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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

**Only when education standard of people is high
will they be able to distinguish right from
wrong, choose most suitable democratic system**

Three-storey building of Technological University (Kalay) opens

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Feb — The three-storey building of Technological University (Kalay) of Technical and Vocational Education Department under the Ministry of Science and Technology was opened at the university this morning, attended by Prime Minister General Thein Sein.

Also present were member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, Maj-Gen Khin Zaw of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North West Command Brig-Gen Myint Soe, the ministers, the deputy ministers, Brig-Gen Kyaw Oo Lwin of Kalay Station, senior military officers, the director-general of the Government Office, heads of departments, local authorities, professors of Kalay University, Technological University (Kalay) and University of

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*Prime Minister General Thein Sein visits a
lecture room of Technological University
(Kalay). — MNA*



Technological University (Kalay) is illuminated at night.—MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

Tuesday, 5 February, 2008

Open more model villages for rural development

In an effort to ensure rural development the government is making all-out efforts for the development of education, health and social sectors while bringing about better transport.

New Natsin tarred road in Taikkayi Township, new No 3 tarred road in Kyaiklatt Township, new Hlehlaw tarred road-1 in Thaton Township and new No 5 tarred road in Pyapon Township were opened in January 2008. The emergence of a large number of village-to-village roads, village-to-town roads and bridges has enabled rural people to have an easy access to different parts of the nation.

Most recently, the new building for Kyatet Model Village Basic Education High School in Salingyi Township, the new building for Chaungdwin (North) Basic Education Primary School in Pyapon Township, the rural library, the pre-primary school and the rural health care centre (branch) in Kadappana Model Village in Kyauktan Township were opened.

Nowadays, a string of model villages, which highlight rural development, have emerged throughout the nation along with new tarred roads, affiliated basic education high schools, station hospitals, rural libraries and hydroelectric power stations. With regional development the living standard of rural people has improved markedly.

Thanks to concerted efforts of the government and the people including members of social organizations and well-wishers a large number of model villages have emerged and rural regions have been supplied with potable water, and more need to be established.

Special Appellate Bench hears special appeal cases

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Feb—The Special Appellate Bench comprising Deputy Chief Justice of Supreme Court (Mandalay) U Khin Maung Latt, Supreme Court Judges of Supreme Court (Mandalay) U San Tint Yi and U Kyaw Win sitting at the court room No 1 of the Supreme Court (Nay Pyi Taw), delivered judgment of one special criminal appeal case. And then heard five special criminal appeal cases under Section 7 of the Judiciary Law, 2000.—MNA

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

Maj-Gen Tha Aye inspects Maungmagan Beach



Maj-Gen Tha Aye of Ministry of Defence inspects Maungmagan Beach in Launglon Township, Dawei District.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Feb—Maj-Gen Tha Aye of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Tainingthayi Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Coastal Region Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw Oo, looked into Maungmagan Beach, progress of Maungmagan Village, students' studies at the village Basic Education Middle School and the

school building in Launglon Township, Dawei District, on 1 February.

He paid homage to Shinmokhti Pagoda in Dawei and Lawkatharaphu Shwe Thar Hlyaung Pagoda in Alegon Village. He also inspected the upgrading of Dawei Airport.

MNA

Ta-Fa Trading Company introduces new beauty products

YANGON, 4 Feb—Ta-Fa Trading Company introduced new beauty products in conjunction with special sales at Hotel Nikko Royal Lake yesterday.

Departmental officials, media persons, guests and consumers of Follow Me & Secret Beauty Products, retailers and wholesalers attended the launching ceremony.

Lucky draw programmes were included in the launching ceremony. Skin care

products, Follow Me Oil Control & Nature's Path Shower Foam were also demonstrated.

The special sales and introduction of new products continued in the evening and Executive Director U Tun Kyi of Ta-Fa Trading Co Ltd extended greetings on the occasion. Three lucky draw winners for lower Myanmar were picked up for a visit to Beijing of the People's Republic of China and Macao.

MNA

Tasks for upgrading Sittway Airport supervised

YANGON, 4 Feb — Chairman of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Commander of Western Command Maj-Gen Maung Shein and Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe visited Sittway Airport on 2 February.

At the briefing hall, Director-General U Tun Hlaing of the Civil Aviation Department reported on the laying of asphalt on the runway, taxiway, and apron, and follow-up

programmes.

The commander and the minister gave instructions on the project and inspected the construction sites.—MNA

Corrigendum

Please read "The former record of the station was (-4.0)°C (25)°F on 16th February, 2003." in the news "New Minimum Temperature Record" on Page 1 of this paper issued on 4 February, 2008.—Ed



Introduction of Follow Me & Secret Beauty Products of Ta-Fa Trading Co Ltd in progress. — MNA

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Clinton, Obama neck-and-neck ahead of Super Tuesday

WASHINGTON, 4 Feb —Democrats Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton are running neck-and-neck in California, New Jersey and Missouri two days before the sprawling “Super Tuesday” presidential showdown, according to a *Reuters/C-SPAN/Zogby* poll released on Sunday. Obama has a

slight lead in California and is virtually tied with Clinton in New Jersey and Missouri heading into the biggest day of voting in a US presidential nominating campaign, with contests in 24 states from coast to coast.

“It looks like we have some serious horse races going on with Clinton and Obama,” said pollster John

Zogby said. “However it turns out, we can be pretty sure it is too close to be resolved on Tuesday.” Obama, an Illinois senator who would be the first Black US president, has a comfortable 20-point lead in Georgia fuelled by a more than three-to-one advantage over Clinton among Black voters.

MNA/Reuters



From left, Belarusian President Alexander Lukashenko, Russian First Deputy Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev and Prime Minister Viktor Zubkov talk together as they ski at the Polyana Grand Hotel tourist complex in a Black Sea resort city of Sochi, Russia, on 3 Feb, 2008.—INTERNET

Suspect killer in Bhutto's assassination case remanded

ISLAMABAD, 4 Feb—A teenager suspected to be a member of a squad of suicide bombers, who reportedly killed former Pakistani prime minister Benazir Bhutto, was remanded to police for further questioning on Saturday, *News Network International* (NNI) news agency reported.

The 15-year-old boy Aitzaz Shah was arrested in the northwestern city of Dera Ismail Khan last month. Shah had told investigators that he was a member of the back-up group of suicide bombers who killed Bhutto in the city of Rawalpindi on 27 December last year.

He was later shifted to

Islamabad for questioning and a court gave his 10-day custody to police for interrogation. The Anti-Terrorism Court Judge, Chaudhry Habibullah, accepted request by the police that the suspect must be again remanded for further questioning, according to the *NNI*.

MNA/Xinhua



Police investigate the shooting in a Lane Bryant store at the Brookside shopping centre in Tinley Park, Ill, south of Chicago, on 2 Feb, 2008.

INTERNET

UN urges end to Chad fighting, council meets

UNITED NATIONS, 4 Feb — UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon called on Sunday for an end to fighting in Chad and the Security

Council spent several hours trying to agree on a statement backing the Chadian Government against rebels.

“He is profoundly alarmed by the dangerous situation in Chad, particularly in light of heavy fighting in several parts of the capital city of N’Djamena,” a spokesman for Ban said.

“He is particularly concerned at the deterioration of the serious humanitarian situation of some 285,000 refugees and 180,000 internally displaced persons.”

MNA/Reuters

Experts blame China's snow disaster on La Nina

NANCHANG, 4 Feb—The rare prolonged snowstorms and low temperatures that have caused havoc in many parts of China are mainly related to the La Nina phenomenon and abnormal atmospheric circulation, Chinese meteorologists said.

The severe weather strongly resembled the aftermath of La Nina events, which indicated that the latest development of La Nina was a primary cause of the abnormal snow, meteorologists at the Jiangxi Provincial Meteorological Bureau said.

La Nina is a large pool of unusually cold water in the equatorial Pacific that develops every few years and influences global weather. It is the climatic opposite of El Nino, which is a warming of the Pacific.

MNA/Xinhua

Egypt closes border with Gaza

CAIRO, 3 Feb—Egypt closed the last breach of the border fence along the Egyptian-Gaza border on Sunday morning amid efforts exerted

to mediate among parties concerned on the administration of Rafah crossing.

