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Consolidated people

With the fine traditions and high cultural standards, the national races consolidated themselves as a people in the simple and single term 'Myanmar'.

Senior General Than Shwe
Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council
Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services
(From the 58th Anniversary Union Day message)

Secretary-1 attends ceremony to present Myanmar Motion Picture Outstanding Award (Academy Award) for 2007

Movie professionals should be supporters of national interest

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Feb— Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and wife Daw Khin Saw Hnin attended the ceremony to present the Myanmar Motion Picture Outstanding Award (Academy Award) for 2007, organized by Myanmar Motion Picture Enterprise under the Ministry of Information, at the open air theatre of the City Hall here this evening.

Also present on the occasion were senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence and their wives, Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin and wife, ministers and their wives, the Attorney-General, the deputy ministers, senior

Films have great influence over the people. So, film artistes have to be positive role models in morale and morality for the youth of today.



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo greeting best actor award winner Kyaw Ye Aung.—MNA



Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan delivers an address at the ceremony to present the Myanmar Motion Picture Outstanding Award.—MNA

military officers, departmental heads, Union Day delegates, officials of the Myanmar Motion Picture Promotion and Scrutinizing Board, the Motion Picture and Video Censor Board, responsible persons of Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayon, Myanmar Music Asiayon, Myanmar Thabin Asiayon, Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association, social organizations, film artistes, technicians, film producers and fans.

First, Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan delivered an address. The minister said at this Myanmar Motion Picture Outstanding Award presentation ceremony for 2007, the winners will be announced soon. Here, may I express my heartfelt thanks for your presence. In compliance with the guidance of the Head of State, the University of National

Culture and Arts (Yangon) has conducted the three-year under-graduate course on motion picture and drama since 2007 to produce skilled film technicians. So, there will be an increase in the number of youths who are skilled in the arts of film making and video film shooting, and that will help produce more quality films and video films. In order to improve Myanmar film industry, the Ministry of Information has imported a lot of machines and equipment for the Myanmar Motion Picture Enterprise. So, now we can produce better films in picture, colour and sound, and that saves foreign exchange as we don't need to develop the films abroad. As a result, films are improving in quality gradually. We will import some more necessary equipment for development of the film industry.

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PERSPECTIVES

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Safeguard national policies for perpetuation of the Union

The Union of Myanmar is a nation of national races. National people such as Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Bamar, Mon, Rakhine and Shan have been residing in the Union since time immemorial as it is a nation formed with the essence of a society based on family.

Each national race has its own customs, language and culture and they live in the same land partaking water from the same source. Therefore Union spirit has been forged in the minds of the national races. In the history, the imperialists and fascists were driven out of the nation with the strength of all the national races. The nation thus regained its sovereignty and independence.

Today, the government has given priority to building of national solidarity in order to shape a brighter future. Now the country is on the path to modernization in accord with the national policy of non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty.

All the national races are actively participating in the nation-building tasks under the correct leadership of the government and fruitful results have been achieved nationwide.

Emergence of basic infrastructures on economy, education, health and social affairs including roads and bridges that contribute towards better transport in the states and divisions indicates the development images of the Union.

All the national people need to safeguard the national policy upholding the noble traditions and unity for perpetuation of the Union.

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

Lt-Gen Tha Aye on inspection tour of Mon State

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Feb—Lt-Gen Tha Aye of the Ministry of Defence together with Chairman of Mon State Peace and Development Council Commander of South-East Command Maj-Gen Thet Naing Win and departmental officials on 1 February inspected production process and sample slabs of the marble slab factory (Kyaikto) near Taungdale Village of Kyaikto Township.

At the construction site of Radial Tyre Factory Project in Bilin Township, he viewed the scale model of the factory and progress of project tasks. He looked into thriving groundnut plantations in Shweindon



Lt-Gen Tha Aye of the Ministry of Defence presents computers for basic education schools at Thaton BEHS No. 2.—MNA

Phaya field of Bilin Township and tarmacking of the road section at mile post 128 on Yangon-Mawlamyine road. At Thaton BEHS No. 2, Lt-Gen Tha Aye

presented computers for the schools through officials. He oversaw construction of Yinnyein Station Hospital sponsored by Tun Myat Aung Co in Paung and

thriving paddy plantations in Phyuba Village. Lt-Gen Tha Aye and party looked into maintenance of Thanlwin Bridge (Mawlamyine). MNA

Kanebo's rainbow in the rain programme to be held

YANGON, 7 Feb—Kanebo will exchange its rainbow (K) member cards for gifts through target point up to 15 February from 12 noon to 7 p.m. at

Gamonpwint (Kaba-Aye), Seingayhar (Pyay Road), MK (Dagon Center), from 16 to 28 February at Traders Hotel, Blazon, Yuzana Plaza.—MNA

31st ISD Team Golf Championship ends

YANGON, 6 Feb — Organized by the Ministry of Sports and Myanmar Golf Federation, the final round of the 31st Inter

State/Division Team Golf Championship was held in conjunction with prize presentation ceremony at Ayethaya Golf Club in Taunggyi on 4 February.

After the final round, Hti Htan Hlyan (Chin State) was awarded Eagle for third round and Aye Chantha (Taninthayi Division) and Maung Maung Than (Rakhine State) were awarded Eagle for final round.

At Team Captains event, U Aung Than of Shan State (East) stood second by firing 71 strokes and U Kyaw Kyaw of Mandalay Division, first with 69.

At Individual Scratch Event Silver Division, Zaw Win (Mon

State) won third prize with 326 strokes, Khin Maung Aye (Kachin State), second with 326 and Soe Myint Thaug (Chin State), first with 323.

At Individual Scratch Event Gold Division, Maung Maung Oo won third prize with 296, Thet Zaw Htwe, second with 292 and Than Zaw (Yangon Division), first with 292.

At Team Scratch Event Silver Division, Ayeyawady Division stood second with 996 and Kachin State, first with 993.

At Team Scratch Event Gold Division, Yangon Division won Championship Trophy with 909 and Mandalay

Division stood second with 912.

Next, Team Captain U Khin Maung Latt of Yangon Division team spoke words of thanks.

Officials presented prizes to winners of individual and team events.

Next, MGF Secretary U Aung Kyi handed over gift awarded by the Ministry of Sports and MGF to Deputy Manager U Soe Myint of Ayethaya Golf Club.

The tournament was sponsored by KBZ Bank Ltd and co-sponsors were Dagon Brewery Ltd and KM Golf Center with the aim of turning out Myanmar golfers.

MNA



Director-General of SPED U Thaung Htaik seen together with golfers of Yangon Division which wins Championship Trophy.

MGF

US Security Dept evacuated for dead fish, white powder

WASHINGTON, 7 Feb—The US Homeland Security Department building was evacuated on Friday after receiving suspicious dead fish and white powder.

According to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the department was briefly evacuated after an employee received a package containing a dead fish and white powder. The authorities has made a swift response to the reports on the suspicious package delivered to the

department office in downtown Washington, DC, said FBI spokeswoman Kate Schweit.

She also said that the area around the office has been secured by local police and fire department, and the package has been taken to a lab for test. The incidents evoked memory of the anthrax letters that killed five people and stirred panic in the US right after the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

In December, the FBI and the State Department said that more than 40

governor offices and at least 15 US embassies in Europe have received envelopes with suspicious white powder but they did not find dangerous substances.

The similar envelopes with white powder also appeared in more than 50 bank branches and a prominent newspaper headquarters in October, carrying a message “it’s payback time”. Despite a hoax, the FBI said that sending threat letters is still considered “a serious crime.”

Internet



The ruins of a building destroyed by a suicide car bomb attack in central Baghdad, Iraq recently. —INTERNET

Israel aircraft strike in Gaza after rocket fire

GAZA, 7 Feb — Israeli aircraft fired several missiles in the Gaza Strip on Friday after two rockets fired from the Hamas-controlled territory landed in Israel, none of the attacks causing any injuries. Residents in Gaza said the Israeli attacks targeted “open areas” near the southern town of Rafah and smuggling tunnels along the border with Egypt.

An Israeli military spokesman confirmed the air strikes but gave no further details. Earlier, two

rockets fired from northern Gaza landed in Israel, the Israeli military said.

Israel and Hamas declared separate ceasefires on 18 January, ending a 22-day Israeli offensive in the Gaza Strip. Israel said it’s campaign, which left about 1,300 Palestinians dead, was aimed at stop-

ping cross-border rocket fire. Ten Israeli soldiers and three civilians were killed in the Gaza campaign.

Israel often targets the tunnels under the Gaza Strip’s border with Egypt, which it says are used by Hamas to smuggle in weapons.—Internet



A man wounded in bomb attack receiving treatment in hospital in Baghdad, Iraq on 5 Feb, 2009.— INTERNET

US investigates death of diplomat in Ethiopia

WASHINGTON, 7 Feb — The United States said on Friday it is investigating the “suspicious” death of one of its diplomats at the US embassy in Addis Ababa.

Foreign Service Officer Brian Adkins, 25, died suddenly on 31 January, and his “death is under investigation by the Bureau of Diplomatic Security,” State Department acting spokesman Robert Wood said in a statement. “We are coordinating closely with the government of Ethiopia,” he added.

Adkins was serving in the embassy’s consular section. A State Department official who asked not to be named said Adkins died “under suspicious circumstances” but could not confirm press reports that he had been murdered. “Our first indications were that this was not something associated with terrorism,” the official said.—Internet

Ohio bus crash sends 13 to hospital

TOLEDO, 7 Feb — A swerving minivan Friday hit a school bus carrying high school students in Toledo, Ohio, sending 10 students and three other people to hospitals, police said.

The Toledo (Ohio) Blade reported that none of the students’ injuries were serious. Elmer Johnson Jr, 32, and Angela Johnson, 25, who were in the minivan, were in critical condition at St Vincent Mercy Medical Center, the highway patrol said.

The bus was headed toward Toledo Express Airport, where students were going to take part in the school district’s aviation technician programme.

Jose Sonora Jr, 15, said he was sitting in the rear of the bus when the crash occurred. “I felt the bus hit. I heard the boom and everything else. I saw debris flying and snow,” he was quoted by the newspaper as saying.—Internet

KANDAHAR, 7 Feb — US-led forces have killed six people during a raid in the southern Afghan province of Zabul, Afghan officials said on Friday.

Afghanistan has seen a sharp escalation of violence in recent years and is going through its bloodiest period since US-led troops and Afghan forces overthrew the Taleban in 2001. The victims in the latest incident were six civilian males from two families, said Mohammad Hashim, a member of Zabul’s provincial council.

Deputy provincial governor Gulab Shah Alikheil confirmed that six people were killed in an overnight operation, but could not say whether they were civilians or Taleban militants. — Internet

Afghans say
US-led raid
kills six in S
Afghanistan

US soldier dies in northern Iraq

BAGHDAD, 7 Feb – The US military says an American soldier has died of a noncombat-related injury near the northern Iraqi city of Balad Ruz.

A US statement released Saturday said the soldier died on Friday but gave no further details.

The latest fatality brings to at least 4,238 the number of US military members who have died in the Iraq war since it began in 2003.

The figure includes eight military civilians killed in action. At least 3,406 military personnel died as a result of hostile action, according to the military’s numbers.

