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Develop national awareness

Certain powerful countries desirous of gaining dominance over the Union of Myanmar are stirring up racial conflicts to break up national unity and cause the recurrence of armed conflicts. Moreover, they are imposing economic sanctions against the nation and making political interference in the internal affairs to slow down the national economic growth. So, national people are to develop the national awareness.

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)

True patriotism

- * It is very important for everyone of the nation regardless of the place he lives to have strong Union Spirit.
- * Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism all the nationalities will have to safeguard.

Senior General Than Shwe felicitates Iranian President

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Feb—Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Mahmud Ahmadenejad, President of the Islamic Republic of Iran, on the occasion of the National Day of the Islamic Republic of Iran, which falls on 11 February, 2009.—MNA

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, wife Daw Mya Mya San attend 9th Buddha Pujaniya Festival, rice offering ceremony of Maha Shwesigyi Pagoda in Kanbalu

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Feb – Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San attended the ninth Buddha Pujaniya Festival and rice offering ceremony of Maha Shwesigyi Pagoda in Kanbalu, Shwebo District of Sagaing Division yesterday morning and offered rice and alms to the members of the Sangha.

It was also attended by 45 members of the Sangha led by Presiding Nayaka Sayadaw of Pakhan Kyaungtaikgyi in Shwebo State Ovadacariya Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddhama Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Vimalabhivamsa and Chairman of Sagaing Division Sangha Nayaka Committee Bhaddanta Silananda, member of the SPDC Lt-Gen Tin Aye, the Commander-in-Chief (Navy), the Commander-in-Chief (Air), senior military officers, Chairman of Sagaing Division PDC Commander Maj-Gen Myint Soe, the ministers, division level departmental officials, departmental officials in Shwebo District and townships, wellwishers, members of the social and religious organizations and local people.

Before the ceremony, Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and
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Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San donate offertories to a Sayadaw at ninth Buddha Pujaniya Festival and rice offering ceremony of Maha Shwesigyi Pagoda in Kanbalu.—MNA

PERSPECTIVES

Wednesday, 11 February, 2009

National unity, essential for perpetuation of the Union

National brethren have been living in the Union, sharing ups and downs and demonstrating a sense of oneness with one another since time immemorial.

In the Konbaung period, the nation lost national unity due to the discord and hatred sown by the colonialists among the people. In consequence, the people came to get equipped with Union Spirit decreasingly, and the nation fell under the political control of the colonialists for more than 100 years.

At Panglong Conference held in Shan State on 12 February 1947, the entire people unanimously showed nationalistic spirit, with which they enjoyed independence only together.

Thanks to the sense of nationalistic fervour and Union Spirit conceived in Panglong, Myanmar regained independence.

It is thousands of years, the national races have made Myanmar their home together. They live in various parts of the Union with diverse cultures, but they share fine characters of compassion, honesty, helpfulness, and forgiveness.

National unity is essential for perpetuity of the sovereign power of the motherland, home to various ethnic groups.

The nation has achieved national unity greater than ever owing to the hard work the Tatmadaw government is exerting with benevolent attitude to the people in carrying out regional development tasks across the nation including border areas.

The entire people are, therefore, exhorted to see to the goal of building a peaceful, modern and developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation, while protecting the Union against any forms of dangers with patriotic fervour and Union Spirit.

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

Yangon-Mandalay market vessel leaves on 19 Feb

YANGON, 10 Feb — Mya Aye Yar vessel, a Yangon-Mandalay market vessel of Goods Transportation Department (Branch) of Inland Water Transport under the Ministry of Transport, will start her maiden voyage to Mandalay from Wadan (No-2 Jetty), here, on 19 February.

Those who want to deal in goods may contact either Goods Transportation Department (Branch) on Botahtaung Zay street or Ph 292199, and 292319.

If dealers want to load goods from rural townships, they may contact Township Manager's offices of Inland Water Transport in Maubin, Danubyu, Hinthada, Myanaung, Kyangin, Pyay, Thayet, Aunglan, and Magway.—MNA

Foreign Minister felicitates Iranian counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Feb—On the occasion of the National Day of the Islamic Republic of Iran, which falls on 11 February 2009, U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Manouchehr Mottaki, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

MNA

Managing Director U Wai Lwin extends greeting at ceremony to introduce Bravia

LCD TV.—MNA



Bravia LCD TV available

YANGON, 10 Feb — TMW Enterprise Ltd introduced a new generation of Bravia LCD TV, a product of Sony using new modern technologies, at Traders Hotel, here, yesterday.

After his greeting, Managing Director U Wai Lwin of TMW Enterprise Ltd together with Mr Spencer of Sony Singapore introduced Sony Bravia New Z series with Motion Flow 200 Hz.

These series include Bravia Z450A, Bravia X450A and Bravia T Series.

Thanks to the use of world's first technology 200 Frames Per Second Motion Flow, 10-bit LCD Panel and Live Colour Creation Technology, Bravia can grantee shape, pictures and exciting colours. And the

elegant-and-slim-cut designs of the TV may make living room graceful. Moreover, Picture Frame Mode of X450A will be developed.

52", 46", 40" size Bravia Z450A series, 46", 40" size Bravia X450A series, and 32", 19" size Bravia T series can be bought at showrooms and agent's of TMW Enterprise Ltd, which is a legitimate agent of Sony.

Bravia LCD TV can be got at special price at Sony Showrooms at No (90, A/B), Kaba-Aye Pagoda Road, Ph;546002, 546003 and 546004, at No. (173/175), Pansodan street, Kyauktada Township, Ph: 250596 and 250597, and at No. (20, A/B), Yawmingyi Street, Dagon Township, Ph: 245311.—MNA

Regional sale manager Mr Naoya Harada of Fujitsu General (Asia) Ltd presents awards to a best sale agent.—MNA



Fujitsu introduces world's first Air-Deodoriser

YANGON, 10 Feb—Jointly organized by Fujitsu General Ltd and Golden Orchid Ltd, a ceremony to introduce General air-con and the world's first Air-Deodoriser produced by Fujitsu and present prizes to General Air-Con best sale agents for 2008 was held in conjunction with New Year Promotion 2009 at Park Royal Hotel (Grand Ballroom) here on 6 February.

Director Dr Thant Lwin Maung of Golden

Orchid Ltd and General Manager Mr Takahiro Endo of Fujitsu General (Asia) Ltd of Japan made speeches on the occasion.

Afterwards, regional sale manager Mr Naoya Harada of Fujitsu General (Asia) Ltd explained the facts about General Air-con with the use of power point.

Air-Deodoriser to be sold by Fujitsu General Ltd is the world's first one. It can filter 99.9 percent of bacteria in the wind.

Afterwards, Mr Naoya Harada presented awards

to five best sale agents and sale manager U Aung Aung of Golden Orchid Ltd explained facts about New Year Promotion 2009. The promotion programme will be held starting from 7 February to 31 March. A safeguard will be given as a gift if the customers buy one air-con.

The customers may contact No.83/91, Bo Aung Kyaw Road (Lower Block), Kyauktada Township, Yangon, (Hot Line: 01-706223 and

371906). In addition, they may contact service Hot Line: 01-704375, 706223 for repairing, maintenance and servicing.

On 7 February, Technological discussion and air-con installation and maintenance course were held in the hall of Grand Ballroom. Fujitsu General (Asia) Ltd presented the certificates of installation of General Air-Conditioners including inverter technology to those who attended the course.—MNA

Suicide attack kills four US soldiers in Mosul

BAGHDAD, 10 Feb—A suicide car bomber struck a US patrol in northern Iraq on Monday, killing four American soldiers and an Iraqi interpreter in the deadliest single attack against US forces in nine months.

The blast occurred as US vehicles were passing near an Iraqi police checkpoint in Mosul, Iraq's third largest city and the last major urban battleground in the war against al-Qaida and other

Sunni militants.

American casualties have fallen to some of their lowest levels of the war since thousands of Sunnis abandoned the insurgency and US and Iraqi forces routed Shiite militias in Baghdad and Basra last spring. Only five of the 16 US service members who died in Iraq last month were killed in action.

However, fighting continues in Mosul and elsewhere in northern Iraq — a conflict which US offi-

cials say is driven in part by ethnic rivalries between Sunni Arabs and Kurds. Many Sunni extremists are believed to have fled north after being driven from longtime strongholds in Baghdad and central Iraq.

A US statement said three US soldiers were killed at the scene of Monday's attack. A fourth soldier and the interpreter died of wounds at a military hospital, the US said.—Internet



US soldiers keep watch on a group of Iraqi men for questioning in Mosul, in 2007. Four American soldiers and an interpreter were killed in a suicide car bombing in the northern Iraqi city of Mosul on Monday, in the deadliest attack since last May, the US military said.—INTERNET

Obama says no decision on changing Iraq, Afghanistan policies



US President Barack Obama speaks during his first news conference as president in the East Room of the White House in Washington on 9 Feb, 2009.—INTERNET

WASHINGTON, 10 Feb—US President Barack Obama on Monday said there is no decision yet on how to change Iraq and Afghanistan policies.

He made the remarks at his first prime time White House press conference as president. "I do not have yet a timetable for how long that's going to take. What I know is I'm not going to make — I'm not going to allow Al-Qaeda or bin Laden to operate with impunity, planning attacks on the US homeland," he said, responding to a question on what's his timetable to withdraw troops from Afghanistan.

"With respect to Afghanistan, this is going to be a big challenge," Obama said. On Iraq, the president also stopped short of mentioning the timetable.

