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Senior General Than Shwe sends Union Day message Union Spirit lies at the centre of ensuring perpetuation of the sovereignty

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Feb—*The following is the message of Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe on the occasion of the 62nd Anniversary Union Day which falls today.*

On such an occasion of the 62nd Anniversary Union Day, I, in greeting, wish the entire national brethren well-being and auspiciousness.

In the course of its long history, Myanmar has stood tall as a sovereign nation in the world. Our country has many fine traditions such as national races have been living in harmony, sharing joys and sorrows and safeguarding the sovereignty of the motherland in collaboration.

Union Spirit lies at the centre of ensuring perpetuation of the sovereignty. It is, therefore, mandatory for us to firmly cultivate a strong sense of Union Spirit wherever we live in the Union. We are also to be convinced of the point that Union Spirit is exactly true patriotic spirit and we are all duty-bound to preserve it forever. Only with that patriotic spirit did

the people born in the Union dare sacrifice life and limb in the anti-colonialist movements, Anti-Fascist Resistance and national liberation movements throughout the history of independence struggles.

In successive periods, national brethren managed to repulse all the attacks of internal and foreign troops in unity, and our country was able to stand tall as the Union of Myanmar, as a result. Therefore, the entire national brethren are under the bounden duty of upholding with Union Spirit Our Three Main National Causes: Non-disintegration of the Union, Non-disintegration of national solidarity, and Perpetuation of sovereignty.

In pursuance of the goal of building the nation into a peaceful, modern and developed one, the government is trying its best to accomplish the four political

objectives, the four economic objectives and the four social objectives it has laid down. In addition, it is implementing the Border Areas and National Races Development Project, the 24-Special Regions Development Project, and rural development projects to bridge the development gap between one region and another and to ensure equitable development of all parts of the Union. At the same time, it is implementing the State's seven-step Road Map step by step. Now, the State Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has been approved with the support of the great majority of the people. The entire people have to work hard together in doing their bit in building a peaceful, modern and developed nation in conformity with the new constitution.

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Prime Minister General Thein Sein facilitates progress in Kayah State

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Feb — Prime Minister General Thein Sein met with departmental officials, members of social organizations and townsenders in Kayah State during his visit to the state from 8 to 10 February.

Accompanied by Maj-

Gen Min Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence, the ministers, deputy ministers and departmental officials, the Prime Minister left here for Loikaw, Kayah State, on 8 February by helicopter. They were welcomed at Loikaw Airport by Chairman of Shan

State Peace and Development Council Commander of Eastern Command Brig-Gen Yar Pyae, Chairman of Kayah State Peace and Development Council Brig-Gen Win Myint and senior military officers and departmental officials.

Afterwards, the Prime

Minister and party, accompanied by Commander Brig-Gen Yar Pyae and Chairman of Kayah State PDC Brig-Gen Win Myint, went to Meisei, Bawlake District by helicopter.

Prime Minister General Thein Sein met with

departmental officials, members of social organizations and townsenders in Meisei and gave instruction of regional development and fulfilled the requirements.

At the meeting, Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung reported on water supply tasks in Kayah State, construction of bridges, power supply to Nanhu Village and future plans for the development of the state.

Chairman of Bawlake Township Peace and Development Council U Aung Lwin reported on

facts about the state and measures taken for development of the state.

Afterwards, the Prime Minister presented medicine, exercise books and stationery and books on general knowledge and journals for the library in Meisei through Dr Khaing Tara Sein Tun of Bawlake Township Health Department, Township Education Officer U Phone Wae and Head of Bawlake Township Information and Public Relations Department U Thaung Aye.

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Prime Minister General Thein Sein cordially converses with local people in Dimawhso, Kayah State.—MNA

Almost all the national race armed groups, except some small groups that do not realize the attitude of the government, returned to the legal fold and are participating in the national and regional interest in cooperation with the government.



PERSPECTIVES

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March towards the path of development preserving noble traditions

Today is the 62nd Anniversary Union Day. Our national races—Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Bamar, Mon, Rakhine and Shan and other ethnic groups have been living in the land since time immemorial.

There exists unity and friendship as Myanmar has been a nation formed with the essence of a society based on families. The Union Spirit has forged in the minds of all the national races.

The country regained its independence and sovereignty after the national races had driven the imperialists and fascists out of the country with the strength of unity, noble traditions and patriotism. The younger generations are safeguarding the independence that our ancestors regained sacrificing their lives, blood and sweat.

Nowadays, the government is building a modern developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation with greater momentum after laying down the specific plans. This is why fruitful results have been achieved in political, economic, education, health and social sectors.

The government, the people and the Tatmadaw are striving for national development. At the same time, internal and external destructive elements are attempting to undermine peace and stability of the State in various ways. Therefore, the national races have to prevent such attempts through national solidarity.

All the national people have to march in unity on the path of peace and development in accord with the noble traditions that have existed for a long time so that there will be peace and prosperity in the whole country.

MMA Chairman Prof. U Chit Soe accepts medicines worth K 2.3 million donated by Country Manager Mr S Kumar of Dr. Reddy's Pharmaceutical Company.—MNA



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

Senior General Than Shwe sends...

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In conclusion, I would like to exhort the entire national people to work hard in harmony to be able to materialize the objectives of the 62nd Anniversary Union Day (2009):

- 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 prevent, through national solidarity, the danger of internal and

external destructive elements attempting to undermine peace and stability of the State and national development

- For all the national races to make endeavours for building of a new modern developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation in accordance with the State Constitution massively approved by the people
- For all the national races to make concerted efforts for successful implementation of the seven-step Road Map with firm determination and in harness to achieve the national goal of the emergence of a new peaceful, modern and developed nation.—MNA

Myanmar-Lao Township Border Committee meets

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Feb—A ceremony to open the first meeting of the Myanmar-Lao Township Border Committee was held in Tachilek, Shan State (East), on 8 February.

Leaders of Myanmar-Lao Border Authorities at Central Level Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint of the Union of Myanmar and Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr Bounkeut Sangsomasak of the Lao People's Democratic Republic delivered speeches on the occasion.

Also present on the occasion were Myanmar Ambassador to Lao PDR U Nyunt Hlaing, Lao Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Kouily A Souphaket, the Chairmen

of Myanmar-Lao Township Border Committee, officials from Ministry of Foreign Affairs, district and township level officials from local Administration,

Immigration, Customs and border trade.

The two delegations led by Chairmen of Myanmar-Lao Township Border Committee ex-

changed views on the matters relating to security along the border, promoting border trade and exchange of visits among local people.—MNA



Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint and Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr Bounkeut Sangsomasak of LPDR attend 1st meeting of Myanmar-Lao Township Border Committee meeting.—MOFA

Dr Reddy's gift for MMA

YANGON, 11 Feb—Dr. Reddy's Pharmaceutical Company based in the Republic of India donated medicines to the Myanmar Medical Association (Internal Medicine Society) for the 11th time at the Parkroyal Hotel here yesterday.

It was attended by members of the MMA and officials of the Indian company.

Country Manager Mr S. Kumar of the Dr. Reddy's Pharmaceutical Company explained the purpose of donation, saying that the company had been donating medicines to MMA annually since the 10th anniversary of its exporting Stamlo (Amlodipine 5mg & 10mg) to Myanmar.

The country man-

ager presented the donation worth K 2.3 million through Chairman of the MMA Professor U Chit Soe, who then expressed thanks.

MNA

**Donate
Blood**



Support for US operations in Afghanistan declining

WASHINGTON, 11 Feb—The support for US operations in Afghanistan is declining, with air strikes being a chief concern, according to a poll conducted by ABC News. A quarter of the Afghans polled said that attacks on American or allied forces are justifiable, double the proportion saying so in late 2006.

The poll, the fourth conducted in Afghanistan since 2005 by ABC News and its media partners, also shows plummeting support for President Hamid Karzai and the Afghan Government. The poll also pointed a sharp decline in the proportion of Afghans who think the nation is heading in the right direction, the *Washington Post* reported. The proportion of Afghans rating their security positively dipped to 55 percent, from 72 percent in 2005. Seventy percent of those who said the nation is on the wrong track cited security as a central concern.—*Internet*

US military deaths in Afghanistan region at 576

WASHINGTON, 11 Feb—As of Tuesday, 10 Feb, 2009, at least 576 members of the US military had died in Afghanistan, Pakistan and Uzbekistan as a result of the US invasion of Afghanistan in late 2001, according to the Defence Department. The department last updated its figures Tuesday at 10 am EST. Of those, the military reports 421 were killed by hostile action.

Outside the Afghan region, the Defence Department reports 67 more members of the US military died in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Of those, three were the result of hostile action. The military lists these other locations as Guantanamo Bay Naval Base, Cuba; Djibouti; Eritrea; Ethiopia; Jordan; Kenya; Kyrgyzstan; Philippines; Seychelles; Sudan; Tajikistan; Turkey; and Yemen.—*Internet*

A US vehicle carries their damaged humvee which was damaged in an explosion near a US military base in Khost, Afghanistan, on 10 Feb, 2009. —INTERNET

Southern Israel hit by Gazan rocket

JERUSALEM, 11 Feb—Southern Israel was hit by a rocket fired from the Gaza Strip on Tuesday night, just minutes before the Israeli general election ends, local daily Ha'aretz reported. The rocket landed in an open field near the southern city of Sderot, a target of frequent rocket fire during the past years, causing no damage or casualties, said the report.

