

Puja ca pujaneyyanam, to honour those worthy of honour; this is the way to auspiciousness

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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

Traditional Htamane making contests organized at famous pagodas in Yangon

YANGON, 20 Feb—The opening ceremony of the traditional Htamane making contest for 1369 ME was held at the lower terrace of Shwedagon Pagoda, here, this evening.

Chairman of the Central Committee for Organizing the Contest Member of the Pagoda Board of Trustees U Sein Win Aung reported on the purpose of organizing the contest.

Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win and Alternate Member of the Pagoda Board of Trustees U Sein Win Aung formally opened the contest.

Over 50 teams comprising members of the religious association and staff took part in the contest.

The 23rd Buddha Pujaniya and Htamane Making Contest of Maha Wizaya Pagoda was held in Dagon Township. Commander Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win and officials cut the ribbon to open the Pujaniya and the contest.

A total of 26 teams participated in the contest.

A similar contest was held at Lawka Chantha Abhaya Labha Muni Buddha Image, attended by the

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Commander Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win and a member of the Board of Trustees of Shwedagon Pagoda formally open Htamane making contest. — MNA



Members of religious associations participate in traditional Htamane making contest at lower terrace of Shwedagon Pagoda. — MNA

Weather forecast for 21-2-2008

Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area

Generally fair weather.

Yangon and neighbouring area

Partly cloudy.

Mandalay and neighbouring area

Generally fair weather.

Significant Night Temperatures

Haka (0°C)

Loilem (4°C)

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

PERSPECTIVES

Thursday, 21 February, 2008

Take part in referendum to seek approval of the draft of the State Constitution

The desire of the entire people is emergence of a new peaceful modern developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation.

The government is implementing the seven-step Road Map for building of a new democratic nation in accord with the people's desire and it is making endeavours for the emergence of a new constitution. The draft of the State Constitution has been drawn in accord with the fundamental principles and detailed basic principles unanimously laid down at the National Convention.

The Commission for Drafting the State Constitution made suggestions and decisions by holding group-wise meetings, and plenary meetings many times and the commission approved the draft of the State Constitution on 19 February. In the commission those who are well-experienced persons who went through the previous two constitutions of Myanmar are included. Some members are the ones who are well-versed in local and international laws. Moreover, some are those out of the over 1,000 delegates who represented the entire people at the National Convention. This is why the draft of the constitution can successfully be drawn.

The approval of the draft of the State Constitution will be sought in a referendum in May 2008 in accordance with the fourth step of the Road Map.

It is the national duty for all the entire people whatever role they are in to actively participate in the tasks for holding of the referendum for approval of the draft of the State Constitution enshrined with the noblest and worthiest of worldly values such as justice, liberty and equality and fundamental principles that can guarantee the fundamental rights of the citizens and safeguard the national interest forever.

Courses in Compendium of Philosophy (Abhidhammattha Sangha)

YANGON, 20 Feb—The International Institute of Abhidhamma (I.I.A.) will commence the Certificate Course in English in Abhidhamma, dealing with the original Books of Abhidhamma Pitaka, in October.

Prior to the Certificate Course, with a view to laying down the groundwork and providing a good foundation in the subject, the I.I.A. will conduct Courses in the Compendium of Philosophy (Abhidhammattha

Sangha) in Myanmar and English by Sayagyi U Tin Htut and Sayagyi Professor Dr Mehm Tin Mon, in the evenings on weekdays at Abhidhamma Dhammayone, No. 49-51 Kaba Aye Pagoda Road, Bahan Township, here. From 3 March to 30 September, on every Monday and Tuesday, Sayagyi U Tin Htut will give lecture on Compendium of Philosophy in Myanmar from 4.30 pm to 6.30 pm at Abhidhamma Dhammayone and on

People's Desire

- * Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views
- * Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation
- * Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State
- * Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy

Minister inspects factories in Mandalay Division



Minister U Aung Thaung inspects Pyawbwe Textile Factory project in Pyawbwe.—INDUSTRY-1

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Feb—Secretariat Member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung had a meeting with township level officials, members of the school board of trustees, teachers and matriculation students at Bo Ya Nyunt Hall of Welaung Basic Education High School in Myingyan District, Mandalay Division, yesterday.

The minister looked into the cotton ginning factory (Mahlaing) and Pyawbwe Textile Factory (Project) of Myanmar Textile Industries.

He also inspected the soap factory (Yamethin) of Myanmar Pharmaceutical Industries and the dyeing and printing factory (Yamethin) of Myanmar Textile Industries.

MNA

CPT Minister visits Yatanarpon Myothit Project in PyinOoLwin



NAY PYI TAW, 20 Feb—Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen

every Wednesday and Friday from 4.30 pm to 6.30 pm, Sayagyi Professor Dr Mehm Tin Mon will give lecture on Compendium of Philosophy in English at the same venue.

Those interested may attend the courses free of charge. For further information contact telephone number 254102.—H

Thein Zaw discussed with officials prospects of investment and construction works in Yatanarpon Myothit in PyinOoLwin Township on 16 February.

At the meeting with officials at Yatanarpon Teleport Building in Yatanarpon Myothit, the minister heard reports on the project and gave instructions to officials.

During his tour of Mandalay, the minister visited the Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications

Office which is being equipped with machinery to establish the communication network. The minister called for timely completion of the work.—MNA

Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw visits Yatanarpon Teleport Building in Yatanarpon Myothit.—MPT

Air Bagan aircraft overshoots runway in Putao

YANGON, 20 Feb—An ART-72 aircraft of Air Bagan overshoot the runway by 300 feet as it took off from Putao to fly to Myitkyina of Kachin State at 3.15 pm yesterday.

One passenger and the co-pilot were slightly injured in the incident. Local authorities and officials of Air Bagan Ltd rushed to the scene and provided necessary assistance to the passengers.—MNA

Obama says Clinton's housing plan helps rich

SAN ANTONIO (Texas), 20 Feb — Democratic presidential hopeful Barack Obama accused rival Hillary Clinton on Tuesday of rewarding the rich and hurting future mortgage seekers with her plan to end the US housing crisis. Clinton, a New York Senator and former first lady, and Obama, a Senator from Illinois, are highlighting their economic credentials to sway voters concerned about a possible recession and

struggling to choose between two historic candidates.

Clinton, who would be the first woman president, honed in on the housing crisis in January, proposing the introduction of a 90-day moratorium on subprime foreclosures and an automatic rate freeze on subprime mortgages of at least five years.

Obama, seeking to counter criticism that his inspiring speeches emphasize style over

substance, said Clinton's plan to freeze the monthly rate on existing adjustable rate mortgages did not target "struggling homeowners" who need help the most.

"It will reward people who made this problem worse but it will also reward people who are wealthy and don't need it," Obama, who would be the first Black president, told a small group gathered to discuss the economy in San Antonio. —MNA/Reuters



Democratic presidential candidate Senator Barack Obama greets supporters during a campaign event in Houston on 19 Feb, 2008.

INTERNET



Joao Araujo of Morpheus Teatro 12, San Paulo, Brazil, puts the non, Vietnamese hat, on his Marionette during his performance for Vietnamese children at Hanoi Place of Culture for Teenagers in Hanoi, Vietnam, on 19 Feb, 2008, during the First International Marionette Festival. —INTERNET

Suicide car blast kills 35 in S Afghanistan

KABUL, 20 Feb — Thirty five civilians were killed and another 27 were injured, including three foreign soldiers, in a suicide car bombing attack on foreign military convoy in Afghanistan's troubled southern Kandahar Province Monday, provincial governor said.

The blast took place around 3:00 pm (1030 GMT) in Spin Boldak near a market when a convoy of foreign troops was passing the area, according to officials.

Asadullah Khalid, governor of Kandahar Province, told media that the three injured soldiers were Canadians.

Qari Yousuf Ahmadi, a purported spokesman for the Taliban, fighting Afghan Government and foreign troops since fall from power in late 2001, took the responsibility, saying 10 foreign soldiers and "a number of" Afghan policemen were killed in the latest bombing attack.

Some 2,500 troops from Canada serving under NATO command often patrol parts of the volatile province. —MNA/Xinhua

China-Bangladesh Friendship Bridge opens to traffic

MUNSHIGANJ (Bangladesh), 20 Feb — The 6th China-Bangladesh Friendship Bridge was formally open to traffic Monday in Bangladesh's Munshiganj district, 37 kilometres southeast of capital Dhaka.

Bangladeshi caretaker government Chief Adviser Fakhruddin Ahmed said at the opening ceremony that his government is very grateful to the unselfish assistance by the Chinese Government.

Ahmed said the opening of the bridge will bring social development not only to the local area, but also to the areas nearby. He also extended congratulations to the workers on their successful construction of the bridge. Chinese Ambassador to Bangladesh Zheng Qingdian said in return that as a developing country, China has always tried its best to help its brotherly countries, like Bangladesh. —MNA/Xinhua

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Inaugural Singapore Airshow opens

SINGAPORE, 20 Feb — The inaugural Singapore Airshow opened Tuesday at an 82-million-Singapore-dollar (about 58-million-US-dollar) new site here, after the Asian Aerospace show left for Hong Kong in 2006.

Two years ago, when the organizers of the Asian Aerospace moved out after they could not agree with the Singapore Government on funding for the new site, the city-state decided to continue with a world-class airshow here under the Singapore brand, with all the elements of trade exhibition, static and flying displays and conferences.

"We have now delivered on our promise," said Singapore Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong at the



Six Singapore Armed Forces F-16 Black Knights fly upside-down in formation during an aerial display on 19 Feb, 2008. —INTERNET

official opening of the Singapore Airshow 2008.

More than 800 companies from 42 countries and regions, representing 59 of Forbes' top 100 aerospace companies, will display their wares from Tuesday in a 30-hectare space, which includes a 40,000-square-metre

indoor display area.

The Prime Minister announced that Singapore's aviation output hit a high of 6.9 billion Singapore dollars (about 4.9 billion US dollars) in 2007, a growth of more than 10 per cent over the previous year.

MNA/Xinhua

Indian police seize 8 pounds of uranium from smugglers

PATNA (India), 20 Feb — Police in eastern India have seized eight pounds (around four kilos) of low-quality uranium after they arrested a gang of smugglers near Nepal's border.

The seizure was made in Supaul District in the eastern Indian state of Bihar late on Monday, police said.

"We pounced upon them while they all were striking a deal near the border," senior district police official Shyam Kumar told Reuters by

telephone from Supaul, north of Bihar's state capital Patna.

India has a major

uranium mine, Jaduguda, in the neighbouring state of Jharkhand.

MNA/Reuters

Five Iraqis killed in rocket barrage on US base

BAGHDAD, 20 Feb — At least five Iraqis were killed, 16 people wounded, including two US soldiers, in Monday's rocket barrage on a US military base in Baghdad, the US military said on Tuesday.

