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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

Prime Minister attends opening of Myanmar Pharmaceutical Factory (Inyaung) in Kyaukse Industrial Region

Generating job opportunities, sharing pharmaceutical technology and supplying necessary pharmaceuticals main aims of factory

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Jan—Prime Minister Thein Sein yesterday morning attended the opening of Myanmar Pharmaceutical Factory (Inyaung) in Kyaukse Industrial Region, Kyaukse, Mandalay Division.

Accompanied by member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, the ministers, the deputy ministers, the Director-General of the Government Office and heads of departments, Prime Minister General Thein Sein left Nay Pyi Taw Airport and arrived at Mandalay International Airport yesterday.

They were welcomed there by member of the SPDC Lt-Gen Tin Aye of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Mandalay Division PDC Commander of Central Command Brig-Gen Tin Ngwe, Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo, Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung, Chairman of Mandalay City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han and senior military officers. The Prime Minister and party arrived at Myanmar Pharmaceutical Factory (Inyaung) of Myanmar Pharmaceutical Industries under the Ministry of Industry-1 in Kyaukse by car at 10.15 am.

Next, Prime Minister General Thein Sein attended the opening of Myanmar Pharmaceutical Factory (Inyaung).

Also present on the occasion were members of the SPDC Lt-Gen Ye Myint and Lt-Gen Tin Aye of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Mandalay Division PDC Commander of Central Command Brig-Gen Tin Ngwe, the ministers, the deputy ministers, the Director-General of the Government Office, heads of departments, staff of the factory, social organizations, local people and others.

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The opening of Myanmar Pharmaceutical Factory (Inyaung) will not only enable people of central and upper Myanmar to have easy access to medicines and medical equipment, but also manufacture 30 million disposable syringes, 2.5 million ampoules of intravenous fluids and 50 million injection ampoules.



Prime Minister General Thein Sein unveils the signboard of Myanmar Pharmaceutical Factory (Inyaung) in Kyaukse Industrial Region.—MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Serve the interest of the people through the media

Spiritual and material development is needed for the development of a nation. It is important for all the people to make endeavours for national development through the correct media.

The government annually presents literary awards including the National Literary Awards to literati under the respective genres for the progress of literature. The private organizations also present other literary awards to promote creation of fine literary works.

Writers are to strive for enhancing the prestige of the nation and the people with national outlook and energy while creating literary works that give knowledge applicable in the practical field. The readers will then be able to expand their horizons in various aspects.

Literature is something that brings the correct light to the people. The power of literature is effective. If there is no literary outlook, there will be no light in life. The literati should try to inculcate the correct thought, correct outlook and correct knowledge in the people.

All literati and writers are urged to serve national interest and lead the people through the efficient use of the power of the media.



Actor Lwin Moe explains shooting programme of his tour of Myeik archipelago.

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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

Secretariat Member, wellwishers donate vehicles towards monasteries in Mandalay Div

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Jan — Secretariat Member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung and wife Daw Khin Khin Yi and wellwishers donated a vehicle to Padamyar monastery in Chanayethazan Township, Mandalay Division this morning.

Next, the CEC member and wellwisher U Myo Lwin and family of South Okkalapa Industrial Zone handed over relevant documents of the vehicle to the presiding Sayadaw of Pademyar monastery.

Similarly, the CEC member and wellwisher U Myo Thein and family of Meiktila Industrial Zone donated a vehicle to Dekkhinayama Kyaungtaik of



Minister U Aung Thaung and wellwisher U Tin Maw Thein donate related documents of vehicle to the Sayadaw.—MNA

Channmyathazi Township and handed over document of the vehicle over to the presiding Sayadaw of Dekkhinayama Kyaungtaik.

Likewise, the CEC member and wellwisher U Kyaw Win and family

of Mandalay Industrial Zone donated a vehicle to Maygawun Manastery of Amarapura Township and handed over documents of the vehicle to the presiding Sayadaw.

The CEC member and wellwisher U Tin

Maw Thein of Pyittaingthaung Auto Industry of Dagon Myothit (North) Township donated a vehicle to Bhamo Kyaungtaik and handed over documents of the vehicle to the presiding Sayadaw.

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Golf tourney held to mark 54th MMA Conference

YANGON, 20 Jan — To mark the 54th Myanmar Medical Conference, the golf team of the upper Myanmar Medical Association and the lower Myanmar Medical Association played the golf tourney at Punhlaing Golf Club here on 18 January.

The upper Myanmar team won over the lower Myanmar team on 24-6 points. The lower Myanmar team was led by Professor Dr U Kan Nyunt and the upper Myanmar team by physician Dr U Than Tun. Both teams comprised 20 members each. The tournament has been held annually and this year's tourney was the sixth of its kind.—MNA

Shwegyin Nikaya Vinayadhamma examination on 1 Feb

YANGON, 20 Jan — The 25th Shwegyin Nikaya Vinayadhamma examination of Patheingyi District will be held at the Taikkyi Pariyatti Monastery on Maha Bandoola street in Patheingyi from 1 to 5 February.

A total of 800 monks will sit for the examination. Dhamma Preacher Sayadaws will deliver sermons every night during the examination period. Those wishing to donate cash and kind may contact U Tin Tun (Tel:042-24784), U Taing Aung (Tel:095202270), Daw Thi Thi Win (Tel:095197779) and Taikkyi Pariyatti Monastery (Tel:042-25411). —MNA

Shooting programme of Lwin Moe's tour of Myeik archipelago clarified

YANGON, 20 Jan — Launching the shooting programme of actor Lwin Moe's tour of Myeik archipelago was held at Traders Hotel on Sule Pagoda Road, here, this morning.

It was attended by officials of Myanmar Motion Pictures Asiayon, media persons, film and video stars, guests and family members of actor Lwin Moe. First and foremost, writer Chit Oo Nyo made a speech. Actor Lwin Moe explained the shooting programme and routes, and Daw Mo Mo Phone Maw presented a flower basket

to the actor. The shooting team comprises photographers, TV crew members and archaeologists totalling about 25 and all will leave for Myeik on 22 January.

The tour of Myeik archipelago will start from the exit of Ye and end at Bayintnaung Cape of Kawthoung and take one month. The tour will be sponsored by Royal Myanmar Teamix, Max Soft Drinks, Banadryl cough syrup, Cool toothpaste, Alpine purified drinking water, TRI Men's and Ladies' Wears.

MNA

Thailand's PPP forms new coalition govt

BANGKOK, 20 Jan — Thailand's People Power Party (PPP), backed by ousted prime minister Thaksin Shinawatra, won support of five small allies on Saturday to lead a coalition government emerging after a 23 December general

election.

The PPP-led coalition, announced one day after the Supreme Court cleared the party of charges of poll irregularities, paved the way for its pugnacious leader, Samak Sundaravej, to become Prime Minister at the age of 72.



Leader of the People Power's Party
Samak Sundaravej. — INTERNET

The PPP-led coalition, commanding about two-thirds of the 480 lower-house seats in Parliament, is expected to get its nominee elected as Parliament president on Tuesday, one day after the Lower House of Representatives convenes its first session.

PPP officials say Parliament is expected to hold a special session next Friday to choose Samak as Prime Minister.

"This coalition helps break a political deadlock. Our combined 315 seats should create a fairly strong government," Samak told a Press conference to announce the coalition.

MNA/Reuters

Russia rejects US excuse for missile shield

Moscow, 20 Jan — Russia does not accept Washington's justification for deploying missile defence elements in Central Europe, a Deputy Foreign Minister told a Moscow conference on national security Saturday.

"The Americans are still trying to persuade us of the need for this. We do not take their arguments seriously," Sergei Kislyak was quoted by the RIA Novosti news agency as saying.

The United States is planning to

deploy 10 missile interceptors in Poland and a radar system in the Czech Republic as part of its European missile shield. Russia has objected with concerns over its national security.

Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov will discuss the issue with his Polish counterpart Radoslaw Sikorski during the latter's visit to Russia next Monday.

MNA/Xinhua

Ten die in Angolan plane crash

LISBON, 20 Jan — A light aircraft crashed into a mountain near the Angolan city of Huambo on Saturday killing all ten people on board, Portugal's Lusa news agency said on Saturday.

Lusa cited a source close to the Angolan Government as saying two of the victims were Portuguese. The head of Angola's national aviation centre, Celso Rosas, told Lusa that bad weather may have caused the airplane to crash. The airplane belonged to a company that operates chartered flights in Angola, a former Portuguese colony in

southwest Africa.

The Beechcraft King Air B200 twin-propeller left Luanda, the capital, at about 0600 GMT and

was headed for Huambo, a city approximately 450 kilometres (280 miles) to the south-east.

MNA/Reuters

Aid pledges to Palestinians increased to \$7.7b

RAMALLAH (West Bank), 20 Jan — International donors have pledged 7.7 billion US dollars in aid to the Palestinians over the next three years, more than initially reported, a Palestinian government minister said on Thursday.

Forty per cent will be spent on the Gaza Strip, which Hamas Islamists

seized in June, said Samir Abdallah, who serves as planning and Labour Minister in Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas's Government.

Donors met in Paris last month as part of a US-led campaign to restart peace talks between Abbas and Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert. Those talks



Demonstrators protest against the upcoming Davos World Economic Forum, taking place from 23 January in Bern, Switzerland. — INTERNET

International News

Five killed in flare-up of Kenya ethnic violence

NAIROBI, 20 Jan — Five people in a refugee camp in Kenya's Rift Valley were killed on Saturday by opposition supporters in the latest flare-up in one of the regions worst hit by ethnic killings since a disputed election.