If confirmed, the rocket is the first on Israel's election day when millions of Israelis went to vote to determine the next parliament and premiership.—*Internet*

The carter created by an explosion near a US military base in Afghanistan, on 10 Feb, 2009. —INTERNET

US dominance over Iraq has ended

BAGHDAD, 11 Feb—Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki said on Tuesday that the era of US dominance in Iraq was over, in a broadside to Washington almost six years after the invasion that ousted Saddam Hussein.

The Shiite premier, boosted by the strong showing of his allies in provincial elections, said Iraq was now taking charge of its own destiny and was making good

progress towards rebuilding the war-torn country.

His remarks were a pointed rebuke to US Vice President Joe Biden, who last week said Washington would have to be "more aggressive" in pushing Baghdad towards faster political reform.

"The time for putting pressure on Iraq is over," Maliki told reporters when asked about Biden's comments.

"The Iraqi government

knows what are its responsibilities. We are carrying out reform and we are in the last step of the reconciliation."

Biden said the 31 January provincial elections—in which Maliki's allies triumphed—had shown that progress was being made, but more needed to be done as Iraq's leaders had not "gotten their political arrangements together yet."

Internet

Ecuador's President accuses expelled US diplomat of taking sensitive information

QUITO, 11 Feb—Ecuadorian President Rafael Correa on Tuesday accused US diplomat Armando Astorga, who was recently expelled, of taking sensitive information out of the country and announced an investigation into the matter.

Correa ordered

Astorga to be expelled Saturday following the diplomat's announcement of the suspension of 340,000 US dollars in annual aid to Ecuador's anti-smuggling police in early January, allegedly because the US embassy was denied a say in appointments to the unit.

However, Astorga had already left Quito in January as part of a normal diplomatic rotation. Correa said when leaving the country, Astorga had taken "equipment, computers and information belonging to the Ecuadorian State."

Internet



An Afghan boy, center, displays articles found at the site of explosion near a US military base in Khost, Afghanistan, on 10 Feb, 2009. —INTERNET

Two soldiers killed in Afghan bomb attack

KABUL, 11 Feb—A bomb struck a NATO convoy in eastern Afghanistan on Tuesday, killing two soldiers and wounding one, a spokesman for the alliance said. Police spokesman Wazir Pacha said the attack in Khost Province was carried out by a suicide bomber in a vehicle.

But the NATO spokesman blamed the attack on a roadside bomb. The majority of NATO troops in Khost, which border Pakistan, are American, though the spokesman for NATO's International Security Assistance Force would not confirm the troops' nationalities. Taliban bomb attacks have risen sharply over the last three years as the militant force has intensified its insurgency campaign against US and NATO troops.—*Internet*

Police say man held at US Capitol, had rifle in Truck

WASHINGTON, 11 Feb—A man who drove up to the US Capitol complex and told police he had a delivery for President Barack Obama was arrested by police after telling them he had a rifle in his truck, police said on Tuesday. The men "told officers that he had a delivery for President Obama so the officers began to question him further and he admitted to having a rifle in his truck", said Kimberly Schneider, a spokeswoman for the US Capitol Hill Police.—*MNA/Reuters*



Craftswomen put finishing touches for a piece of Chinese brocade decorated with some 180,000 pearls, each 1.3mm in diameter, at Suzhou City in east China's Zhejiang Province, on 10 Feb, 2009. Four craftswomen spent seven months to finish the royal silk cushion, which also consumed 3,000 meters of gold thread and 2,000 grams of silk thread.—XINHUA

Chinese, Saudi Arabian leaders pledge to deepen ties, jointly tackle financial crisis

RIYADH, 11 Feb—China and Saudi Arabia on Tuesday vowed to deepen their strategic friendly ties, work together to tackle the global financial crisis and strengthen coordination in international and regional affairs.

The pledge came during the talks between Chinese President Hu Jintao, who arrived here earlier in the day for his second state visit to the Gulf nation, and Saudi Arabian King Abdullah bin Abdul-Aziz.

“China-Saudi Arabia ties have developed rapidly and reached an all-time high since the heads of states exchanged their visits in 2006,” Hu told King Abdullah.

Hu last traveled to Saudi Arabia in April 2006, three months after King Abdullah paid a historic visit to Beijing. The king's visit was the first by a Saudi head of state to China since the two countries established diplomatic relations in 1990.

Hu said China values the

important role Saudi Arabia has played in safeguarding regional peace and stability and ensuring international energy security.

China has always dealt with its relations with Saudi Arabia from a strategic point of view, he said.

“The international situation is undergoing complicated and profound changes. In particular, the global financial crisis has posed severe challenges to us,” Hu said.

Xinhua

Chilean President calls for unity in Latin America

MANAGUA, 11 Feb — Chilean President Michelle Bachelet on Tuesday called for the unity of Latin America in facing the world financial crisis.

According to reports from Tegucigalpa, Bachelet arrived in Honduras late on Monday for an official visit to sign agreements on trade, science, technology and the environment with her Honduran counterpart Manuel Zelaya.

“Our people are demanding us convincing answers, and the truth is that a successful answer to the crisis depends on our capacity to work together in the region,” Bachelet said.

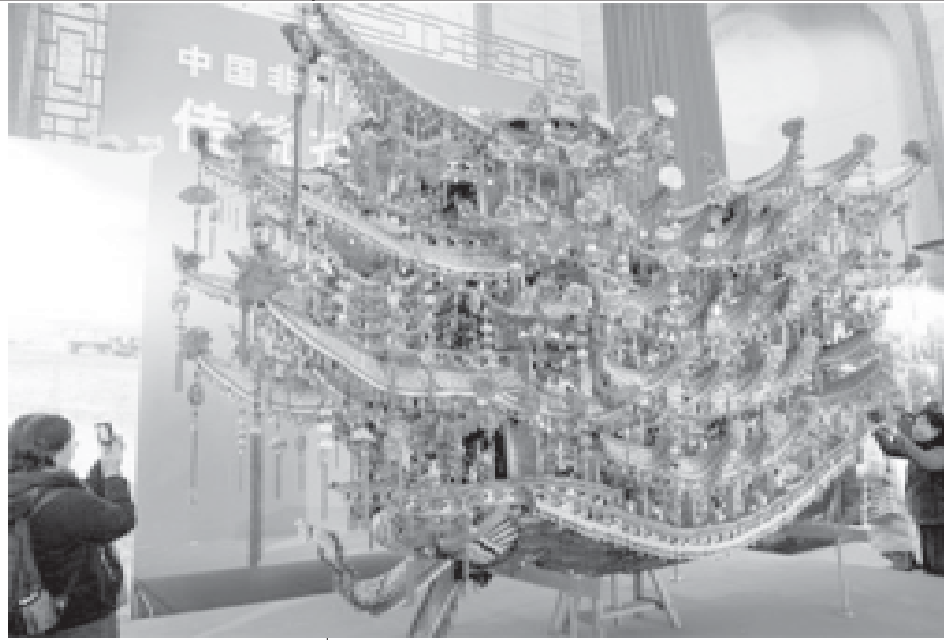
The International Labour Organization estimates that 1.5 to 2.4 million jobs will be lost in

Latin America due to the global financial crisis, which will affect economic growth in the region.

“In the last eight years we have had (in the region) important economic growth numbers,” Bachelet said.

She also said there has been improvement in social conditions compared with previous times.

Xinhua



A Chinese takes pictures for a dragon-boat-shaped lamp from east China's Zhejiang Province at an exhibition intending to showcase the country's progress in protecting intangible cultural items in Beijing, capital of China, on 10 Feb, 2009.—XINHUA

South Africa targets 10 million tourists in 2010

LAGOS, 11 Feb — Organizers of the 2010 World Cup in South Africa have set a target of 10 million tourists visiting the country during and after the championship, reported the *News Agency of Nigeria*.

Danny Jordaan, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the 2010 World Cup, told members of the Nigeria/South Africa Chamber of Commerce at a breakfast meeting in Lagos on Tuesday that 55,000 hotel rooms in various parts of the country were available for the visitors.—Xinhua

Youngsters who were crippled in the 5.12 massive earthquake in southwest China's Sichuan Province and their families pose for a group photo with employees at the Disneyland in Hong Kong, China, on 10 Feb, 2009. —XINHUA

Wal-Mart to cut 700 to 800 jobs at Arkansas headquarters

HOUSTON, 11 Feb—Wal-Mart Stores will cut 700 to 800 jobs at its northwestern Arkansas headquarters in an effort to reduce costs, the world's largest retailer announced on Tuesday.

The cuts are in the real estate, apparel and health and wellness departments, spokesman David Tovar said. He said the cuts will also include marketing and support administration jobs.

But Wal-Mart currently has no plans to eliminate store level jobs, he said. Instead, it plans to add jobs at its New York apparel office and expects “to add thousands of jobs” at Wal-Mart stores and Sam's Club warehouses this year.

