



Consolidated national unity

Myanmar national races renewed anti-colonialists spirit, Union Spirit, and national fervour and sought all possible ways in various aspects to regain independence. Consequently, leaders of national races could show consolidated national unity necessary for regaining independence at Panglong on 12 February 1947.

Senior General Than Shwe
Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council
Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services
(From message sent to 60th Anniversary Union Day)

Factories in Yangon operating well

YANGON, 8 Feb—Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence accompanied by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Win Myint, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin and officials visited the garment factory of Myanmar Segye International Limited in Pyinmabin Industrial Zone of Mingaladon



Lt-Gen Myint Swe of Ministry of Defence visits the garment factory of Myanmar Segye International Limited.—MNA



Diamond Island Plastic Factory in Shwepaukkan, North Okkalapa Township.—MNA

Township, here, this afternoon.

The Chairman of the Industrial Zone Management Committee reported on matters related to the factory.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe inspected the production process of the factory.

On arrival at the factory of Myanmar Brewery Company Limited, the chairman of the Company reported on functions of the factory, and Lt-Gen Myint Swe looked into the process of production in the factory.

Next, Lt-Gen Myint Swe arrived at the farm machinery factory in Shwepaukkan industrial zone of North Okkalapa Township and inspected the products of the fac-

tory.

At Diamond Island Plastic Factory, the chairman of Shwepaukkan industrial zone management committee briefed Lt-Gen Myint Swe on location and area of the zone, strength of workers and manufacturing of import-substitute goods.

After hearing the reports, Lt-Gen Myint Swe gave instructions on assistance being provided for development of the industrial zones in Yangon Division manufacturing of quality products and innovative measures to be taken for production of import-substitute goods, and looked into production process of the factory.

MNA

PERSPECTIVES

Monday, 9 February, 2009

Produce quality films preserving Myanma cultural heritage

Myanmar is a nation of high cultural standard. Being a gentle and civilized nation, we value our race and own national culture. All the national people including artistes have to safeguard the national culture.

The government fulfills the requirements in every possible way for the development of Myanma film industry. The ceremony to present Myanma Motion Picture Outstanding Award (Academy Award) is held every year with the aim of improving the standard of Myanmar film and outstanding awards are presented to brilliant artistes and movie technicians.

Myanma Motion Picture Enterprise under the Ministry of Information is providing necessary assistance for Myanmar films to participate in foreign film festival and to penetrate foreign markets. In 2008 Myanma film delegations were sent to the People's Republic of China and the Republic of Korea to co-produce films and TV programmes in cooperation with the those nations. Moreover, a delegation was sent to attend the 17th Chinese Golden Roaster and Hundred Flowers Festival in China.

High standard of film is the life-blood of Myanma film world. Therefore, it is necessary for artistes, technicians and film producers to constantly make efforts for improvement of artistic and technological quality. Films have great influence over the people. They have to demonstrate and promote traditional culture, Myanma culture and social values in the mode of dress, behaviours and expressions. Moreover, the works of art need to meet the set standard in theme, plot, acting, picture, sound, colour and quality.

Myanma Motion Picture Asiayon, film artistes and technicians and producers have to make efforts for production of high quality films while preserving Myanma cultural heritage and national prestige and integrity. By doing so, the standard of Myanma film will surely improve.

U Win Myint, President of UMFC CI and party meet with Israeli Ambassador Mr Yaron Mayer.—UMFC CI



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

Lashio, Mongyai see progress

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Feb—Accompanied by Chairman of Shan State (North) Peace and Development Council Commander of North-East Command Maj-Gen Aung Than Htut and officials, Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence on 4 February viewed production process of the battery factory of Two Golden Horses in Kaungkha Industrial Zone at Mehan Village of Lashio Township.

He also looked into progress in construction of University of Computer Studies (Lashio) in Lashio.

At the hall of Seikkhaung Station in Mongyai, he met with servicemen and family members.



Implementing of Nampaung Bridge project in progress.

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On arrival at Hoya Basic Education High School (Branch) in Mongyai, Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing viewed learning of students and

visited the library and computer room. He inspected Nampaung Bridge being built by Public Works on the road linking Mongyai and

Lashio. In Kanlon Village of Mongyai Township, he inspected thriving honey orange plantations of U Gon Khe.

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UMFC CI officials discuss with Israeli Ambassador

YANGON, 8 Feb—President U Win Myint of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Vice-Presidents U Aung Lwin, U Thaung Tin and U Mya Han, General Secretary U Sein Win Hlaing and Joint-Secretary U Tun Aung met Israeli Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Yaron Mayer, Economic and

Commercial Counsellor Mr Tzahi Selzer from the Israel Embassy to Thailand, Israeli agriculturists and agricultural entrepreneurs at the federation on 29 January.

They cordially discussed joint arrangements of the federation and the Israeli Embassy for organizing the discussion, undertaking of agriculture tasks in Thailand and

neighbouring countries and proposal for the visit of economic delegation from Israel to promote trade between the two countries.

The Seminar on the Development of Agriculture Sector in Israel was held at the federation. The president of the federation and the Israeli Ambassador delivered addresses on the occasion. An agriculturalist of the

Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation and two agriculturalists and one agricultural entrepreneur of Israel reported on cooperation in agriculture between Myanmar and Israel and carrying out of the tasks through agricultural technology.

The ceremony ended with concluding remarks by the Israeli Ambassador.

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Myanmar, Thai entrepreneurs meet on 19 Feb

YANGON, 8 Feb — Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and Thai Entrepreneurs will hold a meeting at UMFC CI on 19 February here, to discuss household goods.

At the meeting, electrical device, construction materials,

farming equipment, medicine, health care goods and cosmetics, packaging, presents, stationery, sports gear, purse, slipper and leather products, nylon rope and accessories for pipe produced by Thai entrepreneurs from 16 companies will be discussed. Arrangements

will be slated for Myanmar entrepreneurs to discuss their products at the meeting.

Entrepreneurs in Myanmar wishing to participate in the meeting can contact UMFC CI, and for more information dial 214344-49, Ext: 203 IRD of UMFC CI.

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El Salvador withdraws last soldiers from Iraq

SAN SALVADOR, 8 Feb – The last Salvadoran troops are home from Iraq, ending Latin America’s military presence there. Five Salvadoran soldiers were killed and 20 wounded over the country’s five-year deployment. Defence Minister Jorge Alberto Molina and relatives greeted 200 soldiers on Saturday at an army base outside the capital of San Salvador. They had been based near the southeastern Shiite city of Kut. President Tony Saca had said El Salvador’s troops would leave after the 31 December expiration of a UN resolution authorizing the international coalition in Iraq. Saca’s conservative government was a staunch ally of the Bush administration. Salvadoran troops stayed in Iraq years after Honduran, Dominican and Nicaraguan soldiers left.—*Internet*

Iraqi police stand at the scene of bombing in Baghdad, Iraq recently. A bomb hidden under a car exploded in central Baghdad.
INTERNET



Nuclear, space progress despite sanctions

TEHERAN, 8 Feb — Iran has achieved breakthroughs in nuclear and space technology despite international sanctions against it, the country’s top leader said on Saturday. Ayatollah Ali Khamenei told military commanders that instead of weakening Iran, sanctions by the US, the UN and others have forced it to become more self-reliant, leading to greater strides by Iranian scientists and to technological advancements unseen in the country’s history. *Internet*

Two injured in accidental Iraq shooting

BAGHDAD, 8 Feb—The US military says a soldier in an American convoy traveling south of Baghdad accidentally opened fire, wounding two Iraqis. The military says the incident occurred on Saturday with a supply convoy near the southern town Diwaniyah. In Sunday’s statement, the military said it was unclear whether the incident and the injuries were directly related. The military did not immediately respond to an *Associated Press* request for additional information. *Internet*



Ecuador’s president orders US diplomat expelled

QUITO (Ecuador), 8 Feb — President Rafael Correa on Saturday ordered the expulsion of a top US diplomat he accused of suspending \$340,000 in annual aid because Ecuador would not allow the US to veto appointments to the anti-smuggling police. A US Embassy spokeswoman said the official in question, the Immigration and Customs Enforcement attache, left the country in early January when his assignment ended, and that the aid suspension was a US government decision. Ecuador’s leftist president said the official, Armando Astorga, announced the suspension of aid to anti-contraband police in a January 8 letter that also demanded they return all donated equipment — including vehicles, furniture, cameras and phones. Correa said Astorga also said in the letter addressed to Ecuador’s police chief that \$160,000 in annual aid to the Human Trafficking Unit “is being reconsidered.” “Mr Astorga, Keep your dirty money! We don’t need it. Here there is sovereignty and dignity,” Correa said during his weekly radio address, calling the American “insolent and foolish.” *Internet*

Kurd PM criticizes troop movement in Iraqi north

IRBIL (Iraq), 8 Feb — The Prime Minister of Iraq’s Kurdish region accused the Arab-dominated national government on Saturday of trying to use troops to seize control of the disputed city of Kirkuk, escalating tensions between Iraqi Kurds and the Arab leadership in Baghdad. US officials consider the growing Arab-Kurdish rift as one of the major threats to Iraq’s stability as President Barack Obama’s administration maps plans to withdraw US troops from Iraq. Kurdish officials, close American allies who have jealously guarded their self-governing territory in the north since the US helped set it up in 1991, have in recent months stepped up their criticism of Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, accusing him of trying to re-establish a strong centralized state similar to Saddam Hussein’s regime. Tempers flared again about two weeks ago when troops of the Iraqi army’s 12th Division moved from their base north of Kirkuk to towns around the city close to where Kurdish fighters loyal to the Kurdish regional government were deployed, according to senior Kurdish official Jabbar Yawar. *Internet*

