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Vice-Senior General Maung Aye sends message of felicitations to Vice-President of India

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Jan—On the occasion of the 59th Anniversary of the Republic Day of India which falls on 26th January 2008, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Mohammad Hamid Ansari, Vice-President of the Republic of India. — MNA

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

Service personnel to play leading role in pursuit of regional development, raising living standard of local people, and peace and stability

PM makes inspection tour around border areas in Kachin State, Sagaing Division

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Jan—Chairman of the Work Committee for Development of Border Areas and National Races Prime Minister General Thein Sein, accompanied by Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint, Chairman of Kachin State PDC Commander of Northern Command

Maj-Gen Ohn Myint, Chairman of Sagaing Division PDC Commander of North-West Command Brig-Gen Myint Soe, ministers, deputy ministers and heads of department, left Myitkyina by air and arrived at Tanai on 23 January morning.

The Prime Minister and party, accompanied by Brig-

Gen Khin Maung Aye of Tanai Station, arrived at Nanyun in Hkamti District, Sagaing Division, in the morning.

He held a meeting with service personnel, members of social organizations, townselders and local people of national races.

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Prime Minister General Thein Sein inspects Yuzana Integrated Farm Project at Naungmee Camp in Phakant Township. — MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

Saturday, 26 January, 2008

Strive for improvement of socio-economic life of people

Blessed with impressive geographical features Myanmar is rich in natural resources. As there is a vast area of arable lands and forests as well as water and land resources in different parts of Myanmar including Kachin State, it is thus required to make relentless efforts with the effective application of modern technology for development of those regions.

In an effort to bring about equitable development the length and breadth of the nation the government has laid down and is implementing development projects. In doing so, it is giving priority to the development of transport, education, agricultural and communication sectors of regions that have lagged behind in development.

At present, rural and urban regions as well as border regions have seen rapid development. As a result, the entire people are now enjoying the fruits of peace and development all the more.

In the meantime, efforts are being made for better transport in Putao region of Kachin State, which is situated in the northernmost part of the nation, while building dams and reservoirs for the agricultural purpose and generation of electric power, making better use of water resources.

Fully endowed with snow-capped mountains, rare species of wildlife and flora and fauna, Putao has excellent potential for eco-tourism industry.

Therefore, greater efforts are to be made under the leadership of the government for the improvement of socio-economic life of the people, making the best use of natural resources of the nation.

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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

Foreign Minister sends message of felicitations to Minister of External Affairs of India

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Jan—On the occasion of the 59th Anniversary of the Republic Day of India which falls on 26th January 2008, U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Pranab Mukherjee, Minister of External Affairs of the Republic of India.—MNA

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Volume II, No 1 of Dhamma Yeik Magazine introduced

YANGON, 25 Jan — The Volume II, No 1 of Dhamma Yeik Magazine was introduced at Mr Brown Cafe on Maha Bandoola Park Street in Kyauktada Township, here on 23 January in conjunction with a ceremony to pay respects to the doyen literati.

Patron of the Magazine Sayadaw Dhammabayi Ashin Viriya spoke on the occasion.

Publisher U Tun Shwe and wife Daw Thin Swe (Tun Shwe Wa Traditional Medicine Production) presented gifts to six doyen literati. In addition, medicines and cash assistance were provided for six doyen literati who have been in ill health.

Later, Saya U Aung Thin expressed his thanks to the publisher of the magazine.

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Publisher of Dhamma Yeik Magazine U Tun Shwe and wife Daw Thin Swe present medicine to doyen literati. — MNA

MYANMAR GAZETTE

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Jan — The State Peace and Development Council has transferred Director-General U Than Tun of Consular and Legal Affairs Department of Ministry of Foreign Affairs to the ASEAN Affairs Department under the same Ministry as Director-General from the date he assumes charge of his duties.

The State Peace and Development Council has appointed the following persons as heads of service organizations shown against each on probation from the date they assume charge of their duties.

Name	Appointment
(a) Col Tin Soe Ministry of Defence	Director-General Planning and Administration Department Ministry of Foreign Affairs
(b) U Min Lwin Deputy Director-General Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Director-General Consular and Legal Affairs Department Ministry of Foreign Affairs

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Robes, eight requisites donated to 450 monks

YANGON, 25 Jan — In commemoration of the birthday of Sayadaw Bhaddanta Saddhamma Kittisara of Mogok Vipassana Dhamma Yeiktha Branch No 77 of Tawya TatU Monastery in Aung San, Insein Township, the ceremony to offer robes and eight requisites to 450 newly ordained monks and open the 10-day meditation course was held at the monastery today.

State Ovada-

charya Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Nandavamsa of YwamaPariyatti Monastery gave Ovadakatha at the opening ceremony. Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kittisara delivered Patichcha Samuppada Desana.

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Respects to be paid to retired faculty members

YANGON, 25 Jan — The graduates of University of Agriculture will pay respects to retired faculty members at the Diamond Jubilee Dhammayon of the university in Nay Pyi Taw on 2 February.

Arrangements have been made to pick up those who will attend the ceremony at Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana Station by bus on 31 January evening, 1 February morning and evening and 2 February morning.—MNA



Chinese President Hu Jintao (R) shakes hands with Kasymzhomart Tokaev, chairman of the Senate of Kazakhstan, in Beijing, capital of China, on 24 Jan, 2008. —XINHUA

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Kenya tourism body fears impact of political crisis

NAIROBI, 25 Jan—Kenya's tourism earned 65.4 billion shillings (941 million US dollars) in 2007 but a recovery in the key sector could be wiped out by a political crisis in the country, tourism authorities said on Wednesday.

"Kenya's tourism stakeholders have worked tirelessly over the last seven years to rebuild the industry after the slump of 1997, earning the country 65.4 billion in 2007," a newspaper statement by the Kenya Tourism Federation

(KTF) said.

The country received 56.2 billion shillings from tourism in 2006. KTF said the sector pays 20 billion shillings in taxes to the government.

KTF said the industry could be forced to sack about half of the 250,000 people it employs to cope with losses arising from unrest over the disputed reelection of President Mwai Kibaki that degenerated into bloody chaos.

Many tourists have cancelled their holidays to the country famous for

bush safaris and white sunny beaches.

"A big percentage of tourist bookings for the first half of 2008 have been lost and those for the rest of the year hang in the balance awaiting the outcome of political developments," the statement added.

Former UN Secretary General Kofi Annan is in the country to hold talks with Kibaki and his challenger Raila Odinga to solve the unrest that has killed 650 people.

MNA/Reuters

Forty militants killed in Pakistan's tribal area

ISLAMABAD, 25 Jan — Security forces killed as many as 40 militants in a major operation in northwestern Pakistan's tribal region, an Army statement said Thursday.

"Security Forces have carried out operations in the areas of Spinkai Raghazai, Nawazkot and surrounding areas of Tiarza in South Waziristan Agency," said the statement.

The above-mentioned areas have been cleared of militants' strongholds and

hideouts. "Reportedly, 40 miscreants have been killed in last 24 hours and 30 miscreants have been apprehended while many injured."

The statement said that eight Security Forces personnel were killed while 32 others suffered injuries in the operation.

Security forces launched a major operation against in South Waziristan on Wednesday.

They engaged militants with artillery and intense clashes erupted

between security forces and militants.

The Army has vowed to clear South Waziristan of militants.

MNA/Xinhua

Du Yize, the founder and trainer of the Beijing Du Yize Parkour Club, shows his skills at the Forbidden City in Beijing on 23 Jan, 2008.

INTERNET

North Korea tells US to remember the "Pueblo"

SEOUL, 25 Jan—North Korea marked the anniversary on Wednesday of one of its Cold War victories over the United States by saying a US spy ship it seized 40 years ago served as a lesson to show it can repel an invasion. It is the state's latest dig at its long-time foe and which it still labels as an arch enemy despite Washington's pledge to provide aid and better diplomatic standing to Pyongyang in a disarmament deal.

"(The *Pueblo*) is historical evidence proving before the whole world the victory of the DPRK (North Korea) in the confrontation with the US to protect the national sovereignty and dignity," the North's state media quoted an official as saying on the anniversary of the 23 January, 1968 capture of the *USS Pueblo*. The North, turned the *Pueblo* into a tourist attraction in Pyongyang several years ago to attract foreign currency.

"If the US imperialists persistently pursue their hostile policy towards the DPRK and their design to invade it, they will suffer a more shameful defeat," it quoted a chief of an anti-imperialist group as saying.

North Korean vessels, including speedy submarine chasers, opened fire on the *Pueblo* and eventually captured it. The United States said its ship was in international waters at the time.

MNA/Reuters

Obama defends fierce tone of campaign with Clinton

KINGSTREE, 25 Jan — Democrat Barack Obama on Thursday defended the fierce tone of his recent exchanges with US presidential rival Hillary Clinton and said he was forced to fight back because of her campaign's

disregard for the truth.

Obama, an Illinois Senator, said he was battling a "tough, well-honed political machine" operated by Clinton and her husband, former president Bill Clinton, but did not think their escalating feud would

hurt the party in November's election.

"One principle that I think we want to firmly establish is, if people are making false assertions about my record, we will answer them," Obama, who would be the first Black US president, told reporters. The top two contenders for the Democratic nomination have engaged in a widening war of words, including a debate on Monday in which they traded a series of harsh and sometimes personal attacks. Obama ran a tough radio ad accusing Clinton, a New York Senator who would be the first woman US president, of being willing to "say anything to get elected."

MNA/Reuters

Death toll rises to 14 in Mosul blast

BAGHDAD, 25 Jan—An explosion at a building in the northern city of Mosul has killed at least 14 people and wounded 112 others, police said on Wednesday.