The incident took place when insurgents fired a series of rockets on the Victory Base Complex in southwestern Baghdad in the afternoon, a military statement said. Citing initial reports, the statement put the toll at five Iraqis killed and 14 wounded, eight of them were transported to a US military clinic for treatment.

Two US soldiers were also wounded in the attack on the base which located within the perimeter of Baghdad airport, it added. —MNA/Xinhua

PPP leading in Pakistan’s general elections

ISLAMABAD, 20 Feb— Latest incomplete results of Pakistan’s elections on Tuesday show that Pakistan People’s Party (PPP) takes the lead by winning 77 out of the 228 National Assembly seats, which have gone to candidates. So far 228 out of 269 NA seats have been announced, local TV channel Geo reported, adding that Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) was the runner-up with 62 seats and former ruling party Pakistan Muslim League-Quaid gained 34 seats.

Due to the demise of some contesting candidates, polling on some NA seats have been postponed. Local media reported that more than 40 parties will vie for 269 out of the 272 NA seats in the general elections. President Pervez Musharraf said Monday that whichever party won the elections should form the government. In case there is not a hung Parliament, a coalition government should be formed, said Musharraf. If the initial results provided by Geo can be confirmed by the Election

Commission of Pakistan, according to which more than 100 NA seats are still awaited to be announced, no party will win majority votes in the elections and Pakistan will have a coalition government according to Musharraf’s statement. —MNA/Xinhua

Floods kill five, force thousands to flee in Philippines

MANILA, 20 Feb— Flash floods have killed at least five people in the central Philippines and forced thousands to flee to higher ground after days of heavy rains, a provincial governor said on Tuesday. “More than 10,000 people have been affected,” said Ben Evardone, the Governor of Eastern Samar, a poor rural province facing the Pacific Ocean. He said many families were still trapped in interior villages after rising flood waters caused rivers to swell and burst their banks. “We cannot get to them because the only means of transportation is by boat.” Evardone said five people had been reported killed, including a child. Another man was injured. Landslides and floodings are common in the Philippines, which is lashed by about 20 typhoons each year. Information on casualties can be difficult due to poor communications and hard-to-reach disaster sites. — MNA/Reuters

Tai Lihua, art director of China Disabled People’s Performing Art Troupe (C), leads 20 deaf dancers to perform “Thousand-hand Avalokitesvara Bodhisattva”, or “Guan Yin”, a Chinese goddess, in Beijing on 19 Feb, 2008.—INTERNET



East Timor urges rebels to surrender

DILI, 19 Feb— East Timor’s interim president urged rebels believed to be involved in an assassination attempt on the country’s President to surrender on Monday as one person was arrested in connection with the attack.

Rebel soldiers raided Jose Ramos-Horta’s home last Monday, seriously wounding the President during a gunfight. Police are hunting the rebels in nearby hills and arrest warrants have been issued against 17 people suspected of involvement in the attack. Prime Minister Xanana Gusmao, who escaped unhurt in a separate attack, ordered the country’s military and police forces to form a joint command to carry out the arrests. East Timor’s prosecutor-general has issued

an arrest warrant for Gastao Salsinha who says he has taken command of rebel soldiers after rebel leader Alfredo Reinado was killed during the attack on Ramos-Horta. “Salsinha must hand over weapons to face justice,” interim president Fernando de Araujo told a news conference at the presidential palace. “I have ordered the (military and police) forces to continue the process against Salsinha, but they should respect human rights,” he said. —MNA/Xinhua

South Korea Army helicopter crashes; 7 dead

SEOUL, 20 Feb — Seven South Korean soldiers were killed when their military helicopter crashed into a mountain east of Seoul early on Wednesday morning, an Army spokesman said. “We are still trying to find out the reason for the crash,” he said. The helicopter was returning to base after it had dropped off a soldier at a hospital who appeared to have suffered a stroke, the spokesman said. — MNA/Reuters

S Korean President-elect unveils new Cabinet

SEOUL, 19 Feb— South Korean President-elect Lee Myung-bak, who will take office on next Monday, announced his new Cabinet members on Monday. Following is the list of new Cabinet members nominated by Lee. Finance Minister: Kang Man-soo, former vice finance minister Education Minister: Kim Doh-yeon, Seoul National University Professor Foreign Minister: Yu Myung-hwan, Ambassador to Japan Defence Minister: Lee Sang-hee, former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of

Staff Agriculture Minister: Chung Woon-chun, chairman of the Korea Agriculture CEO Association Justice Minister: Kim Kyung-han, former vice justice minister Culture Minister: Yoo In-chon, Chung-Ang University Professor and TV actor Commerce Minister: Lee Youn-ho, vice chairman of the Federation of Korean Industries Environment Minister: Park Eunkyung, YWCA Chairwoman Labour Minister: Lee Young-hee, Inha University Professor Health & Welfare Minister: Kim Soung-ye, Ewha Woman’s University Professor Construction & Transportation Minister: Chung Jong-hwan, former head of Korea Rail Network Authority Public Administration & Security Minister: Won Sei-hoon, former vice Seoul mayor Cabinet member: Nam Joo-hong, Kyonggi University Professor Cabinet member: Lee Choon-ho, vice chairperson of Korea Freedom League. — MNA/Xinhua



A worker displays gold jewellery at the India international jewellery exhibition in the southern Indian city of Chennai on 20 Feb, 2008. India’s gold demand remained low on Thursday as prices firmed up slightly, but the appetite had revived a bit with people looking to buy at dips, dealers said.—INTERNET

Central China confirms new human bird flu case

BEIJING, 20 Feb— China’s Ministry of Health on Monday confirmed a human case of H5N1 bird flu in the central Hunan Province. A 22-year-old man surnamed Li in Jianghua County, Yongzhou City, suffered fever and headache on 16 January and was hospitalized on 22 January. His symptoms worsened despite treatment. Li died at 5 pm on 24 January after all rescue measures failed. His specimens tested positive for the bird flu virus strain H5N1, said the country’s Centre for Disease Control and Prevention. The report did not identify how he might have contracted the disease. The virus is most commonly passed from sick poultry to humans who have close contact with infected birds. —MNA/Xinhua

Mexico, Denmark agree to boost economic ties

MEXICO CITY, 20 Feb— Mexican President Felipe Calderon and Denmark's Queen Margrethe II Monday agreed to promote bilateral economic ties and collaborate on environmental issues at the start of the Queen's official visit.

"I particularly appreciate this first visit by a Danish head of state to Mexico. It will be a memorable occasion for both our peoples," Calderon said in a ceremony at the National Palace.

Calderon said Mexico was particularly interested in boosting ties with Denmark in renewable energy and energy efficiency, "in which the Danes are world leaders".

He said that Denmark was Mexico's sixth largest direct investor in Europe, with 115 international companies worth a total of 1.4 billion US dollars.

"Mexico, alongside Brazil and Argentina, is one of the top Latin American destinations for Danish investment," he said.

Margrethe said she had longed to return since she visited Mexico unofficially before becoming queen, some 42 years ago. "Our nations share values like democracy, good governance and human rights, and both nations are worried about climate change and the environment," she said. —MNA/Xinhua

ECONOMIC NEWS

HK jewellery fair to attract 2,300 exhibitors

HONG KONG, 20 Feb — The Hong Kong International Jewellery Show, the third largest of its kind, will attract over 2,300 exhibitors from 46 countries and regions from 4 to 8 March at Hong Kong Convention and Exhibitions Centre, the organizer said Tuesday.

Chairman of Fair Organizing Committee Lawrence Ma said, a wide range of activities, including seminars, jewellery parades and networking cocktails will be launched to expand the fair's portfolio and strengthen Hong Kong's status as the world's major jewellery sourcing centre.

Hong Kong Trade Development Council (HKTDC), organizer of Hong Kong International Jewellery Show, will set up seven special zones at the fair as well as 14 group pavilions from the Chinese Mainland, India, Italy, Thailand, the United States and other countries and regions.—MNA/Xinhua



Protesters burn a replica of the US flag and an effigy of President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo during a rally against the upcoming US and Philippine joint military exercise and humanitarian mission in Davao city, southern Philippines, on 18 Feb, 2008. —INTERNET

Oil rises, buoyed by supply risks, speculators

LONDON, 19 Feb—Oil advanced for a fourth day on Monday, supported by an escalating row between OPEC member Venezuela and oil major Exxon Mobil.

The quarrel between Venezuela and Exxon has helped oil bounce back from this year's low of 86.11, US dollars but worries about a slowdown in top oil consumer the United States could prevent a return to record highs of 100 US dollars a barrel struck in early January.

US crude was up 80 cents at 96.30 US dollars a barrel by 1515 GMT. On Friday it had closed 4 cents higher at 95.50, US dollars after touching a one-month high of 96.67, US dollars.

London Brent crude was up 70 cents at 95.33 US dollars.

"Oil prices are remaining at firm levels, buttressed by perceived supply side risks," David Moore, a resource analyst at the Commonwealth Bank of Australia said in a research note.

There is also evidence of investors moving back into oil, which could point to further price strength.

MNA/Reuters



A member of staff displays a rare 101.27 carat diamond, the largest colourless diamond to appear at auction in nearly 20 years, at an auction house in London, on 19 Feb, 2008. —INTERNET



Models pose with Toshiba's HD-XA1 HD DVD player in Tokyo. Toshiba's decision to no longer develop, make or market high-definition HD DVD players and recorders will mean consumers can start feeling more confident about buying the victorious rival technology — a Blu-ray disc player. INTERNET

New Thai Govt revives populist economic policies

BANGKOK, 19 Feb — Thailand's new government set out its economic priorities on Monday, promising village hand-outs, cheap loans and a debt moratorium for the poor as it revived the populist policies of ousted prime minister Thaksin Shinawatra.

Multi-billion-dollar infrastructure projects were given lower billing in the government's policy agenda unveiled for the first time in Parliament on Monday.

There was no mention of the capital controls which tarnished Thai-land's investment

reput-ation when they were imposed in late 2006 to rein in a surging baht.

Prime Minister Samak Sundaravej, who said last week a review of the curbs would take two months, set 19 priorities for his six-party coalition gov-ernment in its first year, most of them

policies to spur domestic spending.

"It is a government priority to enhance the grassroots economy so they have the potential to earn more and pay less," Samak told Parliament in an apparent reference to rural Thais who gave his People Power Party the most seats in a December poll. Samak, 72, promised to boost cash handouts to villages for development projects, replace loan sharks with a state-owned "Peoples' Bank", forgive the debts of farmers and the poor, and build new homes for low-income earners in Bangkok.