Internet

Turkey bombs PKK bases in Iraq

ANKARA, 7 Feb — Turkey launched its first air strikes of 2009 this week aimed at PKK bases in northern Iraq, military officials said on Friday. Brig Gen Metin Gurak said at a press briefing the raids were carried out Wednesday and Thursday, Hurriyet reported. They struck the Hakurk area.

The PKK, the Turkish acronym for the Kurdistan Workers Party, uses strongholds in Iraq to carry out military operations in Turkey, officials say. Turkey also carried out a ground operation in 2008 that crossed the border. Gurak also told reporters the Turkish government welcomes the US decision to classify PEJAK, an Iranian Kurdish group, as a terrorist organization.

Internet



New Zealand Maori warriors paddle their ‘Waka’, a canoe as part of the ceremonies to celebrate New Zealand’s Waitangi Day in Waitangi, New Zealand, on 6 Feb , 2009. Waitangi Day marks the signing of the treaty between indigenous Maori and European settlers, the Treaty of Waitangi on 6 Feb, 1840 .—INTERNET

UN suspends Gaza aid shipments

JERUSALEM, 7 Feb—The UN agency that provides humanitarian aid to Middle East refugees has suspended relief to Gaza after two incidents this week in which the ruling Hamas government seized the supplies, the UN group said on Friday.

The UN Relief and Works Agency won’t resume deliveries until the stolen supplies are returned, and the agency is “given credible assurances from the Hamas government in Gaza that there will be no repeat of these thefts,” the agency said in a written statement.

Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon underscored that position, issuing a statement demanding Hamas “immediately release” the supplies it has seized.”All parties must refrain from interfering with, or hampering the provision and distribution of, urgently needed humanitarian assistance to the civilian population in Gaza,” Ban said in a statement.

In the latest incident, the UNRWA said truckloads of flour and rice were taken overnight on the Palestinian side of the Kerem Shalom border crossing that links Gaza and Israel.

The food came from Egypt and was to have been collected and distributed by the agency on Friday. Instead, it was taken away by trucks contracted by the Ministry of Social Affairs, according to the UN statement. Two hundred metric tons (220 US tons) of rice and 100 metric tons (110 US tons) of flour were seized, the agency said.—*Internet*

Australians battling dozens of wildfires

SYDNEY, 7 Feb—Crews battled to contain dozens of wildfires across south-eastern Australia on Saturday as temperatures soared to record levels and officials warned conditions were perfect for a deadly inferno.

At least 40 fires were blazing in New South Wales state, and more burned in Victoria and South Australia. Most were in parks and bush

land away from residential areas. Forecasters said a heat wave that has stewed millions of people in the southeast in the past two weeks would peak at the weekend with temperatures of up to 117 F (47 C).

Hot, dry winds would also blow across the region, creating conditions very similar to those that caused the 1983 wildfire tragedy known as Ash

Wednesday that killed 75 people. Most of the fires burning Saturday were being contained by thousands of volunteer firefighters manning hoses and building firebreaks at the edges. Tens of thousands more were standing by, along with water-bombing planes and helicopters, said New South Wales Rural Fire Service chief Shane Fitzsimmons.—*Internet*

Malaysian twins escape hangman over identity confusion

KUALA LUMPUR, 7 Feb—A pair of identical twins escaped being convicted and hanged on drugs charges in Malaysia, due to confusion over which one of them was the culprit, reports said on Saturday. The 27-year-old twins, R Sathis Raj and Sabarish Raj, had been charged with trafficking 166 kilos of cannabis and 1.7 kilos of raw opium in 2003. But police had trouble identifying which one was in possession of the drugs.

“This is a very unique case as they are identical twins. Even the DNA evidence could not prove

anything as the DNA could be either Sathis’ or Sabarish’s,” said High Court judge Zaharah Ibrahim. “I can’t be calling the wrong twin to enter his defence. I can’t be sending the wrong person to the gallows,” she said according to the *New Straits Times* as she acquitted the pair.

The court heard that one of the twins was caught taking a car load of drugs to a house in suburban Kuala Lumpur. After he was apprehended the other twin arrived at the house and was also arrested.—*Internet*

Energy drinks not for children

MONTREAL, 7 Feb — Energy drinks are the coffee of a new generation, but they have too much sugar and caffeine and can have a negative health impact, a Canadian researcher said. Stephanie Cote, nutritionist with Extensio, a

Universite de Montreal health and nutrition think-tank, said it’s not uncommon for students to consume energy drinks to increase their concentration as they study throughout the night.

A 2008 report by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada found 1.5 billion cans of Red Bull were sold in the United States in 2004. Consumption in Canada is said to be comparable, and it is a growing trend for 18-to 24-year-olds. However, this market segment is broadening as younger children are beginning to consume these drinks before doing physical activity, Cote said.

Internet

Russia allows transit of US military supplies

MOSCOW, 7 Feb—Russia granted transit rights Friday to non-lethal US military supplies headed to Afghanistan but only after apparently pressuring a former Soviet state to close an air base leased to the Americans.

The signal from Moscow: Russia is willing to help on Afghanistan, but only on the Kremlin’s

terms.

Kyrgyzstan announced the closure of the Manas air base but American officials suspect that Russia was behind the decision, having long been irritated by the US presence in central Asia.

The Russian decision to let US supplies cross its territory opened another route to those through Pakistan now threatened by militant attacks, but US officials were still left scrambling for alterna-

tives to Manas.

Russia wants to open discussions on thorny policy issues that Washington and Moscow have clashed on in recent years — NATO enlargement, missile defence in Europe, a new strategic arms control treaty. More importantly, Russia’s expectation is that Washington must go through Moscow where Central Asia is concerned.

Internet

Ex-hostage says Colombian rebels killed lawmakers in cold blood

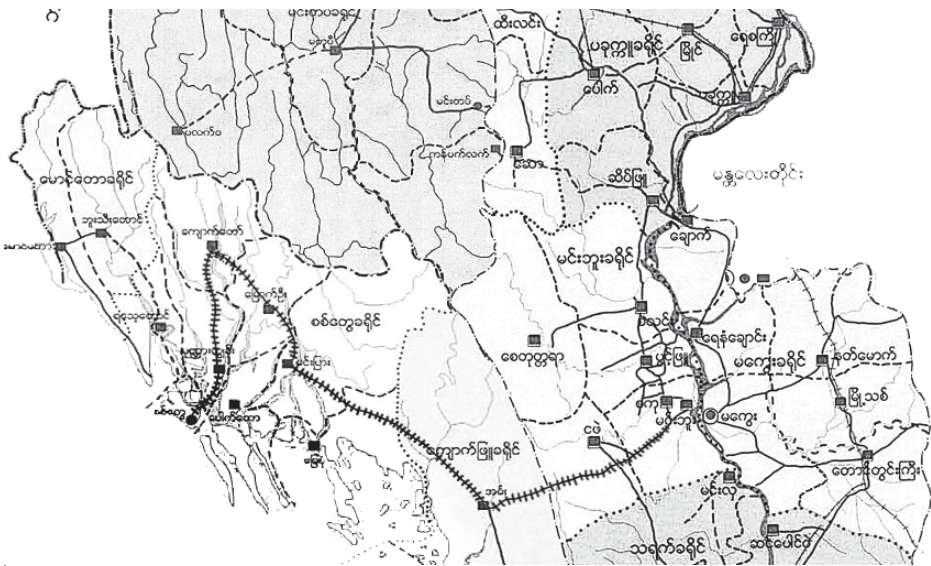
BOGOTA, 7 Feb—A Colombian former hostage — released by Marxist guerrillas after nearly seven years in captivity — said the rebels who held him and 11 colleagues killed the others in cold blood, an act he called “a war crime.”

Speaking upon his arrival in Cali hours after his release on Thursday, former regional legislator Sigifredo Lopez said he never saw what happened the day his fellow lawmakers died because he had been separated from them as punishment for supposedly being a troublemaker. Rebels of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, better known as FARC, had taken him to another part of the campground, chained him to a tree and built a small wall made from palm fronds so he couldn’t communicate with the other captives.—*Internet*



Qing Pang and Jian Tong of China acknowledge the crowd from the winners podium after the Pairs Free Skate during the ISU Four Continents Figure Skating Championships at Pacific Coliseum, on 5 Feb, in Vancouver, Canada.—INTERNET

DEVELOPMENT OF RAKHINE STATE IN THE TIME OF TATMADAW GOVERNMENT



Plans are under way to build railroad in Rakhine State. Photo shows Map of Sittway-Ponnagyun-Kyauktaw-MraukU-Minbya-An-Minbu railroad project.



Sai Tin Hydropower Plant

Photo shows site chosen for construction of Sai Tin hydropower plant project, which will be able to produce 70 megawatts, in Buthidaung Township, Rakhine State.

Hailing the 62nd Anniversary Union Day

Projects to be implemented for development of Rakhine State

Subject	Location	Remark
Agriculture -Zeechaung dam	Kyauktaw Township	Benefited cultivation acreage 1000
Transport -180 feet and above Bridge under construction	Sittway Township	Yangon-Sittway Road
-Kyauktan bridge		
Railroad -Sittway-Ponnagyun	Rakhine State	People can travel up and down country via Minbu on west bank of Ayeyawady River
-Kyauktaw-MraukU		
-Minbya-An-Minbu		
Railway station -MraukU station	MraukU Township	Sittway-Ponnagyun-Kyauktaw-MraukU (99 miles)
-Myomayat camp station	MraukU Township	Minbu-An-Minbya (158 miles)
-Teinnyo station	MraukU Township	Total railroad miles from Minbu to Sittway (257 miles)
-Maha Muni station	MraukU Township	
-Apaukwa station	Ponnagyun Township	
-Yoe Tayoke station	Ponnagyun Township	
-Ponnagyun station	Ponnagyun Township	
Railroad-cum-bridge -Pitauk river crossing bridge	Kyauktaw and Ponnagyun Township	
-Yoechaung bridge		
Communications -CDMA/GSM mobile telephone	Rakhine State	5500 units
- GSM mobile telephone	Sittway Township	1400 units
Electric Power Project under implementation -Thahtaychaung	Thandwe Township	111.0 megawatts
-Anchaung	An Township	15.0 megawatts
Projects to be implemented -Thandwechaung	Thandwe Township	39.0 megawatts
-Kyeintali	Kyeintali Township	28.0 megawatts
-Sai Tin	Buthidaung Township	70.0 megawatts
Oil and Natural Gas Offshore Oil and Natural Gas -Shwe (1) (A-1)	Rakhine Offshore	It produces from 3.4 to 5.4 trillion cubic feet.
-Shwe Phyu (A-3)	Rakhine Offshore	It produces from 0.5 to 1.2 trillion cubic feet.
-Mya Gas Deposit	Rakhine Offshore	It produces from 1.8 to 3.4 trillion cubic feet.



Thahtaychaung hydropower plant project with 111 megawatts generating power is under construction across Thahtay creek near the site 12 miles north-east of Thandwe for sufficient supply of electricity in Rakhine State. Upon completion, it will be able to generate 417 million kilowatt hours a year.