A damaged police vehicle following an attack by Taliban militants on Jalalabad-Kabul highway, east of Kabul, Afghanistan, on 7 Feb, 2009.
INTERNET

Hospital staff treat Ahmed Muhammad, 15, for his wounds after a bombing that killed two pilgrims in Baghdad, Iraq, on 8 Feb, 2009. An Iraqi police official said the two were killed and 11 wounded as they were walking to the holy city of Karbala with other pilgrims.
INTERNET

NATO chief urges EU countries to contribute more troops to Afghanistan

MUNICH, 8 Feb — NATO Secretary-General Jaapde Hoop Scheffer on Saturday urged European Union (EU) countries to contribute more troops to Afghanistan to share responsibilities in the war-torn country. “I’m frankly concerned when I hear the United States is planning a major commitment for Afghanistan but other allies are already ruling out doing more... That is not good for the political balance,” de Hoop Scheffer said at the Munich Security Conference.—*Internet*



Iran blasts Obama for repeating Bush’s mistakes

TEHERAN, 8 Feb— Iran’s government spokesman Gholam Hossein Elham on Saturday criticized the new US President Barack Obama for following George Bush’s approach towards Iran, Iran’s semi-official *Fars* news agency reported. “The era of this (Bush’s) literature has passed and speaking in the language of the past is not suitable for today’s situation,” Elham said, refer-

ring to Obama’s emphasis on the need for the suspension of Iran’s nuclear activities. “Today you cannot speak illogically and you cannot set preconditions,” he added. Iranian Parliament (Majlis) Speaker Ali Larijani on Friday urged the new US administration to change policies toward Iran and admit past “wrongdoings” before dialogue and reconciliation could be realized

between the two countries. “The carrot and stick policy (toward Iran) must be dropped,” said Larijani at the three-day Munich Security Conference, which opened on Friday afternoon. Obama has expressed his willingness to talk to Iran, but Larijani had ruled out direct talks with the US delegation on the sidelines of the Munich event.

Internet



A Saudi man checks a computer profiling the 85 men on the kingdom’s new most-wanted list in the Saudi Capital Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, on 7 Feb, 2009.—INTERNET



A Palestinian sits on top of food supplies outside the United Nations aid distribution centre in Gaza City. The United Nations was on 7 Feb, awaiting the promised return of hundreds of tonnes of food aid for Gaza “mistakenly” seized by Hamas, as the Islamists insisted the crisis is over. INTERNET

Lebanese President seeks information on missing Iranian diplomats

BEIRUT, 8 Feb—Lebanese President Michel Suleiman said on Saturday that he will give instructions to the concerned parties to obtain more information on the missing Iranian diplomats, the *National News Agency* (NNA) reported. The president’s remarks came after meeting with Iranian ambassador to

Lebanon Mohammad Reza Shi-bani at the presidential palace. Four Iranian diplomats were kidnapped by the Christian Lebanese Forces (LF) militia at a checkpoint in northern Lebanon in 1982 during the Israeli invasion of Lebanon, and they have been missing since then.—Internet

Japan’s Somalia piracy patrol possible in March

TOKYO, 8 Feb—Japanese Defence Minister Yasukazu Hamada said he expects to issue an order to dispatch Japanese destroyers to waters off Somalia for anti-piracy patrols in early March, Japanese media reported on Sunday. It was the first time that Hamada, who spoke to reporters in Germany on Saturday, has provided a specific timeframe for the dispatch, which Japan has been debating for months.

Internet



A vendor sells newspapers referring to a record annual loss by the Royal Bank of Scotland in central London on 19 Jan, Prime Minister Gordon Brown’s government has launched two rounds of bank bailouts worth hundreds of billions of pounds which has seen the state take big stakes in high street names like Royal Bank of Scotland.—INTERNET

Solana urges EU, US to take seriously Medvedev proposals on European security

MUNICH, 8 Feb— European Union (EU) High Representative for the Common Foreign and Security Policy Javier Solana said on Saturday that the EU and the United States should take seriously Russian President Dmitry Medvedev’s proposals on restructuring European security arrangement. “They (the proposals) are still to be precise further. But the under-lying ideas deserve to be taken seriously. And engagement in a debate is in it-

self a road to build trust (between EU and Russia, and between Russia and America), Solana told 350 world politicians attending the 45th Munich Security Conference. The main points of Medvedev’s proposals include the convening of an all-European conference on security, with the participation of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, NATO, the EU, the CIS and the Collective Security Treaty Or-

ganization; the adoption of a legally binding new document, based on the UN Charter, to provide for a new European security structure based on familiar principles such as respect for territorial integrity, sovereignty and political independence; a broader discussion on the validity of existing European arms control agreements, including reopening discussion on the Conventional Forces in Europe (CFE) treaty.

Internet

Israel says Gaza rocket hits south, damages cars

JERUSALEM, 8 Feb — Israel’s military says a rocket fired from Gaza in violation of an informal truce has struck an Israeli communal farm. The military says one car was set ablaze and several others were damaged by shrapnel. No injuries were reported. Israel unilaterally halted a blistering, three-week Gaza operation on 18 Jan,

Hamas announced later that day that it would hold its fire. But the two sides have not agreed on a formal cease-fire. Egypt is trying to mediate such an agreement. Militants have sporadically fired rockets into Israel since declaring their cease-fire. They also killed one soldier in a border bombing attack.

Internet

UK milkman delivered cannabis with bottles of milk

LONDON, 8 Feb—A British prosecutor says an elderly milkman supplied customers with cannabis as well as bottles of milk. Robert Holding, 72, delivered marijuana as he made his daily rounds in the town of Burnely, in northwestern England. Prosecutor Sarah Statham said on Friday that Holding offered the drug to elderly customers suffering from aches and pain. She says the customers left Holding notes on their doorsteps to order the drug.—Internet



A fisherman offers a big fish as sacrifice on Fishing Lamp Day in the fishing harbour of Chuwang Village in Yantai city of east China's Shandong Province, on 7 Feb, 2009. Local fishermen celebrate the festival on the 13th day of the first month of the Chinese Lunar Year, annually to pray for a good year.

XINHUA

Chinese Vice President leaves for six-nation visits

BEIJING, 8 Feb —Chinese Vice President Xi Jinping left here on Sunday morning for official visits to Mexico, Jamaica, Colombia, Venezuela, Brazil and Malta.

The visits will last to 22 Feb, according to the Foreign Ministry. Xi was invited by Brazilian Vice President Jose Alencar as well as governments of the other five countries.

Xi's entourage included senior officials from the Foreign Ministry, the National Development and Reform Commission, the Ministry of Commerce, the Policy Research Office of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee and the China Development Bank. —Xinhua

42 injured in head-on truck crash in Philippines

MANILA, 8 Feb — Two trucks collided head-on late Saturday in southern Philippine city of Zamboanga, wounding 42 people, four of them in critical conditions, local media reported on Sunday.

Local TV network GMA News reported that a dump truck and a minitruck rammed into each other at a curved portion on Maria Clara Lobregat Highway in Zamboanga City at 16:30 local time (0830 GMT).

Xinhua

At least six dead, 10 missing in Brazil plane crash

BRASILIA, 8 Feb — A small airplane carrying at least 20 people crashed into a tributary of the Amazon River in northwestern Brazil on Saturday, killing at least six people onboard, news reports said.

Four people survived and were sent to a local hospital. They were said to have been seated towards the tail of the plane. Six bodies have been pulled out of the Manacapuru river by Saturday night, firefighters said. The rest of them were listed missing.

There were conflicting reports of the number of people aboard the aircraft. The Air Force said a pilot had reported 20 people onboard. But the Aerotaxi Manaus company, which owned the aircraft, said the plane was carrying 24 people, including four children and two crew members.—Xinhua

Death toll of Australia's wildfires rises to 49

CANBERRA, 8 Feb —The death toll from wildfires which have swept through southeastern Australia has climbed to 49, Australian Associated Press reported on Sunday.

The bushfire started in East Kilmore, 80 kilometres north of Melbourne, and covered a huge area as it pushed 30 kilometres east to Kinglake through the small townships of Wandong, Strathewen and Clonbinane. Deputy police commissioner Kieran Walshe said on Saturday that he believed arsonists were responsible for some of the nine major fires ripping across the Victoria state.

"We suspect a number of the fires have been deliberately lit," he said. —Xinhua



A bushfire burns through a forest on the outskirts of Labertouche, 90km (56 miles) east of Melbourne on 7 Feb, 2009. Aircraft dropped water bombs on raging Australian bush fires on Saturday as a "once in a century" heatwave sparked dozens of blazes across the country. — XINHUA

Over 100 fishermen rescued, one dead in US floe accident

WASHINGTON, 8 Feb — About 134 people have been rescued and one people were killed after hun-

dreds of fishermen stuck on Saturday on a large ice floe floating away from the Ohio shoreline of Lake

Erie, the US Coast Guard said.

"So far 134 people have been rescued and one people deceased," Matthew Schofield, a public affairs officer of the ninth Coast Guard District which oversees the region, told Xinhua via telephone.

But authorities has no information on how many people had been stranded, he said, adding some of them may have managed to get out on their own.

The rescue operation is still underway, until "everybody is accounted for," said Schofield.—Xinhua



A US Coast Guard craft, used in a rescue mission to rescue stranded ice fishermen on a slab of ice that broke free and floated away from the Ohio shoreline, is seen on Lake Erie at Oak Harbour, Ohio on 7 Feb, 2009.— XINHUA

Japan, US to ink new accord on relocation of US Marines in Japan

TOKYO, 8 Feb—Japan and the United States are to strike a new pact on agreement on a planned relocation of some US Marines from Okinawa to Guam, Kyodo News reported on Sunday, citing Government sources.