“We still plan to open between 125 and 140 new stores for which we plan to hire thousands of new associates,” Tovar said.

Last year, Wal-Mart

opened 166 new stores, leading to the cuts in the real estate unit.

“Obviously, we don't need as many people to do the work to site a new store, to build a new store,” Tovar said.

The US retailing giant is one of a handful of merchants that posted sales gains in January, while most others suffered deep declines in the wake of global financial crisis.

Xinhua



All items from Xinhua News Agency



Smoke billows into the sky off the coast of Dubai after two ships collided causing a fire on 10 Feb, 2009. An oil tanker on fire off the coast of Dubai was carrying around 30,000 tonnes of oil condensates from Iran to the United Arab Emirates, two industry sources said on Tuesday.—INTERNET

Russia welcomes disarmament co-op with US

MOSCOW, 11 Feb— Russia welcomes the intention of United States President Barack Obama to cooperate in disarmament and other spheres, said a Kremlin spokesperson on Tuesday.

“The Kremlin responds positively to the latest comments of US administration members on the future of US-Russia relations,” said the spokesperson Natalia Timakova.

Russian President Dmitry Medvedev “is prepared for the most thorough joint work on the entire bilateral agenda, including disarmament,” *Itar-Tass* and *Interfax* quoted her as saying.

Obama vowed on Monday to prevent nuclear proliferation during his presidency and urged the United States and Russia to lead the way.

Internet

More troops not solution in Afghanistan

MADRID, 11 Feb— Sending more troops to Afghanistan is not the answer to its problems and there has to be a greater emphasis on a political solution, Spain’s foreign minister said on Tuesday.

In Afghanistan, there is “a deficit on the political side and a surplus on the military side,” Miguel Angel Moratinos said, confirming that Madrid wouldn’t increase its 780-troop contingent

there.

Spain’s troops serve alongside 70,000 from 40 countries under North Atlantic Treaty Organization auspices, with US forces the largest single contingent at 37,000.

Washington plans to deploy another 30,000 as it winds down operations in Iraq but their deployment is awaiting the green light from the White House which wants to get a better grip on overall strategy first, US defence officials said on Monday.

Sending more troops “is a bad solution. We need to have a global political vision and talk to all the local actors,” Moratinos told the foreign press, without specifying whether this included the Taliban.—*Internet*

Oklahoma tornado kills at least three

WASHINGTON, 11 Feb— Violent tornado killed at least three people and injured dozens in a southern Oklahoma town, local media reported on Tuesday.

Twenty to 50 people were injured by the tornado that ripped through Lone Grove late Tuesday evening, the Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management said. The town of about 4,600 people is about 100 miles (160 kilometers) south of Oklahoma City.

Two other tornadoes hit the state in the afternoon. One in the Oklahoma City metro area damaged homes and businesses.

Internet



A building containing the business of Four Seasons Paintless Dent Removal is shown after winds from a tornado knocked down power lines, damaged homes and businesses on 10 Feb, 2009, in Edmond, Okla.—INTERNET

Netanyahu, Livni declare win in Israeli election

JERUSALEM, 11 Feb— Foreign Minister Tzipi Livni and hard-line rival Benjamin Netanyahu both claimed victory on Tuesday in Israel’s parliamentary election, but official results showed a race so close it could be decided by a third candidate — a rising power among the hawks.

Right-wing parties — including Netanyahu’s Likud Party — appear to have won a clear majority of 65 seats in the 120-seat parliament, which would give Netanyahu the upper hand in forming the next government.

However, with 99 percent of the votes counted, Livni’s centrist Kadima Party had 28 seats, while Likud had 27.



Benjamin Netanyahu, right-wing Likud party leader, delivers a speech on elections night at the Likud headquarters in Tel Aviv.—INTERNET

Those results could change by a seat or two — enough to alter the outcome — when soldiers’ votes are tallied Thursday evening.

Internet

Residents return to destroyed homes in Australia

KINGLAKE, 11 Feb— Residents of towns scorched off the map by Australia’s worst-ever wildfires on Wednesday returned to their homes for the first time and found scenes of utter devastation.

Police said they were looking into reports of suspicious people picking through the ruins of some destroyed houses, as rumors that looting was taking place in abandoned areas swirled.

“Where do you start? Where do you start?” said Peter Denson, standing blank-faced amid the ruins of his home in Kinglake, where at least 39 people were killed — and the town all but destroyed — in Saturday’s inferno.

Denson, a carpenter, has lived in Kinglake since 1977. He said he wants to rebuild, but his house, now a blackened pile of timber, bricks and twisted metal, was not insured because he could not afford it.—*Internet*



Firefighters use a bulldozer to cover embers in a tree stumps near Healseville, north east of Melbourne, Australia on 10 Feb, 2009.—INTERNET



A man watches fallen temporary house hit by high winds in Les Sables d'Olonne, western France, on 10 Feb, 2009. High winds lashed France on Tuesday, prompting authorities to shut Paris' three international airports.—XINHUA

Belgium faces 'serious recession' in 2009

BRUSSELS, 11 Feb—Belgium faces “a serious recession” this year, central bank governor Guy Quaden said on Wednesday after most economic indicators, apart from inflation, slumped in 2008.

“Unfortunately we are talking at the moment about a contraction of 1.9 percent of gross domestic product (GDP) in 2009. It's not a depression, but it's a serious recession,” he said.

Quaden had said in December the economy would shrink by at least 0.2 percent in 2009.

The drastic downward revision was due in large part to a decline in GDP of 1.3 percent in the final quarter of last year — a “real catastrophe” — and to the global downturn, Quaden said.

“What makes this recession stand out, compared to those of the eighties and nineties, is the

speed of the deterioration,” the governor of the National Bank of Belgium said on Monday, in remarks to reporters that were kept under media embargo until Wednesday.

Belgium is expected to see its annual exports drop by one percent, which could deter investors from the kingdom's companies. Consumer spending is also likely to drop.

Internet

\$3 trillion! — Senate, Fed, Treasury attack crisis

WASHINGTON, 11 Feb—On a single day filled with staggering sums, the Obama administration, Federal Reserve and Senate attacked the deepening economic crisis on Tuesday with actions that could throw as much as \$3 trillion more in government and private

funds into the fight against frozen credit markets and rising joblessness.

“It's gone deep. It's gotten worse,” President Barack Obama said of the recession at a campaign-style appearance in Fort Myers, Fla., where unemployment has reached double digits. “The situation we face could not be more serious.”

If any more emphasis

were needed, Wall Street investors sent stocks plunging, objecting that new rescue details from the government were too sparse. The Dow Jones industrials dropped 382 points.

The president spoke shortly after Senate passage of an \$838 billion emergency economic stimulus bill cleared the way for talks with the House on a final compromise. —Internet

Credit Suisse posts full year loss of 8.2 billion francs

GENEVA, 11 Feb—Swiss banking giant Credit Suisse on Wednesday posted a full-year loss of 8.2 billion francs (7.07 billion dollars, 5.49 billion euros) for 2008, with most of the losses incurred in the last three months of the year.

Switzerland's second biggest bank, which has suffered damages in the financial turmoil, said it lost 6.0 billion francs in the last quarter alone, but it added that it had made a “strong start to 2009.”

Internet

Mexican violence leaves one soldier, 20 others dead

CIUDAD JUAREZ, 11 Feb—A drug gang kidnapped and killed six people near a town in the US-Mexican border region on Tuesday, prompting a series of gunbattles with soldiers that left 15 others dead.

The violence started when gunmen kidnapped nine alleged members of a rival drug gang in Villa Ahumada and later executed six of them along the PanAmerican highway outside of the town, 80 miles (130 kilometres) south of Ciudad Juarez, across the border from El Paso, Texas, said Enrique Torres, spokesman for a joint military-police operation in Chihuahua state.

Assailants later released three of the men, although their whereabouts was not immediately known, Torres said.

Soldiers later caught up with the gunmen and a series of shootouts ensued, leaving 14 alleged gunmen and one soldier dead on Tuesday, Torres said. Another soldier was wounded.—Internet

World record in cappuccino preparation set in Prague

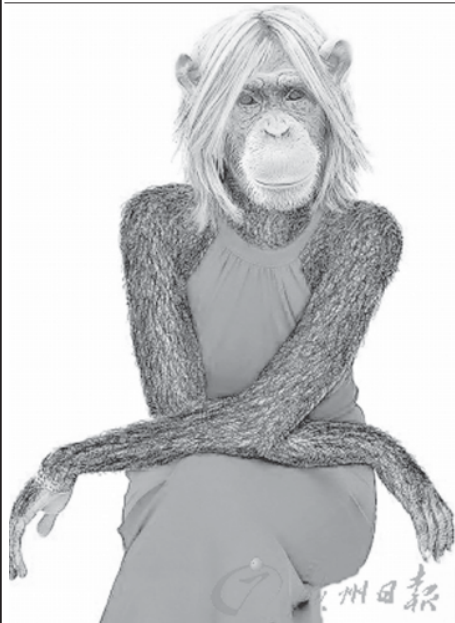
Eighty Czech and foreign “baristas” set a world record in the preparation of cappuccino in Prague on Saturday, filling a giant cup with 2,117 liters of this drink, Stepanka Havrlikova, on behalf of the organizers, told the Czech News Agency CTK.