The blast inside the residential building was a terror attack, Brigadier Abdul Krarim al-Jubury of the Mosul police told *Xinhua*. He said that the blast at about 4:10 pm (1310 GMT) took place before the Iraqi security force and US troops were

about to enter the building on tips that explosives were inside, but the insurgents, who might have learned the approach of the troops, detonated the explosives before their arrival. The building was deserted and most of the casualties were passers-by and residents in the nearby houses damaged in the explosion, and the rescuers were still working to search for people buried under rubble, according to the officer.

MNA/Xinhua



Russia FM slams NATO expansion

MOSCOW, 24 Jan — Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov on Wednesday criticized NATO's expansion, saying it will worsen ties between the US-led military bloc and Russia.

"We are certain that the geographical expansion of NATO cannot be justified by security concerns ... But it is clear that NATO is building up its military potential around our borders and its new

members continue to increase their defence budgets," the top diplomat told a Press conference in Moscow.

Russia has been worried about NATO's closer ties with its former Soviet allies such as Georgia and Ukraine and a US proposal to deploy anti-ballistic missile components in Poland and the Czech Republic.

In response, Moscow suspended obligation in

the Conventional Forces in Europe Treaty (CFE) last December, blaming NATO for not yet ratifying the arms control protocol. NATO's "open-door" policy has been inherited from the Cold War and can only antagonize relations with Russia, RIA news agency quoted Lavrov as saying.

"This policy cannot resolve any security problems," he said.

MNA/Xinhua



Palestinian children play on the bombed metal fence that used to separate the Gaza Strip from Egypt in the border town of Rafah. A human tide of Palestinians swarmed out of Gaza into Egypt for the second day on 24 Jan, 2008 after militants blew open the border in a bid to break a punishing Israeli blockade.—INTERNET



A worker walks in a new five-star hotel construction site in downtown Shanghai, on 24 Jan, 2008. China's economy grew 11.4 percent in 2007, the fastest pace in 13 years.—INTERNET

Kucinich drops out of US presidential race

WASHINGTON, 25 Jan — Democrat Dennis Kucinich told a newspaper on Thursday he would end his race for the US presidency after registering little voter support in the early state contests. Kucinich, 61, a liberal member of the US House of Representatives from Cleveland, Ohio, told the Cleveland Plain-Dealer he would make his withdrawal announce-

ment in that city on Friday.

"I want to continue to serve in Congress," he said.

His campaign issued a statement saying he would announce plans on Friday for "transitioning out of the Democratic presidential primary race". Kucinich is an outspoken Iraq war critic who has consistently voted against funding the war and led anti-war efforts in Congress.

He said he would not endorse another candidate

in the race for the Democratic nomination to contest November's presidential election.

Kucinich attracted ardent supporters and stayed in the race even after it became clear that his campaign was going nowhere. His 30-year-old wife, Elizabeth, who stands a head taller than her husband, was generally at his side on the campaign trail.

MNA/Reuters

Land mines threaten Iraqis, hamper development

BAGHDAD, 24 Jan—Up to 25 million land mines, or almost one for every Iraqi, remain buried in thousands of minefields across Iraq and are hampering development of rich oil deposits, officials said on Wednesday.

Iraqi Government spokesman Ali al-Dabbagh said the mines were spread across about 4,000 minefields left across Iraq after the 1980-88 Iran-Iraq War, the first Gulf War in 1991 and the 2003 US-led invasion to topple Saddam Hussein. "We have been busy with the biggest threat against our existence, which is terrorism ... so the many mines did not get the attention they deserved," Dabbagh said at a conference with United Nations officials in Baghdad on the problem. —MNA/Reuters

Seven soldiers injured in bomb blast in Thai

BANGKOK, 25 Jan — At least seven government soldiers were injured in a powerful bomb explosion detonated by suspected insurgents in Thailand's southernmost province of Narathiwat late Wednesday, local FM 100 Traffic Radio reported.

The radio said that more than 200 guests were invited to attend a military ceremony in Narathiwat's Rangae District while the bomb was detonated by mobile phone signal. —MNA/Xinhua

Venezuela questions US anti-drug agency's professionalism

WASHINGTON, 24 Jan— Venezuela questioned the professionalism of the US anti-drug agency when the US urged closer anti-drug and anti-terror collaboration with Venezuela on Wednesday.

"Venezuela is carrying out one of South American most successful anti-drugs policies, even more successful after it expelled the US Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)," said Jorge Valero, Venezuela's representative at the Organization of American States (OAS). Valero claimed it false the US blame on antidrug efforts of Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez. Last weekend, White House anti-drug director John Waters said Chavez "has become a major facilitator for the trafficking of cocaine to other nations on this continent and to Europe". —MNA/Xinhua

Joint Russian-French naval drill starts in Atlantic

MOSCOW, 25 Jan — Russia and France started a joint naval drill code-named "Passex" in northeastern areas of the Atlantic Ocean on Thursday, Russian news agencies reported.

"The Admiral Chabanenko large anti-submarine ship from the Russian naval force operating in the Atlantic Ocean and the Tourville French frigate are taking

part in the exercises," Navy Assistant Commander Captain First Rank Igor Dygalo was quoted by the Interfax news agency as saying.

The Russian task force, led by the Admiral Kuznetsov aircraft carrier and also comprising the Udaloy-Class destroyer Admiral-Levchenko, has been joined by the flagship of Russia's Black Sea Fleet, the Moskva guided missile cruiser, in the current maneuvers.

They are training in joint navigation and maneuvering, exchange of helicopters and cargo, and communications, Dygalo said.

The Passex — Passing Exercise — would lead to a better understanding between the two countries' navies, RIA Novosti news agency quoted Dygalo as saying.

MNA/Xinhua



Photo taken on 24 Jan, 2008 shows ice accumulates to the bank of the Yellow River, in Jinan, capital of east China's Shandong Province. —XINHUA

China calls on UNESCO to help developing countries

BEIJING, 24 Jan—China called on the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) to help the developing nations on Tuesday.

“The UNESCAP should continue to take its own advantage to help the developing countries and push forward the substantial cooperation of all Asia-Pacific nations,” said Chinese State Councillor

Tang Jiaxuan.

Tang made the remarks during a meeting with Noeleen Heyzer, executive secretary of the UNESCAP. Tang said the Asia-Pacific Region now is facing the rare opportunities as well as the challenges.

He added that China values the important role of the UNESCAP and will strengthen the cooperation to enhance the economic and social development of

the region.

Heyzer said the UNESCAP would like to work with China to promote the balanced and sustainable development of the region in the social, economic and ecological fields and achieve common prosperity.

MNA/Xinhua



Visitors rest on chairs at the International Furniture Exhibition in Mexico City, capital of Mexico, on 23 Jan, 2008. —XINHUA

World business leaders less confident of eco prospects

DAVOS, 24 Jan—World business leaders appeared less confident of the economic prospects of their companies on Wednesday when they gathered here to kick off their annual World Economic Forum.

According to a global survey conducted by the New York-based consulting firm Price-waterhouseCoopers, confidence among leaders of the world's top companies has fallen for the first time in five years, with half of them “very confident” about revenue growth over the next 12 months, down from 52 per cent in the previous year.

“The credit crunch and the slowdown in the Western economies have created a clear split in the confidence levels of CEOs around the world,” said Samuel A DiPiazza,

global CEO of Price-waterhouseCoopers.

“The possibility that the downturn could worsen into recession looms large for CEOs in established economies like the US and Western Europe,” he said.

The survey, which was based on 1,150 interviews with CEOs in 50 countries from October to December, showed a separated world, where the confidence drop was more obvious in the United States and Western Europe, but in contrast CEOs in the rising economies of Asia, Latin America and Central and Eastern Europe were getting more optimistic.

MNA/Xinhua

Vietnam eyes 55 bln – foreign investment in five years

HANOI, 24 Jan—Vietnam has targeted Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) of some 55 billion US dollars, and realized FDI of 24-25 billion US dollars between 2006 and 2010, according to a local investment agency on Tuesday.

Vietnam plans to lure fresh FDI of 41 billion US dollars and 14 billion dollars worth of additional capital of operational foreign-invested projects in the five-year period, said the Foreign Investment Agency under Vietnam's Ministry of Planning and Investment.— MNA/Xinhua

Bangladesh bans import of poultry products from India

DHAKA, 25 Jan—District administrations of four Bangladesh's northern districts Wednesday imposed a ban on the import of all types of poultry, poultry products and other birds from India.

The ban has been enforced as a precautionary measure to stop the spread of bird flu that has struck Indian state of West Bengal recently, leading newspaper *The Daily Star* reported Thursday.

MNA/Xinhua

Cambodia-Vietnam trade to reach \$2.3b by 2010

PHNOM PENH, 25 Jan—Cambodian and Vietnam are expected to achieve 2.3 billion US dollars in annual trade volume by the next decade, the daily web news bulletin *Cambodian Press Review* reported on Thursday.

“Cambodia and Vietnam are expected to achieve bilateral trade worth 2.3 billion US dollars annually by 2010,” the report quoted official source as saying.

Bilateral trade between the two countries

has reached 1.1 billion dollars over the past 11 months and is expected to increase by 30 per cent annually, said Cambodian-language newspaper the *Rasmei Kampuchea*.

MNA/Xinhua

ECONOMIC NEWS

Women work in EU still disadvantaged on labour market

BRUSSELS, 24 Jan—More women are working in the European Union (EU), but they remain disadvantaged on the labour market in relation to men, says a report adopted by the European Commission on Wednesday.

Despite higher educational attainment, women continue to be employed less and paid less than men, says the report, which will be transmitted to EU heads of state and government at a summit next month.

“Our strategy for growth and jobs has been successful in creating more jobs for women in the EU,” said Vladimir Spidla, EU commissioner for equal opportunities.

“But ongoing challenges like the pay gap, labour market segregation, and work/life balance mean we still have some way to go to make those jobs ‘better’ jobs too.”

The report finds that more women are indeed in work. More than 7.5 million out of the 12 million new jobs created in the EU since 2000 have been taken by women, it says.