MNA/Reuters

World tea prices to maintain upward trend in 2008

ROME, 19 Feb — World tea prices in 2008 are expected to maintain their upward trend as a result of a tight supply on the world market exacerbated by a projected 10-per-cent de-crease in Kenyan pro-duction due to civil unrest, according to an FAO re-port on current and future trends in the tea market, which is available Sunday.

This follows a review of the world tea market for 2006 which indicated an improvement in the fundamental oversupply situation that had persisted for many years.

MNA/Xinhua

Less Cambodians infected in HIV tests in 2007

PHNOM PENH, 20 Feb — The number of Cambodians who tested HIV positive dropped in 2007, even though more people have come in to be tested, local media reported Tuesday.

According to figures from the latest report from the National Centre for HIV/AIDS, Dermatology and STDs (NCHADS), the number of people taking an HIV test jumped to nearly 300,000 last year,

with 5 per cent of them testing positive, the *Mekong Times* newspaper said.

In 2006, only about 230,000 people were tested, while 7 per cent were HIV positive, it added.

NCHADS President Mean Chhivon attributed the reduction in the number of HIV carriers to people being more aware of the disease and to there being a mushrooming of

HIV voluntary testing and counselling centres throughout the country, the newspaper said.

In 2006, Cambodia's HIV prevalence rate had decreased to around 0.9 per cent of the whole population, while it was 2 per cent in 1998, according to World Health Organization (WHO) figures. — *MNA/Xinhua*

This artist's illustration shows the gigantic ancient frog Beelzebufo ampigna face-to-face with a modern frog, with a pencil added for scale.
INTERNET



Genetically modified corn cob EU farm ministers failed on 18 Feb, to agree whether to allow new strains of genetically modified maize and potato, amid persisting divisions over biotech products.

INTERNET

French police raid Paris suburb

VILLIERS-LE-BEL (France), 19 Feb — French police launched raids in a Parisian suburb early on Monday, arresting 25 people they suspected of being involved in violent clashes that broke out in the area in November, a police source said.

About a thousand police officers were involved in the operation, which began at about 6 am (0500 GMT) in Villiers-le-Bel, to the north of Paris, and neighbouring suburbs.

"Inquiries conducted by the police services since November allowed 36 suspects to be identi-

fied, of whom 25 have for the moment been called in for questioning. The operation has gone well so far," prosecutor Marie-Therese de Givry told reporters. About 60 police officers were injured in the November clashes, which followed the death of two boys in a motor-cycle accident with a police car in Villiers-le-Bel. A library, several public buildings and dozens of cars were burned during the unrest, which reawakened memories of the riots in poor French suburbs in 2005 when youths torched thousands of cars during weeks of clashes with police. — *MNA/Reuters*

Sri Lanka says 56 killed in fighting in north

COLOMBO, 19 Feb — Sri Lankan troops killed more than 50 Tamil Tiger rebels in weekend battles in the island's north in which two soldiers were also killed, the military said on Monday.

Fighting between the military and the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) has intensified since the government scrapped a six-year ceasefire pact last month.

The government said the rebels had used the truce to re-arm.

Troops killed 54 rebel fighters in a series of clashes in the northern Jaffna Peninsula, the northern districts of Va-

vuniya and Polonaruwa and the northwestern district of Mannar, the Ministry of Defence said in a statement.

The Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) were not available for comment and analysts say both sides tend to inflate enemy casualty figures in the absence of independent accounts of the fighting. Buoyed by battlefield victories in the east, where it has captured swathes of rebel-held terrain, the government is now seeking to overrun the separatist Tigers' northern stronghold in the latest chapter of a 25-year civil war. — *MNA/Reuters*



A portrait of Confucius in Wuhan. More than two million people have registered as descendants of the philosopher tripling the size of the celebrated Chinese philosopher's family tree, state media reported on 18 Feb, 2008. — *INTERNET*

Italy arrests top mafia boss

ROME, 20 Feb — Italian police have arrested the leader of the powerful Calabrian Mafia, Interior Minister Giuliano Amato said here.

Pasquale Condello, 57, was captured in a house in Reggio Calabria in the southern tip of mainland Italy, police said. There were no further details of his capture. Amato said in a statement that Condello was "the number one boss of the 'Ndrangheta", the name of the Calabrian Mafia which, largely through drug trafficking, has become far more powerful than the more famous Sicilian mob.

Police called Condello "the Provenzano of Calabria", Amato said, a reference to Bernado Provenzano, the Sicilian "boss of bosses" who was arrested in April 2006. — *MNA/Reuters*

Abu Dhabi licence plate auctioned, record \$14m

ABU DHABI, 19 Feb — A licence plate bearing simply the number "1" fetched what organizers said was a world record 14 million US dollars at a charity auction in Abu Dhabi on Saturday.

The price paid by Saeed Abdel Khouri, 25, beat a record set by one of his relatives in September, the organizers said in a statement.

The record has been submitted to the *Guinness World Records Book*, they said.

Proceeds from the auction will fund construction of a specialized emergency hospital in the seven-member United Arab Emirates. — *MNA/Reuters*

Global warming may bring sharks back to Antarctic

BEIJING, 19 Feb — It's been 40 million years since Antarctic waters were warm enough for sharks to lurk around and feed on polar prey, but rising ocean temperatures from global warming could eventually bring the toothy predators back, media reported Tuesday quoting scientists as saying.

If sharks reenter Antarctic waters, the entire polar ecosystem will be severely altered, with the ferocious predators easily preying on a wide assortment of slow-moving, soft-bodied organisms that dominate the sea floor of the cold-water environment, said Cheryl Wilga, an associate professor of biomechanics at the evolution at University of Rhode Island.

"Sharks and crabs are the biggest predators of benthic [bottom dwelling] invertebrates and the entire environment will change," Wilga said.

Sharks generally thrive in warm, tropical waters and have a high metabolic rate because they must swim constantly to aerate their gills. — *Internet*

Set up Myanmar Green hotels

Chit Swe Myint

Tourism and hotels are interrelated with each other. Tourism reflects a combination of hotels and accommodations, restaurants, vehicles, culture of human beings, and environmental conservation, and their sustainable progress. Hotels and accommodations provide services for tourists.

Economic processes, which contribute towards the economy and incomes of a region, country, place and people, gain benefits in proportion to services provided for tourists. Due to the interrelation, man sometimes views tourism and hotels separately, combines them, and is confused about them, depending on the sector concerned, individual opinion, and services because it seems that man considers travel agents' service to be tourism. Tourism is, in fact, just tourism, not a hotel, travel agent, restaurant, vehicle, or entertainment with culture of the region concerned and modern culture.

Anyhow, accommodation is indispensable for tourism. It should provide enough accommodation for more than 700 million tourists travelling around the world yearly. We sometimes give an offer to our

guests to put up at home in accordance with Myanmar traditions. However, there may be some difficulties on both sides, so people think of staying in a hotel or a lodging house if they can afford.

India has a large area and is rich in fine traditions, culture and natural resources. When it laid down a strategy to promote its tourism, it noticed that it could not provide enough accommodation for expected number of tourists. Moreover, it was not in a position to provide more accommodation due to its dense population.

So, it is required to build various forms of hotels and accommodations for various sorts of tourist destinations and tourists, such as hotel, motel, inn, resort, hostel, transient hotel, lodge, guest house, B & B, time share, and home stay.

ASEAN countries are in the list of famous tourist destinations, attracting about 10 per cent of the total number of tourists from around the world. Leaders of the ASEAN countries are now seeking better ways to lure a greater number of tourists to their countries, and coordinating among themselves to shape the whole ASEAN region into an ASEAN Single Destination. In

addition, an agreement has been reached to establish an ASEAN Economic Community. Based on the programmes, leaders of the ASEAN Tourism Industry sought means to standardize norms in tourism. In that regard, they set up ASEAN Tourism Standards. The process mainly includes status and standards of hotels.

The standard of hotels that is necessary for tourism standard is designated as green hotel. In a bid to establish a Single Destination to attract a growing number of tourists to ASEAN, the term "Green Hotel" was laid down not only to improve the standards of hotels in the region but also to make them attractive. The best ones of the hotels and resorts in various countries that won +ve in previous years were presented Green Hotel Award at the 11th ASEAN Tourism Ministers Meeting in Bangkok, Thailand, on 22 January 2008. The Ministry of Hotels and Tourism of Myanmar nominated ten of the hotels and resorts in Yangon, Ngapali, Kalaw, Inlay, Bagan and Ngwehsaung regions.

Tourism industry will be thriving for long. In the 21st Century, the world started to see shortage of fuel including oil, so the countries are thinking of possible problems. So, the tourism world places emphasis on environmental conservation for sustainable tourism. Tourism will be thriving for ever. Even if the world sees significant development of science, people will make space trips.

Rich natural resources alone are not enough for development of the tourism industry. It is also needed to fulfil the requirements of people with various forms of services innovated by man.

I would like to urge hoteliers to upgrade their hotels, motels and resorts to ones that meet the standards of a green hotel.

Translation: MS

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Microsoft software programme to benefit students worldwide

LOS ANGELES, 20 Feb —Microsoft Chairman Bill Gates Tuesday announced a software giveaway programme that would give students around the world free access to his company's software-development tools.

The programme, dubbed Microsoft DreamSpark, was introduced by Gates in his speech at Stanford University near San

Francisco. Gates announced his departure from Microsoft's day-to-day operations management about two year ago, and began a full-time career on charity efforts.

Microsoft is making the free software immediately available to about 35 million students enrolled in colleges in 10 countries, including the United States, Britain, China, France and

Germany.

The programme will be expanded to more countries in six months.

The software, including Visual Studio, Microsoft's suite of programming languages, and Expression Studio, a tool for designing user interfaces and Web pages, would cost thousands of dollars to buy, company officials said.

MNA/Xinhua

Colombia asks more int'l help to protect Amazon

BOGOTA, 20 Feb — Colombian Environment Minister Juan Lozano asked the world for more cooperation to protect the Amazon rainforest, dubbed "the lungs of the world."

"Today we are demanding more solidarity from the world, for more collaboration and for more resources. We have been lining up cooperation

efforts and achieving important results," he added.

In 2008, Colombia's Government doubled the budget for conservation and national park restoration, aiming to "correct the nation's environmental indebtedness".

Lozano said the government regarded the protection of native woods and the proper exploitation

of natural resources as a high priority, and would push strategic alliances with indigenous citizens.