"We just saw an election in Iraq that went relatively peacefully and you get a sense that the political system is now functioning in a meaningful way." Internet

US, allies, Kabul government losing ground

WASHINGTON, 10 Feb—Support for the Kabul government and the United States and European troops trying to bolster it against insurgents is plummeting among the Afghan people, a new poll reports.

The decline is striking particularly in the last year, the poll shows, even as the Obama administration and NATO allies weigh moves to strengthen forces in the struggle with Taliban and other radical groups.

President Barack Obama has assigned high priority to the conflict and the administration is weighing whether to send another 30,000 US troops there, almost doubling the 32,000 present.

His election, however, does not appear to hold much promise among the Afghan people: Two in 10 think he will make things better for the Afghan people and nearly as many think he will make things worse. The rest either expect no change or are waiting to see.

The poll, conducted by ABC News, the BBC and ARD German TV found, for instance, that the number of Afghans who say their country is headed in the right direction has dropped from 77 percent in 2005 to 40 percent now. That new and lower level is the first time less than half the Afghans polled were found to approve.

On top of that decline, while 83 percent of Afghans expressed a favorable opinion of the United States in 2005, just 47 percent feel that way now.

There was an 18 percent drop this year alone, according to polling results.

Internet

Suicide car bombing targets US military convoy in E Afghanistan

KABUL, 10 Feb—A suicide car bombing against US military convoy in Afghanistan's eastern Khost Province on Tuesday caused panic among residents, a senior police officer Guldad said.

Internet

A US soldier is seen beside a damaged police vehicle following an attack by Taliban militants on Jalalabad-Kabul highway, east of Kabul, Afghanistan, on 7 Feb, 2009.

INTERNET



US military deaths in Iraq war at 4,243

WASHINGTON, 10 Feb—As of Monday, 9 Feb, 2009, at least 4,243 members of the US military had died in the Iraq war since it began in March 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.

The British military has reported 178 deaths; Italy, 33; Ukraine, 18; Poland, 21; Bulgaria, 13; Spain, 11; Denmark, seven; El Salvador, five; Slovakia, four; Latvia and Georgia, three each; Estonia, Netherlands, Thailand and Romania, two each; and Australia, Hungary, Kazakhstan and South Korea, one death each.—Internet

Car bomb explodes at trade fair centre in Spain

MADRID, 10 Feb—A car bomb believed planted by the armed Basque group ETA exploded at a business park on Madrid's outskirts Monday, but no one was injured, police said.

The bomb went off shortly after 9 am (0800GMT; 3 am EST) at the park in the Campo de Las Naciones trade fair centre about 90 minutes after the Spanish Red Cross received a warning call, a police spokesman said.

The explosion blew a meter-deep (3-foot) hole in the ground, destroyed some 30 cars and blew out windows at nearby offices, but no one was hurt, the spokesman said.

Internet

Egypt invites rival Palestinian groups to meet

CAIRO, 10 Feb —In a sign of progress on a deal to end the Gaza crisis, Egypt has invited rival Palestinian factions to a reconciliation conference in Cairo this month, a Palestinian official said on Monday.

Egypt is trying to broker two key agreements in the sensitive region. One is a long-term truce between Israel and Gaza's militant Hamas leaders in place of a temporary cease-fire after Israel's devastating three-week offensive in Gaza last

month.

The other is an end to the bitter divide between Hamas and the Palestinian Authority, which worsened after the militant group expelled its rivals from Gaza more than a year and a half ago.

The Palestinian Authority controls the West Bank. The groups received invitations for the 22 Feb reconciliation

meeting, said Abdel Rahim Malouh, leader of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine.

In Paris, Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak expressed hope for "a return to calm" in Gaza by next week, after he and French President Nicolas Sarkozy discussed efforts for a one- or two-year truce in the Palestinian territory.—Internet



A car pulls a trailer full of goats, sheep and llamas away from the community of Kinglake West, northeast of Melbourne after fires devastated the area.—INTERNET

British military plane crashes in Cyprus

NICOSIA, 10 Feb — A British military aircraft crashed on Monday at one of its two "sovereign bases" in southern Cyprus, but two pilots survived the accident.

"There has been an incident involving a military aircraft in RAF Akrotiri," confirmed British Bases Spokesman Stewart Bardsley, adding "there have been no fatalities as a result of the accident."

The pilot and co-pilot managed to eject from the jet and are currently being treated for "non life-threatening injuries," said the spokesman.

The aircraft was on a training exercise when it crashed on the runway of the British Base of Akrotiri on the south coast of Cyprus.—Internet



A photo Provided by the US Environmental Protection Agency shows EPA contractors surveying damage Monday morning, on 9 Feb, 2009, from the waste oil that overflowed from the on-site collection pits at Caterpillar's Rockdale, Ill, plant on 8 Feb.—INTERNET

Beijing blaze caused by "unlicensed" fireworks



A crowd watch as the building that housed the soon-to-be-opened Mandarin Oriental hotel burns after it caught on fire in Beijing, on 9 Feb, 2009. INTERNET

BEIJING, 10 Feb—A fire that swept through part of Central China Television's hypermodern complex in Beijing was caused by powerful but unapproved fireworks,

state media said.

A fireman died after inhaling toxic gases when fighting the fire at the still unopened 30-storey building, Xinhua news agency said. Seven

people were injured, including six firefighters.

The blaze started on Monday evening and put out at 2 am on Tuesday.

Flames 20-30 feet high shot out of the building, just north of the spectacular, gravity-defying CCTV tower designed by Dutch architect Rem Koolhaas. The flames were reflected in the tower, which itself appeared to be untouched.

"CCTV hired staff from a fireworks company to ignite several hundred large festive firecrackers" in an open space outside the near-completed Mandarin Oriental Hotel, part of the CCTV tower complex, Xinhua said, quoting a fire brigade spokesman.

Internet

US stock futures fall; uncertainty on "bad bank" plan

HONG KONG, 10 Feb — US stock futures fell on Tuesday on uncertainty about a White House financial rescue package after a CNBC report of an altered form of a "bad bank" plan to buy toxic assets from commercial banks.

Investors were waiting for a speech later by US Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner in which he is expected to unveil details about the plan.

CNBC initially reported the "bad bank" aspect was being dropped, but later updated its report to say a new form of the plan will essentially combine public and private resources to take bad assets off banks' books.—Internet

Canada bankruptcies up over 12% in 2008

OTTAWA, 10 Feb —The number of individuals and businesses going bankrupt in Canada in 2008 totaled 96,774, up 12.3 percent from the 86,140 recorded in 2007, according to local media reports on Monday.

For the fourth quarter, bankruptcies totaled 26,436, up 9.3 percent from the previous quarter and 25.3 percent higher than the fourth quarter of 2007, federal monitoring agency the Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy reported on Monday.

However, the number of individuals and businesses going bust dropped in December compared with November.—Internet

Oil below \$40 as investors eye US stimulus

SINGAPORE, 10 Feb—Oil prices languished below \$40 a barrel on Tuesday in Asia even as investors looked to a massive US stimulus package as a possible tonic for flagging crude demand.

Light, sweet crude for March delivery rose 35 cents to \$39.91 a barrel by midday in Singapore on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

The contract fell 61 cents overnight to settle at \$39.56.

The Senate passed an \$838 billion economic stimulus bill in a key test vote on Monday, setting up final approval on Tuesday.

The plan will then have to be reconciled with an \$819 billion package from the House of Representatives.

The measure nearing approval in the Senate calls for more tax cuts and less spending than the House bill.—Internet



Water used in the extraction process is dumped into pools before being recycled for re-use at the Syncrude facility in the northern Alberta oil sand fields in 2007 in Fort McMurray, Canada.—INTERNET

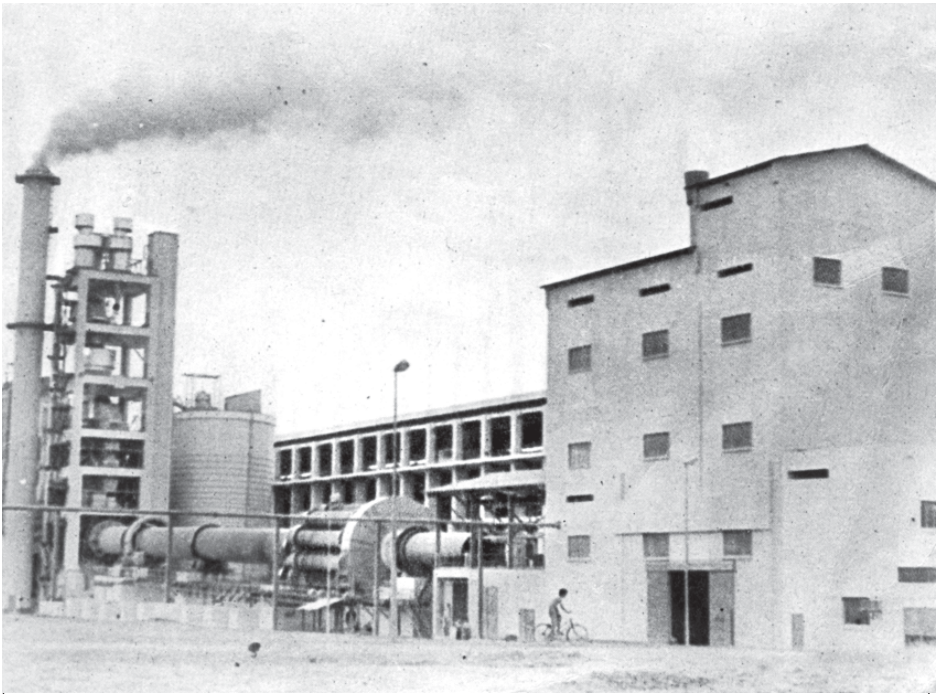


DEVELOPMENT OF KAYIN STATE IN THE TIME OF TATMADAW GOVERNMENT



University of Computer Studies (Hpa-an) in Kayin State.

