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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

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San welcome Indian Vice-President, wife and party



NAY PYI TAW, 5 Feb—At the invitation of Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San, Vice-President Shri M. Hamid Ansari of the Republic of India and wife Shrimati Salma Ansari arrived at Nay Pyi Taw by special aircraft this afternoon.

The goodwill delegation led by Indian Vice-President Shri M. Hamid Ansari and wife were welcomed at Nay Pyi Taw Airport by Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San, SPDC member General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence and wife Daw Khin Lay Thet, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and wife Daw Khin Saw Hnin, Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, ministers, senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, Indian Ambassador Mr Aloke Sen and wife, Indian Military Attaché Colonel Manoj Mukund Naravane and officials.

At 2.30 p.m., the special aircraft carrying the

Indian Vice-President, wife and party arrived at Nay Pyi Taw Airport. Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, wife and party welcomed the Indian Vice-President, wife and party.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and the Indian Vice-President took the salute of the Guard of Honour from the dais at the airport. Next, they inspected the Guard of Honour.

Afterwards, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye cordially greeted the delegation members who accompanied the Indian Vice-President. Likewise, the Indian Vice-President cordially greeted those who accompanied Vice-Senior General Maung Aye.

Later, the Indian Vice-President, wife and party left for Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone in a motorcade.

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Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and Vice-President Shri M. Hamid Ansari of the Republic of India inspect Guard of Honour.

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PERSPECTIVES

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Give polio vaccine to every under-five child

The first National Immunization Days were held from 10 to 12 January throughout the nation. The second National Immunization Days will take place from 7 to 9 February.

The Ministry of Health is stepping up the campaigns to vaccinate children against polio across the country including rural areas. Since 1996, Myanmar has organized National Immunization Days for nine times, and regional immunization days, four times.

As a result, Myanmar was free from wild poliovirus from 2000 to 2007. However, in March, Maungtau Township of Rakhine State was infected with wild poliovirus spread from the neighbouring country. Due to the preventive measures, the epidemic was under control in the nation before long.

Now, under-one-year babies are given polio vaccine in every alternative month for at least three times, National Immunization Days are held yearly to give polio vaccine to under-fives, and polio vaccine is given to children from door to door in the regions that are more likely to face polio epidemic than other regions.

Every under-five child is to be given polio vaccine. If a child is infected with poliovirus, it can suffer infantile paralysis since its youth. In recognition of the efforts the government is making to ensure every child is given polio vaccine, all mothers should have their under-five children fed polio vaccine.

To have their under-five children given polio vaccine is a must for all mothers to be able to lead a healthy and happy life. So, all mothers are exhorted to have their children given polio vaccine on the second National Immunization Days.

Sarpay Beikman Book Association distributes books to members

YANGON, 5 Feb—Sarpay Beikman Book Association of Printing and Publishing Enterprise is distributing its 44th book entitled Myanma Theatrical Arts and Script Writing written by Tin Tun Oo (Culture) who won the first prize in the general knowledge (arts) to the association members.

The members may take out the books from the association office at Sarpay Beikman Building at No. 529/531 on Merchant Street, here. The association sends the books to the members of association from districts through the postal service.

Those wishing to join the association may contact the association office at No. 529/531 on Merchant Street, Tel: 381448/249031.

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People's Desire

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

Officials urged to maintain development momentum

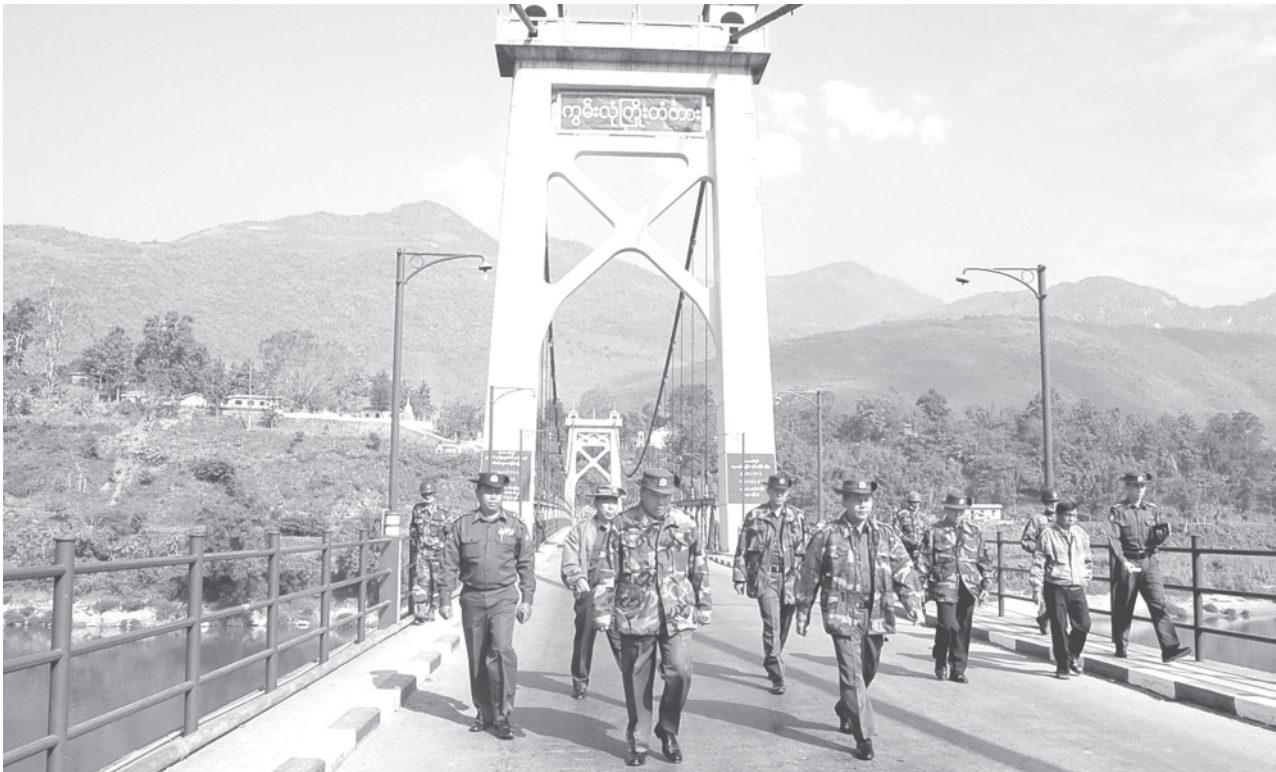
NAY PYI TAW, 5 Feb—Accompanied by Chairman of Shan State (North) Peace and Development Council Commander of North-East Command Maj-Gen Aung Than Htut and officials, Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence viewed preparations for cultivation of summer paddy on both sides of Kunlong-Hopang Road, thriving rubber plantations and Basic Education High School in Hopang on 2 February.

At Saw Maha Hall of the school, Maj-Gen

maintain the development momentum.

At the hall of Hopang Station, Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing met servicemen and family members of regiments and units.

On 3 February, he inspected Kunlong Suspension Bridge. At the halls of Namsalat and Hsenwi Stations, he met with servicemen and family members of the regiments and units of the stations. Next, he visited Hsenwi BEHS and Township People's Hospital.



Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of Ministry of Defence views Kunlong Suspension Bridge.

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Min Aung Hlaing heard reports on regional development tasks by the chairman of Township PDC and departmental officials, and instructed them to

While in Hsenwi Township, Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing looked into thriving Hsinshweli paddy plantations in Naukkar Village.—MNA

Medical Conference of Defence Services to be launched

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Feb—The 17th Medical Conference of Defence Services will be held at No. 2 Defence Services General Hospital (1000-bed) on 10 and 11 February.

Likewise, the Post-Conference Academic Seminar will be held at Defence Services Orthopedic Hospital (500-bed) in Mingaladon Township on 16 and 17 February. The conference intended to

get knowledge related to medicine-studying for post-graduated officers, cadet officers and trainees of Defence Services Medical Academy and Defence Services Institute of Nursing and Paramedical Sciences.

The medical conference includes 28 research papers, 11 posters representing research works, four symposiums, nine discussions with respect to medical changes, talks

on treatment and talks on pathology. Researchers from home and abroad, from the Ministry of Health, professors and nurses of the Military Medical Regiments and Units will submit the papers to the conference and read out them.

Those interested may register at No. 1 Defence Services General Hospital (1000-bed) (Tel: 031-35247), No. 2 DSGH (1000-bed) (Tel: 036-51110) up to 9 February.

And the persons wishing to attend the Post-Conference Academic Seminar may enroll at Defence Services Medical Academy (Tel: 031-35063), No. 1 Defence Services General Hospital (1000-bed) (Tel: 031-35247), No. 2 Military Hospital (500-bed) (Tel: 031-31277) and Defence Services Orthopedic Hospital (500-bed) Tel: 031-35109 from 11 to 14 February.

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Somalian pirates release Ukrainian arms ship

HARARDHERE, 5 Feb —A Ukrainian ship carrying arms and tanks that has been held by Somali pirates for almost five months has been released, Ukrainian officials said today.

The MV Faina, which was seized off the coast of Somalia on 23 September, is understood to have been released after a ransom was paid.

A brief statement by the office of President Viktor Yushchenko made

no reference to any payment, saying the ship and its 20-man crew had been freed as the result of an operation involving special services agents from Ukraine.

However, a negotiator, who asked not to be named, said that the pirates had received a ransom payment of \$3.2m (£2.2m). "The last group of pirates has got down now and MV Faina is released," he said, speaking from the Somali port of

Harardhere.

The MV Faina's cargo, which includes grenade launchers and 33 Russian-made tanks, had provoked international concern.

