 10 of them seriously. The jet, carrying 88 people from Victoria, British Columbia, to Toronto, was diverted to Calgary for an emergency landing after encountering the turbulence. It landed safely at 8:30 am (1530 GMT). —Internet



Pakistani students leave their school after a heavy hail storm which is unusual for Islamabad in Pakistan on 10 Jan, 2008.

INTERNET

Vietnam faces acute diarrhoea return

HANOI, 10 Jan — Vietnam's Health Ministry has warned that acute diarrhoea poses a threat to the coming Lunar New Year festival in February, following 17 cases of infections in Hanoi capital since the outbreak in the country was announced to have ended on 25 December, 2007, local newspaper *Vietnam News* reported Wednesday.

Health Minister Nguyen Quoc Trieu on Tuesday asked all localities to deal with the reemergence of the disease by implementing inspections on food hygiene and safety, water supplies, and food processing workshops, especially those processing shrimp paste and raw vegetables.

He also called for a serious response to any hygiene violations to ensure a healthy festival—MNA/Xinhua

Six US soldiers killed in booby-trap bomb attack in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 10 Jan — Six American soldiers were killed in a house trapped with explosives in the volatile Diyala Province on Wednesday during a new US-Iraqi offensive against al-Qaeda extremists, the US military said.

Another four were injured in the explosion, the military said in a statement.

Earlier in the day, the military also announced that three US soldiers were killed and two others wounded on Tuesday in an attack in Salahuddin Province, another target area of the new offensive against al-Qaeda in Iraq.

The latest deaths bring the total number of American soldiers killed in Iraq since the 2003 US-led invasion to 3,921, according to media reports based on Pentagon figures.

MNA/Xinhua



Members of the media look at the newly launched Tata Nano car at the 9th Auto Expo in New Delhi, India, on 10 Jan, 2008. India's Tata Motors on Thursday unveiled its much anticipated 2,500 US dollars car, an ultracheap price tag that suddenly brings car ownership into the reach of tens of millions of people across the world. —XINHUA

SPORTS

Arango earns Mallorca 2-1 lead over Real in Cup

MADRUDM, 11 Jan — Juan Arango's second-half strike gave Real Mallorca a slender advantage after they beat Primera Liga leaders Real Madrid 2-1 at home in the first leg of their King's Cup last-16 tie on Thursday.

Mallorca's Argentine striker Oscar Trejo stabbed home from close range at a corner in the 23rd minute, but two minutes later compatriot Gonzalo Higuain lashed a superb volley high into the net to level the scores.

The home side had had a good shout for a penalty waved away, but early in the second half Venezue-

lan forward Arango fired in a long range effort to put the 2003 winners back in front.

Both sides' goalkeepers pulled off spectacular reflex saves to deny Arango and Real substitute Javier Saviola as the half progressed, with Mallorca having the better of the game.

Atletico Madrid may be left to rue their poor finishing after being held to a 0-0 home draw by Valladolid earlier in the evening.

Atletico's Diego Forlan and Luis Garcia were guilty of the worst offences in an open contest which could have gone either way.

MNA/Reuters



Real Madrid's Guti (L) fights for the ball with Real Mallorca's Fernando Varela during their King's Cup soccer match at Ono Stadium in Palma de Mallorca on 10 January, 2008.

INTERNET

Henin, Kuznetsova to set up dream Sydney final

CANBERRA, 11 Jan — World number one Justine Henin beat fourth-ranked Serb Ana Ivanovic to set up a classy clash with Svetlana Kuznetsova in the Sydney International tennis tourney on Thursday.

Henin claimed her 56th WTA Tour final appearance with a 6-2, 2-6, 6-4 win over the 20-year-old Serbian sensation.

Kuznetsova overcame Czech Nicole Pietrangeli in the other semifinal 7-5, 7-6(4). It is the first time since February 2006 in Antwerp that the two top ranked players have met in a WTA final.

MNA/Xinhua



Russia's Dimitri Yaroshenko hands over to Maxim Tchoudov (R) during the men's 4x7.5 kilometres relay at the Biathlon World Cup in the southern Bavarian resort of Ruhpolding on 10 Jan, 2008.

INTERNET

Holders Larissa through to Greek Cup quarterfinals

ATHENS, 11 Jan — Holders Larissa made it through to the quarterfinals of the Greek Cup with a 2-1 win against Apollon

Kalamaria in Thessaloniki on Thursday.

Larissa, who beat Panathinaikos in last year's final, took the lead immediately after halftime when Brazilian-born midfielder Cleiton finished off some good work from Ibrahima Bakayoko and Nikos Dabizas.