"We have to defend our nature reserves against any proposed law or decree and obviously make progress in the consultations that are needed with the nation's indigenous communities and Afro-Colombians," he said.—MNA/Xinhua

USDA CEC member attends opening of new roads in Pantanaw, Zalun Townships



Minister Col Thein Nyunt and officials inspect new gravel road in Pantanaw Township. — MNA

YANGON, 20 Feb — Hailing the 63rd Anniversary Armed Forces Day, the opening of Innma-Indagaw-Khayaykan new gravel road (Thayatdaw-Byantgyi-Taikgon road section) built by Pantanaw Township Development Affairs Committee was held at the road in Pantanaw

Township on 18 February, attended by CEC member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt. Next, the CEC member met with local people from Innma, Indagaw,

Khayaykan and Danaw village-tracts at Byantgyi-Taikgon village Basic Education Middle School. The minister also attended the opening of new Adar street in Zalun Township constructed by Zalun Township DAC yesterday. Next, the minister went

to opening of Thabyu village gravel road in Danubyu Township. The CEC member met with officials, townselders and local people at the Dhammayon of the village and fulfilled the requirements. —MNA

UMFCCI President meets Bangladeshi Ambassador



President of UMFCCI U Win Myint meets Bangladeshi Ambassador Mr Abu Roshde Rokonuddawla. — UMFCCI

YANGON, 20 Feb — President of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Win Myint, General Secretary U Sein Win Hlaing and Joint Secretary U Tun Aung met Ambassador of Bangladesh to Myanmar Mr Abu Roshde Rokonuddawla and Counsellor (Commerce) Mr Md Aftabuzzaman at the UMFCCI building in Lanmadaw Township this morning. At the meeting, they held discussions on boosting bilateral trade and co-organizing expositions.

International Trade Course (Program-II) opened

YANGON, 20 Feb — The educational work committee of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry opened its international trade course (Program-II) at the UMFCCI training centre here on 19 February. U Sein Win Hlaing, General Secretary of UMFCCI, delivered a speech and member of the committee U Tin Ko Ko explained matters related to the course. A

total of 35 trainees are attending the 12-day course.

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A&I Minister receives FAO Resident Representative, Malaysian Ambassador

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Feb — Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo received Resident Representative of FAO Mr Tang Zhengping who was accompanied by Mr Xuening Liu, Ms Egle De Angelis and Dr Ohn Myint from FAO Headquarters at the ministry, here, yesterday morning.

They discussed supplying of water from Thonze Dam and Khabaung Dam under the arrangements of the irrigation system development plan being implemented by the International Development Funds and the future plans for irrigation system of Yenwe Dam.

In the afternoon, the minister received Malaysian Ambassador Dato Mazlan Bin Muhammad at the same venue. The meeting focused on cooperation in development of agricultural sector between the two countries. — MNA

Traditional Htamane making contests...

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commander and wife, Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko and officials.

The Htamane making contests took place at Shwephonepwint and Moegaung Pagodas.

In Lanmadaw Township, the Htamane making contest was organized by Township Union Solidarity and Development Association.

MNA



Chairman of Educational Work Committee of UMFCCI U Sein Win Hlaing delivers an address at opening of International Trade Course. UMFCCI

Htamane making contest in progress at Buddha Pujaniya of Lawka Chantha Abhaya Labha Muni Buddha Image.—MNA

Pile driven for construction of No (4) 500-ton Fertilizer Plant



Minister Brig-Gen Lun Thi presses a button to launch work on construction of No 4 Fertilizer Plant in Hmawby Township. — ENERGY

YANGON 19 Feb — Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi attended the pile driving ceremony for building No (4) 500-ton Fertilizer Plant at the construction site of the plant at Myaungdaka in Hmawby Township this morning and pressed the button to drive the pile.

At the briefing hall, Project Director U Aung

Myint reported to the minister on construction tasks and Managing Director U Thein Lwin of Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise made a supplementary report. The minister gave instructions on timely completion and meeting set standards. The construction works of the plant will be finished in 2009.

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Commander inspects progress of ...

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At Kyakhatwaing Pariyatti Monastery, the 100 bags of rice donation ceremony was held. Presiding Nayaka Sayadaw Bhaddanta Jotipala of the monastery administered the Five Precepts.

The commander offered 100 bags of rice and alms donated by Bago Division PDC to the Sayadaw.

Next, the commander also donated robes and provisions to Sayadaw Bhaddanta Visuddha at Dhammalinkara Buddha Rakkhita Monastery in Oktha Myothit. While visiting the monastery, the commander paid homage to Maha Muni Bronze Buddha Image.

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108th Buddha Pujaniya of Kyaikkasan Pagoda launched

YANGON, 20 Feb — A ceremony to commence the 108th Buddha Pujaniya of Kyaikkasan Pagoda was held at the pagoda in Thingangyun Township today.

Chairman of Yangon East District Peace and Development Council U Than Aung, Assistant Director of Yangon East District Religious Affairs Department U Kyin Khaing and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the pagoda Thiha Thudhamma Mani Jotadhara (Hsinmin) U Tin Shwe formally opened the ceremony and the congregation went round the pagoda clockwise.

Provisions will be donated to members of the Sangha and nuns at the pagoda tomorrow to mark the Buddha Pujaniya. — MNA

Officials formally open ceremony to launch 108th Buddha Pujaniya of Kyaikkasan Pagoda. — MNA



Hindu Buddhist families offer 'soon', flowers and water to Tooth Relic Pagoda (Yangon)

YANGON, 20 Feb — Hindu Buddhist families residing in Yangon offered 'soon', flowers and water to nine Buddha images at Tooth Relic Pagoda (Yangon) in Mayangon Township on 17 February morning.

They took the

Five Precepts from KanU Zaytawun Monastery Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Ganthavaçaka Pandita Bhaddanta Nandasamibhivamsa. Members of the Sangha recited Parittas. Chairman of Hindu Buddhist

Association U Sein Htay and responsible persons donated provisions to members of the Sangha. Secretary U Sein Lwin supplicated on the purpose of donation.

Next, the association donated K 111,111 to the funds of the pagoda.

Later, Sayadaw Bhaddanta Nandasamibhivamsa delivered a sermon, followed by sharing of merits gained.

MNA

All this needs to be known

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



Director-General U Myo Myint and officials of Development Affairs Department inspect construction of road in Bago Division. — DAD

DAD D-G inspects No 2 district-to-district road

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Feb — Director-General U Myo Myint of Development Affairs Department under the Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs inspected earth work of Koegwe-Paung Laung Chaung Gamonetaung gravel road section of No 2 district-to-district road being implemented by Mandalay Division DAC

and Bago Division DAC on 18 February and gave necessary instructions.

At Paung Laung Chaung Gamonetaung road section being built by Bago Division DAC, the director-general heard reports on progress of work presented by an official and called for completion of task in time.

On 19 February, the director-general looked into construction of Thitkyein-Htonbogyi

Afghan police kill 15 Taliban fighters

KABUL, 20 Feb — Afghan police have killed 15 Taliban insurgents including two of their local commanders over the past two weeks, a Press

release of Interior Ministry issued here Tuesday said. Afghan police have eliminated Mullah Hanif and Mullah Dadgul, two local commanders of Taliban outfit, along with 13 of their comrades in Deh Rawad District of southern Afghanistan's Uruzgan Province, the ministry said.

The operation launched two weeks ago is still continuing, it said.

MNA/Xinhua

Fidel Castro retires as Cuban President

HAVANA, 20 Feb— Cuban leader Fidel Castro said on Tuesday that he will not return to lead the country as president or commander-in-chief, retiring as head of state 49 years after he seized power in an armed revolution. Castro, 81, who has not appeared in public for almost 19 months after undergoing stomach surgery, said in a message to the Communist nation that he would not seek a new presidential term when the National Assembly meets on 24 February.

“To my dear compatriots, who gave me the immense honour in recent days of electing me a member of Parliament...I Communicate to you that I will not aspire to or accept — I repeat not aspire to or accept — the positions of President of Council of State and Commander in Chief,” Castro said in the statement published on

the website of the Communist Party’s *Granma* newspaper.

The National Assembly or legislature is expected to nominate his brother and designated successor Raul Castro, 76,

as President. Raul Castro has been running the country since emergency surgery to stop intestinal bleeding forced Castro to delegate power on 31 July, 2006.

MNA/Reuters



This file photo taken on 2 Jan, 1961 shows Cuban leader Fidel Castro (R Front) and Cuban President Osvaldo Dorticos (L Front) attending a manifesto celebrating the victory of the Cuban Revolution in Havana. —XINHUA

Malaysian police smashes armed robbery gang

KUALA LUMPUR, 20 Feb— Malaysian police arrested three men responsible for a string of armed robberies in the southern Johor State, local media reported on Tuesday.

From the three, police seized two handguns with ammunition, two vehicles, one of which had been reported stolen, and six mobile phones.

Johor state police chief Mokhtar Shariff said they could solve at least eight cases with the arrest of the three.

Police conducted three raids in Muar, Johor on Saturday.

“Two had actively committed the robberies while the other was the driver of their getaway vehicle. The suspects led us to a hut in an oil palm

plantation, where we found the firearms and ammunition,” the *New Straits Times* quoted Mokhtar Shariff as saying. — MNA/Xinhua



Sri Lanka troops take rebel positions, toll at 68

COLOMBO, 20 Feb — Sri Lankan troops killed 10 Tamil Tiger rebels and captured rebel territory in the island’s north on Monday, taking the death toll from three days of fighting 68, the military said.

Most of those killed were rebels, the military

said. Fighting between the military and the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) has intensified since the government scrapped a six-year ceasefire pact last month. The government said the rebels had used the truce to re-arm. The latest fighting occurred along

the front-line in the northwestern district of Mannar.

“Troops backed by artillery fire captured 600 metres of the LTTE’s bunker line in Mannar,” said military spokesman Brigadier Udaya Nanayakkara.

MNA/Reuters



Actors perform lantern dance during the second folk lantern dance competition held in Chuzhou city, east China’s Anhui Province, on 19 Feb, 2008. A total of 25 dance teams took part in the lantern dance competition to greet the traditional Lantern Festival, which falls on 21 Feb, this year. —XINHUA

Australia says job is done for soldiers in Iraq

CANBERRA, 20 Feb— Australia’s top military commander said on Wednesday the job of the country’s combat troops in southern Iraq was done, bolstering a government decision to bring soldiers home mid-year.

Ahead of weekend talks in Canberra with US Defence Secretary Robert Gates on the planned withdrawal of 550 soldiers, Air Chief Marshal Angus Houston said Iraqi forces had not needed Australian backup for two years now.

“The situation on the ground in Al Muthanna and Dhi Qar (provinces),

the Iraqis are taking care of business,” Houston told a hearing before Australia’s Upper House Senate.

“The conditions on the ground have been established whereby we can leave them to it and, because we have influenced their training, we are very confident in their ability to handle the circumstances in those two provinces. The job is done.”

Australia, a close US ally, has around 1,000 troops in and around Iraq and was an original member of the US-led coalition which invaded the country in 2003.