The pirates had initially demanded \$35m but the ransom was whittled back over months. During the standoff, six American warships surrounded the seized vessel to ensure the weapons were not taken elsewhere in the volatile region.—Internet



The MV Faina seen from the USS Vella Gulf off the coast of Somalia.

INTERNET

Bomb wounds anti-Qaida leader in W Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 5 Feb — A bomb struck the car of the leader of an Awakening Council group in western Baghdad on Wednesday, wounding him and killing his son, a well-informed police source said.

An explosive charge stuck to the car of Hikmat al-Tikriti, head of the Awakening Council group of Baghdad's western district of Yarmouk, detonated around 3:00 pm local time (1200 GMT), the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.—Internet

Deadly bombing at Iraq restaurant, 12 killed

KHANAQIN (Iraq), 5 Feb—At least 12 people have been killed in a sui-

cide bomb attack on a restaurant in north-eastern Iraq.



The attack took place in Khanaqin, Diyala Province, a town close to the semi-autonomous Kurdish region and near the border with Iran.

It comes days after Iraq held largely peaceful provincial elections, the first results of which are expected to be released on Thursday.

Kurdish and police officials say at least 15 other people were injured.

Internet

Sunni tribal leader says he can prove fraud

BAGHDAD, 5 Feb — A senior Sunni tribal leader claimed on Wednesday to have hundreds of documents proving fraud in weekend elections in Anbar Province, escalating a crisis that has threatened to reignite violence in the former militant stronghold.

Iraq's electoral commission, which is overseeing the process, promised it was taking the complaints seriously and warned the findings from an investigation could affect election results for the province.

Signaling the high stakes involved, a prominent national Sunni lawmaker traveled to Anbar Province to try to mediate the dispute, which has pitted the tribal leaders against a rival Sunni party that is part of the national government.

"We came to Anbar Province to ease the situation because there is a lot of tension," said Saleh al-Mutlaq. "There was a lot of fraud. Its effects will be great unless it is resolved." —Internet

Roadside bombing kills six guards of district chief in S Afghanistan

KANDAHAR, 5 Feb — A roadside bombing targeting a vehicle of district chief of Musa Qala district in southern Afghan province of Helmand killed at least six guards aboard Wednesday, said an official.

Abdul Salam, the district chief, told Xinhua it occurred at around 12:00 pm local time (0830GMT) when the vehicle of his guards running in the riot Musa Qala district hit remote-controlled mines planted by Taleban militants, leaving six dead on the spot.—Internet

Germany hears asylum case of deserted US soldier

BERLIN, 5 Feb — A US soldier who went AWOL after serving in Iraq made his case to the German government Wednesday that he should be given asylum because of his opposition to that war.

US Army Spc Andre Shepherd walked off his unit's base near Katterbach, Germany, in April 2007 after returning from a six-month tour maintaining Apache helicopters in Tikrit.

He said he deserted because he didn't want to return to an illegal conflict.

"We were completely lied to," he said of his fellow soldiers in the Army's 12th Combat Aviation Brigade.

Shepherd was among 71 Army soldiers to desert European bases in 2008, but he is the first known to have sought

asylum in Germany.

His success could open a new door for soldiers looking to escape the military, his supporters say.

But rejection could find him handed over to military authorities, or

deported to the US.

"Since we're in uncharted waters and the opponent is the United States of America, anything can happen," said Shepherd, who is from Cleveland, Ohio.

Internet



A hot air balloon floats over Malaysia's landmark Seri Wawasan Bridge in administrative capital of Putrajaya outside Kuala Lumpur on 5 Feb, 2009. Putrajaya will host the 1st Putrajaya International Hot Air Balloon Fiesta from 19 to 22 March, 2009.—INTERNET



A Palestinian woman walks past tents near her destroyed house in Jabalya, in the northern Gaza Strip, on 4 Feb, 2009. Thousands of Palestinians are living in tented camps after Israel's three-week assault on the Gaza Strip, hoping for a swift end to Israel's blockade so they can rebuild their homes.

INTERNET

Protests as US warship docks in Nagasaki

Tokyo, 5 Feb — A US warship docked on Thursday in Nagasaki to the protests of residents and a boycott by local leaders who said the visit was in poor taste in a city obliterated by a US atomic bomb.

The USS Blue Ridge, which is stationed in Yokosuka near Tokyo, sailed to Nagasaki with a stated goal of promoting friendship between Japan

and the United States.

Hundreds of residents including atomic bomb survivors chanted, “We are opposed to the port call!” as the 19,600-ton vessel arrived in the southwestern city.

“We don’t want to see the US flag flying at this port and this feeling will not change until the United States takes a policy towards the elimination of nuclear weapons,” Osamu Yoshitomi, an official at Nagasaki

city, told *AFP*.

Nagasaki’s mayor and regional governor both refused to take part in the welcome ceremony after unsuccessfully asking Japanese and US authorities to cancel the visit.

The United States stations more than 40,000 troops in Japan under a post-World War II alliance. Under a 1960 agreement, local authorities do not have the right to refuse US warships’ port calls.

Internet



Palestinians receive food aid at a United Nations food distribution centre in Shati refugee camp in Gaza City, on 4 Feb, 2009. Hamas police in Gaza seized thousands of blankets and food parcels meant for needy residents, said a spokesman for the UN agency which distributes the aid on Wednesday, in an incident threatening to fracture relations between the international agency that cares for most of Gaza’s residents and the territory’s militant rulers.—INTERNET

Cyprus awaits UN decision on suspect Iran ship

Nicosia, 5 Feb — Cyprus says it will decide what to do with a ship suspected of carrying arms from Iran to Gaza once the UN rules on whether it broke a ban on Iranian arms exports.

Foreign Minister Markos Kyprianou said on Wednesday that Cyprus is awaiting United Nations guidance on whether the ship’s cargo breached sanctions barring Iran from sending arms abroad.

Cyprus has given the UN Security Council Sanctions Committee a report on the cargo of the Cyprus-flagged Monchegorsk after conducting two inspections of the ship.

Internet



Police tape blocks an area around the home of West Memphis, Ark, physician, Dr Trent Pierce, after an early morning explosion damaged a Lexus hybrid, and seriously injured Pierce. —INTERNET

Fidel Castro criticizes Obama’s economic plans

HAVANA, 5 Feb — President Barack Obama intends to print “enormous sums of money” to keep American society from grinding to a halt, Fidel Castro said in his second critical essay of the US leader, released on Wednesday.

The ailing former Cuban president had previously praised Obama, but last week he wrote an essay in which he demanded that the new US president return the Guantanamo military base to Cuba and criticized his response to the Israeli incursion into Gaza.

Internet

Bomb critically wounds head of Ark medical board

WEST MEMPHIS, 5 Feb — A car bomb explosion critically wounded the head of the Arkansas panel that licenses and disciplines doctors, detonating in his driveway as he was leaving for work, authorities said.

Police said they had no idea why someone would target Dr Trent P Pierce, chairman of the Arkansas State Medical Board. The explosive device placed on or near the car shattered the front of his white Lexus hybrid in a blast the police chief said could be heard a mile away.

“We don’t know if this was a random target or someone specifically targeted him,” said West Memphis Police Chief Bob Paudert. He said it wasn’t known if the doctor was in his car or outside it when the device exploded.

Pierce, a family physician, was taken to Regional Medical Center in Memphis, Tenn, where he was listed in critical condition, hospital spokeswoman Sandy Snell said.

Paudert said Pierce lost one eye in the explosion and remained in surgery late Wednesday afternoon, after suffering severe burns to his face and shrapnel wounds.

Paudert said Pierce remains sedated and investigators have yet to speak with him.

The FBI said a second person was injured outside Pierce’s home, but Paudert said only Pierce was hurt. The discrepancy could not be resolved immediately.

Internet



A US civilian contractor walks at a construction site at the US air base at Manas international airport, 30 kilometres (19 miles) from the Kyrgyz capital Bishkek. —INTERNET

US supply routes to Afghanistan under strain

WASHINGTON, 5 Feb — The US military on Wednesday faced the prospect of a costly logistical headache trying to move troops and supplies into Afghanistan, after Kyrgyzstan moved to close a major US air base that served as a vital hub.

The closure would place a strain on US supply lines at a time when President Barack Obama is preparing to nearly double the 36,000-strong force in the country and amid increasing attacks on supply routes through

Pakistan.

About 15,000 people and 500 tonnes of cargo move in and out of the Manas air base every month supporting the NATO force in Afghanistan as well as the Afghan army, the Defence Department said on Wednesday.

“It’s of concern but it’s certainly not a disaster,” William Nash, a retired Army general, told *AFP*.

Nash said there were some “potential sites around the area” and that it was likely that the United States would be

able to use bases or roads elsewhere in Central Asia.

The Kyrgyzstan base remains the only US outpost in Central Asia after the US military was evicted from Uzbekistan in 2005 following Washington’s condemnation of Tashkent over human rights violations.

But the Pentagon on Wednesday played down the impact of losing use of the Kyrgyz base, saying it would not in any way undermine the military’s operations in Afghanistan.—*Internet*



A man takes a look at an Ox-shaped lantern in Wuhan, capital of central China's Hubei Province, on 4 Feb, 2009. Lanterns in the city are ready for the upcoming Lantern Festival, the 15th of the first month of the Chinese lunar calendar. —XINHUA

NATO concerned over possible Russian military bases in Georgia's breakaway regions

BRUSSELS, 5 Feb—NATO on Wednesday expressed concern over the possible building of Russian military bases in Georgia's two breakaway regions, which Moscow has recognized as independent states.

"This issue of the possibility of building Russian bases inside Georgian territory is one of real concern to the NATO allies because it does seem to be or would be in violation of Georgia's territorial integrity," said

NATO spokesman James Appathurai.

NATO allies do not recognize the independence of the two breakaway regions of Georgia — Abkhazia and South Ossetia.