It took them almost three hours to prepare the cappuccino for which they used 300 liters of espresso and 1,700 liters of milk.

Their achievement will enter the Guinness Book of Records.

They beat the previous record of 1,250 liters of cappuccino by two Italians, Ettore Diana and Luca Braguti, in 2002.

Forty baristas, that is experts in the preparation of espresso-based coffee drinks, established the Czech record on Wednesday, making “only” 1,050 liters of cappuccino.



Imagination brings more fun. Have you ever imagined the looks of living creatures that are part-human and part-animal? This photo is a product of imagination.

Firefighters rescue man stuck inside chimney

Firefighters had to get creative when faced with a man stuck inside a chimney. Assistant Fire Marshal Thomas Middleton said police were called early on Sunday by a woman who said she heard someone yelling for help near 144 Church Street.

They followed the voice — and footprints on a snowy roof — to find the unidentified man in a chimney. He told them he didn't know how he got there. He was stuck in the chimney for about four hours.

First, they tried to pull him out with a rope, but it didn't work.

Then they had to disassemble part of the chimney to get to the man, whose name isn't being released.

He was taken to Fletcher Allen Health Care for evaluation.

Police say Ohio woman set fires out of anger

Authorities say they have arrested an Ohio woman who told them she set fire to at least 10 homes and garages because she was angry. Hamilton fire and police officials arrested 42-year-old Gina Ann Gray on Tuesday. She is charged with seven counts of aggravated arson and three counts of arson.

Fire investigator Tom Angst said Gray told authorities she set the fires at homes and garages in Hamilton, about 30 miles north of Cincinnati. The fires occurred between September 2007 and November 2008.



NEWS ALBUM



Li Xin, a folk artist, stands on his head against a nail during a folk art festival held in Qingdao, east China's Shandong Province.

Two horses fight against each other during a horse fight game held in Antai Township of Rongshui County, southwest China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, on 5 Feb, 2009. More than 30 horses took part in the annual game.



DEVELOPMENT OF CHIN STATE IN THE TIME OF TATMADAW GOVERNMENT

Honouring the 62nd Anniversary Union Day

TV retransmission station facilitated in Falam of Chin State.

Sr.	Subject	Unit	1988	2008	Progress
1.	Arable land	acre	207957	312832	104875
2.	Dam	number	16	37	21
3.	Forest Reserve	sq-mile	605	645.10	40.10
4.	Protected Public Forest	sq-mile	-	1355.20	1355.20
5.	Road	mile	695	1094.3	399.3
6.	Over 180 feet long bridges	bridge	2	5	3
7.	Post office	number	29	48	19
8.	Telegraph office	office	11	24	13
9.	Telephone office	office	8	29	21
10.	Microwave station	number	-	5	5
11.	Hydropower plant	plant	4	10	6
12.	Private-owned factory	factory	343	526	183
13.	Basic education school	number	1090	1177	87
14.	Technological University	number	-	1	1
15.	Hospital	number	18	24	6



An aerial view on reclamation of farmlands near Lemyo Creek at the entrance to Matupi of Chin State.



Varr Bridge built across Manipur River on Kalay-Falam-Haka Road in Falam District of Chin State for ensuring better transportation in the region.



Prime Minister General Thein Sein facilitates progress...

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During the visit to Meisei, the Prime Minister and party inspected beautifying tasks in the town in a motorcade and visited the basic education high school and encouraged the students preparing to sit for the matriculation exam. He also viewed teaching in the Computer Room with the

patients receiving treatment at the hospital and contributed cash to the funds of the hospital.

The Prime Minister and party went to Hpasaung and met with the departmental officials, members of social organizations and local people at Pasawng Basic Education High School. The Prime Minister and party

filled the requirements.

Afterwards, the Prime Minister handed over medicines and stationery to Dr Thandar Aung of the township health department and U Saw Shamu Aye Lar, a head of the township education department.

After the meeting, the Prime Minister and party went to Pasawng Township People's Hospital and fulfilled the requirements of the hospital and provided cash assist-



Prime Minister General Thein Sein delivers an address in meeting with departmental personnel, local people and members of social organizations at BEHS in Pasawng Township.—MNA



use of modern teaching aids and fulfilled the requirements.

Prime Minister General Thein Sein also visited Meisei Township People's Hospital. At the meeting with doctors and staff of the hospital, the Prime Minister stressed the need for raising awareness of diseases at grass root level in villages to prevent the disease. After the meeting, the Prime Minister inspected the operation room and the medical store of the hospital and comforted the

were welcomed there by township education officer U Saw Shamu Aye Lar, Headmaster of Pasawng Basic Education High School U Tint Myo Aung and teachers.

At the meeting, Chairman of Pasawng Township PDC U Taw Re reported on rice cultivation and production, local rice sufficiency and measures taken for meeting the targeted yield of ten major crops, measures for education and health sectors. After hearing reports, the Prime Minister ful-

lance to the patients undergoing treatment there. He also inspected the medical store and donated cash to the funds of the hospital.

The Prime Minister and party visited the town in a motorcade and went back to Loikaw.

On 9 February, Prime Minister General Thein Sein and party flew to Bawlake where they were welcomed by Col Aye Cho of the local station and departmental officials.

At the meeting



Prime Minister General Thein Sein presents medicines and makes cash donation for Shadaw to a responsible person.—MNA

with departmental officials, members of social organizations and townsenders at the office of Bawlake District PDC, Chairman of Bawlake Township PDC U San Hlaing reported on measures taken for the economy and social sectors and regional development. Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence and Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung presented supplementary

reports. The Prime Minister fulfilled requirements and handed over medicines and stationery to Dr Kyi Kyi Sein of Bawlake Township Health Department and U Tun Nyunt, Township Education Officer.

Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko handed over robes for the monasteries in the township through U Ye Win of the township Religious Af-

fairs Department.

During the visit to Bawlake Township People's Hospital, the Prime Minister met with doctors and staff of the hospital and contributed cash to the funds of the hospital. He inspected the solar-powered generator of the hospital. He also went to Bawlake Basic Education High School and fulfilled the requirements of the school.

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Prime Minister General Thein Sein greets health staff of Dimawhsa Township People's Hospital.—MNA

Prime Minister General Thein Sein facilitates progress...

(from page 8)

He viewed the students learning in the Language Lab of the school.

The Prime Minister and party arrived at Pruhso, Loikaw District by helicopter in the afternoon and they were welcomed by township level departmental officials, members of social organizations, members of Kayah cultural troupes, teachers and students.

In meeting with departmental officials, social organization members, and local people at Pruhso Basic Education High School, the Prime Minister heard report on regional development and requirements.

After fulfilling the requirements, the Prime Minister presented medicines, exercise books and stationery to Township Medical Officer Dr Aung Thi and Township Education Officer U Issac.

Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko donated robes to the monasteries in the township through staff officer of Religious Affairs Department U Kan Hlaing.

The Prime Minister greeted those present.

He left necessary instructions to principal Daw Khin Yu May and teachers after inspecting Pruhso Basic Education High School.

The Prime Minister and party reached Dimawhso Township in Loikaw District at 1.20 pm and they were welcomed by township level departmental officials.

The Prime Minister met with township level departmental officials, social organization members, townsenders and local residents.

The Prime Minister presented medicines and stationery to township medical officer Dr San Hlaing and township education officer Daw Khin May Win.

Upon arrival at the township hospital, the Prime Minister and party were welcomed by the township medical officer and hospital staff.

The Prime Minister presented cash donations to medical funds after giving instructions to the township medical officer and hospital staff.

The Prime Minister and party inspected the measures taken for making township beautiful and pleasant in a motorcade.

The Prime Minister and party arrived back at Loikaw by helicopter.

On 10 February, they went to Shadaw at Loikaw District where they were welcomed by Col Aung Kyaw Oo of local station, departmental officials and local people.

The Prime Minister met township officials, members of social organizations and local people. Chairman of Shadaw Township Peace and Development Council U Aung Min reported on data of the region and its development.

The Prime Minister fulfilled the requirements and presented medicines and cash for the fund and other equipment to officials concerned.

The Prime Minister then greeted those present. He went to Shadaw Township People's Hospital and

met health staff. He gave necessary instructions.

He asked after health of the patients in the hospitals. He inspected operation theatre and medical store.

The Prime Minister and party left Shadaw for Loikaw. They arrived back in Nay Pyi Taw by special flight in the evening.

During his visit to the townships in Kayah State, the Prime Minister met district and township officials, members of social organizations and local people and fulfilled their requirements on regional development.

On his inspection tour, the Prime Minister said Kayah State is not far from inner regions of the country. But it lagged behind in development due to barriers of high mountains, the divide and rule policy of the imperialists, their racism and localism and instability in the region.

He said almost all the national race armed groups, except some small groups that do not realize the attitude of the government, returned to the legal fold and participated in the national and regional interest in cooperation with the government.