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Maung Po Hmat

In the late 1991, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics formed with 15 Soviet Socialist republics collapsed into 15 separate countries. In some of those countries, for example the Russian Federation, Muslims of Chechnya launched armed revolt to secede from the mother country. Similarly, Tatastan region saw rebellions for secession from the country. Accordingly, the government of the Russian Federation had to suppress the rebellions. The United States of America and the European Union aided and abetted Chechnya rebels, and provided fertile soil for them in Washington and London. They also accused the government of the Russian Federation of human rights violation and genocide.

South Ossetia and Abkhazia regions seceded from Georgia, an ex-member of the USSR. Those secessions were due to alien instigation and incitement. The US and European Union gave places to the countries that had seceded from the USSR and former eastern European Socialist countries in NATO. With the intention of breaking up national unity in Ukraine, Georgia, Uzbekistan and Tajikistan, they drove wedges among the people. Moreover, they provoked yellow revolution, orange revolution and rose revolution in order that those countries became their minion ones, following downfall of the governments that did not get along with West-Bloc. While being parts of USSR, they were united, but after seceding from USSR, the seceded countries came to fight each other. For instance, Azerbaijan engaged in the battle against Armenian for territorial possession.

Czechoslovakia Socialist Republic, an eastern European country, split into Czech Republic and Slovak Republic following the downfall of the socialist governments. Yugoslavia in Balkan region in the southeast part of Europe used to be a Socialist country constituted with six nations. They were cohesive in the time of President Marshal Broz Tito. In 1992 Yugoslavia collapsed into six parts at the alien instigation. The main land of Yugoslavia is Serbia. Serbs of Serbia made a world history for their brilliant resistance against Hitler's Nazi troops and Mussolini's Italian Fascist troops through guerilla warfare in the World War II. The US provided assistance for Muslims of Bosnia Herzegovina that seceded from Yugoslavia, and the Muslim troops of Chechnya that seceded from the Russian Federation. It was because it encouraged secession from the Socialist (Communist) countries and according to its strategy to devastate Communism, not because it was in favour of Muslims.

Kosovo, a part of Serbia, saw constant illegal immigration of Muslims from its neighbour Albania. Albanian ethnic groups launched their armed revolts since 1990 to secede Kosovo from Serbia. In fear of collapse of the nation, Serbian government suppressed the rebellion. Initially, the US condemned leader Hashin Sagi of Kosovo separation force as a drug lord and dacoit. But, when it considered Serbia to be the

last Communist nation of Europe, the US not only expressed its support for Hashin Sagi but also invaded Serbia, leading NATO troops on 23 March 1999. The US kept Serbia under its control and encouraged secession from Kosovo. In 2008, the US and Europe recognized Kosovo as an independent nation. Showing total disregard for the strong objection of the international community including the Russian Federation, the US separated Kosovo from Serbia.

The US-led troops invaded Iraq in the Middle East on 19 March 2003. Since 1990, the US had abetted Kurd rebels in the northern part rising against the government to secede from Iraq, and Shiia Muslim troops in the southern part of Iraq rising against Sunny Muslim government of Saddam Hussein. The constitution drawn after the US invasion of Iraq manifests three parts: the area of Kurds, that of Sunny Iraqis, and that of Shiia Iraqis. Kurds were homeless people like gypsies. Sixty per cent of Kurds took refuge in Turkey, and nearly 40 per cent, in Iran, Iraq and Syria. After seizing parts of Turkey, Iraq, Iran and Syria, Kurds launched armed revolts in Turkey, Iraq and Iran to establish Kurdistan. The US is abetting Kurd revolutionaries. It made some regions secede from some African countries and is driving wedges among the people to secede from the nations concerned.

Myanmar is home to more than 100 national races that have been living in unity since time immemorial. National brethren remained united and safeguarded the nation and sovereignty (independence) from the period of losing independence to the post-independence period, and in the times when the Union was on the verge of losing independence and collapse. The Federal movement to break up the Union into eight parts at the instigation of the colonialists met its end in 1962 due to the unanimous disapproval of the entire people.

National brethren have managed to put an end to all the movements in which a handful of expatriates and national axe-handles tried to secede some parts from the Union as masterminded by their alien masters.

The Union of Myanmar has been standing firmly with independence or sovereignty thanks to consolidated unity and Union Spirit of national brethren. So, neo-colonialists then resort to other possible ways and means to disrupt the national goal of building a peaceful, modern and developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation.

Today, Myanmar has enjoyed peace and stability along with development in various sectors at the unprecedented level. And it has achieved many tangible basic foundations for democratic transition. The National Convention adopted the principles. The Commission for Drafting State Constitution drafted the State Constitution (2008), which was then approved by 92.48 per cent of the voters. Multiparty democracy general elections will take place in accordance with the new constitution in 2010.

Now, the people are awaiting 2010 elections to elect their representatives. Some are found active

in making preparations to register their parties. The forces of national politics are persuading and encouraging politicians to give priority to national interest rather than to personality cult, attachment to the party concerned, sectarianism and dogmatism in the 2010 elections. The seven steps for transition to democracy are ongoing such as promulgation of necessary laws; registering of political parties; arrangements for elections to be held by the Election Commission for which candidates will stand; assuming charge of duties by Pyithu Hluttaw, Amyotha Hluttaw; Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, and State/Region Hluttaws in which representatives-elect will have to represent the people to exercise the legislative power; formation of governing body under the President who will have to undertake executive power; and formation of Union high courts that will have to exercise judicial power.

Throughout the periods of the National Convention, and the referendum to approve the new constitution, subversive elements were resorting to a variety of means to hinder the processes. So, the entire people had to overcome the conspiracies through national unity and Union Spirit.

Axe-handles and national traitors who are hurting the public interests, using beautiful word of democracy, opportunists seeking self-interests through politics and neo-colonialists are expressing their stances that they do not accept the State Constitution approved with the support of 92.48 per cent of the voters. Anti-democracy activists and lackeys of the colonialists always find faults with the State's future programmes through the radio stations under the influence of the colonialists.

Turning a blind eye to achievements of nation building endeavours carried out in the interest of the State and the people, they made a spate of accusations over the efforts of the government. At present also, they aired fabricated news time and again that a group of boat Bengali Muslims who were Rohinjas from Myanmar were tortured by Myanmar and driven out by Thailand. In the late January and the early February 2009, the spokesman from UNHCR, the Washington-based Human Rights Watchdog, the Thai based GHRE (a) Renegade-Grassroots Human Rights Education, Amnesty International, Arakan Project (Bangkok) and Refugee International (Washington), fuelled the problem, saying that the so-called Rohinjas were subject to torture by Thai authorities and driven out of the country by Myanmar authorities.

In the 30-1-2009 issue of Myanmar newspapers, it was stated that at present some foreign media were airing that some Rohinjas are attempting to enter Thailand by boat from the sea and some of them from Myanmar; and that there was no national race by the name of Rohinjas in the national races of Myanmar.

Myanmar shares border with Bangladesh, India, the People's Republic of China, the Lao People's Democratic Republic and Thailand. There could be immigrants from one country to another as the border was not properly demarcated by brick or steel walls. There was no incident that the Myanmar governments of successive eras did accept renegades, expatriates and insurgents who breached the law and fled into the nation from neighbouring countries.

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In the time of the British government, it was found that the British brought Bengalis and Indians of India (now Pakistan, India and Bangladesh) into the nation with various intentions. There were some cases that the needy Bengalis were hired for farm works in Rakhine State where there was poor transport. Some Bengalis did not return to their natives and steadily lived in the region. In 1953 when the census was taken in the nation, Bengalis in Rakhine State forcibly asked officials concerned to officially include them in the country's population as Rohinjas. The Myanmar Census Department refused their demand.

Bengalis who had already arrived in Rakhine State harboured Bangali Muslims who illegally immigrated to the country through Buthidaung, Maungtau and Rathedaung and abetted them in various ways. When the AFPFL was split into two, Thantshin AFPFL (then Pahtasa) granted the right to vote to Bangali Muslims in the region in order to win their ballots. Terming themselves as Rohinjas, the Bengalis were active and rose against the government to separate Buthidaung, Maungtau and Rathedaung from the nation.

During the World War II when Myanmar was under the Japanese subjugation, Bengalis in the border fled to the Bengal region. In 1945 when the British re-entered Myanmar the Bengalis stealthily crossed the Myanmar border again. At the instigation of the colonialists, the Bengali Muslims of Buthidaung and Maungtau regions launched Mujahid armed insurgencies against the government to secede from the country in 1947. They set fire to villages of Rakhine nationals. The Bengalis who later entered the country even killed Muslims who were there early. Mujahid insurgents were taking a large number of Bengalis to Rakhine State and establishing villages for them while setting Rakhine villages on fire. At that time, the Union Government (AFPFL Government) had to face a series of attacks of various enemies as multicoloured insurgencies reigned in the nation.

The British ruled Rakine State for 123 years from 1827 to 1948. During that period, Bengalis entered the nation en masse. In 1950-1951, the Myanmar

Tatmadaw had to suppress Mujahid insurgents and it was able to put an end to the insurgency in 1954. Upon the request of the Myanmar government the Bangladeshi (the then East Pakistan) government arrested and jailed Kalar Karsin, the leader of Mujahid insurgents.

The fifth conference of Rakhine National Unity Organization held in March 1959 passed a resolution to effectively deter the influx of East Pakistani (now Bangladeshi) nationals into Rakhine State with the help of some Muslims in the name of Myanmar citizens in Sittway, Buthidaung and Maungtau regions.

In 1960, due to canvassing for votes by Pahtasa (Thantshin AFPFL) the Bangali Muslims in Rakhine State formed the Rohinja Patriotic Front and were active again. Arab Muslims were stranded in Bengali region as their vessel crashed and got married to local Muslim (Bengali) women. Their offspring were called Rohant which was derived from Rohon, a word of Arabic. With the passage of time, they dubbed themselves as Rohinjas. As the descendants of Arab Muslims sailors from northern Africa and Bengali Muslims in Bengal region were named as Rohinjas, it is sure that they were not Myanmar nationals but Arab-Bengali Muslims who were those of mixed parentage.

When the Revolutionary Council assumed the State responsibilities, steps were taken from October to December in 1966 to scrutinize and segregate Muslims who had already become Myanmar citizens from Bengali Muslims who later stealthily entered the nation under operation Kyigan. Under the operation, a large number of Bengali Muslims in Sittway, Myebon, Kyauktaw, Ponnagyun, Thandwe, Taungup, Kyeingyaung and Maungtau regions were found to be those who illegally entered the nation.

In February 1969, illegal immigrant Bengalis were scrutinized in Sittway and Kyaukphyu districts under the Myatmon operation. In 1971 when a conflict between East Pakistan (Bengal) and West Pakistan broke out over 10,000 Bengali refugees fled to Buthidaung and Maungtau regions. Necessary measures were taken for them to be able to return to their native (Bengal) after systematic scrutiny.

Starting from February 1974, illegal immigrants were scrutinized in Rakhine, Chin, Kachin and

Shan states under the Sabai operation. Under the operation, it was found that there were 988 Bangladeshi citizens who illegally entered Rakhine State, 663 who breached the citizen registration act and 18,254 foreigners.