Apollon levelled the scores 15 minutes later when some neat approach work outside the penalty area culminated in a thundering shot from Merkouris Karaliopoulos which flew past the Larissa goalkeeper.

MNA/Reuters



Carlos Franco of Paraguay hits out of the bunker on the 14th hole during the first round of the Sony Open golf tournament in Honolulu, Hawaii, on 10 Jan, 2008.

INTERNET

Iran elects new chief to defuse FIFA row

TEHERAN, 10 Jan — The Iranian Football Federation (FFI) on Wednesday elected a new president in a move aimed at ending a row with FIFA over political meddling in Iranian football affairs, local media reported. "Ali Kafashian, as the sole candidate, was approved...after the pro-government candidate withdrew his nomination on Tuesday night, Iran's ISNA news agency said. The election was supervised by representatives of soccer's world governing body FIFA and the Asian Football Confederation (AFC).

FIFA and the AFC had refused to let a politician take the post, arguing that it would amount to government interference in Iranian football and contravene international regulations.—MNA/Reuters

Zvonareva last seed standing in Hobart

HOBART, 10 Jan — Second seed Vera Zvonareva advanced to the semifinals of the Hobart International with a 6-3, 6-3 victory over Russian compatriot Elena Vesnina on Wednesday.

Zvonareva is the only seeded player remaining in the draw after sixth seed Sania Mirza of India was beaten 7-5, 1-6, 6-3 by Italy's Flavia Pennetta in an error-strewn quarterfinal. Thought the match was scrappy, the Italian converted more of her opportunities. She won five of her eight break points, while Mirza could convert only five of 12.—MNA/Reuters

Baghdatis sets up final against Roddick in Kooyong

MELBOURNE, 11 Jan — Marcos Baghdatis set up a final against Andy Roddick at the Kooyong Classic with a 6-2, 7-5 win over Chilean Fernando Gonzalez on Friday, declaring himself ready for a good run at next week's Australian Open.

The Cypriot, who reached the final at Mel-

bourne Park two years ago, coped admirably with a gusting wind at Kooyong as he tamed the big-hitting Gonzalez, who was runner-up to Roger Federer at last year's Australian Open.

"I'm ready, I guess," Baghdatis told reporters.

"I'm starting to feel better and better, to move better and better on the

court. Tennis-wise it's getting better, serving better, so good." After his superb run to the final in Melbourne in 2006, Baghdatis reached the top 10 but struggled last year, before ending the season with a semifinal showing in the final Masters Series event of the year, in Paris.

The 22-year-old is seeded 15th for next week's Australian Open but has a tough draw, with former world number ones Marat Safin and Lleyton Hewitt potential opponents in the second and third rounds.

Baghdatis said he had not seen his draw, but believes he was capable of another strong showing.

"I think I have the game to beat anybody," he said.

"I don't want to have a big head but I think I have, so I'll just try to go on the court and find a solution to win". — MNA/Reuters



Britain's Andy Murray in action during his match against Brydan Klein from Australia at the Kooyong Classic tennis tournament in Melbourne, Australia, on 11 Jan, 2008.—INTERNET

McClaren ready for Premier League return

LONDON, 11 Jan — Former England coach Steve McClaren is looking for a return to club management in the Premier League after his short-lived spell in charge of the national side.

McClaren, a former Middlesbrough manager and assistant to Alex Ferguson at Manchester United, was sacked last November in the wake of England's failure to qualify for Euro 2008. "All my career has been upwards. For the first time in my life I am out of work," he was quoted as telling The Times on Friday. "I think I can go into the level I was before. I've worked with England, Manchester United. I've won a trophy and had European football with Middlesbrough.

MNA/Reuters

Russia joins world tobacco control organization

Moscow, 11 Jan — Russia has decided to join the world tobacco control organization in a bid to promote a healthy lifestyle among Russians, the ITAR-TASS news agency reported on Thursday.

The Cabinet approved on Thursday a draft law which, if accepted by the Parliament, would allow Russia to ratify the World Health Organization (WHO) Framework Convention on Tobacco

Control.

Under the convention, signatories should impose a ban on tobacco advertising for five years and place smoking-is-harmful slogans on cigarette packets for three years.

The signatory governments should also introduce new taxes, price regulating measures and tough rules against tobacco advertising, sponsorship and smuggling.

MNA/Xinhua



New couples ski together at Tashan snow rink in Yantai, east China's Shandong Province, on 10 Jan, 2008. A group wedding ceremony was held in the snow resort on Thursday. — XINHUA

Japan may protect G-8 site with missiles

TOKYO, 11 Jan — Japan may position missile interceptors around the site of the Group of Eight summit of industrialized nations, to be held on the northern island of Hokkaido in July, a newspaper said on Wednesday.