He spoke at length on the government's efforts to develop Kayah State with the prevalence of peace and stability, establishment of integrated farm for increase of income of every family, observing civil service rule and regulations, nurturing pupils to become educated ones, inculcating the Union spirit in the students during their school year, prevention of diseases and giving educative talks and serving the interest of the Union.

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Lt-Gen Tha Aye of Ministry of Defence inspects tasks for cleaning and beautifying Setse Beach.

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Construction of Strand Road to Setse Beach, Kyapan-The-ein section of No. 2 district-to-district road gaining momentum

NAY PYI TAW, 11 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 officials, viewed thriving rubber plantations on both sides of Mawlamyine-Thanbyuzayat-Kyaikkhami road and development tasks in a motorcade on 6 February morning.

After paying homage to Kyaikkhami

goda in Kyaikkhami, he inspected construction of Kyaikkhami-Setse Strand Road.

At Setse Beach, Lt-Gen Tha Aye looked into sanitation tasks and relaxation of the picnicers.

After viewing thriving rubber plantations along Setse-Thanbyuzayat-Mawlamyine road, he visited Mawlamyine power station of Myanma Electric Power Enterprise and inspected its functions.

He looked into

conditions of No. 2 district-to-district road (Kyapan-The-ein section) in Mawlamyine. At the assembly hall in Ohntabin Village of Paung Township, he heard reports on progress in construction of road sections and bridges of the district-to-district road presented by officials.

Lt-Gen Tha Aye inspected construction of No. 2 district-to-district road with the use of heavy machinery and construction of The-ein Station Hospital.—MNA

Life-time Achievement National Literary Award winner to be honoured

YANGON, 11 Feb—A ceremony to honour U Kyi Aye (Hsinbyukyun Aung Thein), Life-time Achievement National Literary Award Winner for 2007, will be held at

High Light Hall near Thakayta roundabout on Ayeyawun Road in Thakayta Township on 15 February.

More information is available at U

Maung Maung Gyi (098024250), Lt-Col Win Htein (Retd) (699043), U San Lwin (530058), and U Maung Maung Lin (095500266).

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MITC AGM on 14 Feb

YANGON, 11 Feb—The 7th annual general meeting 2007-2008 fiscal year of Myanmar Information Com-

munication Technology Corporation Ltd will be held at the Myanma Info Tech in Hlaing Township, here, at 8

a.m., on 14 February.

Shareholders are invited to attend to the meeting without fail.—MNA

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Lt-Gen Myint Swe visits Nyaunghnabin Special Zone, river water pumping stations

YANGON, 11 Feb—Accompanied by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Win Myint and officials, Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence inspected thriving vegetable plantations of farmers at Vegetables Cultivation and Poultry and Fish Farming Special Zone in Nyaunghnabin Village of Hmawby Township this afternoon.

At the briefing hall, Lt-Gen Myint Swe met with officials and entrepreneurs.

Chairman of the Management Committee for the Zone-1 U Kyaw Win reported on cultivation of vegetables, breeding of 120,000 layers and 30,000-50,000 broilers; Chairman of the Management Committee for the Zone-2 U Myint Maung,



Lt-Gen Myint Swe of Ministry of Defence inspects Hsinphon river water pumping station in Hlegu Township.

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on growing of 20 items of vegetables on 1,450 acres of land in the zone and breeding of 195,000 chickens; and Chairman of the Management Committee for the Zone-3 U Maung Maung, on breeding of poultry, fish and pig.

Secretary of Yangon Division PDC U Hla Soe gave a supplementary report.

Agriculture and livestock breeding entrepreneurs briefed Lt-Gen Myint Swe on progress of agriculture and livestock breeding tasks and requirements.

After attending to the needs, Lt-Gen Myint Swe instructed departmental officials to provide necessary assistance for production and distribution of fresh vegetables,

meat and fish to Yangon Division in line with the purpose of establishing the special zone, and urged entrepreneurs to make concerted efforts for boosting production of their works.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe inspected watermelon plantation, chicken farms and others at the special zone.

At Kalihtaw Dam

in Hlegu Township, he heard reports on storage of water and supply of water to the special zone presented by Director U Kan Nyunt of Irrigation Department (Yangon Division).

After giving necessary instructions, Lt-Gen Myint Swe viewed storage of water at the dam.

Lt-Gen Myint

Swe inspected thriving 100-acre summer paddy plantation in Barlar region-1 being undertaken by Yangon Command in Mingaladon Township, supply of water from the river water pumping station, and irrigation facilities of Hsinphon river water pumping station and supply of water to 1,750 acres of summer paddy plantations.—MNA

Fuel depot and distribution division in Mandalay inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Feb – Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi met with staff at depot and distribution branch (Myinmu) of Myanma Petroleum Products Enterprise in Myinmu Township, Sagaing Division, yesterday.

After hearing reports on distribution of fuel presented by the manager of stores branch, the minister gave instructions on matters related to distribution and storing and fire preventive measures.

At fuel filling station No (0622), the minister inspected sales of fuel and gave necessary instructions.

Next, the minister met with service personnel at Fuel Depot and Distribution Division in Mandalay and called for sufficient fuel supply and fight against malpractices.

Minister Brig-Gen Lun Thi looked into filling of gas at CNG filling station in Patheingyi today. The minister gave necessary instructions and greeted vehicle's owner and drivers. — MNA

Talks on 21st Century Myanmar Society on 14 Feb

YANGON, 11 Feb—Jointly organized by Myanmar Fishery Federation and Myanmar Shrimp Association, the educative talks to be sponsored by Info Myanmar Computer Services & Training Centre, will be held at Thiri Annawa Hall of the federation on

Bayintnaung Road in West Gyogon Ward of Insein Township on 14 February afternoon.

Writer Chit Oo Nyo will give talks on the 21st Century Myanmar Society and those interested may attend it.—MNA

Specialists brief on medical services of Phaya Thai Hospital

YANGON, 10 Feb — Specialists of Phaya Thai Hospitals Group in Bangkok briefed on medical services of the hospital at Sedona Hotel here on 8 February.

First, Prof Dr Aung Kyi of University of Medicine-2 delivered an opening address and

Agent of the Phaya Thai Hospitals Group U Aye Maw also briefed on the services of the hospitals.

Afterwards, Chief of Medical & International Business Officer Dr Surapong Ambhangwong of Phaya Thai Hospitals Group in Bangkok briefed on Minimally In-

vasive Brain Surgery and Director of Internal Medical Center Dr Yungyuth Mayalap on the treatment for Hepatitis B and C, treatment for heart complaints with the use of stem cell, treatment for cancer, bones and joint transplanting, nucleoplasty treatment, bone marrow transplant treatment and laser assisted surgery treatment. Those who received treatment at the hospitals also recounted the experiences gained at the hospitals.

Phaya Thai Hos-

pital is located in downtown Bangkok and there are 12 special units and seven clinics. Over 270 specialists have provided medical care to patients at the hospital.

More information related to the hospital is available at No. Y-1, Thukhawady KabaAye Pagoda Road, Ph 09 50-11-432; (01) 578941, email:koayemaw@gmail.com. Two air ambulances of the hospital are available in Yangon, the agent of the hospital said.

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Director of Internal Medical Center Dr Yungyuth Mayalap briefs on the treatment for Hepatitis B and C, treatment for heart disorders.—MNA





Memories fly with ashes, survivors shocked by fire site

MELBOURNE, 11 Feb—Australia's deadliest bushfire in history started on Feb. 7 and ravaged a number of towns in the country's southern part, killing more than 180 and leaving thousands homeless. Standing in front of his daughter's house which was entirely burnt down, Graeme Chandler, a survivor of the catastrophic bushfire in Australia, told reporters with sadness that his good memories have gone with the ashes.

Chandler, who was in his sixties, said that his own house was fortunate enough to be passed over by the fire. However, his daughter's home, which was in the vicinity of his, has been completely destroyed.

It was lucky that his daughter and grandchildren were able to escape from the site in time. But the place was no longer the one with all those happy moments he used to cherish, said the

miserable old man.

With more than 20 burning points and over 300,000 hectares of land being devastated, the fierce bushfire was mainly due to the heat wave and dry weather, as well as the strong wind, according to local police.

On Wednesday, there were still some 10 burning points in the Victoria state, Australia. Many roads leading to the disastrous areas were blocked by the police to avoid further accidents.

Police explained to reporters that those areas seemed to be safe but there might be risks of trees collapse. Besides, if the temperature goes up again, huge fire could be triggered off.

"We are here to see if the residents are doing all right," said senior sergeant Paul McBride of the Victoria Police who was patrolling around in Dixon creek with his colleagues.—Internet



A melted trampoline sits abandoned in a children's playground in Myrtle, Victoria, after the state was ravaged by bushfires.—INTERNET

Taleban suicide bombers target Afghan capital kill 20, wound 57

KABUL, 11 Feb—In the latest wave of violence, the Taleban insurgents targeted several government buildings including the Justice Ministry Wednesday morning, killing 20 people and wounding 57 others, Minister for Interior Mohammad Hanif Atmar said.

"As a result of terrorist attacks in Kabul today, 20 people were killed and 57 others sustained injuries, some of them in critical condition," Atmar told journalists at a press conference here.