Every time when operations were launched, the illegal Bengali Muslim immigrants fled to Bangladesh en masse. In 1978 when the Nagamin operation was launched those who illegally entered Rakhine State fled to their native nation. Some of those who fled to the native nation were scrutinized and accepted through the Hintha operation.

In 1991-1992 when the Immigration Department scrutinized those who illegally entered Rakhine State they fled to the native nation en masse. Under the agreement of the Bangladeshi government and the Myanmar government those who met the four requirements were accepted. During 13 years from 1992 to 2005, 236,495 persons were scrutinized and accepted. The western media aired fabricated news over the matter and abetted those who illegally entered Myanmar.

The US which harboured millions of expatriates and renegades from different countries was suffered severely on 11-9-2001. Therefore, it has had to tighten the immigration law. **As it was vulnerable to the illegal influx of people from south Mexico, it had to set up the wall with steel fences at the border sharing with Mexico. It has to shoot the illegal immigrants to dead. Israel had to build a big wall in the west bank to deter the entry of Palestinians. Harboring over 300,000 renegades, the US is making attempts to topple the Castro socialist government. In the time of President Clinton the US marines drove out boat people Cubans and Hispanics who attempted to enter the US.**

After the Vietnam war, boat people from south Vietnam fled the country. Hong Kong then belonged to the British did not accept the boat people and expelled them. Most recently, Indonesia and Australia drove out boat Muslims. It is obvious that no house owners want to accept any unscrupulous visitors. It is fair that Thailand didn't want to accept more Bengali Muslims (so-called Rohinjas) as there were Muslim insurgency in four Muslim provinces of south Thailand. In Myanmar there is no national race by the name of Rohinja. The destructive elements should be aware of the fact that the principle calling for no secession of any parts from the Union was included in the State constitution adopted by the people.

(Translation: MS+TS)

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Leprosy Elimination Day observed

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Feb—Organized by the Ministry of Health, the 6th Leprosy Elimination Day Commemorative Ceremony was held at the meeting hall of the ministry here this morning, with address by Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint.

It was also attended by Deputy Minister Dr Mya Oo, Vice-President of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw Aye Aye and member Daw Nilar Thaw, Head of Information Department under Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation Daw Kyi Kyi Win, Head of International Relations Department Daw Myint Myint Soe, the directors-general and officials of the ministry, the medical superintendents, responsible persons of social organizations, the resident representatives of UN agencies, representatives of IMCJ, JICA and TLMI and

guests.

After delivering address by Minister Dr Kyaw Myint, the prize presentation ceremony followed.

The minister, the deputy minister, WHO Public Health Administer Ms. Margareta Skold and Director Dr. Norihisa Ishll of International Medical Center of Japan presented prizes to winners of essay contests to mark Leprosy Elimination Day 2009. Next, educative programme on elimination of leprosy was shown and the ceremony came to an end. This year's motto of Leprosy Elimination Day is Treat Early: Prevent Disability.—MNA

Minister Dr Kyaw Myint addresses the 6th Leprosy Elimination Day Commemorative Ceremony.—MNA



Secretary-1 attends...

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The new executive committee of the Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayon was reconstituted in 2007. The executive committee is working hard with renewed strength in various aspects.

The Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayon is importing film reels with its funds and distributing them on credit to producers with the aim of helping produce more and more Myanmar films. Furthermore, it has launched film and video film acting course to produce new generation artistes. And it has also launched film directing course to increase the number of skilled film directors. Now, it is trying to regularly open other courses such as script course, editing course and photography course. It occasionally conducts seminars and workshops on film technology to improve the film industry. And it is training and organizing film professionals to improve their skills mentally and morally.

Besides, the Ministry of Information and the Myanmar Motion Picture Enterprise are trying in all aspects to improve the Myanmar film industry. Myanmar film delegations were sent to the People's Republic of China in 2008 to hold discussions with China Film Group Corporation to co-produce films; to the International Co-



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and wife Daw Khin Saw Hnin attend the ceremony to present Myanmar Motion Picture Outstanding Awards and Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan delivering an address.—MNA

production Workshop in the Republic of Korea in 2008 to co-produce films and video films; and the 17th Chinese Golden Rooster and Hundred Flowers Film Festival in China. I believe national film professionals would be able to improve the Myanmar film industry through international studies and cooperation.

The Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayon and film professionals are working hard, but I would say they still need to work harder in order to improve the Myanmar film industry. I have said several times that market expansion is an engine for improvement of the film world. So, we need to penetrate not only domestic but also foreign markets. In this regard, **our works need to meet international standard in theme, plot, acting, picture, sound and colour as well as in production and distribution. Therefore, national**

film professionals need to combine their skills with modern film equipment effectively. And they need to purchase other necessary machines individually or in share.

I have heard some comments that at present, film professionals focused only on profits rather than on quality, and that was the root cause of a fall in the quality of films. I do not think it is wise to pay too much attention to profits, if we really want to produce quality works. Therefore, we can dream about improvement only if such producers quit that profit-oriented policy and invest enough time, funds, manpower and equipment without sacrificing their pride and dignity in producing films. And if we can produce quality films and penetrate international market, we can make greater profits.

Here, a fact I would like to point out is that films have great influence

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over the people. So, **film artistes have to be positive role models in morale and morality for the youth of today. They have to demonstrate and promote traditional culture, Myanmar spirit and social values in a mode of dress, behaviours and expressions. More than that, they have to enhance the image and prestige of the nation and the people in portraying the traditions and lifestyles of the people. And they have to avoid decadent performances that can bring disgrace to the nation and the people.**

Film professionals are also to try to transform analogue to digital system by co-producing pictures

with other countries so as to improve Myanmar film industry. I feel encouraged to learn that some professionals are trying to shoot quality films with the digital system. I would like to urge them to keep on trying to attract the emulation of other producers in this case.

I do not think a film can attract complete attention of the fans although it is of high quality but the projecting and sound systems are not modern. So, we have to upgrade the present cinema halls to modern ones. I am pleased to learn that the upgrading of sound systems and projectors of the cinemas is already ongoing. The project should be extended in the whole country. The world countries are changing to cinema complex system which includes 50-seat to 100-seat mini-cinemas along with other services such as sales rooms, beauty salons and fitness centres and digital cinema system from 400 to 500 capacity cinemas. Hence, individual or collective efforts should be made to introduce the cinema complex system and digital system.

Our country also needs big studios like some other countries to produce films of higher quality. Professionals of

the movie world should build international level studios individually, collectively or in cooperation with the Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayon. The Information Ministry will also render assistance to the best of its ability in accord with the frames and principles. I have already made suggestion in connection with the five tasks to be implemented by the MMPA and entrepreneurs. I will now state the tasks as follows to enable the film professionals to try to implement them in cooperation:

1. **To build modern studios individually or collectively within the framework of the principles laid down by the State.**
2. **To cooperate broadly with foreign countries in film-making, film editing and screening and to strive for showing Myanmar films abroad.**
3. **To strive to change from analogue to digital in film-making and screening**
4. **To modernize sound and projecting systems of private and State-owned cinemas.**
5. **To strive for emergence of cinema complexes and digital cinemas simultaneously.**

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Myanmar Motion Picture Outstanding Award winners.—MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan presents the Best Actor Award to Kyaw Ye Aung.—MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan presents the Best Film Award to Myint Marlar Film Production.—MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan presents the Best Cinematography Award to Kyaukphyu (Padetha).—MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan presents the Best Music Award to Sein Mutta.—MNA

Secretary-1 attends...

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We have already laid down five aims and 12 basic work programmes since about 2005 for development of the movie world. I would like to urge again all film professionals to strive to successfully implement them. The professionals may face difficulties, disagreements and challenges in implementing them. Success will surely be achieved if the following points are used as the base in overcoming the difficulties, disagreements and challenges:

1. The aim of developing movie professionals
2. A balanced view of self-interest and other's interest
3. Zeal, perseverance and efforts
4. Unity
5. Cooperation
6. Patience and understanding

The ministry will also lend a helping hand for achieving success.

All the persons of the media world including movie professionals should be the supporters of the national interest and should have correct conviction. This is very important. The interest of the country and the national races is the national interest. Here, the supporters mean persons who are always serving, protecting and promoting the national interest and those who will wipe out all dangers harming the national interest. I would emphasize that the movie professionals have the duty to serve, protect and promote the interest of the country and the national races while working in the interest of the people of the same profession. The artistes have the fine tradition of awakening the national spirit during the pre-in-

dependence era and dutifully serving the national duties in the respective roles during the independence struggle and during the period the nation has to maintain her independence. The professionals will have to actively participate in the present nation-building endeavours with correct conviction in the national interest.

It is common knowledge that the seven-step Road Map is being implemented in accord with the public wish for the democratization process. **The Road Map is the best means to reach the goal desired by the people in accord with the nation's prevailing conditions. It is also the most appropriate and harm-free means to transform to democracy in a peaceful and stable atmosphere.** The constitution has been ratified with the massive approval of the people, which is the fourth step. The gen-

eral election, the fifth step, will be successfully held in 2010. The movie professionals will have to dutifully play their part for the success of the 2010 general election.

Soon, the motion picture academy awards for 2007 will be announced. As in the previous years the judges at different levels selected every award in accord with the set standards. The ten movies released in 2007 were watched again and again to award the persons who actually deserved and met the set standard. The persons who won awards this year are to carry on trying to win more awards and the persons who have not won the award yet should strive to win the award in the coming years.

In conclusion, I would like to urge the **movie professionals to implement the five aims, the five tasks in hand and the 12 basic work**

programmes for development of the movie world and its professionals; to strive to acquire required equipment and studios, to make films in cooperation with foreign countries, and to upgrade film projecting system and cinemas till reaching the international level; to strive for Myanmar movies to penetrate foreign markets; to preserve and protect cultural heritage and national characters with the help of their profession; and to join hands with the government and the people for emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed democratic nation.

In the list of Academy Award Winners, the Best Music Award went to Sein Mutta, the Best Film Director Award to Maung Yin Aung for his work in "Koe-hse-hsa-tha-leint-mei", the Best Film Award to "Koe-hse-hsa-tha-leint-mei" pro-

duced by Myint Marlar Film Production, the Best Cinematography Award to Kyaukphyu (Padetha) for his work in "Nga-dar-n g a - t h w e - n g a - Ayeyawady", the Best Supporting Actor Award to Moe Di for his work in "Koe-hse-hsa-tha-leint-mei", the Best Actor Award to Kyaw Ye Aung for his work in "Koe-hse-hsa-tha-leint-mei".

Next, some selected scenes of the award winners were shown.

Afterwards, Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan presented Academy Awards to the respective winners.

The Academy Award winners for 2007 paid respects to Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and wife Daw Khin Saw Hnin.

After the ceremony, the Secretary-1, wife and party cordially greeted Academy Award winning film stars and film technicians.

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Best Supporting Actor Award winner Moe Di being greeted by film artistes.—MNA



Best Film Director Award winner Maung Yin Aung being greeted by film artistes.—MNA

Lt-Gen Myint Swe attends MFF 10th annual meeting, Myanma Maritime Products Market Festival



Lt-Gen Myint Swe visits booths opened at Myanma Maritime Products Market Festival.—MNA

YANGON, 7 Feb — The opening of 10th Annual Meeting of Myanmar Fishery Federation was held in conjunction with Myanma Maritime Products Market Festival at MFF building in Insein Township here this morning, attended by Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence.