NATO Secretary-general Jaap de Hoop Scheffer would raise this issue with Russian Deputy Prime Minister Sergei Ivanov when they meet on the sidelines of the Munich security conference later this week, he said.

NATO ambassadors are meeting with high-ranking Georgian officials in the framework of the NATO-Georgia Commission. The possible Russian military bases in Abkhazia and South Ossetia would be on the agenda, said Appathurai.

NATO also expressed concern over possible Russian involvement in Kyrgyzstan's decision to close a key US airbase in the Central Asian country.

Xinhua

All items from Xinhua News Agency

Afghan official says 60% Taliban militants foreigners

KABUL, 5 Feb—Afghanistan Defence Minister General Abdul Rahim Wardak has claimed that 60 percent of the Taliban insurgents are consisted of foreigners, a local newspaper reported on Thursday.

"Over 60 percent of anti-government militants are foreign nationals," daily *Arman-e-Millie* quoted the Defence Minister as saying.

However, the defence minister did not specify the nationalities of the militants.

The newspaper also quoted the Defence Minister as saying that these militants are mostly active in the restive Helmand Province where three districts of Baghran, Washir and Mianashin despite around 8,000 British troops stationed there.

According to Afghan Defence Ministry, around 15,000 Taliban rebels are currently fighting in Afghanistan and the numbers were being swelled by foreign militants moving in from Iraq.

"Since last year, as the result of the success of the surge in Iraq, there has been a flow of foreign terrorists into Afghanistan," Wardak said, adding that foreign nationals mostly from the Arab countries, Uzbeks, Chechen and Pakistanis were seen siding Taliban militants in the past.

Xinhua



The Redfly smartphone terminal, right, connected via Bluetooth to a Samsung BlackJack, is photographed in New York, on 4 Feb, 2009. —XINHUA

An artists rendition from the British science magazine Nature shows the world's biggest snake. Stunned scientists have found the fossilised remains of the world's greatest snake — a record-busting serpent that was as long as a bus and snacked on crocodiles. —XINHUA



15 arrested in Los Angeles on suspicion of smuggling marijuana

LOS ANGELES, 5 Feb—Federal agents in Los Angeles have arrested 15 people on suspicions of smuggling 1.5 million US dollars worth of marijuana, officials said on Wednesday.

The 1,800-pound (about 817 kg) drugs cache was found inside about 200 concrete yard statues shaped like donkeys, each about 3 feet tall, packed into a cargo container, according to US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

US Customs and Border Protection officers seized the 40-foot container on Tuesday night when they conducted an inspection after it arrived at the Los Angeles/Long Beach port complex, the ICE said.

In an ensuing search, investigators with the Los Angeles Border Enforcement Security Task Force arrested 15 people. —*Xinhua*

UN head urges fewer civilian deaths in Afghanistan

KABUL, 5 Feb —The UN chief urged US and NATO-led forces in Afghanistan on Wednesday to prevent civilian casualties in their operations, echoing concerns of President Hamid Karzai who has increasingly voiced his anger over the issue.

Hundreds of Afghan civilians have died in attacks by the Taliban — but also in operations by US and NATO forces fighting the militants.

Speaking alongside UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon — whose trip to Kabul was unannounced — Karzai said he has publicly complained over civilian casualties in order to pressure US-led forces into changing their tactics.

Ban said he shared Karzai's concerns, calling for closer civilian-military cooperation and urging foreign troops to ensure that civilians are not killed. He said there have been "many tragic incidents."

Internet

Chilean police mission in Haiti to withdraw in 2011

SANTIAGO, 5 Feb—Chilean policemen participating in the United Nations peace mission in Haiti could return to their home country in 2011, local press quoted National Police official Javiera Blanco as saying on Wednesday.

Praising the work of the Chilean policemen in Haiti, he said, "Even though today there is a need for the key presence of this mission, which is in mid term, the exit should be prepared for, considering that the country (Haiti) must take those responsibilities and build their capacities to do what is done by our mission."

"There has been an stabilization process in Haiti, which has allowed the internal situation to move ahead, but without doubt there is still work to do, mainly regarding issues like extreme poverty, low life expectation, electricity and sewerage problems," said Blanco.

Besides the police mission in Haiti, stationed there since 2004, Chile also sent a military contingent of more than 500 to fulfill the UN peace mission in the violence-torn Caribbean nation. —*Xinhua*

Time Warner swings to 4Q loss on hefty writedown

LOS ANGELES, 5 Feb—Media and entertainment giant Time Warner Inc reported a fourth-quarter loss, hurt by a previously expected \$24.2 billion writedown for its cable, publishing and AOL assets. The company predicted flat earnings in the year ahead as it takes on major restructuring charges amid a declining advertising market. “We’re considering that the tough advertising environment continues,”

Chief Financial Officer John Martin told analysts on a conference call. “While it doesn’t assume any considerable improvement, it also doesn’t assume that things are going to get much worse.” Its cable unit, meanwhile, also reported a loss and said it plans to cut 1,250 jobs, or about 2.6 percent of the unit’s work force, as its business slows. Time Warner owns 85 percent of Time Warner Cable and plans a spinoff

of that interest. Time Warner shares ended Wednesday down 36 cents, or 3.7 percent, at \$9.42. The New York-based company, which owns Time magazine, cable networks CNN and HBO and the Warner Bros. movie studio, posted a loss of \$16.03 billion, or \$4.47 per share, in the three months to 31 Dec. That compared with a profit of \$1.03 billion, or 28 cents per share, a year ago. Internet



The Time Warner Center is shown in New York on 2 Feb, 2009. Time Warner Inc reported a fourth-quarter loss on 4 Feb, hurt by a \$24.2 billion writedown for its cable, publishing and AOL assets.—INTERNET

Death of boy, ten, at Ill school suicide

EVANSTON, 5 Feb—A 10-year-old boy reportedly found hanging from a coat hook at his suburban Chicago school took his own life, according to a preliminary coroner’s office ruling on Wednesday. A daily ledger released by the Cook County medical examiner noted “hanging” and “suicide” as the cause of death for fifth-grader Aquan Lewis, who was found unresponsive in a bathroom at the Evanston school on Tuesday afternoon and was pronounced dead at a hospital on Wednesday morning. The boy’s distraught mother, Angel Lewis, left a school district building hours earlier, not speaking directly to reporters but saying over and over, “He should have been accounted for. He should have been accounted for.”

Internet

Japanese man arrested over 1.4-bn-dlr investment scam

TOKYO, 5 Feb—Japanese police said on Thursday they arrested an executive who built a cult-like status among thousands of investors whom he reportedly scammed out of at least 1.4 billion dollars. Kazutsugi Nami, chairman of now bankrupt bedding supplier L&G KK of Tokyo, had promised a 36 percent annual return on investment and his company issued its own form of electronic money. The 75-year-old swindled 37,000 investors out of a total of 126 billion yen, the Jiji Press news agency reported. Some other media estimated the alleged scam could have been worth as much as 226 billion yen (2.5 billion dollars).

Internet

Asia stocks up amid optimism about Chinese economy

HONG KONG, 5 Feb—Most Asian stock markets rose on Thursday, with Hong Kong’s index up almost 3 percent, amid growing optimism China’s government measures will help its economy weather out of the global slowdown. Investors, shrugging off more downbeat results from major companies in Asia and the US, seemed focused instead on data suggesting China was faring better than expected despite slumping demand for its exports. Reports released on Wednesday showed Chinese manufacturing activity, while still shrinking, was contracting at a slower pace and rebounding from last year’s lows.—Internet



A burlesque performer rehearses part of an act in the Spiegelworld Tent in lead-up to the Australian Open in Melbourne. Speigleworld is open to tennis patrons for the duration of the tournament and feature a programme of circus, cabaret and concert acts.

NY boy dressed as girl to cheat on exam

Dressing as a girl to take a high school Regents exam in place of another student landed a 17-year-old upstate New York boy in some serious detention. Deandre Ellis, 17, of Schenectady was arrested on a felony charge after the incident on Tuesday. City school officials said a monitor verifying that each student was taking the proper exam suspected something was amiss when the name on the test and the person taking it didn’t match. District spokeswoman Karen Corona said a closer look revealed the test-taker was a boy masquerading as a girl. Police said Ellis, who was released to probation authorities, was charged with burglary for entering the school to commit a crime. His public defender didn’t immediately return a phone call or e-mail seeking comment.



Pile of regular hot dogs. Taking things a little too literally, a Moroccan man was jailed for six years for selling customers dog meat instead of beef, a judicial source said.

Man delivered stolen newspapers for years

Police in New Jersey say a man stole stacks of newspapers and delivered them to unsuspecting customers for years. Phillipsburg police say Michael Farrell was delivering copies of the Express-Times of Easton (Pa.) for the last three years. The problem was, police say he was stealing the papers from boxes. Newspaper officials say the Lopatcong Township man worked in the past as a carrier for the paper. Customers assumed the 53-year-old still did. Some even wrote him a check every month. Subscriber Mike Markle of Phillipsburg, a town about 60 miles west of Newark, says he was satisfied with the service. He never had a problem getting his morning paper.



In this photo provided by the Wildlife Conservation Society, ‘BonBon,’ a baby Geoffrey’s tamarin monkey, clings to its mother, ‘Cannoli’s’ back as its father, ‘Napoleon’ watches from the rear, at the Prospect Park Zoo in New York. Only six inches long, BonBon isn’t told enough to have her/his gender determined. Geoffrey’s tamarin monkeys are native to South America and live in groups that can have as many as 20 members.