Seven out of those killed in the bloody are policemen while 29 more policemen are among the injured, he added. The NATO-led peacekeeping International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) in a statement released here described the attacks as barbaric against the civilians and condemned it.—Internet



Afghan medics carry a wounded man from the Justice Ministry after suicide bombers attacked the building in Kabul, capital of Afghanistan, on 11 Feb, 2009.—INTERNET

Russia says no retaliation unless US builds shield

MOSCOW, 11 Feb—Russia will take no practical steps to retaliate against the planned U.S. missile defence shield unless it is physically deployed, Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said on Wednesday.

"A retaliatory step will be made in the event, and only in the event, if the ... (missile defence installations in eastern Europe) are physically created. If it is not created then there will be no retaliatory measures from the Russian Federation," Lavrov told a news conference.

Russian President Dmitry Medvedev said last year he would order the deployment of Iskander missiles to Russia's western outpost of Kaliningrad if the United States went ahead with its plan for a missile

shield.

Russian officials have said they are encouraged by what they describe as signals from the new U.S. administration that it will not rush ahead with the missile shield plan.

Internet



An archaeologist works on a skeleton at a ruined pyramid in Tlateloco in Mexico City on 10 Feb, 2009. Archaeologists have discovered a mass grave with four dozen neatly lined up human skeletons in the heart of Mexico City, revealing clues about the Spanish conquest that killed millions in battle and disease. The 49 bodies, all lying face up with their arms crossed over their chests, were discovered as investigators searched for a palace complex in the Tlatelolco area, once a major religious and political center for the Aztec elite.—INTERNET

Iran says US change would be "happy news"

TEHERAN, 11 Feb—A change in US foreign policy under President Barack Obama would be "happy news", the foreign minister of Iran said on Wednesday.

"We look positively on the slogan that Obama raised in the elections. The world has really changed," Foreign Minister Manouchehr Mottaki said through an Arabic interpreter at a news conference during a visit to neighbouring Iraq.

"If the American administration wants to keep up with the changes, this will be happy news."

Mottaki's remarks were the latest in a series of recent comments from Iranian leaders hinting at prospects of a thaw with a country that has been an arch enemy for nearly 30 years.

"We think these changes will provide good opportunities for the American administration in its relations with the countries of the world," Mottaki added. "As diplomats, we are destined to be optimistic, and we wish this would come true."

Internet



At least 16 people have been killed at a makeshift hospital in Sri Lanka's northern conflict zone after the facility was shelled, ICRC said.—INTERNET

A handout picture released by the Egyptian Supreme Council for Antiquities (SCA) shows SCA Secretary General Zahi Hawas clearing dust off a sarcophagus found in Sakkara. Egyptian archaeologists have discovered dozens of mummies and several stone and wood sarcophagi south of Cairo in a pharaonic tomb estimated to be 4,300 years old.—INTERNET

22 Egyptian mummies found in ancient tomb

BEIJING, 11 Feb—A storeroom housing about two dozen ancient Egyptian mummies has been unearthed inside a 2,600-year-old tomb at the vast necropolis of Saqqara south of Cairo, according to media reports on Tuesday quoting archaeologists.

The tomb was located at the bottom of a over 10-meter deep shaft, said Egypt's top archaeologist, Zahi Hawass. Twenty-two mummies were found in niches along the tomb's walls, he said.

Eight sarcophagi were also found in the tomb. Archaeologists so far have opened only one of the sarcophagi — and found a mummy inside of it, said Hawass' assistant Abdel Hakim Karar.

The "storeroom for mummies" dates back to 640 B.C. during the 26th Dynasty, which was Egypt's last independent kingdom before it was overthrown by a succession of foreign conquerors beginning with the Persians, Hawass said.

Most of the mummies are poorly preserved, and archeologists have yet to determine their identities or why so many were put in one room.—Internet



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Union of Myanmar.

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Elements in India helped carrying out Mumbai attacks

ISLAMABAD, 11 Feb— Giving a new twist to probe into Mumbai attacks, Pakistan is now alleging that there were "elements in India" who helped in carrying out the strikes and wants its investigators to be provided access to them.

"There is a strong realization in Pakistani security agencies that without the help of elements in India, the Mumbai crime could have not been committed," official sources were quoted as saying by the *Dawn* newspaper Tuesday.

In what could further delay the prosecution of Mumbai attackers, the paper said Pakistan is also seeking DNA samples of the terrorists involved in

the strikes and more information about contacts made by them through the Internet.

The Pakistani investigation report into the Mumbai attacks, which was reviewed Monday at a meeting of the Defence Committee of the Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani, would be sent to New Delhi in a couple of days, the paper quoted these officials. In its report, Pakistan has sought results of DNA tests on Ajmal Kasab and the nine other attackers killed by Indian security forces so that these could be matched with their family members, if any, in Pakistan, the sources said.

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Iraqi soccer player shot dead

BAGHDAD, 11 Feb—An Iraqi top league footballer was shot dead by an unknown assailant on Tuesday as he waited for a taxi on the way to his club, a police officer said.

Ahmed Shallal, a 24-year-old player with Ath-Thawra Sport Club, was killed in the disputed northern city of Kirkuk.

"He was trying to rent a taxi near his house and an unknown person, accompanied by one or two others in a car shot him," said Sarhad Qadir, a senior police officer.

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Boeing, Bel sign Mou

BANGALORE, 11 Feb—American aviation giant Boeing and Indian Defence public sector undertaking company Bharat Electronics Limited have signed a memorandum of understanding to develop analysis and

BANGALORE, 11 Feb— Asia's largest biennial air show begins here in the provincial capital of India's southern state of Karnataka on Wednesday with international defence and aerospace companies seeking to raise the sales pitch, pursuing multi-billion-dollar contract opportunities in India.

The five-day Aero India 2009, held at Indian Air Force station Yelahanka, would see participation of 592 companies from 25 countries — 303 international and 289 Indian.

Significantly, the par-

ticipation of domestic exhibitors has steadily grown from 66 in its inaugural show to 289 in this seventh edition, accounting for nearly half the total exhibitor strength.

For the first time, China would participate in the show with a 10-member delegation, led by the Deputy Chief of Chinese Air Force. Major participating countries in-

clude the US, Russia, the UK, Germany and Israel.

The show aims at bringing exhibitors from across the globe under one roof to showcase the best in aviation sector. Aero India includes both flight and static displays of a wide range of civil and military aircraft from leading manufacturers, vendors and supplies.

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The Progress M-66 rocket takes off on a cargo mission to the International Space Station (ISS) from the Baikonur space centre, on 10 Feb, 2009.
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Study shows pregnancy doesn't worsen breast cancer

BEIJING, 11 Feb — Pregnant women who develop breast cancer have no difference in odds of death compared to other young breast cancer patients, said a study published on Monday in the journal *Cancer*.

The study is one of the largest to examine whether breast cancer hits pregnant women harder than other women. It con-

tradicted some smaller, earlier studies that suggested maternity made things worse.

In the study, researchers analyzed data from 652 women ages 35 and younger who were treated for breast cancer at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center from 1973 through 2006.

The result showed that rates of cancer re-

currence, cancer spread and survival were normally the same for the women with pregnancy-associated breast cancers and other young women with the disease.

"Breast cancer in young women is a highly aggressive disease, and it's important that we study it in hopes of making a difference in terms of treatment," said the study's lead author, Dr Beth Beadle of the center.

Internet



Former Canadian astronaut Dr Bjarni Tryggvason drives around a replica of the Silver Dart, the first heavier-than-air machine to fly in Canada at the Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum in Hamilton, Ont, on 6 Feb, 2009.—INTERNET

Bipolar disorder increases risk of disease

SEATTLE, 11 Feb — Bipolar disorder, like smoking, increases the risk of early death from medical illnesses, a US review found. The review of 17 studies, published in *Psychiatric Services*, involving more than 331,000 patients suggested that people with bipolar disorder have a higher mortality from natural causes compared with people in the general population of similar age and gender but without mental illness.

"The review of data gathered from large population studies suggests that having bipolar disorder is similar to being a smoker in terms of increasing a person's risk of early death," Dr Wayne Katon of the University of Washington in Seattle, co-author of the review, said in a statement.

People with bipolar disorder tend to have both manic phases that can include sleepless periods and depressed phases that can even leave them immobilized. There are many possible factors that may account for the higher risk of premature death.—*Internet*



Todd Palin and his partner, Scott Davis race down the starting chute of the 2009 Iron Dog snowmobile race Big Lake Alaska on 8 Feb, 2009. The snowmobile race across Alaska goes from Big Lake to Nome and then to the finish in Fairbanks on 14 Feb, 2009.

INTERNET

Scientists hike carbon nanotube capacity

CHAMPAIGN, 11 Feb — US scientists say they've been able to increase the current-carrying capacity of carbon nanotubes to a level previously thought impossible to achieve. University of Illinois researchers said they used an avalanche process that carries more electrons down more paths, similar to the way a multilane

highway carries more traffic than a one-lane road. "Single-wall carbon nanotubes are already known to carry current densities up to 100 times higher than the best metals like copper," said Professor Eric Pop. "We now show that semiconducting nanotubes can carry nearly twice as much current as previously

thought."