Japanese Foreign Minister Hirofumi Nakasone and US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton are expected to sign the accord during Clinton's three-day visit in Japan as of 16 Feb in a bid to strengthen the Japan-US alliance by promoting the realignment, said the report.

Under the accord, Japan will speed up the relocation of the US Marine Corp's Futenma Air Station in Ginowan, Okinawa Prefecture, to the coast of Camp Schwab in Nago, a US base in the southernmost island prefecture. —Xinhua

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Angola, Cuba call for establishing better world economic policy

LUANDA, 8 Feb — Angola and Cuba called here on Saturday for establishing a more democratic, equitable and fair international economic policy.

In a communique released at the end of a three-day visit to Angola by Cuban President Raul Castro, the two countries said the establishment of the policy should be based on multilateral agreement and ensure the promotion of peace, sustainable development, human rights, international security, general and full disarmament, combat to terrorism and environmental protection.

The document also called for respecting for the principles enshrined in the UN Charter, mainly on national sovereignty, territorial integrity and noninterference in the internal affairs of the States.

In their respective speeches, both Angolan President Jose Eduardo dos Santos and Cuban President Raul Castro expressed their concerns about the global financial crisis and its negative impact on their economies.

They both reiterated their commitment to the combat against all forms of racism, discrimination and eradication of poverty, as well as the improvement of the population's living standards in their respective countries.—Xinhua

Italians ‘to boost Afghan force’

VENICE, 8 Feb—The Italian government has decided to increase its contribution to NATO forces in Afghanistan by 800 to 2,800 troops this year.

The US administration of Barack Obama has told Italy it would like it, in common with other NATO members, to increase its NATO contribution. The Italian cabinet, following a

visit to Rome by the US supreme commander in the Middle East in December, agreed.

The Italians will continue to carry out police training and other tasks. These include providing economic assistance to the civil population. Italian public opinion has been strongly against increasing military com-

mitments in the Middle East after more than 20 Italian paramilitary peacekeepers were killed by militants in Iraq two years ago.

Italy now contributes to a UN peacekeeping force in Lebanon, but withdrew its 2,000-strong peacekeeping contingent from southern Iraq last year.

Internet

NYPD says three fatally shot in Manhattan apartment

NEW YORK, 8 Feb—Two men and a woman were shot and killed in an apartment on Manhattan’s Upper West side, police said on Saturday.

The bodies were found in an upscale building on Saturday evening with a semiautomatic gun nearby, police Sgt Kevin

Hayes said. About four hours later, a man was shot dead outside another apartment building on the Upper West Side about a mile and a half away. The man was found wounded on Saturday night and pronounced dead at a hospital, police said.

It was unclear if the shootings were connected or when the first victims were shot. Neighbour William Glenn told *Newsday* his wife had “heard a couple of bangs”

around 8 pm on Friday.

Investigators did not know whether the three victims were related or if any of them lived in the eighth-floor apartment, Hayes said. Their names were not released.

No one else was there when the 46-year-old woman and a 57-year-old man were found on the floor, and a second man was found in a chair, the sergeant said. Police did not have the second man’s age.—Internet

Russia releases Japanese fishing boat crew

TOKYO, 8 Feb—Russian authorities on Saturday released all 10 Japanese crew members seized aboard a fishing boat in late January after allegedly straying into Russian waters, Japanese officials said. The crew was cleared to leave in the afternoon and was making final preparations to depart the port of Nakhodka in far eastern Russia, said Tomonori Hasegawa, Japan’s acting consul general in nearby Vladivostok.

The crab fishing boat No 38 Yoshimaru was caught off the northern

coast of the Noto peninsula on 27 Jan. The Russian coast guard told Japanese officials that the boat was seized because it was operating illegally in an exclusive Russian economic zone.

Seizures of Japanese fishing boats by Russian authorities in disputed waters between Japan’s northern island of Hokkaido and the Russian-held Kurils are not uncommon, although the latest incident occurred in waters several hundred miles (kilometres) away.

Internet

Train collision kills three in central Cuba

HAVANA, 8 Feb—Two passenger trains collided in central Cuba on Saturday, killing at least three people and injuring 93 others, state media reported.

Authorities were investigating why the eastbound and westbound trains hit as they were passing each other on parallel tracks at about 8:30 am, outside the city of Sibanicu in Camaguey Province, according to the Online edition of *Adelante*, the province’s state-controlled newspaper.

The impact knocked some of the cars from the tracks, killing three passengers and injuring 93 others, two of whom were in serious condition, according to state television.

The injured were taken to hospitals in Camaguey, capital of the province of the same name.

One of the trains had left Havana bound for the eastern city of Santiago, 540 miles (860 kilometres) to the east, and the other was heading west toward Havana from the coastal city of Manzanillo, 480 miles (775 kilometres) from the capital.—Internet



Residents attend the scene of a train crash in Camaguey, Cuba, on 7 Feb, 2009. Two passenger trains collided in central Cuba, killing at least three people and injuring 93 others, state media reported.—INTERNET

NEWS ALBUM



Allison Wilson, a woman living in Manchester, Britain had a weight of 267 kilograms four years ago before she began to lose weight.



A newborn baby holds onto his mother’s finger at a hospital. In only the second time in US medical history, a woman in California has given birth to eight babies, who remain in intensive care but are in a stable condition.

Doctors separate conjoined infants from Madagascar

An operation to separate conjoined twin boys from Madagascar was successful and the babies are “doing well,” doctors at a Paris hospital said.

Eight-month-old Imahagaga and Imahalatsa were born on 16 June last year in Madagascar, joined at the thorax and abdomen and sharing a liver.

On Wednesday, they underwent a four-hour operation at Paris’ Necker-Enfants Malades hospital involving a team of 20 medical staff from France and Madagascar.

Professor Yann Revillon, who led the operating team, said while the boys awoke from the anesthetic “in good condition,” psychological effects may linger.

“It will be a shock for the two of them to be separated after seven months of life together,” Revillon said.



In this photo released by the Necker hospital in Paris, twin brothers Imahagaga and Imahalatsa, 8 months, from Madagascar, are seen with a nurse prior to undergoing surgery to separate them, in Paris, France. The conjoined brothers successfully underwent surgery on Wednesday at the Paris’ Necker-Enfants Malades hospital.

Granny, 68, fails 771 times of driving test

A South Korean grandma who had failed her driving test 771 times was reportedly to try again next time.

The 68-year-old, identified only as Cha, has taken the test almost every working day since 2005 in the southwestern city of Jeonju. She failed again Monday for the 771st time.

A police sergeant supervising the test in the city’s Deokjingu district called it a record-breaking number there.

Local media said that Cha carried a handcart to sell food and household items door to door at apartment complexes, but she wants to get a car for her business.

UK university says sorry for excrement error

A British university has apologized to a PhD student for throwing away his treasured, seven-year collection of lizard dung.

Daniel Bennett has told *Times Higher Education* magazine that he had collected the dung in the Philippines while studying the rare butaan lizard, a relative of the Komodo dragon. The material was to be studied as part of his doctoral research.

Bennett says the 77-pound (35-kilogram) bag was thrown away by cleaners at his lab at Leeds University in northern England. He says the dung represented seven years’ worth of field work, and its loss “left me reeling.”



A baby lemur rests on the back of its mother at a zoo in Buenos Aires, capital of Argentina. Four baby animals, which were born from last October to January, met the visitors for the first time.

DEVELOPMENT OF
KACHIN STATE IN THE
TIME OF TATMADAW
GOVERNMENT

Hailing the 62nd
Anniversary Union Day

Sr.	Subject	Unit	1988	2008	Progress
1.	Arable land	acre	355644	823950	468306
2.	River water pumping work	number	-	5	5
3.	Protected public forest	sq/mile	-	3800-	3800
4.	Motor road	mile	2152	3343	1191
5.	Over 180 feet long bridges	number	27	69	42
6.	Post office	office	64	83	19
7.	Telegraph office	office	20	31	11
8.	Telephone office	office	12	62	50
9.	Microwave station	station	-	18	18
10.	Hydropower plant	plant	1	6	5
11.	Private-owned factory	factory	622	1030	408
12.	Basic education school	school	1178	1313	135
13.	University, college	number	1	3	2
14.	Technological University	number	-	3	3
15.	University of Computer Studies	number	-	2	2
16.	Hospital	hospital	33	39	6



Microwave Station

A microwave station established in Myitkyina of Kachin State for better communications of the local people.

Technological University (Myitkyina)

Technological University (Myitkyina) facilitated in Myitkyina for the local youth to be able to pursue modern science and technology in their region.



Bala Min Htin Bridge

2,688 feet long
Bala Min Htin Bridge built in Myitkyina Township of Kachin State lies on Ayeyawady River.



Indian Vice-President Mr Shri M Hamid Ansari and party visit Myanan San Kyaw Golden Palace in Mandalay.— MNA

Indian Vice-President, wife and party visit Mandalay

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Feb—The visiting goodwill delegation led by Indian Vice-President Mr Shri M Hamid Ansari and wife, accompanied by Deputy Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Maj-Gen Thein Tun and wife, Indian Ambassador Mr Alope Sen and Director-General U Kyaw Kyaw of the Protocol Department under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, arrived at Mandalay from Yangon by special aircraft at 1.10 p.m., yesterday.

They were welcomed at Mandalay International Airport by Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe and wife, Chairman of Mandalay City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han and wife, officials, Consul-General Shri YP Singh and officials of the Indian Consulate-General in Mandalay.

At 5.30 p.m., the visiting Indian President, wife and party offered flowers and water to Buddha Images at Hsutaungpyae Pagoda on Mandalay Hill. They enjoyed the scenic beauty at sunset of Mandalay City. The Indian Vice-President presented cash donation to members of the Pagoda

Board of Trustees.