About 300 Egyptian military troops were

deployed near Rafah crossing along the Egyptian border with Gaza to stop the flow of Palestinians into the Egyptian side, a security source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

Egyptian forces, with barbed wire and metal barricades, resealed the only remaining gap on the Egyptian side of the border fence, which was blew up by Palestinian militants on 23 Jan to allow tens of thousands of Palestinians in Gaza to cross into Egypt in the past 11 days.

Internet



A Palestinian shows his ID to Egyptian soldiers guarding on the Egyptian side of the Rafah border crossing along the Egypt-Gaza border, on 3 Feb, 2008. —XINHUA

Five killed in north Darfur clash

KHARTOUM, 4 Feb—Five people were killed when rebels and state authorities clashed in a town in North Darfur, officials said on Saturday, although the two sides disputed the details of the attack.

An official from North Darfur State said the rebels killed two policemen and three civilians in an attack on Kalamandu Town, but the Sudan Liberation Army (SLA) Unity wing said it was defending itself from Sudan's Army.

“Rebels entered Kalamandu Town and attacked and killed five people,” the official, Abbas Ayoub, told *Reuters*. He said the attack was on Thursday around 5 pm (1400 GMT).

MNA/Reuters



Workers remove snow and ice from a China Eastern plane at Shanghai's Hongqiao Airport. China has warned that the worst is not over in its national weather crisis as desperate holiday travellers jammed transport hubs and others endured bitter winter storms without power or water.—INTERNET

China, Brunei to further promote bilateral ties

BANDAR SRI BEGAWAN, 3 Feb—China and Brunei reached a five-point consensus here on Saturday to further boost the overall development of the biateral ties.

The consensus was reached after Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi held talks with Brunei Foreign Minister Mohamed Bolkiah.

Accordign to the consnsus, China and

Brunei will maintain exchanges of high-ranking official visits and enhance their traditional friendship.

The two countries also agreed to tap the potential to deepen and expand their economic and trade cooperation.

Meanwhile, the two countries agreed to strengthen cooperation in the areas such as agriculture, petroleum engineering technology,

port development, road and bridge constructions.

The two sides also will expand their cooperation in outlture, education, tourism, human resources development and further deepen the consultations and cooperation between the foreign ministers of the two countries.

Yang arrived here earlier on Saturday for a three-day visit to Brunei.—MNA/Xinhua

Iran urges UN Council patience on sanctions

ADDIS ABABA, 4 Feb— Iranian Foreign Minister Manouchehr Mottaki urged the UN Security Council on Saturday to wait for a report from its atomic watchdog agency before taking any decision on a new sanctions resolution.

Ministers from the five permanent members of the Security Council—

the United States, China, Russia, France and Britain— as well as Germany agreed on the draft text of a new resolution last week in Berlin.

The draft, a watered down version of what Washington wanted because of resistance from China and Russia, has been circulated to the entire 15-member

Council and a senior French diplomat said on Friday that some non-permanent members are stalling.

Pierre Vimont, France's Ambassador to the United States, said several members wanted to give the UN International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), more time to negotiate with Iran

before taking further punitive measures.

“The realistic recommendation to all parties—including the five plus one is to keep their patience and wait for the report of...the IAEA,” Mottaki told reporters on the sidelines of an African Union summit in Ethiopia.

MNA/Reuters

IAEA says no significant damage to Japan in quake

TOKYO, 4 Feb— An experts team of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) said Friday that Japan's Kashiwazaki-Kariwa nuclear power plant in Niigata Prefecture suffered no significant damage in a massive earthquake last July.

Concluding a five-day follow-up check of the complex, Philippe

Jamet, director of the IAEA's Nuclear Installation Safety Division and head of the team, told reporters here earlier in the day that they did not see so far any significant damage on the safety-related parts.

The 12 experts revisited the power plant on Thursday and held talks with officials of Japan's Nuclear and Industrial

Safety Agency and the power company. They also checked underground geological conditions at the site and the insides of the reactor pressure vessels using a camera.

MNA/Xinhua

A Sunshine International Aquarium staff member feeds a ray as part of the annual month-long seasonal daily event for Valentine's Day, which is held until 14 Feb, in Tokyo, on 2 Feb, 2008.
INTERNET



Paraguay court sentences owners in supermarket fire

ASUNCION, 4 Feb— A Paraguayan court sentenced the owners and managers of a supermarket to prison on Saturday, after a fire caused by negligence killed 327 people in 2004, seen as the country's worst peacetime disaster. The court sentenced the owner, his son, a security guard and a major shareholder in the Ycua Bolanos V supermarket to prison terms ranging from 2-1/2 years to 12 years, sparking outrage from survivors and victims' families.

In addition to the large death toll, at least 400 people were injured when the supermarket burned down in August 2004 after a fire started in a chimney that investigators said was poorly built and poorly maintained. The supermarket also lacked an effective fire detection system and the court said it failed to meet minimum safety standards, including proper emergency exits. —MNA/Reuters

At least 12 killed in building collapse in India

NEW DELHI, 4 Feb— A four-storey hotel building collapsed in western India city Ahmedabad Sunday morning, killing at least 12 people and injuring several others, according to local media.

The building is located opposite the city railway junction and can accommodate 120 people, the Indo-Asian News Service reported.

Some of the injured have been taken to the hospitals, local officials said, adding that they fear that there could be more casualties as many people might be trapped under the debris of the building.

People were asked to evacuate the building several days ago after authorities noticed a tilt in its structure, the official said. The cause of the collapse is not known. — MNA/Xinhua

Coal mine blast kills nine in N-W China

XI'AN, 4 Feb— A coal mine gas explosion killed nine workers in northwest China's Shaanxi Province on Saturday, the local government reported.

The accident happened in Xiayukou Colliery of Hancheng City at 12:28 when 12 miners were working in an underground shaft.

Five made their way to the ground, but two died later. In the afternoon, rescuers found the bodies of seven others in the shaft.

An investigation into the cause of the accident is underway.— MNA/Xinhua

Around 22,000 chickens culled in central Bangladesh

DHAKA, 4 Feb— Around 22,000 chickens of eight poultry farms were culled Saturday in Savar Town, 30 kilometres north of capital Dhaka, after detection of bird flu. Livestock officials conducted the culling operation with the help of joint forces.

According to private news agency UNB, the owner of a poultry farm sent the sample of dead chickens to local Livestock Research centre for test after some of his chicken died on Wednesday. As bird flu was detected, 1550 chickens of the farm were culled on Friday night.

Livestock authority Saturday culled around 22,000 chickens of eight other farms located within one kilomrete of the affected farm. Hundreds of thousands of chickens have been culled since bird flu virus was first detected in March last year.

MNA/Xinhua

Venezuela seeks up-front cash for \$1b fuel oil

CARACAS, 4 Feb — Venezuela's state-run oil company PDVSA is seeking a one-billion-US-dollar up-front payment for several large shipments of fuel oil, *El Universal* newspaper reported on Saturday, in what may be a new sign of cash flow problems.

Under the deal, Venezuela is selling the fuel relatively cheaply but wants payment next week, the newspaper said.

PDVSA wants to find buyers for eight very large crude carrier cargoes of fuel oil by 6 February and expects payment the following day.

President Hugo Chavez uses PDVSA as the financial engine of his socialist revolution, drawing down capital for social projects, and analysts say the company is facing a cash crunch despite high crude prices.

In December, PDVSA

cut the payment time for oil exports to eight days from a month, citing a weakening dollar.

The company has increased the practice of borrowing money and settling debts by directly paying in oil and products.

In 2007, the company's debt soared to 16 billion US dollars on heavy borrowing to pay for operations and a spate of nationalizations.

MNA/Reuters



Dentists analyze a dental digital X-ray of an American patient at the Rio Dental clinic in the border city of Ciudad Juarez. Shrugging off concerns about hygiene and Mexico's brutal drug war, thousands of Americans are heading to Ciudad Juarez and other Mexican border cities for cheap dental treatment.—INTERNET



Two Mongolian sumo grand champion Hakuho, left, and Asashoryu throw packs of parched soybeans over a crowd gathered at the Naritasan Shinshoji Buddhist temple in Narita, near Tokyo, on 3 Feb, 2008. —INTERNET

Chinese edible oil consumption to hit 22.5 mln tons in '08

BEIJING, 4 Feb— Chinese edible oil consumption is likely to reach 22.4 million tons in 2008, up 1.5 million tons from last year's 21 tons, a high-ranking official from the State Grain Administration (SGA) said on Saturday.

According to SGA statistics, Chinese consumption of edible oil increased at a stable rate

due to the improved life brought by the economic boom.