The scientists said they discovered high electric fields of 10 volts per micron energetic electrons and holes can create additional electron-hole pairs, leading to the avalanche effect in which free carriers multiply and the current rapidly increases until the nanotube breaks down.—*Internet*



Yachts get set to race off Auckland, New Zealand, in the Louis Vuitton Pacific Series sailing regatta.—INTERNET

Overdrinking of soda pop increases women's risk for early kidney disease

WASHINGTON, 11 Feb — Women who drink two or more cans of soda pop per day are nearly twice as likely to show early signs of kidney disease, a recent study has found.

However, researchers did not find an elevated risk for men, or for people who drink diet soda, said lead researcher David Shoham of Loyola University Health

System. The study was published in *PLoS ONE*, a peer-reviewed journal of science and medical research published by the Public Library of Science.

Researchers examined data from a representative sample of 9,358 US adults in the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey. The survey included urine samples and a que-

stionnaire about dietary habits.

Women who reported drinking two or more sodas in the previous 24 hours were 1.86 times more likely to have albuminuria, a sensitive marker for early kidney damage. Albuminuria is an excess amount of a protein called albumin in the urine.

Internet

Google develops software to save energy

SAN FRANCISCO, 11 Feb — Google said on Tuesday its engineers have developed a software tool that can help consumers save energy and cut electricity bills.

Called PowerMeter, the tool enables consumers to receive their home electricity consumption information almost in real time right from their computers.

Consumers could use the information to figure out how much energy is used by different appliances or household activities and optimize their energy use.

The software is being tested by Google employees and not yet available

to the public, "but we're building partnerships with utilities and independent device manufacturers to gradually roll this out in pilot programmes," the Internet search giant announced on its official blog. Citing studies, the company said access to home energy information may result in savings between 5 to 15 percent on monthly electricity bills.

It noted that if half of America's households cut their energy demand by 10 percent, it would be the equivalent of taking eight million cars off the road.

Internet

SPORTS

Murray cruises past Ljubicic in Rotterdam

ROTTERDAM, 11 Feb — Briton Andy Murray regained his winning form as he eased past Croatia's Ivan Ljubicic 6-3, 6-2 in the first round of the World Indoor Tournament on Tuesday.

Murray had an excellent start of the season, winning two warm-up events in the run-up to the Australian Open, but his hopes of winning a maiden grand slam title was stalled by Fernando Verdasco in the fourth round at Melbourne Park. On Tuesday, he was back to his best.

"Obviously this was a very good win as he (Ljubicic) normally plays very well indoors but today he didn't play and serve his best tennis," Murray told reporters.

Ljubicic, finalist in Rotterdam in 2005 and 2007, only kept up with Murray the first six games before he dropped his serve in the eighth game and lost eight games in a row. The second seed will be on guard in his next match as he will be up against Andreas Seppi.

The Italian knocked out Lleyton Hewitt and Rafael Nadal from the tournament last year and also defeated Murray in their only meeting to date. "Seppi can be a tough guy to beat when he plays his best tennis," said Murray. Murray was joined in the second round by fifth seed Gael Monfils and sixth seed David Ferrer.

Internet



Andy Murray serves to Ivan Ljubicic during the Rotterdam ATP Open. Murray won 6-3, 6-2.
INTERNET

Hiddink may double up with Chelsea

BELEK, 11 Feb — Russia coach Guus Hiddink said he was prepared to manage Chelsea for the rest of the season after receiving permission to combine the two jobs.

The Premier League club approached the Dutchman widely regarded as one of the best coaches in the world after sacking Brazilian Luiz Felipe Scolari on Monday. In an exclusive interview with *Reuters* at the Russian squad's training camp, Hiddink said he had a special relationship with Chelsea's billionaire owner Roman Abramovich who had been paying his salary as Russia coach.—*Internet*



Russia's national coach Guus Hiddink.

Brazil turn on style to beat Italy 2-0



LONDON, 11 Feb — Brazil turned on the style to beat world champions Italy 2-0 in a friendly on Tuesday thanks to first-half goals by Elano and Robinho. Italy's World Cup-winning coach Marcello Lippi missed out on a record 32 unbeaten matches in charge as Brazil made light of Kaka's absence to put on a performance which belied their coach Dunga's reputation as a dour tactician.

Elano added to the two goals he scored for Brazil against Argentina

at the same stadium in 2006 with a fine opener in the 13th minute after laying the ball back to Manchester City team mate Robinho and picking up the return pass to slot it past Gianluigi Buffon. Robinho then had the Brazilian section of the crowd at the Emirates in raptures with a brilliant solo goal.

Italy captain Fabio Cannavaro's attempted overhead shot was cleared and his opposite number Lucio broke fast downfield before laying the ball off to the right. Ronaldinho, who mixed silky skills with wayward passing all night, crossed poorly and Italy's Andrea Pirlo appeared to have control of the situation.—*Internet*

Capello not sure if Beckham will play against Spain

SEVILLE, 11 Feb — England coach Fabio Capello has not decided whether David Beckham will play in Wednesday's friendly against Spain.

The Los Angeles Galaxy midfielder, who turns 34 in May, has been on good form during his loan spell at AC Milan and could equal Bobby Moore's record of 108 caps for an outfield player if he faces the European champions in Seville.

"David Beckham is here because he is playing well at Milan," Capello told a news conference on Tuesday. "Perhaps he will play but I am not sure at moment," the Italian added. "I still have to choose the first 11."—*Internet*

Top seed Roddick rolls in ATP opener

SAN JOSE, 11 Feb — US top seed Andy Roddick needed only 63 minutes to dispatch Swedish qualifier Michael Ryderstedt 6-0, 7-6 (7/3) in a first-round match at a 600,000-dollar ATP hardcourt tournament.

Defending champion Roddick zipped through the first set in 20 minutes and capitalized on three break chances while denying the Swede's three break chances and closed out the match, taking 88 percent of his first-serve points.

Sixth-ranked Roddick, an Australian Open semi-finalist and runner-up at Doha, seeks his second back-to-back title run at San Jose and fourth



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INTERNET

crown overall, having won the event in 2004 and 2005 as well as last year.

Internet

Seeds in a hurry at French Open tennis first round

PARIS, 11 Feb — French number one Alize Cornet overcame the disappointment of France's 5-0 Fed Cup thrashing by Italy at the weekend to beat Latvian qualifier Anastasija Sevastova 6-1, 6-3 in the first round of the WTA Paris Open on Tuesday.

Cornet was reduced to tears during her 6-2, 6-2 Fed Cup defeat to Flavia Pennetta in Orleans on Sunday, but she was too strong for world number 195 Sevastova in front of an appreciative home crowd. "It's always nice to play at home and that doesn't change," Cornet, the number five seed, said



French's tennis player Alize Cornet returns a backhand to Latvian Anastasija Sevastova during their WTA 17th French Open tennis match in Paris. Cornet won 6-1, 6-3.—INTERNET

afterwards."

After the Fed Cup, when the fans were all really behind us, I wanted to do well here this week and give something back to the fans."—*Internet*

Terry hints that player revolt triggered Scolari sacking

SEVILLE, 11 Feb — Chelsea captain John Terry has dropped a strong hint that a revolt by some of the club's players triggered the dismissal of Luiz Felipe Scolari.

Although he insisted that he personally had been shocked by Scolari's sacking and described the Brazilian as a "great man", Terry made it clear Tuesday that not all of the



England defender John Terry.

Chelsea squad were of the same opinion.

Internet

CAF picks Adebayor Africa's best player for 2008

LAGOS, 11 Feb — The Confederation of African Football (CAF) picked Togo international Emmanuel Adebayor as the continent's best player for 2008 at an elaborate awards ceremony here Tuesday night.

Adebayor, 25 later this month, beat final nominees Mohamed Aboutrika of Egypt and Ghana's Michael Essien in a vote that involved the national team coaches of CAF's 54 member-nations.

The Arsenal star, accompanied by his mother, took home a crystal trophy and a cash prize of 20,000 US dollars. It was the first time a Togolese took the accolade as Africa's best player.

"This is a special night for me. I dedicate this



The Confederation of African Football (CAF) picked Togo international Emmanuel Adebayor, as the continent's best player for 2008 at an elaborate awards ceremony here on Tuesday night.
INTERNET

award to my mum, without her, I would have been nothing. My father is no more but wherever he is, he will be proud of me," said Adebayor. "The 2010 World Cup will be in Africa for the first time and we as Africans can achieve a lot if we believe."—*Internet*



A stallholder makes a lantern to add to those on show in Hoi An, Vietnam on 11 Feb, 2009.—INTERNET

Study: multivitamins does not lower cancer risks

BEIJING, 11 Feb—A new finding, published in the February issue of The Archives of Internal Medicine, said taking multivitamins do not lower the risks of various cancers, nor do they prevent cardiovascular disease.

“Consumers are bombarded with messages to use dietary supplements, from commercial broadcasts, from news media reports, even from their own health-care providers,” explained Marian L. Neuhouser, the lead author and a nutritional epidemiologist with the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle.

But she stressed, for the postmenopausal women who want to lower their risks of cancer or heart disease through usage of multivitamins, “It’s a wash. They don’t do you harm, nor do they help, either...Buying more fruits and vegetables might be a better choice.”