Most are in the stable south, which has largely escaped the bloodshed in other parts of the country and which is said by Western nations to be a model for Iraqi security control.

MNA/Reuters

Egypt deports 350 Palestinians back to Gaza

ISMAILIA (Egypt), 20 Feb — Egypt has deported some 350 Palestinians, rounded up in North Sinai over the past four days, to Gaza, security sources said on Monday.

“The Salaheddin border gate was opened this evening and the Palestinians were transported in buses to the city of Rafah and then to Gaza,” one security source said.

Egyptian security forces said earlier that police had rounded up some 500 Palestinians and was holding them at a youth hostel in the provincial capital El Arish.

“The remaining ... Palestinians will be deported in the next few hours,” the security source said.

The group is part of at least 3,000 Palestinians left inside Egypt after hundreds of thousands of Gaza residents crossed the border in January to seek relief from an Israeli blockade.

The Egyptian Government held talks last week with the Palestinian Islamic movement Hamas, which runs Gaza, but the two sides have not announced any agreement for the border to reopen.

MNA/Reuters

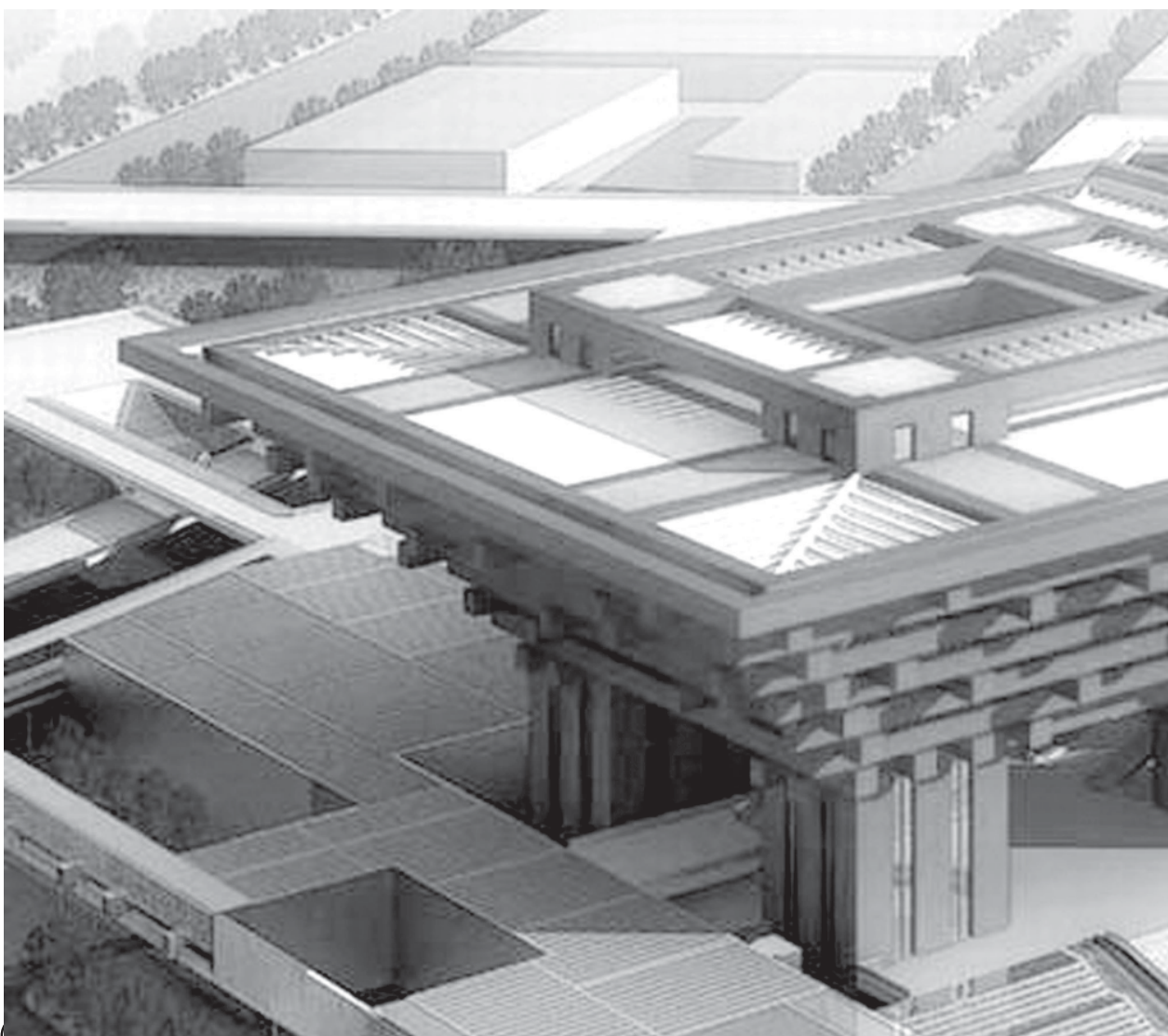
In this photo released by the Australian Antarctic Division, tunicates, an animal that is stalk like in structure and looks like glass tulips are seen in Antarctic waters in January 2008.
INTERNET

Images of the Day



A visitor amazes at a jade sculpture “roast duck” in Beijing, capital of China, on 16 Jan, 2008. A batch of works awarded at the oriental jinyu cup jade sculpture contest was shown in Beijing, attracting a lot of collectors to visit on Wednesday.

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Sudoku-style roof is lifted first time for China’s pavilion at the 2010 World Expo, on 18 Feb, 2008. The main structure of the China Pavilion, “The Crown of the East,” has a distinctive roof, made of traditional dougong or brackets, which has a history dating back more than 2,000 years. —INTERNET



A security guard escorts a model in a golden dress decorated with 325 Austrian gold coins at a promotional event in Tokyo on 14 Feb, 2008.

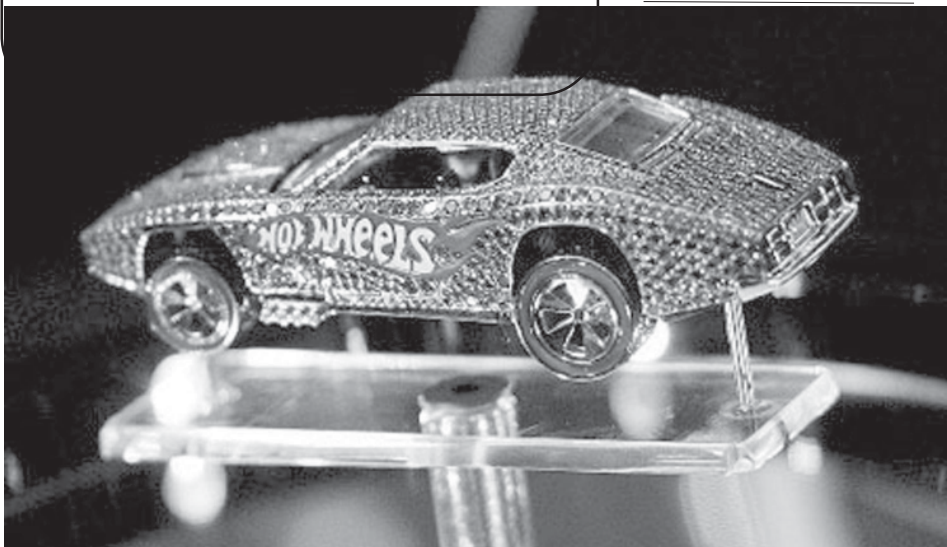
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Thousands of people gathered to watch the blasting of the 61-meter (200-foot) Volkswohl Bund building at the city center of Dortmund on Sunday, Feb. 17. Some 500 residents were evacuated from the area and the subway under the 4 building was stopped as a safety precaution.—INTERNET

A diamond encrusted Hot Wheels car sits on display at the Mattel offices in New York, on 15 Feb, 2008. This one-of-a-kind car, the most expensive in Hot Wheels history, was made to commemorate the production of the 4 billionth Hot Wheels vehicle.

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၃။ လျှောက်လွှာကို ဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ်လေ့ကျင့်ရေးအဖွဲ့ရုံး၊ ရုံးအမှတ်(၁၇) နေပြည်တော်သို့ ၁၂ - ၃ - ၂၀၀၈ နေ့အရောက်ပေးပို့ရမည်။ လျှောက်လွှာပေးပို့ရာတွင် လူကိုယ်တိုင် ဖြစ်စေ၊ မြန်မာ့ ဆက်သွယ်ရေး လုပ်ငန်း၊ အမြန်ချော့ပို့ (သို့မဟုတ်) မှတ်ပုံတင်စာဖြင့် ဖြစ်စေ ပေးပို့နိုင်ပါသည်။

၄။ ရာထူးတစ်မျိုးထက်ပို၍ လျှောက်လွှာတင်သွင်းလိုပါက ရာထူးတစ်မျိုးစီအတွက် ဝင်ကြေးငွေ ၂၀၀/- ကို သီးခြား ပေးသွင်းပြီးရာထူးအလိုက် လျှောက်လွှာတစ်စောင်စီ သီးခြားတင်သွင်းရမည်။

၅။ လျှောက်လွှာတွင် ဖော်ပြရမည့်အချက်များ၊ ပူးတွဲပါရှိရမည့် စာရွက်စာတမ်းများ၊ ဝင်ကြေးငွေ ၂၀၀/- ပေးသွင်းရမည့် နည်းလမ်း၊ ရေးဖြေ၊ နှုတ်ဖြေ စစ်ဆေးမှုအတွက် လေ့လာရန် လိုအပ်ချက်များနှင့် စပ်လျဉ်း၍ ဤအဖွဲ့၏ ၁၈ - ၅ - ၂၀၀၇ ရက်စွဲပါ စာအမှတ်၊ ၆၉၆/ ရွေးချယ်ရေး(အဓိက)/ ၂၀၀၇ ဖြင့် ထုတ်ပြန်ထားသော ဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ် လေ့ကျင့်ရေးအဖွဲ့၏ ကြော်ငြာခေါ်ယူသော ရာထူးများအတွက် လျှောက်လွှာတင်သွင်းသူများ လိုက်နာရန် လမ်းညွှန်ချက် စာစောင်ပါ သတ်မှတ်ချက်များနှင့် အညီ လိုက်နာ ဆောင်ရွက်ရန် ဖြစ်သည်။