Electrician accused of stealing \$13,500 in power

Derby police say an electrical contractor used his expertise for no good. Andrew Natale, 45, was charged with larceny for allegedly bypassing his home’s electricity meter and stealing about \$13,500 worth of power dating back to 2003. Natale posted \$2,000 bail and is set to be arraigned on Monday in Derby Superior Court. A message was left for Natale at his home. Authorities said the arrest was the result of an investigation by police and the United Illuminating Co. They say a field worker discovered the problem. UI spokesman Al Carbone said the illegal bypass was disconnected and reinstalled periodically. He said bypassing meters is dangerous and could cause electrocution or a fire.

NEWS ALBUM

Do not implicate Myanmar in irrelevant issue

Ko Myanmar

These days, foreign media are loud in their broadcasts of the news stories that Thai navy seized some Rohinjas trying to immigrate illegally into Thailand and drove them out of its soil.

The broadcasts said that some of the Rohinjas were from Myanmar, and some radio stations fueled the situations, airing that the expatriates fled Myanmar out of desperation of human rights violation and discrimination against them committed by Myanmar authorities.

It is clearly apparent that **the issue is nothing to do with Myanmar, nor is a human rights problem. It was just a matter that took place when illegal migration of people of developing countries was coupled with the global financial crisis in the age of globalization.**

With a population of more than 150 million, Bangladesh is the most congested country in the world. It is a small country in size where water is scarce in summer and floods are common in the rainy season. So, it has to deal with constant battle against food supply. Many of the third class people with low incomes and less opportunity for jobs work abroad to earn money. The population of Bangladeshi people working in foreign countries is expected to be about 4.5 million, and the amount of money they remit to their country yearly is about eight billion US dollars, which is one of its main sources of earning foreign exchange. Of Bangladeshi workers in foreign countries, some are legal ones, whereas some are illegal ones. Some are working in the Middle East, and some in Southeast Asia. In Southeast Asian region, the country which is the most attractive to foreign workers is Malaysia. With a population of just over 25 million and per capita income of 15,700 US dollars, Malaysia is an economically strong country in the region. Oil palm farming is one of its lucrative businesses. Moreover, it has huge foreign investments from Japan and western countries, and enjoys industrial development. Therefore, cheap labour is in high demand in the country.

Under the adverse effects triggered by the global financial crisis, Malaysian industries have to reduce expenses on productivity. So, it has to decide whether it will bring down foreign labour or salaries. Some foreign workers have to quit their jobs because they are no longer needed; and some have no choice but to return home because they cannot earn their living with the reduced salaries. So, Malaysia has to search cheap labour to fill the vacancies. The situation is attractive to Bangladeshi workers who are desperate to get any types of jobs irrespective of salary rates.

The easiest way to illegally enter Malaysia that practises strict immigration laws is to go there via Ranong by sea, and then through the southern part of Thailand by land. Brokers for that sort of work are numerous.

As a result, the number of illegal Bangladeshi immigrants to Malaysia through the Andaman Sea and through Thailand is getting higher in the cold season in which the sea does not see huge tidal waves and strong winds. According to the 29-1-2009 issue of the Economist Journal, Thailand had to detain about 5000 Bengalis in the last two years. The number represented just the ones who were arrested. Surely, there must have been a large number of the illegal immigrants that escaped arrests.

The journal said that anarchic riots on Muslim liberation were running high in the southern part of Thailand, so Thai authorities feared that the illegal Bengali immigrants holding no document might merge with the terrorist groups of same faith in the southern part.

It said that the Thai government decided to take tough action against illegal immigrants in order that such illegal immigrants from Bangladesh aren't enter Thailand in future; that Thai navy seized the boats that had entered illegally in December and held nearly 1000 immigrants captive in an island off Ranong.

Some foreign media said that the outboard motors of the boats were removed and the boats carrying some bags of rice and drinking water tanks and the seized immigrants were set free in the sea. Of them, some floated to Arche island of Indonesia, and Indonesia gave them protective custody.

And some reached near Andaman island of India in the early January, and Indian navy rescued them. Some victims got off into the sea just as they were close to the coast and they were drowned while swimming to the coast. That news became a hot item when it received international media coverage.

The Thai Foreign Affairs Ministry announced that the illegal immigrants tried to enter the country due to financial basis. Thai Supreme Court judged that the illegal immigrants would have to leave Thailand because they illegally entered the country due to economic issues.

In that regard, the root cause is economic crisis. In such a situation, those who want to trouble Myanmar politically took advantage of Rohinja issue. In like manner some who wanted to take refuge claiming political grounds and enjoy the rights of refugees, pretending themselves as Rohinjas said as though they had fled Myanmar due to Myanmar

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authorities' torture with the intention of attracting the sympathy of the international community.

Daily newspapers have already stated that Rohinja is never included in the national races of Myanmar. Any government will have to keep a watchful eye to possible dangers caused by population explosion in the Bangladeshi border. India, for instance, planned to set up barbed wire fence along the border with Bangladesh to prevent illegal immigration.

Myanmar governments of successive periods had to take preventive measures against illegal immigration from the other country. **The census conducted in the 1960s showed unreasonable growth of population in the border areas if compared with that in the post-independence period. Accordingly, scrutinizing measures were taken, and many of the illegal immigrants fled to their native country. Under the agreements reached between Myanmar and international organizations and between Myanmar and Bangladesh, such people were received on certain conditions. Some failed to return here due to their desire, not because of Myanmar's failure to receive them.** According to the figures, only about 6000 have yet to return here.

Here, it is very repugnant that some name all Bangalis Rohinjas and homeless refugees with the ill will of launching political attacks.

There is a tale told by Venerable Monk Sangaja that says a woman was cheating on her husband. One day, her husband struck her paramour with a club to death. Then, she set the dead body against a jack fruit tree in the compound of a monastery. In fear of becoming implicated in the murder, the abbot shaved the head of the dead body and held final rites saying that a guest monk passed away. Inconsolably, the adulterer cried, claiming "It was top-knot initially, but strangely changed into a shaved head just after being put against the jack fruit tree." In response, the abbot warned her, "Hey, laywoman, you can say as you like, but don't mention my jack fruit tree." In like manner of the abbot in the tale, I would say do not implicate Myanmar which has nothing to do with the issue because of the economic, social and security problems of the nations concerned; it is not because of Myanmar.

Translation: MS

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Vice-Senior General Maung Aye...

(from page 16)
Republic of India U Kyi Thein, the director-general of the SPDC Office, the director-general of the Government Office and the director-general of the Protocol Department under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The visiting Indian Vice-President was accompanied by Deputy Minister of Defence Shri MM Pallam Raju, MPs of the Republic of India Shri Rajniti Prasad and Shrimati Agatha K Sangma, Deputy Minister of External Affairs Shri Vivek Katju, Joint



Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min and Indian Ambassador Mr. Alope Sen sign the MoU on Setting up of English Language Training Centre in Yangon.—MNA

Minister Vice-Admiral Soe Thein and Deputy Minister Shri MM Pallam Raju sign the MoU on Setting up of Industrial Training Centre in Pakokku.—MNA

External Affairs Shri Vivek Katju of India handed over 250 solar-powered lanterns donated by the Republic of India for storm-ravaged regions of Myanmar to Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe; Deputy Minister for Education Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min and Indian Ambassador Mr Alope Sen signed the MoU on Setting up of

Centre for English Language Training Centre in Yangon to be conducted with the assistance of India; and Minister for Industry-2 Vice-Admiral Soe Thein and Deputy Minister of Defence Shri MM Pallam Raju signed the MoU on Setting up of Industrial Training Centre in Pakokku in the presence of the leaders of two countries and they exchanged notes.

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Deputy Minister of External Affairs Shri Vivek Katju of India hands over 250 solar-powered lanterns donated by the Republic of India for storm-ravaged regions of Myanmar to Minister Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe.—MNA

Secretary of the Ministry of External Affairs Shri TS Tirumati, high ranking officials and Indian Ambassador Mr Alope Sen.

The Myanmar delegation led by Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and the Indian delegation led by Indian Vice-President Shri M. Hamid Ansari cordially discussed mutual cooperation between Myanmar and India and further strengthening of friendly relations and exchanged views.

After the meeting, the signing ceremony of

MoUs between the Government of the Union of Myanmar and the Republic of India followed. It was attended by Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party and the visiting Indian Vice-President and party.

Deputy Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Col Thurein Zaw and Indian Ambassador Mr Alope Sen signed the Exchange of Instrument of Ratification on Bilateral Investment Promotion and Protection and exchanged notes.

Deputy Minister of



Deputy Minister Col Thurein Zaw and Indian Ambassador Mr. Alope Sen exchange agreed notes on the Exchange of Instrument of Ratification on Bilateral Investment Promotion and Protection.—MNA

Lt-Gen Myint Swe facilitates development tasks in Yangon South District

YANGON, 5 Feb — Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence on 4 February supervised the implementation of five tasks for development of rural areas in Kyauktan and Thongwa townships.

During the visit to the model Village of Mipya, Lt-Gen Myint Swe and Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Win Myint gave instruction on measures for supplying power to the village and inspected the embankment between Mipya model village and Zweba Village.

During the visit, they also visited the clinic where health care services are being carried out.

Afterwards, they visited the Zwepargon

Village in Kyauktan Township and inspected the work site to reinforce the embankment to dyke the sea water. Assistant Director of the Irrigation Department reported on the work. About 40 percent of the work have been completed, the assistant-director said. Lt-Gen Myint Swe called for completion of work by the rainy season.

They also visited the schools in Thetansu and Kalatan villages in Kyauktan Township. The managing director of Shwetaung Development Co Ltd and the commander presented exercise books, pencils and pens to school children.

Afterwards, they went to Bawathit agriculture and livestock breeding farm of the Ministry of Home Affairs



Lt-Gen Myint Swe of Ministry of Defence inspects reinforcement of Paiksi-Mayanta embankment in Thongwa Township.—MNA



in Kyauktan and Lt-Gen Myint Swe attended to the needs of the farm.