The consumption per capita now reached 17 kilogrammes annually, almost double that of a decade ago.

A potential shortage in edible oil has been recognized, resulting from the enhanced consumption and increasing need for soybean meals.

Two-thirds of edible oil materials in China, the largest global consumer, relies on imports. According to General Administration of Customs statistics, imports of edible oil and soybean reached 8.38 million tons and 30.82 million tons, respectively, last year, up 1.69 million tons and 2.58 million tons year on year.

MNA/Xinhua

ECONOMIC NEWS

AU Summit closes after discussion on industrialization

ADDIS ABABA, 4 Feb— The 10th African Union (AU) Summit ended here Saturday after African leaders agreed to jointly promote industrialization and elected a new AU Commission chairperson.

With the theme of "Industrial Development of Africa", the summit was held from Thursday to Saturday.

Over 40 African leaders have extensively discussed how to promote industrialization and economic cooperation in the continent.

Jean Ping, who is Gabon's Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister, was elected as the new chairperson of AU Commission, which is the

AU's permanent secretariat, to succeed former Malian president Alpha Oumar Konare, who became AU Commission chief in 2003.

At the closing ceremony, Jean Ping expressed his gratitude to African leaders for electing him as the new Commission chairman, saying the Commission would work closely with the leaders to achieve African unity and development.

Tanzanian President Jakaya Kikwete was elected as the new AU chairperson, whose term will be one year, to succeed Ghanaian President John Kufuor.

MNA/Xinhua



A nurse gives a woman a shot. Two drug companies are facing charges in France over a hepatitis B vaccine blamed for the death of a 28-year-old woman in 1998 and which caused serious side effects among 1,300 patients.

INTERNET

Bulgaria to invest 161mln euros in Schengen area

SOFIA, 3 Feb—A total of 161 million euros will be invested in Bulgarian border security for joining the Schengen area in 2011, Interior Minister Roumen Petkov announced on Friday at a conference on the country's preparation to join the Schengen area.

The minister was quoted by local Press as saying that 77 million euros have already been invested in technical infrastructure for Bulgaria's external European Union (EU) borders because this was crucial to guarantee European security.

Petkov stressed that 161 million euros will be available for various investment projects for meeting the Schengen requirements. A monitoring of the external EU borders is scheduled to start in 2008.

MNA/Xinhua

India's Aditya Birla to invest \$120m in Sri Lanka

MUMBAI, 4 Feb— India's Aditya Birla group is to invest 120 million US dollars in a carbon black manufacturing plant in the southern tip of Sri Lanka.

The plant is to be located in the Export Processing Zone (EPZ) at Koggala, near Galle, said a statement issued Saturday by the Sri Lankan Ministry of Enterprise Development. Carbon black is used to manufacture tyres. The Koggala plant is meant to serve customers in Sri Lanka, India and other countries of South Asia. The agreement on the investment has been finalized at a meeting between Sri Lanka's Enterprise Development Minister Sarath Amunugama and the Birla group in New Delhi recently. —MNA/Xinhua

Time to distinguish between lip-service and constructive efforts and between right and wrong

Teingya Min Khaung

"Hello, Ko Aung. Are you on your way home?"

"No, I am on duty."

"Well, Ko Aung, can I ask you a question?"

"All right, you can."

"While you were in university, you studied politics a lot, and you were very active in politics. Now, you are unusually quiet. Why?"

"I do not think you know much about me."

"What is that?"

"I admit, in my youth, I studied politics seriously, was active, and now I am very quiet. You are right. My father once told me that politicians were very eloquent, and I should not trust them. And he suggested that I study politics thoroughly so that I would not be deceived. Well, I give my father a promise that I would never practise politics."

"My father explained his true stories to me to give me advice. He was a farmer and he went through anti-colonialist movements and Anti-Fascist Resistance. He also fell victim to the internal armed conflicts. All the politicians who visited our village paid lip-service all the time. But, in the end, we had to leave all our property and abandon our village. How could we lead a peaceful life in such a place full of crimes such as burning down houses, unfair occupation of paddy fields, killing cattle for dishes, murder, robbery and rapes. These were undesirable consequences of internal armed insurgency."

"However, in the Parliamentary Democracy period, those criminals became members of the parliament. But, it was very ungrateful of them to fail to do anything for development of our village. When they were powerful in our region, we local people had to do what they asked us, we had to go where they sent us, and we had to give them what they demanded us. But, they had no dealings with us. My father felt very bitter about that."

"That was why my father asked me my promise that I would never practise politics. In fact, what politicians said and what they did were absolutely different from each other. I came to know about their behaviours more and more. I experienced the miserable incidents of the nation."

"Not every politician was dishonest."

"Yes, some politicians were upright, but just a small number. In the post-independence period, many persons who made sacrifices with patriotic spirit in the independence struggles committed the massacre of all the people of Hsinswe village. They hit to death some fellow members in their throats with bamboo sticks along the Yoma mountain range. I was irritated by hearing the news about the line of dismissal, removal and execution. What did brother Nu do? He formed a government in exile and rose against the

nation, didn't he? Bo Kyaw Zaw did the same. When I was young, I thought highly of him because he often demanded for internal peace. Now, what is he doing? Now, it is in the 21st century. Some people are still sticking to the ideas that were popular in the colonial period, and in the Cold War period."

"Many of the persons I admired in the past lost their reputation when they got old."

"I agree with you in this point."

"What do you think about Bogoyoke (Major General) Aung San?"

"In my opinion, he was the leader in the independence struggles, the leader of the founding father of the Tatmadaw (armed forces), and the leader who sacrificed his life for the nation and the people. I admire him. There are many other national leaders in the world. Indeed, they well deserve admiration and honour."

"Go on, please."

"I respect and admire Bogoyoke Aung San for his behaviours rather than for leadership role he played in the independence struggles. Don't you think I am an awkward customer in words and deeds? Have you ever noticed any polite manners in my behaviour? I always try to emulate his behaviours and attitude. So, I do what should be done, but I don't say what is unnecessary. If necessary, I will never hesitate to sacrifice my life because I emulated his patriotic spirit and heroic spirit."

"He was the pioneer of the nation's independence. Regaining of our country's independence was largely due to his sacrifices, wasn't it?"

"Yes, he was the father of the nation. No one owns him, nor does his family and I. The State alone is the owner. He was one of the prominent State leaders in the period of the independence struggles. But, we should not ignore the role of the people. I don't think it is wise if we ignore the role of our forefathers and the people who also made sacrifices, withstood hardships with tenacity, sacrificed lives, were loyal to the nation, remained united, and took part in the struggles."

"That's right."

"I am still proud of the role my grandfathers and father played in obscurity in the independence struggles. But they were not as popular as Bogoyoke Aung San. They died ordinary people. For me, I do not betray my country. I try not to become an axe-handle."

"Our leaders were united in the independence struggles, weren't they?"

"It is very clear in that regard. They were struggling for independence. So, they had to deal with difficulties and hardships. They knew that they might have to sacrifice limbs and even lives. They enjoyed no privileges. The goal was independence, not vying for rights and power."

"It is just my personal opinion. The term 'politician' is defined variously in various treatises. In our country, there are many sorts of politicians. We can categorize them into various kinds, based on their innate nature and characters, such as seasonal politicians, conditional politicians, jealous politicians, fair-weather politicians, opportunist politicians, dare-devil politicians, stunt politicians, wavering politicians, and salad politicians."

"What happened after independence?"

"Why don't you study the history? There were disagreements among politicians not only in the pre-independence period but also in the post-independence period and even at present. They have not settled the disagreements."

"Why?"

"It was because they were power-craving. They vied with one another for power. They practised politics, looking forward to opportunities behind power. As a matter of fact, they were not true politicians, they were making use of politics. There are many kinds of politicians who are making use of politics."

"What you have said to me is all strange to me."

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"Oh, too many kinds of politicians."

"There are some more sorts of politicians; politicians who try to seize power through shortcut, and puppet politicians"

"Are they all?"

"No, they are not all, there are more such as expatriate politicians, outlaw politicians, and deaf and dumb and blind politicians."

"Deaf and dumb and blind politicians? I have never heard of that before."

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Time to distinguish between lip-service and constructive efforts and between right and wrong

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"In short, this sort of politicians are turning a blind eye to the tasks the government is carrying out for national development, peace and stability, democratic transition, and market economy. And they never say about what the government is carrying out. So, I say they are blind, deaf and dumb politicians."