Japan introduced its first Patriot Advanced Capability 3 PAC-3 ground-to-air missile interceptors at the Iruma air base north of Tokyo last March, as part of a shield aimed at protecting the country from ballistic missile attack.

But the interceptors have a range of about 20 kilometres, so they would need to be positioned closer to the summit venue at Lake Toyako in order to provide protection during the conference. The G-8 summit brings together the leaders of the United States, Canada,

the United Kingdom, France, Germany, Italy and Russia as well as Japan.

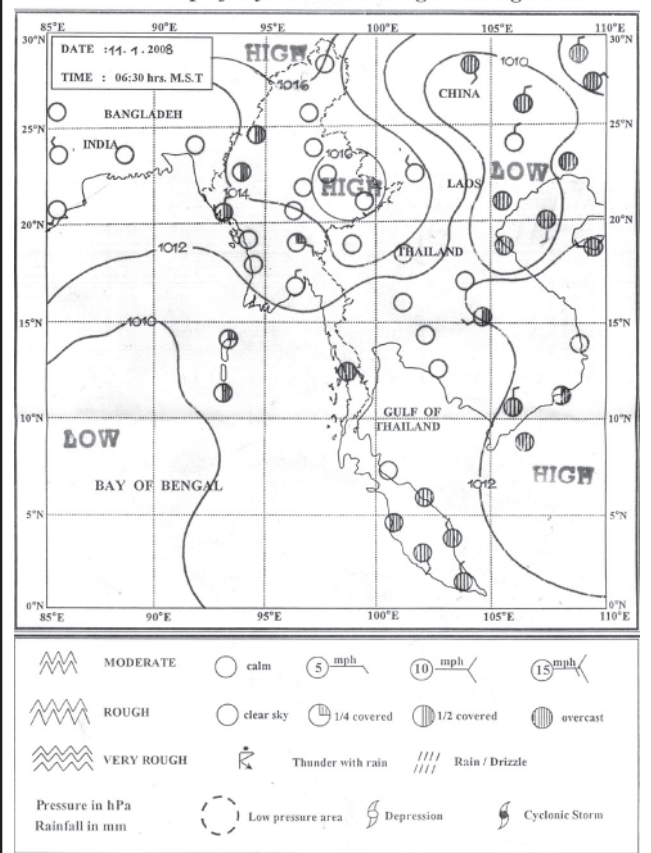
The *Sankei Shimbun* quoted a Defence Ministry official as saying that although the chances of a ballistic missile attack on the venue are extremely low, Japan wants to take all possible precautions against air attack.

"We must consider measures to deal appropriately with whatever situations may arise," said a Defence Ministry spokesman, who declined to comment directly on the report.

A "Summit Unit" made up of air, ground and sea troops is also to be set up to respond immediately to any eventuality, the *Sankei Shimbun* said.

MNA/Xinhua

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Friday, 11 January, 2008

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

Maximum temperature on 10-1-2008 was 92°F. Minimum temperature on 11-1-2008 was 60°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 11-1-2008 was 91%. Total sunshine hours on 10-1-2008 was (8.0) hours approx.

Rainfall on 11-1-2008 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 North at (18:30) hours MST on 10-1-2008.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 12-1-2008: 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: Generally fair weather in the whole country.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 12-1-2008: Fair weather.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 12-1-2008: Fair weather.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 12-1-2008: Fair weather.

Weather outlook for second weekend of January 2008: During the coming weekend, weather will be fair in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon and Mandalay Divisions.



Saturday, 12 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. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:05 am

6. Musical programme

8:20 am

7. မဆောင်းတံတား

8:30 am

8. International news

8:45 am

9. Grammar made easy

11:00 am

1. Martial song

11:15 am

2. Musical programme

11:15 am

3. Games for children

12:15 pm

4. Round up of the week's TV local news

12:35 pm

5. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "စစ်သူကြီးဆွန်ကြီး" (အပိုင်း-၃)

1:15 pm

6. မြန်မာ့ရေလွှတ်ပစ္စည်း ဈေးပွဲတော် (အပိုင်း-၁)

1:30 pm

7. "ငွေကြေးကိစ္စမှန်သမျှ ဘဏ်ကိုသာ အားကိုးကြ" (ခန့်စည်သူ၊ ဖြိုးငွေစိုး၊ မင်းရာဇာ၊ သဇင်၊ ပုလဲဝင်း၊ ဖိုးစုံ) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မြင့်စိုး (ဝ/သ ရန်ကုန်))