It was also attended by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Win Myint, Patron of MFF Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein, departmental heads, diplomats of foreign embassies, resident representatives of UN agencies, responsible of INGOs, MFF President

and CEC members and members and guests.

Commander Brig-Gen Win Myint, Minister Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein and MFF President opened the ceremony.

Next, Lt-Gen Myint Swe, the commander and party viewed booths opened at the festival.

Then Lt-Gen Myint Swe, Minister Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein and MFF President delivered addresses at Thiri Annawah Hall.

Afterwards, the minister presented prizes to outstanding students who are offspring of members of MFF and certificates of honour to

those of international organizations and companies who provided motorized fishing boats and fishing gear to the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries and MFF.

Next, Lt-Gen Myint Swe, the minister, the secretary of Yangon Division PDC and officials accepted cash donations of wellwishers and presented certificates of honour to them.

Then the 10th annual meeting of MFF followed.

Hailing the meeting, Myanma Maritime Products Market Festival will be held up to 10 Feb from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. Miss Mermaid contest, Photo show and contest on development of fisheries sector, paper reading sessions and entertainment programme will be held at the festival.—MNA

Indian Vice-President and wife leave for Mandalay

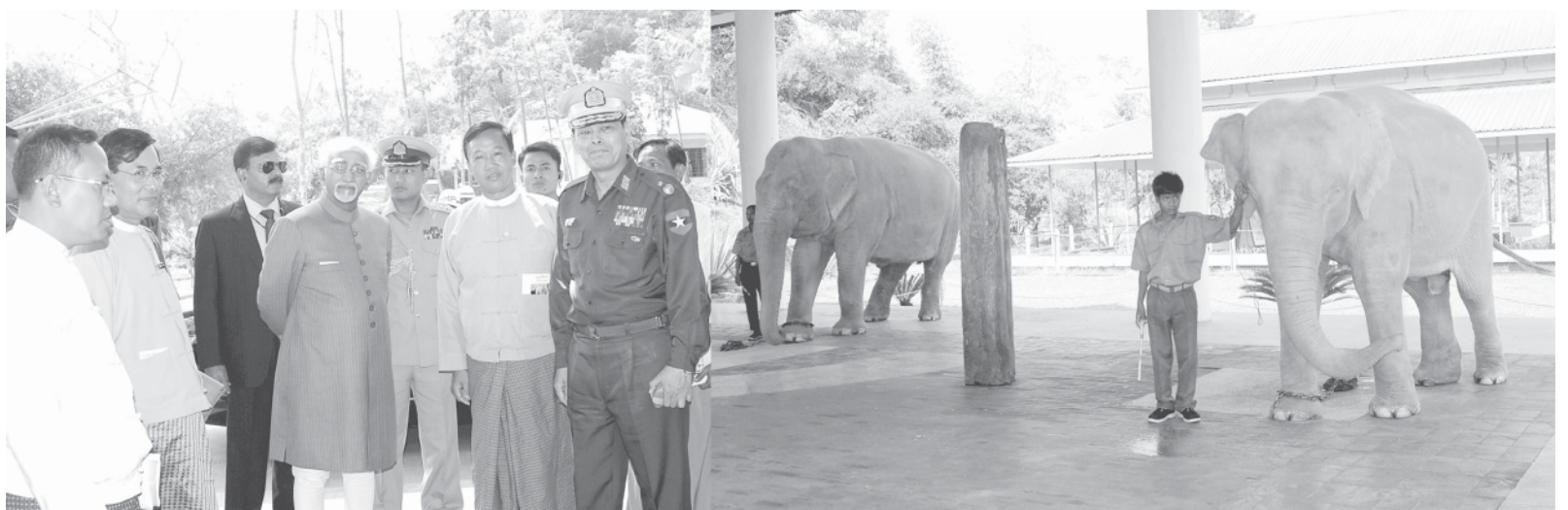
YANGON, 7 Feb—At the invitation of Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Deputy Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San, a delegation led by Vice-President Shri M. Hamid Ansari of the Republic of India and wife Shrimati Salma Ansari accompanied by Deputy Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Maj-Gen Thein Tun and wife, Myanmar Ambassador to the Republic of India U Kyi Thein and wife, Indian Ambassador Mr. Aloke Sen and wife and Director-General of the Protocol Department under the Ministry of For-

eign Affairs U Kyaw Kyaw, left for Mandalay at 12.15 p.m. by special flight from here.

The goodwill delegation was seen off at Yangon International Airport by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Win Myint and wife, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, Senior Military Officers and officials.

The delegation led by Indian Vice-President and wife visited Zaphar Shah Tomb in Dagon Township and Yadana White elephants at white elephant garden in Mindhamma Hill in Insein Township this morning.

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Indian Vice-President Shri M. Hamid Ansari visits Yadana White elephant garden in Mindhamma Hill. — MNA

First special sales promotion and fun fair (2009) on 12-14 Feb

YANGON, 7 Feb—The first times special sales promotion and fun fair (2009), organized by 547 Trading and Ruby Mart, will be held at Kandawgyi Island Garden from 12 February to 14 February.

At the special sales promotion, 547 Trading will sell its multi-plastic products, soaps and sugar with special prices. Stationery products, food-stuffs, clothes, electronics, ISUZU buses & Light Truck and household

goods will be available on special discount from 20 to 70 per cent.

On 11 February, wholesales merchants may purchase the varieties of products. Arrangements have been made for smoothing transports with Parami Taxi and bus lines.

And various products will be available at reasonable prices with lucky draws and entertainment programmes during the promotion.

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Educative talk on 6th Leprosy Elimination Day held

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Feb—A ceremony to mark the sixth Leprosy Elimination Day was held at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Health, here, this morning.

Project Manager Dr. Kyaw Myint, writer Chit Naing (Psychology), writer Ma Sandar, actor academy Myat Kay Thi Aung and writer Chit San Win gave talks on the occasion.

It was attended by officials under the Minis-

try of Health and other Ministries, interested persons, members of International Medical Centre Japan (IMCJ), members of social organization, teachers and students.

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Mo Asia Co. Ltd (Dumex) donates milk powder, nutritious powder

YANGON, 7 Feb — On behalf of the Commandant, the head of Paediatrics Department accepted Dumex milk powder and Dumex One Plus nutritious powder worth over K 700,000 donated by Mo Asia Co. Ltd (Dumex) for children

who are receiving treatments at No. (1) Defence Services Obstetric and Gynaecology and Children Hospital (300-bed), Mingaladon yesterday. The head of department spoke words of thanks on the occasion.

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Mountaineering group successfully scale Saramayti

YANGON, 7 Feb— A Winter mountaineering group including 22 members led by Associate Professor U Myo Thant of Myanmarsar Department of Yangon University, Chairman of Universities' Hiking and Mountaineering

Association successfully climbed Mt Saramayti at 9 am on 26 January.

The climbers also hoisted the flags of the Union of Myanmar and their group on the 12,553-foot high mountain's peak, which is also called Nwemouk.—MNA

Special refresher course for faculties concludes



Chairman of CSSTB U Kyaw Thu presents prize to a trainee.

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YANGON, 7 Feb — The conclusion ceremony of special refresher course No. 14 for faculty members was held at Nawarat Hall of Central Institute of Civil Service (Phaunggyi) in Hlegu Township this morning.

On behalf of Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Develop-

ment Council Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board U Kyaw Thu delivered a speech.

Also present were Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun, Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-

Gen Aung Thein Lin, the deputy ministers, members of CSSTB, officials of the Ministry of Education, the rector of CICS (Phaunggyi), course instructors and trainees.

Chairman of CSSTB U Kyaw Thu said every citizen in the country has regarded independence and perpetuation of sovereignty as their soul. They made the country stronger and the younger generation has to continue to discharge these duties as noble national tasks.

The State Peace and Development Council upholding Our Three Main National Causes has laid down 12 objectives to enable the nation to keep abreast of international communities, he said.

In the education sector, better education foundations were built nationwide. Now there

are arts and science universities, technological universities and universities of computer studies in all 24 special development regions. National race youths in those regions can learn higher education.

He elaborated on importance of research and application of research in social and economic affairs of the respective regions.

He said as long as there is unity in the country difficulties, hindrance and limits can be overcome.

High human resources are the main forces that support the perpetuation of a democratic nation. A new nation has to be built based on those who serve the national and regional interest not in words but in actions, he added.

It is necessary for the youths of today who will safeguard the nation to possess not only high qualifications and strong belief but also sprit of serving the interest of Myanmar society.

Next, Chairman U Kyaw Thu presented awards to outstanding trainees and certificates to them. The four-week course was attended by 333 university teachers.

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62nd Anniversary Union Day Objectives

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

POEM:

Nation of rising dignity and bravery

- * Kachin, Kayah love each other
Kayin, Chin kith and kin
Bamar, Mon with enduring amity
Rakhine, Shan in cordial friendship
Unity blooming among them
- * Indivisible we are
Union people loving one another
Hate will never there be
Warding off all slanders
Inseparable family members
- * Serving national interest
In history with pride
Under reign of three great kings
Nawrahta, Bayintnaung and U Aung Zeya
The sword of Myanmar
Regarded highly all over Asia
- * In harmony and unison
Also helping each other
To defend motherland
Is in the mind of all
Even dare risk their lives
- * Dignity and bravery for race
Always rising high

Salin Phone Kyaw (Trs)

Hailing the 62nd Anniversary Union Day

RV! Centre (Yangon) completion certificates

YANGON, 7 Feb— RV! Centre (Yangon) held its 12th completion certificate presentation ceremony at Parkroyal Hotel on Alanpya Pagoda Road, here, on 13 January.

Chairman of RV! Centre (Yangon) U Win Sein extended greetings and Managing Director Mr. Argus Ang, spoke.

Next, they presented completion certificates, outstanding awards in the respective subjects, team/group best awards and best outstanding awards.

The centre conducts English proficiency courses for entrance exams, IELTS and TOFEL preparation course, Oral English,

SAT-1 (Eng/Maths), English Diploma course, Summer Programme course, IGCSE Exam course and Primary (1-6) for iPSE (Singapore International Primary School Examination).