Women's employment rate now stands at 57 per cent, or 3.5 percentage points above its 2000 level, compared with a less than one percentage point rise in the rate of male employment over the same period.—MNA/Xinhua



A woman holds her cat named Fritz who has a compact camera attached around his neck in the eastern German city of Hartenstein. —XINHUA

US war costs up in 2007

WASHINGTON, 24 Jan— The US Government budget on Iraq and Afghanistan wars as well as other anti-terror operations increased significantly in 2007, said a congressional report released on Wednesday.

According to the report by the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office (CBO), war funding of Presidential George W Bush's Administration has remained at 93 billion US dollars on average from 2003 through 2005 but increased to 120 billion dollars in 2006 and 171 billion dollars in 2007.

In a pending budget bill for the fiscal year 2008, Bush also asked for a war fund of about 193 billion dollars. "It keeps going up, up and away," Senate Budget Committee Chairman Kent Conrad said.

Since the 11 September, 2001, attacks on the United States, Congress has allocated about 691 billion dollars to fund the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan as well as some related activities including reconstruction, the report said. Of the total, 440 billion dollars were spent on fighting in Iraq.

Currently, there are around 158,000 US troops in Iraq and 27,000 in Afghanistan.

Without raising taxes to address the climbing price paid to anti-terror wars, the US Government was financially dragged by rising debts.

As CBO estimated, the interest payment the government has to pay on its debts this year would reach about 234 billion dollars.

Despite congressional Democrats' effort to change Bush Administration's war policy by checking the fund, Congress is expected to pass another round of money for the war in May or June. — MNA/Xinhua

Brazil's bullet train to connect Rio, Sao Paulo, Campinas

RIO DE JANEIRO, 24 Jan—Brazil on Tuesday announced plans for a bullet train project connecting airports in the cities of Rio, Sao Paulo and Campinas.

The bullet train will facilitate traveling among the three of the most important airports in Brazil, said the federal government.

The railway, 518 kilometres in length and with a planned cost of 11 billion reais (6.1 billion US dollars), has been part of the Programme for the Acceleration of Growth (PAC) launched in January 2007 to boost social and economic development in the country.

So far, PAC features 112 projects, 71 per cent of which are related to energy to free the country out of supply constraints.—MNA/Xinhua



An Australian Quarantine Inspections Service (AQIS) sniffer dog and its handler search through parcel mail at an international mail center in Sydney on 24 Jan, 2008 .— INTERNET

Over 18,000 police officers protest in UK

LONDON, 25 Jan — Thousands of British police officers marched through central London on Wednesday in protest over annual pay rise.

The Police Federation, which represents rank and file police officers, claimed some 18,500 officers participated in the biggest police protest since 1919, Sky news reported.

The police, out of their uniform, are

expected to march through the Home Office and the Houses of Parliament to voice their anger.

Home Secretary Jacqui Smith is the target as she decided not to backdate the agreed 2.5 per cent pay rise for officers to September but instead implement it in December.

She argued that keeping public sector pay awards below 2 per cent is necessary to keep inflation

under control.

Police officers believe the government showed a breach of trust by deciding to ignore the recommendation of an independent Police Arbitration Tribunal.

Nonetheless, it was announced recently that teachers are getting 2.45 per cent rise in pay, and the civilian staff who work in police stations are also getting more than their colleagues in uniform.

The Police Federation has applied for judicial review of the Home Secretary's decision.

MNA/Xinhua

Smoking ups risk with radiation for breast cancer

NEW YORK, 24 Jan—Cigarette smoking dramatically increases the risk that a woman who has undergone radiation treatment for breast cancer will develop lung cancer later on, a new study shows.

Radiation after mastectomy may be considered

for some high-risk breast cancer patients, Dr Elizabeth L Kaufman and colleagues from Columbia University in New York City point out in their report. However, radiation can cause many complications, including increasing the likelihood that a patient will develop lung cancer 10 or more years after treatment, they add. An earlier, small study by Kaufman and her team had suggested that cigarette smoking could boost this risk even more. To investigate further, she and her colleagues looked at breast cancer patients included in the Connecticut Tumor Registry who had been diagnosed with the disease between 1965 and 1989. They compared 113 women who had developed lung cancer 10 or more years after their breast cancer diagnosis with 364 women who did not. —MNA/Reuters

Gunmen kill college dean in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 25 Jan— A dean of a college of Baghdad University was shot dead by gunmen in central Baghdad neighbourhood on Wednesday, an Interior Ministry source said.

"Professor Mundher Muhrij Radhi, the dean of Dentistry College of Baghdad University, was killed at about 02:30 pm local time (1130 GMT), when unknown gunmen opened fire on his car while he was driving near Buratha Shiite Mosque in central Baghdad," the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

Iraqi Insurgents frequently attack senior government officials and people with high prestige, such as doctors, judges and academics.

Media reports suggested that thousands of Iraqi high-profile professionals have been killed or left the country due to violence and sectarian strife in the war-torn country after nearly five years of US-led invasion.

MNA/Reuters



A local fisherman watches a dugong at Yomitanson on the island of Okinawa, Japan in this, file photo. A federal judge ordered the US Department of Defense on 24 Jan, 2008, to consider the impact of a proposed military base in Japan on the endangered dugong revered in Japanese culture.—INTERNET



A visitor on a wheelchair passes in front of a photograph that makes part of Canadian artist Gregory Colbert.—INTERNET

Results of 60th Tipitakadhara
Tipitaka Kovida Selection
Examination announced

(Continued from yesterday)

23. Seat No 97, Ashin Silaṇṇa, aged 25 years, five vasa, Tipitaka Nikaya Monastery, Momeik Hill, Mingun, Sagaing, Sagaing Division
24. Seat No 98, Ashin Vayamindalankara, aged 24 years, five vasa, Tipitaka Maha Gandayon Monastery, Mayangon Township, Yangon Division
25. Seat No 99, Ashin Aṇṇariya, aged 24 years, four vasa, Tipitaka Maha Gandawin Nikaya Monastery, Dagon Myothit (East) Township, Yangon Division (Credit)
26. Seat No 100, Ashin Tejinda, aged 24 years, three vasa, Maha Withoddayon Monastery, Bahan Township, Yangon Division
27. Seat No 101, Ashin Panditavamsa, aged 23 years, three vasa, Tipitaka Dhammapala Monastery, Monywa, Sagaing Division
28. Seat No 102, Ashin Indobhasalankara, aged 23 years, two vasa, Pitzawtayon Monastery, Monywa, Sagaing Division
29. Seat No 103, Ashin Silanandalanka, aged 21 years,

- one vasa, Thamanaygyaw Pariyatti Monastery, Bago, Bago Division
30. Seat No 104, Ashin Indakalankara, aged 21 years, one vasa, Thein Than Yadana Monastery, Mogoung Building, Chanayethazan Township, Mandalay Division
31. Seat No 105, Ashin Suriya, aged 25 years, one vasa, Maha Zawtikayama Pali Tekkatho Monastery, Monywa, Sagaing Division
32. Seat No 106, Ashin Paññasihalankara, aged 21 years, one vasa, Maha Withoddayon Monastery, Bahan Township, Yangon Division
33. Seat No 111, Ashin Tejaniya, aged 31 years, 11 vasa, Tipitaka Nikaya Monastery, Momeik Hill, Mingun, Sagaing, Sagaing Division
34. Seat No 116, Ashin Ariyavamsa, aged 28 years, eight vasa, Tipitaka Nikaya Monastery, Momeik Hill, Mingun, Sagaing, Sagaing Division (Credit)
35. Seat No 117, Ashin Jotipalalankara, aged 27 years, seven vasa, Tipitaka Maha Gandawin Nikaya Monastery, Dagon Myothit (East) Township, Yangon Division
36. Seat No 118, Ashin Nandasami, aged 27 years, seven vasa, Tipitaka Maha Gandawin Nikaya Monastery, Dagon Myothit (East) Township, Yangon Division

37. Seat No 122, Ashin Khemasirilankara, aged 26 years, six vasa, Minkon Maha Monastery, Kyaukse, Mandalay Division (Credit)
38. Seat No 123, Ashin Vilasaggalankara, aged 25 years, six vasa, Tipitaka Maha Gandayon Monastery, Mayangon Township, Yangon Division (Credit)
39. Seat No 127, Ashin Obhasa, aged 24 years, five vasa, Tipitaka Maha Gandayon Monastery, Mingaladon Township, Yangon Division
40. Seat No 129, Ashin Narinda, aged 22 years, three vasa, Sasana Wayponla Monastery, Bogale Township, Ayeyawady Division
41. Seat No 130, Ashin Candobhasalankara, aged 23 years, two vasa, Tipitaka Dhammapala Maha Wihara Monastery, Yinmabin Township, Sagaing Division
42. Seat No 131, Ashin Vilasagga, aged 23 years, two vasa, Maha Thukhayama Monastery, Mayangon Township, Yangon Division (Credit)
43. Seat No 132, Ashin Medhananda, aged 22 years, two vasa, Aungmingala Pariyatti Monastery, Sagaing, Sagaing Division
44. Seat No 134, Ashin Revata, aged 22 years, one vasa, Aungmingala Monastery, Taunggyi, Shan State (South), (Credit).

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Electric Power No 2
Minister meets
Indian guests

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Jan—Minister for Electric Power No 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint met with Managing Director Mr Ajay Krishna Goyal and party of Angellque International Limited from the Republic of India at the ministry, here, on 23 January.

They discussed matters relating to 230 KV power line projects such as the Thahtaychaung-Okshitbin, the Thahtaychaung-Maei-An and the Thahtaychaung-Gwa-Athok.

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Education Minister looks into universities,
BEHSs in Mandalay

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Jan —Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein, accompanied by officials, looked into Yadanabon University in Mandalay on 21 January and instructed officials to make endeavours for promotion of the national education and conduct research works.

The minister and officials inspected Basic Education High Schools No 7 and No 26. After fulfilling the needs, the minister instructed the teachers to strive for enhancement of the education standards of the students.