In the evening, the mayor hosted a dinner in honour of the Indian delegation led by the Indian Vice-President and wife at Sedona Hotel in Mandalay. It was also attended by Commander Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe and wife, Minister for CPT Brig-Gen Thein Zaw, officials of MCDC and departments concerned, Indian Ambassador Mr Alope Sen, Indian Consul-General Shri YP Singh of Mandalay and officials.

At 10 a.m., today, the Indian Vice-President and party attended the ceremony to ink the agreement to inaugurate the Trans-Border Optical Fiber Communication Link between Myanmar and India at Sedona in Mandalay.

The Indian Vice-President and the Minister formally opened the ceremony, and the Minister gave a speech. Next, the Indian delegation members and those present viewed the clarification on Trans-Border Optical Fiber Communication Link project.

The General Manager of Myanma Posts and Telecommunications and Group General Manager Mr NK Jian of Department of Telecom, India signed the agreement on

inauguration of the Trans-Border Optical Fiber Communication Link and exchanged notes.

Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw extended greetings to the Indian Minister of Communications on telephone and presented gifts to the Indian Vice-President.

Next, the Indian President, the minister and the deputy minister posed for documentary photo.

Afterwards, the Indian guests visited Myanan Sankyaw Golden Palace Museum and Maha Lawka Marazein Kuthodaw Pagoda.

At 1.25 p.m., the Indian delegation led by the Vice-President and wife left for India by special aircraft. They were seen off at the airport by the commander and wife, the deputy minister and wife, the mayor and wife, Myanmar Ambassador U Kyi Thein and wife, Indian Ambassador Mr Alope Sen and wife and officials, the director-general of the Protocol Department, departmental heads, the Indian consul-general of Mandalay and officials.

Before departure, the commander presented a photo album on the goodwill visit and gift to the Indian Vice-President at the lounge of the airport.—MNA

Tiddim, Tonzang enjoy cumulative development

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Feb—Lt-Gen Khin Zaw of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Chin State Peace and Development Council Brig-Gen Hong Ngaing and Col Aung Hsan Chit of the local station, had a meeting with departmental officials, members of social organizations, townsenders and local people at the town hall of Tonzang on 6 February morning.

He presented blankets, clothes, medicines and cash donations to local people through the officials.

On the tour of Border Areas and National Races Development Training Centre on Tonzang, he presented cash assistant to the principal. He comforted the patients and made cash donations at the Township People's Hospital and inspected the facility.

In the afternoon, he inspected Anlan Manipur River Bridge linking 24 villages and Tonzang.

In meeting with servicemen and their families in Tiddim Station, Lt-Gen Khin Zaw presented clothes and gifts to them.

Next, he inspected Tiddim Township People's Hospital (100-bed) and donated cash assistance to the patients.

MNA



Lt-Gen Khin Zaw of Ministry of Defence inspects Anlan Manipur River Bridge in Tonzang Township.

MNA

Commander greets Union Day delegates

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Feb—Chairman of the Management Committee for Organizing the 62nd Anniversary Union Day Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, together with members of the Management Committee

and officials, met Union Day delegates from States and Divisions who will attend the 62nd Anniversary Union Day ceremony, at No. 7 Transit Centre, here, this afternoon.

The commander cordially greeted the

delegates of States and Divisions at the mess hall.

Next, he inspected the clinic opened by the Health Department and the traditional medicine clinic by the Traditional Medicine Department under the arrangements of the Health Subcommittee.—MNA



Commander Maj-Gen Wai Lwin greets Union Day delegates from states and divisions.—MNA

Turning out educated people plays an important role in building a peaceful modern developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation



Minister for Science and Technology U Thaung presents prize to a trainee.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Feb — The conclusion ceremony of special refresher course No. 11 for faculty members was held at Yadana Hall of Central Institute of Civil Service (Upper Myanmar) in PyiOoLwin Township, Mandalay Division yesterday.

On behalf of Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Minister for Science and Technology U Thaung made a Speech on the occasion.

Also present were Minister for Industry-2 Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing, the deputy ministers, Deputy Chief Justice U Khin Maung Latt of the Supreme Court (Mandalay), members of Civil Service Selection and Training Board, departmental heads, local authorities, Rector of CICS (Upper Myanmar) U Aung Hsan Win, heads of departments, course instructors and trainees.

Minister U Thaung said the State Peace and

Development Council has built infrastructures on education, health and transport nationwide with the strength of national technicians for national development and improvement of national economic life of the people.

Moreover, it built better education foundations with the aim of turning out qualified intellectuals and intelligentsia who will shape the future of the nation.

He said faculty members of the various universities have an opportunity to conduct research on resources of the regions and to study traditions, customs and cultural heritage of national races.

Technicians need to try to utilize the country's rich resources for national interest and intellectuals are to record the traditions, customs and culture of various national races.

He said a large number of people and animals and other property were lost in Ayeyawady Delta and some townships in Yangon Division due to the severe storm in last May. The government took necessary measures for the survivors with the help of the people and the Tatmadaw. Rehabilitation tasks were carried out under the guidance of the Head of State and under the Supervision of high-ranking officials at different levels. Now the government created better social and economic conditions than the conditions before the storm.

The minister spoke at length on formation of 22 mobile community development teams and launching educative activities for establishment of integrated farms in storm-hit areas and far-flung areas on priority basis.

He said turning out educated people plays an important role in building a peaceful modern developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation and in making efforts for perpetuation of the democratic state.

He spoke of the need for the faculty members to serve the national and regional interest whatever role they are in.

Next, the minister presented awards to outstanding trainees and certificates to them. The course was attended by 460 faculty members.

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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:

The Union family

- * Born and bred in the same land
Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin
Bamar, Mon, Rakhine, Shan
Internal strength they are
- * Powerful the internal strength
Prospering the nation
With same view and outlook
Living in weal or woe
So sincere they are
- * Serving they
Interest of land and race
They own together
For peace and prosperity
And progress also
With awakening
Nationalistic fervour
They show patriotism
For the glory of Union
Lasting forever

**Yenatha Maung Kyaw Nyunt (Trs)
Hailing the 62nd Anniversary Union Day**

Union Day delegates visit Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Feb —Delegates to the 62nd Anniversary Union Day from states and divisions together with officials visited Nay Pyi Taw Nga Lite Kan Tha Recreation Centre here on 7 and 8 February.

At the recreation centre, Assistant Director U Myo Myint Aung of the Irrigation Department in Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana explained fact about Nga Lite

Kan Tha.

During their visit, delegates also visited Paunglong Reservoir in Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana, Myoma Market, National Herbs Garden of the Ministry of Health, Fountain Garden and Zoological Garden in Nay Pyi Taw.

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**Union Day delegates from states and divisions
visit Zoological Garden in
Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA**



Any acts against reality will surely meet with failure

U Myo Myint (Law)

Myanmar People know the objective conditions of Myanmar best. Ensuring the constant prevalence of peace and stability in the nation as well as bringing about national development is the wishes of Myanmar people.

Citizens of a nation have the right to self-determination to exercise sovereignty or independence and exploit terrestrial and aquatic resources of the nation in accordance with the democracy rights in the interest of the nation and its people.

At present, fabricated news aired by foreign broadcasting stations of neo-colonialists capable of deceiving global ears and eyes is none other than Satan’s voice that is misleading independent and sovereign countries with evil intent. Because of the fabricated news, a large number of innocent people who are different in belief, religion, language and culture from them have lost their lives.

Myanmar was under the British subjugation over 100 years. During that time, the colonialists exploited rich national resources of the nation and agricultural produce and industrial products that were realized from the labour of Myanmar people. When Myanmar regained independence multi-coloured insurgency reigned at the instigation of internal and external destructive elements. Therefore, Myanmar people at present are desirous of enjoying the fruits of independence and of leading a peaceful life. And they wish to enjoy the higher living status making better use of paddy, crops and mineral resources such as gems and ruby. This is the real desire of Myanmar people.

The entire people including various national races who have been living in the Union through thick and thin firmly believe that freedom of the people or sovereignty or the right to practise genuine and discipline-flourishing democracy based on perpetuation of the Union and national development is the basic right of Myanmar people.

At present, the government has been able to put an end to the internal insurgency that reigned in different parts of the nation for about 60 years. As a result, nation-building endeavours are in full swing and a wide array of roads, bridges, mills and factories, schools of different levels, hospitals and dispensaries as well as dams and reservoirs, water tanks and hydropower stations have emerged the length and breadth of the nation including border areas.

The mass rallies held across the nation in 1998 expressed the people’s desire that they would not accept at all any acts detrimental to the already achieved peace and stability and national development. The seven-step Road Map has been laid and is being implemented based on own resources and efforts to be in line with the background history of Myanmar. Now, the State constitution, the fourth step of Road Map, has already been approved by the vast majority of the people. In 2010, the multiparty democracy general election will be held according to the fifth and sixth steps of the Road Map. And the emergence of a peaceful, modern and discipline-flourishing democratic nation, the seventh and last step of the Road Map, will be successfully implemented.

In implementation of the seven-step Road Map in

the process of transition to democracy and bringing about peace and stability after putting an end to the internal insurgency that reigned for about 60 years due to external instigation, personality cult, attachment to the party concerned, sectarianism and dogmatism, discussions had to be held based on mutual trust and understanding among national brethren and the interest of the State and the people. This is the genuine national reconsolidation.

Today, it is obvious that some western powerful nations are committing a series of perpetrations such as imposing economic sanctions, broadcasting fabricated news and launching military incursion with the intention of overwhelming the international community. **Those big nations are giving a sugar-coated capsule in the name of recommended democracy medicine to the global nations. They dropped the democracy cluster bombs and killed a large number of innocent peoples from different countries.** Myanmar people don’t accept at all such type of democracy.