၆။ ရေးဖြေစာမေးပွဲကို နေပြည်တော် တွင် ကျင်းပမည်။

၇။ ဝန်ထမ်းများသည် မူရင်း လျှောက်လွှာတစ်စောင်ကို မိမိ တာဝန်ထမ်းဆောင်သည့် ဌာနအကြီးအကဲမှ တစ်ဆင့် ဝန်ကြီးဌာန၏ နှင့် ပြုချက်ရယူပြီး ဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ်လေ့ကျင့်ရေးအဖွဲ့ရုံး၊ ရုံးအမှတ် (၁၇) နေပြည်တော်သို့ ၁၂ - ၃ - ၂၀၀၈ နေ့ အရောက်ပေးပို့ရမည်။ လျှောက်လွှာ တစ်စောင်ကို ဓါတ်ပုံအလိုက် နှင့် အတူ ဤအဖွဲ့ရုံး နေပြည်တော်သို့ တိုက်ရိုက်ပေးပို့ရမည်။

၈။ ၅ - ၄ - ၂၀၀၈ နေ့နှင့် ၆ - ၄ - ၂၀၀၈ နေ့များတွင် အရည်အချင်းစစ် ရေးဖြေစာမေးပွဲကျင်းပမည်။

၉။ ၄ - ၄ - ၂၀၀၈ နေ့မှ စ၍ ဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ်လေ့ကျင့်ရေးအဖွဲ့ရုံး၊ ရုံးအမှတ်(၁၇) နေပြည်တော်တွင် ဖြေဆိုခွင့်ကတ်ပြား များကို ထုတ်ပေးမည်။

၉။ အခြားစုံစမ်းမေးမြန်းလိုချက်ရှိပါက ဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ်လေ့ကျင့်ရေးအဖွဲ့ရုံး၊ ရုံးအမှတ်(၁၇) နေပြည်တော် (တယ်လီဖုန်းအမှတ် ၀၆၇ - ၄၀၉၀၅၂ နှင့် ၀၆၇ - ၄၀၉၄၃၀) သို့ လူကိုယ်တိုင်ဖြစ်စေ၊ တယ်လီဖုန်းဖြင့်ဖြစ်စေ ဆက်သွယ် စုံစမ်းမေးမြန်းနိုင်ပါသည်။

၁၀။ ဤကြော်ငြာနှင့် လျှောက် လွှာတင် သွင်းသူများ လိုက်နာရန် လမ်းညွှန် ချက် စာစောင် ကို ဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ်လေ့ကျင့်ရေးအဖွဲ့၏ Website များဖြစ်သော csstb.imis.com.mm နှင့် www.csstb.gov.mm တွင်လည်း ဖော်ပြထားပါသည်။

Tunisian Customs seize ton of hashish at port

TUNIS, 19 Feb—Tunisian port Customs officers seized a ton of hashish hidden in a truck bound for France, in one of the North African country’s biggest drug busts, Customs officials and local media said on Monday.

The drugs, estimated to be worth five million US dollars, were detected by Customs agents when they Y-rayed the vehicle at La Goulette Port at the weekend. Police arrested the driver and his assistant.

MNA/Reuters

ပြန်ကြားရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန
ပုံနှိပ်ရေးနှင့်စာအုပ်ထုတ်ဝေရေးလုပ်ငန်းအတွက်
စက္ကူနှင့်ပုံနှိပ်ရေးလုပ်ငန်းသုံးပစ္စည်းများ ဝယ်ယူရန်
တင်ဒါခေါ်ယူခြင်း

၁။ ပြန်ကြားရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန၊ ပုံနှိပ်ရေးနှင့် စာအုပ်ထုတ်ဝေရေး လုပ်ငန်းအတွက် အသုံးပြုရန် လိုအပ်သော အောက်ဖော်ပြပါ စက္ကူနှင့် ပုံနှိပ်ရေးလုပ်ငန်းသုံး ပစ္စည်းများကို ဝယ်ယူလိုပါသည်။

1. Newsprint Paper (48.8 Gsm)	-	3,200Tons
(28 1/4", 30", 40")		
2. Woodfree Paper		
(a) 30" (70 Gsm)	-	200 Tons
(b) 30" (80 Gsm)	-	50 Tons
(c) 31" x 43" (70 Gsm)	-	20 Tons
(d) 31" x 43" (80 Gsm)	-	30 Tons
(e) 23 1/2" x 33" (A1) (70 Gsm)	-	10 Tons
(f) 23 1/2" x 33" (A1) (80 Gsm)	-	40 Tons
3. Art Card		
(a) 31" x 43" (260/275 Gsm)	-	15 Tons
(b) 23 1/2" x 33" (A1) (260/275 Gsm)	-	5 Tons
(c) 23 1/2" x 33" (A1) (250 Gsm)	-	5 Tons
4. Art Paper		
(a) 31" x 43" (85 Gsm)	-	10 Tons
(b) 23 1/2" x 33" (A1) (100/105 Gsm)	-	10 Tons
5. Web Offset Ink		
(a) Black	-	7,600 Kg
(b) Yellow	-	1,650 Kg
(c) Magenta	-	850 Kg
(d) Cyan	-	750 Kg
6. Sheet fed Offset Ink		
(a) Yellow	-	350 Kg
(b) Magenta	-	250 Kg
(c) Cyan	-	350 Kg
(d) Green	-	1,500 Kg
7. ပုံတူကူးမလင်		
(a) Ortho Film (22" x 32") (50 Sht/Pkt)	-	55 Pkts
(b) Developer (5 Lit/Bot)	-	275 Bots
8. Image setter Film		
(a) 460 mm x 60m	-	22 Rolls
(b) 61 cmx 60 m	-	50 Rolls
9. Negative Plates & Chemical		
(a) 915x626x0.3mm	-	3,500 Shts
(b) 1035x740x0.3mm	-	600 Shts
(c) 889x609x0.3 mm	-	5,000 Shts
(d) Developer (5 Lit/Bot)	-	180 Shts
10. Positive Plates		
635x745x0.3mm	-	2,100 Shts
11. Wipe on Developer & Others		
(a) coating A+B	-	85 Pkts
(b) Lacquer	-	80 Liter
(c) Gum Arabic (20 Lit/Bot)	-	12 Bots
12. Stitching Wire		
(a) 23 Guage	-	2,000 Coil
(b) 24 Guage	-	550 Coil
13. Riso Ink & master Roll		
(a) RA Ink	-	26 Ctg
(b) RA Master Roll	-	14 Rolls
(c) RZ ink	-	30 Ctg
(d) RZ Master Roll	-	16 Rolls
14. Rubber Blanket		
889 x 626 x 1.95mm(With T Bar)	-	100 Shts
15. Timing Belt (2310-140 m-40)for		
The Orient four unit Web Offset	-	20 Nos
16. Toner Cartridge, Canon 1120 (EP 22)	-	60 Ctg

၂။ တင်ဒါပေးသွင်းမှုကို (၅-၃-၂၀၀၈) ရက် (၁၆-၃၀) နာရီတွင် ပိတ်ပါမည်။

၃။ တင်ဒါပုံစံနှင့် အသေးစိတ်အချက်အလက်များကို အောက်ပါလိပ်စာ တွင် လာရောက်စုံစမ်းဝယ်ယူနိုင်ပါသည်။

ပြည်တွင်း/ပြည်ပပစ္စည်းများ ဝယ်ယူရေးနှင့်ထုတ်ဝေရေးကော်မတီ
ပြန်ကြားရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန
မြန်မာ့အသံနှင့် ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား
ပြည်လမ်း၊ ရန်ကုန်မြို့။ ဖုန်း ၅၃၇၆၈၅

သစ်တောသစ်ပင် ချစ်ခင်တဲ့လူမျိုး၊ သစ်ပင်ကို နှစ်စဉ်စိုက် ရွှေတိုက်ကိုစိုး။

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Indonesia plans new power billing system

JAKARTA, 19 Feb — The Indonesian Government plans a new billing system that will encourage customers to use electricity wisely, intended to ease subsidy burdens on state power company PLN, local Press said Monday.

The new system uses last year's average household electricity consumption as a benchmark and users who keep 2008 consumption to 80 per cent of that benchmark would get a 20-per-cent discount.

On the other hand, households whose consumption exceeds the benchmark will be subject to penalties in the form of higher rates, reported local newspaper *The Jakarta Post*.

"There will be a reward and punishment mechanism," director general of electricity and energy utilization Purwono was quoted as saying.

He said the policy would be applied in March.

MNA/Xinhua

Stolen paintings found in Zurich

ZURICH, 20 Feb—Two paintings stolen in one of the world’s largest art thefts have been recovered in an abandoned car, Swiss police have confirmed. The pictures, by Vincent van Gogh and Claude Monet, were among four paintings worth \$160m (£82m) that were stolen from Zurich’s Emil Buehrle Collection.

They were discovered on the back seat of a white sedan parked outside a psychiatric hospital in the city. Three masked, armed men took the artworks from the museum last week.

Internet

Cambodia to restore decades-old railway system

SISOPHON (Cambodia), 19 Feb—The Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the Royal Government of Cambodia here on Monday launched their joint project to restore the kingdom’s decades-old rail traffic system.

The new project will rehabilitate approximately 600 kilometres of track, and reconstruct another 48 kilometres near the Thai border that was completely destroyed during wartime, said an ADB Press release. ADB is providing 42 million US dollars of concession loan for the project from its Asian Development Fund, it said.—MNA/Xinhua

Freeway accident in Hunan leaves 15 dead, 25 injured

CHANGSHA, 20 Feb — Fifteen people were killed and 25 injured in a freeway accident in Hunan Province, central China, on Monday.

The accident happened at around 7:00 pm at Chenzhou City on the north-south freeway connecting Beijing and Zhuhai City in south China’s Guangdong Province, according to traffic police.

A bus heading north ran into the rear of a tanker, causing a fire and ensuing explosion which ignited three other motor vehicles already tangled in a previous road accident, said a police spokesperson.

The traffic on the Beijing-Zhuhai freeway was stopped temporarily because of the accident.

MNA/Xinhua

A man cleans up in his daughter’s bedroom on 18 Feb, 2008, in Prattville, Ala., after a tornado hit the area causing wide damage on 17 Feb.

INTERNET



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MINISTRY OF RAIL TRANSPORTATION
MYANMA RAILWAYS
INVITATION TO SEALED TENDER

1. Sealed Tender is invited by Myanma Railways, for supply of the following Stores which will be purchased in Myanmar Kyat.

Sr.No	Tender No	Description	Quantity
i.	15(T)14/MR(E) 2007-2008	Fish Bolt & Nut BS 75 R with Two Spring Washers (Brand News)	165000-Sets

Closing Date/Time-31-3-2008 (Monday) (12:00) Hours

2. Tender documents are available at the office of the Deputy General Manager (Supply), Myanma Railways, Corner of 51st Street and Merchant Street, Botahtaung, Yangon starting from 19.2.2008 during the office hours.

3. For further details please call: 01-291982, 291985, (201555 Ext 601, 605)
Deputy General Manager
Supply Department, Myanma Railways, Botahtaung, Yangon

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV BOHAI CHALLENGE VOYNO (5)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV BOHAI CHALLENGE VOYNO (5) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 21.2.2008 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm up to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the vessel.