During the tour of Kyauktan, Lt-Gen Myint Swe and party attended the ceremony to open schools in five villages. The opening ceremony was held at Payanbay Village and Lt-Gen Myint Swe and the Chairman of Shwetaung Development

Co Lt formally opened the ceremony.

The managing director handed over the documents related to the new school buildings to the deputy director of No 3 Basic Education Department.

Afterwards, donors handed over computers, books, pencils and teaching aids for the

schools to heads of the schools and Kyauktan Township Education officer.

After the ceremony, Lt-Gen Myint Swe and party inspected the reinforcement of the embankment between Paiksi and Mayanta villages and erosion near Aungthadan Village in the

township.

During his inspection tour of Thongwa, Lt-Gen Myint Swe also inspected the sluice gate which has irrigated the farmland and supplied drinking water to villages, and called for maintenance of the sluice gate.

MNA

Chin State witnesses development



Lt-Gen Khin Zaw of Ministry of Defence inspects Vocational Training School in Haka Township.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Feb — Lt-Gen Khin Zaw of Ministry of Defence attended a ceremony to open a tea exhibition in Haka, Chin State, on 3 February.

After the opening ceremony, Lt-Gen Khin Zaw inspected tea leaves and tea seeds displayed at the exhibition.

Lt-Gen Khin Zaw went to the training school

for development of border area and national races in Haka and inspected hostels, mess hall and vegetable plantations.

He also visited Vocational Training School. During the tour of Chin State, Lt-Gen Khin Zaw met with departmental officials, members of social organizations and local people in the town hall in Htantalang.

At the meeting, Lt-Gen Khin Zaw stressed the need for making efforts for the development of the region and presented clothes, medicines and cash assistance to local people.

Afterwards, he visited Htantalang Township People's Hospital, Basic Education High School, digital auto-exchange stations of Myanma Post

and Telecommunications, the school for development of national races and the youth training centre.

Lt-Gen Khin Zaw and party presented blankets and cash to Baythala Home for the Aged in Haka and the 200-bed hospital. He also met with the Tatmadaw members and their families at Haka Station. — MNA

Mandalay Mayor's Cup vegetable, fruit, flower show, 12 Feb

YANGON, 5 Feb—The seventh Mandalay Mayor's Cup of vegetable, fruit and flower shows will be held at Kandawgyi Public Garden in Mandalay on 12 February.

The contest includes variety of vegetable, flower and fruit shows. Any interested person

from around the nation may participate in the contest and contact Control Office of Kandawgyi Public Garden and Parks and Playground Department under the Mandalay City Development Committee (Tel: 02-59170) up to 10 February evening.

MNA

Myanmar delegation leaves for Malaysia

YANGON, 5 Feb—A delegation led by Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar U Than Nyein, together with Director Daw Ohmar Sein, left here for Kuala Lumpur in Malaysia by Thai Airways to attend the 44th Southeast Asian Central Banks (SEACEN) Governors Conference

and the 28th Board of Governors meeting from 6 February to 11 February, this morning.

The delegation will attend the Central Bank Governors Forum (2009) and 50th golden jubilee anniversary and conference (2009) of the Central Bank of Malaysia.

MNA

Donate Blood

Jetties, Myanma Industrial Port, Asia World Container Yard inspected

YANGON, 5 Feb—Chairman of Committee for Ensuring Prompt and Regular Freight-handling and Operating at Full Capacity Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe on 2 February looked into inspection of containers

through X-ray machine, systematic keeping of commodities at the warehouses at No. 3 Bo Aung Kyaw Container Yard, loading and unloading of containers from vessels at Bo Aung Kyaw Jetty and berthing of oceanliners at

Sule Jetty and loading and unloading of cargos.

The minister also looked into functions of Myanmar Industrial Port and Asia World Container Yard and gave necessary instructions to officials.

MNA



Minister Maj-Gen Thein Swe inspects functions of Yangon Port.—MNA

Kayah State sees development

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Feb—Chairman of Kayah State Peace and Development Council Brig-Gen Win Myint, on 23 January, inspected growing of flowering plants and shade trees on both sides of Technology University

(Loikaw) main road, learning of students and teaching aid rooms.

On 26 January, the chairman inspected fish breeding farm, land reclamation for growing of winter crops and plantations in Hmonpyar village.

At the hall of Myanmar Fire Brigade in Zaypine ward, head of State Fire Services Department reported to the chairman on conditions of fire engines. The chairman left necessary instructions and viewed fire drill.—MNA



17th Myanmar Ear, Nose and Throat Surgeon Conference opened

YANGON, 5 Feb—The opening ceremony of 17th Myanmar Ear, Nose and Throat Surgeon Conference was held at the meeting hall of Myanmar Medical Association on Theinbyu Road here yesterday, with an opening

Acting Director-General Dr Win Myint speaks at opening ceremony of 17th Myanmar Ear, Nose and Throat Surgeon Conference.—MNA

address by Acting Director-General Dr Win Myint of Health Department under the Ministry of Health.

Afterwards, Chairman of MMA Professor Dr Kyaw Myint Naing, Chairman of Ear, Nose and Throat Surgeon Association Dr Zaw Min and Chairman of Reception Subcommittee Associate Professor Dr Khin Maung Than made speeches on the occasion.

After the ceremony, the guests viewed documentary photos on display

at the hall.

Likewise, a ceremony to open medicine and medical equipment booth in commemoration of the 17th Myanmar Ear, Nose and Throat Surgeon Conference was held at Ear, Nose and Throat Hospital. Acting Director-General Dr Win Myint opened the booths and the guests viewed them. Altogether 18 booths are on display and the conference will be held till 7 February. A total of 24-papers will be submitted. — MNA

Plums poised to give blueberries run for money

COLLEGE STATION, 5 Feb—There's an emerging star in the super-food world. Plums are rolling down the food fashion runway sporting newly discovered high levels of healthy nutrients, say scientists at Texas AgriLife Research.

Plainly, "blueberries have some stiff competition," said Dr. Luis Cisneros, AgriLife Research food scientist. "Stone fruits are super fruits with plums as emerging stars."

Far from fruit snobbery, the plum is being ushered in after Cisneros and Dr. David Byrne, AgriLife Research plant breeder, judged more than 100 varieties of plums, peaches and nectarines and found them to match



or exceed the much-touted blueberries in antioxidants and phytonutrients associated with disease prevention.

Internet

Long-term cloud seeding in Tasmania shows promising increase in rainfall

HOBART, 5 Feb — A team of researchers at Monash University has released a new analysis of precipitation records from the long-term cloud seed-



ing operation in Tasmania that shows a promising increase in rainfall during periods of seeding.

The team worked with Hydro Tasmania analysing the cloud seeding activity over the hydroelectric catchment area in central Tasmania for more than four decades – from 1960 – 2005.

Associate Professor Steven Siems, Faculty of Science said the analysis used monthly rainfall figures in the catchment area where the seeding took place and compared it with data from nearby control areas.

"A number of independent statistical tests showed a consistent increase of at least 5% in monthly rainfall over the catchment area. This is the first time that an independent analysis of cloud seeding data over several decades has shown a statistically significant increase in rainfall," Associate Professor Siems said.

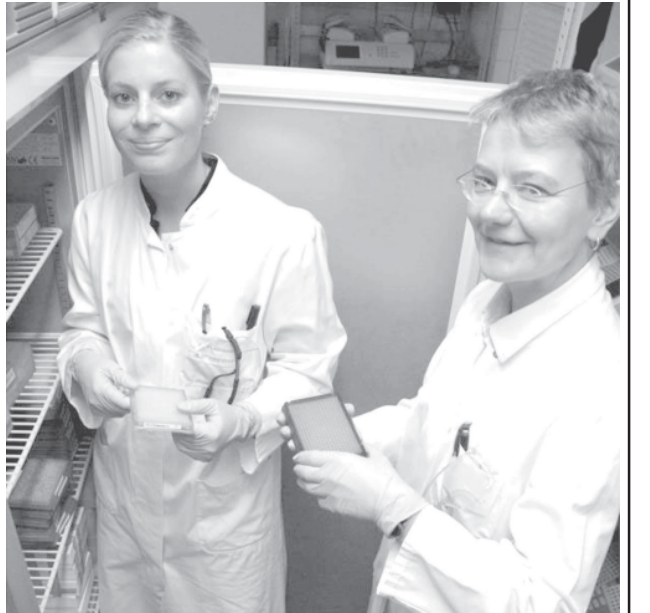
However, the team of Monash scientists have also cautioned against becoming too excited by the initial results.

Internet

‘Longevity Gene’ common among centenarians

KIEL, 5 Feb — A variation in the gene FOXO3A has a positive effect on the life expectancy of humans, and is found much more often in people living to 100 and beyond – moreover, this appears to be true worldwide.

A research group in the Faculty of Medicine at the Christian-Albrechts-University in Kiel (CAU) has now confirmed this assumption by comparing DNA samples taken from 388 German centenarians with those from 731 younger people. The results of the study appear this week in the journal Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences ("PNAS").—Internet



Dr. Friederike Flachsbart (left) and Professor Almut Nebel of the Kiel Institute of Clinical Molecular Biology examining the genetic samples from 100-year-old subjects.

Zimbabwe cholera death toll rises to 3,300

HARARE, 5 Feb—The cholera death toll in Zimbabwe has reached 3,300, a WTO official said on Wednesday.

World Health Organization country representative Custodia Mandlhate was quoted by local media New Ziana as saying that a total of

65,700 cases had also been reported since the first outbreak in August last year.

She said fears were that about 32,000 new cases would be recorded in the near future if little was done to control the disease.

She said cholera was

more prone during the rainy season, and with the current rains, more cases could be recorded if little was done to avert the outbreak.

“Another worrying development is that the outbreaks have shifted from urban areas to rural areas,” Mandlhate said.