"A group of armed warriors attacked a village, leaving five people dead and property destroyed. These were refugees in a camp, people thought to have supported (President Mwai) Kibaki," Rift Valley Provincial Police Officer Everett Wasige said.

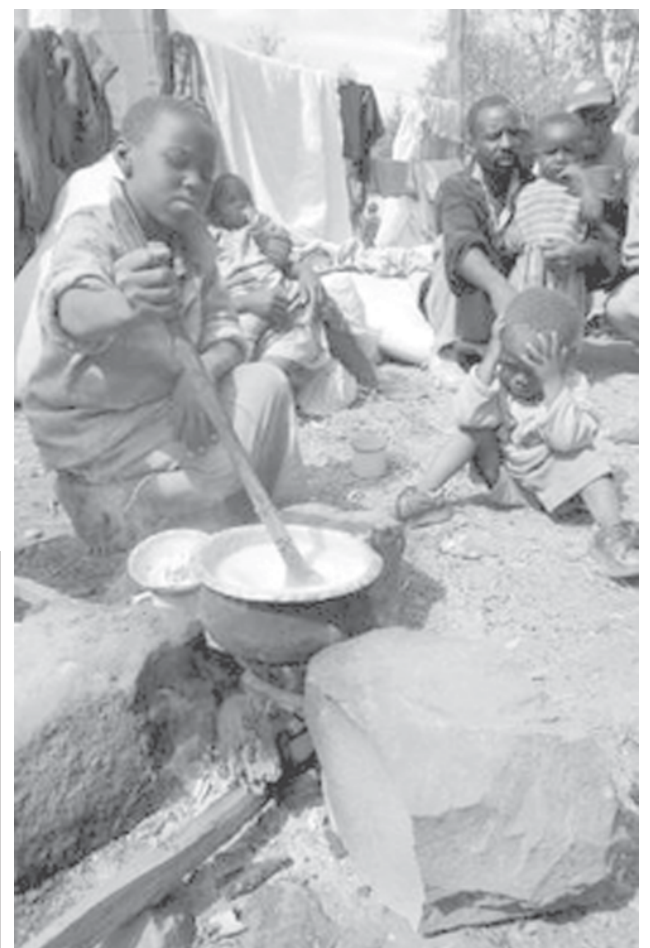
The camp is near a monastery in Kipkelion, 180 kilometres (111.8 miles) northwest of Nairobi, he said. That part

of the Rift Valley has seen major clashes even prior to the election, mostly between the local Kalenjin tribe and members of the Kikuyu and Kisii ethnic groups, seen as backing Kibaki.

The opposition Orange

Democratic Movement dominated voting in the Rift with strong support among Kalenjins, and the bulk of the 250,000 people who fled politically-fuelled ethnic clashes across the country came from there.

MNA/Reuters



A child prepares a meal at a temporary shelter in the Great Rift Valley police post in Narok Town, 150 km (93 miles) from the capital Nairobi, on 19 Jan, 2008.

INTERNET

Egypt accuses Europe of discrimination, xenophobia

CAIRO, 19 Jan — Angry about a European Parliament resolution on human rights in Egypt, the Egyptian Government countered with an accusation that religious and ethnic minorities face increasing discrimination in Europe.

"Egypt is deeply concerned at the deteriorating state of the rights of religious and ethnic minorities and

immigrants on the European continent," a Foreign Ministry statement said.

"(The spokesman) condemned the prevalence of the phenomenon of xenophobia and discrimination against Muslims in various parts of Europe," added the statement, issued late on Thursday.

It cited a report by the Organization for Security

and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) as saying that Muslims in Europe face discrimination in education and housing and through stereotyping as terrorists or extremists.

An OSCE report in 2006 said that intolerance and discrimination against Muslims have become increasingly prevalent in the OSCE region in recent years.

MNA/Reuters

Pakistan authorities arrest two over Bhutto plot

PESHAWAR (Pakistan), 20 Jan — Pakistani security agents have arrested a youth who said he had been trained as a suicide bomber to kill opposition leader Benazir Bhutto had other militants failed to kill her, in the first arrests in the case, a security official said.

The 15-year-old and his militant "handler" were arrested in the northwestern town of Dera Ismail Khan on Thursday night.

The teenager, identified as Aitezaz Shah, told interrogators he would have been "next in line" to kill Bhutto if another team had failed

on December 27, the security official said on Saturday.

Former prime minister Bhutto was killed in a gun and bomb attack as she left an election rally in the city of Rawalpindi on 27 December.

The youth told interrogators he prepared for his mission in a stronghold of al-Qaeda-linked militant leader Baitullah Mehsud in the South Waziristan region on the Afghan border, said the official who declined to be identified.

The official said the "handler", identified as Sher Zaman, was the more important catch. "He is the

real catch who can give us more clues," the official said. The government said Mehsud was behind Bhutto's killing. CIA Director Michael Hayden, in an interview with the *Washington Post* published on Friday, blamed Mehsud for Bhutto's killing.

Interior Minister Hamid Nawaz and his ministry's spokesman said they had no information about the arrest of the two.

The security official said Shah came from another northwestern district, Mansehra, but had been brought up in the southern city of Karachi. —MNA/Reuters



In this photo released by China's Xinhua news agency, the National Aquatics Center, or Water Cube, is lit up with bright blue during a light debugging in Beijing, China, on 19 Jan, 2008. National Aquatics Center is a venue for swimming competitions in the Beijing Olympics beginning on 8 Aug. —INTERNET

Iraqi security forces clash with Shiite cult gunmen

BAGHDAD, 20 Jan — Iraqi security forces clashed with gunmen of a Shiite cult in southern Iraqi cities of Basra and Nassiriya on Friday, leaving at least 15 people dead, security sources said.

Ten people, including two police officers, were killed and more than 50 others wounded in clashes

between members of the so-called "Soldiers of Heaven" and Iraqi security forces in Nassiriya, the sources said.

Meanwhile, Basra whose security was completely transferred from the British soldiers to the Iraqi forces last month, also witnessed similar clashes on Friday afternoon.

At least four security troops were killed in the battle in Basra, local police sources said, adding that dozens of the Shiite gunmen were killed and arrested.

The leader of the group in Basra Abu Mustafa al-Ansari was also killed, the sources said.

MNA/Xinhua

Security group warns Afghan war only just beginning

KABUL, 20 Jan — The war in Afghanistan is only just beginning as NATO forces, far from pursuing remnants of a defeated Taliban, are entering a widening and deepening conflict they may well lose security NGO said on Saturday.

Taliban insurgents, fighting to overthrow the pro-Western Afghan Government and eject

foreign forces, carried out more attacks over a wider area in 2007, the Afghanistan NGO Security Office (ANSO) said in its report for last year, and the best case scenario for this year, is "more of the same".

"A few years from now, 2007 will likely be looked back upon as the year in which the Taliban seriously rejoined the fight," said

ANSO, which monitors security for the dozens of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) working in Afghanistan.

US-led and Afghan forces ousted the Taliban from power in late 2001 after the conservative Islamist movement refused to hand over al-Qaeda leaders behind the September 11 attacks.

MNA/Reuters

Afghan, NATO troops kill, wound two dozen insurgents

KABUL, 20 Jan — Afghan and NATO-led forces killed or wounded more than two dozen insurgents in a 21-hour battle in the northeast of the country close to the border with Pakistan, the alliance said on Saturday.

Afghanistan saw its worst violence last year since US-led and Afghan forces toppled the Taliban

in 2001 and more than 5,000 were killed, but fighting has dropped off in recent weeks as most of the country is now carpeted in heavy snow.

The clash began when troops from the Afghan Army and the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) attacked a group of fighters in the Watapoor

District of Kunar Province late on Thursday as they were massing to attack an ISAF base.

"Small arms, machine-guns, mortars, artillery, attack helicopters and close-air support with precision guided munitions were all used during the engagement," the statement said.

MNA/Reuters



A resident is kicked during a police raid in Kibera slum, Nairobi, Kenya, on 17 Jan, 2008. —INTERNET

China, Romania to strengthen eco, trade cooperation

BUCHAREST, 19 Jan — Visiting Chinese Vice-Premier Zeng Peiyan and Romanian Prime Minister Calin Popescu Tariceanu pledged to strengthen bilateral economic and trade cooperation Thursday when they met here on Thursday.

Zeng said China pays great attention to Romania's trade deficit with China, and is willing to take measures to promote a trade balance.

He expressed the hope that both sides will manage to deepen cooperation in education, sports, tourism and labour services. Zeng said China will further strengthen exchanges of high-level visits between national leaders, governments, parliaments and political parties of the two sides.

He also vowed to seek substantive progress in three major cooperation projects between China

and Romania: a nationwide CDMA (Code-Division Multiple Access) communications network in Romania, a bridge on the Danube River and a ring road in Bucharest.

He also encouraged Romanian enterprises to invest in the Chinese market.

He praised Romania's adherence to the one-China policy.

MNA/Xinhua

Philippine Budget airline to start flying to Vietnam

MANILA, 19 Jan — Philippine Budget airline Cebu Pacific will start flying direct to Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh in Vietnam this April, the carrier said in a statement on Thursday.