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

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

China sends art troupes to snow-hit areas

BEIJING, 19 Feb — China has sent three art troupes to five of its worst snow-stricken provinces, to “show the country’s respect and gratitude to those still fighting against the snow storms”, said the Ministry of Culture here on Sunday.

The three troupes would stage 10 performances in Anhui, Jiangxi, Hunan and Hubei Provinces and the Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region from 17 February to 20 February, said Huang Zhenchun, director with the General Office of the ministry.

“The troupes consist of a number of renowned singers and artists in the country. We hope our performances would showcase the entire country’s determination in our fight against the snow storms, and inspire more people to join the fight,” he said.

MNA/Xinhua

Don’t Smoke

ပြန်ကြားရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန
သတင်းနှင့်စာနယ်ဇင်းလုပ်ငန်းအတွက်
စက္ကူနှင့်ပုံနှိပ်ရေးလုပ်ငန်းသုံးပစ္စည်းများ ဝယ်ယူရန်
တင်ဒါခေါ်ယူခြင်း

၁။ ပြန်ကြားရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန၊ သတင်းနှင့်စာနယ်ဇင်းလုပ်ငန်းအတွက် အသုံးပြုရန် လိုအပ်သော အောက်ဖော်ပြပါ စက္ကူနှင့် ပုံနှိပ်ရေးလုပ်ငန်း သုံး ပစ္စည်းများကို ဝယ်ယူလိုပါသည်။

1. Newsprint Paper (48.8 Gsm)30"	2,000 Tons
2. Woodfree Paper (70 Gsm)(500sht/Pkt)	
(a) 16 ¹ / ₂ " x 11 ³ / ₄ " (A3 Size)	1,000 Pkts
(b) 8 ¹ / ₄ " x 11 ³ / ₄ " (A4 Size)	2,000 Pkts
3. Web Offset Ink (Black)	25,000 Kg
4. Sheetfed Offset Ink (Black)	2,500 Kg
5. P.S Negative Plates	
(a) 915x626x0.3mm	1,000 Shts
(b) 889x609x0.3 mm	2,000 Shts
(c) 889x586x0.3 mm	3,000 Shts
6. Wipe On Aluminium Plates	
(a) 745x635x0.24 mm	1,000 Shts
(b) 650x550x0.24 mm	5,000 Shts
7. P.S Negative Developer	240 Liter
8. Coating A+B Set	240 Sets
9. Developing Lacquer	240 Liter
10. (a) Ortho Film (Roll) (24"x200')	120 Rolls
(b) Ortho Film (Sheet)(22"x32")(50 Sht/Box)	300 Boxes
11. Film Developer (10 Lit/Bot)	180 Bots
12. Film Fixer (5 Lit/Bot)	180 Bots
13. A3 Toner HP Laser Jet 5000N	70 Boxes
14. Rubber Blanket (Roll) 28mx1075mmx1.95mm	2 Rolls
15. Rubber Blanket With T.Bar 890x625x1.95mm	70 Shts
16. Stencil Paper (48 Sht/Box)	300 Boxes
17. Duplicating Ink Tube	300 Boxes
18. Gum Arabic	300 Liter
19. Rubber Blanket	
(a) (765x780x1.95)mm	50 Shts
(b) (675x645x1.95)mm	100 Shts
(c) (676x545x1.95)mm	20 Shts
20. နေပြည်တော် (Imagesetter)	
(a) Film (76.8 cmx61m)	54 Rolls
(b) Developer	320 Liter
(c) Fixer	320 Liter
21. ရန်ကုန် (Imagesetter)	
(a) Film (61 cmx60 m)	36 Rolls
(b) Developer	320 Liter
(c) Fixer	320 Liter
22. Dampening Roller Sleeves	
(a) 64mm	4 Rolls
(b) 76mm	4 Rolls
(c) 84mm	4 Rolls
(d) 96mm	4 Rolls
(e) 104mm	4 Rolls
23. Sponge	400 Nos

၂။ တင်ဒါပေးသွင်းမှုကို (၅-၃-၂၀၀၈) ရက် (၁၆:၃၀)နာရီတွင် ပိတ်ပါမည်။

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Protests greet US war games in Philippines

MANILA, 19 Feb—Thousands of people protested against US soldiers involved in humanitarian missions in Muslim areas of the southern Philippines on Monday, saying the troops’ presence could be provocative. About 6,000 US troops are taking part in annual training exercises with Philippine troops over two weeks but they will only hold humanitarian missions in the south of the archipelago, where Muslim communities are suspicious of their activities.

Zainab Ampatuan, head of the Suara Bangsamoro (Voice of the Moro People) political party, said about 20,000 people gathered in the southern cities of Davao, General Santos, Cagayan de Oro, Cotabato and Pikit to protest the presence of US soldiers.

Ampatuan said the troops might provoke members of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF), the country’s largest Muslim separatist group, which is angered that long-running peace talks with Manila have stalled.

MNA/Reuters

SPORTS

Kuranyi strike gives Schalke 1-0 win over Porto

GELSENKIRCHEN (Germany), 20 Feb — A Kevin Kuranyi goal in the fourth minute earned Schalke 04 a 1-0 win over Porto in the first leg of their Champions League first knockout round tie on Tuesday.

Kuranyi blasted in on the rebound after Porto keeper Helton had failed to hold a shot from Rafinha before the Portuguese side had had time to settle.

Schalke, playing in the knockout stages of the competition for the first time, had plenty of other chances in a one-sided first half and continued to threaten, with Ivan Rakitic and Kuranyi going close with stinging low shots.

MNA/Reuters



Chile's Esteban Saez, right, controls the ball as Mexico's Julio Cesar Dominguez looks on during an under-23 friendly soccer game in Toluca, Mexico, on 19 Feb, 2008.—INTERNET

Stepanek races into San Jose second round

SAN JOSE (California), 20 Feb — Fourth seeded Radek Stepanek was the highest-ranked player to advance to the second round of the San Jose Open on Monday, the Czech easing to a 7-6, 6-1 victory over Chile's Paul Capdeville.

Eighth seeded Kristof Vliegen of Belgium also advanced with 6-4, 7-6 victory over Romania's Victor Hanesu but Juergen Melzer suffered the first upset of the tournament, the number six seed falling 6-2, 6-7, 7-6 to Spain's Guillermo Garcia-Lopez.

American wild card Jesse Levine, a

former hitting partner world number one Roger Federer, overcame Steve Darcis of Belgium 6-3, 2-6, 6-4 to earn a second round encounter against second seed James Blake.

"I played really well in the first set, he really came at me in the second and in the third, I just out-fought him," Levine said.

The 20-year-old said he was reaping the benefits of leaving the University of Florida early last year to test his left-handed game against the world's best.

MNA/Reuters

Ukraine to invite Platini to view stadium progress

KIEV, 20 Feb — Ukraine will invite UEFA chief Michel Platini to tour a new stadium to see for himself the ex-Soviet state's progress in preparing to co-host the Euro 2012 finals, President Viktor Yushchenko said on Tuesday.

"In a few weeks, I will invite Mr Platini to Dnipropetrovsk," local

news agencies quoted Yushchenko as saying after a visit to a stadium nearing completion in the central city to be used in the 2012 tournament.

"I would like it known that Dnipropetrovsk is showing a high level of readiness of its sports facilities for Euro 2012."

A UEFA delegation is visiting Ukraine this week to inspect building sites and other facilities.

MNA/Reuters



India's Sania Mirza serves the ball to Olga Govortsova from Belarus during their Qatar Open tennis tournament in Doha on 19 Feb, 2008.—INTERNET



Juan Jose Haedo of Argentina, riding for Team CSC, celebrates after winning Stage 1 of the AMGEN Tour of California, on 18 Feb, in Santa Rosa.—INTERNET

UK's Brown praises 2012 Games for boosting local jobs

LONDON, 20 Feb — Preparations for the London 2012 Olympics have been hailed as a "catalyst for change" by British Prime Minister Gordon Brown.

Organizers say one in 10 of the current workforce of 2,275 preparing the east London site for the construction of the venues was previously unemployed.

The long-term target is that 7 per cent of jobs will be filled by those who had been unemployed.

The Olympic Delivery Authority (ODA) also claims one fifth of the workforce lives in the local east London area, which is recognized as one of the most needy parts of the capital. A training centre was opened on Tuesday by Olympics Minister Tessa Jowell so the expected 10,000 workforce employed at the peak of construction in 2009/10 will be fully qualified.

"The Olympic and Paralympic Games will be a fantastic sporting celebration in 2012," Brown said in an ODA statement.

MNA/Reuters



France's Nathalie Dechy returns the ball to Shuai Peng from China during their Qatar Open tennis tournament in Doha on 19 Feb, 2008.—INTERNET

Hitzfeld to coach Switzerland after Euro 2008

BERLIN, 20 Feb — Ottmar Hitzfeld will take over as Switzerland coach after Euro 2008, the Swiss FA said in a statement on its website on Tuesday (www.football.ch).

Hitzfeld, who had already announced his decision to step down as Bayern Munich coach at the end of the season, will begin work on 1 July on a two-year contract, the statement said.

Switzerland are co-hosts of Euro 2008 with Austria. Jakob Kuhn had already stated his intention to step down after the 7-29 June tournament. —MNA/Reuters

Benitez says Liverpool win a reward for being patient

LIVERPOOL (England), 20 Feb — Liverpool manager Rafael Benitez praised his side's patience as the five-times European champions scored twice in the final five minutes against Inter Milan to take charge of their Champions League tie.

With the Italian side reduced to 10 men after Marco Materazzi was sent off in the first half, late goals from Dirk Kuyt and Steven Gerrard in a 2-0 win on Tuesday eased the pressure on Benitez who has come under fire after some lacklustre recent performances.

"I had confidence we would score because the team was playing well," he told reporters.

"We kept trying to pass the ball and create chances. We knew it could happen and scoring two goals at the end is much better.

Benitez side-stepped questions on how the result will affect his future at Liverpool.

"I am very pleased with the result," he added. We needed to win as a team because we wanted to progress and as a manager, I am happy.

"We knew it was important not to concede. One of the main things you want is a clean sheet.

"It will be difficult for Inter but also they are a good team so we must be careful." —MNA/Reuters



Denver Nuggets centre Marcus Camby (R) is fouled by Boston Celtics guard Tony Allen in the second quarter of their NBA basketball game in Denver, Colorado on 19 Feb, 2008.—INTERNET

Torres defends Benitez's rotation policy

LONDON, 20 Feb — Liverpool striker Fernando Torres has defended manager Rafael Benitez's squad rotation system despite the policy being blamed for the club's poor season. The Premier League club's last chance of silverware this season rests with the Champions League, where they host Inter Milan on Tuesday in the first leg of their last 16 clash.