"Maybe, it is because they do not know about that."

"If so, I would say they are mentally-ill politicians."

"Oh, what an outspoken word!"

"I said short and to the point."

"It seems to me that you do not have clear outlook on politicians."

"Is there any

politician who we can have clear outlook on? Show me if there is any?"

"I have no idea."

"Personally, a politician should give priority to the interests of the nation and the people and shape a brighter future of the people. If he has not been able to do so, he should join hands with and recognize those who are able to do so. Such kind of politicians who are not self-centered and power-craving, and are honest and upright and willing to serve the interests of the people are good politicians."

"What sort of politicians are evil politicians?"

"I have already mentioned that. Such kind of politicians who disrupt national development tasks, who dissuade international community from making investments

in and visiting Myanmar, and who persuade external elements to impose sanctions against the nation. Please think whether what they have done is beneficial to the people or not."

"What is your opinion in this regard?"

"If a person says that he is a real politician, then he should stand for forthcoming elections. Politics is a long-term service, not short-term service, not just for power. Politics means serving the interests of the people constantly. If a politician does not want to work in the public interest, but is saying unnecessary words, he will get nothing except being tired."

"Ko Aung, what you have said is all food for thought."

"The more you think about what I have said to

you, the better it will. You should not only think but also consider and assess them with foresight. The more you do so, the more you will know that the words of politicians are good for nothing, and that they are acting upon

rumours and gossips, and are exaggerating the news with negative views. You should consider their words in practice, rather than theoretically."

"Ko Aung, what are you doing now?"

"I am just a public

member. So, I am trying to be dutiful, but not giving lip-service."

"I want to meet you again."

"Let's meet again, if opportune."

Translation: MS



Sri Lankan Ambassador to Myanmar Mr PAD Samarasekera and wife greet Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win and wife on the reception of the 60th Anniversary Independence Day of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka at the Sri Lankan Embassy on 4 February. — MNA



U Thaung Nyunt, member of the Commission for Drafting State Constitution, presents a report. (News on page 16)— MNA



Dr Khin Maung Nyunt, member of the Commission for Drafting State Constitution, presents a report. (News on page 16)— MNA



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Dr Tin May Tun, member of the Commission for Drafting State Constitution, presents a report. (News on page 16)— MNA



Deputy Chief Justice U Thein Soe, member of the Commission for Drafting State Constitution, presents a report. (News on page 16) — MNA

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Computer Studies (Kalay), faculty members, members of the Union Solidarity and Development Association and local people.

Commander Brig-Gen Myint Soe and Minister for Science and Technology U Thaung formally opened the university.

The Prime Minister and party posed for documentary photos together with the faculty members and students.

The Prime Minister grew a star flower plant to mark the opening of the university.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint, Maj-Gen Khin Zaw, the commander, the ministers and the deputy ministers grew padauk, gangaw, thabye (Eugenia) and ponhnet plants.

The Prime Minister

formally unveiled the stone plaque and sprinkled scented water on it.

In his address, the Prime Minister said hailing the Union Day reflecting the unity of the national races and the Union spirit the main building of Technological University (Kalay) was opened today. Kalay region is in Sagaing

Who does not harbour hatred is appeased

“He abused me, he defeated me, he robbed me”, the hatred of them, who does not harbour this thought, is appeased.

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Prime Minister General Thein Sein unveils stone plaque of Technological University (Kalay).—MNA



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Division but it is the main entrance to the north of Chin State. Development of Kalay region relates to Sagaing Division and Chin State. It is an important place for border trade and bilateral goodwill relations as it lies close to a neighbouring

country, he said.

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Kalay region was a

far-flung area in the past. Now the 250-mile Kalay-Gangaw-Pakokku-ChaungU Railroad was opened in 1997, Kalay-Gangaw Road and Kalay-Kalewa-Yagyi-Monywa Road were built, Tamu-Kalay-Kalewa Road and Kalay airport were upgraded, he said.

As the region links Sagaing and Magway Divisions and other states and divisions by road, railway and air, it has become a commercial area, he added.

With the better transport and the prevalence of peace and tranquillity in the area, Kalay region has developed rapidly.

There are now technological university and university of computer studies in Kalay region and the young from Chin State and Kalay can pursue higher education. Soon the university will produce educated persons, he added.

The 200-bed specialist hospital in Kalay provides health care services to the people from Kalay and Chin State.

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Prime Minister General Thein Sein and party pose for photo together with faculty members, students and local people at Technological University (Kalay).—MNA

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The government has been undertaking development tasks and community welfare services continuously with the aims of narrowing the economic and social gaps between states and divisions and between one region and another and bringing about equitable development among those regions, he added.

He said every nation in the world accepts that education is the major sector for development of the nation and its people. Highly-qualified human resources are essential for building a developed nation and raising the living standard of the people. These are national requirements. Therefore, the government is implementing the national education promotion programmes with the opening of universities and colleges to produce educated human resources in major areas, he said.



Prime Minister General Thein Sein presents prize to a winner of essay competition in commemoration of the 61st Anniversary Union Day. — MNA

He quoted the Head of State as saying that education is a major task to be implemented for years so it is necessary to draft and carry out the 30-year long-term plan. Education is the most basic sector for development of the peoples.

Arrangements are also being made to construct modern buildings at the universities and colleges, to provide modern teaching aids, to draw modern school curriculums and syllabuses and to improve the quali-

fications of the teachers.

Being able to build such education, health and transport infrastructures by spending a large amount of money is attributed to development of the national economy. At the same time, economic infrastructures are being built to further improve the State economy.

Moreover, the projects for dams, river-water pumping and underground water tapping are being undertaken for development of Sagaing Division in-



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cluding Kalay region. In Kalay region alone, Zedi, Watshu, Thannan, Thabye and Hsegyi diversion weirs and Manipur and Rasagyo dams are under construction. As a result, the division's paddy cultivation acreage has increased from 1.2 million to 2.3 million and there is local sufficiency as well as the surplus of 80 million baskets of paddy.

Therefore, Sagaing Division is to try to improve its socio-economy more and more by making better use of the infrastructures built by the State. The more efforts the division makes, the more it will develop as it is already blessed with its resources. There are hydro power resources along the Chidwin Basin and when the hydro power projects have been completed, the division will be able to boost its production as well as the living standards of the local people.

The State for its part is striving for the equitable development of all the states and divisions regardless of those with or without natural resources. With lofty aims, the State is trying to hand down good legacies to the posterity in political, economic, social



Prime Minister General Thein Sein plants a tree to mark opening of the three-storey building of Technological University (Kalay). — MNA

and transport sectors.

Relentless efforts are being made with sincere goodwill in the interest of the state and the people as well as in ensuring the perpetuation of the Union. At a time when efforts are being made for all-round development of the State there have reigned a series of accusation and pressures of some big nations. It is regrettable that those countries imposed sanctions against the nation politically, economically and diplomatically.

At such a time, the entire national people are to try their utmost on self-reliant basis for development of the nation and regions of their own. At the same time, Technological University (Kalay) and universities are to strive for the emergence of intellectuals and technocrats as well as engineers and youths capable of

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The opening ceremony of Technological University (Kalay) in progress. — MNA

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bringing about regional development and of safeguarding the Union. As the strength of the nation lies within it is required for the State, the people and the Tatmadaw to make integrated and well-coordinated efforts.

In the process of political reform the National Convention was successfully held in line with the seven-step Road Map and the new State constitution is now being drafted. Only when the education standard of the people is high will they be able to distinguish right from wrong and choose the most suitable democratic system. It is incumbent upon the education sector to widen the horizon of youths and to train and nurture them to become ones on whom the State can rely. The entire national people are to make continued efforts for successful realization of the seven-step Road Map with duty consciousness and national outlook.

In conclusion, he stressed the importance for Technological University (Kalay) to strive together with the people under the leadership of the government for the constant emergence of qualified human resources capable of building a new peaceful, modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation and of safeguarding the nation.

Next, Principal Dr Phone Kyaw presented the salient points of the technological university.

After that, second year (B.Tech) student Maung Man Nawl spoke words of thanks in English for opening

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- * **The new three-storey building, 513 feet long and 358 feet wide, is complete with 38 classrooms, three offices, one library, the main lobby and the convocation hall.**
- * **Civil engineering course, electronic engineering course, electric power engineering course, mechanical power engineering course and CNC engineering course are being conducted at the technological university.**



Lt-Gen Ye Myint, Commander Brig-Gen Myint Soe and Minister U Thaung formally open the three-storey building of Technological University (Kalay). — MNA

of the technological university in Kalay.