She said the war against cholera had been compounded by the lack of water treatment chemicals, medicines, drugs and other resources. Brain drain in the health sector, she added, had also crippled the campaign.

The current cholera outbreak has been the worst ever pandemic to hit the country in recent years.

Internet



A little bird perches on a blooming cherry blossom tree in Tokyo, Japan, on 5 Feb, 2009.—INTERNET

700 civilians in Tamil area flee Sri Lankan “safety zone”

COLOMBO, 5 Feb—At least 700 civilians fled Sri Lanka’s northern war zone to a government-controlled area the military said.

At least 700 civilians fled Sri Lanka’s northern war zone to a government-controlled area on Thursday, the military said, a day after the United Nations said 52 people had been killed by shelling.

Fighting continued as

the army has closed in on the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) holding out in a 300-sq km (115-sq mile) slice of jungle in the northeast, aiming to end one of Asia’s longest-running conflicts.

“About 700 civilians had come to a military-controlled area today morning and many more are coming,” said military spokesman Brigadier Udaya Nanayakkara.

Some 70,000 people have been killed in the fighting since the conflict began in 1983.

The United Nations said on Wednesday at least 52 people were killed and 80 wounded by shelling in the war zone.

Aid agencies have expressed concern about 250,000 people trapped in Tiger-held areas, but the government says the number is about half that.

Internet



Two children stand next to a snowman in Sapporo, northern Japan, as the city’s annual snow festival gets under way.—INTERNET

Boy born with 24 fingers and toes

CALIFORNIA, 5 Feb—A baby boy has been born in California with 24 perfectly formed fingers and toes - six on each hand and foot.

Being born with additional digits - or being a “polydactyl” - is not wholly uncommon, but it is unusual to see the condition on every extremity.

The Bay Area hospital

said staff did not notice the extra digits on ultrasound scans - and did not even spot it when Kamani Hubbard was born.

It was his father, Kris, who realized his son had some unusual features.

Polydactyly is genetic and the father said there was a family history of the condition. However he added his son’s case was

unique.

“Some family members have had six fingers, not completely developed. But not the toes.”

A paediatrician at St Luke’s hospital, Dr Michael Treece, said: ‘It’s merely an interesting and beautiful variation rather than a worrisome thing.

Internet

Israel seizes Gaza-bound aid ship

GAZA, 5 Feb—A Lebanese ship carrying aid for Gaza was stopped by the Israeli navy and is being escorted into port, Israeli Defence Minister Ehud Barak says.

Earlier, officials in Lebanon said Israeli gunboats had fired on the ship before soldiers boarded it, although Israel denied this.

Lebanese PM Fouad Siniora has called on the international community to persuade Israel to allow

the shipment through.

There have been sporadic incidents of violence since Hamas and Israel declared separate ceasefires on 18 January, following Israel’s three-week attack on the Gaza Strip.

The aid ship was reported to have set off from the Lebanese port of Tripoli on Tuesday carrying 50 tonnes of medical supplies, food, clothing and toys for Gaza.

Also on board were

eight activists and journalists, as well as the former Greek-Catholic archbishop of Jerusalem, Monsignor Hilarion Capucci, who had served time in an Israeli jail in the 1970s for his membership of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO).

The Israeli military denied troops had fired at the ship. “No gunshots were fired on board during the boarding and capture of the cargo boat,” it said.—Internet

Iran insists its satellite serves no military purpose

TEHERAN, 5 Feb—Iran’s Foreign Ministry spokesman Hassan Qashqavi said on Wednesday that the country’s newly launched satellite serves no military purpose, local satellite Press TV reported on its website. Dismissing the concerns over its recent launch of a domestic satellite, Qashqavi said that “Iran’s space

advancement serves no military purpose”.

The launch of the country’s satellite “is a scientific and technical achievement and has no military aim”, he added. Earlier on Tuesday, Teheran announced the Omid lightweight telecommunications satellite, its first home-made satellite, has been successfully sent into

space by the Iranian-produced satellite carrier Safir 2.

The US Administration of President Barack Obama linked the new Iran’s developments with its nuclear disputes and viewed Teheran’s efforts to develop nuclear capability and to sponsor terrorism as “acute concern”.—MNA/Xinhua

Google, NASA offer Mars tours in 3D

BEIJING, 5 Feb—Google is cooperating with NASA to give Internet users three-dimensional views of Mars, media reports said Thursday.

Google and NASA announced on Tuesday that they would release a new Mars mode in Google Earth to increase public understanding of the Red Planet and related scientific research. Google Mars 3D also provides researchers with a means

of sharing data.

Actually, Internet users can fly through gaping canyons and soaring mountains on Mars’ surface and get views from Mars rovers. They can view satellite images from the Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter, learn about NASA’s exploration of the planet, view archived photos, add their own 3-D content, and share their creations and discoveries with other users.

The Mars mode evolved out of a collaboration agreement signed by NASA and Google in November 2006. Google agreed to make NASA’s data public under the Space Act Agreement. NASA’s Ames Research Center in Moffett Field, Calif., contributed to the project. Carnegie Mellon University, SETI, and other groups also contributed data to this project.—Internet

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The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) is seeking applications from dynamic and highly motivated Myanmar nationals to immediately fill up the following positions in the Early Recovery Unit of the Country Office and in the Early Recovery Component of the Project MYA/01/001 (Integrated Community Development Project) as part of its team responding to the assistance for the needs of the Cyclone affected communities in the Delta.



Terms of the References for position descriptions and qualifications required for each post has been posted on **UNDP's Bulletin Board at No.6, Natmauk Road, Tamwe Township, Yangon**. All the following posts are Yangon based, with frequent field visits to the Delta.

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| 3. Programme Clerk | Level SC-4 |

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| 5. Project Assistant | Level SC-4 |
| 6. Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist | Level SC-8 |
| 7. Programme Monitor | Level SC-6 |
| 8. Engineer | Level SC-8 |
| 9. Health / Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Specialist | Level SC-8 |
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Candidates should clearly indicate the Post Title in their applications and should submit them together with complete bio-data stating personal details, academic qualification, work experience and a recent passport sized photograph. Candidate applying for more than one post should submit separate applications.

Application should be addressed to: **Project Manager, ER Programme, UNDP, Room-338, Chatrium Hotel, 40 Natmauk Road, Tamwe Township, Yangon**

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Study says chemicals in skin cream, floss may lower fertility

LOS ANGELES, 5 Feb—Chemicals found in a wide range of household products, including nonstick pans and skin creams, may make it harder for some women to get pregnant, a new study shows.

Researchers led by Chunyuan Fei, from the University of California-Los Angeles, studied data on 1,240 women and found those with higher levels of fluorine-containing compounds in their blood took longer to conceive. The study is published in this month's issue of the medical journal Human Reproduction.

The compounds, known as perfluorinated chemicals or PFCs, may interfere with hormones that are involved in reproduction, Fei wrote in the study. The father's sperm quality may also be affected by the chemicals and contribute to the problem, he said.

The researchers are the first to study the link between infertility and the

presence of chemicals such as perfluorooctanoic acid and perfluorooctane sulfonate in the blood. Fertility rates have declined in developed countries in recent decades. In the United States, 8 percent of women of child-bearing age have had an infertility-related medical visit, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

PFCs are used to make textiles and leather resistant to water, dirt or oil. They are also found in personal care products such as nail polish, dental floss or facial moisturizer. The chemicals resist breakdown and tend to persist in the environment and in the body for decades. 3M, which used perfluorooctanoic acid in the fabric protector Scotchgard, funded the study and its toxicology laboratories performed the analyses. After 3M discovered the chemicals' toxic properties in 2001, it stopped using PFOs.—*Internet*

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Breast cancer risk drops after ending HRT

LOS ANGELES, 5 Feb—Postmenopausal women who stopped hormone replacement therapy — estrogen plus progestin — had a decline in breast cancer risk, US researchers found. A study from the Women's Health Initiative, led by Dr Rowan T Chlebowski of the Los Angeles Biomedical Research Institute, supports the hypothesis that the recent reduction in breast cancer incidence in the United States is predominantly related to a decrease in combined estrogen plus progestin use.—*Internet*

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Requirements: University Degree in Business of Public Administration, Economics, Political Sciences and Social Science. Specialized certification in Accounting and Finance preferable. Minimum 5 years of progressively responsible administrative or programme experience is required at the national level. Experience in the usage of computers and office software packages (MS word, Excel, etc) and advance knowledge of spreadsheet and database packages, experience in handling of web based management systems. Fluent in the language English, both written and spoken absolute requirement.

2. Communications Assistant - (SC-5)

Requirements: Bachelors degree. Minimum 3 years of relevant experience in communications, public relations. Experience in the usage of computers and office software packages (MS word, Excel). Ability to navigate the internet. Familiarity with uploading content to websites a distinct advantage, as is any experience with Adobe graphics software. Fluency in English and Myanmar languages.

Candidates should clearly indicate the Post Title in their applications, and should submit them together with complete bio-data stating personal details, academic qualification, work experience and a recent passport sized photograph. Candidates applying for more than one post should submit separate applications. Applications should be addressed to Deputy Country Director (Operations) Attention: Human Resources Unit, No. 6, Natmauk Road, UNDP, Yangon.

Only those candidates in whose qualifications and experience the Organization has further interest will be contacted for subsequent interview(s).

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The space shuttle Discovery's mission to the International Space Station (ISS) has been delayed at least one week to 19 February for additional testing of a flow control valve, NASA said on Tuesday.—INTERNET

Japanese scientists find archaean genes

TOKYO, 5 Feb — Japanese scientists say they have made the world's first discovery of genes, in jigsaw-like pieces,

taken from an archaean living in a hot spring.