13:50 pm

8. တိုင်းရင်းသားတို့ဆုံစည်းနေ့ ခွမ်းရည်ဖွံ့ဖြိုးရေး ကောလိပ်မြေ

2:05 pm

9. Dance of national races

2:25 pm

10. "ရေမြင့်...ကြာတင့်" (ခန့်စည်သူ၊ ဧရာ၊ ငှက်ပျောကြော်၊ ထင်ပေါ်၊ မိုးပြည့်ပြည့်မောင်၊ တက္ကသိုလ် ဝမ်းပုံ၊ မျိုးမျိုးခိုင်၊ (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ဖုန်းမြင့်အောင်))

2:35 pm

11. ရန်ကုန်တိုင်းမဟူရာ ရေလှောင်တံ

2:45 am

12. International news

4:00 pm

1. Martial song

4:15 pm

2. Song to uphold National Spirit

4:30 pm

3. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေးရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ-ပထမနှစ် (သတ္တဗေဒအထူးပြု) (သတ္တဗေဒ)

4:40 pm

4. မြို့မြို့ကြွကြွ ယဉ်ကျေးမှုအက

4:50 pm

5. မြန်မာ့ဓလေ့ရိုးရာလက်စွဲ

5:05 pm

6. Games for children

5:30 pm

7. ရသပေါ်လွင်သရုပ်ဆောင် လွင်ပြင်

6:00 pm

8. Evening news

6:30 pm

9. Weather report

6:35 pm

10. အလှူရှာမယ် လှူကြွယ်

6:55 pm

11. တောင်သူအများစိုက်အားထား ငွေချည်(ဖိ)၏အမြီးမျက်နှာများ (ကျောက်ဆည်၊ စဉ့်ကူး)

7:10 pm

12. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်သူအားမာန်" (အပိုင်း-၃)

8:00 pm

13. News

14. International news

15. Weather report

16. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်မြန်သောအချစ်နေ့" (အပိုင်း-၁၁)

17. The next day's programme



Saturday, 12 January
Tune in today

8:30 am Brief news

8:35 am Music

-It's alright

8:40 am Perspectives

8:45 am Music

-May be baby

8:50 am National news

9:00 am Music

-Love shot

9:05 am International news

9:10 am Music

-Written on my heart

1:30 pm News/ Slogan

1:40 pm Music at your request/music

-Open your heart

9:00 pm ASEAN news

Exchange news from ASEAN member countries

9:20 pm Myanmar culture...Dr Khin Maung Nyunt

9:30 pm Souvenirs

-Snowflake

9:45 pm News /Slogan

10:00 pm PEL

People's Desire

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

Relations Minister U Aung Kyi meets Daw Aung San Suu Kyi

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Jan — Minister for Labour U Aung Kyi who was assigned as Minister for Relations to liaise with Daw Aung San Suu Kyi met with her at Seinlè Kantha Guest House in

Yangon from 1 pm to 2.10 pm today. — MNA

*Minister for Relations
U Aung Kyi meeting
with Daw Aung San
Suu Kyi. —MNA*



Significant night temperatures

Namsang	(1°C)
Haka	(4°C)
Mogok	(5°C)

INSIDE

The protection and preservation of land and water resources of the State amounts to enhancing socio-economic life of the people. Hence, the entire national people are to actively take part in the drive for environmental conservation in order to protect endangered species of wildlife.

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PERSPECTIVES

Myanmar, UAE consult bilateral air services

YANGON, 11 Jan—Consultations for the conclusion of an air services agreement between the Government of the Union of Myanmar and the Government of the United Arab Emirates were held at the Department of Civil Aviation in Yangon International Airport on 9 and 10 January.

The Myanmar delegation was headed by Director-General U Tun Hlaing of the Department of Civil Aviation of the Ministry of Transport, comprising representatives from the Attorney-General's Office, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Department of Civil Aviation, Myanma Airways, Myanmar Airways International, Air Bagan, Air Mandalay and Yangon Airways as members and the UAE delegation headed by Air Transport Manager Miss Aysha Al Hamili of the General Civil Aviation Authority of UAE, comprising representatives from the General Civil Aviation Authority of UAE, Dubai Civil Aviation Authority, the Department of Transport of Abu

Dhabi, Etihad Airways and Emirates Airline as members.

In the course of consultations the two delegations drafted and agreed on a new Air Services Agreement and also agreed to take continuous actions for the signing of the Agreement after securing the approvals of the respective governments.

The two delegations further agreed on route rights for the designated airlines and, traffic rights between the two countries, traffic rights to and from third country, operation rights for using leased aircraft and rights on airlines cooperation agreement, signing a Memorandum of Understanding.

Myanmar Airways International and Air Bagan of the Union of Myanmar and Emirates Airline, Etihad Airways, Air Arabia and RAK Airways of UAE were designated for the operation of air services between the two countries.

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