The Prime Minister presented the prizes to Ma Yawai Moe Myint who stood first in essay competition in commemoration of the 61st Anniversary Union Day, Ma Khin Sandar, second and Ma Win Sandar Kyaw, third.

And the Prime Minister also presented the prizes to Maung Man Nawl who stood first in extempore talks in English, Maung Hlan Mon Htan, second and Maung Zaw Min Oo, third.

USDA CEC Member Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint presented sports equipment for the technological university through Principal Dr Phone Kyaw.

Later, the Prime Minister and party looked into the new three-storey building, classrooms and

showrooms.

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Lt-Gen Myint Swe inspects river water pumping projects and test-run of bio-ethanol plant in Hlegu Tsp

YANGON, 4 Feb — Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence together with Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win yesterday inspected Lagoonpyin

Dam Project in Hlegu Township.

They went over Letpan river water pumping project that benefits 9,300 acres of land, pumping and supplying of water at Ngamoeyeik river water pumping project for

cultivation of summer paddy. Upon completion of the latter project, water can be supplied to 8,000 acres of farmlands in eight villages.

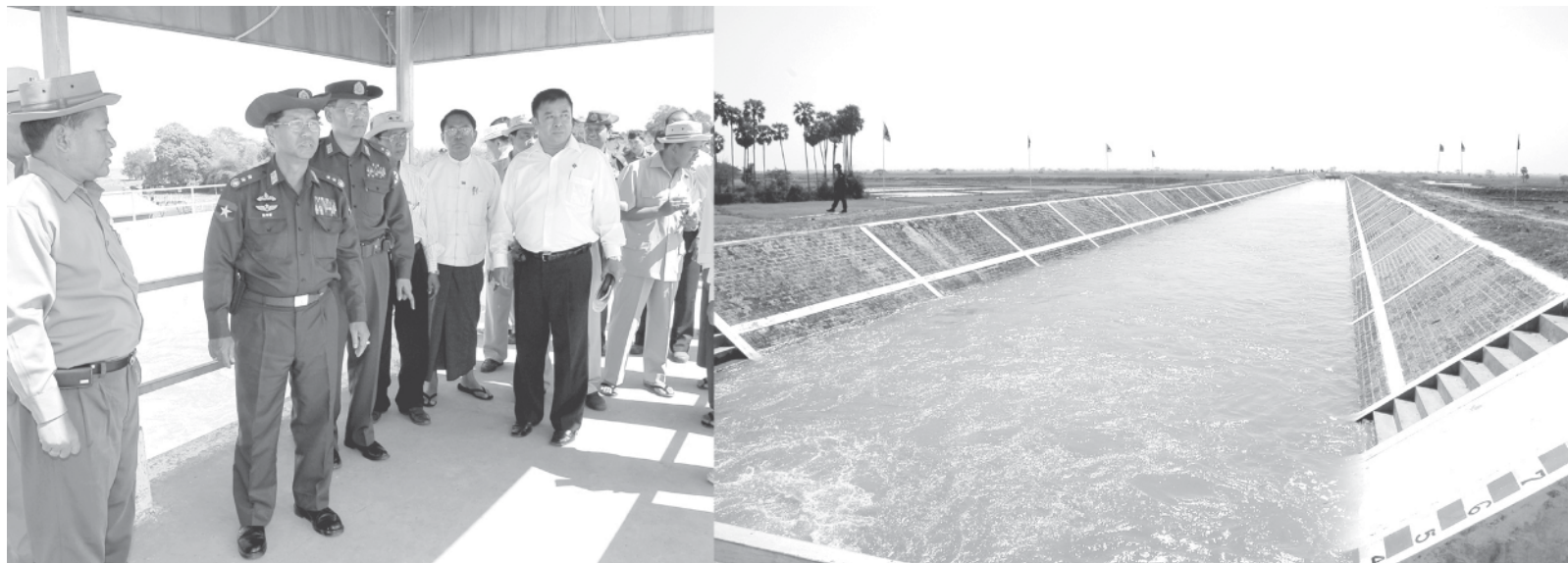
In Yangon North District, 105,000 acres of land are put under plantation of summer

paddy against the target of 162,000 acres.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe inspected bio-ethanol produced at bio-ethanol plant run by Myanmar Winery & Distillery Co Ltd, testrun of motorcycles and cars with the use of bio-ethanol and recycle of waste water.

Myanmar engineers built the plant in May 2005 in order to fulfil fuel requirement of the State. Arrangements are being made to produce bio-ethanol based on such raw materials as tapioca, millet and other crops.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe and party inspected Ngwenatha river water pumping project that benefits 1,400 acres of land and supply of water to 300 acres of land under Hsinphon river water pumping project. —MNA



Lt-Gen Myint Swe inspects Ngamoeyeik River Water Pumping Station in Hlegu Township. — MNA



Kenya's parties agree plan to stop violence

NAIROBI, 3 Feb—Kenya's feuding parties agreed on Friday to a four-point framework for talks they expect will resolve a violent political crisis

within 15 days, chief mediator and former UN secretary general Kofi Annan said. "We believe within seven to 15 days, we should be able to tackle

the first three agenda items," Annan told reporters.

"The first is to take immediate action to stop the violence."

At least 850 people have been killed in riots and ethnically motivated violence in Kenya since a disputed 27 December election returned President Mwai Kibaki to power.

MNA/Reuters

An Iraqi infant sits next to humanitarian aid distributed by the Iraqi Red Crescent in Baghaad's al-Adhamiyah district. Iraqi Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki on Saturday held a war council and warned of an imminent battle against Al-Qaeda, a day after two mentally impaired women bombers killed 99 people in Baghdad.—INTERNET

No dramatic change in Israel after Winograd Report

JERUSALEM, 3 Feb—The Winograd Report released on Wednesday did not cause a dramatic change in public opinion regarding Prime Minister Ehud Olmert and Defence Minister and Labour Party leader Ehud Barak, local Ha'aretz reported on Friday, citing a public opinion poll.

According to the report, the Haaretz-Dialogue survey, conducted under the supervision of Professor Camil Fuchs of Tel Aviv University, finds that one-third of the public believes Olmert should resign following the report.

However, compared to the public's upsurge of sentiment after the interim Winograd report released last April, support for Olmert has increased.

About 36 per cent of the respondents believe Olmert should resign immediately, which stood exactly the same proportion of those want him to stay in government.

Meanwhile, a Jerusalem Post report said that Barak will neither quit the government nor push for immediate elections, but is deciding over the weekend whether to press hard for Kadima to replace Ehud Olmert with an alternative Prime Minister in the wake of the Winograd Report.

MNA/Xinhua

Top Palestinian official freed after Gaza arrest

GAZA, 3 Feb—An adviser to Palestinian Prime Minister Salam Fayyad who was arrested by Hamas forces in the Gaza Strip was freed on Friday after being held by the Islamist group for more than a month, Hamas and Fayyad's office said.

Omar al-Ghoul was the most senior official in the Palestinian Authority to be arrested since Hamas seized control of the Gaza Strip after routing secular Fatah forces in June.

Fayyad was appointed by Palestinian President Mahmoud

Abbas to lead a Western-backed administration in the West Bank after Hamas' Gaza takeover.

Ghoul, a well-known columnist for local newspapers and a frequent critic of Hamas, had been taken from his home in Gaza in December, Fatah officials said.

Hamas said it released Ghoul after lengthy mediation with Palestinian factions.

Jamal Zaqqout, an aide to Fayyad, accused Hamas of torturing Ghoul and called his detainment "a violation to human rights".

MNA/Reuters

Three militants, two policemen killed in Pakistan

PESHAWAR (Pakistan), 4 Feb—Three Islamist militants and two policemen were killed on Saturday in a firefight in northwestern Pakistan, an increasingly restive region on the Afghan border, police said.

The shootout near Mardan in the North West Frontier Province erupted after police raided a house where militants were hiding. Residents said the fighting lasted about seven hours and the militants hurled grenades

and fired rockets at the police.

"The militants refused to surrender and opened fire on police, forcing us to retaliate," said Abdullah Khan, a senior police officer in Mardan.

Police said they had recovered the bodies of three militants and some suicide vests from the house. Two policemen were killed and one was wounded in the fighting, they said.