On arrival at Mandalay University, the

minister oversaw the conducting of research works and gave instructions on future applied research works.

At Mandalay University of Distance Education, the minister gave instructions on academic and management matters of the university.

At BEHS No 14, the minister met with school heads of BEHSs in Mandalay. After hearing the reports on academic matters, the minister stressed the need to energetically carry out the tasks for promotion of the education of the students.

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Myanmar Haji
honoured

YANGON, 25 Jan — Under the arrangements of the Haj Scrutinizing Leading Committee of the Religious Affairs Department, the Myanmar Muslim National Organization organized the 18th ceremony to honour Myanmar Haji, who paid homage at Mecca of Saudi Arabia in 2007, at Asia Plaza Hotel on Bogyoke Aung San Street, here, this afternoon.

Chairman of Myanmar Muslim National Organization U Aye Maung extended greetings and Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko delivered an address.

Patron of the organization retired ambassador U Hla Maung gave a speech and leader of the Myanmar Haji team for 2007 Haji Y Sai Yu Sein spoke words of thanks.

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ISD Men’s Open Football
Tournament goes on

YANGON, 24 Jan—The first round of the Inter-State/Division Union Shield Men’s Open Football Tournament was held at the designated places in the Shan State (North) this evening.

In Lashio zone, defending champion Shan State (South) played a goalless draw with Shan State (East) in the first match and Zar Ni of Shan State (East) won the man of the

match award.

In the second match, Rakhine State defeated Chin 5-3 and Aung Myint Htoo of Rakhine State secured the man of the match award.

In Muse zone, Mandalay Division hammered Kayin State 3-0 and Htet Kyaw Thu Win of Mandalay Division bagged the man of the match award.

In Kyaukse

zone, Ayeyawady Division tied a goalless draw with Kachin State, and Zeyar Hlaing of

Ayeyawady Division clinched the man of the match award.

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All this needs to be known

- * Do not be frightened whenever intimidated
- * Do not be bolstered whenever flattered
- * Do not be softened whenever appeased

Service personnel to play leading role in pursuit...

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Chairman of Nanyun Township PDC U Thein Soe reported on organizational set-up of the township, cultivation of monsoon and summer paddy, growing of tapioca, food sufficiency, output of edible oil, progress of rural development tasks, reclamation of lands, supply of hydropower and clean water, construction of a bridge across Yaungngwe Creek and rural roads, pass rate in matriculation examinations, and education, health and social matters.

The Prime Minister asked officials for some facts about the region and attended to the needs, saying that his inspection tour of Myitkyina, Bhamo and such far-flung areas as Nangkho, Tanai, Nanyun, Panhsaung and Shinbweyan was to attend to regional development tasks and encourage the service personnel.

He was unable to visit Pannan and Khaunglanphu in Kachin State due to bad weather, he said, adding that he thus had a meeting with officials concerned and fulfilled the requirements of the regions.

Sharing the border with India, Nanyun Township plays an important role in the bilateral relations. Service personnel have to play the leading role in pursuit of regional development, raising the living standard of local people, and peace and stability. Applying the knowledge and experiences and organizing townselders and local residents with constructive performances, service personnel are to lead local people, and keep a watchful eye on and fulfil the requirements in order to become reliable service personnel, he said.

Stability, peace and the rule of law are fundamental for development of a nation or region. Therefore, service personnel and the people have to cooperate in restoration of stability and peace, he noted.

Moreover, service personnel are required to pursue food safety of each township and of the entire nation, he said, calling for reclamation of vacant lands into arable ones, use of high-yield strains of crops and advanced agricultural methods, and multiple cropping patterns. If so, people will enjoy food surplus with high per capita income. He emphasized the importance of effective use of natural resources and innovations for progress in the agriculture and livestock breeding sectors.

He called on the officials to apply the transport, education and health infrastructures in practice and work hard for promotion of the education standard of



Prime Minister General Thein Sein and party visit Hukaung Tiger Sanctuary Museum of Forest Department. — MNA

local youths and providing better health care and improving the socio-economic life of local people.

Myanmar is a Union, so all service personnel are to inculcate the people with the spirit of adoring other national races that is of paramount importance for perpetual existence of the nation, as well as Union Spirit that is true patriotic spirit with which national brethren live in harmony sharing joys and sorrows without localism, attachment to the national race concerned, and dogmatism.

The Prime Minister presented gifts to responsible persons of Township PDC, USDA, Education Department, Health Department and Naga traditional troupe. He also gave K 2 million to the social organizations and the medical funds of Nanyun.

Next, the Prime Minister fulfilled the requirements of power supply of the region. U Yup Zaw Khong of Jade Land Co donated K 10 million for supply of hydropower to officials.

At Women's Vocational Training School, they

greeted instructors and presented cash assistance to them.

The training school has produced 142 female trainees in the basic and advanced tailoring courses, the knitting courses and the wickerwork course.

On arrival at Panhsaung, the Prime Minister met departmental officials, social organizations and local national races at Naungyan Hall and attended to the needs.

Next, the Prime Minister gave instructions on prevalence of law and order and peace and tranquillity, encouragement for carrying out production tasks including agriculture and livestock breeding for regional development, assistance to be provided to local youth to be able to learn basic and higher education, giving health care services to the local people, extended cultivation of paddy and edible oil crops for ensuring local food sufficiency, feasibility survey to be conducted for generating hydropower and reclamation of farmland and highland.

Sharing the border with India, Nanyun Township plays an important role in the bilateral relations.



Prime Minister General Thein Sein presents gifts to local nationalities in Panhsaung. — MNA

The Prime Minister presented gifts and clothes to the local people and the Chairman of the Township PDC, and K 1.8 million to the medical funds.

Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt and Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo handed gifts to the townselders and the chairman of the township PDC.

They proceeded to Shinbweyan of Tanai Township by air. At Shinbweyan BEHS, they met departmental officials, social organization members and local national races. The Prime Minister heard reports on progress of the town, cultivation, upgrading of BEMS to BEHS, construction of the two-storey building, installation of iPstar telephones, matters related to education, health and transport sectors.

The Prime Minister stressed the need for development of the regions, wide dissemination of health knowledge, assistance to be provided for enhancement of the education standard of the local youth, conservation of environment, booming of local people's economy and realization of the national unity.

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We Do Here Perish

“We do here perish”, this the others do not understand. But if they do understand, the quarrels are thereby appeased.

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Prime Minister General Thein Sein inspects vocational training school in Nanyun. — MNA

Service personnel to play leading role in pursuit...

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The Prime Minister presented gifts to the social organizations and K 1.8 million to the medical funds through officials.

Afterwards, they went to Tanai by helicopter. At Hukaung Hall in Tanai yesterday morning, the Prime Minister and party met departmental officials, social organizations and local people and attended to the needs.

Chairman of Tanai Township PDC U Nay Tun Aung reported on matters related to the township, maintenance of Tanai-Mongkhun road, construction of school buildings at Shinbweyan BEHS and Naunglonkaungyar BEPS, maintenance of rural health centres, production of paddy and edible oil crops, local food sufficiency, cultivation of physic nut, rubber, sugarcane, Thitseint (Belleric myrobalan) and new item crops, power supply, communications and health matters.

In his instructions, the Prime Minister said that Tanai Township is located in a plain region with favourable climate and rich in water and forest resources. Paddy, meat, fish and forest products will benefit the development of the township. In addition, famous Ledo Road linking China and India was constructed in the Second World War. If India and China carry out commerce through Ledo Road, Tanai will be the strategic place in the region. A number of rivers and creeks in Tanai will be used to generate hydropower. Hence, it can be said that Tanai has sound foundations

for development of the region.

The government has built many dams, roads, bridges, airports and wharves for economic development of all parts of the nation, established many basic education schools, universities, hospitals and dispensaries for upgrading of the education and health standards. Hence, all the national races are to make use of the basic good foundations for their regions. Indeed, the uplift of individual living standard will reflect the development of the region and the nation. As a result,

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Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw meeting with members of USDA in Tanai. — MNA

all the people are to strive for development of the regions at the opportune time.

Next, the Prime Minister presented cash assistance to the social organizations, local authorities and townsenders.

U Yup Zaw Khong of Jade Land Co handed K 3 million for regional development through the chairman of the Township PDC.

At Tanai Township Hospital, the Prime Minister heard reports on dissemination of health knowledge and medical treatment presented by officials.

After visiting the hospital, he presented cash assistance to the patients through the sister.

At the Hukaung Tiger Sanctuary Museum of Forest Department, the Prime Minister and party viewed documentary photos of endangered species of wildlife and rare birds.

On 3 April 2001, the Ministry of Forestry issued an announcement that Hukaung Valley will be established as the sanctuary. In June 2004, the 2,460 square

If India and China carry out commerce through Ledo Road, Tanai will be the strategic place in the region.

miles was designated as the sanctuary. In addition, the 5,958 square miles area was designated as the Hukaung Valley Sanctuary (Extension) on 1 March 2004 to control the congenial area of the sanctuary as the tiger preservation region.

The ministry is joining hands with the local people in maintaining the Hukaung Tiger Preservation Region as a model natural area.

Next, the Prime Minister and party proceeded to Yuzana Integrated Farm Project site at Naungmee Camp in Phakant Township. The Prime Minister attended the tapioca cultivation ceremony and presented tapioca grafts to the agricultural workers. The commanders and the ministers planted tapioca saplings.

The Prime Minister viewed land preparations and cultivation of sugarcane and tapioca plantations. Next, he inspected species of sugarcane and tapioca.

At Bala Min Htin Hall, Yuzana Co Chairman U Htay Myint reported on the objectives of Yuzana agricultural project, land allotment, growing of crops, livestock breeding, land reclamation and establishment of agro-based industrial zones and annual crops cultivation.