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Cement plant (Myainggalay) ensures regional development in Kayin State and creates job opportunities for local people.

Sr.	Subject	Unit	1988	2008	Progress
1.	Arable land	acre	470839	986348	515509
2.	Dam	number	-	1	1
3.	River Water pumping projects	number	-	5	5
4.	Forest Reserve	sq-mile	1633.32	1752.32	119
5.	Protected Forest	sq-mile	-	1733.46	1733.46
6.	Road	mile	554	1445.1	891.1
7.	Over 180 feet long bridges	bridge	8	14	6
8.	Post office	number	27	34	7
9.	Telegraph office	office	7	13	6
10.	Telephone office	office	5	24	19
11.	Microwave station	number	1	4	3
12.	State-owned factory	factory	6	7	1
13.	Private-owned factory	factory	409	524	115
14.	Basic Education School	number	1149	1269	120
15.	Technological University	number	-	1	1
16.	University of Computer Studies	number	-	1	1
17.	Hospital	number	17	26	9



Gyine (Zathapyin) bridge over Gyine River constructed in Kayin State for smooth transportation and speedy flow of goods.



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Union and amicable relations

Yan Gyi Aung



The global family consists of over 190 countries, 27 of which are unions. Five union countries: the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia, United Arab Emirates and West India Archipelago collapsed and some of their parts seceded from them. Two union countries: Libya and Indonesia transformed themselves into unitary ones.

Of the union countries, some are constituted with states of equal status; the United States of America, Canada and Australia, for instance, were made up of colonies founded by European colonialists. Some used to be monarchies or empires that later became colonies; India, Malaysia and Nigeria, for instance, re-demarcated their states and reconstituted themselves into union nations after regaining independence. Some unitary countries such as Spain, Belgium and South Africa transformed themselves into union countries. Some countries such as Germany and United Arab Emirates formed themselves into union countries due to the fact that they were facing common enemies or they realized that they would be strong ones if they combined together.

Moreover, some union countries delineated their self-administered areas according to culture (for example languages, religious faith and ethnic group); some, according to geographical features; and some, according to both culture and geographical features.

Some union countries are very centralized, whereas some are not much centralized in sharing powers between the union government (central government) and state governments.

Union countries are various and many according to their forms, constitutions, systems of sharing powers, and executive systems. Therefore, there is no specific principle to decide whether a union country is a real one or not. And each country has to write the constitution that is likely to be the most appropriate one for them, based on historical backgrounds, geographical features, cultures, traditions, social norms, economy, and political system concerned.

Of the unitary and union countries, some are developed ones as well as political and economic powers, whereas some are poor ones, stemming from disunity of the people.

So, it can be deduced from the points that concept of the people is more dominant in terms of national unity, military power and development than geographical features and the structures of the nations. Even in a unitary country, the central government will get along with the self-administered areas if the people show mutual interest, understanding, trust and respect towards one another. And if in the same situation, the union government will get along with state governments; the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw (parliament), with state Hluttaws; and the Amyotha Hluttaw, with the Pyithu Hluttaw in dealing with each other and sharing powers in a union country.

Smooth relations of a nation's political forces rest mainly on their political maturity, priority to national interest rather than to self-interest and the interest of the party concerned, and to national politics rather than to power, money and political influence, and on mutual respect and interest and friendly relations between political forces. In other words, a nation can enjoy the taste of national unity, peace and stability, and development only if all the human societies including political communities build the relations

from peace due to the circle of prejudices and retaliation, oppression on the weak countries by stronger ones, and suicide bomb blasts.

Iraq under the political control of other country is still going through the hell of doomsday scenarios due to disunity of the people caused by religious and racial discrimination between Shiia Muslims and Sunny Muslims. Similarly, Afghanistan is still facing untold miseries due to alien intervention, following national disintegration caused by wars for territorial possession and power between Pushtun people in the southern part and Uzbek, Takmin and Tajik ethnic groups. Long ago, the country used to earn a good reputation as Gandhara Province or the academic hub of the world, but now it is like an outlying country as a result of losing national unity.

Some other countries that have seceded from their unions such as Kosovo and Georgia are still witnessing battles. Still running high are a variety of problems and disputes between a region with its own ethnic groups, language and religious faith and another region with different ethnic groups, language and religious faith in non-union countries. Likewise in Southeast Asia, the Philippines is facing an issue on Moro ethnic group; Thailand, southern region issue; Indonesia, Maluku islets issue, and in southern Asia, Sri Lanka is facing rebellion of Tamil Tigers.

All national races remained united in repulsing the alien invasion of the motherland in the successive periods. They immersed themselves in the drive for unifying the nation into the First, Second and Third Myanmar empires that attracted respects and admiration from neighbouring countries.

based on loving-kindness among them.

Today, the world has seen rising instabilities, armed conflicts, suicide bomb attacks, and interior destructive acts due to prejudices against each other between countries, or human societies of a country, along with too much priority to self-interest, racial and religious and social discrimination, hegemony, discrimination by the majority against the minority, and jealousy and ill will harboured by weak forces towards stronger ones.

For instance, the recent incident that took place in Gaza region revealed that the Middle East at the center of three continents will have a prosperous future if investments and technology of Israel, oil deposits of Arabian countries and cheap labour of Palestine are combined. Nonetheless, the countries are still well far

So, ensuring non-disintegration of the Union and national unity is of greater importance for the union countries that are constituted with states with different cultures. So far, of the 34 union countries, seven countries or about 20 per cent could not stand as union countries long.

Being convinced of the union system's advantages of unity and harmonious combination of different cultures and traditions, many unitary countries have changed themselves into union ones. Some countries like the United Kingdom came to practise unitary executive system and the union power-sharing system in combination, according to their conditions. Some sovereign European countries came to realize the benefits of the union system, they had striven for

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Union and amicable relations

Yan Gyi Aung

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establishment of United States of Europe since the 1950s. They managed to form the European Economic Community, then the European Union. Moreover, they managed to set up the sole economic policy, the sole agricultural policy, the sole currency, and the sole foreign policy.

Southeast Asia also managed to prescribe ASEAN Charter designed to boost cooperation of ASEAN members. Moreover, it is implementing a host of programmes such as AFTA to bolster cooperation in the social and economic sectors. In recognition of the unity of ASEAN members, three economic powers in the northeast Asia have joined to form ASEAN + 3.

Today, many countries are under a variety of natural disaster and man-made threats crossing their borders due to the present world situations. It is, therefore, required of the entire people to fortify the national unity and cooperation among them to be able to tackle with such issues.

Here, it is a notable fact that only with mutual understanding and help, will it be possible for human societies to build unity and make progress. Words alone are not enough to build mutual trust and friendly relations, and that calls for hard work along with equal rights irrespective of race and location, equal protection of the law, equal opportunities in the economic and social sectors, close relations, sharing the ups and lows, mutual understanding, and relations based on loving-kindness, compassion and sympathetic joy.

The Union of Myanmar is, indeed, the land where diverse national races have been living in harmony for aeons. To put it another way, it is the union where national brethren have been living in amity, sharing joys and sorrows since its birth.

All national races remained united in repulsing the alien invasion of the motherland in the successive periods. They immersed themselves in the drive for unifying the nation into the First, Second and Third Myanmar empires that attracted respects and admiration from neighbouring countries.

In the time of the colonialists, they launched anti-colonialist struggles in harness. The armed insurrection launched by some armed groups due to the discord sown by the colonialists, the divide-and-rule policy, lack of relations between national races, and economic gap has ceased. Inspired by the knowledge of benefits from unity, they no longer have animosity and are joining hands with the people in the tasks for national development. Thanks to the harmonious cooperation of the government, the people and the Tatmadaw, the whole nation has seen a large number of roads, bridges, hospitals, educational institutions, irrigation facilities and electric power stations.

Such a great achievement is the fruitful result of unity and amicable relations between national brethren. Surely the Union of Myanmar will be able to stand tall as a strong one in the world so long as amity and national unity, the essence of the Union, flourish in it.