Mardan, a town around 40 kilometres (25 miles)

northwest of the provincial capital, Peshawar, has so far been largely free of the violence which has spread from remote tribal areas on the border known as sanctuaries for al-Qaeda and the Afghan Taleban.

A suicide bomber rammed his explosive-laden car into a security force checkpoint in North Waziristan tribal region on the Afghan border on Friday, killing at least six men.

MNA/Reuters

Nepal requires over \$30m to hold CA elections

KATHMANDU, 3 Feb—The Election Commission (EC) of Nepal has said it requires at least two billion rupees (more than 30 million US dollars) to hold Constituent Assembly (CA) elections on 10 April, 2008, the local newspaper the Rising Nepal reported on Saturday.

Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Bhoj

Raj Pokharel informed about the EC's budget requirement during a meeting with the representatives of the donor communities at the EC's office on Friday.

"The budget which the EC has prepared for the election has increased

from the previous estimation as many programme need to be repeated and materials need to be reprinted and re-produced in the light of the changes introduced in the electoral legislation," said CEC Pokharel.

MNA/Xinhua

Passenger airplane makes emergency landing in Bolivia

LIMA, 3 Feb—A Boeing 727 airplane with 151 passengers on board made an emergency landing on Friday in a flooded region in the outskirts of Trinidad city, Bolivia with no death reported, according to news reaching here from La Paz, Bolivia.

One of the pilots suffered a clavicle fracture and some passengers suffered minor bruises, it is reported. The aircraft, flown by airliner Lloyd Aereo Boliviano, carried out the forced landing in an open field recently flooded by heavy rainfalls, some 3.3 kilometres away from Trinidad airport.

Bolivian Senator Paolo Bravo, who also survived this emergency landing, told Erbol radio network that the motors turned off and that they were ordered to get in imminent "crash positions".

MNA/Xinhua

A reveller of Nene da Vila Matilde samba school performs at the Anhembi Sambadrome, as part of carnival celebrations in Sao Paulo. Huge sweaty crowds filled streets across Brazil on Saturday as the annual carnival took full hold of the country.

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Chinese traditional new year celebrated in Bangladesh

DHAKA, 4Feb—Chinese traditional new year, the Spring Festival, was celebrated on Saturday with joy and fun in Bangladesh's Savar Town, 50 kilometres north of the country's capital Dhaka.

Bangladesh-China People's Friendship Association (BCPFA) and the Chinese Embassy to Bangladesh co-hosted the celebration picnic, more than 100 people from both sides attended.

Anwarul Amin, president of the BCPFA, said at the function that he was very happy to celebrate the Chinese traditional new year with the Chinese friends in Bangladesh. He wished all the Chinese people in Bangladesh "happy new year".

Amin said, "some of you can't go home to see your near and dear ones during the Chinese biggest festival. I hope you treat members of the BCPFA as your family members and treat Bangladesh as your second home".

Chinese Ambassador to Bangladesh Zheng Qingdian said that the BCPFA has dedicated to promote the relations between the peoples of China and Bangladesh since it was set up and made a great contribution to that. He hoped the association will play more active role in the future.—MNA/Xinhua

Nine British soldiers arrested in Cyprus

LONDON, 4 Feb—Nine British soldiers have been arrested after allegedly going on the rampage in the holiday resort of Ayia Napa in Cyprus, the BBC reported on Sunday.

Cyprus police said they received a phone call to report a disturbance in the resort's Bedrock Pub, where about 20 soldiers were celebrating the end of their tour of duty on early Saturday morning.

Five people were injured, including one of the soldiers, in the brawl when people allegedly threw tables, chairs and bottles in the pub.

A spokesman for British forces in Cyprus described it as "the most serious incident... for some time".

"The Army cannot condone any form of violence or destruction to Cypriot property. If found guilty in a court of law there will be other consequential penalties from the military," the BBC quoted spokesman Dennis Barnes as saying.

The nine will face a range of public disorder offences and the inquiries into the incident are continuing, said a Ministry of Defence spokesman in London.

MNA/Xinhua

Bird flu detected in northern Turkey

ANKARA, 4 Feb—Turkish Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs confirmed on Sunday that bird flu was detected in the Black Sea province of Samsun.

The virus was detected upon examinations of samples taken from local poultry in Yorukler Town, the ministry said in a statement.

"Laboratories of our ministry detected bird flu in those samples," it said, adding that "we've determined that the wild waterfowls in the region are the source of the sickness".

The disease has only spread to a small area and officials have taken all the necessary measures to fight it, the statement said.

Last month, the deadly H5N1 strain of bird flu was confirmed in a Black Sea coastal village, about 350 kilometres west of Samsun.

Being en route of migrating birds, Turkey is facing high bird flu risk and the first case in the country was detected in Bandirma Town in northwestern Turkey in 2005.

MNA/Xinhua

Mexico slaps tickets on men shaving at wheel

MONTERREY (Mexico), 4 Feb— Motorists in northern Mexico who are caught dabbling on lipstick, shaving or carrying a pet at the wheel will now face hefty fines as authorities try to cut down on traffic accidents.

Putting on make-up or shaving with an electric razor will land drivers fines of up to 346 pesos (32 US dollars) in the

northern Mexican city of Torreon from this month, Mexican media reported on Saturday.

Along with a slew of higher fines for common traffic offenses such as driving while intoxicated, speeding, and talking on a telephone without a headset, Torreon city hall said new misdemeanors included throwing trash out of a car window, and

driving with another person or an animal on a motorist's lap.

City halls across Mexico are stiffening traffic laws as motorists in Mexico regularly ignore stop lights, drive drunk or with children in the front seat, and carry passengers in the back of pick-up trucks. Fatal accidents are common.

MNA/Reuters

Beijing closes ten industrial polluters

BEIJING, 4 Feb — Ten industrial polluters have been shut down, as Beijing and its neighbours have worked hard to fulfill their Olympic commitment in curbing major pollutant emissions.

Sources with the coordination work group for guaranteeing air quality for Beijing 2008 Olympic Games confirmed that ten big polluters, mainly cement, steel and chemical plants, have been shut down in the latest round

of mandatory emission control work.

The work group coordinates the emission control work of six municipal and provincial-level environment protection departments in Beijing, Tianjin municipalities, Hebei, Shanxi, Shandong provinces and the Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region.

The State Environmental Protection Administration (SEPA) has set the agenda to cut sulfur

dioxide and chemical oxygen demand (COD), two major pollutants emissions in China, by 6 per cent and 5 per cent respectively in 2008, China's Olympic year from 2005 levels.

The environment protection authorities under the coordination of the work group said that more factories will be closed down this year, but did not give the exact figures.

MNA/Xinhua

Kenya's elephant population stands at 11,700 in Tsavo

NAIROBI, 4 Feb— Kenya's wildlife authorities said on Saturday the population of elephants in the expansive Tsavo conservation area now stands at 11,696 from from the last census three years ago. The Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) said in a statement that the new figure from this year's census represents a 4.1-per-cent growth rate.

The larger Tsavo is the largest protected area (4 per cent of Kenya's land-mass) and hosts the highest number (a third) of Kenya's estimated 30,000 elephants.

"The elephant is Kenya's flagship species and so its distribution and condition is a good indicator of the status of our wildlife," said KWS director Julius Kipng'

etich.

The census officials traced 68 elephant carcasses, 64 of which had

earlier been seen by the KWS officials on routine security operations.

MNA/Xinhua



John Griffiths, right, one of the handlers of weather predicting groundhog Punxsutawney Phil, holds Phil as his other handler, Ben Hughes, pets him on the head Ground Hog's Day in Punxsutawney, Pa on 2 Feb, 2008. The Groundhog Club said Phil saw his shadow and predicted six more weeks of winter.—INTERNET



A float lit with fiber optic lights makes a turn during the Krewe of Endymion Mardi Gras parade in New Orleans on 2 Feb, 2008. Carnival revelers were greeted with good weather today in the weekend before Fat on 5 Feb.

INTERNET

Bigger sengi mammal found in central Tanzania

DAR-ES-SALAAM, 4 Feb — A larger and heavier sengi, also known as elephant-shrew, has been found in central Tanzania, local media reported on Saturday.

The Citizen newspaper quoted scientists as saying that the new species of sengi had been spotted in the Morogoro region with a body mass 25 per cent bigger than any other known sengis.

Fifteen species of sengis were known before the discovery of the new species. The newspaper quoted Galen Rathbun of the California Academy of Sciences as saying that it

is the first new species of giant elephant-shrew to be discovered in more than 126 years.