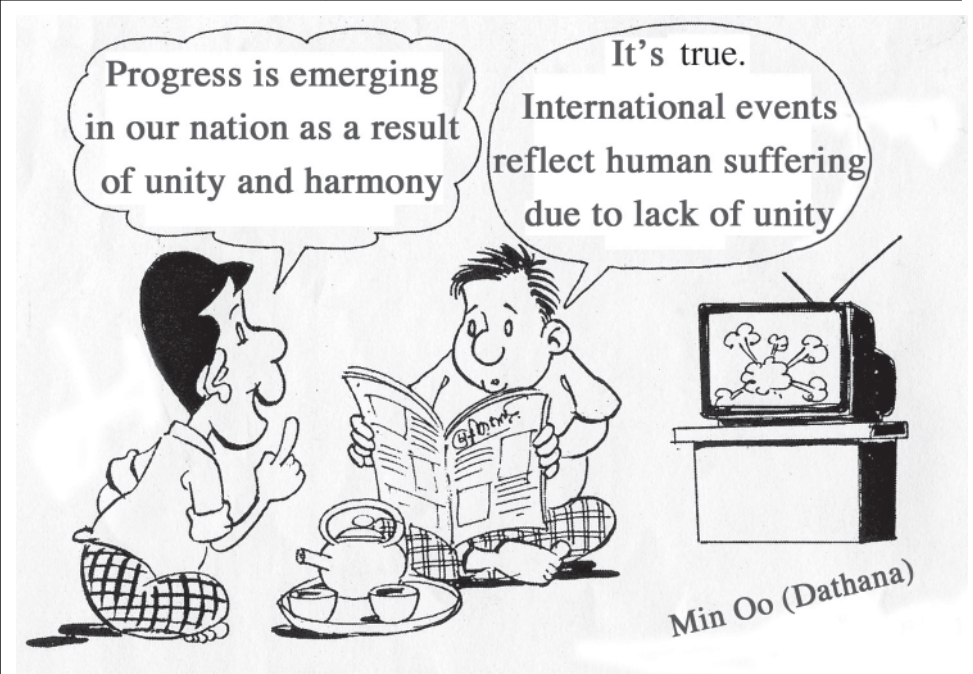
RV! Centre (Yangon) is an exam centre recognized by University of Cambridge and is also an exam centre of Singapore Examinations & Assessment Board. Moreover, there will be certificate and diploma courses related to management, presented by Murdoch University in Australia.

Those interested may contact RV! Centre (Yangon) (Tel: 242410, 541886, 543618, 250388-352, and 09861-2246).

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The 12th ceremony to present completion certificate of RV! Centre (Yangon) in progress.—MNA



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TENDER INVITATION

Myanma Ceramic Industries, Ministry of Industry(1), is intended to establish (5) Cement Manufacturing Plants in Pyin Nyaung area, Thar Zi Township, Mandalay Division, and (1) Cement Manufacturing Plant in Ping Pep area, Taungyi Township, Southern Shan State, adopting the following Cement Manufacturing process and capacity, using kiln firing systems with kiln burner of coal and gas dual firing system (free mixing ratio).

(a) 700 ton per day, wet process.

(b) 1000 ton per day, dry process.

Sealed tenders are invited from Japanese OEM Companies only, with the machinery of Japan origin and sami-turnkey basis including technical advice, machinery supply, erection, commissioning and supervisory services. The details can be obtained from the following contact office.

-Myanma Ceramic Industries:

Building No:41, Nay Pyi Taw

Union of Myanmar.

Tel: 067-408386, 408296

Fex: 067-408064

* Tender Closing Date: 16.3.2009 (Monday)

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV XIANG DA VOY NO (9005)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV XIANG DA VOY NO (9005) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 8.2.2009 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T 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: M/S CHINASHIPPING
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Fla man issued 50
traffic citations
in one day

BOYNTON BEACH, 7 Feb—Elvis has left the vehicle. A man was arrested on more than 50 traffic citations — all in one day. Police said Elvis Alonzo Barrett, 46, fled from police trying to stop him for a traffic violation Thursday morning. Police said he ran through red lights, crashed into another car and a fence. Police said they found crack cocaine and a crack pipe in his car.

Barrett faces several charges, including fleeing and eluding and reckless driving. He was also issued more than 50 traffic citations on charges including speeding, running red lights, and not wearing a seat belt.—Internet



Pedestrians walk past Hynix Semiconductor office in Seoul on 5 Feb, 2009. The world's No 2 computer memory chip maker Hynix reported its fifth straight quarterly loss but its shares jumped more than 5 percent on hopes the worst is over for the battered sector.

INTERNET

Ski rescue team
reaches
stranded SUVs

DUBLIN, 7 Feb—A mountain rescue team on skis rescued four people stranded when their vehicles got stuck in heavy snow in the Wicklow Mountains in southeast Ireland.

Wicklow Mountain Rescue attempted to reach the area by vehicle several times on Wednesday but was able to get no closer than 3 miles away, The Irish Independent reported. Finally, two members of the group headed into Sally Gap on skis carrying thermal blankets and food.

“We’re claiming it to be Ireland’s first ski rescue, we hope it is,” Anne Fitzgerald of Wicklow Mountain Rescue said. The men were airlifted out. They were lucky in one respect — they were able to get a cell phone signal to summon help.

Internet

High cancer rates confirmed near
Canada’s oil sands

CALGARY, 7 Feb—Health officials in Alberta confirmed on Friday that there are more cases of cancer than expected in a small aboriginal village downstream from the Canadian province’s massive oil sands plants, but they

said there was no cause for residents to be alarmed.

Residents of the village of Fort Chipewyan, a one-time trading post on the northeast shore of Lake Athabasca, say oil sands developments may be responsible for rare bile-duct cancers first spotted by a doctor in the community in 2006. Those complaints sparked a study by Alberta health authorities, which released the results on Friday.

The study said that while the incidence of cancer was higher than expected in the village of about 1,400, only two of the six cases of the rare cancer cholangiocarci-

noma reported by the community’s doctor were confirmed, while three were other types of cancer, and one was not cancer at all. However, the study found 47 individuals in the community had 51 different cancers over the 1995 to 2006 study period, more than the 39 cases health officials had expected to find.

The village is about 260 kilometres (160 miles) north of Fort McMurray, where a number of projects have been established to mine the oil sands, as part of the process that converts the tar-like bitumen stripped from the sand into synthetic crude oil.—Internet

Doctor loses license in live birth
abortion case

MIAMI, 7 Feb—A doctor’s license was revoked Friday in the case of a teenager who planned to have an abortion but instead gave birth to a baby she says was killed when clinic staffers put it into a plastic bag and threw it in the trash.

The doctor, Pierre Jean-Jacques Renelique, also is the subject of a criminal investigation. Renelique was not present when the baby was born, but the Florida Medical Board upheld Department of Health allegations that he falsified medical records, inappropri-

ately delegated tasks to unlicensed personnel and committed malpractice.

Joseph Harrison, the attorney representing Renelique at the license revocation hearing in Tampa, said Renelique has not decided whether to appeal. The state attorney’s office, meanwhile, said its criminal investigation into the incident is ongoing and no charges have been filed. A fetus born alive cannot be put to death even if its mother intended to have an abortion, police said when the incident occurred in 2006.

Internet

Light plane forced to land in Australian harbour

DARWIN, 7 Feb—A pilot guided a light plane and his five passengers to a safe landing in shallow waters in northern Australia on Friday — and walked away with his baggage.

The dual-propeller Piper Chieftain experienced engine trouble shortly after takeoff from the frontier city of Darwin. It quickly de-

scended as pilot Steve Bolle sought a place on a nearby beach to make an emergency landing reminiscent of the dramatic splashdown of an Airbus 320 in New York’s Hudson River last month.

The plane came to rest on a sand bar in Darwin Harbour in about two feet of water at low tide. All six people were able to

wade the 200 yards (meters) to the beach. News photos showed a drenched Bolle lugging his bag ashore.

“The pilot should be commended for keeping a level head and acting appropriately to ensure the safety of his passengers,” said Northern Territory emergency superintendent Rob Farmer.

Internet

First US face transplant patient
leaves hospital

CLEVELAND, 7 Feb—She can eat pizza. And hamburgers. She can smell perfume, drink coffee from a cup, and purse her lips as if to blow a kiss. Except that one lip is hers, and the other is from a dead woman. She is the nation’s first face transplant patient, and on Thursday night, she went home from a Cleveland hospital. “I’m happy about myself,” she told her doctors.

“She accepted her new face,” said Dr Maria Siemionow, the Cleveland Clinic reconstructive surgeon who led the historic operation in early December. The woman’s identity has not been revealed, and hospital officials won’t say where she went. She and her family have declined requests for an interview.

She suffered a traumatic injury several years ago, the details of which doctors also won’t reveal. But it left the woman with no nose, palate, or way to eat or breathe normally. In a 22-hour procedure, 80 percent of her face was replaced with bone, muscles, nerves, skin and blood vessels from another woman who had just died. It was the fourth partial face transplant in the world, though the others were not as extensive.—Internet

US octuplets were product of six embryos

LOS ANGELES, 7 Feb — The California woman who gave birth to octuplets less than two weeks ago said in an interview broadcast on Friday that her babies were the product of six implanted embryos, the same procedure used to conceive her six other children.

In the NBC television interview, Nadya Suleman, 33, also defended her decision to have so many children and

suggested she was being singled out for harsh public criticism in part because she is a single mom.

Suleman, dubbed "Octo-mom" in New York tabloids, went public as the California Medical Board launched an inquiry into the fertility treatments leading to the birth of her octuplets, delivered on January 26, 9-1/2 weeks premature. The arrival of the six boys and two girls marked only the

second known set of US octuplets to have survived birth.

"I feel as though I've been under the microscope because I've chosen this unconventional kind of life," Suleman told NBC News. "I didn't intend on it being unconventional. It just turned out to be. All I wanted was children. I wanted to be a mom. That's all I ever wanted in my life."

Internet



Filipino FedEx (Federal Express) employees wave goodbye to the courier service's Airbus A-310 plane as it prepares to take off from the sprawling Subic Freeport, a former US naval base, 50 miles (80 kilometers) west of Manila, Philippines early Friday, 6 Feb, 2009. —INTERNET

Dutch find more human trafficking victims

AMSTERDAM, 7 Feb — The number of victims of human trafficking found in the Netherlands increased to 809 in 2008 from 716 in 2007, records indicate.

The newspaper Trouw, using figures obtained from the National Center Against Human Trafficking, said there were especially large increases in the number of victims from Hungary and China, Radio Netherlands/Expatica reported. Most of the victims, 763, were women, the great majority of them forced to work as prostitutes.

The number of Hungarians found in the Netherlands increased to 43 from 12 in 2007, all of them women forced into sex work. Investigators said trafficking networks bringing women to the Netherlands appear to have shifted to Eastern Europe.

Internet

Weather satellite blasts off from SoCal coast

VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE (Calif.), 7 Feb—A rocket carrying a US global weather satellite has blasted off from California's Vandenberg Air Force Base.

The NOAA-N Prime satellite was launched aboard a Delta 2 rocket from the central coast base at 2:22 am Friday. The launch had been planned for Wednesday but it was postponed because of launch pad technical problems.

NOAA-N Prime is the last in a series of polar-orbiting satellites that have been observing Earth's weather since 1960. Its data will be used for long-range weather and climate forecasts. The satellite also carries sensors that can receive distress signals from mariners and hikers.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration manages the \$564 million mission. The satellite was built by Lockheed Martin Space Systems Co.—Internet

Hungry caterpillars spread misery in West Africa

GBOLUMUE (Liberia), 7 Feb — Martha Kermel holds out rail-thin arms covered with a latticework of scratches from her encounter with a plague of caterpillars that has devastated crops and spread fear through this corner of West Africa. "They scratched my arms when they moved," said Kermel, a mother of four, telling how the small creatures poured down onto her from the tree branches overhead as she set out from her village to a rice farm cultivated by her community in Liberia.