In response to the reports, the Prime Minister stressed the need for building a factory for production of finished goods as soon as raw materials have been collected and disseminating cultivation and livestock breeding methods to the local people.

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Yuzana multi-purpose agriculture and live-stock breeding project is being undertaken in Phakant and Tanaing townships of Kachin State. So far 17100 acres of land have been reclaimed and 6170 acres have been put under various crops. For production of finished goods from raw materials, a tapioca starch factory, sugar mill, ethanol factory and fertilizer plant are under construction. In addition, fish, pigs and cattle are being raised.

Next, the Prime Minister and party went to Myitkyina in the afternoon. At the town hall, he met with departmental staff, social organizations and townseiders, and donated TV sets for schools, uniforms and badges for the Union Solidarity and Development Association, school textbooks and stationery for the Education Department and K 2 million for medical funds. Lt-Gen Ye Myint also presented sports gear, medicine and medical equipment for Kachin State Sports and Physical Education Department.



Maj-Gen Khin Zaw of Ministry of Defence inspects tea plantation in Haka Township.

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Afterwards, the Prime Minister and party visited Myitkyina General Hospital and inquired about the common diseases occurring in the region and treatments and giving educative health talks. He then fulfilled the needs. He presented TVs and clothes to the head of the Health Department and medical superintendent. The Prime Minister and party left Myitkyina and arrived in Nay Pyi Taw in the evening.

Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt, who accompanied the Prime Minister, visited the training school for development of border areas and national youths and other offices under the ministry in the townships of Kachin State

during 20 to 24 January and called for improvement of the education of the national youths in border areas, greening of the towns and supply of drinking water.

Likewise, USDA Secretariat member Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw met the USDA members at the office of Tanaing Township USDA, made a speech and inspected flower plantations on 23 January. He also visited the satellite communication station and post and telegraph office.

Similarly, the ministers, deputy ministers and departmental heads, who accompanied the Prime Minister, also visited their respective departments.

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Regional development tasks supervised in Chin State

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Jan — Maj-Gen Khin Zaw of the Ministry of Defence together with Chairman of Chin State Peace and Development Council Brig-Gen Hong Ngai and officials paid respects to Sayadaw Bhaddanta Sucitta of Theravada Buddhist Missionary Central Monastery in Yezwa Township on 19 January.

Maj-Gen Khin Zaw and party looked into the site where a two-storey building will be constructed for township

Basic Education High School. They also inspected breeding of mythuns at 15th-mile mythun farm of U Rum Kyon in Haka Township. A total of 5098 mythuns are being raised in Chin State.

Next, Maj-Gen Khin Zaw and party visited Kyawboke Agricultural Farm of Myanma Agriculture Service in the township and inspected trial production of processed tea, tea plantations and

nursery and green peas plantations.

At Haka Township Hall, Maj-Gen Khin Zaw met with personnel, members of social organizations and townseiders and gave instructions on extended cultivation of monsoon paddy, summer paddy and highland paddy in order to meet the rice sufficiency in the region. He also stressed the need to grow new crops and tea plants on commercial scale using quality strains. —MNA

Man loses eye, sustains injuries in bomb explosion

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Jan — A man lost his right eye and sustained injuries in the face at a site, about three furlongs east of Kawtpyin Village in Mone Township, Bago Division, at about 1.45 pm on 22 January, when he treaded on the mine planted by insurgents.

At that time, Maung Kyaw Swe Oo,

26, son of U Po Kalar, of Htondaw Ward, Mone Township, was cutting down some trees for firewood.

He was rushed to Mone Station Hospital and was receiving treatment. Officials concerned and local people are conducting investigation into the case.

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Myanmar-Ulsan University Soccer friendly

YANGON, 25 Jan — A coordination meeting for holding friendly football matches between Myanmar and Ulsan University of Korea was held at the meeting hall of

Aung San Stadium this afternoon.

Director-General U Thaung Htaik of Sports and Physical Education Department made an address and subcommittee

members reported on matters related to holding friendly football matches.

Ulsan University team will play against Commerce, Kanbawza and Finance and Revenue teams at 3 pm at Youth Training Centre (Thuwunna) on 30 January, 1 and 3 February. Tickets for grand stand is K 1000 per head and ordinary stand, K 500 per head. —MNA

6th AGM of MAAFLFS to be held

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Jan — The Myanmar Academy of Agriculture, Forestry, Livestock and Fishery Sciences will hold the 6th annual general meeting at the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, here, at 9:00 am on 29 January. —MNA

Brawl occurs in Writer Min Thein Kha's compound in Hmawby Township

Arrangements made to take action against those involved in quarrel in accord with law

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Jan — There was a brawl in the compound of Writer Min Thein Kha on Pawdawmu Pagoda road in Hmawby Township, Yangon Division on 19 January, and the Hmawby Township Police Station is making arrangements to take action against those involved in the brawl.

The incident was that a man by the name of Arkar Oo arrived in that compound by his white Light Ace vehicle with the number plate 3 Ka/999 to have an astrologer's horoscope in writing at 10 am on 19 January. Arkar Oo had a dispute with Wai Phyo Aung who issued the astrologer's horoscope in writing over the wearing shoes in the altar room by the former and the late issue of the prediction in writing by the latter.

The quarrel was followed by throwing stones at the car by residents of the compound. Consequently, Arkar Oo struck Kyaw Thu, 27, an astrological trainee, with a three feet long iron rod, and the latter thus suffered open injuries on the head. Also in the car together with Arkar Oo were his mother, aunt and wife.

It is learnt that the real name of Arkar Oo is Htet Wai Yan Tun, 25, of Building No 24, Hninsi Street, Sittoung Yeikmon 94 Ward, Seikkan Township, Yangon Division, and a hat showing the rank of Colonel from the Tatmadaw was found in the car. It is also learnt that Htet Wai Yan Tun is an impostor.

Action will be taken against those who were involved in the quarrel in accord with the law. —MNA



Kazkh movie “Mongol” on DVDs in a shop in Almaty on 25 Jan, 2008. Financed by Kazakh investors and shot by Russian director Sergei Bodrov, “Mongol” was nominated for best foreign film at this year’s Oscars - the first-ever Oscar nod for Kazakhstan.—INTERNET



A local River Bureau worker walks on ice blocks at the bank of a frozen section of the Yellow River in Jinan, Shandong Province on 24 Jan, 2008.—INTERNET

Andreas Hatveit, from Norway, flies through the air above Aspen Mountain during the men’s practice near Aspen, Colo., on 24 Jan, 2008, at the Winter X Games. —INTERNET



Images of the Day

Surgeons in a file photo. An Australian teenage girl has become the world’s first known transplant patient to change blood groups and take on the immune system of her organ donor, doctors said on Friday, calling her a ‘one-in-six-billion miracle.’

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Thai King endorses Yongyuth as House speaker

BANGKOK, 25 Jan — Thailand’s King Bhumibol Adulyadej on Thursday endorsed Yongyuth Tiypairat, from People Power Party (PPP), as House Speaker.

Somsak Kiatsuranont and Apiwan Wiriyachai, also from the PPP, were also endorsed as first and second deputy speaker respectively.

The royal endorsement came two days after members of Parliament elected the three to the posts.

Newly-appointed House Speaker Yongyuth Tiypairat said on Thursday that he would convene a House meeting on Monday to elect next prime minister.—MNA/Reuters

Russia buys one of world's most powerful computers

MOSCOW, 25 Jan — A Russian university has bought one of the world's most powerful supercomputers, the first time that such sophisticated technology has been exported to the former Soviet Union, makers IBM said on Thursday.

The Moscow State University has selected a Blue Gene device capable of 27.8 trillion operations per second to use in research on nanotechnology and scientific applications such as modelling the heart, an IBM spokesman said.

"This agreement with IBM heralds a new era of supercomputing in Russia," said Viktor Sadovnichiy, rector of the university, in a statement.

MNA/Reuters

Heathrow crash jet’s engines did not shut down

LONDON, 25 Jan — The British Airways plane that crash-landed at Heathrow last week did not suffer a total power failure as it approached the airport, investigators said on Thursday.

The Air Accidents Investigation Branch said the Boeing 777's two engines failed to deliver extra thrust as it came into land, but did not cut out completely.

In a second preliminary report, investigators said they were still trying to work out what caused the lack of thrust during the flight's final moments.

"The engines both initially responded but after about three seconds the thrust of the right engine reduced," the report said. "Some eight seconds later the thrust reduced on the left engine to a similar level."

"The engines did not shut down and both engines continued to produce thrust at an engine speed above flight idle, but less than the commanded thrust."

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Vietnam reports 150,000 cancer deaths annually

HANOI, 25 Jan — Vietnam has annually detected some 200,000 cases of cancer infection, with 150,000 fatalities, the Vietnam Cancer Association said on Wednesday.

The K Hospital in Hanoi capital alone, which specializes in cancer diagnosis and treatment, has annually treated 150,000 cancer patients. It has seen over 75,000 patients die from the disease in the past five years.

Many of the patients are aged over 40. The most common cancers in Vietnam, with a population of 86 million, include lung cancer, gastric cancer, bronchial tube cancer, and liver cancer, the association said, noting that the country faces a severe shortage of specialized hospitals for cancer patients.

The infection and fatality are attributed mainly to the polluted environment and the late diagnosis of the disease. — MNA/Xinhua

Teacher shot dead by suspected insurgents in Thai south

BANGKOK, 25 Jan — Suspected insurgents shot dead a male teacher when he was riding a motorcycle to school on Thursday morning in Thailand's far southern province of Pattani.

Suvit Boonsanit, 46, a teacher at Ban Koh Ta school, was killed at 8:00 am (0100GMT) in Khok Pho District, Pattani, according to a report on the *Bangkok Post* website.

Police said two insurgents riding on a motorcycle followed the victim before opening fire on him. Suvit was rushed to hospital but died on the way.

Police arrested a

suspect and confiscated his motorcycle and the gun. They are tracking down another suspect on the run, the report said.