It will introduce the services with a special fare of 499 pesos (12 US dollars) one-way, almost an 80-per cent price cut from the current fares for this route, Philippine TV network GMA News reported.

The introductory-seat sale will run from January 18 to 24, 2008 and is good for travel from 10 April to 30 June, 2008.

In the statement, Cebu Pacific said the Manila-

Hanoi flights start on 10 April, 2008, and will be offered on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays. The flights will be on the airline's 150-seater A319

aircraft.

It is the only airline operating a direct service from Manila to Hanoi, the company said.

MNA/Xinhua

Portugal, Spain sign green car partnership

BRAGA 20 (Portugal), Jan — Portugal and Spain want to create the first green car in Iberia, hoping to generate 150 million euros worth of investment and 800 new jobs in the region's struggling motor industry.

Spanish Minister for Industry Joan Clos said during a bilateral meeting on Friday that the goal was

to build an alternative to the high-polluting vehicles currently on the roads of Spain and Portugal. The green car, which could be powered by hydrogen fuel cells or electricity, is expected boost an industry that has lost hundreds of jobs to countries with lower labour costs.

"We want to create the technology that will allow

us to consume the least amount of gasoline possible," said Clos. "At this point there are high expectations (for the green car)." Experts say oil prices close to 100 US dollars a barrel make it more attractive to invest in cars that can run on electricity or hydrogen fuel cells.

The Mobi-green car, as the vehicle is named, is being developed by two automotive research centres in Portugal and Spain using funds from both the public and private sectors. — MNA/Reuters

Bodman says probability of US recession growing

AMMAN, 19 Jan — The probability of a US economic recession is growing and high oil prices pose a significant problem for the world's largest energy consumer, US Energy Secretary Sam Bodman said on Thursday.

Bodman said global oil supplies were not as high as the US would like but he stopped short of echoing President George W. Bush's call for OPEC to boost supply earlier this

week. "There are certainly signs that we are facing economic challenges and I think that the probability of a recession is now greater than it has been in the past," Bodman told reporters in Jordan on the first leg of a trip to the Middle East.

"In my view, there is some evidence that suggests that supplies are less than we would like to see," Bodman said.

MNA/Reuters

Bulgaria to sign up for Russian gas project

SOFIA, 19 Jan — Russian President Vladimir Putin on Friday secured Bulgarian participation in an ambitious multi-billion-dollar pipeline project to expand Russian gas deliveries into southern Europe.

Putin and his team achieved the breakthrough in overnight talks with Sofia which, because of ownership disputes, had been reluctant to sign up for the 10-billion-euro (14.66-billion-US-dollar) South Stream gas pipeline.

The South Stream project, proposed by Russian gas export monopoly Gazprom and Italy's Eni, is Moscow's challenge to a rival Nabucco plan to pipe Central Asian gas to the European Union and reduce the bloc's reliance on Russian energy. Failure to reach a deal on Bulgarian participation would have been a major upset to Putin, whose two-day trip to Sofia may be his last foreign visit before stepping down.

MNA/Reuters

ECONOMIC NEWS

UAE allocates \$9m to help Gazans

ABU DHABI, 19 Jan — The United Arab Emirates (UAE) decided on Thursday to allocate nine million US dollars for three United Nations bodies helping Palestinians in Gaza Strip, the

official *Emirates News Agency* reported.

The order of aid was issued by UAE President Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, the report said.

The aid will be equally distributed to the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Relief and Works for Palestinian Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).

Israeli imposed a stricter blockade on Gaza since Islamic Hamas movement violently took control of the coastal enclave after it chased out rival Fatah movement loyal to moderate Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas in mid June last year.

MNA/Xinhua

Anti-Nokia anger grows in Germany

BERLIN, 20 Jan — Anger in Germany against mobile phone giant Nokia for closing a factory grew on Saturday with the head of one of the parties in the governing coalition joining the calls for a boycott. "As far as I am concerned there will be no Nokia mobile phone in my house," said Kurt Beck, head of the left-wing Social Democrats (SPD), coalition partners with Chancellor Angela Merkel's Christian Democratic Union (CDU).

"It is not my style to call for a boycott of a product. But for me, and

this is doubtless the case with many other Germans, the name of Nokia has not sounded good for the past week," Beck told the mass circulation Bild am

Sonntag in an interview to appear on Sunday. "I don't want to be reminded of the incredible source of anger every time I'm on the phone," he added.

Internet



Nokia logo



Chinese President Hu Jintao (R), also general secretary of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee and chairman of the Central Military Commission, visits renowned scientist and founder of China's space technology Qian Xuesen in Beijing, capital of China, 19 Jan, 2008. —XINHUA

British Defence Ministry confirms loss of laptop

LONDON, 19 Jan — British Ministry of Defence confirmed on Friday that a laptop containing details of about 600,000 people was stolen from a Royal Navy officer in Birmingham on 9 January.

"The stolen laptop contained personal information relating to some 600,000 people who have either expressed an interest in, or have joined, the Royal Navy, Royal Marines and the Royal Air Force," the ministry said in a statement.

"The information held is not the same for every individual. In some cases, for casual inquiries, the record is no more than a name. But, for those who progressed as far as submitting an application to join the forces, extensive personal data may be held,

including passport details, National Insurance numbers, drivers' licence details, family details, doctors' addresses and National Health Service numbers," the ministry said. The ministry said after consultation with West Midlands Police about the impact on the investigation were the theft to become public knowledge, it did not immediately make public the loss of this data.

"In view of today's media reports, we have, however, decided that it would now be right to do so," said the ministry, adding that it treated the loss of this data with the utmost seriousness. It was writing to some 3,500 people whose bank details were included on the database, the ministry said.

MNA/Xinhua

Tourists enjoy the view from the Singapore's waterfront overlooking the highrise hotels in Singapore. Singapore's hotel sector looks set to continue its spectacular rebound as room rates and visitor numbers hit record levels and the city-state unveils numerous sparkling attractions, experts say. —INTERNET



Russia says may use nuclear weapons if necessary

Moscow, 20 Jan — Armed Forces will be used if necessary, including preventively and with the use of nuclear weapons, for the protection of Russia and its allies, the Russian Armed Forces' Chief of the General Staff Yuri Baluyevsky said on Saturday. "We do not intend to attack anybody. But all our partners must realize that for protection

of Russia and its allies if necessary Armed Forces will be used, including preventively, including with the use of nuclear weapons," Baluyevsky was quoted by the ITAR-TASS news agency as saying at a scientific conference of the Academy of Military Sciences.

With the emergence of new threats to security, Russia needs to update a

number of provisions in the existing National Security Concept, Baluyevsky said.

"As life is ever-changing, it has become necessary today to update certain provisions of the concept and, what is the most important, to turn these provisions into a working mechanism for protecting our national security," he said.

MNA/Xinhua

A satirical float rolls down a French Quarter street during the Krewe du Vieux Mardi Gras parade in New Orleans, Louisiana on 19 Jan, 2008. The parade was the first of the Mardi Gras season, which ends on 5 February. —INTERNET



Nepali Home Minister assures safety of journalists

KATHMANDU, 19 Jan — Nepali Home Minister Krishna Prasad Sitaula Thursday said the government is coming up with a special package for the safety of media persons in Nepal.

During his meeting with the delegation of International Media Mission Thursday, Home Minister Sitaula said that

the government was serious about the safety of journalists and added that authorities would start investigations on those involved in killing journalists during the conflict period and take action against them.

He also promised that special security arrangement would be made for journalists covering the upcoming Constituent Assembly

(CA) election which is scheduled to take place on 10 April.

Home Minister Sitaula told the media delegation, which is in Nepal to assess the situation of Nepali Press and freedom of expression after the reinstatement of democracy, that the government would form special committees for the safety of journalists all over the country.

MNA/Xinhua

Mexico gunmen target children in drug war

TIJUANA, 19 Jan — Hit men from Mexico's drug gangs are breaking traditional codes of honour by killing children in a chilling new chapter of a narcotics war that President Felipe Calderon is struggling to control.

In unprecedented attacks, gunmen killed a 3-year-old boy and 9-year-old girl and seriously wounded a 12-year-old girl in the city of Tijuana on the US border this week as they targeted a senior local police officer.

Even hardened residents of Tijuana, where more than 300 people were killed in drug violence last year and severed heads were dumped on city streets, were shocked by photos of young Jose Luis Ortiz's body riddled with bullets.

MNA/Reuters

Israeli Army officer jailed over bid to spy for Iran

JERUSALEM, 19 Jan — An Israeli court on Thursday sentenced an Army psychiatrist convicted of trying to sell secrets to Iran to five years in jail.

Major David Shamir contacted "hostile

elements", including the Iranian Foreign Ministry, through the Internet and by fax, and offered to provide classified Army documents about the medical corps and wartime deployment plans, court papers said.

Passing sentence, the Tel Aviv District Court said Shamir had been motivated by greed. Court documents noted that he had not actually passed any information to Iran, an avowed enemy of Israel. — MNA/Reuters

Study says monkey malaria more widespread in humans

HONG KONG, 20 Jan — A potentially fatal type of malaria is being commonly misdiagnosed as a more benign form of the disease, putting people at risk, researchers in Malaysia say.

Malaria parasite *Plasmodium knowlesi* was until recently thought to infect only monkeys, especially long and pig-tailed macaques that are its natural hosts.