That was two weeks ago. Now the millions of caterpillars which covered the road and nearby bushes have retreated into cocoons, or hatched already into moths ready to spawn a new generation of grubs here or further afield. The insects can travel up to 60 miles (100 km) a day, and have already crossed the border to Guinea, an agriculturally rich country and the source of many of Liberia's food imports.—Internet



Women pray at a tomb for dead guide dogs in an asylum for retired guide dogs in Sapporo, northern Japan. Most guide dogs over 12 years old are retired from service due to their declining physical strength. More than 200 retired guide dogs have lived their remaining years in the facility since the Hokkaido guide dogs association opened the care center in 1978, authorities said.



A folk artist performs acrobatics during a folk art festival held in Qingdao, east China's Shandong Province.

Scientists develop ways producing anti-bird flu drug Zanamivir

Scientists in Shanghai and two pharmaceutical companies in Jiangsu province have successfully developed ways to produce the anti-bird flu drug Zanamivir, based on a licensing agreement with pharmaceutical giant GlaxoSmithKline (GSK), China Daily reported, citing local media report.

Zanamivir is an antiviral medication that can block the action of influenza A and influenza B, the two most common types of flu. The drug, marketed by UK-based GSK under the trade name Relenza, is said to be on par with Oseltamivir, a drug produced by Swiss pharmaceutical company Roche under the trade name Tamiflu, in battling bird flu in humans.

Fertility statues may get you pregnant

A trip to Ripley's Believe It or Not museum in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, may make it easier for couples to have a baby.

The museum launched a month-long display of its fertility statues. The 5-foot tall wooden statues have been on display around the world. According to the company, more than 2,000 women have reported becoming pregnant after touching the statues.

Baby with two heads dies in Indonesia

A baby with two heads in Indonesia died at a hospital in Medan, the second largest city in the country, hospital official said.

The baby had been treated at the Adam Malik General Hospital for 13 days, Kompas website Friday quoted announcement issued by the hospital as saying.

Hospital director Azwan Hakmi Lubis said the baby died of heart failure, which eventually halted the baby's blood circulation and troubled the breathing.

The baby, which was actually a twin, was accepted in late January. The baby, who was later called Marwati 1 and Marwati 2, has two lungs, two legs, one abdomen, one genital and anus, two hearts and two backbones. The hearts and backbones, however, were linked together.



A visitor looks at a sculpture made of radish in the shape of dragon's head during a food carving competition in Qingdao, east China's Shandong Province.

60-year-old Canadian woman gives birth to twins

A 60-year-old Canadian woman has given birth to twin boys, after receiving IVF treatment in India, media reports said.

Ranjit Hayer, originally from India, tried in vain for decades to have a child, enduring multiple miscarriages, surgery, even the trauma of being robbed by a fertility doctor. Finally, after a successful IVF treatment, the Calgary woman gave birth to twins.

Hayer's boys were delivered seven weeks prematurely by Cesarean section at Calgary's Foothills Hospital on Tuesday morning, Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC) Radio reported.

NEWS ALBUM

SPORTS

Tsonga and Ferrer stay on track for final showdown

JOHANNESBURG, 7 Feb—Top seeds Jo-Wilfried Tsonga of France and David Ferrer of Spain continued their relentless advance Friday toward the SA Tennis Open final.

Crowd favourite and first seed Tsonga took control in the second set en route to a 6-4, 6-1 victory over seventh seed Kristof Vliegen of Belgium at Montecasino entertainment centre.

And second seed Ferrer wore down Paris-based Cypriot Marcos Baghdatis to triumph 7-5, 6-2 in the other centre-court duel watched by a capacity 3,000 crowd.

The big guns were joined in the semi-finals by fifth seed Jeremy Chardy, who defeated Sebastien de Chaunac in an all-French clash, and Portuguese Frederico Gil, a 7-6 (8/6), 6-3 victor over fourth seed Guillermo Garcia-Lopez of Spain.

Internet

Safina to set up base in Croatia

ZAGREB, 7 Feb—Russia’s Dinara Safina, the current world number two, will begin training in Croatia from March onwards, the Croatian sport daily Sportske Novosti reported on Friday.

The 22-year-old, and her Croatian coach Zeljko Krajan, have asked the northern town of Varazdin to enter into a partnership over the construction of tennis courts where the Russian can train with Safina putting up the money to finance the costs.

“We’ve reached an agreement in principle to construct tennis courts that will serve as a base for her training,” the mayor of Varazdin, Zlatko Horvat, told the paper.

“It’s a huge thing for the development of tennis in Varazdin.”—Internet



- ACROSS
- DOWN
- 7 Building paste for cracks

8 More miserly

10 French bean

11 Tartan trousers

12 Bird’s home

13 Lucid

17 Colourless

18 Speedy

22 Cower

23 Cut short

24 Not outside

25 Spanish dance
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2 Flower shop seller

3 Place of pilgrimage

4 In the middle

5 Appropriate

6 Take hold of

9 His cattle (anag.)

14 Small onion

15 Remedy for all ills

16 A cheese

19 Fit out

20 Vulgarly bright

21 Evidence

Australia, New Zealand in Fed Cup Asia final

PERTH, 7 Feb—Australia and New Zealand on Friday moved on to the final of the Fed Cup Asia/Oceania Zone Group I women’s team event, with the right to move on to the World Group II play-off at stake.

The host nation cruised through to Saturday’s final with an easy 3-0 win over Taiwan, finishing out a clean sweep of their three Group B ties.

The Kiwis had a tougher time in Group A, defeating Indonesia 2-1 when Marina Erakovic and Kairangi Vano defeated Ayu Fani Damayanti and Sandy Gumulya in the deciding doubles rubber, 6-3, 2-6, 6-3, after the singles matches were split.

The winner of Saturday’s final will advance to the World Group II play-off in April — one step closer to the elite World Group competition.

The Australians enjoyed the luxury of being able to rest in-form Jelena Dokic for their ties against Taiwan, who were not at full strength with two top players not able to be in Perth.

Casey Dellacqua got the nod to replace Dokic, and took advantage of the opportunity by dominating Hwang I-Hsuan 6-1, 6-1.—Internet

Atletico turn to Resino to revive Champions League hopes

MADRID, 7 Feb—Atletico Madrid may still be in the money-spinning Champions League, but on the domestic front they are in crisis without a win in 2009 giving them an uphill task to match last season’s top four finish.

Mexican Javier Aguirre paid the price for the club’s downturn when he was sacked as coach on Monday and former Atletico goalkeeper Abel Resino has been appointed on a six-month contract and takes charge for Sunday’s match at Recreativo Huelva.

The 49-year-old Resino, who arrives from second division side Castellon, is seen by many as a stop-gap, but if he can push Atletico into the Champions League places he could make the job his.

“We have a great squad and the logical thing is for us to be in the top four,” said Resino.

“We have a lot of quality but need to believe in ourselves again. We need to restore confidence.”—Internet

Klose fit to face Dortmund, van Bommel waits

BERLIN, 7 Feb—Germany striker Miroslav Klose will play for Bayern Munich against Borussia Dortmund in Sunday’s Bundesliga clash having shaken off a knee injury, while captain Mark van Bommel remains unsure of his future.

Klose, the top scorer at the 2006 World Cup, sat out training last week with a knee strain, but passed a fitness test on Friday and will partner Luca Toni up front against Dortmund.

Bayern are fourth in the league after suffering their third defeat of the season at Hamburg last Friday.

“He (Klose) looks good,” said Bayern coach Jurgen Klinsmann, who will be without banned Italian Massimo Otto for the Allianz Arena clash with Dortmund.

Klose’s inclusion means no place in the starting line-up for Podolski, who has not played a single game for Bayern since November 2008 and the 23-year-old will re-join Cologne in the summer.

Meanwhile, Bayern captain Mark van Bommel has said he is no closer to making a decision about where he will play next season. The 31-year-old is out of contract in June and is considering whether to sign a year’s extension.—Internet

BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE		
(8-2-2009)		
Manchester City	1 : 0	Middlesbrough
Blackburn Rovers	0 : 2	Aston Villa
Chelsea	0 : 0	Hull City
Everton	3 : 0	Bolton Wanderers
Sunderland	2 : 0	Stoke City
West Bromwich	2 : 3	Newcastle United
Wigan	0 : 0	Fulham
Portsmouth	2 : 3	Liverpool

Villegas handles the South and keeps the lead

SAN DIEGO, 7 Feb—Camilo Villegas accomplished his goal Friday in the Buick Invitational, keeping it around par and keeping the lead while playing the tough South Course in all the elements a golfer dreads, from rain to wind to cold. John Rollins was one shot behind, and achieved more than anyone imagined.

On a tough day for scoring, Rollins holed out a 9-iron for eagle and made six birdies on his way to an 8-under 64 that at least gave Villegas some company heading into the weekend.

Villegas teed off in a steady rain, and when he reached the exposed holes along the Pacific bluffs, more rain arrived equipped with gusts up to 25 mph that made the San Diego weather feel more like Sun Valley. But he scrambled for pars, took advantage of a few par 5s and wound up with a 70 that put him at 11-under 133.—Internet

Beckham’s desire boosts Milan title push

ROME, 7 Feb—AC Milan continue their pursuit of Inter Milan this weekend boosted by David Beckham’s admission that he wants to stay in Italy rather than end his loan deal in March. The former England captain joined Milan from LA Galaxy at the end of December and is due to return to the US on March 9, a day after Milan host Atalanta in Serie A.

But having previously kept diplomatically quiet regarding the subject of staying, Beckham made it clear following Wednesday’s 2-2 friendly draw against Rangers in Glasgow that he wants to continue his Italian experience for as long as he can.

“I have enjoyed my time here. I knew I would enjoy it but I didn’t expect to enjoy it as much as I have,” said the 33-year-old. “I’ve expressed my desire to stay here for a while but at the moment I’m still a Galaxy player. I respect the Galaxy and everything they have done for me. They have always been great to me.”—Internet



Boys practice during a boxing lesson on a street in central Havana on 5 Feb, 2009.

INTERNET

Russia, allies to create joint air defence

Moscow, 7 Feb—Russia and its post-Soviet allies are planning to create a joint air defence system stretching from NATO's borders to China, news agencies quoted an official from their Moscow-led regional security group as saying on Friday.

Russia and Belarus, which borders NATO members Poland and Lithuania, agreed on Tuesday to merge their air defence systems in a move seen by many experts as a response to US plans to deploy elements of its missile defence system in Eastern Europe.