MNA/Xinhua

Marrow injections help kidney transplant success

BOSTON, 25 Jan — Injecting blood or bone marrow cells into people who have just received a donated kidney can reduce the need for drugs that suppress the immune system, researchers reported on Wednesday.

The stem cells in the blood and bone marrow helped trick the body into tolerating the transplants, two teams of researchers reported in the *New England Journal of Medicine*.

In one series of experiments, researchers at Massachusetts General Hospital and Harvard Medical School

in Boston tested the technique on five volunteers who received a kidney from a relative. Four were eventually weaned off their anti-suppression drugs.

“While we need to study this approach in a larger group of patients before it is ready for broad clinical use, this is the first time that tolerance to a series of mismatched transplants has been intentionally and successfully induced,” said Dr David Sachs, who helped lead the study.

MNA/Reuters

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2.	Coal Block Making Machine	2 Nos	25.1.2008	4.2.2008
3.	Kiln Hanging Chain (Ordianry)	2 Items	25.1.2008	4.2.2008
4.	Conveyor Chain	8 Items	25.1.2008	4.2.2008
5.	Excavator (1.5~ 2.0m³)	2 Units	25.1.2008	4.2.2008
6.	Excavator (0.7~ 1.0m³)	1 Unit	25.1.2008	4.2.2008
7.	Dump Truck (5 Tons)	4 Units	25.1.2008	4.2.2008
8.	Dump Truck (15 Tons)	4 Units	25.1.2008	4.2.2008
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Prodi resigns after losing confidence vote in Senate

ROME, 25 Jan— Italian Premier Romano Prodi resigned on Thursday after his 20-month-old government lost a vote of confidence in the Senate.

Prodi has handed in his resignation to President Giorgio Napolitano, who will meet with political leaders Friday to decide the country's immediate

political future.

Prodi said before the Senate vote that he wanted it to remove any doubts in public opinion over who was responsible for the downfall of a government which had pulled Italy out of a critical economic situation and was engaged in combating urgent crises, including the trash situation in the southern Campania

region.

Prodi won a confidence vote in the Lower House Wednesday but defections in his coalition made it clear he did not have a majority in the Senate and there has been pressure on him both in his own coalition and in the opposition to resign and forego the Senate test.

MNA/Xinhua

MNA/Reuters



A photo taken on 22 Jan, 2008 shows football-shaped calabashes planted by a local resident in Lanzhou, Northwest China's Gansu Province.

INTERNET

18 students down with food poisoning in Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR, 25 Jan—Eighteen students were taken ill after consuming food provided under a programme for underprivileged children in Marang, Malaysia's northern Terengganu State, the *New Straits Times* reported on Thursday.

They were taken to a health clinic after spells of vomiting, and back at school after receiving treatment on Wednesday, the report said.

Although children were allowed to go back to school, the episode rattled state Education Department director Ariffin Embong and state Education Higher Learning, Science and Technology Committee chairman Abdul Latif Awang.

Ariffin said he had instructed the Marang District education office to investigate the cause of the food poisoning with the help of the district Health Department.

A sample of the food had been taken by health officers, he said, adding that the test results would be known soon. Education officers would be making unannounced visits to all school canteens in the state to check if they were following strict health codes, Abdul Latif said.—MNA/Xinhua

Russian soldiers killed in military attack

MOSCOW, 25 Jan— Two Russian servicemen were killed and three more wounded on Wednesday in an attack in the Russia's North Caucasus Republic of Ingushetia, *RIA* news agency reported.

“Two soldiers were killed and three wounded when unknown assailants fired shots at their car near a military base in the Sunzhensky District of Ingushetia,” local police source was quoted as saying.

MNA/Xinhua

Britain's Work, Pensions Secretary resigns

LONDON, 25 Jan— Britain's Work and Pensions Secretary Peter Hain has quit the Cabinet after his deputy Labour Party leader campaign donations were referred to the Metropolitan Police.

Hain announced his resignation Thursday within minutes of the Electoral Commission, saying that it had decided to refer the late declaration of 103,000 pounds (some 200,850 US dollars) of donations to the police.

Hain has admitted

that more than 100,000 pounds of donations towards his bid to become the Labour Party's deputy leader were not declared as they should have been.

He blamed poor advice suggesting he tried to hide anything was "absurd".

He said his commitment to his two cabinet jobs meant he had not paid closer attention to his campaign finances.

Hain is the first ministerial resignation of Gordon Brown's premiership.

The 57-year-old holds two Cabinet jobs — Work and Pensions Secretary and Wales Secretary.

He has been Secretary of State for Wales since October 2002, and took up his Work and Pensions role in Gordon Brown's first reshuffle last June.

Born in Nairobi and brought up in South Africa, Hain was educated at Pretoria Boys High School, the University of London and Sussex University.

MNA/Xinhua

Microsoft Q2 profit tops expectations, up 79%

BEIJING, 25 Jan— Microsoft's fiscal second-quarter profit topped analysts' expectations by climbing 79 percent with its full-year earnings outlook above Wall Street targets, media reported Friday.

For the quarter ended 31 Dec, profit increased to 4.71 billion US dollars, or 50 cents per share, from 2.63 billion dollars, or 26 cents per share last year.

Revenue rose 31 percent to 16.37 billion dollars from 12.5 billion dollars in the year-ago

quarter, ahead of the analysts' prediction of 15.95 billion dollars in sales.

The results and raised forecasts from the world's largest software maker came on the heels of disappointing outlooks from tech bellwethers Intel Corp and Apple Inc, which sent shivers through a US stock market that shed about 10 percent to start the year, before bouncing.

"It looks like a very nice report," said Sarah Friar, an analyst for

Goldman Sachs.

She attributed Microsoft's improved profitability to better-than-expected results in two high-margin areas: software for businesses and Xbox 360s.

Internet

Thailand hosting int'l bird flu conference

BANGKOK, 24 Jan — A world meeting on avian influenza opened here on Wednesday, drawing some 500 researchers and academics from over 40 countries to exchange experiences on bird flu vaccine research in humans and animals.

Thai Minister of Science and Technology Yongyuth Yuthavong presided at the opening ceremony of the "Bangkok International Conference on Avian Influenza 2008: Integration from Knowledge to Control".

He said the aim of the conference is to provide opportunities to share updated scientific information and to learn from individual experiences.

MNA/Xinhua

2,500 children attacked by pneumonia in N B'desh

DHAKA, 24 Jan — Pneumonia that broke out in an alarming proportion in Bangladesh's northern Netrakona District, about 140 kilometres northeast of capital Dhaka, affected around 2,500 children during the last three weeks due to the prevailing cold wave.

Sources were quoted by private news agency UNB as saying that the children mostly from poor families have been admitted to the district general hospital and other sub-district health complexes and many of them are suffering from acute respiratory problems.

The doctors apprehended that the influx of pneumonia patients might increase further if the current cold spell persists for long.

Meanwhile, guardians of the patients alleged that their children are not getting required treatment due to acute shortage of necessary medicine in the hospitals.

The poor guardians also complained that they have to purchase medicine at exorbitant prices from outside the hospital. — MNA/Xinhua



Keeper Mikkel Kibsgaard displays newly born quadruplet Siberian tiger cubs at Aalborg Zoo, Denmark on 23 Jan, 2008.—XINHUA

Stem cells found in mice for diabetes treatment

BEIJING, 25 Jan— Scientists have found elusive pancreatic stem cells in adult mice which could lead to treatments for people with type-1 diabetes, media reported Friday. "For many years people believed that progenitor cells existed in the adult pancreas but

were not able to trace or isolate them," said Harry Heimberg, a diabetes researcher at Vrije Universiteit Brussels and the Beta Cell Biology Consortium. Scientists have long hunted for adult cells with the capacity to make insulin-producing cells known as beta cells, which

help regulate the body's blood sugar levels.

Currently, there is no cure for type-1 diabetes except rare pancreatic cell transplants done under what is known as the Edmonton Protocol, involving transplanting pancreatic cells from cadavers into the liver.

But these transplants are fragile and it takes several donors to make one transplant.

Heimberg decided to see if they could get the body's own progenitor cells to make beta cells under abnormal circumstances, such as significant injury. —Internet

12 killed in bus accident in Peru

LIMA, 25 Jan — A long-distance coach in Peru Wednesday fell down to a 200-metre-deep ravine, killing 12 passengers and injuring another 22.

The accident took place on a mountain road in Cajamarca Province on wee hours when the speeding bus lost control and fell, said the police.

Heavy rain and speeding may cause the accident, according to preliminary investigations.

Those injured have been sent to hospital, police said.

MNA/Xinhua



This picture taken in 2007 and made available by the Indonesia Department of Tourism shows a thousand-year-old Javanese artefact in Hawick, Scotland. Indonesia is negotiating the return of the ancient stone that was first taken by a British colonialist in the 1800s and is now held by a family trust in Scotland.—INTERNET

SPORTS

Chinese pair Zheng/Yan eliminated in Australian Open

MELBOURNE, 24 Jan — Chinese pair Zheng Jie and Yan Zi were sent packing from the women's doubles semifinals of the Australian Open on Wednesday as they were beaten 6-0, 7-6, 7-5(7-3) by Victoria Azarenka of Belarus and Shahar Peer from Israel.

The Chinese former champions looked on course for a final berth when they won the first set without losing one game, but were then outplayed by the opponents in a match lasting two hours 27 minutes.

Despite the loss, Zheng said she was satisfied with their performance.

"It is a pity that we lost the game, we had the chance to win, but we didn't hold it firmly," said Zheng.

"I am satisfied with the performance during this Grand Slam, I didn't take part in many tournaments last year because of injury. And I am happy that we could enter the semifinals of the Australian Open since this is the first Grand Slam after I came back," said the 25-year-old.