The Keio University researchers led by Professor Akio Kanai said their findings are expected to lead to an explanation of the origin and evolution of genes since archaeans, unicellular organisms, are one of the earliest forms of life on Earth.

The researchers said they discovered combinations of 3 individual RNAs produced from separate genes can generate transfer RNA that are essential for decoding the genomic information during protein biosynthesis.

The scientists said they also discovered, through computational analysis and experimental verification, different tRNA genes are produced by various combi-

nations of split tRNA.

"It is hard to believe that long functional genes existed from the early time of ancient life. It may be possible that, as in the tRNA genes we've found, long genes may have evolved from the combination of short genes through trial and error," said graduate student Kosuke Fujishima, the first author of the research.

The scientists said their discovery represents a very rare phenomenon found in the deep-branching archaean and suggests that in ancient life, short genes could have been used in multiple combinations.

The study is reported in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Science.

Internet

Zen's slower breathing may lower pain

MONTREAL, 5 Feb — Canadian researchers found those trained in Zen meditation less sensitive to pain than non-meditators.

The study, published in Psychosomatic Medicine, not only found 18 percent pain reduction in meditators but suggests people who meditate seem to lower pain sensitivity through slower breathing — 12 breaths per minute versus an average of 15 breaths for non-meditators.

"Slower breathing certainly coincided with reduced pain and may influence pain by keeping the body in a relaxed state," study co-author Joshua Grant of the University of Montreal said in a statement.

"While previous studies have found that the emotional aspects of pain are influenced by meditation, we found that the sensation itself, as well as the emotional response, is different in meditators."

Internet



A Thai couple surf the Internet at a web cafe in Bangkok. —INTERNET

Smoke, alcohol combo socks liver

BIRMINGHAM, 5 Feb — US researchers say combining second-hand smoke along with alcohol raises the risk of liver disease.

The animal study, published in Free Radical Biology & Medicine, finds the combination of secondhand smoke and alcohol results in many more fibrosis proteins in the liver that either smoke alone or alcohol alone. Fibrosis proteins may cause fibrosis — scar tissue in the liver — that may lead to the development of the disease of the liver known as cirrhosis.

"This new data is a significant finding considering the combined effect of

alcohol and cigarette smoke exposures, and the implications for public health," study co-author Shannon Bailey of the University of Alabama at Birmingham says in a statement.

Researchers at the University of Alabama at Birmingham and the University of California, Davis, researchers exposed some mice to smoky air in a laboratory enclosure and had controls breath filtered air. The mice exposed to alcohol were given a liquid diet containing ethanol — the intoxicating ingredient in alcohol drinks, the study says.

The mice exposed to

secondhand smoke and given alcohol had an 110 percent increase in liver fibrosis, the study found.

Internet

363 US cities find unemployment rising

WASHINGTON, 5 Feb — Unemployment rose in 363 out of 369 U.S. cities in 2008, the Labor Department announced Wednesday. As the recession sunk its teeth into the labor market, 40 cities reported jobless rates above 10 percent.

Two reported rates under 3 percent, the report said. In December, the nation's unemployment rate hit 7.1 percent, compared with December 2007, when it was 4.8 percent.

In one year, Elkhart-

Goshen, Ind., beset by manufacturing sector layoffs, found its unemployment rate jump 10.6 percentage points, the largest leap in the country.

The second highest jump was recorded in Dalton, Ga., where the unemployment rate grew by 6.2 percentage points.

In total, 27 cities saw their unemployment rate jump by 4 percentage points or more, the report said. Among larger cities in December, the greater Detroit area recorded the high-

est jobless rate with unemployment reaching 10.6 percent, the Labor Department said.

The lowest unemployment rates among cities with a population of 1 million or more in the 2000 census was in Oklahoma City, Okla — at 4.6 percent in December. The highest rate in December among all cities was in El Centro, Calif. at 22.6 percent; the lowest was in Morgantown, W Va — 2.7 percent.

Internet

SPORTS

Gosling knocks Liverpool out of FA Cup



Everton's English defender Dan Gosling (R) celebrates scoring the winning goal in the closing stages of extra time against Liverpool during their English FA Cup football match at Goodison Park in Liverpool. Everton won 1-0.—INTERNET

LONDON, 5 Feb — Teenager Dan Gosling was Everton's hero as they knocked city rivals Liverpool out of the FA Cup with a 1-0 extra-time fourth round replay win at Goodison Park on Wednesday.

There were only two minutes of extra-time remaining when Gosling, who only turned 19 on Monday, curled the ball past Pepe Reina to end the interest of Liverpool, currently second in the Premier League, in this season's FA Cup.

A miserable night for Liverpool was made worse by the sight of inspirational captain Steven Gerrard going off in the first-half with what appeared to be a hamstring injury while Lucas was later sent-off for a second bookable offence.

Everton, sixth in the top-flight, will face Aston Villa in the last 16 after the team fourth in the Premier League beat Championship side Doncaster 3-1 in a fourth round replay earlier Wednesday.

"It's a great day for the club and all the fans," Gosling said. "I was thinking 'just shoot and get it on target'." In another replay, Derby came from 2-0 down to beat arch East Midlands rivals Nottingham Forest 3-2 and so secure a glamour fifth round tie at home to English, European and world champions Manchester United.—*Internet*

Shoulder woes rule Sharapova out of Paris Open

PARIS, 5 Feb—Russia's Maria Sharapova has been forced to pull out of next week's WTA Paris Open through injury, the organisers announced on Wednesday. The former world number one underwent surgery on her right shoulder in October and the problem also meant she was unable to defend her Australian Open title last month. The Russian's absence in Paris will only serve to continue her slide down the world rankings.

Sharapova slipped out of the top 10 on Monday for the first time since winning Wimbledon in July 2004 and is ranked 17th.—*Internet*



Russia's Maria Sharapova, has been forced to pull out of next week's WTA Paris Open through injury, the organizers announced on Wednesday.—INTERNET

South African and French underdogs win to mock rankings

JOHANNESBURG, 5 Feb —Young South African Izak van der Merwe and French journeyman Sebastien de Chaunac mocked the world rankings on Wednesday to set up a SA Tennis Open second-round showdown.

Giant Van der Merwe won successive tie-breakers to eliminate in-form German Benjamin Becker, who was 163 places above his opponent on the ATP list released Monday.

And De Chaunac belied his ranking of 225 to topple Spanish third seed Marcel Granollers 7-5, 7-6 on a near-deserted outside court as the small crowd who braved wet,



French journeyman Sebastien De Chaunac of France.—INTERNET

chilly conditions huddled around the Montecasino centre court.

In other matches on a rain-delayed third day of the first ATP tournament in South Africa for 14 years, second seed David Ferrer and eighth seed Marcos Baghdatis triumphed in straight sets and will meet in the quarter-finals.

Internet

Juventus sneak in to Cup semis after shoot-out

ROME, 5 Feb—Juventus completed the Italian Cup semi-final line-up after beating Napoli in a penalty shoot-out at Turin's Stadio Olimpico on Wednesday following a 0-0 draw.

They will play Lazio in the last four while Serie A leaders Inter Milan face Sampdoria in the other semi.

In what was a largely dull match, Juve and Napoli barely mustered a single chance between them throughout 120 minutes.

The hosts did have the ball in the net in the last seconds of normal time through David Trezeguet but he was somewhat controversially ruled offside.

So the tie went to a shoot-out with veteran Czech midfielder Pavel Nedved the first to miss as his spot-kick was saved by Nicolas Navarro. But Argentina forward Ezequiel Lavezzi saw his effort saved by Alex Manninger to level matters.—*Internet*

Vannes stun Nice, meet Bordeaux in League Cup final

PARIS, 5 Feb—Bordeaux swatted holders Paris Saint Germain 3-0 on Wednesday to reach the final of the French League Cup, where they will meet second division upstarts Vannes, who stunned top flight Nice.

PSG were looking to show their 4-0 hiding at Bordeaux three weeks ago was an aberration but they were soon shadows again as the visitors took a 17th-minute lead at the Parc des Princes, ex-Manchester United man David Bellion dispatching a firm header from Franck Juriatti's pinpoint high cross.

Laurent Blanc's



Vannes' striker Seid Khiter celebrates his team's victory over Nice at the end of their French League Cup football semi-final match in Nice.

INTERNET

Girondins were hoping history would repeat itself having scored a 1-0 win at the same venue and the same stage in 2002.

Internet

Barcelona look to cash in and sell Henry

MADRID, 5 Feb—Barcelona striker Thierry Henry could be offloaded at the end of the season, despite his great form, in a bid to boost the Spanish giants' coffers, Spanish sports daily AS claimed Wednesday.

The 31-year-old France international is under contract with Barcelona until 2011 but AS said that Nou Camp chiefs want to cash in by selling the former Arsenal striker at the end of this season.

Barcelona coach Josep

Internet



Barcelona striker Thierry Henry

Guardiola is said to be a big fan of Henry, however the report claims the club has already identified two possible replacements in Frank Ribery of Bayern Munich or Yoann Gourcuff of Bordeaux.

Pull of Milan tempts Beckham away from Galaxy orbit

GLASGOW, 5 Feb—David Beckham has pleaded with LA Galaxy chiefs to release him from his contract with the US Major League Soccer side and let him turn his loan move to Italian giants AC Milan into a permanent deal.

Initially derided as a publicity stunt for a player whose off-field celebrity has overshadowed his football ability in recent years, Beckham's move to the San Siro has sparked a renaissance in the England midfielder's career.

And staying with the Rossoneri, who've made no secret of their wish to hang on to the 33-year-old former Manchester



David Beckham.