The united air defence system of Russia and Belarus will become part of a joint air defence system of the Collective Security Treaty Organization (ODKB)," Interfax news agency quoted general secretary Nikolai Bordyuzha as saying. The seven-member ODKB also includes the Caucasus republic of Armenia and four Central Asian states of Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan.—MNA/Reuters



Afghan men gather around the wreckage of a vehicle after a suicide car bomb attack in Kandahar, Afghanistan recently.—INTERNET

MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (8.2.2009) (Sunday)

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

Local Transmission

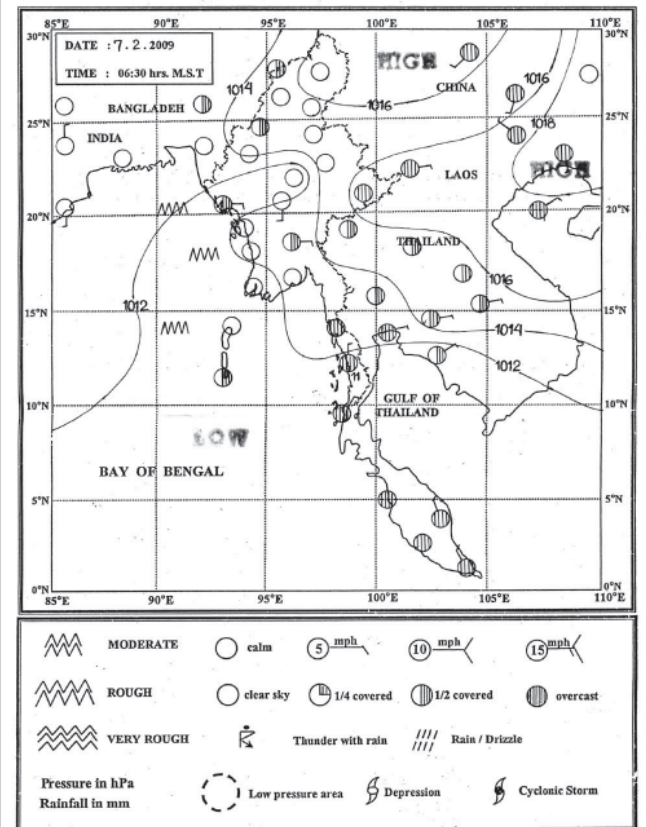
- ☐ Signature Tune
- ☐ Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights
- ☐ Hundred Fruits from a Common Stem, Our Union (Chin State)
- ☐ Myanmar Movies Impact
- ☐ Traditional Chin Clothes
- ☐ Mee Phone Pwe (or) Light Offering Ceremony
- ☐ Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights

Europe/ North America Transmission

- ☐ Signature Tune
- ☐ Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights
- ☐ Hundred Fruits from a Common Stem, Our Union (Kayin State)
- ☐ A Visit to A Laungdaw Kassapa in Modern Days
- ☐ Walk in Aviary ... a Recreation Centre
- ☐ Kayin Traditional Vegetable Curry (Tarlabaw)
- ☐ 100 Shuttles Traditional Weaving Industry
- ☐ Myanma Cattle Market
- ☐ Yoke Sone Monastery of Lae Kai Ancient City
- ☐ Myanmar Modern Song
- ☐ Hundred Fruits from a Common Stem, Our Union (Chin State)
- ☐ Traditional Chin Clothes
- ☐ Mee Phone Pwe (or) Light Offering Ceremony
- ☐ Let's visit the under water world
- ☐ Biological Expedition to Hponkan Razi Region (Part-I) (Yangon—Putao—Upper Shangaung)
- ☐ Delicious Sein Talone Mangoes
- ☐ Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadanabon) A Jewel of Ayeyawady River
- ☐ Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights

Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Saturday, 7 February, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST: During the past 24 hours, light rain has been isolated in Taninthayi Division, weather has been partly cloudy in Kachin and Shan States and generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below February average temperatures in Chin State, upper Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway and Bago Divisions, (4°C) above February average temperatures in Kachin State and Taninthayi Division, (5°C) above February average temperatures in Mon State and about February average temperatures in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded was Myeik (0.43) inch. The significant night temperatures were Haka (-1°C), Pinlaung and Loilem (2°C) each and Ann (5°C).

Maximum temperature on 6-2-2009 was 94°F. Minimum temperature on 7-2-2009 was 65°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 7-2-2009 was 68%. Total sunshine hours on 6-2-2009 was (8.8) hrs approx.

Rainfall on 7-2-2009 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 North at (13:30) hours MST on 6-2-2009.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 8th February 2009: Weather will be partly cloudy in Kachin and Shan States, upper 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: Likelihood of slight decrease of night temperature in Eastern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 8-2-2009: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 8-2-2009: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 8-2-2009: Generally fair weather.



**Sunday, 8 February
View on today**

- 7:00 am**
1. တောင်တန်းသာသနာပြု ဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ 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. ယဉ်ကျေးလိမ္မော်(၃၈)မြောက်လ
- 8:00 am**
6. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:15 am**
7. (၆၂)နှစ်မြောက်ပြည်ထောင်စုနေ့ ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်

- 8:30 am**
8. International news
- 8:40 am**
9. “ကျွမ်းတိုင်းမကြမ်းနဲ့” (လျှမ်းထက်၊ သတ္တိ၊ ဖြိုးမောင်မောင်၊ သဇင်၊ နန်းဆုရတီစိုး၊ စုချစ်ဇော်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ—ဇော်လူထက်)
- 8:50 am**
10. Musical programme
- 11:00 am**
1. Martial song
- 11:10 am**
2. (၆၂)နှစ်မြောက်ပြည်ထောင်စုနေ့ ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်
- 11:25 am**
3. Round up of the week's International news
- 11:40 am**
4. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “အားကိုးချစ်သူ ကျေးတောသူ” (အပိုင်း-၂၁)
- 12:25 pm**
5. Golf Magazine (TV)
- 12:45 pm**
6. ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားဇာတ်လမ်း “မိုးသောက်နေခြင်းနှင့် ဆည်းဆာ”

- (လွင်မိုး၊ ရဲအောင်၊ ညီညီနေနိုင်၊ နန္ဒာလှိုင်၊ ဆုပန်ထွာ) (ဒါရိုက်တာ—မောင်နန္ဒ)
- 2:30 pm**
7. Musical programme
- 2:40 pm**
8. ပြည်ထောင်စုတိုင်းရင်းသား ရိုးရာအက
- 2:45 pm**
9. International news
- 4:00 pm**
1. Martial song
- 4:10 pm**
2. (၆၂)နှစ်မြောက်ပြည်ထောင်စုနေ့ ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်
- 4:20 pm**
3. ၂၀၀၉ခုနှစ်တက္ကသိုလ်ဝင်စာမေးပွဲ ဘာသာရပ်ဆိုင်ရာသင်ခန်းစာ (မြန်မာစာဘာသာရပ်)
- 4:50 pm**
4. Songs to uphold national spirit
- 4:55 pm**
5. (၆၂)နှစ်မြောက်ပြည်ထောင်စုနေ့ ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်
- 5:10 pm**
6. ပြည်ထောင်စုစိတ်ဓာတ်မပြတ် ရင့်သန်ခိုင်မာရန်မှာဒီဝန်တာ

- “အသီးတစ်ရာအညှာတစ်ခု ခိုပြည်ထားစေ”
- 5:20 pm**
7. Sing and enjoy
- 6:00 pm**
8. Evening news
- 6:30 pm**
9. Weather report
- 6:35 pm**
10. ကာတွန်းအစီအစဉ် “Pocket Dragon Adventure”
- 6:55 pm**
11. တစ်မျက်နှာတစ်ကွက်စာ “နတ်သမီးအလှပြင်ခန်း” (မိုးကျော်၊ ဝိုင်းချစ်၊ ယဉ်ကျေး) [ဒါရိုက်တာ—ကြည်သာ (ပွဲကြိုက်ခင်)]
- 7:15 pm**
12. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “သစ္စာနှင့်ယဉ်သောမေတ္တာ” (အပိုင်း-၁၇)
- 8:00 pm**
13. News
- 8:15 pm**
14. International news
- 8:30 pm**
15. Weather report
- 8:45 pm**
16. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ကြမ္မာမုန်တိုင်း” (အပိုင်း-၉)

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

Haka, Tiddim Townships: on the path to development

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Feb – Lt-Gen Khin Zaw of the Ministry of Defence accompanied by Chairman of Chin State Peace and Development Council Brig-Gen Hon Ngai and Col Aung San Chit of local station heard reports on road works of Tiddim-Reed road section and construction of retaining wall and bridge presented by officials at the briefing hall on 5 February Lt-Gen Khin Zaw gave instructions on giving priority to paving of roads in the township.

Next, Lt-Gen Khin Zaw inspected maintenance of 460-foot long

Manhsaung suspension bridge across Manipur river.

In the afternoon, Lt-Gen Khin Zaw and party visited Border Trade Department under the Ministry of Commerce in Reedkhorda and gave instructions on extended cultivation of maize, ginger and fermented soya-bean and promotion border trade. He also looked into Myanmar-India friendship bridge, boundary post and shops there.

Next, Lt-Gen Khin Zaw oversaw construction of 108-foot Thingarchaung bridge. At the office of General Ad-

ministration Department in Reedkhorda, Lt-Gen Khin Zaw met with departmental officials and local people and presented clothes, medicines and cash assistance to them.

Then Lt-Gen Khin Zaw visited Reed Lake recreation center and Township Hospital and looked into road works on Reed-Tiddim road and production line of Tiddim silk factory.

At Kam Hauk hall in Tiddim, Lt-Gen Khin Zaw and party met departmental officials and local people and presented clothes, medicines and cash assistance to them.



Lt-Gen Khin Zaw of the Ministry of Defence visits Tiddim Silk factory.—MNA

Next, Lt-Gen Khin Zaw inspected works of trainees of Women Vo-

cational Training School in Tiddim and visited Border Areas and National

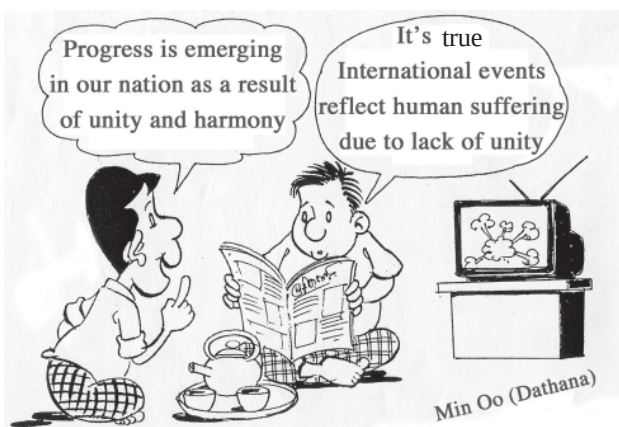
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HAILING THE 62ND ANNIVERSARY UNION DAY

Projects to be implemented for development of Rakhine State



Cartoon



Poem

Nation of rising dignity and bravery

- * Kachin, Kayah love each other
Kayin, Chin kith and kin
Bamar, Mon with enduring amity
Rakhine, Shan in cordial friendship
Unity blooming among them

Buffon and Pirlo back for Italy

ROME, 7 Feb—Italy coach Marcello Lippi has recalled Gianluigi Buffon and Andrea Pirlo to his



Pirlo - back from injury for Italy.

squad for next week's friendly with Brazil at the Emirates Stadium.

Juventus stopper Buffon and AC Milan midfielder Pirlo missed the last match against Greece in November through injury.

But there is no place again for attacking pair Alessandro del Piero, of Juve, and Antonio Cassano, of Sampdoria, while Giorgio Chiellini is missing through injury.

Chiellini's absence means Fiorentina's Alessandro Gamberini should partner Fabio Cannavaro in defence.

Lippi has included youngsters Alberto Aquilani, Riccardo Montolivo, Giuseppe Rossi and Simone Pepe with an eye on the World Cup next year.

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The forces of national politics are persuading and encouraging politicians to give priority to national interest rather than to personality cult, attachment to the party concerned, sectarianism and dogmatism in the 2010 elections.