Translation: MS



Zichaung Dam in Kyauktaw Township. — MNA

POEM:

Panglong the soul of Myanmar

* Witness the history
Our forefathers from hills and plains
Joining hands and set up
Kingdoms with capitals
Bagan, Konboun, Toungoo
Myinsaing, Sagaing, Pinya,
Inwa and Bago
So powerful they were

* Anti-colonialist struggle they launched
With the Panglong spirit as the soul
People from all over the country
Joined hands to free her
Driving out the colonialists
Flying high was the flag of victory

* Born and bred in the same territory
Helping one another with amity
Living in weal or woe
In hearts we all have
Love for Union our heritage
Trophy of our history

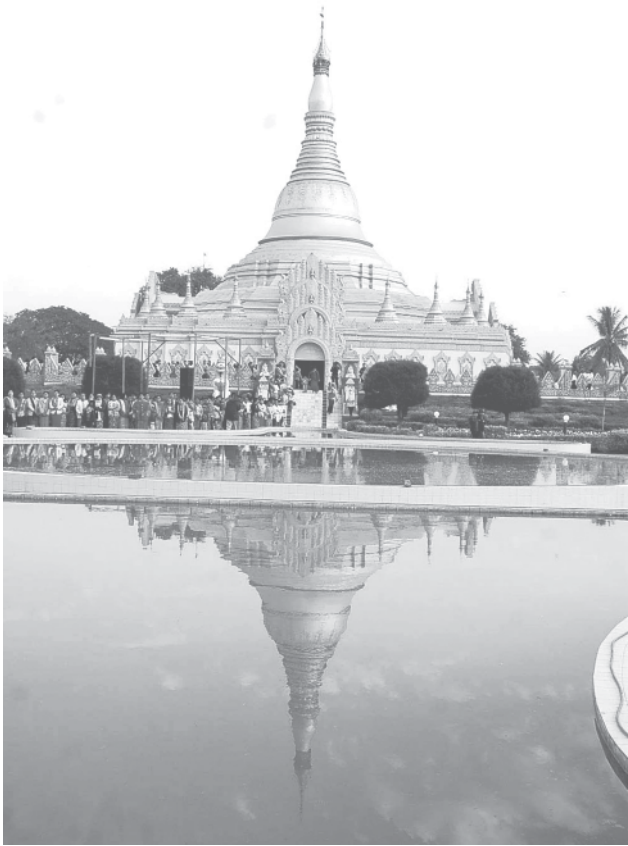
* If we are divided
The wicked will attack
As the wicked is still wicked
We with same interest and goal
Will never let ourselves divided

* In mind the strength of unity
We all pledge with truthfulness
To discharge our duty
And to march on own path
Developing our country
Is our own right
We are ready to show
Our courage and might
To ward off attempts
To interfere in our internal affairs
And harm our country's glory
With wicked intention

* Till the world's end
We will defend our country
Unity and amity we strengthen
Still marching in unison
For race and nation
With Panglong as the soul
Glory for future Myanmar

Zaw Min Min Oo (Trs)

Hailing the 62nd Anniversary Union Day



Maha Shwesigyi Pagoda in Kanbalu.—MNA

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife and those present received the Five Precepts from Sayadaw Bhaddanta Vimalabhi-vamsa.

Next, members of the Sangha recited parittas.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San pay homage to Maha Muni Buddha Image at Maha Shwesigyi Pagoda.

MNA

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife offered alms to the Sayadaw.

Next, member of the SPDC Lt-Gen Tin Aye and party, townselders, wellwishers and departmental officials offered

wife offered day meal to the members of the Sangha.

On 7 February, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San and party went to Maha Shwesigyi Pariyatti Sartintaik and paid respects

Kanbalu and they paid respects to the aged.

Next, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife and party presented gifts to the aged.

On 8 February, Vice-Senior General Maung



Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, wife Daw Mya Mya San...

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wife Daw Mya Mya San arrived at the Pagoda at 4.30 a.m. and offered alms, fruit, water and flowers to Maha Muni Buddha Image at the Pagoda.

Next, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye offered alms, fruit, waters and flowers to Mula Shwesi Pagoda.

The ceremony to consecrate Maha Shwesigyi Pagoda followed at 5 a.m. at the Pagoda. Altogether 45 members of the Sangha consecrated the Pagoda.

Next, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party paid homage to the Pagoda.

Then Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife and party offered 'soon' to the members of the Sangha at Sasana Beikmantaw at the platform of the Pagoda.

Afterwards, the rice offering ceremony followed. Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife and party, wellwishers, departmental officials, social and religious organizations members and local people donated rice and offertories to the 45 members of the Sangha.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife and party cordially greeted local people, members of the organizations and departmental personnel.

Next, the ceremony to share the merits gained was held at Sasana Beikmantaw at 10.30 a.m. U Htin Lin of township Cooperative Department who acted as the MC read out the agenda of the ceremony.

Then the ceremony was opened with three times of Namo Tassa.

provisions to members of the Sangha.

Afterwards, Sayadaw Bhaddanta Vimalabhi-vamsa delivered a sermon and Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife and congregations shared the merits gained.

The ceremony ended with three times of Buddha Sasanam Ciran Tittahtu.

Next, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and

to Presiding Nayaka Sayadaw Bhaddanta Acara. Vice-Senior General Maung Aye supplicated on matters related to the needs of the monastery and oversaw the conditions of the monastery.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife and party attended the ceremony to pay respects to elder persons who are at the age of above 85 at Maha Shwesigyi Sasana Beikmantaw in

Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San and party viewed Htamanhe-making competition to mark the ninth Buddha Pujaniya Festival of Maha Shwesigyi Pagoda. A total of 20 teams of wards, villages and organizations in Kanbalu Township took part in the competition.

After Htamanhe-making competition, they cordially greeted contestants and local people. — MNA



Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San offer rice and provisions to members of the Sangha.—MNA

ICT Exhibition 2009 on 12 Feb

YANGON, 7 Feb — Organized by Myanmar Information and Communication Technology Corporation Ltd, the ICT Exhibition 2009 (Yangon) will be held at the compound of Myanma Info-Tech in Hline Township from 9 a.m to 5 p.m daily from 12 to 15 February.

Ferries will be arranged for the convenience of those who want to visit the exhibition, free of charges at Kyaunggwe bus-stop on Pyay Road and Thamai

junction bus-stop.

In Exhibition, 120 showrooms of 50 companies will display computer accessories, communication accessories, electronics, software, documents related to computer technology training schools and books at the exhibition. Moreover, games such as Dota and Counter Strike competitions will be held at the exhibition and every one may visit the exhibition.

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Firstly, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San cordially greeted eye patients who were receiving treatment at the hospital.

Next, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party heard reports on performing surgeries, providing medicines and examining eye patients in the townships of Shwebo, Monywa and Katha Districts presented by Eye Specialist Lt-Col Dr Yupar Aung.

Next, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party accompanied by Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein, Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint and party presented sun glasses and

medicines to patients who had received eye operations.

Then Vice-Senior General Maung Aye comforted patients at men's and women's wards.

Afterwards, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife viewed eye operation being performed by professors and eye specialists at the operation theatre.

At Kanbalu Township People's Hospital, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party met with eye patients from Kanbalu, Kyunhla, Shwebo, Tantse, YeU, KhinU, Wetlet, Katha, Indaw, Banmauk, Kawlin, Wuntho and Pinlebu and spoke words of comfort.

Altogether two eye specialist teams led



Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San speak words of comfort to eye patients. —MNA

by Eye Specialist Lt-Col Dr Yupar Aung of No (2) Military Hospital (500-bed) and Eye Specialist Prof. U Than Aung, Prof. U Mya Aung

and Prof. Daw Myint Khine of the Ministry of Health gave free medical treatment to patients with eye complaints at the hospital from 2 to 8

February. They provided health care services to 3,982 eye patients, performed major surgeries to 443 eye patients and minor surgery

ies to 181 eye patients and examined 2,373 eye patients. A total of 1,865 eye patients were presented glasses.

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Vice-Senior General Maung Aye inspects Thaphanseik Dam. —MNA

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye inspects ...

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viewed the fossil of Ingyin Tree (Pentacme suavis) which is 160 ft long and 14 ft in circumference. The fossil of the hardwood tree was discovered in the Field No. 534 of Farmer U Myint San in June, 2005.

Afterwards, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party also viewed the other fossil of Ingyin Tree (Pentacme suavis) which is over 124 ft long and was discovered in the eastern field of Paittukan in June, 2007.

According to geologists, it is estimated that those fossils are about 1.2 million or 1.8 million years old.

Deer, monkeys, birds, crocodiles, rabbits, parrots and peacocks are kept for the public and shady trees are also planted in the garden. Afterwards, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party went to Thaphanseik Dam which was inaugurated in Kyunhla Township in 2001. At the briefing hall of the dam, Director of the Irrigation Department of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation U Soe Nyunt reported to Vice-Senior General Maung Aye on facts about the dam.

During the tour, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye inspected the stor-

age of water and the intake and output channels of the dam.

Before Thaphan-seik Dam was constructed, Kaboe Dam irrigated about 280,000 acres of rice fields in every rainy season. On completion, Thaphanseik Dam has irrigated over 800,000 acres rice fields in the rainy and summer yearly via Kaboe and Kintat diversion dams.

Besides, the dam has supported water to the Hydropower plant constructed at the dam to generate electricity and the dam has become the multi-purpose one. After the inspection tour of the dam, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party went to Seikphumyaung

Village in Kanbalu Township where local villagers, members of social organizations and officials concerned welcome them. Vice-Senior General Maung Aye visited the clinic and library of the village and presented gifts to the aged and donated books and periodicals to the library.

Afterwards, they proceeded to Myaydu Village and paid homage to Buddha Images at Shwezigon Pagoda and Shwegu Myint Pagoda.

They attended a ceremony to open a self-reliant clinic in the village of Natpay. Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein and wife formally opened the clinic and Head of Sagaing Division Health Depart-

ment Dr Kyaw Shein unveiled the signboard of the clinic. After the ceremony, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party

inspected the clinic. They also went to the monastery in the village and donated offertories to the Sayadaw of the monastery. At the meeting with local people at the monastery, CEC Member of Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister Dr Chan Nyein thanked local people for their participation in implementing the development the village in self-reliant basic.