"We have a manager with a philosophy that people knew before he came and one that has succeeded," Torres, who has scored 18 goals so far in his first season, told the Times on Tuesday.

"It is very opportunistic to blame rotation for everything that goes wrong. It is not a problem for us. Liverpool have won a Champions League, FA Cup and so on with rotation.

"It is normal to rest. We players never want to but if the manager says so, you have to. If everybody accepts that is the way forward the atmosphere doesn't suffer."

Benitez has come under increasing pressure this season with any title challenge having disappeared long ago and a humiliating FA Cup defeat at home to Barnsley on Saturday. —MNA/Reuters

China orders early restoration of agri production

BEIJING, 20 Feb — Chinese Vice-Premier Hui Liangyu ordered local governments to take effective measures to restore agricultural production against the month-long inclement winter weather and start spring ploughing as soon as possible.

Speaking at a national

meeting held here on Tuesday, he called for efforts to strive for the harvest of summer grain and oil crops and of agriculture for the whole year.

He said China was at a crucial time to shift its focus from emergency disaster relief to reconstruction and restoration. Doing a good

job in anti-disaster exertions for agriculture and spring ploughing was related to stable grain production and basic supply of major farm produce, to sustained increases in farmers' income and to the macro control and the overall situation of economic and social development.

MNA/Xinhua



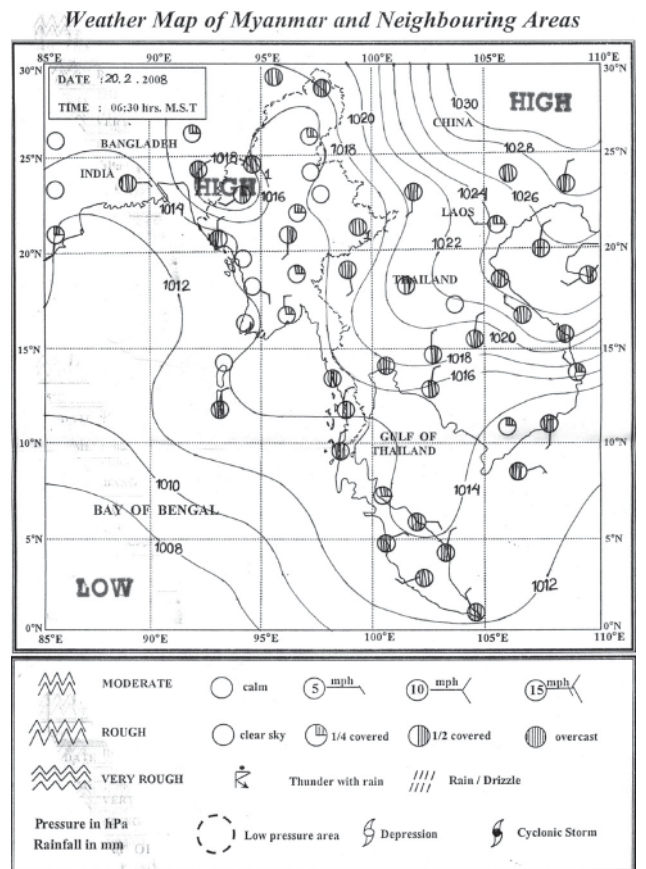
Chinese Ambassador to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) Liu Xiaoming (R), on behalf of the Chinese Embassy, presents a truck and 50 bicycles to the farm which was visited by late Chinese Premier Zhou Enlai 50 years ago, near Pyongyang, capital of DPRK, on 19 Feb, 2008. Zhou Enlai, serving as Chinese premier from 1949 to 1976, paid the first formal visit to the DPRK in February 1958. The Chinese Embassy on Tuesday held activities to mark the 50th anniversary of the visit. —XINHUA

Dutch arrest eight men suspected of people-smuggling

AMSTERDAM, 20 Feb — Dutch police have arrested eight men suspected of smuggling people from Iraq to the Netherlands, a statement released on Tuesday said.

The police said in a statement the group forged travel documents and demanded money to transport people to the Netherlands, from where they were usually transported to Britain and Scandinavia.

The statement did not say how much the Iraqis were asked to pay but called it a "large sum of money". —MNA/Reuters



WEATHER

Wednesday, 20 February, 2008

Summary of observations recorded at 9:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thunder-showers have been isolated in Shan and Kayin States, upper Sagaing Division and weather has been partly cloudy in Kachin and Mon States, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions and generally fair in the remaining areas. Night temperatures were (5°C) to (6°C) below February average temperatures in Chin State and Magway Division, (3°C) to (4°C) below February average temperatures in upper Sagaing and Yangon Divisions, (3°C) to (4°C) above February average temperatures in Shan and Mon States, Bago Division, and about February average temperatures in the remaining areas. The significant night temperatures were Haka (0°C), and Loilem (4°C). The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Kawkaireik (0.87) inch, Kengtung (0.16) inch and Homalin (0.04) inch.

Maximum temperature on 19-2-2008 was 95°F. Minimum temperature on 20-2-2008 was 64°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 20-2-2008 was 61%. Total sunshine hours on 19-2-2008 was (8.7) hours approx.

Rainfall on 20-2-2008 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 South at (17:30) hours MST on 19-2-2008.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 21-2-2008: Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers in Kachin and Shan States, upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions, weather will be partly cloudy in Chin, Rakhine, Mon, Kayin and Kayah States, Yangon, Bago and Ayeyawady Divisions and generally fair in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (40%).

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

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

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 21-2-2008: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 21-2-2008: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 21-2-2008: Generally fair weather.

Radio Myanmar

Thursday, 21 February
Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music - Keep on smiling
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music - If not for you
- 8:50 am National news
- 9:00 am Music - Come together
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music - Thank you
- 1:30 pm News/ Slogan
- 1:40 pm Lunch time music - Please be the one Love won't work
- 9:00 pm Aspects of Myanmar - The traditional dances of our nationalities
- 9:10 pm Article
- 9:20 pm Topics Potpourri - World's longest captive snake on display in US - Monkey's brain signals used to control robot
- 9:30 pm "Songs of your choice" - I see a boat on the river - Love story - Listen to the radio
- 9:45 pm News/Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL

TV Myanmar

Thursday, 21 February
View on today

- 7:00 am
 - ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃာမဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ချုပ်၊ အဘိဓမ္မမဟာရဋ္ဌဂုရု၊ အဘိဓမ္မအဂ္ဂမဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မဇောတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော် ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်
- 7:15 am
 - တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ အဂ္ဂမဟာပဏ္ဍိတ၊ ဘဒ္ဒန္တသိရိန္ဒာဘိဝံသ (ယောဆရာတော်) ဟောကြားတော်မူအပ်သော ဥပ္ပါတသန္တိပါဠိတော်
- 7:25 am
 - To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am
 4. Morning news
- 7:40 am
 5. Nice and sweet song
- 7:55 am
 6. Dance of National Races
- 8:10 am
 7. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:15 am
 8. Dance variety
- 8:30 am
 9. International news
- 8:45 am
 10. Let's Go
- 4:00 pm
 1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm
 2. Song to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm
 3. အဆေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေးရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ-တတိယနှစ် (စီးပွားရေးပညာအထူးပြု) (အိမ်တွင်းစီးပွားအထူးပြုများ) (စီးပွားရေးပညာ)
- 4:45 pm
 4. ၂၀၀၈ခုနှစ်တက္ကသိုလ်ဝင် စာမေးပွဲဘာသာရပ် ဆိုင်ရာသင်ခန်းစာ (ရူပဗေဒဘာသာရပ်)
- 5:20 pm
 5. Cute little dancers
- 5:35 pm
 6. ကြယ်ပွင့်များရဲ့ရင်ခုန်သံ
- 6:00 pm
 7. Evening news
- 6:30 pm
 8. Weather report
- 6:35 pm
 9. Musical programme
- 6:45 pm
 10. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "လေဒီယာနှင့်ဆုံစည်းခြင်း" (အပိုင်း - ၉)
- 7:25 pm
 11. နွဲ့ရဲ့ပျော်ပျော်ဆံတော်ရှင် ကျိုက်ခေါက်ဗုဒ္ဓပူဇော်ယဉ်တော်
- 7:35 pm
 13. သီတဂူဆရာတော် အရှင်ဉာဏိသာရ၏ တပို့တွဲလပြည့်သြဝါဒ ပါတိမောက်အခါတော်နေ့
- 8:00 pm
 13. News
- 14. International news
- 15. Weather report
- 16. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ဘဝဆက်တိုင်း" (အပိုင်း-၂)
- 17. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး ဦးဝိစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ အရပ်ဆယ်မျက်နှာ မေတ္တာဘာဝနာပွားများခြင်း တရားတော်
- 18. The next day's programme

People's Desire

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

Commander inspects progress of Thaukyekhat-2 Hydropower Project, attends opening of digital auto-exchange



Commander Maj-Gen Ko Ko unveils signboard of Digital Auto-Exchange in Oktha Myothit, Bago Township. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Feb — Chairman of Bago Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Southern Command Maj-Gen Ko Ko inspected work progress and construction of diversion tunnel at Thaukyekhat-2 Hydropower Project across Thaukyekhat Creek, 12 miles east of Toungoo on 8 February morning.

On 9 February, the commander attended the ceremony to launch the Digital Auto-exchange of Myanma Posts and Telecommunications as a gesture of honouring the 61st Anniversary Union Day in Oktha Myothit of Bago Township.

The commander unveiled the signboard of the exchange, After sprinkling scented water on the sign-

board, the commander visited the exchange.

The digital auto-exchange is KY-1000XM type, installed with 1,000 lines, built at a cost of K 699.053 million. The commander also attended the ceremony to inaugurate the repaved Hmawkan 11th lane in Bago. Executive officer U Tun Myaing of Township Development Affairs Committee reported on matters related to construction of the self-reliant repaved road. Next, he presented commemorative penants to the commander and officials.

The self-reliant repaved road, 1350 feet long and 12 feet wide, was constructed at a cost of K 11.5 million.

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Objectives of the 63rd Anniversary Armed Forces Day

- * To work in concert with the people in building a peaceful, modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation
- * To realize the seven-step Road Map of the State joining hands with the people
- * Joining hands with the people and based on Union Spirit to crush internal and external destructive elements sabotaging stability and development of the State
- * To build a strong, capable and modern patriotic Tatmadaw to safeguard Our Three Main National Causes

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In the 21st Century, the world started to see shortage of fuel including oil, so the countries are thinking of possible problems. So, the tourism world places emphasis on environmental conservation for sustainable tourism. Tourism will be thriving for ever. Even if the world sees significant development of science, people will make space trips.

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