But a study of samples taken from more than 1,000 malaria patients in Malaysia between 2001-2006 found that the disease was more widespread in humans than previously thought.

Four of those infected, all from Sarawak, died.

More than a quarter of the patients in Sarawak, on Malaysia's part of Borneo Island, were infected with *Plasmodium knowlesi*, the researchers

wrote in the latest issue of *Clinical Infectious Diseases* journal. A total of 960 of the patients in the sample group were from Sarawak.

Blood of the four dead patients had high levels of parasites and they had suffered severe abdominal pain, fever and chills.

The researchers said even a short delay in accurate diagnosis and treatment could lead to the rapid onset of complications, including liver and kidney failure.

The parasite is transmitted by a family of mosquitoes that is attracted equally to monkeys and humans. The researchers say the disease is not only restricted to Sarawak, but was present in Sabah, also in Borneo, and Pahang in peninsular Malaysia.

MNA/Reuters



Beijing's tallest building stands out in a hazy grey sky in the capital's fast developing Central Business District (CBD), on 17 January. Beijing faces a tough task curbing its notorious air pollution ahead of the Olympics in August, the capital's mayor has said.—INTERNET

Argentina announces new measures to stabilize economy

BUENOS AIRES, 20 Jan — The Argentine Government Friday announced a series of new measures to stabilize its economy and financial markets in the event of a reemergence of the 2001-02 financial crisis.

President Christina Fernandez Friday held an

emergency meeting to discuss the possible influence of the recent global financial market turbulence on the Argentine economy.

During the meeting, Argentine economy officials widely agreed that the country's economy is experiencing healthy development and is able to withstand potential financial risks.

Nevertheless, the government announced several precautionary measures in the face of the risks, such as maintaining

the exchange rate stable between the Argentine peso and the US dollar, carrying out necessary market intervention, encouraging exports with more restrictions on imports to guarantee a trade surplus, as well as continuing the increase of foreign exchange reserve to deal with any possible foreign capital flight.

The Argentine central bank has a foreign exchange reserve of 47 billion US dollars, a record high in recent years.

MNA/Xinhua

UN urges Israel to reopen Gaza crossings

UNITED NATIONS, 20 Jan—UN Undersecretary-General John Holmes on Friday urged Israel to reopen border crossings with the Gaza Strip to prevent a deterioration of the already dire humanitarian situation there.

"I'm deeply concerned by the closure this morning by Israel of all crossing points

between Gaza and Israel, because they are the lifeline for the delivery of humanitarian assistance and other goods to Gaza," Holmes, who's in charge of humanitarian affairs and emergency relief coordination, told a Press

conference.

He said reserves of vital goods such as fuel that generate electricity to supply water to homes and hospitals could run out in a few days, if supplies are not resumed quickly.

MNA/Xinhua

H5N1 bird flu virus hits ducks, geese in N Iran

TEHERAN, 20 Jan—The deadly H5N1 bird flu virus has been found in ducks and geese in northern Iran after affecting swans there, but no human cases have been reported, an official was quoted on Friday as saying.

H5N1 is the bird flu strain that scientists worry could mutate into a form easily passed between humans. Iran first reported H5N1 in 2006, when the

virus was found in wild swans in the northern province of Mazandaran.

"Laboratory tests ... confirmed that Iran's wild and native birds had the H5N1 bird flu virus," the student news agency *ISNA* quoted Mojtaba Norouzi, head of Iran's Veterinary Organization, as saying.

"The virus first seen in wild swans in the area ... has been found among native ducks and geese

around the northern village of Barzanghib in Iran's Mazandaran Province."

Norouzi said the situation was under control and authorities had culled all birds in the village. With thousands of migratory geese, ducks and other wildfowl heading for the province for the winter, local authorities are on high alert, he said.

MNA/Reuters

Chinese police seize endangered pangolins

BEIJING, 20 Jan — A foul stench led Chinese police to a home where they found 16 protected pangolins in cages and plastic bags, and another 37 dead ones in the refrigerator, the *Xinhua* news agency said on Saturday.

The rescued pangolins, an endangered scaly ant eater sought for their skin and for use in Chinese medicine, ranged in size from the palm of a human hand to four kilogrammes, *Xinhua* said, citing the local Forest Police Station.

One bear paw was also found in the fridge in the house in southern China's Guangdong Province.—MNA/Reuters



Russia's Ekaterina Makarova hits a shot to Austria's Yvonne Meusburger during their match at the Australian Open tennis tournament in Melbourne recently.—INTERNET

Number of unnoticed deaths increases in Australia

CANBERRA, 20 Jan — The number of people who died unnoticed is increasing in Australia, the *Sydney Morning Herald* said in a report on Saturday.

The report said 299 people died unnoticed in 2006 and 283 last year in New South Wales alone, most of them are elderly and some expired up to a year before they were found.

Most of the deaths were due to natural causes, but some were the result of accidents or suicide.

Earlier this month, the body of a 64-year-old man, who died unnoticed up to a year ago, was found inside his Yagoona unit in western Sydney.

Pat Daley, Salvation Army spokesman and founder of the now-defunct Neighbourhood Watch programme, said loneliness had worsened as technology had done away with activities such as paying bills that once kept people in touch with the world outside their homes.

"Australians are an uncaring society, generally speaking, compared to Asian communities and some European communities," Daley said.

"They tend to look after their elderly. It's appalling the way we treat our senior citizens in some situations," he added.

MNA/Xinhua



Prime Minister General Thein Sein attends opening of Myanmar Pharmaceutical Factory (Inyang) in Kyaukse Industrial Region.— MNA

Prime Minister attends opening of Myanmar...

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First, Managing Director of Myanma Pharmaceutical Industries U Than Shwe, Chairman of Kyaukse District PDC U Khin Maung Myint and Factory Manager of Myanmar Pharmaceutical Factory (Inyang) U Ko Ko Lwin formally opened the factory.

Next, Prime Minister General Thein Sein unveiled the signboard of the factory, which brought the first session of the ceremony to an end.

After that, the second session of the ceremony followed at the pandal in the compound of the factory and Commander of Central Command Brig-Gen Tin Ngwe made a speech.

He said that it is learnt that the quality of medicines to be produced by the factory that was opened today to meet the demand of medicines will be high as modern technology is

being applied in the production process. He added that the opening of the factory will not only enable people of central and upper Myanmar to have easy access to medicines and medical equipment but create job opportunities for people in the region and contribute to development of health care services. Hence, local people are to help maintain the factory for its perpetual existence, he noted.

Minister U Aung Thaung said that the factory was built with the aim of enabling the people to purchase medicines and medical equipment at reasonable prices, of reducing imported medicines, of creating job opportunity, of disseminating medicine production techniques and of bringing about regional development.

He said that disposable syringes produced by MPF

(Inyang) and those produced by Union of Myanmar Economic Holdings Ltd will be able to satisfy about 60 million of the demand of disposable syringes in the nation. And intravenous fluids to be produced by MPF (Inyang), PyinOoLwin MPF, MPF (Yangon) and MPF (Yangon) Extension will be able to meet 20 million ampoules of the demand of intravenous fluids, he asserted. It is required to satisfy 42 per cent of the demand in the nation, he said.

Likewise, MPF (Inyang), MPF (Yangon) and MPF (Yangon) Extension as well as PyinOoLwin MPF will also produce more injection, and they will be able to produce about 142 million ampoules of injection, meeting 70 per cent of the demand in the nation, he disclosed.

The government has laid down and is

implementing the national policy which calls for enabling the entire people to enjoy longevity and ensuring development of economic, social and health sectors and producing more productive forces. In that regard, it has produced medicines of high quality in line with GMP (Good Manufacturing Practices). The medicines produced by MPF (Yangon) have been ranked the best ones in

medicines according to the formula of MPF (Yangon), he added.

In the past, the entire national people had to rely only on MPF (Yangon), and now it is impossible to rely only on it with an increase in population. Hence, MPF (Yangon) Extension, PyinOoLwin MPF, MPF (Inyang) and Spirulina Factory have to be built.

At present, there are altogether 162 factories under the Ministry of

BEHS of Kyaukse Township through officials.

The Prime Minister inspected production process of disposable syringe at the discussion room, quality control of intravenous ampoules at the plastic bottle blow moulding and packaging tasks. Minister U Aung Thaung and officials conducted the Prime Minister round the factory.

The factory is located

The pharmaceutical factory was built with the aims of fulfilling the disposable syringes, ampoules of injection and intravenous fluids demand of the State, easily distributing medicines and medical equipment to central and upper regions of Myanmar

South East Asia, and the remaining and newly built factories are also producing

Industry-1, and 60 more factories were built from 1988 to 2007, he said.

At present, altogether 14 factories are under implementation, and plans are under way to build 6 more factories, he disclosed. The already opened factories are producing a variety of medicines, consumer goods and construction materials, he concluded.

Afterwards, U Min Min of Minsu Village, on behalf of local people, expressed thanks for the emergence of MPF (Inyang). Managing Director U Than Shwe donated K 100,000 each to Kyaukse Township USDA, Kyaukse District General Hospital, Kyaukse Township MCWA, Kyaukse Township Women's Affairs Organization and Minsu

near Inyang Village of Kyaukse Township. The factory will manufacture 30 million disposable syringes, 2.5 million ampoules of intravenous fluids and 50 million injection ampoules.