Afterwards, Daw Mya Mya San, wife of Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, Minister Dr Chan Nyein and Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint presented gifts to local people. — MNA



Daw Mya Mya San, wife of Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, presents gifts for people of Natpay village through a responsible person. — MNA

Kayah State gets Technological University (Loikaw)

Education is essential for expanding the horizons of the people



Prime Minister General Thein Sein delivers an address at opening ceremony of new building for Technological University (Loikaw). — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Feb — To scale up State's economy and to produce intellectuals and intelligentsias in mechanical engineering, the opening of new school building for Technological University (Loikaw) of Technical and Vocational Education Department under the Ministry of Science and Technology in Loikaw, Kayah State was held in front of the building this morning.

Prime Minister General Thein Sein attended the ceremony and pressed the button to open the stone plaque of the building.

Also present were Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council Commander of Eastern Command Brig-Gen Ya Pyae, the ministers, the deputy ministers, Chairman of Kayah State PDC Brig-Gen Win Myint, the director-general of Government Office and departmental heads, state/district/township level departmental officials, the rector and the acting principal and faculty members and students of Loikaw University and University of Computer Studies, Acting Principal Dr Thida Win of Technological University (Loikaw), the heads of departments, faculty members and students, staff, teachers and students of basic education schools, members of social organizations, national cultural troupes, nurses and guests, members of drum band and pom-pom dance group, na-

tional race music bands and local people.

Firstly, Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence, Commander Brig-Gen Ya Pyae and Minister for Science and Technology U Thaung opened the building.

Next, the Prime Minister and party took designated places to grow tree to mark opening of new school building.

The Prime Minister planted a star-flower tree at the designated place.

Then Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing, Commander Brig-Gen Ya Pyae and the ministers grew star-flower trees at designated places.

Next, the Prime Minister and party posed for a documentary photo together with the acting principal, faculty members and students and national cultural troupe members.

Afterwards, the Prime Minister pressed the button to open the stone plaque of

the new school building and sprinkled scented water on it.

Next, Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence, the commander, the ministers, the deputy ministers and guests sprinkled scented water on stone plaque of the new school building for Technological University (Loikaw). The opening ceremony of the building took place at the convocation hall.

The Prime Minister in his speech said that the main building of university really adds to the prestige of Loikaw, and it is designed to generate opportunities for the youth to pursue tertiary education at low expenses in their home region and to increase the number of human resources in Kayah State.

Kayah State has already got a university for computer studies apart from the technological uni-

versity for human resource development. Now, Kayah State has been equipped with arts and science university, technological university and the university for computer studies that it has never got.

The Tatmadaw government is implementing plans for raising the nation's education standard and human resource development in its bid to generate a promising future of the nation. High education standard is essential for sustainable development of the human society, staying in touch with the changes, and long-term survival of the human society. Education is essential for expanding the horizons of the people, so lagging behind in education means all other sectors lag behind in development.

He cited the guidance of the Head of State, saying that education is the fundamental of develop-

ment of a people. Only with high education standard can a citizen broaden his horizons and serve the interests of the nation and the people.

The government has established an arts and science university, a technological university and a university for computer studies each in 24 special development regions to ensure that the youth have equal opportunity to pursue education in their regions.

Now, the regions have enjoyed the fruits of the prudent project. The old education system, under which higher education was available only in Yangon and Mandalay, has been replaced with the new system. So, the opportunity to pursue higher education has stretched out not only to other states and divisions but also to other strategic regions.

Today, the world has

seen rapid changes in the science and technology and electronics. So, it is required of the youth to catch up with the technological changes for development of the nation and their regions.

Educated population have to work hard together to help scale up national development and improve the living standards of the people. Loikaw Technological University needs to try to produce more and more engineers much needed for the nation and the region, and experts who cherish their nation and the people.

Now, the nation is making reforms at speed for smooth transition to a new system. The government is working hard relentlessly for building political, economic, education, health and transport infrastructures, and as a result, the nation is enjoying fruitful results sector-wise and region-wise.

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Photo shows the new building for Technological University (Loikaw). — MNA



Prime Minister General Thein Sein greets local people at ceremony to open new building for Technological University (Loikaw). — MNA

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Moreover, states and divisions are all making progress in parallel. Of the 14 states and divisions, Kayah State has smaller area and population than any other one, but its development is gaining momentum. Kayah State enjoyed annual average economic development by over 11.7 per cent in the third five-year plan (2001-2002 to 2005-2006), by nearly 10 per cent in the first year (2006-2007) and by about 11 per cent in the second year (2007-2008) of the second five-year plan. Due to the launch of cultivation of summer paddy, it increased total paddy sown acreage to over 100,000 in 2007-2008 from just over 60,000 in the past. In addition, it is growing edible oil crops extensively. As a result, supply of rice and edible oil has met the demand in Kayah State.

Nearly 60,000 local youths are pursuing education in 388 basic education schools in Kayah State. It has got 55 more basic education schools: seven high, six middle, and 42 primary schools.

As to the health sector, a 200-bed hospital, six 25-bed hospitals, eight station hospitals, 27 rural health care centres and a 16-bed traditional medicine hospital have been established to provide better health care to the people. Regarding the transport sector, Aungban-Loikaw Railroad was con-

structed in 1993, so Kayah State is now accessible not only by car and by air but also by train. Funds have been set up yearly to maintain such roads as Toungoo-Leiktho-Yado-Loikaw, Loikaw-Punchaung-Shardaw, Bawlakhe-Ywathit-Swutpaing, and Phasaung-Meisel, and construct bridges.

Smooth transport lies at the core of expediting regional development tasks, and smooth transport and trade calls for stability, peace and security of the whole state. Without the rule of law, stability and peace, it is impossible to make progress in improving the living standard of local people.

Despite unprecedented development, Kayah State is still facing armed insurrection of remnant insurgents, and that poses a barrier to regional development. Local people need to notice that point.

It is of great importance that local people can lead a peaceful life. The state has low population and its contribution to national economy is somewhat low, but the government has never showed disregard for it. It is required to restore stability and peace in the state in order that the government can work harder to enable it to keep abreast of other states and divisions in terms of development.

With this concept in view, the government has opened the peace door for

remnant national race armed groups to join hands with the people in the frame of the law for national reconsolidation, and stability, peace and development of the nation. Many evidences have revealed that mutual trust, understanding, forbearance, compassion and cooperation among national races serve as an engine for building the nation.

It is public knowledge that the government is working hard for equitable development of all parts of the nation, without any discrimination against or in favour of a particular one.

The Head of State in his guidance said that the people of the 14 states and divisions are all national brethren. So, the government is taking measures for physical and mental well-being of each citizen. The government is working hard in various sectors for well-being and a prosperous future of national races, regarding itself as the parent and national brethren as children. The people of the Union are all national brethren. So, the government really wants to see prosperity of all the children without discrimination against any particular race.

So, it is obligatory for the entire people to work hard in concert with the fervour of cherishing the region concerned and Union Spirit for development of their regions and the Union. The people should work in concert, but not separately in the tasks for charting a promising future of the na-

has been approved with the support of the great majority of the voters. The government will continue to mobilize the public participation in the processes, so the nation's good future is certain.

In conclusion, the Prime Minister called on the universities of Loikaw to nurture the youth and produce more and more human resources capable of building a peaceful, modern and developed nation and ensuring perpetuity of the nation, and to become prestigious educational institutions both in form and in quality.

Acting Principal of Technological University (Loikaw) Dr Thida Win reported to the Prime Minister on the history and matters related to teaching and administration of the university.

The Prime Minister

The Prime Minister and party visited the computer room, Language Lab, Drawing Room, e-Library and research room of the university.

The work on construction of the new three-storey building was started on 23, October 2005 by Htoo Construction Development Co Ltd. The area of the university is 86.03 acres, and the road to the main building is 1700 ft long and 60 ft wide.

The new building is reinforced concrete type and is constructed on 513 ft x 242 ft. The building is 66 ft high. The convocation hall on the second floor of the university. There are 38 lecture rooms at the university and it has a seating capacity of 3000.

The university has conducted the civil engineering course, electrical power engineering course, mechanical power engineer-



Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing, Commander Brig-Gen Ya Pyae and Minister U Thaung formally open new building for Technological University (Loikaw). — MNA

tion and enhancing the national prestige and integrity. Furthermore, the people are duty-bound to relay fine legacy of good infrastructures with peace and stability to future generations.

Today, the nation is enjoying remarkable development due to harmonious co-operation of the government, the people and the Tatmadaw in nation-building tasks. And it is tangible result that all sectors are making progress both quantitatively and qualitatively.

Had not certain countries of the West Bloc imposed economic sanctions and leveled groundless diplomatic accusations against Myanmar, the nation would have enjoyed development at a greater rate.

Anyhow, the government will keep on seeing the already-laid down policies to generate prosperity of the nation. Democratic transition processes are being implemented step by step. Now, the new State constitution

awarded the six winners of the debate and the essay contest which were held as a gesture of hailing the 62nd Anniversary Union Day.

On behalf of the students, Ma Sao Myat Marlar, a second-year student of the university, thanked the government for the construction of the new building for the university.

After the opening ceremony, the Prime Minister cordially greeted those present at the opening ceremony.

ing course, CNC course and electronic engineering course. In the 2009 Academic Year, a total of 369 students are attending the university.

The university has already conferred degrees on 1499 students — the engineering degree on 82 students, technological degree on 152 students, AGTI diploma on 492 students, EGTI diploma on 113 students and basic technological degree on 660 students.

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Those from US and British Embassies visited NLD (Headquarters) 28 times in January

YANGON, 10 Feb—The National League for Democracy (Headquarters) has kept in touch with the US and British embassies and is following their instructions. The people are criticizing such act of the NLD and keeping a watchful eye on it.