With the first set down, Azarenka and Peer came back strongly in the second set as they broke the Chinese pair's first serve game and led the game to 6-4. After Zheng and Yan broke back in the 10th game, Azarenka and Peer took two points to push the match into the third set. — MNA/Xinhua

German wins men's over 105kg gold at Good Luck Beijing

BEIJING, 24 Jan — Matthias Steiner of Germany won the men's over 105 kilogrammes class at the "Good Luck Beijing" 2008 International Weightlifting Invitational Tournament here on Wednesday.

Steiner, who competed in the Athens Olympic Games in 2004 representing Austria, combined lifts of 193kg in the snatch and 230kg in the clean and jerk to finish with 423kg, 28kg more than runner-up Grzegorz Kleszcz.

Steiner succeeded in all three snatch lifts and failed to lift 225kg in his second try in the clean and jerk. But he lifted 230kg in his last try and earned Germany the first gold in the tournament, which is also the test event for the Beijing Olympics in August.

"Germany has four places in the Beijing Olympics and my victory today made the first one to get the ticket to Beijing," said Steiner. "I hope to win again in Beijing, which is difficult." — MNA/Reuters



US golfer Tiger Woods hits off the 16th tee during first round play at the Buick Invitational on the south course at Torrey Pines in San Diego on 24 Jan, 2008.

INTERNET

Fulham sign US striker Johnson, Dane Andreassen

LONDON, 24 Jan — English Premier League club Fulham signed US international striker Eddie Johnson from Kansas City Wizards and Danish midfielder Leon Andreassen from Werder Bremen, the London side said on Wednesday.

The 23-year-old Florida-born Johnson, who has scored 11 goals in 31 appearances for the US, was given a British work permit after a Home Office tribunal hearing and has signed a three-and-a-half year deal.

"I have made no secret of the fact that I believe the squad lacks a certain balance in specific areas and following the loss of Brian McBride to injury, this is true of our strike force," Fulham manager Roy Hodgson told the club's website (www.fulhamfc.com).

MNA/Reuters



FC Barcelona player Giovanni dos Santos, from Mexico, left, duels for the ball with Villarreal player Joan Capdevila Mendez during a Copa del Rey soccer match at the Madrigal Stadium in Villarreal, Spain, on 24 Jan, 2008. —INTERNET

CSKA Sofia players protest over unpaid wages

SOFIA, 24 Jan — Bulgarian Premier League leaders CSKA Sofia's players turned up 30 minutes late for training on Wednesday in protest over unpaid wages.

The players went on to the pitch with their pockets pulled out of their tracksuits to symbolise the lack of money.

"I hope that the club management can find a solution to the problem," CSKA captain Alexandar Tunchev told reporters. "We are ready to become champions and play in the Champions League but we don't want to be deceived."

Club sources said CSKA's management owed several cash bonuses to the players as well as monthly wages. — MNA/Reuters

Federer sets up clash with Djokovic

MELBOURNE, 24 Jan — Defending champion Roger Federer defeated James Blake in straight sets at the Australian Open to advance to the semifinals and will face third-seeded Novak Djokovic.

Blake tried to catch the steps of Federer in the first set, but Federer was too strong for Blake as the Swiss took the match 7-5, 7-6 (7-5), 6-4.

Both players had break early in the opening set. Leading at 6-5 Federer took the last chance to take the first set after Blake sent a long return.

Blake came back hard in the second set and forced Federer into the tiebreaker. After saving three set points after falling behind 6-2, Blake finally crushed by Federer on a ace. The third set was much easier for Federer as he ran to a 5-1 lead and sealed the victory at 6-4. — MNA/Xinhua



Lazio's defender Cribari of Brazil, left, and Fiorentina's Giampaolo Pazzini compete for the ball during the Italy Cup soccer match between Lazio and Fiorentina, in Rome's Olympic stadium, on 24 Jan, 2008. —INTERNET

France defender Boumsong joining Lyon from Juventus

LYON (France), 24 Jan — France defender Jean-Alain Boumsong is joining Olympique Lyon after the six-times French champions reached an agreement with Juventus, Lyon chairman Jean-Michel Aulas said on Wednesday.

"He will fly to Lyon during the night and will sign a contract for three and a half years tomorrow (Thursday)," Aulas told reporters after his side's 2-0 Ligue 1 win over Lorient.

Lyon need a defender with Brazilian Cleber Anderson out for the rest of the season because of a knee injury.

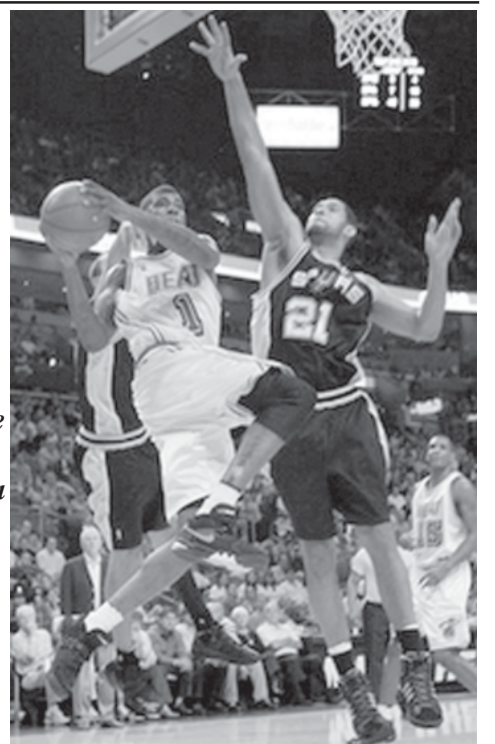
MNA/Reuters

Scotland agree compensation for manager Burley

GLASGOW, 24 Jan — Scotland agreed compensation terms with English Championship (Second Division) team Southampton on Wednesday over the planned appointment of George Burley as manager.

The Scottish Football Association (SFA) has held talks with Burley's agent and an SFA spokesman told Reuters: "We expect these (discussions) to continue tomorrow but, in the meantime, we have reached agreement with Southampton." Earlier, Burley was ratified by the SFA as the "preferred candidate" for the job which has been vacant since Alex McLeish left for English Premier League Birmingham City in November. — MNA/Reuters

Miami Heat's Dorell Wright (1) goes to the basket as San Antonio Spurs' Tim Duncan (21) defends in the third quarter of a basketball game, on 24 Jan, 2008. The Spurs won, 90-89.



Afghan court sentences journalist to death

MAZAR-I-SHARIF (Afghanistan), 25 Jan — An Afghan court has handed down the death sentence to a local journalist found guilty of blasphemy, an official said on Wednesday.

Sayed Perwiz Kambakhsh, 23, a reporter with the *Jahan-e Now* daily paper was sentenced on Tuesday by Balkh's primary court having been arrested three months ago by provincial security officials.

"According to...the Islamic law, Sayed Perwiz is sentenced to death at the first court," said head of Balkh's court Shamsur Rahman. "However, he will go

through three more (appeal) courts to declare hi

His detention has been denounced by journalist organizations which are putting pressure on the Afghan Government to ensure his release.

"The Committee to Protect Journalists is concerned about your government's failure to push through proposed media reforms at a time when the Afghan Press is growing increasingly restricted," the international group said.

Sayed Yaqub Ibrahim, brother of Kambakhsh, called the verdict "very unfair" and asked the international community for help.

MNA/Xinhua

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Ahmadinejad to make landmark visit to Iraq

BAGHDAD, 25 Jan—

President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad has accepted an invitation to visit Baghdad, Iraq's Foreign Ministry said on Wednesday, a landmark trip that would make him the first leader of Iran to visit its former foe.

Iran and Iraq fought an eight-year war in the 1980s in which hundreds of thousands were killed, but relations have improved since Saddam Hussein was ousted in the US-led invasion of Iraq in 2003 and a Shiite Islamist-led government came to power.

"President Ahmadinejad has accepted an invitation from President (Jalal) Talabani to come to Iraq," Iraqi deputy Foreign Minister Labeed Abawi told *Reuters*.

An aide to Ahmadinejad, who asked not to be identified, said: "We have heard about it but no date has been

scheduled."

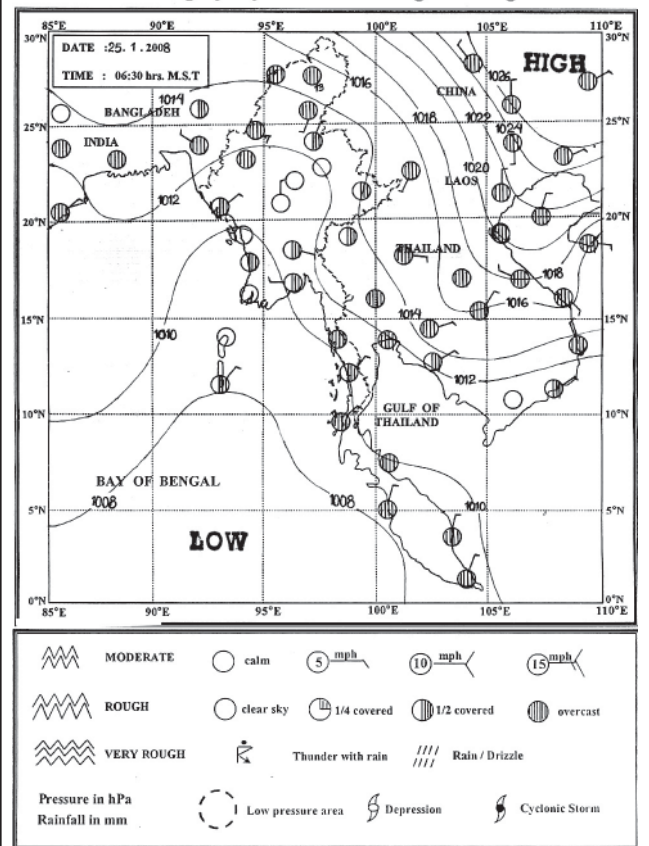
Both Talabani and Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki have visited Shiite Iran, which some Middle East analysts say exerts greater influence in Iraq than the United States.