The pharmaceutical factory was built with the aims of fulfilling the disposable syringes, ampoules of injection and intravenous fluids demand of the State, easily distributing medicines and medical equipment to central and upper regions of Myanmar, creating job opportunities for local people, sharing pharmaceutical production technology to the local people, reducing health treatment burden of the people and supplying necessary pharmaceuticals of the region.

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Prime Minister General Thein Sein inspects production process of Myanmar Pharmaceutical Factory (Inyang) in Kyaukse Industrial Region.—MNA

Golden Umbrella, Hoisting ceremony of KabaAye Pagoda on 22 Jan

YANGON, 20 Jan —A ceremony to hoist new Shwehtidaw (Golden Umbrella), Seinphudaw (Diamond Bud) and Hngetmyatnadaw (Pennant-shaped Vane) to Thiri Mingalar Kaba Aye Pagoda will be held at the precinct of the pagoda in Kaba Aye hillock, Mayangon Township at 9 am on 22 January on a grand scale. — MNA

The Pairs

All states have mind as their fore-runner; to them mind is supreme and of mind are they made. Therefore, if one, with defiled mind, speaks or acts, on account of the suffering follow one as the wheel follows the fact of that does wagon-bearer.

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Commander attends ploughing ceremonies of summer paddy in Hmawby, Taikkyi Townships

YANGON, 20 Jan— Ceremonies to plough summer paddy were held in Hmawby and Taikkyi Townships in Yangon North District, this morning, attended by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win.

First, the commander and party arrived at the 800-acre of Myaungdaga river water pumping project in Hmawby Township. Next, the commander gave necessary instructions and inspected water supply tasks at the worksite.

Next, the commander and party inspected growing of summer paddy on 10 acres farmlands of farmer U Thein Myint. Afterwards, they viewed the 5 acres of sunflower plantation in Gyophyu Village, 1 acre of onion plantation and 5 acres of



Commander Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win visits Myaungdaga water pumping station in Hmawby Township.—MNA

groundnut plantation in Kyaiksakaine village, one acre of corn plantation, 3,000 acres of groundnut plantation and 4,900 acres of sesame plantation.

Next, they attended ploughing ceremony of summer paddy held on 155 acres of model

farm of peasant U Aung Kyaw Myint. After hearing the reports, he attended to the needs and viewed cultivation of paddy by the use of seeding implement and water supply tasks for the farmlands.

Afterwards, the commander looked into the

tax-free market in Hmawby Township.

It is learnt that 80,220 acres of summer paddy, 77,639 acres of pulses and beans, 20,084 acres of edible crops have so far been grown in 2007-2008 cultivation season.

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Cash donated to construction of World Vipassana Pagoda in Mumbai of India

YANGON, 20 Jan — Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung delivered an address at the cash donation ceremony for construction of World Vipassana Pagoda in Mumbai of India, at Dhammazawti Vipassana Yeiktha Hall on Ngadatgyi Pagoda Road in Bahan Township this morning.

Patron of the Yeiktha Sayagyi Paragu explained the purpose of the donations.

The minister and officials accepted K 16,270,445, jewellery worth K 3,999,500, US\$ 1,900 and 450 FECs donated by wellwishers including K 2.5 million by Managing Director U Maung Shwe of Bandoola Myanmar Ltd; US\$ 1,000 by Nimala-Krishna; US\$ 500 and K 600,000 by U Maung Maung-Daw Aye Kyin (Saya Maung Family); K 1 million by Ma Kyei Phyo Thanda Shwe; and K 1 million by U Thein Nyunt-Daw Mya Kyi family, and presented certificates of honour to the wellwishers. —MNA

Preparations for raising pass rate discussed in Mandalay

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Jan — Director-General U Aye Lwin of No 2 Basic Education Department (Upper Myanmar) met with school heads of Basic Education High Schools for raising pass rate of matriculation examination in 2008, at BEHS No 8 in Aungmyethazan Township on 18 January.

Mandalay Division Education Officer U Aung Swe reported on preparations for the matriculation examination and the school heads on efforts made for raising the pass rate, the previous year's pass rate and future plan.—MNA

FAO officials observe control of bird flu

YANGON, 19 Jan — Director-General U Maung Maung Nyunt of the Veterinary and Livestock Breeding Department and Project Coordinators of Bangkok-based Asia and Pacific Regional FAO Office Dr Wantanee Kalpravidh and Dr Kaoru Machida and CEC members of Myanmar Breeding Federation observed outbreak of bird flu and raising of poultry at Nyaunghnapin Integrated Special Zone in Hmawby Township yesterday morning.

At the briefing hall, in-charge of the zone-2 U Kyaw Swe Win explained progress of agriculture and livestock breeding tasks, and Director-General U Maung Maung Nyunt discussed setting up of new livestock breeding zones after outbreak of bird flu, providing of chicks and medicines and disbursement of loans from Myanmar Livestock and Fishery Bank.

They visited the poultry farm of U Sai Saw

Lwin and Kaung Thukha poultry farm and gave advice to the entrepreneurs on measures to be taken for bio security. — MNA



U Kyaw Swe Win of Nyaunghnapin Integrated Special Zone explains progress in control of bird flu in Hmawby Township.— L & F

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win inspects... *(from page 16)*

At Homein Pyidaungsu Hall, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win met with township level departmental officials and local people. Lt-Gen Kyaw Win presented aids for servicemen who are discharging duties in the border region to Col Myint Sein of local station, for the development of Homein region to U Khun Toe Aung of local national race group, for departmental personnel to Homein Township PDC Chairman U Kyaw Zeya. Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung also presented K 200,000 to Homein Township Union Solidarity and Development Association.

Next, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win, the commander, the minister and party proceeded to Mongkai and met with officers and other ranks and their families at Mongkai Township station hall and gave instructions on regional development tasks. Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and the minister presented gifts to the families of local battalion.

They also met with departmental personnel, townselders, local people and members of social organizations. Lt-Gen Kyaw Win urged departmental personnel to join hands with the local people for ensuring community peace and tranquillity and development of the region and presented a TV set for the township to officials.

At Kehsi Township hall, they met with personnel and local people and stressed the need to carry out regional development tasks with Union Spirit. Lt-Gen Kyaw Win presented uniforms to the members of the Township Fire Service Department and Red Cross Society.

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win also met with servicemen and their families at the local station hall and gave necessary instructions.—MNA

Commander on inspection tour of Sagaing Division

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Jan — Wellwishers donated cash and a respiratory device for Tamu People's Hospital at the office of District Peace and Development Council in Tamu in Sagaing Division on 10 January.

Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Brig-Gen Myint Soe attended the ceremony.

The commander delivered an address at the ceremony and accepted the respiratory device. Next, the donors presented cash for

the hospital through Brig-Gen Kyaw Oo Lwin of Kalay Station and officials. Township Medical Officer Dr Khin Maung Htay spoke words of thanks.

Afterwards, the commander visited the rubber plantation of Kyikon Station.

During his tour, the commander inspected Kalay-Mawlaik road near Yanmyoang village. At Kanthaya Monastery, the commander paid homage to the Presiding Sayadaw of the monastery and offered provisions.

In Kalay Township, the

Commander, F&R Minister meet personnel in Pathein



Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun meeting with employees under the ministry in Ayeyawady Division.—MNA

YANGON, 20 Jan — Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Brig-Gen Kyaw Swe and Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun delivered addresses in meeting with the personnel of departments and enterprises under the Ministry of Finance and Revenue at the City Hall in Pathein, Ayeyawady Division yesterday.

Officials of Myanma Economic Bank, Myanmar Insurance, Myanma Small Loans Enterprise, Internal

Revenue Department and Pension Department in the division reported on progress of works and future tasks.

The minister stressed the need to strive for the realization of aims and objectives of the State and the ministry, to carry out the tasks in accord with the rules and regulations and law and to study the advancing information and communications technologies for effective application and to discharge the duties conscientiously.—MNA

Progress of Kyangin-Thayet railroad section supervised

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Jan — Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min together with Deputy Minister U Pe Than on 18 January inspected earth work of Kyangin-Thayet railroad

commander inspected the rubber plantation of farmer U Nyunt Thaug in Mawlaikkalay village.

Next, the commander paid homage to Yesan Kyun Buddha Image in Kalay and donated cash.

The commander inspected construction of bio-fuel power plant at Yeyinsu village in Kani Township.—MNA

section of Kyangin-Pakkoku Railroad construction project on the west bank of Ayeyawady River at the places between Okshitpin and Thayet in Pandaung Township, and gave instructions on timely completion of work. He also looked into earth work near Kanma in Magway Division.

Next, the minister viewed construction tasks to divert the flow of water in Maday creek and instructed officials to build the retaining walls on both sides of the creek.

He looked into construction tasks of

Maday Creek Bridge, Mindon Creek Bridge and embankments in Kanma and Thayet townships.

Yesterday, the minister, together with Vice-Chairman of Bago Division Peace and Development Council Brig-Gen Sein Myint, inspected rail tracks on Kyangin-Okshitpin section and preparations for placing of rail tracks between Htaukkyantgon and Kwinhla stations and between Pegyi and Okshitpin stations.

At the briefing hall, Project Engineer U Myo Win and officials reported on progress of works. The

deputy minister and the vice-chairman of Bago Division PDC gave supplementary reports.

After hearing the reports, the minister inspected Okshitpin Station and attended to the needs.