Those from US and British embassies visited the NLD (Headquarters) on West Shwegondine street here 28 times in January 2009. During their visits, they met with CEC members of the party and gave small and large envelopes and parcels to the latter.—MNA

YANGON GOLF CLUB**100th ANNIVERSARY INVITATION**

Yangon Golf Club proudly announces to celebrate centennial anniversary week from 17th February 2009 to 22nd February 2009 as per following programmes.

Tournaments include:

1. All Y.G.C Members for (a) Gold, (b) Silver (c) Bronze (d) Veterans (e) Life Members and (f) Ladies events on February 17, 18 & 21.

2. Y.G.C open on 19 & 20 February 2009

(a) Amateurs (H'cap 0-12)

(b) Professionals

There will be prize giving programme and centennial anniversary ceremonial dinner on 22nd February 2009, 17:00 Hours at Yangon Golf Club.

All Y.G.C members and families are cordially invited to the 100th anniversary ceremonial dinner. Prize winners only (regarding NON-MEMBERS) will be allowed to attend the prize distribution & ceremonial dinner.

Enquiry Phone No; 635563/635617/703785

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MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY

HOLIDAY NOTICE

As the wharves warehouses and chellan Offices of Yangon Port will be closed on the 12th February 2009 (Union Day) being the public Holiday Goods. Will be received shipped or delivered on payment of Holiday Fees.

Chipmaker Spansion Japan files for bankruptcy protection

TOKYO, 10 Feb— The Japanese subsidiary of flash memory chip maker Spansion Inc filed for bankruptcy protection on Tuesday with debts of more than 800 million dollars, the company said.

Spansion Japan lodged a request with the Tokyo District Court for protection from its creditors, a company spokesman said. It has liabilities of 74.1 billion yen (809.79 million dollars), he added.

The chip maker, which was jointly set up by Advanced Micro Devices (AMD) and Japan's Fujitsu, makes flash memory chips used mainly in digital electronics products such as mobile telephones.

"Flash memory chips are used in almost all electronics products," said the spokesman. "Since the financial crisis since last year, the entire production has declined."

It is the biggest bankruptcy in Japan's manufacturing sector so far this year, according to private credit research company Teikoku Databank.—Internet

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A man dressed as a woman dances during a folk art performance celebrating Lantern Festival on the last day of the Chinese lunar New Year, in Yuxian County, Hebei Province on 9 Feb, 2009.—INTERNET

Orangutans in Indonesian suffering from illegal trade, rampant hunting

JAKARTA, 10 Feb— More than 500 Kalimantan's orangutans (Pongo Pygmaeus) are trafficked illegally in the Indonesian market every year, while rampant hunt-

ing is predicted to threaten the extinct in the next 50 years, said an activist. "Those traded are their babies. Hunters kill the mothers in order to catch them," the national Antara News

Agency on Tuesday quoted Arbi Valentinus of the Oran-gutan Conservation Service Programme (OCSP) as saying.

He reiterated that orangutan's habitat in Kalimantan continued decreasing by about 3 square kilometer a year, making the animal one of the endangered species included in appendix I of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES), Law No 5 / 1990 on Bio-diversity and Ecosystem. According to the law, orangutan is in the list of protected species, and unlicensed domestication is a violation.

"There were only four great ape species in the world, three of which were found in Africa while the other one in Indonesia and Malaysia, namely orangutans," he said.

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Satellite problem disrupts TV programmes

BEIJING, 10 Feb—Transmission of 150 satellite TV channels in China was interrupted Monday morning by satellite problems, the State Administration of Radio, Film and Television (SARFT) said.

A malfunction occurred in Zhongxing 6B satellite around 10:59 am and lasted 47 minutes, disrupting transmission of China Central Television (CCTV), China Education Television and 23 provincial satellite TVs, SARFT said. Channel by channel transmission resumed from 11:47 am to 01:11 pm.

As central radio and TV programmes were transmitted through the Xinnuo 3 Satellite and the administration's special network, these programmes were not affected, it said. SARFT has apologized to viewers for the interruption.

The malfunctioning satellite has resumed normal operations, it said, adding the satellite's operator China DBSat was investigating the cause and taking measures to ensure transmissions. —Internet

NYSE Euronext posts \$1.34 billion 4Q loss

NEW YORK, 10 Feb— Trans-Atlantic stock exchange operator NYSE Euronext said Monday it recorded a \$1.34 billion loss during the fourth quarter as it was forced to take a charge related to its 2007 acquisition of European exchange Euronext.

NYSE Euronext lost \$1.34 billion, or \$5.06 per share, during the fourth quarter, after a profit of \$156 million, or 59 cents per share, during the same quarter a year earlier.

The exchange operator would have recorded a profit had it not been for

the \$1.59 billion write-down on goodwill left over from the 2007 combination. The write-down was due to collapsing equity markets during the final three months of 2008 as the global economic crisis grew. NYSE Euronext was formed in a \$9.96 billion deal that saw Euronext — which operates the Paris, Amsterdam, Brussels and Lisbon exchanges — combine with the US exchange in 2007.

Michael Geltzeiler, the company's chief financial officer, said the write-down brings the value of

the company in line with the lower earnings multiples that analysts and investors are assigning for stock exchange operators. The lower multiples come as equity markets have tumbled amid the ongoing economic turmoil.

NYSE Euronext reviews goodwill values every year during the fourth quarter and believes the write-down during the last quarter is sufficient to match the company's expected future cash flow, Geltzeiler said in an interview.



Calif artist sues AP over image of Obama

NEW YORK, 10 Feb—An artist who created a famous image of Barack Obama before he became president sued The Associated Press on Monday, asking a judge to find that his use of an AP photo in creating the poster did not violate copyright law.

The lawsuit filed in US District Court in Manhattan said street artist Shepard Fairey did not violate the copyright of the April 2006 photograph because he dramatically changed the nature of the image.

The AP has said it is owed credit and compensation for the artist's rendition of the picture, taken by Mannie Garcia on assignment for the AP at the National Press Club in Washington.

Lawyers for Fairey acknowledged that the artist used the photograph. But they said he transformed the literal depiction into a "stunning, abstracted and idealized visual image that creates powerful new meaning and conveys a radically different message."—Internet

Paris airports shut as high winds lash France

PARIS, 10 Feb—High winds lashed France on Tuesday, prompting authorities to shut Paris' two international airports for the first time in 34 years.

Winds gusting at up to 140 kilometers (87 miles) per hour were recorded on France's Atlantic coast, with forecasters saying they could reach up to 160 kilometres per hour. With gusts of up to 100 kilometres per hour expected to hit the Paris region, the authorities closed Paris' airports from 8:00 pm on Monday until 10:00 am (0900 GMT) on Tuesday.

All flights to and from the city's two main airports, Charles de Gaulle (Roissy) and Orly, have been cancelled within that time period and travellers were asked not to head to either of them.—Internet



Blue Chip poll cuts forecast for second half 2009

WASHINGTON, 10 Feb—The recession-bound US economy is still expected to resume growing in the second half of this year, but at an even slower pace than previously thought as consumers spend cautiously, the Blue Chip survey of 52 economists said on Tuesday.

A poll on 4-5 February

A Lhasa Apso is groomed before competing during the first day of the 2009 Westminster Dog Show in New York on 9 Feb, 2009.

INTERNET

Nissan shares jump seven percent after restructuring steps

TOKYO, 10 Feb—Shares of Nissan Motor Co (7201.T) jumped 7 percent on Tuesday morning, making up for a sharp slide a day earlier before the company forecast its first loss in years and laid out countermeasures to reverse the bleeding.

Nissan, owned 44 percent by Renault SA (RENA.PA), said after the market closed on Monday

that it expected an operating loss of 180 billion yen (\$1.97 billion) in the year to 31 March and a net loss of 265 billion yen to pay for a series of steps to weather the worst downturn in the global car market in decades.

The stock ended the morning up 7.3 percent at 280 yen, bucking a fall in many other Japanese auto stocks.

Nissan shares lost nearly 6 percent on Monday.

Analysts mostly welcomed Nissan's moves, including its plan to knock vehicle inventory down by 20 percent by next month and reduce headcount by about 9 percent through the next business year to match tumbling global car sales.

Internet

for the monthly Blue Chip Economic Indicators February newsletter scaled back forecasts for second-half growth from those made in January but continued to predict the United States will come out of recession in 2009.

The Blue Chip economists now forecast a 0.8 percent gain in third-quarter US gross domestic product, down from the 1.2 percent gain they estimated in January. Fourth-quarter growth is seen at 2.0 percent rather than 2.2 percent.

The economy officially slipped into recession in December 2007. Many economists expect the combination of a sinking labor market, falling stock prices and a severe housing downturn will make it the most severe recession in decades.

"The year-over-year contraction in real GDP this year now is expected to equal the decline registered in 1982 that was the largest in the post-World War II era," the Blue Chip economists said.—Internet



In this undated photo released by David Higdon, friend of swimmer Jennifer Figge, she's shown posing for a picture after her arrival to Chacachacare Island, in Trinidad, on 5 Feb, 2009. Figge, of Aspen, Colorado, is the first woman to swim across the Atlantic Ocean, after leaving the Cape Verde Islands off Africa on 12 Jan, swimming roughly 2,100 miles (3,380 kilometers) to arrive in Trinidad. She plans to swim from Trinidad to the British Virgin Islands in the last leg of her journey.