The entire national people are well aware of those who fuelled civil war and created unrest and disturbances in the nation and those who caused imposition of a spate of sanctions with the intention of making the nation impoverished and who are relying on external elements. News of foreign broadcasting stations is rife calling for negotiations with those who always turn to devastation. As a matter of fact, such foreign media are the ones who have created a situation for their own interest.

With the aim of bringing about peace and stability in the nation the government held discussions with all the national race armed groups time and again. Realizing the genuine goodwill of the government and upholding the interest of the people in the fore, altogether 17 armed groups plus over 20 small armed groups made peace with the government. As a result of the genuine dialogue, peace and stability is now prevailing throughout the nation.

The State Constitution is, in fact, a collection of the principles of how the people's representatives will have to share and exercise the sovereign power, whose ultimate owner are the people; how they will have to safeguard the fundamental rights of the citizens; and how they will have to develop the nation with peace and stability. In order to complete each of the steps for laying down the principles to achieve the most appropriate State Constitution in the interests of the Union of Myanmar, the delegates representing various regions, national races and the people from all walks of life of the nation had to hold discussions to their full satisfaction. So, their discussions were full of essence and represented comprehensive dialogues that could boost the public interests.

Peace talks held to remove the suspicions and disagreements running high among national brethren at alien provocation led to internal peace, which testified to the result of meaningful practice of dialogues for national reconsolidation.

Now, Myanmar has 10 legitimate political parties. Relying on alien elements, NLD persists in demanding the government to hold discussions and dialogues with them. NLD failed to show positive attitude every time it met with high-ranking officials including the Head of

State. All the meetings came to a halt because of their undemocratic and one-sided demands.

The government issued Announcement 1/2007 dated 4 October 2007, which said that the Head of State would meet Daw Suu Kyi for a dialogue if she would publicly gave up the four blockages including confrontation with the government, utter devastation, and economic sanctions against the nation. However, she made no official reply to the matter.

While United Nations Secretary-General's Special Adviser Mr Gambari was in Yangon in August in 2008, Daw Suu Kyi declined his proposal for a meeting. After Mr Gambari had left Yangon, Minister for Relations U Aung Kyi tried two times to hold discussions with her, but in vain. The desire of Daw Suu Kyi or NLD for a dialogue is very questionable.

The people have realized that a dialogue NLD has been demanding for ages is nothing other than handing over power to it, and that carries no points it will make a compromise. In the situation, the people will surely say 'no' to such a dialogue.

Even if the government yielded to its demand for a dialogue to review and put on the margin the State Constitution (2008) approved with the support of 92.48 per cent of the voters, the people would not accept such an accommodation. It is because the State Constitution (2008) was formulated by the people, not by the government. Those who cast 'no' votes representing only six per cent of the voters do not have any rights to amend the State Constitution approved by about 93 per cent of the voters, nor has the government or NLD.

In an interview with a BBC reporter, Shan national U Shwe Ohn, who was active in political movements, said that he was not in support of the State Constitution (2008), but he would have to accept it because the people had approved it; and that he would stand for election due to be held in line with the new constitution in 2010. NLD should follow his stance. He has proved that he is a pro-democracy activist by honouring the desire of the majority, in spite of his disapproval of the constitution.

In meeting with UN Secretary-General’s Special Adviser Mr Gambari on 3 February 2009, Leader of the Spokes Authoritative Team of the State Peace and Development Council Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan said, “It may be true that the government can take the initiative in holding a dialogue. But in reality it is the work of two parties and a single party alone cannot hold a dialogue.

Moreover, a dialogue will be practical and successful only if the discussions are based on the reality of the prevailing conditions. I would like to emphasize that there will be no success if it is based on idealism and unrealistic conditions”.

NLD will lose all the opportunities it can enjoy if it sticks to confrontation with the government and disruptions to nation-building tasks and democratic transition process just for what it wants, trampling over the reality of the prevailing conditions.

A conservative is the one who clings on to what it wants with self-opinionated stance. In western countries, those who do unilaterally what they think right without caring the law, desire of the majority and democracy are called Neo-conservatives (Neo-Cons). NLD should learn lessons from the events in which Neo-Cons in some western countries are attracting widespread criticism from around the world due to their self-righteous views and acts. Therefore, I would say NLD's acts will be beyond remedy and it will face public punishment if it keeps on disregarding the reality of the objective conditions of the nation and the people.

Translation: TS+MS

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Germany arrests terrorist suspected of supplying al-Qaeda

BERLIN, 8 Feb—A suspected al-Qaeda member accused of helping get equipment and money for the terrorist organization has been arrested in Germany, prosecutors said on Saturday.

The 30-year-old German citizen, identified only as Sermet I,

was arrested at Stuttgart airport on Friday as he entered the country. A federal judge ordered him kept in custody pending possible charges. The man is suspected of membership in a terrorist organization and three counts of violating export laws, federal prosecutors said in a

statement. They did not say where the man flew in from or if he was a resident in Stuttgart.

They alleged he supplied range finders, night-vision equipment and an unspecified quantity of cash to Aleem N, a German of Pakistani origin who was arrested in Germany in February 2008. The suspect handed over the goods on three occasions between August 2004 and December 2006, and Aleem N took the equipment and money to al-Qaeda members along the Pakistan-Afghanistan border, according to prosecutors.

Aleem N, charged with membership in Osama bin Laden's terrorist organization, went on trial in December. It is not clear when the trial will end.—Internet

Cairo seeks Gaza truce and prisoner deal

JERUSALEM (Gaza), 8 Feb —An Egyptian proposal to stabilise post-war Gaza calls for an extended truce between Israel and Hamas, a prisoner exchange and the initial opening of at least two of the enclave's border crossings, diplomats said.

Ahead of an Israeli election on Tuesday, negotiations in Cairo have grown increasingly intense and complex. Western diplomats briefed on the talks said it was unclear whether all of the details could be worked out.

Under the proposal, Israel would halt attacks in the Gaza Strip and Hamas would stop cross-border rocket fire for up to 18 months. That would take the place of a shaky January 18 truce that ended Israel's 22-day offensive in which more than 1,300 Palestinians

were killed. Fourteen Israelis have died since December 27, when the fighting broke out.

In the second phase of the proposal, Israel would agree to swap Palestinian prisoners in its custody for Gilad Shalit, an Israeli soldier captured by Gaza militants in 2006. Palestinian officials have reported progress in those talks.—Internet

Iran says it develops satellite despite sanctions

TEHRAN, 8 Feb—Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei said on Saturday that the development of satellite by Iran had been carried out despite sanctions from the West, the official IRNA news agency reported.

"The economic sanctions imposed on the Iranian nation led to

significant scientific progress and achievements such as launching of Omid satellite," Khamenei said, pointing at the non-effective of the sanctions imposed by the West.

Earlier on Tuesday, Teheran announced that the Omid lightweight telecommunications satellite, its first home-

made satellite, had been successfully sent into space by the Iranian-produced satellite carrier Safir 2, evoking the West's concern over its potential military purposes.

MNA/Xinhua

Col Mehdi Ahmadi said the Iranian police officially denies such baseless reports," the news agency reported. Iran's Press TV had reported this week the arrest of the diplomat on a sex charge and said he had been released from jail on Thursday.

The man had "indecent sexual relation[s]" with an Iranian woman in his car, Iran's Press TV reported, citing Iranian police. The man was not named, but Press TV said he was the first secretary of the US Interests section of the Swiss Embassy.

Police said they spotted the car with diplo-

matic plates in a parking lot and caught the diplomat. The woman was "improperly dressed and in an obscene situation," Press TV said.

The "sexual relation" occurred after the diplomat promised that he would marry the woman, Press TV reported. Both were released on bail. It was not clear what charges were filed against the woman, Press TV said. Press TV said it had contacted the deputy head of the US Interest Section in Teheran, Elizabeth Bucher, but she would not comment on the report.

Internet



A statue of a woman and child is seen amongst the remains of houses destroyed by bushfires in the town of Heathcote Junction, 55km (34 miles) north of Melbourne, on 8 Feb, 2009.—INTERNET

Iranian police call report of diplomat's arrest 'baseless'

TEHRAN, 8 Feb—An Iranian police spokesman has denied reports that the country's police force arrested a Swiss diplomat, Iran's official news agency reported on Saturday.

"Speaking to IRNA,

Catching the red eye :
A young woman dressed up as a popular comics character poses for a photo outside the entrance to the two-day "Comic World Hong Kong" held at the HITEC building in Hong Kong.—INTERNET



Iraqi oil minister says OPEC likely to cut production

BAGHDAD, 8 Feb—OPEC members are expected to decide to cut oil production in March in an attempt to raise oil price to 70 US dollars a barrel, Iraqi Oil Minister said on Saturday.

"OPEC members will meet in March, and there is an intention to decide further cut to raise prices," Hussein al-Shahristani told reporters at a symposium on oil and gas industry development.

"We expect a cut that the crude prices will be more than 70 dollars a barrel," Shahristani said in Baghdad's Rasheed Hotel. However, Shahristani said that the raise of the oil price will be achieved gradually and not necessary in the coming months. Shahristani also criticized the red tape in Iraq, blaming it for the delay of efforts to boost the country's oil production.—MNA/Xinhua



High voltage pylons near the Petronas Towers in Kuala Lumpur. Malaysia is set to lower electricity tariffs for households and industry by 7-10 percent by the end of the month, Energy Minister Shaziman Abu Mansor has said.