A total of six stations will be on 40 miles long Kyangin-Okshitpin railroad section. Thanks to completion of the railroad section, local people will have easy access to Pyay in Bago Division and Taungup in Rakhine State through Okshitpin Station. Efforts are being made for opening the railroad soon.

MNA



Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min inspects earth work of Kyangin-Thayet railroad section.

RAILWAY



Two organizing members of North-West Township NLD quit to perform genuine national politics

YANGON, 20 Jan — Organizing members U Kyaw Kyaw Win and U Mya Daung of North-West Township National League for Democracy of Mandalay Division yesterday resigned from the NLD of their own accord, sending letters of resignation to the NLD Headquarters and local authorities concerned.

In their letters, they said that they unconditionally resigned from the NLD of their own accord because they would like to fully engage in genuine national politics. — MNA

Images of the Day



A student wearing a nature-inspired costume takes a break during the CARACOL festival in Makati's financial district of Manila on 20 Jan, 2008. The festival was held to encourage the preservation and conservation of the Earth.—INTERNET



Performers wait for their cue before the official opening of the Marina at Keppel Bay in Singapore on 19 Jan, 2008.—INTERNET



Jan Bos of Netherlands, left, falls as Jeremy Wotherspoon of Canada, right, skates during the men's 500 meter race at the World Sprint Speed Skating Championships in Heerenveen, Netherlands, on 20 Jan, 2008.—INTERNET



Performers dance during the ceremony of 200-day countdown of Beijing Olympic Games in Hong Kong on 20 Jan, 2008.—INTERNET

Hungarian, Chinese firms sign agreement on freight route

BUDAPEST, 20 Jan— Hungarian train operator Gysev Rt and Chinese freight firm Far East Land Bridge LTD signed an agreement on Friday on operation along the Hungarian stretch of a new freight route linking China and Western Europe.

Under the agreement signed in the Economy and Transport Ministry in Budapest, Gyor-Sopron-Ebenfurt (Gysev) Rt is set to operate the route until 2012.

Transport Minister Csaba Kakosy said the agreement was the first step made by Hungary to revive rail links between China and Western Europe.

According to an MTI news agency earlier report, the first container train already left China on January 9 and is expected to arrive in Zahony at the Ukrainian border in northeast Hungary late this month, spokesman for Zahony Port Istvan Szekeres said on Tuesday.

Pending viability studies, container trains from China could start arriving once a week from February and five times a week from the summer, bringing the station to full capacity, he added. —MNA/Xinhua

Tourist arrivals to Malaysia hit record high

KUALA LUMPUR, 20 Jan— The number of foreign tourist arrivals to Malaysia recorded 20.88 million last year, a record high in the country which celebrated the Visit Malaysia Year throughout the year, a Malaysian tourism official said.

The country's tourism industry earned 46.7 billion ringgit (14.15 billion US dollars) in revenue in the year, according to officials from the Malaysian Tourism Ministry.

Malaysia received 17.55 million tourists in 2007 and earned 36.27 billion ringgit (10.99 billion US dollars).

The country will continue to celebrate the Visit Malaysia Year 2007 until August this year and the government has set a target to attract 21 million tourists arrivals this year. — MNA/Xinhua

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Russia hails closure of British culture offices

Moscow, 19 Jan — Russia claimed victory in its row with the British government's cultural centres on Friday, saying London's decision to close the British Council's regional offices was long overdue.

The British Council decided to suspend operations in two Russian cities after staff were summoned for interviews with the Federal Security Service, main successor to the Soviet-era KGB.

Russia had demanded the closure of the two offices on the grounds they were operating illegally, in the latest spat in a rift with Britain that started with the London murder in late 2006 of ex-spy Alexander Litvinenko.

"Announcing the suspension of operations by the British Council in St Petersburg and Yekaterinburg, the British side has finally done what it should have done long ago," Russian Foreign Ministry spokesman, Mikhail Kamynin, said in a statement. Britain on Thursday accused Russia of using Cold War tactics to intimidate British Council staff. Foreign Minister David Miliband called Moscow's actions "reprehensible".

In its statement, the Russian Foreign Ministry hit back at those comments. — MNA/Reuters

Young Chinese netizens suffers Internet addiction

BEIJING, 19 Jan — About 9.7 per cent of Chinese netizens between 13 and 30 suffer Internet addiction, a survey revealed on Friday.

The survey defines an Internet-addicted as one whose life, career and interpersonal relations are harmed by Internet use, said the report issued by the China Youth Association for Network Development (CYAND).

"Anyone fitting in one of the three criteria we set is considered Internet-addicted: First, a person feels happier or more self-

fulfilled on line than in real world. Second, he feels upset, depressed, or panicked when being cut off from the Internet for any reason. Third, he lies to the family members about how long he spends online," the report said.

China reported 210 million Internet users at the end of 2007 and is set to become the world's largest at the beginning of this year, according to the China Internet Network Information Center (CINIC), the main Internet watchdog.

MNA/Xinhua

31 hospitalized in Brazil for overdose of vaccine

BRASILIA, 20 Jan — Brazil's Health Ministry announced on Friday that 31 people in the country have been hospitalized for overdoses of yellow fever vaccine.

Two of the affected, from Brasilia, took the vaccination twice in an interval of 10 days and are in a critical condition, the ministry said.

Since the beginning of this year, 29 suspected cases of yellow fever have been reported in Brazil, of which seven were ruled

out and 10 confirmed. According to the Health Ministry, only those who are going to high-risk areas require to be vaccinated.

MNA/Xinhua

Pakistani forces say kill up to 90 militants

ISLAMABAD, 20 Jan — Pakistani forces killed up to 90 militants in two battles on Friday in the South Waziristan region on the Afghan border, the military said.

The clashes came two days after hundreds of militants overran a paramilitary fort in another part of South Waziristan, dealing the military a setback in its efforts to defeat the al-Qaeda-linked militants.

In one incident on Friday, government forces attacked a large number of militants who had gathered to attack another attack fort in the region, at Ladha, killing 50 to 60 of them. The rest dispersed, said military spokesman Major-General Athar Abbas.

"The miscreants, these terrorists, wanted to probably attack another fort and they were gathering there. Therefore, the security forces took action in retaliation," Abbas said.

Security forces used artillery and mortars to attack the militants and suffered no casualties, he said.

In the second incident, militants ambushed a convoy and 20 to 30 of them were killed when security forces fought back, he said.

MNA/Reuters

1,500-year-old brick structure excavated in B'desh

DHAKA, 20 Jan — Bangladeshi archaeologists recently excavated a 1,500-year-old brick structure of a temple in Bogra District, 170 kilometres northwest of the capital Dhaka.

Nahid Sultana, custodian of the Department of Archaeology, was quoted by local newspaper *The Daily Star* Saturday as saying, during the ongoing archaeological excavation, walls, held together with mud, about two metres wide and antiques including part of an ornamental brick have been found. "But the entrance gate has not yet been found," she said.

MNA/Xinhua

Niger to free two arrested French reporters on bail

PARIS, 19 Jan — The two French television journalists, detained in Niger since 17 December last year for reporting on rebel groups' activities in the country's northern region are set to free Friday, their lawyer William Bourdon has said.

The presiding judge ordered the release of the two after they each paid a bail of 15,000 euros (about 21,956 US dollars), Reporters Without Borders (RSF) said Friday.

"The payment of the bond is currently being processed, before they are released later in the afternoon," according to the lawyer.

The lawyer expressed satisfaction with the "fruitful dialogue with the judge which helped end miscomprehensions in the delicate case."

MNA/Xinhua



A model displays a creation at the International Fashion Designers Show during the Hong Kong Fashion Week for Fall/Winter 2008, in Hong Kong, south China, on 17 Jan, 2008. — XINHUA



A Carabinieri police officer stands behind the Euphronios krater vase during a news conference in Rome on 18 Jan, 2008. Two years after signing a landmark deal with the Metropolitan Museum, Italy proudly celebrated the return of a prized 2,500 year old vase it says was looted from its soil and illegally sold to the New York art institution.—INTERNET

China awards 400m yuan to needy students

BEIJING, 19 Jan—China awarded 400 million yuan (about 55 million US dollars) in state scholarships to 50,000 poor college students with outstanding academic achievements here on Thursday.

Each student received 8,000 yuan (1,103 US dollars), an amount nearly double that of previous years because of augmented government investment.

All the state scholarship fund was covered by the central budget, according to Chinese State Councilor Chen Zhili.

State scholarships, which were set up in 2002, originally provided 6,000 yuan each to 10,000 first-class scholarships winners, and 4,000 yuan

to 35,000 second-class winners.

Chen said at the awarding ceremony held here the state scholarship was an important part of the country's assistance network to help poverty-stricken students.

To ensure education equality and the wholesome development of education, the

government introduced an array of favourable policies to bail out poor students. These included scholarships, grants, student loans, tuition waivers and the work-study programmes under which poor students helped out in libraries, teachers' offices or service departments to earn money.—MNA/Xinhua



(L to R) Alesandra Alorez of Germany, Lobna Amin of Egypt, and Alena Aladka of Belarus smile during the Top Model of the World contest in Hurgada on 18 Jan, 2008.—INTERNET

Indonesia's Bali to host 6th Int'l Bird Flu Summit

JAKARTA, 19 Jan — Indonesia's resort island of Bali will host the Sixth International Bird Flu Summit later this year, the national Antara news agency reported on Friday.