56-year-old becomes 1st woman to swim Atlantic

Jennifer Figge pressed her toes into the Caribbean sand, exhilarated and exhausted as she touched land this week for the first time in almost a month.

Reaching a beach in Trinidad, she became the first woman on record to swim across the Atlantic Ocean — a dream she'd had since the early 1960s, when a stormy trans-Atlantic flight got her thinking she could don a life vest and swim the rest of the way if needed.

The 56-year-old left the Cape Verde Islands off Africa's western coast on 12 Jan, battling waves of up to 30 feet (9 metres) and strong winds.



On 4 Feb, after more than two months of intensive care, the smallest "mini infant" in Zhejiang Province was able to finally leave the Women's Hospital School of Medicine of Zhejiang University. When she was born on the morning of 20 Nov, 2008, she weighed just 550 grams, breaking the previous provincial low birth weight record of 600 grams. Upon leaving the hospital, she weighed more than 2 kilograms.



A woman works on a contemporary sculpture depicting the life of the people in Mumbai at the Annual Kala Ghoda Arts Festival in Mumbai.

Smelly feet man wins legal bid to study

A student has won a ten-year legal battle to return to lectures after he was banned from university because of his smelly feet. Teunis Tenbrook was reportedly thrown out of the Erasmus University in Rotterdam after staff and students complained that they could not concentrate because of the pungent odour.

A court has now ruled that smelly feet is no excuse to ban a student from a university, according to Ananova.

The judge said: "Our considered opinion is that the professors and other students will just have to hold their noses and bear it." Tenbrook had earlier told the court that his attempts to continue with his philosophy studies were stalled when he was also banned from the library.

Woman claims McDonald's drink contained chemical

A Baltimore woman said when she ordered an iced tea at a local McDonald's restaurant last year, employees gave her a cup containing a cleaning chemical. Caryl Jones has filed a \$100,000 lawsuit in Baltimore City Circuit Court.

The lawsuit alleges negligence and breach of warranty. Jones' attorney, Patricia Steiger, said the cup contained a sanitizer used on kitchen equipment.

Steiger said Jones immediately spat out the liquid when it burned her mouth but was found by doctors to have suffered "a mild or moderate chemical reaction."

NEWS ALBUM

SPORTS

Scolari sacking could prove costly for Chelsea



Chelsea have sacked manager Luiz Felipe Scolari, seen here, after falling behind in the English Premier League title race, the club announced.—INTERNET

LONDON, 10 Feb—Chelsea's decision to sack Luiz Felipe Scolari as their manager could cost the Premier League side up to 15 million pounds (22 million dollars) in compensation. Scolari, who guided his native Brazil to World Cup glory, was booted out of Stamford Bridge here on Monday just eight months in to a three-year deal worth an estimated annual six million pounds.

Getting rid of Jose Mourinho as manager in 2007 and then firing his successor Avram Grant, a matter of months after the Israeli signed a new four-year deal, would not have come cheap, even to a club bankrolled by Russian billionaire Roman Abramovich.

The total cost of sacking these three managers could be as much as 40 million pounds, a sum which threatens to make a mockery of Chelsea chief executive Peter Kenyon's oft-repeated assertion that the London club will become "operationally independent" by 2010.

In the meantime Abramovich's money, never mind the current squad, should still make Chelsea an enticing prospect for their would-be managers.—Internet

Nadal still convinced Federer top-shelf

ROTTERDAM, 10 Feb—A week after winning the Australian Open with a fifth consecutive victory over Roger Federer, number 1 Rafael Nadal hasn't budged from his belief that he's still just the world's second-best player. "I'm getting tired of this question," said the top seed on Monday as he opened with a loss in doubles alongside fellow Mallorcan Ignacio Coll-Ruidavets at the Rotterdam Open.

"When someone has 13 grand slams and 14 Masters titles, there is no discussion about who is the best," he said respectfully of number 2 Federer, who has not beaten him since the Shanghai Masters Cup in November, 2007. Nadal has plunged back into the ATP grind just eight days after his sixth major title, pausing for a meal with family and friends after arriving on his home island of Mallorca last Tuesday.—Internet

Murray left peeved at ATP dope testing system



Andy Murray of Britain

"This is the third time I've been tested over the past 16 or 17 days. And we still have to do that (declare our whereabouts)," moaned Murray.

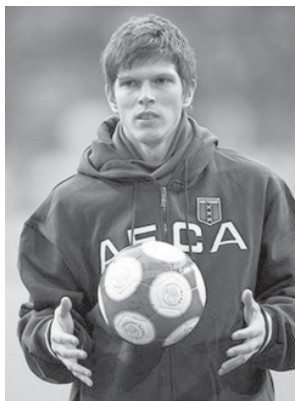
The Scot continued his criticism of a draconian new ruling which since January 1 has irritated Top 50 players who are now required to report their whereabouts for at least one hour per day - every day of the year to international anti-corruption authorities via online, phone or even SMS.—Internet

Huntelaar wants to stay at Real Madrid

MADRID, 10 Feb—Real Madrid's Dutch striker Klaas-Jan Huntelaar denied on Monday Spanish media reports that he wants to leave the club because he was given few chances to play by new coach Juande Ramos.

"There are rumours in some papers that are not true. I am at, and I want to stay at, Real Madrid. It is my goal to win prizes with this beautiful club. I certainly am not thinking of leaving," he said in a message posted on his official website.

The 25-year-old signed a four-year contract with



Real Madrid's Dutch striker Klaas-Jan Huntelaar

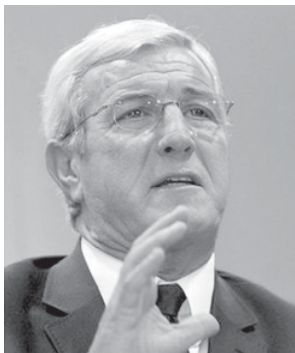
the defending Spanish champions on December 2 from Dutch side Ajax in a deal worth 27 million euros (35 million dollars).

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Lippi ready for 'Derby of the World'

LONDON, 10 Feb—Marcello Lippi is in London preparing for his first ever encounter with Brazil and believes Tuesday's match can be labelled as the Derby of the World.

The two nations have collected the World Cup



Italy's Head Coach Marcello Lippi, seen here addressing a press conference at The Emirates Stadium in London, is preparing for his first ever encounter with Brazil and believes Tuesday's match can be labelled as the Derby of the World.—INTERNET

nine times between them; Brazil leading the way courtesy of success on five occasions to date.

Despite a long career in the game, Italian head coach Lippi has never faced a Brazilian side as player nor manager, and Tuesday's exhibition fixture at Arsenal's Emirates Stadium is one he is looking forward to.

"I think it is a great definition to call this the Derby of the World," he said.—Internet

Tight security planned for Spain-England friendly

MADRID, 10 Feb—About 500 police will provide security during Wednesday's friendly between Spain and England in Seville, a matched deemed "high risk" by authorities, the Spanish government's representative in the city said on Monday.

The figure includes twenty police officers who will travel to the southwestern city from England to help Spanish police ensure there is no trouble during the match, Faustino Valdes told a news conference in Seville. Some 4,000 England supporters are expected to head to the city for the match, with most expected to arrive on game day, he added.—Internet

Maradona wants to be own man with Argentina

MARSEILLE, 10 Feb—Argentina coach Diego Maradona said on Monday he wanted to be his own man ahead of Wednesday's friendly away to France.

The headstrong world champion player has been battling to impose his will on the Federation since his surprise October appointment but insisted that he doesn't want "to resemble anybody" else as he bids to lead the team to next year's World Cup.

Asked if he felt closer to 1986 World Cup-winning coach Carlos Bilardo or Cesar Luis Menotti, the 1978 chainsmoking world champion who gave him his bow as a teenage international Maradona said it was hard to pick either.—Internet

Argentinian football team coach Diego Maradona(R) talks to a player during a training session in Gemenos, southern France, two days before their friendly match against the French team in Marseille.—INTERNET



Schalke skipper Bordon out with a broken hand



Schalke skipper Bordon

GELSENKIRCHEN, 10 Feb—Schalke 04 announced Monday they will be without captain Marcelo Bordon this weekend after the Brazilian broke his hand during last Saturday's win over Werder Bremen.

Bordon, 33, had surgery in Gelsenkirchen on Saturday night to insert four screws into his left hand after damaging it during the 1-0 win over Bremen and will miss Saturday's match at Bochum. "It looks like he will miss Saturday's game," said Schalke coach Fred Rutten.

In his absence, Serbia's Mladen Krstajic will take his place. Schalke 04 are eighth in the Bundesliga table and nine points off leaders Hoffenheim.—Internet

Medina Garrigues tumbles out of Paris Open first round

PARIS, 10 Feb—Spanish seventh seed Anabel Medina Garrigues became the first seed to exit the WTA Paris Open when she lost in three sets to Estonian world number 23 Kaia Kanepi on Monday.



China's tennis player Li Na returns a forehand to her Hungarian opponent Agnes Szavay during their WTA French Open tennis match. Li won 7-6 (8/6), 6-2.—INTERNET

Medina Garrigues survived five match points at 5-4 down in the deciding set but eventually lost 3-6, 6-2, 7-5.

Chinese number two Li Na was the first player to book her place in the second round after a 7-6 (8/6), 6-2 victory over last year's losing finalist, out of form Hungarian 20-year-old Agnes Szavay.—Internet



Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates holds Windows Mobile devices before his keynote address at the 2005 Microsoft Mobile and Embedded DevCon Electronics conference, in Las Vegas, May 10, 2005.