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sors; notebook computers; ob-
jectives, namely, lenses for
optical equipment; optical
glass; electrical connections,
namely, plugs and sockets;
sunglasses; telephone appa-
ratus; time clocks as time re-
cording devices; specialized
time recording apparatus;
video telephones. (Interna-
tional Class 9)

Jewelry, namely, bracelets;
brooches; buckles for watch-
straps of precious metal; cases
for clock and watchmaking;
cases for watches; needle
cases of precious metal; chain
mesh purses of precious metal;
jewelry chains; watch chains;
jewelry charms; chronographs
for use as watches; chronom-
eters; chronometrical instru-
ments; chronoscopes; clock
cases; clock hands; clocks;
electric clocks and watches;
cloisonne jewelry, master con-
trol clocks; clock and
watchmaking dials; sun dials;
diamonds; earrings; gold and
silver items, namely, rings,
necklaces and brooches; ob-
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rings, necklaces, brooches,
bracelets and earrings; gold
thread; gold, unwrought or
beaten; jewel cases of precious
metal; jewelry; jewelry of yel-
low amber; paste jewelry; cos-
tume jewelry; key rings trin-
kets or fobs of precious metal;
master clocks; movements for
clocks and watches; necklaces;
pearl jewelry; jewelry pins;
precious stones; rings; semi-
precious stones; watch
springs; stopwatches; straps
for wristwatches; sundials;
threads of precious metal as
jewelry; watch bands; watch
cases; watch chains; watch
crystals; watch glasses; watch
springs; watch straps; watches;
works of art of precious metal;
wrist watches. (International
Class 14)

Boots; boots for sport;
heelpieces for boots; iron fit-
tings for boots; non-slipping
devices for boots; ski boots;
welts for boots; caps; shower
caps; chasubles; clothing,
namely, belts, coats, raincoats,
waistcoats, blouses, pullovers,
jackets, sweaters, underwear,
socks, stockings, gloves, ties,
scarves, beachwear, bridal
gowns and bridal veils; cloth-
ing for gymnastics, namely,
body stockings, maillots and
tights; gabardines; athletic
uniforms; shorts, shirts, tank
tops, crop tops, gymnastic
shoes, leggings, athletic jer-
seys, athletic shoes,
sweatshirts, bra tops, warm-
up suits, athletic uniforms,
unitards and leotards; cloth-
ing of imitations of leather,
namely, jackets, pants, vests
and coats; clothing of leather,
namely, jackets, pants, vests
and coats; football boots; studs
for football boots; football
shoes; footwear; tips for foot-
wear; footwear uppers; hat
frames; jackets; stuffed jack-
ets; jerseys; jumpers; overalls;
overcoats; pajamas; pullovers;
sandals; shirts; shoes;
heelpieces for shoes; iron fit-
tings for shoes; non-slipping
devices for shoes; welts for
shoes; sports shoes; suits;
bathing suits; T-shirts; water-
proof jackets and pants; wrist-
bands; shirt yokes. (Interna-
tional Class 25)

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Dated. 9 February 2009

**A man pushes a bicycle through flood water in
the Moroccan town of Souk Larbaa, near
Kenitra. Heavy rains in Morocco have claimed 24
lives and forced 2,000 people to be evacuated over
the past week, interior ministry officials said on 7
Feb, 2009.—INTERNET**

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Bank Holiday
All Banks will be closed
on 12th February (Thursday)
2009, being public holiday
under the Negotiable
Instruments Act.
**Central Bank
of Myanmar**

**The car of a suspect is seen on Saturday morning
Feb 7, 2009 surrounded by police cars on US 395
at the ‘Spaghetti Bowl’ in Reno, Nev A police
standoff that ended in the apparent suicide of a
motorist shut down a ramp at a busy freeway
intersection for more than 12 hours on Saturday,
authorities said.—INTERNET**



Marital spat triggers deadly crash

COLEBROOKDALE, 8 Feb
—A Pennsylvania man
following his wife’s car
after they had an argu-
ment got into a head-on
collision that killed him
and the other driver on
Saturday.
James McManus, 45,
of Pike lost control of his
van and went into oncom-

ing traffic, the Reading
Eagle reported. The van
burst into flames after
McManus collided with a
sport utility vehicle
driven by Katelynn Hunt,
23, of Glenmore.
McManus was already
dead when the van caught
fire, Jonn Hollenbach,
deputy Berks County

coroner, said.Hunt was
pronounced dead at an
Allentown hospital where
she had been taken by he-
licopter.
Georgeanna McManus
was badly burned, al-
though her car was not
involved in the crash. Po-
lice did not say how she
was injured. —Internet

**Moroccan rains kill 24,
force mass evacuations**

RABAT,8 Feb—Heavy rains in Morocco have
claimed 24 lives and forced 2,000 people to be evacu-
ated over the past week, interior ministry officials said
on Saturday.
The victims, across northern and central Morocco,
died as rivers rose or houses were swept away in
landslides, causing over 2,000 homes to be lost.
According to the authorities in Rabat, 2,252 houses
have been lost and another 328 damaged, with 80,000
hectares (300 square miles) of agricultural land sub-
merged.—Internet



**Heavy rain
prompts Cali-
fornia flood
watch**

LOS ANGELES, 8 Feb —
A flash flood watch was in
effect on Saturday for
parts of Southern Califor-
nia where heavy rains fell,
the National Weather Ser-
vice said. Officials pre-
dicted some areas could
receive up to an inch of
rain an hour during
Saturday’s storm, the Los
Angeles Times reported.
The heavy rainfall could
potentially destabilize hill-
sides in Southern Califor-
nia that were hit hard by
wildfires last fall, officials
said.

Internet

**Valentine’s
Day a wed-
ding hit in
China**

BEIJING,8 Feb—The
Beijing Civil Affairs Bu-
reau says the western holi-
day of Valentine’s Day has
become a hot date for Chi-
nese couples to get mar-
ried.
The bureau said regis-
tration centres throughout
Beijing are expecting three
times the daily wedding
average to take place on
the 14 Feb holiday,
China’s official state-run
news agency, Xinhua, re-
ported Satu-rday. A
Haidian district registra-
tion office averages 400
couple registrations a day,
accor-ding to bureau sta-
tistics.
In preparation of next
Saturday’s holiday,
some Beijing registra-
tion centres are schedul-
ing additional staff and
offering online registra-
tion to cut down the
waiting lines.

Internet

Pancreatic cancer rare, very deadly

WASHINGTON, 8 Feb—Pancreatic cancer is rare and extraordinarily lethal, experts say. Despite the relatively low number of people affected, about 95 percent of those with pancreatic cancer die from it, experts say.

“Of all the relatively common human cancers, it is by far has the highest death rate and worst outcome,” said Dr. Andrew Lowy, chief of surgical oncology at the Moores University of California, San Diego Cancer Center. Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg underwent surgery Thursday for apparent early-stage pancreatic

cancer, the Supreme Court announced. Actor Patrick Swayze, Apple founder Steve Jobs and Carnegie Mellon University professor Randy Pausch, who died in July, also have publicly battled the disease.

Pancreatic cancer ranks as the fourth most common cause of cancer death in the country after lung, colon and breast cancer, according to the American Cancer Society. The cancer is difficult to detect because of fairly general symptoms, such as abdominal pain, jaundice, loss of appetite, weight loss or depression. Some-

times, as in Ginsburg’s case, there are no symptoms at all.

Ginsburg’s small tumor was found in a CT scan during a routine annual check-up in late January, according to a statement from the Supreme Court. Ginsburg may have had the scan because of her prior battle against colorectal cancer, doctors say. But using CT scans to detect pancreatic cancers are neither practical nor affordable, doctors say.

Internet

A computer parts manufacturing industry employee with a semiconductor board in Manila. The worst global economic crisis since the Great Depression of the 1930s has hit the Asian semiconductor manufacturing sector hard and many chipmakers are reeling from the impact of falling global demand.—INTERNET



Fish body oils remove fat from aorta

NEW YORK, 8 Feb—US researchers found that a diet rich in fish oils can prevent the accumulation of fat in the aorta, the main artery leaving the heart.

Columbia University Medical Center researchers said that eating tuna, sardines, salmon and other so-called cold water fish appears to protect people against clogged arteries.

The researchers team led by Dr. Richard J. Deckelbaum said that omega-3 fatty acids can also lower triglycerides, a type of fat often found in the bloodstream.

The study was conducted in three separate

populations of mice: one that was fed a balanced diet, one that was fed a diet resembling a “Western” diet high in saturated fat and one that was fed a high fish fat diet rich in omega-3 fatty acids.

Researchers in Deckelbaum’s laboratory, including Chuchun Liz Chang, a doctoral student in nutritional and metabolic biology, found that the fatty acids contained in fish oil markedly inhibit the entry of “bad,” or low-density lipoprotein cholesterol into arteries and, as a result, much less cholesterol collects in these vessels.

Internet

Climate change may reshuffle western weeds

SALT LAKE CITY, 8 Feb—Climate change will likely shuffle some of the West’s most troublesome invasive weeds, adding to the burden faced by farms and ranchers in some areas and providing opportunities for native plant restoration in others, according to a new study.

In many cases, a warming climate will provide more welcoming conditions for invasive plants to get a foothold, spread quickly and crowd out native species, the study by Princeton University researchers said.

But some invasives may retreat from millions of acres in the West — at least briefly — and offer an opportunity for land

managers to re-establish native plants, the study said. The window for action, though, will probably be limited.

“We’re going to have to be in the right place at the right time before something else gains a foothold,” said Bethany Bradley, a biogeographer at Princeton and lead author on the study.

Nonnative weeds and plants followed in the footsteps, sometimes literally, of European settlers as they spread across the West. Even one of the West’s most famous symbols — the tumbling tumbleweed, also known as Russian thistle — isn’t from these parts. Its origins are in Russia.

Internet

FDA OKs 1st drug from genetically altered animals

WASHINGTON, 8 Feb — The Food and Drug Administration made history on Friday as it approved the first drug made with materials from genetically engineered animals, clearing the way for a new class of medical therapies.