Ahmadinejad has accepted the invitation at a time of heightened tension between Iran and the United States, which said its warships were threatened by Iranian craft in the Strait of Hormuz earlier this month.

The two countries are also at odds over Teheran's nuclear programme and what Washington calls Iran's "negative influence" in Iraq through its arming and training of Shiite militias. Iran denies this and says it is committed to peace in Iraq.

MNA/Reuters

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Friday, 25 January, 2008

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30

hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers has been scattered in Kachin State, isolated in upper Sagaing Division, weather has been partly cloudy in Shan and Mon states, Bago and Taninthayi Divisions and generally fair in the remaining areas. Night temperatures were (3°C) below January average temperatures in Chin State, (3°C) to (4°C) above January average temperatures in Kachin and Rakhine States, Magway, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyarwady Divisions, (6°C) above January average temperatures in Taninthayi Division and about January average temperatures in the remaining States and Divisions. The significant night temperatures were lashio (3°C), Haka and Loilem (4°C) each Pinlaung and heho (2°C) each. The noteworthy amounts of rainfalls recorded were machanbaw (0.71) inch, Putao (0.51) inch and Homlin (0.43) inch.

Maximum temperature on 24-1-2008 was 97°F. Minimum temperature on 25-1-2008 was 67°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 25-1-2008 was 72%. Total sunshine hours on 24-1-2008 was (8.4) hours approx.

Rainfall on 25-1-2008 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 Northeast at (7:30) hours MST on 25-1-2008.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 26-1-2008: likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers in Kachin, Chin, Shan, Kayin and Mon States, upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions, weather will be partly cloudy in lower Sagaing Mandalay, Magway and Yangon Divisions and generally fair in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%).

State of the sea: Strong easterly wind with moderate to rough seas are likely at times Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coasts. Surface wind speed in Strong wind may reach (35) mph. Seas will be slight to moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

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

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 26-1-2008: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 26-1-2008: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 26-1-2008: Generally fair weather.

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

**Radio
Myanmar**

Saturday, 26 January
Tune in today

8:30 am Brief news
8:35 am Music
-Home
8:40 am Perspectives
8:45 am Music
-Change your mind
8:50 am National news
9:00 am Music
-Fast lane
9:05 am International news
9:10 am Music
-Walk of life
1:30 pm News/ Slogan
1:40 pm Music at your request /Music
-Let's get it on
-Making up for the lost time
9:00 pm ASEAN news
Exchange news from ASEAN member countries
9:20 pm Myanmar culture...Dr Khin Maung Nyunt
"Sacred Shwe Tha Lyaung Pagoda"
9:30 pm Souvenirs
-Sealed with a kiss
-Seasons in the Sun
9:45 pm News /Slogan
10:00 pm PEL

**TV
Myanmar**

Saturday, 26 January
View on today

7:00 am
1. ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃာ့မဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ရွက်၊ အဘိဓမ္မမဟာရဋ္ဌဂုရု၊ အဘိဓမ္မအဂ္ဂမဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မဇောတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော်ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်
7:15 am
2. တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ အဂ္ဂမဟာပဏ္ဍိတ၊ ဘဒ္ဒန္တသိရိန္ဒာဘိဝံသ (ယောဆရာတော်) ဟောကြားတော်မူ အပ်သော ဥပ္ပါတသန္တိပါဠိတော်
7:25 am
3. To be healthy exercise
7:30 am
4. Morning news
7:40 am
5. Nice and sweet song
7:55 am
6. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
8:05 am
7. Musical programme
8:15 am
8. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ
8:20 am
9. ဘိုင်းဒါးရေလှောင်တံခွန်
8:30 am
10. International news
8:45 am
11. Grammar made easy
11:00 am
1. Martial song
11:15 am
2. Musical programme
11:30 am
3. Games for children
11:50 am
4. Round up of the week's TV local news
12:50 pm
5. ကြားမြင်သူတပြည့်ဝစေရာစာပဒေသာ
1:00 pm
6. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "စစ်သူကြီးဆွန်ကြီး" (အပိုင်း-6)
1:45 pm
7. ယဉ်ကျေးမှုအမွေသမိုင်းသက်သေ
2:00 pm
8. "လောကနီတိ(၄)" "လှပခြင်း၏အဓိပ္ပါယ်" (အကယ်ဒမီစင်ပိုင်နိုင်းနိုင်း၊ ခိုင်နင်းဝေ၊ စုချစ်ဇော်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ဦးခင်ဇော်)
2:30 pm
9. Dance of National Races
2:45 am
10. International news

4:00 pm
1. Martial song
4:15 pm
2. Song for uphold National Spirit
4:30 pm
3. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေးရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ-တတိယနှစ် (ခါတုဗေဒအထူးပြု) (ခါတုဗေဒ)
4:45 pm
4. မြူးမြူးကြွကြွယဉ်ကျေးမှုအက
5:00 pm
5. မြန်မာ့ဓလေ့ရိုးရာလက်တွေ့
5:15 pm
6. Games for children
5:35 pm
7. ရသပေါ်လွင်သရုပ်ဆောင်လွှင့်ပြင်
6:00 pm
8. Evening news
6:30 pm
9. Weather report
6:35 pm
10. အလှူရာမယ် လှကမ္ဘာဝယ်
7:00 pm
11. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်သူအားမာန်" (အပိုင်း-၇)
8:00 pm
12. News
13. International news
14. Weather report
15. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ချိုမြိန်သောအချစ်နေ့" (အပိုင်း-၁၅)
16. The next day's programme

People's Desire

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

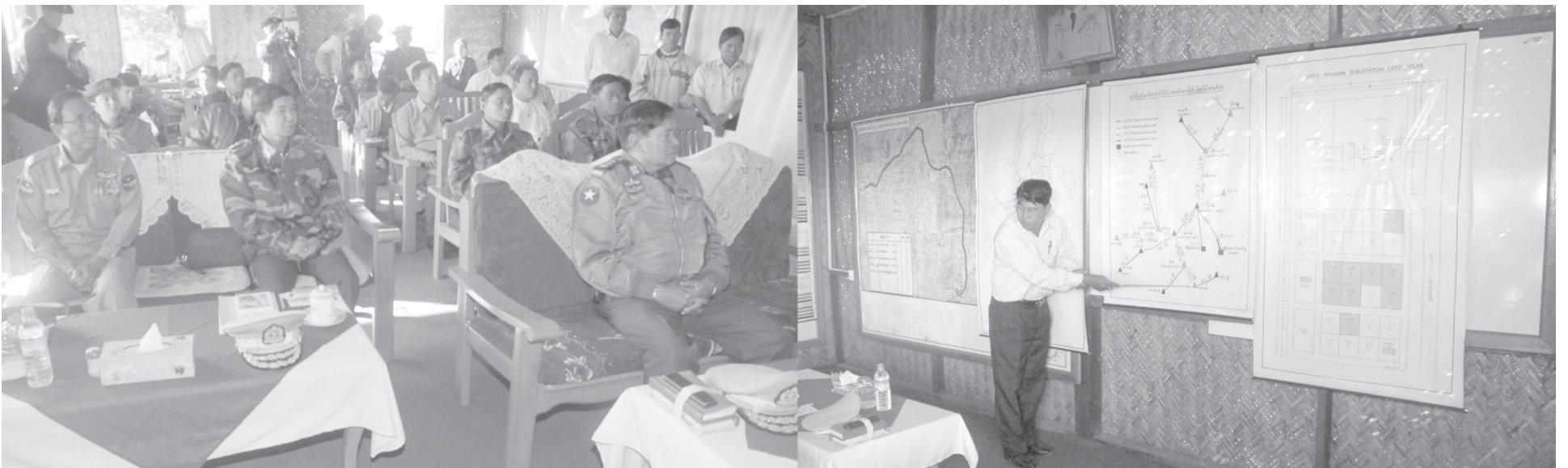
Prime Minister General Thein Sein sends message of felicitations to Prime Minister of India

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Jan—On the occasion of the 59th Anniversary of the Republic Day of India which falls on 26th January 2008, General Thein Sein, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Dr Manmohan Singh, Prime Minister of the Republic of India.—MNA

General Thein Sein sends message of felicitations to Prime Minister of Australia

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Jan — On the occasion of the anniversary of the Australia Day which falls on 26 January 2008, General Thein Sein, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Kevin Michael Rudd, MP, Prime Minister of Australia.

MNA



Lt-Gen Kyaw Win of Ministry of Defence hears report on electricity supply system and connection of 132 KV cable between Kengtawng and Nansang. — MNA

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win meets personnel, local people in Loilem District

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Jan—Lt-Gen Kyaw Win of the Ministry of Defence accompanied by Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council Maj-Gen Thaung Aye, military officers and officials arrived at the briefing hall of 132/66 KV main power station (branch) of Myanma Electric Power Enterprise under the Ministry of Electric Power No 2 on 23 January and heard reports on distribution of electricity in Shan State (South) and installation of Kengtawng -Nansang (132KV) power line.

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win gave instructions on timely completion of construction works meeting the set standards and safety of work site. When Kengtawng Hydropower Station is completed, the power line will supply electricity to the regions in Shan State (South).

At Loilem (1) Yeiktha in Loilem, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win met with departmental officials and heard reports on maintenance of roads, administration, health,

economic and education matters and cultivation of paddy in the district presented by officials. The commander gave a supplementary report.

In his speech, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win urged them to carry out the regional development tasks in cooperation with the local people with the Union Spirit.

Next, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win, the commander and party went to Taunggyi. —MNA

“Untimely Rainfall Warning”

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Jan—According to the observation at 6:30 hours M.S.T today, due to the influence of the western disturbances, rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated in the Kachin, Chin, Northern Shan States and upper Sagaing Division within next 48 hours commencing noon today.—MNA

61st Anniversary Union Day Objectives

- For all the 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 the 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.