INTERNET

China bans organ transplant operations for foreign tourists

BEIJING, 10 Feb—The Ministry of Health (MOH) said on Tuesday that China prohibits organ transplants for foreign visitors carrying a tourist visa and the ministry will deal harshly with domestic medical institutions involved in illegal organ transplants.

China opposes organ transplant for foreign tourists in accordance with international practice, said MOH spokesman Mao Qunan at a press conference.

Highlighting the lack of organ donors in the country, the official said that in China, organ transplants should be conducted for domestic patients who have an urgent need for the operation.

On 1 May, 2007, China issued the Provisions on Human Organ Transplant. So far, the ministry has granted over 160 medical institutions the license to conduct such operation. It has deprived some hospitals of the license.

The MOH has ordered domestic hospitals not to perform organ transplant for foreign tourists. Those who want to conduct such operations must acquire official approval from provincial health departments, and provincial health departments must report to the MOH before giving approval to the applications.

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MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (11.2.2009) (Wednesday)

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

Local Transmission

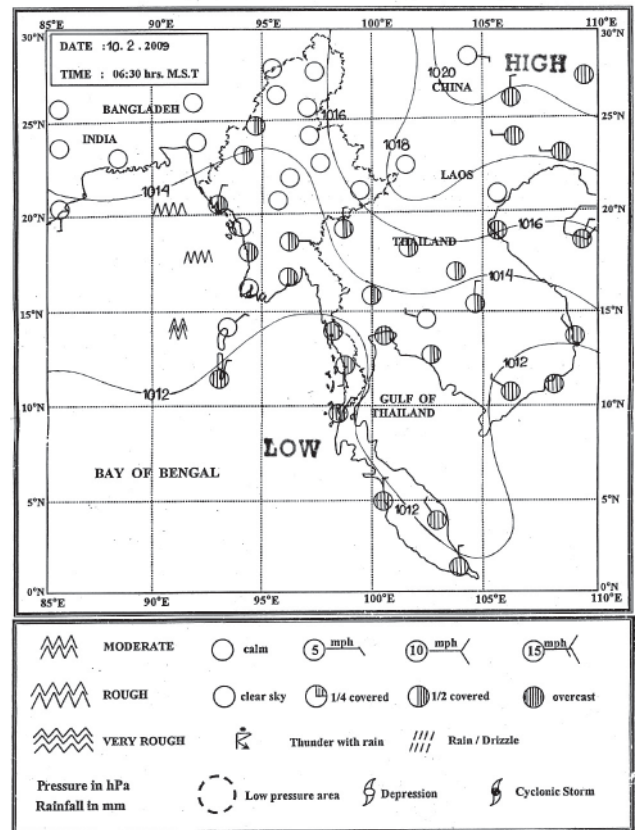
- ☐ Signature Tune
- ☐ Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights
- ☐ Hundred Fruits from a Common Stem, Our Union (Shan State)
- ☐ National Dance "Let's Unite"
- ☐ Myanmar Modern Song
- ☐ Let's grow High-yielding Varieties for Surplus in Rice
- ☐ Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights

Europe/ North America Transmission

- ☐ Signature Tune
- ☐ Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights
- ☐ Hundred Fruits from a Common Stem, Our Union (Rakhine State)
- ☐ Bead Gallery
- ☐ Phyu Creek Multi-purpose Dam Project
- ☐ Medicinal Orchid
- ☐ Biological Expedition to Hponkan Razi Region (Part-III) (Awadam Village-Ziadam Village)
- ☐ Prospering and Developing Taron Race
- ☐ A Journey to Research Taron Race
- ☐ Nurturing of New Generation
- ☐ Myanma Culture and Banana
- ☐ Hundred Fruits from a Common Stem, Our Union (Shan State)
- ☐ Ah Laung Taw Kathapa Natural Cave and National Park
- ☐ Ngwe Hsaung Welcomes You
- ☐ Let's grow High-yielding Varieties for Surplus in Rice
- ☐ Biological Expedition to Hponkan Razi Region (IV) (Ziadam Village-Wang Mung Camps 1 and 2)
- ☐ Bamboo Toys
- ☐ Bronze Casting of Kyar Ton Village
- ☐ Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights

Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Tuesday, 10 February, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kachin and Mon States, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions and generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below February average temperatures in Chin State and Magway and Bago Divisions, (3°C) 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 Loilem (0°C), Haka (2°C), Pinlaung (3°C), Namhsam and Ann (4°C) each.

Maximum temperature on 9-2-2009 was 95°F. Minimum temperature on 10-2-2009 was 63°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 10-2-2009 was 67%. Total sunshine hours on 9-2-2009 was (9.2) hrs approx.

Rainfall on 10-2-2009 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 Northeast at (15:30) hours MST on 9-2-2009.

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 11th February 2009: Weather will be partly cloudy in Kachin, Shan, Rakhine, Kayin and Mon 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 increase of night temperatures in the Southern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 11-2-2009: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 11-2-2009: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 11-2-2009: Generally fair weather.



Wednesday, 11 February
View on today

- 7:00 am**
1. တောင်တန်းသာသာနာပြုဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော် ယောဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ဥပ္ပါတသန္တိပါဠိတော်
- 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. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:15 am**
6. (၆၂)နှစ်မြောက်ပြည်ထောင်စုနေ့ ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်
- 8:30 am**
7. International news
- 8:45 am**
8. မြူးမြူးကြွကြွယဉ်ကျေးမှုအက
- 4:00 am**
1. Martial song
- 4:10 pm**
2. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 4:20 pm**
3. “အမျိုးနှင့်မျိုး”
[နေမျိုးအောင်၊ မိုးပြည့်ပြည့်မောင်၊ ဇရာ၊ ဝင်းနိုင် (အနုပညာ)]
(ဒါရိုက်တာ-ဖုန်းဖြင့်အောင်)
- 4:45 pm**
4. Classical song

- 4:50 pm**
5. (၆၂)နှစ်မြောက်ပြည်ထောင်စုနေ့ ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်
- 5:00 pm**
6. ၂၀၀၉ခုနှစ်၊ တက္ကသိုလ်ဝင်စာမေးပွဲ ဘာသာရပ်ဆိုင်ရာသင်ခန်းစာ (သင်္ချာဘာသာရပ်) (အပိုင်း-က)
- 5:15 pm**
7. Song to uphold National Spirit
- 5:20 pm**
8. Musical programme
- 5:35 pm**
9. ရှုဖွယ်စုံလင်အာဆီယံအစီအစဉ်
- 5:40 pm**
10. (၆၂)နှစ်မြောက်ပြည်ထောင်စုနေ့ ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်
- 5:50 pm**
11. “ပြည်ထောင်စုစိတ်ဓာတ်မပြတ် ရင့်သန်ခိုင်မာရန်မှာဒို.ဝန်တာ”
(အသီးတစ်ရာအညှာတစ်စုံ ဒို.ပြည်ထောင်စု)
- 6:00 pm**
12. Evening news
- 6:30 pm**
13. Weather report
- 6:35 pm**
14. မြန်မာ့ဓလေ့ရိုးရာလက်ရာ
- 6:50 pm**
15. ထက်မြက်ပျော်ရွှင်အိမ်ထောင်ရှင်
- 7:20 pm**
16. ရာဇဝါလွင်သရုပ်ဆောင်လွင်ပြင်
- 8:00 pm**
17. News
18. International news
19. Weather report
20. မြန်မာ့ရုပ်ရှင်ဇာတ်လမ်း
“နေခြည်ဖြာမှနွေးသောကြောင့်”
(အောင်လွင်၊ နွဲ့နွဲ့မူ)
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**Four political objectives**

- * Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order
- * National reconsolidation
- * Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution
- * Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution

Four economic objectives

- * Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well
- * Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
- * Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investments from sources inside the country and abroad
- * The initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national peoples

Four social objectives

- * Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
- * Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
- * Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit
- * Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, wife Daw Mya Mya San visit eye patients at Kanbalu Township People's Hospital

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Feb — Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of

Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San to-

gether with member of the SPDC Lt-Gen Tin Aye, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Rear-Admiral Nyan Tun, Com-

mander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Maj-Gen Ohn Myint of the Ministry of Defence, Lt-Gen Myint Hlaing and

Lt-Gen Ye Myint, the ministers, senior military officers and officials of SPDC Office arrived in Kanbalu, Shwebo Dis-

trict of Sagaing Division by helicopter on 7 February.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party were welcomed by Chairman of Sagaing Division PDC Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Myint Soe and departmental officials and local people.

Next, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife went to Kanbalu Township People's Hospital where they were welcomed by Medical Superintendent Dr Htay Kywe, Eye Specialists, Professors, doctors and nurses.

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Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San view eye surgery being performed by professors and eye specialists at Kanbalu Township People's hospital. —MNA

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye inspects regional development tasks in Sagaing Division

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Feb — Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye visited the Ingyin Garden in Kanbalu on 7 February.

The garden is located 1 mile and four furlongs north of Kanbalu and is under construction by local people. During the visit, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye

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Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San attend opening of self-reliant rural dispensary at Natpay village in Kanbalu Township. — MNA

**Kayah State gets
Technological
University
(Loikaw)**

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Vice-Senior General Maung Aye sends message of felicitations to Iranian Vice-President

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Feb—Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Parviz Davoodi, Vice-President of the Islamic Republic of Iran, on the occasion of the National Day of the Islamic Republic of Iran, which falls on 11 February, 2009.—MNA