GTC Biotherapeutics said regulators cleared its drug ATryn, which is manufactured using milk from goats that have been scientifically altered to produce extra antithrombin, a protein that acts as a natural blood thinner. The drug’s approval may be the first step toward new kinds of medications made not from chemicals, but from living organisms altered by scientists. Similar

drugs could be available in the next few years for a range of human ailments, including hemophilia.

The FDA cleared the drug to treat patients with a rare hereditary disorder that causes a deficiency of the protein, putting them at higher risk of deadly blood clots. The injectable treatment will be marketed in the U.S. by Deerfield, Ill.-based Ovation Pharmaceuticals

About 1 in 5,000 people don’t produce enough antithrombin protein, according to Framingham, Mass.-based based GTC. As a result, their blood is more likely to stick together, occasionally causing clots that can travel to the lungs or brain, causing death.—Internet

Fugitive found in judge’s trunk

MOUNT CLEMENS, 8 Feb — A 16-year-old inmate who escaped from a holding cell in the Macomb County Courthouse in Michigan Friday was found an hour later hiding in a judge’s car.

After Macomb County Sheriff’s deputies combed the downtown area of Mount Clemens for nearly an hour looking for the youth, he was found in the trunk of the Circuit Judge Peter Maceroni’s 2002 Lincoln Continental, The Macomb (Mich.) Daily reported Saturday.

The newspaper said a county security officer

saw a picture on the ground next to the judge’s car and became suspicious.

“I’ve been around here for the past 18 years and

have never locked my car because it’s parked in a secured area,” the judge was quoted as saying. “I will lock it from now on.”—Internet

A displaced girl carries a child through a village in Kalembe, 120km northwest of Goma, Democratic Republic of Congo. INTERNET



Watermelon juice may be key to weight loss

COLLEGE STATION, 8 Feb — An amino acid found in watermelon juice, nuts and other foods may fight obesity, US researchers say. The study, published in the Journal of Nutrition, finds rats fed either low-fat or high-fat diets supplemented with the amino acid arginine over a 12-week period decreased body fat by over 60 percent.

“This finding could be directly translated into fighting human obesity. At this time, arginine has not been incorporated into our food but could in the future,” study leader Guoyao Wu of Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas, said in a statement. “Given the current epidemic of obesity in the United States and worldwide, our finding is very important.”

Wu says research in pigs suggests that dietary arginine supplementation reduces fat growth while increasing muscle gain without affecting body weight.

Additionally, research shows other metabolic benefits of arginine may be it can stimulate the biochemical process of muscle protein synthesis and it reduces serum concentrations of branched-chain amino acids.

Internet

SPORTS



Chelsea's Frank Lampard (left) is challenged by Hull City's Ian Ashbee. Chelsea assistant manager Ray Wilkins admits his side's title hopes are receding after the Blues were held to a surprise 0-0 draw at home to Hull.—INTERNET

Wilkins concedes Chelsea's title challenge is fading

LONDON, 8 Feb—Chelsea assistant manager Ray Wilkins admits his side's title hopes are receding after the Blues were held to a surprise 0-0 draw at home to Hull. The west Londoners were jeered off after an insipid performance against the Humbersiders on Saturday, who contained their illustrious hosts with ease and produced several clear-cut chances of their own.

Chelsea could fall 11 points behind the leaders Manchester United if the reigning champions win their two games in hand and manager Luiz Felipe Scolari may even start casting anxious glances over his shoulder towards fifth-placed Arsenal unless he can arrest his side's current slump in form.

This dismal display against a side who have not tasted victory in the English Premier League since

December added to the gloom created by last weekend's tame defeat at Liverpool, and sections of the Stamford Bridge support turned on the Brazilian World Cup winner as his side laboured in the second half.

Scolari's decision to replace debutant Ricardo Quaresma just after the hour provoked chants of "You don't know what you're doing" from the Matthew Harding Stand and the 61-year-old gave another hint that he is struggling to cope with the pressure of fulfilling Chelsea's grand ambitions by refusing to attend the post-match press conference.—INTERNET

Tough-guy Capello makes no Beckham guarantees

LONDON, 8 Feb—Tough-minded Fabio Capello insists he will not be swayed by sentimentality when it comes to handing David Beckham a record-equalling 108th England cap.

The 33-year-old former skipper, currently thriving in his loan spell at Italian giants AC Milan, will pull level with Bobby Moore's record of 108 caps for an outfield player if he features in Wednesday's friendly against Spain in Seville.

"I never think about this when I choose a player or make a substitution," said Capello who has been impressed with Beckham's form in Serie A. "I never spoke to him about Italy. I don't talk about whether it is better in Los Angeles or Milan, that is not my job. David is very fit now and this is important."

Internet

Liverpool have staying power, says relieved Benitez



Liverpool's manager Rafael Benitez

PORTSMOUTH, 8 Feb—Rafael Benitez insists Liverpool are strong enough to compete for the Premier League title despite needing a half-fit Fernando Torres to rescue a 3-2 stoppage time win at Portsmouth on Saturday.

Liverpool looked set to fall further behind Manchester United in the title race after trailing 2-1 until six minutes from

time before strikes from substitutes Dirk Kuyt and Torres took Benitez's side to the top of the table.

Benitez, who omitted Torres, Kuyt and Xabi Alonso from his starting line-up after club doctors advised him they were suffering from fatigue, said: "The strength in the squad is good."

"We had to change our system because the doctors told me Torres, Alonso and Kuyt were very tired. The players will tell you they were ready to play but we had all the information and decided it was best to leave them out."

Internet

United States level with Argentina after Fed Cup opening day

SURPRISE, 8 Feb—The United States and Argentina were level at 1-1 on Saturday after the opening singles of their Fed Cup World Group I tie.

Veteran Jill Craybas gave the United States the early momentum with a 6-2, 6-1 victory over Betina Jozami. Craybas, 34, needed less than an hour to overcome Jozami, but 17-year-old Melanie Oudin was unable to build on that victory for the Americans as Argentina's Gisela Dulko pulled the visitors even with a 6-2, 7-5 victory.

The best-of-five matchup will be decided Sunday in reverse singles and doubles. The winner of

the tie will book a semi-final match against whoever emerges from this weekend's showdown between Spain and the Czech Republic in Brno.

Internet



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LPGA founding member Jameson dies at 89



Betty Jameson one of the 13 founding members of the LPGA Tour in 1950, died on Saturday. She was 89.—INTERNET

BOYNTON BEACH, 8 Feb—Betty Jameson, one of the 13 founding members of the LPGA Tour in 1950, died Saturday, the tour said. She was 89. The tour did not give the cause of death.

"As a result of Betty's elegant ambition, generations of women have benefited from her dedication, vision and sacrifice," LPGA Tour commissioner Carolyn Bivens said. "We are very sorry to lose her. At the same time, we celebrate her life and her remarkable spirit." Born May 9, 1919, in Norman, Okla., Jameson won the 1932 Texas Public title at 13, took the Southern Championship at 15, and won consecutive U.S. Women's Amateur titles in 1939 and 1940. She won the 1942 Western Open for the first of her three major titles, and completed her amateur career with 14 victories.—INTERNET

Answers to yesterday's Crosswords Puzzle

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Finger insult row overshadows Fed Cup

PARIS, 8 Feb—Former world number one Amelie Mauresmo and Italy's Flavia Pennetta clashed in an ugly row over sportsmanship on Saturday as the Fed Cup was plunged into controversy.

Mauresmo insisted the Italian woman should have been kicked out of their opening rubber before going on to lose 2-6, 7-6 (9/7), 6-4 in

Orleans on the first day of their World Group I clash. Mauresmo was furious that Pennetta appeared to insult the chair umpire after a shot she thought was good was ruled out in the crucial second set tiebreak.

Internet



Italian Flavia Pennetta gestures during her game against French Amelie Mauresmo on the first round of the 2009 Fed Cup World group in Orleans, central France.—INTERNET

Katherine Hull wins Australian Masters

GOLD COAST, 8 Feb—Australia's Katherine Hull won the Australian Ladies Masters on Sunday, closing with a 4-under 68 for a five-stroke victory. The 26-year-old, the Canadian Women's Open winner last year on the LPGA Tour, had a 16-under 272 total on the Royal Pines course.

Australia's Tamie Durdin (70) and South Korea's Ryu So-yeon (67) tied for second. Six-time winner Karrie Webb shot a 73 to tie for 30th at 3 under. "The most disappointing thing about the day was I felt really good going to the first tee," Webb said. "I actually believed that I could shoot something that would give me a chance if the wind got up."—INTERNET



Boats loaded with fish are anchored at a wharf in Tanmen Township of Qionghai, south China's Hainan Province, on 7 Feb, 2009. The inshore fishing keeps flourishing here at the beginning of spring this year.—INTERNET

Seven dead birds test H5N1 positive in HK

HONG KONG, 7 Feb—Hong Kong conservation authorities announced here Saturday that seven dead birds recently found in the territory had been confirmed to be H5N1 positive after a series of laboratory tests.

The seven bird carcasses included four chickens, one duck, a grey heron, a peregrine falcon found in different parts of Hong Kong, said a spokesman for the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region government.

AFCD staff inspected 82 villages in Hong Kong on Saturday and no unauthorized keeping of poultry has been observed.

The spokesman reminded the public to observe good personal hygiene and avoid contact with wild birds or live poultry.