The discovery has been published in the February edition of the *Journal of Zoology* magazine.

The newly-identified species of sengi weighs 700 grammes while other species of sengis weigh between 50 grammes and

500 grammes.

Getting their name from the Bantu language, the sengis live only in Africa. Their life span is about two or three years and their diet is largely insects and other small creatures like beetles, spiders, worms, ants and termites, but they also take seeds and some green shoots. —MNA/Xinhua

China detains nine over Olympic website scam

NANJING, 4 Feb— Police authorities in Nanjing, capital of east China's Jiangsu Province, have detained nine people for operating a fake Olympic website to cheat money out of people.

They were suspected of cheating 300,000 yuan (41,660 US dollars) out of more than 100 people from across the country, by goading them into depositing at least 1,000 yuan (140 US dollars) each to get a cash award 20 to 40 times as much, plus a ticket for this summer's Olympic Games, sources with Nanjing police said.

The two leaders of the ring, surnamed Xu and Chen, did not even finish high school but were Internet gaming addicts.

With the help of their friends, they created a phony Olympic sponsorship website in December at www.2008cga.com.cn.

Whoever visited the website were encouraged to sign in as its member to win an award.

All the "lucky" award winners said they never realized it was a scam until after their cash remittance.

MNA/Xinhua

SPORTS

Newcastle denied victory by late Boro equalizer

LONDON, 4 Feb — Michael Owen scored Newcastle United's first goal since the return of Kevin Keegan as manager on Sunday but they could still only draw 1-1 at home with north-east rivals Middlesbrough.

The England striker rose high to head Newcastle in front from Emre's free kick just before the hour of a lively contest at St James' Park but Boro got a deserved equalizer with less than five minutes to go through Robert Huth's looping header.

The result leaves Newcastle only seven points above the Premier League relegation zone in 12th place with tough matches against Aston Villa and Manchester United next up. Middlesbrough, in 13th, are five points above the bottom three.

Second from bottom Fulham gave their survival hopes a boost with a 2-1 victory at home to Villa after Aaron Hughes had gifted the visitors the lead with an own goal. Simon Davies equalized when he flicked in a Jimmy Bullard free kick and Bullard then sealed a first victory for new manager Roy Hodgson with a superb late free kick.

Fulham have 19 points but are only three points behind Reading who are immediately above the drop zone. Defeat cost Villa the chance to move above Liverpool into fifth place. Keegan was left frustrated in his search for a first victory since returning to the club after 11 years but it could have been far worse.

Boro squandered several chances in the second half notably through Gary O'Neil. In stoppage time they also had a goal disallowed when Jeremie Aliadiere smashed in a rebound after Stewart Downing's free kick came back off the post. —MNA/Reuters



Real Mallorca's Juan Fernando Arango (front) and Villarreal's Bruno Soriano fight for the ball during their Spanish First Division soccer match at the Madrigal Stadium in Villarreal, on 3 Feb, 2008.—INTERNET

PSV beat Alkmaar, Heerenveen thrash Arnhem 7-0

AMSTERDAM, 3 Feb — PSV Eindhoven struck twice in the first half for a 2-0 win at AZ Alkmaar in the Dutch league on Saturday to stay on course for their fourth title in a row.

Serbian Danko Lazovic put PSV ahead after 11 minutes when he netted the rebound after Balazs Dzsudzsak hit the bar. Ibrahim Afellay doubled the lead in the 24th when his strike gave goalkeeper Boy Waterman no chance.

PSV are top with 52 points from 23 matches, nine above Heerenveen who climbed into second spot following their

7-0 rout of mid-table Vitesse Arnhem.

Ajax Amsterdam and Feyenoord are third and fourth respectively with both on 41 points before the arch-rivals meet on Sunday in Amsterdam.

Miralem Sulejmani put Heerenveen ahead after nine minutes and four minutes later Danijel Pranjić doubled the lead.

In the second half Heerenveen added five more goals, with Roy Beerens twice on target, to improve their goal difference to plus 35, the best in the Dutch league. —MNA/Reuters



Fulham's Jimmy Bullard, No 21, beats the Aston Villa wall to score from a free kick during their English Premier League soccer match at the Craven Cottage Stadium, London, on 3 Feb, 2008.—INTERNET

King, Heskey out of Capello's England squad

LONDON, 3 Feb — Ledley King and Emile Heskey were left out on Saturday when England manager Fabio Capello trimmed his squad to 23 for next week's friendly with Switzerland.

The Italian had named Tottenham Hotspur de-

fender King and Wigan Athletic striker Heskey in his provisional 30-man squad on Thursday but they have now been omitted due to injury.

Defenders Nicky Shorey, Glenn Johnson and Curtis Davies plus midfielders Michael Carrick and Stewart Downing also miss out.

Davies, on loan to Aston Villa from West Bromwich Albion, was one of two players in the initial squad without a cap along with club mate Gabriel Agbonlahor who may still make his debut.

"I want to be clear that the players who have not made the squad this time are still part of my plans," Capello, who officially took over in January, told the FA Web site (www.thefa.com).

MNA/Reuters

Police use teargas on fans at Cyprus league match

NICOSIA, 3 Feb — Police used teargas to disperse soccer fans after disturbances at a first division fixture in Cyprus on Saturday, witnesses said.

The game between Apollon Limassol and APOEL Nicosia in the coastal city of Limassol was suspended after a disputed penalty was awarded to the visitors in extra time.

The match was abandoned with the score at 2-2 and the referee had to be taken out of the stadium under police escort when fans set fire to facilities in the stadium.

MNA/Reuters

Japanese blizzard freezes Thai training plans

TOKYO, 4 Feb — Thailand's soccer players, normally accustomed to tropical heat, awoke to blizzard-like conditions on Sunday after arriving in Japan for a World Cup qualifier.

The Thais touched down in Tokyo late on Saturday with temperatures rapidly dropping and overnight, the Japanese capital had been covered in a thick blanket of snow.

"There was a blizzard. There's snow on the ground so we're training indoors," team manager Kittirat Na Ranong told Reuters ahead of Wednesday's 2010 World Cup qualifier in Saitama.

"It's definitely not what we're used to back home but we've been training in Manchester the past two and a half weeks. It is very cold and wet there so we're well prepared.

"We've had the best physical and mental preparation. We're confident of a good performance here."

Hosts Japan were also forced to train indoors to beat the freeze with forwards Naohiro Takahara, Seiichiro Maki and Yoshito Okubo all taking part despite carrying knocks.

"We wanted to train outside but it was impossible," smiled Japan midfielder Yasuyuki Konno. "It's the same situation for our opponents too so we have to make the best of it." —MNA/Reuters



Schalke's scorer Heiko Westermann, left, and Stuttgart's Fernando Meira, right, jump for the ball during the German first division Bundesliga soccer match between FC Schalke 04 and VfB Stuttgart in Gelsenkirchen, Germany, on 3 Feb, 2008. Schalke defeated Stuttgart with 4-1.—INTERNET

Cup specialists Auxerre fall to Bastia

PARIS, 3 Feb — Four-times French Cup winners Auxerre lost 3-0 at second division Bastia in the round of 32 on Saturday after being sunk by a Pierre-Yves Andre double.

Forward Andre's goals either side of one by midfielder Kafoumba Coulibaly inside the first 16 minutes allowed Corsican side Bastia to brush aside the Burgundy team.

Top-flight Nice also went out to a Ligue 2 side, losing 3-1 at Angers. A goal by Cameroonian forward Paul Alo'o Efoulou and two from striker Fahid Ben Khalfallah gave Angers a 3-0 lead before forward Habib Bamogo got a consolation in added time.

Holders Sochaux scraped past second division Montpellier 4-3 on penalties. The tie was 1-1 after extra time.

MNA/Reuters



Tiger Woods from the US hits out of the desert sand after missing the fairway on the 3rd hole during the Dubai Desert Classic 3rd round in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, on 2 Feb, 2008.—INTERNET

Tenth day of cold weather warning in HK sets record

HONG KONG, 4 Feb — A cold weather warning issued by the Hong Kong Observatory was in force for a record-breaking tenth day on Saturday, prompting authorities to open shelters and call for visits to elders living alone.

“The cold weather warning is now in force,” the observatory said in a special dispatch Saturday morning, while scientific officers from the observatory appeared at interviews with local radio and TV stations to remind the public to keep warm.