Top leaders and key decision-makers of major companies representing a broad range of industries

will meet with noted scientists, public health officials, law enforcers, and other experts to discuss pandemic prevention, preparedness, responses and recovery of bird flu at the summit, said the agency.

The summit's participants will be able to draw



This artist's impression handout shows the national stadium and sports hub in Singapore. A consortium led by a subsidiary of France's Bouygues Construction has been chosen to build a 1.2 billion Singapore dollar (834 million USD) national stadium and sports hub in Singapore, a top official said.—INTERNET

Cambodia to give cash prize for award-winning athletes

PHNOM PENH, 19 Jan — A draft sub-decree to give cash prize to coaches and their athletes with international awards was submitted to the Council of Ministers here on Friday for approval, said a senior official.

During the meeting of the Council of Ministers, Prime Minister Hun Sen, also initiator of the sub-decree, said that award-winning disabled sports players should also be included, Mel Kado, deputy director general of the Sports and Youth Department of Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports, told Xinhua.

"The government not only takes care of the general sports players but also the disabled ones," he said. Upon the approval of the Council of Ministers, the Prime Minister is expected to sign the sub-decree to make it effective soon, he added.

According to the draft sub-decree, cash prizes are divided into three levels: Olympic Games, Asian games and

southeast Asian games.

Golden, silver or bronze medal winners at Olympic Games can respectively get 20,000 US dollars, 16,000 US dollars, or 10,000 US dollars.

Golden, silver or bronze medal winners at Asian games can respectively get 10,000 US dollars, 6,000 US dollars, or 4,000 US dollars.—MNA/Xinhua

Palestinian negotiator skeptical over peace talk's fate

RAMALLAH, 20 Jan — Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat on Thursday questioned the possibility of keeping on peace talks with Israel in the wake of a violence surge.

"The Palestinian Authority (PA) can't accept to continue the negotiations while the aggressions and settlements are going on ...they are two lines that can never meet," Erekat said.

Palestinian and Israeli

negotiating teams had met three times since December 12 of 2007 after the US-hosted peace conference relaunched the stalled peace process.

But Erekat said the negotiations had not particularly started because the meetings between the Israeli and Palestinian negotiation crews had focused on stopping the Israeli attacks and the expansion of settlements.

MNA/Xinhua

Norway aims to go carbon neutral by 2030

OSLO, 19 Jan — Norway, which last year set what it called the world's most ambitious target for cutting greenhouse gas emissions, said on Thursday it aimed to go "carbon neutral" in 2030, which is 20 years earlier than its previous target. The new target was set when the Labour-led coalition government reached agreement with three opposition parties to bring the goal forward from 2050.

The government said last year that Norway would aim to cut net emissions of carbon dioxide (CO2) to nil by 2050 by reducing emissions at home and investing abroad in environmental projects that will give Norway CO2 reduction credits.—MNA/Reuters



Indian health workers cull chicken at a poultry farm in the village of Margram, on 17 January. Laboratory workers analysed new samples from dead chickens amid fears that India's worst-ever bird flu outbreak may have spread in eastern India as locals resisted a massive cull.

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SPORTS



Sunderland's Paul McShane, left, and Tottenham Hotspur's Young-Pyo Lee battle for the ball during the English Premier League soccer match at White Hart Lane, London, on 19 Jan, 2008. Tottenham won the match 2-0.—INTERNET

Roddick upset by Kohlschreiber in Australian Open

MELBOURNE, 19 Jan — American Andy Roddick lost his cool and his chance of a first Australian Open title when he was beaten by German 29th seed Philipp Kohlschreiber in a Friday night third-round thriller.

In a match that finished just after 2.00am, the sixth seed went down 6-4, 3-6, 7-6, 6-7, 8-6 to an inspired Kohlschreiber, who handed Roddick his earliest exit from the event since his debut in 2002.

Roddick banged down a career-best 42 aces but still came out second best with Kohlschreiber, who entered the tournament with a career-high ranking of 27, outplaying him in every other department.

When the American saved four

match points at 4-5 in the final set — three of them with huge aces — it looked as if he would dig his way out of trouble.

But Kohlschreiber would not be denied and a forehand wide gave him victory and a place in the fourth round, equalling his previous best grand-slam performance.

"The whole match, the whole game for me was perfect I think today," Kohlschreiber told reporters.

Asked about his match points, he added: "I wasn't thinking to finish the match. I had no chance with the match points. He served three aces in a row.

"At the end, the last game was just like amazing shots."

MNA/Reuters

Excelsior shock Feyenoord 2-1 in Rotterdam derby

ROTTERDAM (Netherlands), 19 Jan — Bottom club Excelsior Rotterdam claimed a stunning 2-1 derby victory over third-placed Feyenoord in the Dutch league on Friday.

Excelsior claimed their first win over Feyenoord in 22 years when Kees Luyckx set up Michel van Guldener after four minutes before Geert den Ouden doubled the lead six minutes later.

MNA/Reuters

Top three all win as United retain top spot

LONDON, 20 Jan — Manchester United hung on to top spot in the Premier League with late goals from Wayne Rooney and Cristiano Ronaldo sealing a 2-0 victory at Reading on Saturday.

United failed to put any daylight between themselves and Arsenal, however, with Togo striker Emmanuel Adebayor scoring twice as the Gunners returned to form with a 3-0 rout of Fulham at Craven Cottage.

Third-placed Chelsea rode their luck to beat Birmingham City 1-0 away thanks to Claudio Pizarro's late header. They stay four points behind the top two who have 54 points from 23 matches.

There is a yawning gap to fourth-placed Liverpool who are facing a stiff battle for fourth spot with Everton, Aston Villa and Manchester City. All four clubs are on 39 points.

Liverpool, who have only played 21 matches, are at Villa on Monday, while Everton travel to Wigan Athletic on Sunday when Manchester City host West Ham United. While the top three all won, the bottom three all lost.

Fulham are five points from safety while bottom club Derby County are 13 adrift after Portsmouth's Benjani Mwaruwari scored a hat-trick in Portsmouth's 3-1 victory.

MNA/Reuters



Reading's Nicky Shore, left, and Manchester United's Wayne Rooney battle for the ball during the English Premier League soccer match at the Madejski Stadium, Reading, England, on 19 Jan, 2008. Manchester United won the match 2-0.—INTERNET

Bordeaux move up to second with win at Le Mans

PARIS, 20 Jan — Girondins Bordeaux moved up to second place in Ligue 1 on Saturday after a 2-1 win at Le Mans despite playing with 10 men for the entire second half. The win put them on 39 points from 21 matches, three behind leaders Olympique Lyon who visit struggling Racing Lens on Sunday. Third-placed Nancy, on 36, travel to sixth-placed Nice on Sunday.

Bordeaux made a perfect start, scoring two goals in 22 minutes through Argentine striker Fernando Cavenaghi and Brazilian midfielder Fernando.

Le Mans got back into the game when 22-year-old midfielder Martin Douillard scored in the 35th minute and were further boosted when Bordeaux defender Franck Jurietti was handed a straight red for slapping Douillard's face. —MNA/Reuters

Frustrated Keegan says Newcastle not good enough

NEWCASTLE (England), 20 Jan — Kevin Keegan said he had endured a frustrating first match back as Newcastle United manager on Saturday after his team were held to a 0-0 draw by Bolton Wanderers in the Premier League.

"We certainly didn't play as well as we can or I thought we would, but there are a lot of reasons for that," Keegan said in his first post-match news conference following his return to the job after an 11-year absence from St James' Park.

"We played a match on Wednesday in the FA Cup with 10 men for 60 minutes. We looked a bit tired today, that's my first excuse, but its an honest one," he said referring to their 4-1 home win over Stoke City in a third round replay.

Keegan also said he had picked a team from the bare bones available, with nine players missing for various reasons. "Players are away at the African Cup of Nations, three were suspended, Joey Barton cannot play because of his circumstances and (striker) Mark Viduka pulled a calf muscle yesterday."

MNA/Reuters

“Golfweek” editor fired over noose cover

PALM DESERT (California), 19 Jan — Golfweek magazine has fired its editor Dave Seanor for the controversial decision to depict a noose on the cover of the January 19 issue, the latest chapter in the Tiger Woods "lynch" affair.

Seanor has been replaced by Jeff Babineau, the switch coming nine days after American cable television network The Golf Channel suspended one of its presenters for two weeks for making a racially sensitive comment at the expense of Woods.