Considering women’s age, race, BMI, physical activity, alcohol use, smoking, and other factors, the researchers found that the supplements had no effect on the risk for breast cancer, colorectal cancer, endometrial cancer, lung cancer, ovarian cancer, heart attack, stroke, blood clots or mortality.

But the researchers pointed out there are exceptions that folic acid use in women of childbearing age can prevent neural tube defects in babies, and avoid beta carotene supplements if you’re a smoker.—Internet

MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (12.2.2009) (Thursday)

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

Local Transmission

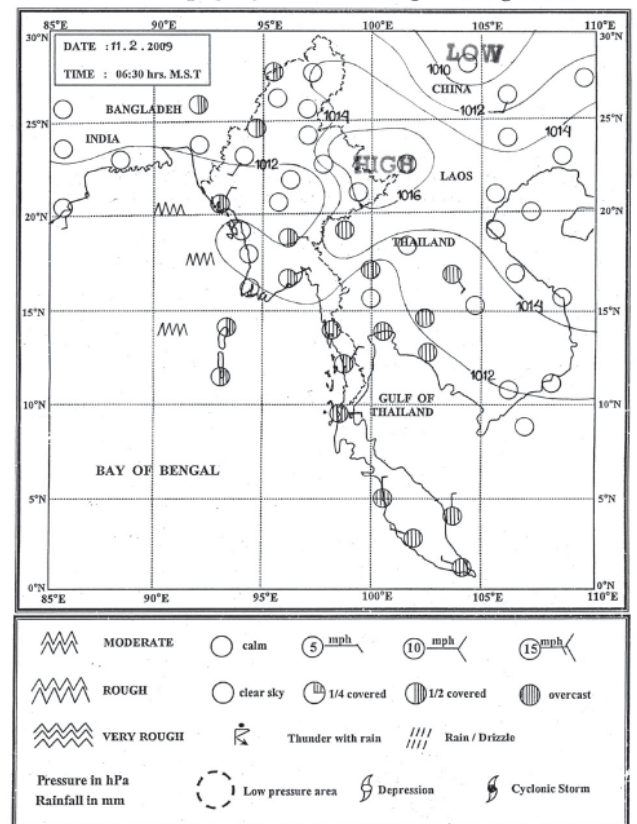
- ☐ Signature Tune
- ☐ Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights
- ☐ Hundred Fruits from a Common Stem, Our Union (Main Programme)
- ☐ Encourage Rural Floks to use Biogas widely
- ☐ National Dance “Friendship Dance”
- ☐ Myanmar Modern Song
- ☐ Intricate Art of Silversmith
- ☐ Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights

Europe/ North America Transmission

- ☐ Signature Tune
- ☐ Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights
- ☐ Hundred Fruits from a Common Stem, Our Union (Shan State)
- ☐ Ah Laung Taw Kathapa Natural Cave and National Park
- ☐ Biological Expedition to Hponkan Razi Region (Part-IV) (Ziadam Village-Wang Mung Camps 1 and 2)
- ☐ Bamboo Toys
- ☐ Bronze Casting of Kyar Ton Village
- ☐ Hundred Fruits from a Common Stem, Our Union (Main Programme)
- ☐ Encourage Rural Floks to use Biogas widely
- ☐ Travelling on the Chin Mountain Ranges
- ☐ Intricate Art of Silversmith
- ☐ Biological Expedition to Hponkan Razi Region (Part-V) (Wang Mung Camps 2 and 4)
- ☐ Turtle! Our Heritage
- ☐ Creative Decoration for Creative Living
- ☐ Our Coffee Town
- ☐ Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights

Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Wednesday, 11 February, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Rakhine State, Bago, Yangon and Taninthayi 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, upper Sagaing and Bago Divisions, (5°C) below February average temperatures in Shan State, (3°C) to (4°C) above February average temperatures in Kachin State and Taninthayi Divisions, (5°C) above February average temperatures in Mon State and about February average temperatures in the remaining areas. The significant night temperatures were Loilem (1°C), Haka (2°C), Lashio, Taunggyi and Namhsam (4°C) each.

Maximum temperature on 10-2-2009 was 97°F. Minimum temperature on 11-2-2009 was 63°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 11-2-2009 was 91%. Total sunshine hours on 10-2-2009 was (8.3) hrs approx.

Rainfall on 11-2-2009 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from Northeast at (14:30) hours MST on 10-2-2009.

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 12th February 2009: Weather will be partly cloudy in Kachin, Rakhine, Mon and Kayin States, upper Sagaing, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and generally fair in the remaining areas.

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

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

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 12-2-2009: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 12-2-2009: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 12-2-2009: Generally fair weather.



Thursday, 12 February
View on today

6:45 pm

1. (၆၂)နှစ်မြောက်ပြည်ထောင်စုနေ့ အခမ်းအနားကျင်းပပုံတိုက်ရိုက် ထုတ်လွှင့်မှုအစီအစဉ်

7:45 am

2. (၆၂)နှစ်မြောက်ပြည်ထောင်စုနေ့ ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်

8:00 am

3. “စည်းလုံးခြင်းရဲ့အရသာ” (ကိုကိုလင်းမောင်၊ မြတ်ကေ သီအောင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-အေဝမ်းမောင်လှမျိုး)

8:30 am

4. International news

8:45 am

5. (၆၂)နှစ်မြောက်ပြည်ထောင်စုနေ့ ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်

4:00 pm

1. Martial song

4:10 pm

2. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:20 pm

3. ပြည်ထောင်စုနေ့ဂုဏ်ပြု (အခမ်းအနားတင်ဖွဲ့အခမ်းအနား)

4:30 pm

4. (၆၂)နှစ်မြောက်ပြည်ထောင်စုနေ့ ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်

4:45 pm

5. Musical programme

4:55 pm

6. ၂၀၀၉ခုနှစ်တက္ကသိုလ်ဝင်စာမေးပွဲ ဘာသာရပ်ဆိုင်ရာသင်ခန်းစာ

(သင်္ချာဘာသာရပ်) (အပိုင်း-ခ)

5:15 pm

7. Song to uphold National Spirit

5:25 pm

8. ကြွယ်ပွင့်များရဲ့ရင်ခုန်သံ

5:40 pm

9. (၆၂)နှစ်မြောက်ပြည်ထောင်စုနေ့ ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်

5:50 pm

10. “ပြည်ထောင်စုစိတ်ဓာတ်မပြတ် ရင့်သန်ခိုင်မာရန်မှာဒီဝန်တာ” (စစ်မှန်သောမျိုးချစ်စိတ်ဓာတ်)

6:00 pm

11. Evening news

6:30 pm

12. Weather report

6:35 pm

13. ထူးဆန်းထွေလာများကိုသိပ္ပံဖြင့် ချဉ်းကပ်ခြင်း

6:55 pm

14. ပျော်ရွှင်သောနေ့ရက်များ “ဦးစိုက်နောက်ပြန်” (အပိုင်း-၃) (စိုးရန်အောင်၊ ဇော်ဇော်အောင်၊ နန်းဆုရတီစိုး) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-အောင်ကျော်သူရ)

7:15 pm

15. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

“ကုန်သွယ်မှုနိမ့်တိုင်း”

(အပိုင်း-၅၁)

8:00 pm

16. News

17. International news

18. Weather report

19. “မြေပြန့်တောင်ပေါ်ပင်လယ်

တောင်တန်း” (မြန်မာ့ရုပ်မြင်

သံကြားမှဝန်ထမ်းများ)

(ဒါရိုက်တာ-မျိုးအေး)

**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

Prime Minister General Thein Sein attends opening of Royal Myanmar Golf Range

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Feb—Prime Minister General Thein Sein attended the opening ceremony of the Royal Myanmar Golf Range in Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone, here, at 7.45 a.m., today.

It was also attended by Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, ministers, deputy ministers, senior military officers, directors-general of the State Peace and Development Council Office and the Government Office, departmental heads, members of the Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee, members of the BOD of Committee for Construction of Advanced Golf Courses in Nay Pyi Taw.

Commander Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee Mayor Col Thein Nyunt and Chairman of the Con-



Prime Minister General Thein Sein unveils the signboard of Royal Myanmar Golf Range in Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone.—MNA

struction of BOD of the committee U Chit Khaing cut the ribbon to open the golf range.

The Prime Minister unveiled the signboard of the range. Next, the Prime Minister and party visited the building of the golf range.

Chairman of the BOD U Chit Khaing presented gifts to the Prime

Minister. Afterwards, the Prime Minister opened the golf range by teeing off the golf ball. Next, the commander and the ministers teed off the golf balls at the opening ceremony.

The already-opened Royal Myanmar Golf Range included in the Nay Pyi Taw Advanced Golf Course Project has

one two-storey building where 72 players can take exercise at the same time and one practice putting green.

Nay Pyi Taw Advanced Golf Course will be on 800 acres of land and will have one club house building and a 36-hole golf course meeting the international standard.—MNA

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Now, the people have approved the new State constitution with the great majority of the voters that will enhance mutual understanding, equitable development and friendly relations between national races.

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Royal Myanmar Golf Range in Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone.

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