The cold weather warning, issued by the observatory on 24 January, has since been in force, topping the previous record of 204 hours in a row in January, 2004.

Minimum temperatures in Hong Kong's downtown area are occasionally below 10 degrees Celsius but such cold weather for over 10 days in a row was rarely seen in the past two or three decades, a scientific officer from the observatory said on Saturday.

Hong Kong Observatory started issuing cold weather warnings in 1999, based on downtown minimum temperatures below 12 degrees as well

as humidity and wind force, said Ma Wai-man, a senior scientific officer at the Hong Kong Observatory.

MNA/Xinhua



A station staff removes snow from a platform of a Tokyo station on 3 Feb, 2008. A snowfall covered Tokyo metropolitan area, disrupting air, railway and expressway traffic in eastern Japan.—INTERNET

Snowing weather injures dozens in Japan

TOKYO, 4 Feb — Heavy snow fell in several prefectures on the Pacific side of central and eastern Japan since Sunday morning, injuring at least 45 people in the Tokyo and the nearby Chiba prefecture, according to local firefighters.

The snow which lasted for the whole day also led to cancellation of

flights, close of highways and delay of trains in the wide areas.

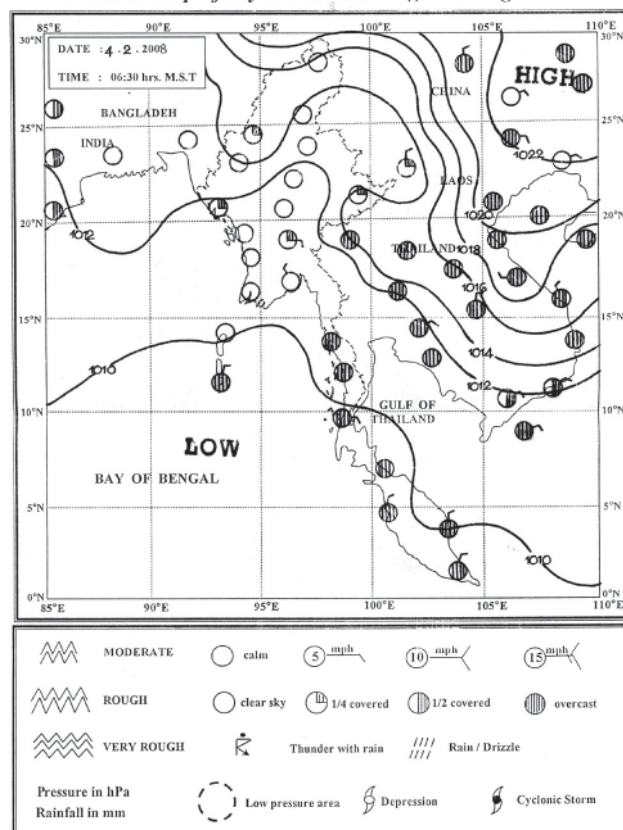
According to the Japan Meteorological Agency, three centimetres of snow had accumulated in central Tokyo, five centimetres in Yokohama, and 25 centimetres in Yamanashi Prefecture's Kawaguchiko city.

The snow was brought by a low-pressure system moved east-northeast in southern waters.

Tokyo's Haneda Airport said dozens of flights in and out have been cancelled, while the East Japan Railway Co said operations of at least four of its lines were affected by the snow.

MNA/Xinhua

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Monday, 4 February, 2008

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thunder-showers has been isolated in Taninthayi Division, weather has been partly cloudy in Kayin and Mon States, and generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below February average temperatures in Kachin, Rakhine States, lower Sagaing, Magway and Yangon Divisions, (6°C) to (7°C) below February average temperatures in Chin State, upper Sagaing and Bago Divisions, (5°C) above February average temperatures in Mon State and Taninthayi Division and about February average temperatures in the remaining States and Divisions. The significant night temperatures were Haka (-3°C), Nansam, Heho and Loilem (3°C) each, Mogoke and Pyin Oo Lwin (4°C) each, Pinlaung, Mindat and Katha (5°C) each. The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded was Myeik (2.00) inches.

Maximum temperature on 3-2-2008 was 91°F. Minimum temperature on 4-2-2008 was 61°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 4-2-2008 was 74%. Total sunshine hours on 3-2-2008 was (8.2) hours approx.

Rainfall on 4-2-2008 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2008 was (0.67) inch at Mingaladon, (0.47) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.35) inch at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from Northwest at (18:30) hours MST on 3-2-2008.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 5-2-2008: Possibility of isolated rain in Taninthayi Division, weather will be partly cloudy in Mon and Kayin States, Yangon Division and generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions. 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 slight decrease of night temperature in the Eastern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 5-2-2008: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 5-2-2008: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 5-2-2008: Generally fair weather.

Radio Myanmar

Tuesday, 5 February
Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music
-Who do you think you are
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music
-You got it
- 8:50 am National news/
Slogan
- 9:00 am Music
- Dreams
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music
-Why
- 1:30 pm News/ Slogan
- 1:40 pm Lunch time
Music
-Over my shoulder
-She is a river
- 9:00 pm English Speaking Course
- 9:10 pm Article
- 9:20 pm Weekly sports reel
- 9:35 pm Listening pleasure
-I have a dream
-She is the one
- 9:45 pm News /Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL



Tuesday, 5 February
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
- 7:50 am
5. ကဗျာပန်းဥယျာဉ်

- 8:00 am
6. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:05 am
7. Song of yesteryears
- 8:10 am
8. ယာကြီးရေထိန်းတစ်
- 8:15 am
9. (ဝေ)နှစ်မြောက်ပြည်ထောင်စုနေ့ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်
- 8:30 am
10. International news
- 8:45 am
11. Let's Go
- 4:00 pm
1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm
2. Song to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm
3. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေးရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ-တတိယနှစ်(စီးပွားစီမံအထူးပြု)(စီးပွားရေးပညာ)
- 4:45 pm
4. Dance of national races

- 5:00 pm
5. (ဝေ)နှစ်မြောက်ပြည်ထောင်စုနေ့ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်
- 5:15 pm
6. Sing and Enjoy
- 5:50 pm
7. (ဝေ)နှစ်မြောက်ပြည်ထောင်စုနေ့ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်
- 6:00 pm
8. Evening news
- 6:30 pm
9. Weather report
- 6:55 pm
10. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "မြူးဒီးဆေးချစ်သက်တည်" (အပိုင်း-၂၁)
- 7:40 pm
11. ပြည်ထောင်စုစိတ်ဓာတ်မြှင့်တင်ရန်နှင့်မာရ်နာ့ဒိုဝန်တာ (အသီးတစ်ရာအညှာတစ်ခုဒီပြည်ထောင်စု)(ကချင်ပြည်နယ်)
- 8:00 pm
12. News
- 13. International news
- 14. Weather report
- 15. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "မေတ္တာမျဉ်းပြိုင်" (အပိုင်း-၁)
- 16. The next day's programme

People's Desire

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

Commission for Drafting the State Constitution holds meeting 11/2008



Chief Justice U Aung Toe delivers an address at meeting No 11/2008 of Commission for Drafting the State Constitution. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Feb —The Commission for Drafting the State Constitution held meeting No 11/2008 at the commission office here this afternoon.

Chairman of the Commission Chief Justice U Aung Toe, Vice-Chairman Attorney-General U Aye Maung, the secretary, the joint-secretary and commis-

sion members attended the meeting.

The Chief Justice chaired the meeting while Secretary Dr Thaung Myint acted as Master of Ceremonies.

The Chief Justice delivered an opening speech and group leaders and deputy group leaders clarified

progress of work carried out by their respective groups.

Next, the commission members took part in discussions on drafting the State Constitution.

The meeting ended in the evening with the concluding remarks by Chief Justice U Aung Toe.

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Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan.
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Attorney-General U Aye Maung.
MNA

2006 Academy Award Presentation Ceremony on 7 Feb

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Feb — Myanma Motion Picture Enterprise under the Ministry of Information will hold Academy Award Presenting Ceremony for 2006 in the compound of Nay Pyi Taw City Hall here at 6 pm on 7 February. The event will be broadcast live on MRTV programme starting from 6 pm. — MNA

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“However, in the Parliamentary Democracy period, those criminals became members of the parliament. But, it was very ungrateful of them to fail to do anything for development of our village. When they were powerful in our region, we local people had to do what they asked us, we had to go where they sent us, and we had to give them what they demanded us. But, they had no dealings with us. My father felt very bitter about that.”

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