Anchor Kelly Tilghman, a former playing professional, joked in a telecast with Nick Faldo during the PGA Tour's season-opening Mercedes-Benz Championship that players bidding to challenge Woods might have to "lynch him in a back alley". —MNA/Reuters

Answers to yesterday's Crosswords Puzzle

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Justin Leonard watches his tee shot on the third hole during the fourth round of the Bob Hope Chrysler Classic golf tournament at the Classic Club in Palm Desert, Calif, on 19 Jan, 2008.—INTERNET

Daw Khin Kyi Kyi (a) Daw Molly Maung
Age 82
B.A, B.Ed, B.E.S (1)
Retired Headmistress
No (6) BEHS, Mingala Taungnyunt

Daughter of (Secretary of Treasury U Maung Maung and Daw Yi) of Yamethin, daughter-in-law of (Retired Deputy Commissioner U Ba Thein and Daw Khin Swe Sit) of Myingyan, beloved wife of (Major Kyaw Nyein), retired Deputy Director of Paper and Chemical Industry) of Room 22, Building 5, Wailuwun Estate, Sangyoung, Yangon, beloved mother of Lt-Col Thet Naing Oo (Retired), Deputy Director of Settlements and Land Records Department, and Daw Win San Phyu, U Ko Oo-Daw Sanda Nyein, beloved grandmother of Ma Yamon Phyu Oo (BBM) and Maung Paing Sit Hmu, sister of (U Tun Ohn-Daw Khin Khin Lay), U Hla Maung-Daw Mi Mi Khin, (U Thauung Tin-Daw Tin Tin), (U Tha Din-Daw Mya Mya Than), (U Ohn Pe)-Daw Khin Hla Hla, (U Khin Maung Than)-Daw Nwe Win, U Maung Maung Lay (USA)-(Daw Khin Ma Gyi), Daw Mu Mu (USA), U Ko Ko Lay (Thailand) (Retired Principal of Magway College)-Daw San San Ni, aunt of 15 nephews and nieces, passed away peacefully at 3:40 am (Sunday) on 20.1.2008 at Asia Taw Win Hospital. The remains will be buried at Heinbin Cemetery at 1:pm (Tuesday) on 22.1.2008. Cars will leave the house at 11:00 am.

Bereaved family

Spain arrests 14 over possible Barcelona attack

MADRID, 20 Jan — Islamic radicals may have been plotting attacks in Barcelona, Spain's Interior Minister Alfredo Perez Rubalcaba said on Saturday, after police found bomb-making materials and arrested 14 South Asians. Rubalcaba told a news conference civil guard police found explosives and other

equipment during raids on five addresses in Spain's second city and arrested 12 Pakistanis and two Indians after receiving information from its own and other European intelligence agencies.

Spain suffered Europe's deadliest Islamist attack in March 2004 when four Madrid trains were bombed, killing 191 commuters and wounding a further 1,800.

Rubalcaba said Saturday's raids were distinct from a number of operations against Islamic militants in recent years which largely targeted groups that sought to finance radical groups or recruit members to fight.

MNA/Reuters

Indonesia reports 97th bird flu death

JAKARTA, 20 Jan — A eight-year-old Indonesian boy died of bird flu on Friday, putting the total fatalities to 97 out of 119 cases in the hardest-hit country, the Health Ministry said.

The boy from Tangerang, an outskirt city of Jakarta, was admitted to bird flu-designed hospital of Persahabatan in East Jakarta on Thursday after he had symptoms of fever and cough since January 7, an official of bird flu centre of the ministry Sunan Raja said.

"His condition was

very poor when admitted to Jakarta and died on 4:00 am today," Raja told *Xinhua*.

All laboratories tests had indicated that the boy was positively contracted by the H5N1 virus, Raja said.

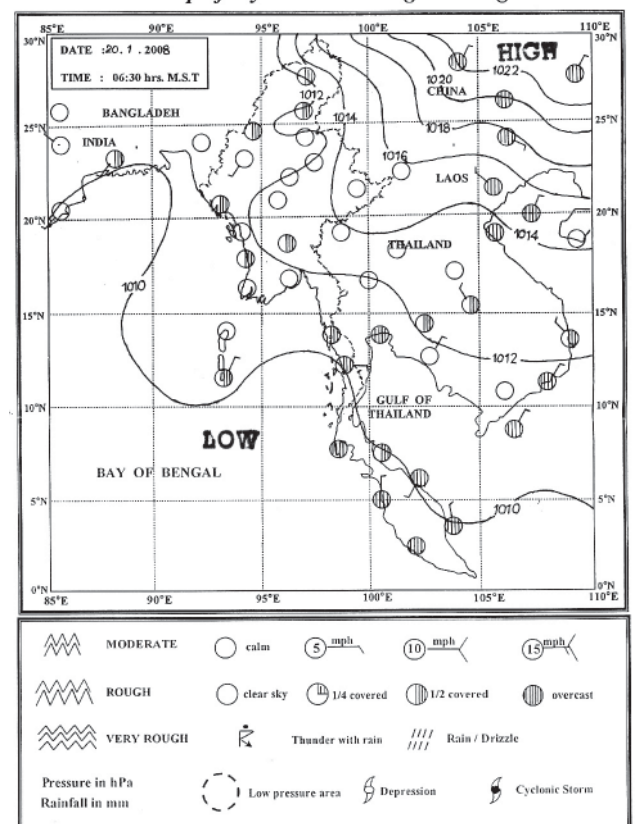
A fowl slaughter point which locates just metres away from the victim's home may be the cause of

infection, experts analyzed.

Indonesia, the world's fourth most populous country and home to millions of backyard chickens, is considered a possible hot spot for spreading the bird flu disease. By January 18, it has reported three bird flu death case in 2008.

MNA/Xinhua

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Sunday, 20 January, 2008

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thunder-showers isolated in Kachin State weather has been partly cloudy in Taninthayi Division and generally fair in the remaining State and Divisions. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above January average temperatures in Shan State, Bago and Taninthayi Divisions, to (6°C) above January average temperatures in Kachin and Mon States and about January average temperatures in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded was Putao (0.12) inch. The significant night temperatures were Namsan and Loilin (2°C) each Lashio (3°C), Hakha (4°C).

Maximum temperature on 19-1-2008 was 96°F. Minimum temperature on 20-1-2008 was 64°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 20-1-2008 was 71%. Total sunshine hours on 19-1-2008 was (8.2) hours approx.

Rainfall on 20-1-2008 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 (5) mph from North at (13:30) hours MST on 19-1-2008.

Bay inference: Weather is generally fair in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 21-1-2008: Possibility of isolated light rain or thundershowers in Kachin State, weather will be partly cloudy in Taninthayi Division and generally fair in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (40%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of continuation of isolated rain or thundershowers in the extreme Northern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 21-1-2008: Fair weather.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 21-1-2008: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 21-1-2008: Fair weather.

Radio Myanmar

**Monday, 21 January
Tune in today**

8:30 am Brief news
8:35 am Music
-Love you inside out
8:40 am Perspectives
8:45 am Music
-Loving every minute
8:50 am National news/
Slogan
9:00 am Music
-Silver threads and golden needles
9:05 am International news
9:10 am Music
-Island in the Sun
1:30 pm News/ Slogan
1:40 pm Lunch time music.
-I will come to you
-Sweetheart like you
9:00 pm Spotlight on the stars
-“Blue”
9:10 pm Article
9:20 pm Drug/Women affairs
9:35 pm Golden Land melody/vocal gems
-Casablanca
-Different seasons
9:45 pm News /Slogan
10:00 pm PEL



**Monday, 21 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. Song of national races
8:05 am
6. Cute little dancers

8:15 am
7. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
8:20 am
8. ပိုင်ကျဲရေထိန်းတံခါး
8:30 am
9. International news
8:30 am
10. Grammar made easy
4:00 pm
1. Martial song
4:15 pm
2. Song to uphold National Spirit
4:30 pm
3. Practice in reading
4:45 pm
4. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေးရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ-ပထမနှစ် (ရက္ခဗေဒအထူးပြု)(ရက္ခဗေဒ)
5:00 pm
5. Dance variety
5:10 pm
6. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစကား
5:25 pm
7. “နောက်မကျရအောင်” (မင်းသူကျော်ထူး၊ မိုးပြည့်ပြည့်မောင်၊ ဒေါ်အေးအေးမြင့်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ကြည်စိုး)

5:35 pm
8. Song and dance of national races
5:45 pm
9. Musical programme (The Radio Myanmar Modern Music Troupe)
6:00 pm
10. Evening news
6:30 pm
11. Weather report
6:35 pm
12. အလှူငွာမယ်၊ လှူဖွဲ့ဝယ်
7:00 pm
11. စက်မှုထုတ်ကုန်ခံစားမှုစနစ်
7:15 pm
14. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “မြူးဒိုးဝေခရစ်သက်တည်” (အပိုင်း-၁၆)
8:00 pm
15. News
16. International news
17. Weather report
18. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “အချစ်စေတမန်” (အပိုင်း-၁၈)
19. The next day's programme

People's Desire

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

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win inspects development of Homein, Mongkai, Kehsi townships



Lt-Gen Kyaw Win of Ministry of Defence visits Basic Education High School in Homein.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Jan —Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Kyaw Win of the Ministry of Defence who arrived in Taunggyi, Shan State (South), accompanied by Chairman of Shan State PDC Commander of Eastern Command Maj-Gen Thaung Aye, Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung and officials inspected learning of stu-

dents at computer room, multimedia classroom and study room in Homein Basic Education High School on 18 January morning.

Next, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and party looked into Homein People's Hospital and provided cash assistance to patients and health staff.

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61st Anniversary Union Day Objectives

- For all national races to safeguard the national policy— non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty;
- For all the national races to keep Union Spirit ever alive and dynamic among the national people;
- For all national races to defend and safeguard the Union for the perpetual existence;
- For all the national races to prevent, through national solidarity, the danger of internal and external destructive elements undermining peace and stability of the State and national development;
- For all the national races to make endeavours for the emergence of an enduring State Constitution in accord with the fundamental principles and detailed basic principles laid down by the National Convention, and
- For all the national races to make concerted efforts for successful implementation of the seven-step Road Map.

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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