Internet

MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (9.2.2009) (Monday)

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

Local Transmission

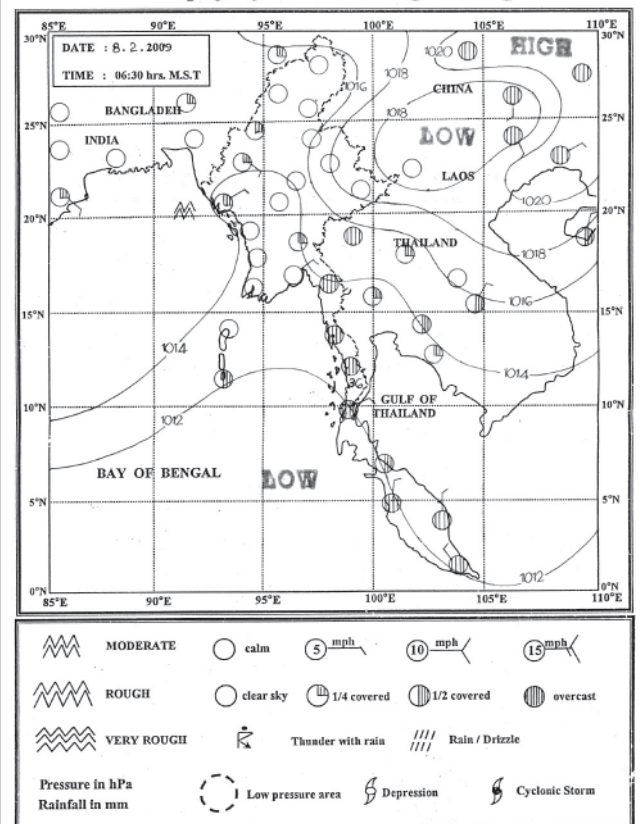
- ☐ Signature Tune
- ☐ Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights
- ☐ Hundred Fruits from a Common Stem, Our Union (Mon State)
- ☐ Peaceful and Developed Dawei
- ☐ Thahtay Hydropower Project to spread Light across Rakhine State
- ☐ Beautiful Sculptures for Sale
- ☐ Mee Phone Pwe (or) Light Offering Ceremony
- ☐ 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 (Chin State)
- ☐ Traditional Chin Clothes
- ☐ Let's visit the under water world
- ☐ Biological Expenditure to Hponkan Razi Region (I) (Yangon-Putao-Upper Shangaung)
- ☐ Delicious Sein Talone Mangoes
- ☐ Amrapura Bargaya Monastery
- ☐ Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadanabon) A Jewel of Ayeyawady River
- ☐ Myanmar Modern Song
- ☐ Hundred Fruits from a Common Stem, Our Union (Mon State)
- ☐ Peaceful and Developed Dawei
- ☐ Thahtay Hydropower Project to spread Light across Rakhine State
- ☐ Beautiful Sculptures for Sale
- ☐ Biological Expenditure to Hponkan Razi Region (II) (Upper Shangaung-Awadam)
- ☐ The Mountain With Antique Stone Sculptures
- ☐ The beautiful lake...where the natural biodiversity gathers
- ☐ Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights

Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Sunday, 8 February, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST: During the past 24 hours, rain has been isolated in Taninthayi Division, weather has been partly cloudy in Kachin, Shan, Rakhine and Mon States, upper Sagaing, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions and generally fair in the remaining areas. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below February average temperatures in Chin State, Magway and Bago Divisions, (3°) to (4°C) above February average temperatures in Mon State, upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions and about February average temperatures in the remaining areas. The significant night temperatures were Haka (1°C), Pinlaung (3°C), Namhsan and Heho (4°C) each. The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded was Myeik (1.42) inches.

Maximum temperature on 7-2-2009 was 95°F. Minimum temperature on 8-2-2009 was 66°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 8-2-2009 was 73%. Total sunshine hours on 7-2-2009 was (7.2) hrs approx.

Rainfall on 8-2-2009 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 (5) mph from Southeast at (14:30) hours MST on 7-2-2009.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 9th February 2009: Isolated Light rain are possible in Taninthayi Division, weather will be partly cloudy in Kachin, Rakhine and Mon States, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions and generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (40%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of isolated rain in the Southern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 9-2-2009: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 9-2-2009: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 9-2-2009: Generally fair weather.



Monday, 9 February
View on today

7:00 am

1. တောင်တန်းသာသနာပြုဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော် ယောဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ဥပ္ပါတသန္တိပါဠိတော်

7:30 am

2. Morning news

7:40 am

3. Nice and sweet song

7:50 am

4. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:00 am

5. Cute little dancers

8:10 am

6. Songs of national races

8:20 am

7. (၆၂)နှစ်မြောက်ပြည်ထောင်စုနေ့ ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်

8:30 am

8. International news

8:40 am

9. "D.O.T.S" (ပိုးဖြူကျော်ထူးခိုင်သင်းကြည်၊ ကြူကြူသင်း၊ [ဒါရိုက်တာ-သိန်းဟန်(ဖီးနစ်)])

8:45 am

10. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစကား

2:50 am

1. ၂၀၀၉ခုနှစ်(၅၄)ကြိမ်မြောက် ပြည်နယ်နှင့်တိုင်းပြည်ထောင်စု ခိုင်းအမျိုးသား (အလွတ်တန်း) တောလုံးပြိုင်ပွဲ (ဗိုလ်လုပွဲ) (မန္တလေးတိုင်းအသင်းနှင့် မကွေးတိုင်းအသင်း)

4:40 pm

2. Musical programme

4:50 pm

3. (၆၂)နှစ်မြောက်ပြည်ထောင်စုနေ့ ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်

5:05 pm

4. ၂၀၀၉ခုနှစ်၊တက္ကသိုလ်ဝင်စာမေးပွဲ ဘာသာရပ်ဆိုင်ရာသင်ခန်းစာ (အင်္ဂလိပ်စာဘာသာရပ်) (အပိုင်း-က)

5:35 pm

5. Song to uphold national spirit

5:40 pm

6. (၆၂)နှစ်မြောက်ပြည်ထောင်စုနေ့ ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်

5:50 pm

7. ပြည်ထောင်စုစိတ်ဓာတ်မပြတ် ရင့်သန်ခိုင်မာရန်မှာဒိုဝန်တာ "အသီးတစ်ရာအညှာတစ်ခု ဒိုပြည်ထောင်စု"

6:00 pm

8. Evening news

6:30 pm

9. Weather report

6:35 pm

10. Sing and enjoy

7:20 pm

11. နိုင်ငံခြားဓာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "နွဲ့ဆိုးဆိုးသူကိုယ့်ချစ်သူ" (အပိုင်း-၁၀)

8:00 pm

12. News
13. International news
14. Weather report
15. နိုင်ငံခြားဓာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "မြင့်မြတ်နုလုံးသားပိုင်ရှင်" (အပိုင်း-၂၅)
16. သီတဂူဆရာတော်အရှင်ဉာဏိ သာရ၏တပို့တွဲလပြည့်သီတဂူ ဩဝါဒပါတီတော်

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

Lt-Gen Tha Aye on tour of Mon State

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Feb—Lt-Gen Tha Aye of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Mon State Peace and Development Council Commander of South-East Command Maj-Gen Thet Naing Win and departmental officials, looked into development of Chaung-zon and attended the opening of the self-reliant 750-KVA paddy husk-fired power plant in DaungU Village of Chaungzon Township on 2 February morning.

They viewed thriving groundnut plantations in Kawmupun Village and Kahnyaw



Lt-Gen Tha Aye of the Ministry of Defence views scattering of fertilizer and spraying of pesticide on the groundnut plantations in Chaungzon Township.— MNA



Station Hospital in Kahnyaw Village. After inspecting

Chaungzon People's Hospital, Lt-Gen Tha Aye presented cash assistance to

the warded patients. While in Chaungzon, he inspected

Chaungzon Post Office and Chaungzon Digital Auto-exchange of

Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications. MNA

HAILING THE 62nd ANNIVERSARY UNION DAY

Development of Kachin State in the time of Tatmadaw Government



Poem

The Union family

- * Born and bred in the same land
Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin
Bamar, Mon, Rakhine, Shan
Internal strength they are

INSIDE

Any acts against reality will surely meet with failure

Dialogue will be practical and successful only if the discussions are based on the reality of the prevailing conditions.

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New species of Babbler discovered in China

BEIJING, 8 Feb — A new species of babbler has been described from Guangxi province in south-west China close to the border with Vietnam. Named Nonggang Babbler *Stachyris nonggan-gensis*, after the reserve at which it was discovered, this new species is closely related to Sooty Babbler *S. herberti* but is larger and has white crescent patches behind the ear coverts and dark spots on the upper breast and throat.

Ornithologists, Zhou Fang and Jiang Aiwu from

Guangxi University first sighted the birds in surveys during 2005 and confirmed its identity as an undescribed taxon the following year. A formal description was published in a recent edition of ornithological journal *The Auk*.

In general behaviour it resembles a wren-babbler of the genus *Napothera* in that it prefers running to flying, and seems to spend most of its time on the ground foraging for insects between rocks and under fallen leaves.

Internet



Nonggang Babbler is found only in southwestern Guangxi province, part of the south-east Chinese Mountains Endemic Bird Area.

MUNICH, 7 Feb — The global climate is changing, and this change is already impacting food supply and security. People living in regions already affected by aridity need plants that can thrive and grow under dry conditions.

One example is sorghum: Also known as milo, durra, or broomcorn, sorghum is a grass species that can grow up to five meters in height and is extremely resistant to aridity and hot conditions. The grass, which originates from Africa, can thrive under con-

Preparing for climate change



Sorghum bicolor.

ditions and locations where other cereal plants cannot survive due to lack of water. In arid-warm and moderate regions of the Americas, Asia and Europe it is mainly utilized for food and

fodder and is also gaining in significance as a basis for bio-fuel. The plant also provides fibers as well as combustible material for heating and cooking.

Internet