United and Real Madrid playmaker, would undoubtedly do more for Beckham's hopes of appearing for England in the 2010 World Cup finals in South Africa than a return to the west coast of America.—*Internet*

Wolfsburg's Dejagah hospitalised by hepatitis virus

BERLIN, 5 Feb—Germany Under-21 star Ashkan Dejagah is expected to be out for a considerable time after the Wolfsburg midfielder was admitted to a specialist hospital to be treated for the hepatitis A virus on Wednesday.

The 22-year-old had complained of flu-like symptoms for several days, but a blood test has revealed something more serious and he was sent straight to a specialist hospital in Hamburg.

Further examinations on Wednesday confirmed



Germany Under-21 star Ashkan Dejagah.

INTERNET

Wolfsburg's worst expectations and hepatitis A, an acute infectious disease of the liver, was diagnosed.

Internet



The Peel 50, the world's smallest road-legal car, sits parked between two vans in London's Piccadilly Circus.—INTERNET

Experts identify key area of bird flu virus

PARIS, 5 Feb—Two teams of researchers say they have identified a key area of the H5N1 bird flu virus which appears to be involved in its replication and hope the discovery could speed up the design of new drugs.

In separate articles published in the journal Nature, the teams from France and China said the region of the virus could be an important target for the development of new drugs.

A member of the Chinese team said they had examined three proteins in the area and found they were involved in binding the virus to human cells and in virus replication.

It is feared the H5N1 virus could kill millions in a pandemic if it ever mutated to transmit efficiently among people. There are currently two drugs, Roche's Tamiflu and GlaxoSmithKline Plc's Relenza, which experts hope can be used to fight H5N1.

Since 2003, the virus has infected 404 people in 15 countries and killed 254 of them. It has killed or forced the destruction of more than 300 million birds as it spread to 61 countries in Asia, the Middle East, Europe and Africa.—Internet

MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (6.2.2009) (Thursday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	- (09:00am ~ 10:00am) MST
Europe	- (15:30pm ~ 23:30pm) MST
North America	- (23:30pm ~ 07:30am) MST

Local Transmission

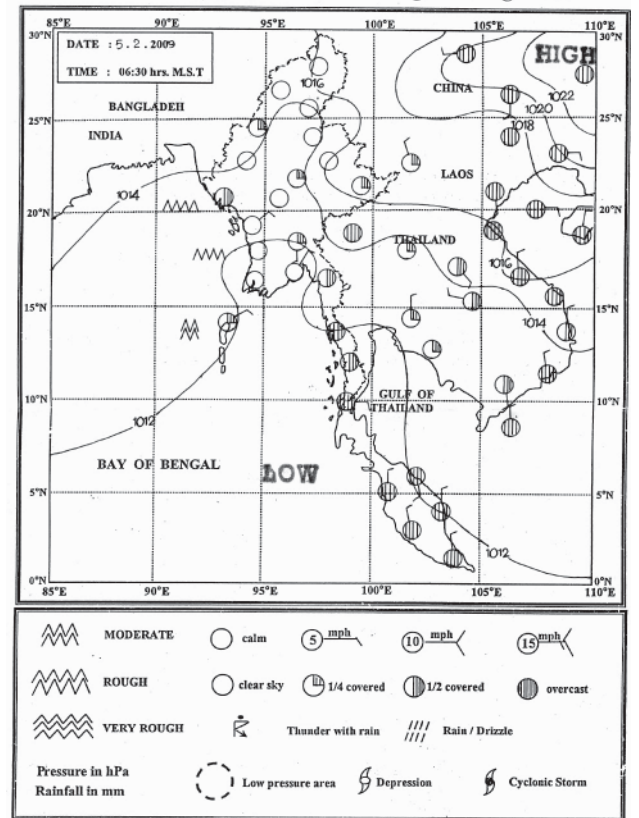
- ☐ Signature Tune
- ☐ Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights
- ☐ Hundred Fruits from a Common Stem, Our Union (Kayah State)
- ☐ Myanma Gems Mosaic
- ☐ Kayah Traditional Museum
- ☐ Encourage Rural Folks to use Biogas widely
- ☐ Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights

Europe/ North America Transmission

- ☐ Signature Tune
- ☐ Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights
- ☐ Hundred Fruits from a Common stem, Our Union (Kachin State)
- ☐ Hidden Beauty of Asia
- ☐ Kachin Traditional New Cron Feast and Drum Dance
- ☐ Myanmar Movies impact
- ☐ Discovering Imaw Bum Area (Part-III)
- ☐ Pickled Featherback
- ☐ Clothes Make the Women
- ☐ Mythun Breeding in Chin State
- ☐ Myanmar Modern song
- ☐ Hundred Fruits from a Common Stem, Our Union (Kayah State)
- ☐ Myanma Gems Mosaic
- ☐ Kayah Traditional Museum
- ☐ Encourage Rural Folks to use Biogas widely
- ☐ Discovering Imaw Bum Area (Part-IV)
- ☐ Marine Products in Myeik
- ☐ Historic Kawgoon Cave
- ☐ Innwa Ancient Capital
- ☐ Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights

Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Thursday, 5 February, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Taninthayi Division and generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below February average temperatures in Rakhine State, upper Sagaing and Magway Divisions, (6°C) to (7°C) below February average temperatures in Chin State and Bago Divisions, (3°C) above February average temperatures in Mandalay Division and about February average temperatures in the remaining areas. The significant night temperatures were Hakha (-1°C), Loilem (0°C), Ann (2°C) Pinlaung (3°C) and Namhsan (4°C).

Maximum temperature on 4-2-2009 was 91°F. Minimum temperature on 5-2-2009 was 59°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 5-2-2009 was 66%. Total sunshine hours on 4-2-2009 was (9.4) hrs approx.

Rainfall on 5-2-2009 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from Northwest at (21:30) hours MST on 4-2-2009.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 6th February 2009: Weather will be partly cloudy in Kachin and Shan States, and Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions and generally fair in the remaining areas.

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Generally fair weather in the whole country.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 6-2-2009: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 6-2-2009: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 6-2-2009: Generally fair weather.



Friday, 6 February
View on today

7:00 am

1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

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. လှုပ်ရှားပုံပြင် စိတ်ပျော်ရွှင်

8:00 am

6. အကမြိုင်ပွဲ

8:05 am

7. (၆၂)နှစ်မြောက်ပြည်ထောင်စုနေ့၊ ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်

8:30 am

8. International news

4:00 pm

1. Martial song

4:10 pm

2. Song of national races

4:20 pm

3. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစကား

4:30 pm

4. (၆၂)နှစ်မြောက်ပြည်ထောင်စုနေ့၊ ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်

4:45 pm

5. ၂၀၀၉ခုနှစ်၊ ကမ္ဘာ့သိုလ်ဝင်စာမေးပွဲ ဘာသာရပ်ဆိုင်ရာသင်ခန်းစာ (ဘောဂဗေဒဘာသာရပ်)

5:10 pm

6. Song to uphold national spirit

5:20 pm

7. “ဘဝသစ်ရဲ့စာမျက်နှာ” (ငြိမ်းချမ်းမြတ်ကေသီအောင်၊ စိုးပြည့်သခင်) ဒါရိုက်တာ-အောင်မိုး(ပဲရစ်)

5:35 pm

8. (၆၂)နှစ်မြောက်ပြည်ထောင်စုနေ့၊ ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်

5:45 pm

9. “ပြည်ထောင်စုစိတ်ဓာတ်မပြတ် ရင့်သန်ခိုင်မာရန်မှာဒီဝန်တာ” (အသီးတစ်ရာအညွှတ်တစ်ခု ခိုပြည်ထောင်စု)

6:00 pm

10. Evening news

6:30 pm

11. Weather report

6:35 pm

12. သုတစုံလင်ရွှေညာဏ်ရှင်

7:00 pm

13. ပြန်လည်ခံစားဆိုပျော်တေးများ

7:15 pm

14. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ကုန်သွယ်မှုနိဂုံး” (အပိုင်း-၅၀)

8:00 pm

15. News

16. International news

17. Weather report

18. မြန်မာ့ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားရုပ်ရှင် ထူးချွန်ဆု စာမျက်နှာများ (အပိုင်း-၂)

18. မြန်မာ့ရုပ်ရှင်

- “အဖေတစ်ခု၊ သားတစ်ခု” (စိန်မြင့်ဇော်လင်း၊ ဆွေဇင်ထိုက်၊ အောင်ထွန်းလေး) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မောင်နန္ဒ) (အပိုင်း-၂)

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye meets Indian Vice-President Shri M. Hamid Ansari and party

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Feb —Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Vice-Senior General Maung Aye met visiting Indian delegation led by Vice-President Shri M. Hamid Ansari at Bayintnaung Yeiktha here at 5 p.m. today.

Present also at the call were Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence, Prime Minister General Thein Sein, Secretary-1 of the SPDC Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win and Myanmar Ambassador to the Republic of India U Kyi Thein. The Indian delegation was accompanied by Indian Ambassador Mr. Aloke Sen. —MNA



Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye receives Vice-President Shri M. Hamid Ansari of the Republic of India at Bayintnaung Yeiktha in Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye holds discussions with visiting Indian Vice-President

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Feb—Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the

Union of Myanmar Vice-Senior General Maung Aye met with Indian Vice-President Shri M. Hamid

Ansari at the hall of Bayintnaung Yeiktha, here, at 5.25 p.m., today, and cordially discussed

matters related to mutual cooperation between the two countries.

Also present at

the meeting were Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe

Mann of the Ministry of Defence, Prime Minister General Thein Sein, Secretary-1 of the SPDC Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Minister for Industry-2 Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Minister for Science and Technology U Thaung, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo, Minister for Electric Power No. 1 Col Zaw Min, Minister for Electric Power No. 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint, Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw and Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein and Deputy Minister for Construction U Tint Swe, Myanmar Ambassador to the

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Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Vice-Senior General Maung Aye cordially meets with Vice-President Shri M. Hamid Ansari of India at Bayintnaung Yeiktha in Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA