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Senior General Than Shwe felicitates President of Serbia

NAY PYI TAW, 15 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 H.E Mr. Boris Tadic, President of the Republic of Serbia, on the occasion of the National Day of the Republic of Serbia, which falls on 15 February 2009.

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Prime Minister sends felicitations to Serbian counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Feb — General Thein Sein, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Mirko Cvetkovic, Prime Minister of the Republic of Serbia, on the occasion of the National Day of the Republic of Serbia, which falls on 15 February 2009.

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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

Lt-Gen Myint Swe attends Myanmar ICT Corporation Ltd's 7th AGM

YANGON, 14 Feb— The 7th Annual General Meeting for 2007-2008 financial year of Myanmar ICT Corporation Ltd took place at Myanmar Info Tech in Hline Township, here this morning.

It was attended by Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Win Myint, Chairman of e-National Task Force Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw, Deputy Minister Maj-Gen Thein Tun, senior military officers, departmental officials, the chairman of the board of directors of the corporation, shareholders and invited guests.

Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw gave a presentation on nation-wide implementation of ICT. The chairman of the board of directors of the corporation limited extended greetings.

The chairman of board of directors of the corporation presided over the meeting and the managing director submitted report of the board of directors. An official of Win Thin & Associates read out the report of the board of auditors.

The report of the board of directors and financial report for 2007-08 were approved. New members were also selected for the board of directors and approved. And then responsible persons replied to queries raised by shareholders. The meeting ended with the concluding remarks of the chairman.

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Lt-Gen Myint Swe attending 7th Annual General Meeting of MICT Corporation Ltd and Chairman of e-National Task Force Minister for CPT Brig-Gen Thein Zaw delivers an address.—MNA

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Accessible learning opportunities in own regions

Now peace and prosperity and progress have been achieved in the Union as the government is creating better conditions in transport and communications, economic and social sectors including the education field.

Education foundation must be sound for lasting existence of a society. High education standard indicates dignity and status of a nation and its people. With high efficiency and education every citizen can surely contribute towards the development of the nation and the people.

This is why the government is building educational infrastructures for local youths to gain opportunities of higher learning in important regions of the Union.

Technological University (Loikaw) of Technical and Vocational Education Department of the Ministry of Science and Technology was inaugurated in Loikaw the other day. In 24 special regions including Loikaw higher learning institutions were built. Each region has an arts and science university, a technological university and a university of computer studies. Local people can now learn higher education in their own region.

Today there has been an enormous and wider development in science and technology and electronics industry. At the same time, it is necessary to turn out more and more qualified human resources.

There is equal learning opportunity for all the local youths in the education sector as the government is building development infrastructures in all the states and divisions. We urge the students to learn advanced science and technology hard and to apply them in the practical field to serve national and regional interest.

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**

Industry-1 Ministry clinch title in Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Volleyball Tournament

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Feb—The final match of the 2nd Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Women's Volleyball Tournament was held at Nay Pyi Taw Volleyball Ground, here, this afternoon.

Among the spectators were Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint, Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt, deputy ministers, officias, MOC members and staff families.

In the final match, Ministry of Industry-1 team beat Ministry of PBANRDA team 3-0.

Deputy Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Col Thurein Zaw presented individual prizes to players of third prize winning Ministry of Sports team, Deputy Minister for PBANRDA Col Tin Ngwe, second prize winning Ministry of PBANRDA team and the Deputy Minister for Immigration and Population first prize winning Ministry of Industry-1 team.

Deputy Minister for Labour Brig-Gen Tin Tun Aung and Deputy Minister for Education Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min presented best player awards for respective places to the winners.

Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint presented cash awards to first, second, third and fourth position teams and championship shield and duplicate shield to Ministry of Industry-1 team.—*MNA*

Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint presents championship shield to the Ministry of Industry-1 volleyball team.

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Foreign Minister felicitates Serbian Counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Feb — U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Vuk Jeremic, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Serbia, on the occasion of the National Day of The Republic of Serbia, which falls on 15 February 2009. — *MNA*

Cyber games include in Myanmar Info-Tech Exhibition (2009)

YANGON, 14 Feb—The Myanmar Info-Tech Exhibition (2009) continues tomorrow at Myanmar Info-Tech in Hline Township, here, in conjunction with Myanmar e-Sports Championship 2009 (Counter-Strike & Dota-Allstars) organized by Myanmar Gamers Club with the assistance of Myanmar Computer Entrepreneurs Association.

First, second and third prize winners in Dota-Allstars will be presented K 500,000, K 300,000 and K 100,000 and K 400,000 for the first, K 200,000 for the second and other consolidation prizes will be presented to Counter-Strike winners.

The championship is organized to implement e-Sports for supporting the development of Myanmar ICT and turning out Cyber athletes.

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Contestants participate in Counter-Strike & Dota-Allstars cyber games.

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Development activities gaining momentum in Kayin State

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Feb—Chairman of Kayin State Peace and Development Council Brig-Gen Zaw Min on 31 January visited perennial crops farm of U Ba Kyawt and pigsty and poultry farm of U Tin Tun in Kawbein Model Village of Kawkareik Township.

After inspecting Kawbein Station Hospital, he presented cash assistance to the patients. Next, he visited Kawbein Basic Education High School.

On 1 February, the Chairman of Kayin State PDC attended the inauguration ceremony of the rural gravel road in Bakat Model Village in Hpa-an Township.

At University of Computer Studies (Hpa-an), he inspected the campus of the university and left necessary instructions.

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UN chief strongly condemns suicide bomb attack in Iraq

UNITED NATIONS, 14 Feb—UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon on Friday strongly condemned the suicide bomb attack which killed 35 Shi'a pilgrims near Baghdad.

Ban, in a statement issued here by his spokesperson, said, "These acts cannot be justified by any political or religious cause and must be condemned in the strongest possible terms."

The secretary-general, who was appalled by the Friday's attack," joins with the people of Iraq in rejecting these cruel and reprehensible attempts to reignite sectarian violence in the country," the statement said.

"He also calls on Iraqi leaders to work together in a spirit of national dialogue and mutual respect as demonstrated during the peaceful provincial elections held last month," the statement added.

Internet

Iraqi women cry at the site of a suicide bombing that killed 40 people near Musayyib, about 40 miles (60 kilometres) south of Baghdad, on 13 Feb, 2009.—INTERNET

Afghan policemen secure the area after a suicide attack in Kabul on 11 Feb, 2009.—INTERNET

Last Russian general warns US on Afghanistan

MOSCOW, 14 Feb—Twenty years after Red Army troops pulled out of Afghanistan, the last general to command them says the Soviets' devastating experience is a dismal omen for US plans to build up troops there. On Friday, the anniversary of the Soviet departure from the Afghan capital, the Russian parliament's lower house adopted a resolution honoring the soldiers who "were faithful to the warrior's duty, who displayed heroism, bravery and patriotism."

In retired Gen Boris Gromov's view, the valor was shown in an unwinnable battle.

"Afghanistan taught us an invaluable lesson ... It has been and always will be impossible to solve political problems using force," said Gromov, the last soldier to leave Afghanistan two days after the Kabul pullout.

He told reporters that US plans to send thousands of new troops to Afghanistan would make no difference against a resurgent Taleban, who came to power in 1996 in the chaos after the Soviet withdrawal.

Internet

Female suicide bomber kills 40 in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 14 Feb—A female suicide bomber struck a tent filled with women and children resting during a pilgrimage south of Baghdad on Friday, killing 40 people and wounding about 80 in the deadliest of three straight days of attacks against Shiite worshippers.

The grisly assault, which also appeared to be the deadliest in Iraq this year, demonstrates the determination of some extremists to reignite sectarian warfare. It also underscores how fragile security remains here, even as the US turns over more responsibility to the Iraqis.

Witnesses said many of the injured were hurt in a stampede as terrified survivors — most of them poor Shiites exhausted after days of walking — scrambled away from the tent in terror.

They left behind piles of clothing, small rugs and toddlers' strollers, Associated Press Television News video showed. A dismembered leg believed to have been the bomber's lay wrapped in an abaya in a cardboard box.

Internet

Venezuela expells European Parliament deputy

CARACAS, 14 Feb—A European Parliament deputy was expelled by Venezuela late Friday, agencies reported.

The EP deputy, Luis Herrero, was allegedly expelled for unfriendly remarks about President Hugo Chavez.—*Internet*

Noise, fuel-dumping cause anger at US Kyrgyz base

MRAMORNAYA, 14 Feb—For many in this ramshackle village just outside the last US base in Central Asia, news the Americans may be leaving hasn't come a moment too soon.Villagers voice grievances about pollution, airplane noise and the killing of a Kyrgyz citizen by an Air Force serviceman. Some also fear the American presence could drag their country into a regional conflict.

Kyrgyz President Kurmanbek Bakiyev took Washington by surprise this month in announcing the closure of the Manas air base, which the US wants as a springboard for sending thousands more troops to Afghanistan

Bakiyev's government has accused the US of refusing to pay enough for the base and has gotten a better offer from Russia. But the opposition of ordinary Kyrgyz to the base would make it easier to evict the Americans. Bakiyev is under pressure because of the deepening economic crisis and is expected to call early presidential elections this year. The injection of Russian cash could help him prop up his popularity through increased social spending.—*Internet*

A pilgrim inspects the site of a bomb attack in south of Baghdad, on 13 Feb, 2009.—INTERNET

US troops guard the main access checkpoint to the US airbase at Manas, 30 km outside Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, on 4 Feb, 2009. Tajikistan said on Friday it was ready to allow US and NATO supplies for Afghanistan to transit its territory, after neighbouring Kyrgyzstan ordered the closure of a vital American airbase. — INTERNET

An Afghan army soldier conducts a search in a farmer's house during a house-to-house search operation in the village of Semkar, Kunar Province, eastern Afghanistan February 12, 2009.—INTERNET

New US envoy in Afghanistan to assess security

KABUL, 14 Feb — US President Barack Obama's new envoy to Afghanistan and Pakistan met key ministers in the Afghan capital on Friday, two days after triple Taleban attacks in the city demonstrated just how much security is deteriorating.

Wednesday's attacks on Government buildings show how hard it is for the Afghan Government and its Western backers to ensure security, even with dozens of police checkpoints in Kabul and armed guards at the entrance of every state office. Holbrooke met with the Afghan ministers of defence and the interior, the head of the national intelligence agency and President Hamid Karzai's security adviser at the heavily guarded US Embassy, an Afghan Government official said.

He is due to meet Karzai later in the day, said the official, who declined to be named. Holbrooke, who arrived in Kabul after four days in Pakistan, has so far been tight-lipped during his first trip to the region in his new role as Obama's point man on the conflict that has become a US foreign policy priority.

MNA/Reuters

South Korean, Philippine sailors freed by Somali pirates

SEOUL, 14 Feb—Somali pirates have released an oil tanker and its crew of 23 sailors from South Korea and the Philippines after holding them hostage for three months, South Korea's foreign ministry said on Saturday.The Chemstar Venus, a Japanese-operated combined chemical and oil tanker, was hijacked off the coast of Somalia in mid-November. It had a crew of 18 Filipinos and five South Koreans.

"The sailors are all safe and the South Korean crew will return home," the ministry said in a statement.

There was no mention of whether a ransom was paid for the release of the sailors and the 20,000 deadweight tonne vessel.

Last year, gunmen from the anarchic Horn of Africa nation hijacked dozens of ships and won tens of millions of dollars in ransom payments.

The South Korean government would send a navy vessel soon to the Gulf of Aden to protect the country's commercial vessels from pirates, the statement added. Other nations have sent naval ships to the region to combat the threat of pirates.—*Internet*

In this photo released by the US Navy, search and seizure crews, left and right, from the guided-missile cruiser USS Vella Gulf close in on inflatable boats on 12 Feb, 2009 in the Gulf of Aden to apprehend suspected pirates. The Navy says the Vella Gulf intercepted and caught nine suspected pirates Thursday after the crew of an Indian-flagged ship said it had been fired on and people were attempting to board the vessel. In a similar incident Wednesday, the Navy seized seven suspected pirates.—INTERNET

Somali pirates release Japanese ship with 23 crew

NAIROBI, 14 Feb—Somali pirates have released a Japanese cargo ship which was seized in mid November off the Horn of Africa nation's coast with 23 crew, a regional maritime organization said on Friday.

A statement from Ecoterra International said the Panama-flagged *MT Chemstar Venus*, whose crewmen include five South Koreans and Filipinos, was released on Thursday evening after being hijacked by an armed group in waters off Somalia on 15 November, 2008. Ecoterra International, an organization monitoring piracy in the region, said the ship was freeed after a ransom was paid to the pirates. "*MT Chemstar Venus*, sea-jacked on 15 November, 2008, was released last evening. Last minute conflicts among the pirates as well as between the captors of the vessel and the owner could be solved. The last of her captors left around 22:30hrs after having received a ransom delivered by tug-boat," the statement said. The Japanese vessel, whose release followed that of the Ukrainian ship, *MV Faina* which docked at the Kenyan port of Mombasa on Thursday, was carrying 20,000 tons of oil products.—*MNA/Xinhua*

Boeing 747 makes safe emergency landing at Los Angeles airport

LOS ANGELES, 14 Feb —An Air Pacific jetliner made a safe emergency landing at the Los Angeles International Airport, after it was forced back due to fuel transfer problems, local authorities said.

The Boeing 747 heading to the Fiji Islands with 441 passengers and crew on board, landed at the airport early Friday morning, about an hour after taking off.

A problem was found in transferring fuel between tanks on either side of the Boeing 747 to ensure weight control.

The problem was fixed shortly after the plane landed.

No injuries were reported.

MNA/Xinhua

Anger grows in Britain as recession deepens

LONDON, 14 Feb—As the recession bites harder in Britain, concerns are growing amongst the unemployed as to how they are going to pay their bills or find another job. There is rising anger directed towards the government and more recently top bankers.

The public has complained that politicians' daily rhetoric is not solving Britain's economic problems. Many see government actions as only bailing out the banks and financial institutions rather than helping the ever increasing number of jobless and falling businesses.

Britain is witnessing the highest ever level of unemployment since 1997. The number of jobless rose to 1.97 million between October and December 2008, according to the latest official figures.

Nearly 3,000 people are being made redundant every day in Britain. To better depict this worrying situation, British media have drawn parallels to the 1980's Conservative party election campaign, when a famous poster showed a long queue of unemployed under the banner "Labour isn't Working."

The psychological blow brought by the recession has been felt by the public since late last year.This week, the Bank of England warned of a "deep recession" for 2009.—*Internet*

BA plane's undercarriage fails on landing, four hurt

LONDON, 14 Feb—Passengers used emergency slides to evacuate a British Airways plane when its nosewheel collapsed on landing at London's City airport on Friday, injuring four people, officials said.

The front undercarriage failed when BA Flight 8456 from Amsterdam landed at the east London Airport on Friday evening with 67 passengers and four crew on board, the airline said.

"As a precaution, the emergency slides were deployed and the passengers were evacuated down the slides onto the runway," BA said in a statement.

A passenger was taken to hospital with a minor injury and one other minor injury was reported, BA said. The London Ambulance Service, which sent six ambulance crews to the airport, said four people were treated at the scene for minor injuries.—*MNA/Reuters*

British Airways flight BA8456 from Amsterdam with 67 passengers and four crew on board is slumped on its nose after it crash-landed at London's City airport on 13 Feb, 2009.—Internet

Chinese President starts first visit to Senegal

DAKAR, 14 Feb — Visiting Chinese President Hu Jintao on Friday started his first state visit to Senegal aimed at boosting bilateral ties.

Hu held talks with his Senegalese counterpart Abdoulaye Wade to discuss promotion of friendly and cooperative ties between China and the West African nation.

Hu said the bilateral relations have made progress in various fields since the resumption of diplomatic ties in 2005, and facts have proved that the China-Senegal friendship is in the fundamental interests of both nations and will have a promising future.

After the talks, the two presidents witnessed the signing of a number of cooperation deals.

The Chinese president arrived in the Senegalese capital on Friday and was received by Wade at a welcoming ceremony at the airport.

In a statement issued upon his arrival, Hu said both countries enjoy good friendship and the resumption of diplomatic ties helped the development of bilateral cooperation in politics, trade, culture, education and public health among others.—*Xinhua*

Chinese President Hu Jintao (R Front) is welcomed by his Senegalese counterpart Abdoulaye Wade (L Front) at the airport in Dakar, capital of Senegal, on 13 Feb, 2009. —XINHUA

Air Canada posts loss of $800m for 2008

OTTAWA, 14 Feb — Air Canada announced Friday it lost more than 1 billion Canadian dollars (about 800 million US dollars) in 2008, as this Canada's biggest airline suffered from sharp drop in travel demand amid the global economic downturn.

The Montreal-based airline reported a fourth-quarter loss of 727 million Canadian dollars or 7.27 Canadian dollars per share and a full-year loss of 1.03 billion Canadian dollars or 10.25 Canadian dollars per share, reversing year-earlier profits.

The company said the loss was primarily due to volatile fuel costs and foreign exchange rates.—*Xinhua*

Cuba, Chile to enhance cooperation on public health, science

HAVANA, 14 Feb — Cuba and Chile on Friday signed two collaboration agreements concerning public health and science on the final day of Chilean President Michelle Bachelet's trip to the island. Experts from both countries signed the documents at the International Center of Neurological Restoration with Bachelet in attendance.

One agreement was expected to improve bilateral cooperation on public health, including rehabilitation of the disabled and aged, the neuro-development of children and diagnostic labs.

The other agreement concerned the science, technology and innovation sector, including joint workshops and conventions. —*Xinhua*

All items from Xinhua News Agency

An investigator looks at a handgun on Broad Street in North Philadelphia on 13 Feb, 2009, after a Philadelphia police officer was reportedly shot and killed. Philadelphia radio station KYW-AM reports that the officer was killed, citing information released by the police public affairs office. Calls to that office from The Associated Press were not immediately returned.—INTERNET

An investigator walks through the scene of a Continental Airlines crash in Clarence Center, New York, just north and east of Buffalo. Officials sifted through the smoldering wreckage of a US plane Friday hunting for clues after it nosedived onto a house in New York state, exploding in a fireball and killing 50 people.—INTERNET

Singapore, France to cooperate in new double MBA project

SINGAPORE, 14 Feb — Two universities from Singapore and France will jointly launch a new graduate programme which will allow students to get two Masters of Business Administration (MBA),local media reported on Friday.

According to the Straits Times, the National University of Singapore's (NUS) Business School and France's HEC Paris will kickoff the double-degree programme in August. Students in the programme will spend one year in each university respectively. The report said that five to ten students are expected for NUS' first intake, adding that the small class size is largely due to the programme's relatively high fee.—*Xinhua*

Alternative Energy Exhibition kicks off in Nepal

KATHMANDU, 14 Feb — Alternative Energy Exhibition kicked off in Nepali capital Kathmandu on Friday with a view to spreading awareness on the use of alternative energy sources among the people and offset the electricity crisis gripping the country currently through alternative energy. Items related to solar system, solar dryer, solar ovens, micro hydropower peltier set, biogas, improved oven and improved biological fuel technology are put on display at the exhibition.

The Alternative Energy Promotion Center has organized the three-day expo which has 85 stalls of various organizations at Bhirikut Mandap in the capital.

Inaugurating the exhibition, Minister for Environment, Science and Technology Ganesh Sah stressed on launching energy revolution to ensure participation of the people in the production of at least one form energy source.—*Xinhua*

Crude prices jump after US House approves stimulus plan

NEW YORK, 14 Feb — Crude prices jumped on Friday after the US House of Representatives approved the 787-billion-US dollar economic stimulus package.

The package, which was approved without Republican support, includes more than 37.5 billion dollars for energy infrastructure. The Senate is expected to follow later the day. Investors hoped the package could help pull the economy out of recession.

Crude prices plunged in the past week as concerns about the outlook of the global economy increased while major energy institution lower their energy demand forecast.—*Xinhua*

We are proud to be Myanmars

Kyei Sin Naing

The anthropoid primate excavated in Pontaung Ponnya region, Myanmar, is aged at about 40 million years, so Myanmar people can be proud to claim human being originated in Myanmar.

Bagan is the most wonderful region in Southeast Asia for its rich archaeological and cultural heritage. The religious edifices of Bagan Period reveal that Buddha Sasana of Myanmar reached its peak and the arts of architectures, wall paintings and the ten traditional crafts improved remarkably. Apart from touchable things such as pagodas, stupas, temples and royal city walls, Myanmar possesses religious faith and high civilization. So, the people are under the national duty to preserve the cultural heritage. Due to such high cultural standard in successive periods, moral and cultural standards of the people can be deemed to be high, which is evidenced by their deep belief in the religious faith, consolidated unity, high generosity, and high intellectual power.

In the Bagan Period, Buddha Sasana flourished as bright as the sun shines at noon. In the period, Myanmar not only witnessed high standards of architecture, wall painting, and ten traditional handicrafts, but also wielded great power and influence. The archaeological sites indicate that the people of Bagan Period were united and brave with high intelligence.

Palm leaf manuscripts and paper parchments depict that fine arts such as literature and music flourished in Pinya, Innwa, Toungoo, Nyaungyan and Konbaung periods. So, it can be deduced that ancient Myanmar people were gentle, dynamic, and calm.

The people of today are descendants of ancient Myanmars, so the people should innovate and improve cultural heritage. In the Stone Age and Iron Age, it needed a large number of people to construct large buildings, but now such buildings can be constructed in a short time due to advanced technologies and machinery. And man can make a long journey in hours, for which ancient people had to take many days with the use of pony carts and bullock carts.

Today, there has been rapid changes in science and technology, and due to the globalization process, the global community is like a village. So, diverse cultures of the countries are spreading to each other. Many countries with military and technological superiority are trying to wield influence over small countries.

Under the cirumstances, Myanmar faces the danger of losing cultural heritage that the people have relayed from one generation to the next in successive periods. The ancestors of the people inherited future generations fine traditions of politeness, gratitude and forbearance which are based on the religious faith.

It is required of the people to have awareness about the threat of possible deep penetration of alien culture into the nation. As the saying that goes, "If culture is no more, a people will be no more", the people have to safeguard own culture from being influenced by alien culture. With this concept in view, the government organizes Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions, and contests and talks on traditional costumes that target the youth. So, the people have to relay younger generations cultural heritage such as patriotic fervour, nationalistic spirit, honesty, bravery, politeness, professing deeply the religious faith, preservation of national prestige and integrity, unity, gratitude and compassion, for which Myanmar has a good reputation in the global community. It would be very heart-rending for the nation if the people exercise such noble traditions only theoretically, not practically.

Militarily strong countries are proud of their military power; economically strong countries, of their strong economy; the countries with religious domination, of their religion; and the countries with high education standard, of their education. Myanmar is proud of its high cultural standard.

A variety of sorts of the cultural heritage – religious edifices, wall paintings, handicrafts, palm-leaf manuscripts, paper parchments, excavated pots, beads, urns, and city walls are necessary for making Myanmar's very long history well-known to the international community. Myanmar still has many archaeological sites to be excavated. The people are to preserve and safeguard the cultural heritage that testifies the cultural standard of the nation. The youth have to shoulder archaeological tasks to be able to stay in touch with the history. In that case, the government is dealing with the unearthed artifacts and giving educative talks to the people through media.

Now in the world, Myanmar is the only country in which the people wear traditional costumes. So, the people have to preserve traditional costumes, ideas, code of conduct, and belief.

Of the things that have spread to the nation due to the globalization, the people have to accept suitable ones and stay away from decadent ones. Myanmar has been able to preserve well its culture. It managed to revive own culture that somewhat degraded in the colonial rule of over 100 years.

The people are responsible for preserving and improving cultural heritage in accordance with the cultural trend of the world. The youth of today are under the bounden duty of improving the cultural trend of the nation in order that future generations will be able to be proud of the high cultural standard of the motherland.

In fact, Myanmar people built and innovated the culture in conformity with the geographical features, innate nature of the people and climate. That is the key to why Myanmar people have managed to preserve traditional costumes, diet and lifestyle till today.

Honesty, friendship and forbearance of the people plucked the nation from obscurity at the international level. Moreover, the people's sharp sensitivity to unfair treatment, a fine legacy handed down by forefathers, has attracted the attention of the international community. It is heartening to witness Myanmar traditional festivals portraying unity, mutual help and deep profession to the religious faith.

In retrospect, Myanmar had already seen civilization since pre-historic period. And it has preserved firmly the culture, customs and fine traditions. Myanmar has been able to stand tall in the world. A citizen can be proud to be a Myanmar national only if he preserves and relays culture and fine traditions to younger generations.

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Upgrading of roads in downtown Mandalay inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Feb—Maj-Gen Ohn Myint of the Ministry of Defence who was in Mandalay together with Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe, Chairman of Mandalay City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han and officials inspected resurfacing of downtown roads in Mandalay this morning.

Maj-Gen Ohn Myint and party looked into tarmacking of Mandalay-PyinOoLwin Road. After hearing reports on progress of works presented by the mayor and an official of Engineering Department (Road/Bridge) Daw Khin May Htay, Maj-Gen Ohn Myint stressed the need to disseminate knowledge on traffic rules.

Next, they looked into upgrading of Mandalay ring road, 66th street between Theikpan and Thazin streets and road section on 68th street between Thazin and Ngu Shwe Wah streets and construction of bridge across ditch in Chanmya Thazi Township and gave necessary instructions.

Then Maj-Gen Ohn Myint met with officers of battalions and regiments and left for Myitkyina in Kachin State by air.

At the lounge of Myitkyina airport, Maj-Gen Ohn Myint met with departmental officials, members of social organizations and townselders and gave necessary instructions. —*MNA*

***Maj-Gen Ohn Myint of Ministry of Defence inspects upgrading of roads in downtown Mandalay.* —MNA**

Redknapp predicts lengthy Chelsea stay for Hiddink

TOTTENHAM, 14 Feb—Tottenham Hotspur manager Harry Redknapp expects Guus Hiddink to stay at Chelsea long beyond the end of the 2008/09 Premiership campaign.

The Dutchman has been appointed as Luiz Felipe Scolari's successor at Stamford Bridge, yet he has only agreed a deal until the summer as he refuses to relinquish control of the Russian national side.

However, Redknapp believes that once 62-year-old Hiddink gets to grips with life in the Premier League, he will be eager to sit down with the Blues paymasters and discuss a long-term contract to remain at the helm.

"I think he is here to stay," Redknapp said in the Sun.

"I just cannot see Hiddink suddenly upping sticks and moving on when the season's over. Hiddink and [Chelsea owner] Roman Abramovich are close and they have been particularly close since Jose Mourinho left the club.

"Hiddink is also a world-class manager, not the sort of bloke happy to come in and hold the fort for someone else to arrive in the summer and say 'thanks very much, I'll take over from all your good work now'.

"I think that once he gets here, Guus will be here for a long time."

Internet

Penguins marching into trouble

SCIENCE DAILY, 14 Feb — Imagine you live in the suburbs of Chicago and you must commute hundreds of miles to a job in Iowa just to put food on the table. Magellanic penguins living on the Atlantic coast of Argentina face a similar scenario, and it is taking a toll. The penguins' survival is being challenged by wide variability in conditions and food availability, said Dee Boersma, a University of Washington biology professor and a leading authority on Magellanic penguins.

For example, while one parent incubates eggs on the nest the other must go off to find food. But these days, Boersma said, penguins often must swim 25 miles farther to find food than they did just a decade ago.

"That distance might not sound like much, but they also have to swim another 25 miles back, and they are swimming that extra 50 miles while their mates are back at the breeding grounds, sitting on a nest and starving," she said.

Internet

Magellanic penguins are declining due to overfishing, climate change and pollution, new data says.

6th Leprosy Elimination Day marked in Ayeyawady Div

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Feb—A ceremony to mark the 6th Leprosy Elimination Days was held at Ayeyashewar hall of Pathein in Ayeyawady Division on 6 February. Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Kyaw Swe attended the ceremony and presented the prizes to students who won in Basic Education High level essay contest.

Next, the commander visited to Basic Education High Schools in Pathein and met with students.

MNA

Prevention of flooding, reclamation of farmland in Sittoung Valley

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Feb—Chairman of Bago Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Southern Command Brig-Gen Hla Min on 5 February inspected prevention against flooding at Sittoung Valley and its surrounding areas and reclamation of farmlands.

As part of efforts to prevent the flooding, Mokkhamu embankment is being renovated near Mokkhamu Village in Nyaunglebin Township. Moreover, Wapadaw Creek is being dredged near Sanphe Village.

The commander also inspected proper flow of water at the drains and Yenwe Creek.

In DaikU Township, the commander visited the seed sorting factory at Kadok Farm of Myanma Agriculture Service.

MNA

KNU insurgents fire heavy weapons into Myawady

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Feb—KNU terrorist insurgents are committing subversive acts in the country resorting to various ways and means such as committing destructive acts, bullying the innocent people with the use of arms, murdering, planting mines, looting, robbing people of their possessions, demanding extortion money, burning down the houses and firing heavy weapons from the distance into towns and villages where innocent people live in a cowardly way in order to undermine stability of the State, peace and tranquility and prevalence of law and order.

The KNU terrorist insurgents fired heavy weapons from the distance four times into Myawady in Kayin State early this morning. Two shells landed about seven miles south west of the town, one near Zay lodging house in the town and the last one in the compound of a monastery. There were no casualties due to the blasts.

Though the KNU insurgents voiced good of Kayin State, in practice, they killed and frightened the innocent people by firing from the distance into the towns and villages in a cowardly way with heavy weapons. Therefore, the people abhorred the acts of the KNU.

Regional Tatmadaw columns are in hot pursuit of the insurgents.—*MNA*

Lt-Gen Myint Swe attends AGM of Myanmar Industries Association

YANGON, 14 Feb—Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence attended the 15th Annual General Meeting of Myanmar Industries Association at the office of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry on Minye Kyawswa Road in Lanmadaw Township this afternoon.

Accompanied by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Win Myint and officials, Lt-Gen Myint Swe visited the booths and sales rooms at Myanma Industrial Exhibition on the ground floor of the federation.

At the AGM, the Chairman of the association extended greetings.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe urged those present to boost industrial products output.

The President of UMFCCI and the Patron of MIA reported on tasks of the association.

The vice-chairman of the association submitted the report on discussions from the round-table meeting for industrial development.

Next, the report of executive committee and financial statement were read out and the list of new executive committee members was submitted.

Later, officials accepted cash donation to the funds of the association.—*MNA*

Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence visits booths at Myanma Industrial Exhibition. — MNA

Commander looks into sanitation works in Pazundaung, Botahtaung Townships

YANGON, 14 Feb – Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Win Myint inspected preventive measures against DHF and diarrhea and sanitation works for proper flow of water carried out in Pazundaung and Botahtaung Townships of Yangon East District here this morning.

Firstly, the commander heard reports on outbreak of disease and progress in preventive measures and sanitation works presented by the head of Yangon Division Health Department and officials and gave necessary instructions.

Next the commander and party inspected preventive measures against DHF, holding educative talks on health, spraying of insecticide and sanitation works for proper drainage being carried out by health staff, social organization members and local people along Leikkan street in ward-7 of Pazundaung Township and Strand Road and Bogale Zay Street in Botahtaung Township.

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Commander Brig-Gen Win Myint inspects sanitation work being carried out in Pazundaung Township.—MNA

Commander meets servicemen, families of Tachilek Station

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Feb — Chairman of Shan State (East) Peace and Development Council Commander of Triangle Region Command Brig-Gen Kyaw Phyo met with servicemen and their families of local battalions and regiments at the hall of Tachilek Station on 5 February.

Next, the commander attended the ceremony to open new Metta tarred road in Wunkaung ward to mark the 62nd Anniversary Union Day and met with departmental personnel, members of social organizations and local people at the office of Tachilek District PDC.

Afterwards, the commander presented prizes to winning teams of Triangle Region Command's 10th Htamane making contest held at the sports ground of the command.

MNA

39th ISD Cycling Contest commences

YANGON, 14 Feb—The 39th Inter-State/Division Cycling Contest 2009 was held at Thuwunna Cycling Ground, here, this morning.

First, defending champion Shan State (South) team handed over its championship shield to officials.

General Secretary of Myanmar Olympic Committee Director-General of Sports and Physical Education Department U Thaung Htaik opened the contest. A total of 10 teams from States and Divisions are taking part in the contest that will last up to 20 February. —*MNA*

I&P Deputy Minister visits offices in Bago Division

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Feb—Deputy Minister for Immigration and Population Brig-Gen Win Sein met with division/district/township level service personnel at the office of Bago Division Immigration and National Registration Department in Bago on 11 February.

The deputy minister called for successful implementation of three main tasks of the ministry and issuing of citizenship scrutiny cards in accordance with rules and regulations.

At the office in Waw Township, the deputy minister met with staff and inspected systemic keeping of files at the office.

In the afternoon, the deputy minister met with service personnel of Kyaikto Township Immigration and National Registration Department and urged them to implement the tasks successfully.

MNA

Prosperous Tamoenye region with business of thriving tea plantations

Article & Photos: Sai Thar Hlaing (Orange Land)

(from page 16)

plantations are being nurtured to produce quality tea, to increase the number of tea plants per acre through modern methods, to pluck the tea applying modern techniques, to provide training on systematic cultivation of quality strain tea to the local growers to be able to increase individual income from their products, to sell quality strain tea saplings at the reasonable price to the local farmers and to fetch foreign exchange through export of value-added tea products.

No harmful insecticides are used in

U Thiha Zaw of Tamoenye region explains regional development.

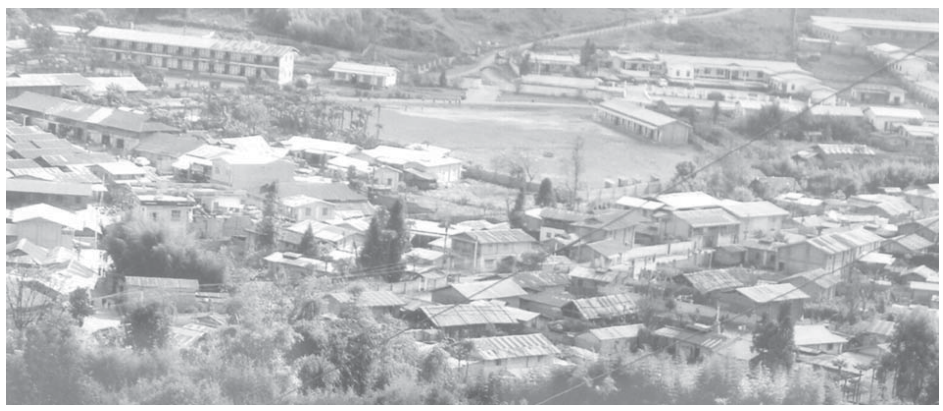
growing tea plants, and only natural fertilizers are fed to the plantations. As the tea plantations are established with mist and rainwater on the high mountains, tea leaves are always fresh and green.

It was learnt that the daily drinking of Wulon strain green tea can prevent the artery problems and cancer and control diabetes and hypertension. Moreover, it can enhance immunity and reduce the fat in heart.

With the assistance of the Chairman of Shan State (North) Peace and Development Council, the Wulon Tea Factory was opened, said in-charge of the factory U Khin Maung.

The thriving tea plantations as well as development process of the region can be witnessed in Tamoenye region of Shan State (North). In this regard, Tamoenye-Kutkai Road, dredging of drains for 137 acres of highland farmland, construction of Kyaukpayan diversion weir in Monesi Village and water supply tasks were undertaken in Lwekan, Monesi and Shaukhaw villages. Moreover, Tamoenye-Huphyak-Manyin-Lonhtang-Shaukhaw-Combined Office circular road, the road of Ward 6, Khattar Road, Myittar Road, Market Ring Road, Hninzi Road and Cherry Road were constructed. Furthermore, Tarpa suspension bridge was built in the region.

In the education sector, Basic Education Primary Schools in Shansaikku, Khopyin, Nampayon, Shwetu, Datnai, Manyin and Hopon villages and school buildings of Monesi BEHS were renovated. With regard to the health sector, two staff quarters and one medical officer's house were built at Tamoenye Hospital. In addition, the ditigal auto-telephone station was constructed and a total of 525 telephones were installed.



The bird's eye view of a part of residential area in Tamoenye in the time of the State Peace and Development Council.

Over 10,000 acres of monsoon crops were grown in the region in 2008-2009 financial year. Of them, corn and maize, beans and pulses, spicy plants, coffee, tea, banana, fruit plants and other crops were grown to meet the target.

The news team had interviews with U Hin Tha Tun of the Development Affairs Committee and Headmaster U Myint Maung of BEHS. They said that they valued the goodwill of the government for supply of potable water for the local people from streams and springs and supply of hydroelectricity the whole day. Consequently, the students have the opportunity to learn the multi-media and computer science.

At present, the government and local organizations are striving for development of Tamoenye region with the concerted efforts of the local people. The thriving tea plantations and booming businesses of the local people are evidences of the stability, peace and tranquillity of the region.

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Local national race girls pluck tea leaves at Wulon tea plantation in Tamoenye region.

Officials, Union Day delegates from states and divisions and local residents watch folk dance at the concert to mark the 62nd Anniversary Union Day on 13 February.

(News reported)

MNA

Union of Myanmar establishes diplomatic relations with Principality of Andorra

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Feb—The Union of Myanmar and the Principality of Andorra, desirous of establishing friendly relations and mutually beneficial co-operation on the basis of the principles of the Charter of the United Nations and norms of International Law in accordance with the Vienna Conventions on Diplomatic Relations and on Consular Relations, decided to establish diplomatic relations between the two countries at Ambassadorial level with effect from 11 February, 2009.

The agreement to establish diplomatic relations between the Union of Myanmar and the Principality of Andorra was signed by the Permanent Representative of Myanmar to the United Nations and the Permanent Representative of Andorra to the United Nations in New York on 11 February, 2009.—*MNA*

***Commander Maj-Gen Wai Lwin presents gifts to an outstanding student.*—MNA**

School Family Day held at Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana BEHS No. 3

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Feb—Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin attended the School Family Day of No. 3 Basic Education High School in Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana Township yesterday afternoon.

Patron of the School Board of Trustees Commander Maj-Gen Wai Lwin delivered an address.The headmaster reported on academic matters for 2009 and future tasks.

The commander and officials presented gifts to outstanding students in the 2008 matriculation examination and teachers.

Also present on the occasion were the Deputy Commander, staff officers, commandants of regiments and units and parents.

This morning, the commander attended the Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon Township Traffic Rules Educative Show. The Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon Township Peace and Development Council reported on the purpose of the show and presented gifts to the commander, the deputy commander and officials.

The deputy commander and officials formally opened the show.

The commander and party visited the integrated farm of farmer U Cho Tay in Khitaye Village of Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon Township. They viewed cooking of meals with the use of bio-gas.

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Commander attends 2nd National Immunization Days (2009)

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Feb—Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council Commander of Eastern Command Brig-Gen Yar Pyae attended the second National Immunization Days (2009) which was held at assembly hall of Nyaungshwehawkone ward in Taunggyi on 7 February. He fed polio vaccine to under-five years children.—*MNA*

Refresher Course for Clerical Work No. 1/2009 concludes

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Feb — The conclusion ceremony of Office Work Refresher Course No. 1/2009 organized by Ministry of Electric Power No. 2 was held at the hall of the ministry here yesterday.

It was attended by Minister for Electric Power No.2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Win Myint and departmental heads, officials and trainees.

Minister Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint made a speech on the occasion and Deputy Director-General U Kyaw Kyaw presented conclusion certificates to the leaders of trainees. A total of 35 officers attended the course.

MNA

Fire fighter who put out fire at Yuzana Plaza honoured

YANGON, 14 Feb— Yuzana Co., Ltd and Yuzana Plaza Development Committee honoured the permanent and auxiliary Fire Brigade members who put out fire at Yuzana Plaza in Mingala Taungnyunt Township that broke out on 14 December was held on 7th floor of the plaza on 5 February.

Director-General of the Fire Services Department U Myint Tun gave a speech. Chairman of Yuzana Co., Ltd U Htay Myint and Chairman of Plaza Development Committee U Tin Shwe spoke words of thanks and presented the certificates to the firemen.

Afterwards, officials accepted K 1 million for FSD (Head Office), five sets of computer and printer for Yangon Division Fire Services Department, Tamway, Sangyoung, Kyauktada, South Okkalapa Township Fire Services Departments, TV and four DVD players for Thakayta, Ahlon, Kyimyindine and Thingangyun Township Fire Stations, soya-bean oil for the fire-fighters and K 20 million for battalions and Mingala Taungnyunt Police Station from wellwishers.

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***Chairman of Yuzana Co., Ltd U Htay Myint presents K 1 million to Director-General of Fire Services Department U Myint Tun for FSD (Head Office).*—H**

6th Leprosy Elimination Day marked in Magway Division

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Feb—A ceremony to mark the 6th Leprosy Elimination Day of Magway Division took place at the hall of Magway Division Health Department in Magway on 6 February morning.

Chairman of Magway Division Peace and Development Council Col Phone Maw Shwe awarded prizes to the winners in the essay contest.

On 7 February, Col Phone Maw Shwe attended the second-time National Immunization Days 2009 in Magway and gave oral polio vaccine to children under five.—*MNA*

Regional development inspected in Bago Division (West)

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Feb—Vice-Chairman of Bago Division Peace and Development Council Brig-Gen Sein Myint on 2 February looked into construction of Htanlone Creek embankment to prevent flooding of Ayeyawady River in Shwedaung Township and thriving sunflower and mixed cropping plantations in Hsinmyeeswe Village-tract in Thegon Township.

In Nyaungwun Village of Thegon Township, he attended the opening of Lapyaewun Library.

On 4 February morning, Brig-Gen Sein Myint delivered an address at the coordination meeting of Bago Division (West) PDC at its office.—*MNA*

UK anti-Semitic attacks rise after Gaza conflict

LONDON, 14 Feb — The number of anti-Semitic attacks on British Jews rose sharply after the start of the conflict in Gaza, a Jewish charity said on Friday.

The London-based Community Security Trust, which monitors anti-Semitism and works to safeguard the Jewish community in Britain, said 250 anti-Semitic incidents were recorded in the four weeks after 27 Dec, when Israel launched attacks on Gaza to stop Hamas rocket attacks.

That compares to 40 incidents from the same period the year before.

Dave Rich, a spokesman for the trust, said Jews in Britain are unfairly seen as local representatives of Israel — a view that fuels some of the anti-Semitic attacks.

"This is racism," he said. "And like all forms of racism, it is unacceptable."

The trust said crimes included assaults, damage to Jewish property, threats, hate mail, verbal abuse and anti-Semitic graffiti.

Police figures echo this rise. London police have recorded about three times the number of anti-Semitic incidents from 27 Dec to 3 Feb as compared to the same period last year. Though some of that increase came from a change in the way the statistics were kept, the data still reflected a surge in incidents in the capital.—*Internet*

***Afghan policemen throw out burnt furniture from the building which was attacked by a suicide bomber in Kabul on 11 February, 2009.—*INTERNET**

Israeli warplanes strike on N Gaza

GAZA, 14 Feb — Israeli F16 warplanes struck on Friday night two targets near Jabalia refugee camp in northern Gaza Strip, no injuries were reported, witnesses said.

Jabalia residents said the Israeli aircraft hovered over the northern area of the Gaza Strip, where two big successive explosions struck the area, adding the two explosions were a result of Israeli missiles fired at east of the refugee camp.

Earlier on Friday, Israeli F16 warplanes carried out three separate airstrikes on the borderline area between southern Gaza Strip town of Rafah and Egypt, adding that the air strikes targeted underground tunnels used for smuggling.

The Israeli airstrikes on the Gaza Strip came after a pro-Hezbollah group claimed responsibility for launching two homemade rockets from the Gaza Strip at the southern Israeli towns of Sderout and Ashkol.—*Internet*

Petrobras discovers evidence of oil off Iran's coast

RIO DE JANEIRO, 14 Feb—Brazil's state-owned oil and gas company Petrobras has discovered evidence of hydrocarbons in ultra-deep water in the Persian Gulf off the coast of Iran, company officials said on Friday.

Jorge Zelada, Petrobras' international area director, said the next step will not be determined until the company finishes its analysis of the evidence, which will take two to three months.

Petrobras signed a contract in 2004 to develop exploration projects in the Persian Gulf off Iran. The company so far has invested 100 million US dollars in the drilling of two wells, Zelada said.

He said the type of partnership with Iran has not been discussed yet and will be determined only if the discovery proves to be of commercial value.

Internet

Bomb blasts in office of UN in Nepal

KATHMANDU, 14 Feb— A bomb was detonated in office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in mid-western Nepal on Friday, according to local media.

Spokesperson of the organization Marty Logan told myrepublica.com that it was a socket bomb thrown inside the UN compound in Nepalgunj in mid-western Nepal, some 365 km west of Kathmandu.

No one was hurt in the incident that took place at around 08:40pm local time (1455 GMT).

Logan said that it was a "big surprise" for them and police are already at the incident site.

According to Logan, no UN staff was inside in the office when the bomb blasted.—*Internet*

Rubik's 360 : A fair hostess presents the new "Rubik's 360" round Rubik's Cube by Swiss manufacturer Jumbo at the International Toy Fair 2009 in Nuremberg, southern Gemany.

Ten new amphibian species discovered in Colombia

Ten new species of amphibians — including three kinds of poisonous frogs and three transparent-skinned glass frogs — have been discovered in the mountains of Colombia, conservationists said.

An undated handout image shows a glass frog of the Nymphargus genus, which is potentially new to science, that was discovered in the mountains of the Darien region in Colombia. Ten new species of amphibians—including three kinds of poisonous frogs and three transparent-skinned glass frogs—have been discovered in the mountains of Colombia, conservationists said.

Essex greengrocer stung by scorpion

An Essex greengrocer has been rushed to hospital after being stung by a scorpion hiding in a box of bananas.

Daniel Amey thought that he had scratched his finger until it swelled up. While being treated at hospital, doctors discovered a scorpion's tail in his finger and promptly removed it and drew out the venom.

"I put my hand in the box and thought I had cut it but by the time I was carrying the bananas, my finger had swollen up to twice its size and it felt like it was burning," he said.

"The doctor was ex-Army and he knew straight away that it was a scorpion as there was a single impact wound from the sting. He told me that if it had been the other kind of scorpion from Africa, I would have been dead within 15 minutes.

"My wrist and finger seized up tight but as soon as they released the pressure it was not too bad and I could see the venom coming out."

NEWS ALBUM

Cow knocks over, steps on woman

A US woman has managed to escape serious injury after being attacked by a cow.

The Boulder, Colorado resident was cycling along a creek trail when she stopped to allow the animal to pass. To her surprise, the cow instead decided to knock her over and step on her legs.

Boulder Open Space and Mountain Parks ranger Pete Taylor confirmed that the woman, whose name has not been released, refused medical treatment following the incident.

Lucky cat falls 15 stories and survives

A lucky cat fell off his master's 15th-floor balcony in Qingdao, Shandong province, and survived unscathed.

Wang, the cat's owner, found the cat wandering the streets several months earlier and took it home. She kept it on the balcony of her apartment.

One night, she heard a noise and realized the cat had fallen. Wang found the little cat trembling on the ground but it was not injured.

The cat's developed a bigger appetite ever since the fall.

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV KOTA TEGAP VOY NO (431)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA TEGAP VOY NO (431) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 15.2.2009 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm up to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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Zimbabwe's cholera outbreak still not under control

GENEVA, 14 Feb—The cholera death toll in Zimbabwe is still increasing, showing that the epidemic is still not under control, the World Health Organization (WHO) said on Friday.From Feb. 11 to Feb. 12, 280 new cases and 11 new deaths were reported, and the total number of cases increased to some 73,000 with 3,524 deaths, according to latest figures released by the UN agency.

WHO said the current fatality rate of Zimbabwe's cholera epidemic, which has been spreading since last August, was as high as 4.8 percent.

In order to say that cholera is under control, the fatality rate has to be below 1 percent.Despite the increasing number of cholera treatment centers opening in Zimbabwe, risks of flooding linked to the current rainy season would make areas difficulty accessible, WHO spokesperson Fadela Chaib told a news briefing in Geneva.—*Internet*

Russian missile cruiser "Peter the Great" moored in Cape Town, South Africa, last month. —INTERNET

Russian warship apprehends Somali pirates

MOSCOW, 14 Feb—A Russian heavy missile cruiser stopped three pirate ships off the coast of Somalia, and detained 10 pirates, according to a statement released Friday by Russian Navy headquarters in Moscow.

The cruiser, Peter the Great, halted two small high-speed motor boats and a mid-size, support vessel on Thursday, the Russians said."Ten pirates have been detained. All of them are citizens of Somalia," the press release obtained by CNN stated.

The Russians said a Russian helicopter Ka-27, which took off from the cruiser, had located two small boats, which were moving toward an Iranian fishing vessel at high speed last Thursday.When those in the boats spotted the helicopter overhead, the boats began slowing down, then veered off toward their support vessel, which was adrift nearby.

The helicopter crew could see pirates in the two motor boats throwing weapons into the sea, and kept chasing the boats until the Russian cruiser arrived in the area."The three boats were (captured and) delivered to the Peter the Great, and ten Somalian pirates were taken aboard.

"The detainees possessed weapons, including a G-3 rifle, an Ak-47, two AKMS machine-guns, two grenade-launchers and two anti-infantry grenades, and also had a GPS receiver, a ladder, 500 grams of drugs, a large amount of money, a bag of sugar and a bag of rice. The detained pirates were high on drugs," the press release said.—*Internet*

The Cypriot-flagged "Monchegorsk" is docked in Limassol port as Cypriot authorities began to unload a shipment of UN banned arms which Israel charges was destined for the Hamas-run Gaza Strip. Cypriot authorities on Friday began to unload a shipment of UN-banned arms from a Cyprus-flagged ship which Israel charges was carrying weapons to the Hamas-run Gaza Strip. —INTERNET

Mexican troops kills hitmen in desert shootout

MEXICO CITY, 14 Feb—Mexican troops turned the tables on three suspected drug hitmen today, shooting them dead after an ambush in the desert near the US border, where cartel violence has killed 21 others this week. Three gunmen opened fire on soldiers hunting for gangsters near a farming town in Chihuahua state, over the border from El Paso, Texas and tried to lob grenades, but were shot by the troops, army spokesman Enrique Torres said.

The violence followed fierce gunbattles on Tuesday in the same area, near the town of Villa Ahumada, where drug gangs abducted local police and shot six people, triggering an army raid that left 14 dead.

An army sergeant was also killed by the drug gang.Tuesday's violence left bodies strewn across the desert in one of the bloodiest scenes this year in a spiraling drug war that killed 6000 people last year, raising fears of a spillover into the US.

"The army will continue to search this area where gangs are hiding until they are caught," Mr Torres said.Officials believe the hit men were working for Mexico's most-wanted man, Joaquin "Shorty" Guzman, leader of the powerful Sinaloa cartel who is trying to wrestle control of a smuggling corridor into Texas from the Juarez gang.—*Internet*

Wife of Ecuadorean dragged by NY van wants justice

QUITO, 14 Feb—The wife of the Ecuadorean man hit by a car, trapped under a van and dragged for nearly 20 miles through New York City is demanding justice for her husband's death.

"It's not fair that my husband died there as if he were an animal," said Sonia Solorzano, wife of Guido Salvador Carabajo-Jara, an Ecuadorean immigrant killed in a gruesome car accident in New York on Wednesday."I don't want (his death) to go unpunished. I want justice," Solorzano told Ecuavisa TV on Friday from her home in the southern Ecuadorean province of Canar.

New York police have said the death was accidental and that they have no plans to charge the two drivers, who both have clean driving records. Carabajo-Jara was on his way to work laying tile in Brooklyn on Wednesday morning when he was hit by an SUV while apparently crossing against the light on a busy street. He was then impaled by a steel plate on the underside of a second vehicle, a van, and dragged nearly 20 miles to Brooklyn.

Internet

Two surfers walk as lifeguards set up 'dangerous current' signs at the iconic Bondi beach in Sydney, on 13 Feb, 2009. —INTERNET

$250K Microsoft bounty to catch worm creator

***Experts say a single infected laptop could expose an entire network to the worm.*—INTERNET**

NEW YORK,14 Feb —Software giant Microsoft is offering a $250,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of hackers behind a powerful computer virus that could lead to millions of PCs being hijacked. Experts have so far been baffled by the true purpose of the Conficker or Downadup virus, but have described its spread as one of the most serious infections ever seen.

The worm exploits a bug in Microsoft Windows to infect mainly corporate networks, then — although it has yet to cause any harm — it opens a link back to its point of origin, meaning it can receive further orders to wreak havoc.Microsoft has issued a patch to fix the bug, however if a single machine is infected in a large network, it will spread unchecked — often reinfecting machines that have been disinfected.

The threat from the virus prompted Microsoft in collaboration with other technology industry names to this week announce a $250,000 reward for information to track down those behind Conficker."—*Internet*

***In this photo supplied by BridgeClimb, actors Richard Hiliar, right, and Milly Stilinovic perform the balcony scene from Shakespeare's 'Romeo and Juliet' atop the Sydney Harbour Bridge in Sydney, Australia on 14 Feb, 2009, Valentine's Day. The performance was staged for the enjoyment of bridge climbers on Valentine's Day and is part of the Shakespeare festival being held in Sydney at present.*—INTERNET**

Dictionary keeps up with teen slang

LONDON,14 Feb — Don't go stunting your pee, there's a piff breh. It may sound like gobbledegook, but it could end up in the Collins English Dictionary which is seeking the latest slang for a new edition .

Publisher Harper Collins has come up with a shortlist of words put forward by 14 to 18-year olds and has asked the social networking website Bebo to help pinpoint the most common slang terms in Britain.Over coming months, Bebo's 10.5 million users will vote on the words they think should be included in the 30th anniversary edition of the dictionary.

"Teenage slang is notoriously hard to pin down if you rely on the normal channels," said Cormac McKeown, head of content at Collins."By the time it's filtered into publications, broadcasts, and eventually mainstream speech, it's too late, young people have stopped using it."The findings from the Bebo community will give us the chance to keep track of an exciting part of our language that usually goes unrecorded."

Among the slang terms proposed, "piff" means good, "breh" means boy and "shifted" means get arrested. Other slang words are "stunting" (showing off), "pee" (money), "co-dee" (friends) and "pinky" (50 pounds).The list also includes "sick" (cool, good) "bare" (a lot of), "seen" (cool), "mugged" (mocked), "fiend" (addicted) and "hater", which means a negative person.—*Internet*

***Kunanan Jantri, holding a marriage certificate, and his wife, Somradee Kheasanit , celebrate Valentine's Day as they take to the skies in a 'sky coaster' ride in Pranchinbui province in eastern Thailand, on 14 Feb, 2009.*—INTERNET**

No warrant needed to trace Internet use

TORONTO, 14 Feb—A judge in Canada has ruled that Internet users have no expectation of privacy and police can use track people through Internet protocols without warrants.

The ruling by Ontario Superior Court Judge Lynne Leitch is binding on lower courts, and gives law enforcement a new tool to use in investigating such matters as child pornography, the *National Post* reported on Friday.Ruling in a child pornography possession case, Leitch found that the Canadian Charter does not provide a "reasonable expectation of privacy" regarding subscriber information retained by Internet service providers.Police asked Bell Canada in 2007 for subscriber information on an IP address used by someone who had allegedly accessed child pornography. Bell provided the requested information without inquiring whether police had a search warrant.—*Internet*

A security woman keeps order at a job fair in Beijing on 14 Feb, 2009. —INTERNET

Volunteers sort through the tonnes of donated goods at the Whittlesea relief centre, some 80 kilometres north of Melbourne.—INTERNET

Residents return to fire-destroyed town

BUXTON, 14 Feb—Residents of the town worst-hit by Australia's wildfire disaster made a brief and emotional return there on Saturday but were not allowed to stay because the entire village is being treated as an arson crime scene.

About 300 people from Marysville were loaded on buses with fire and police officials and driven through the town, exactly one week after waves of blazes swept southeastern Victoria state, killing at least 181 people and razing 1,800 homes in a matter of hours.

One man has been arrested and charged with arson causing death and deliberately lighting a wildfire in connection to one of the fires, though not the one that destroyed Marysville. The suspect, also charged with possessing child pornography, is in custody pending a court hearing on Monday.

Marysville, a picturesque village nestled in the Mystic Mountains popular with honeymooners and nature lovers, was devastated by the fires. Just a handful of buildings remain standing.—*Internet*

SPORTS

Hiddink appointment not a panic move says Wilkins

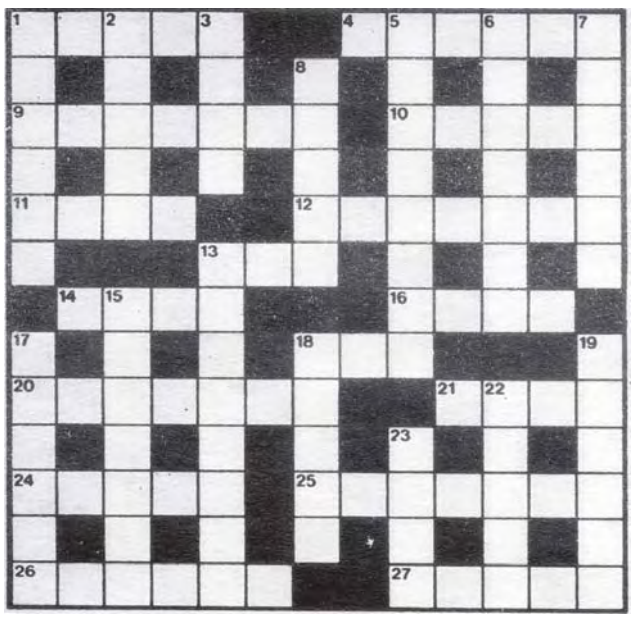
Russian national football team Guus Hiddink .—INTERNET

LONDON, 14 Feb—Chelsea assistant manager Ray Wilkins insists the club's decision to sack Luiz Felipe Scolari and hire Guus Hiddink as the Brazilian's replacement was not a panic move.Wilkins will be in charge on Saturday for Chelsea's FA Cup fifth-round tie at Watford before Hiddink officially takes over on Monday.

Hiddink, who will watch from the stands at Vicarage Road, has been installed as manager until the end of the season and will combine the role with his other job as coach of the Russian national side. Chelsea owner Roman Abramovich axed Scolari after just seven months in charge following reports of dressing room unrest at his tactics and laid-back training regime, as well as a series of increasingly underwhelming performances.

The sight of fans protesting against Scolari after a goalless draw against Hull last Saturday was the final straw for Abramovich, but Wilkins is adamant Hiddink's impressive CV makes the decision understandable."I don't think it's a panic measure, he's a world class coach," Wilkins said.—*Internet*

CROSSWORDS PUZZLE



ACROSS

1 Provoke, nettle
4 Soup ingredient (2,4)
9 Periodical allowance
10 Notches
11 Classic for 3 year old fillies
12 Boat race-meeting
13 Transgression
14 Metallic element
16 Common rodents
18 Purchase
20 Snake
21 Stimulus
24 Boundary
25 Bird
26 Make certain
27 Inn

DOWN

1 Shepherd
2 Fast
3 Unifrom
5 Cross-fertilisation
6 Strict hermit
7 Indian sailor
8 Embellish
13 Artist in carving
15 Narrow neck of land
17 Young salmon
18 Lively
19 Gardener's tool
22 Guide
23 City on River Avon

Scolari says Robinho could have made all the difference

Robinho

LONDON, 14 Feb—Luiz Felipe Scolari said he was in charge of a 'bureaucratic' Chelsea side which, because of injuries to key players and the lack of a game-changing forward like Robinho, left him with few tactical options.

Speaking to France Football magazine a week before he was sacked on Monday the Brazilian admitted he faced several challenges during his short stint with the Premier League giants.Scolari told the magazine he had two main requests before taking over from the sacked Avram Grant at Stamford Bridge, namely signing Brazilian forward Robinho and Brazil-born Portuguese midfielder Deco.—*Internet*

Mauresmo, Serena, Jankovic advance at Paris Open

***France's Amelie Mauresmo returns to Poland's Agnieszka Radwanska during their 17th WTA French Open tennis match in Paris. Mauresmo won 6-2, 6-0.*—INTERNET**

PARIS, 14 Feb—Amelie Mauresmo restored a measure of French pride with a crushing quarter-final victory over Polish fourth seed Agnieszka Radwanska at the Paris Open on Friday, after three of her compatriots had been eliminated.

Top seeds Serena Williams, Jelena Jankovic and Elena Dementieva all progressed to the semi-finals at the expense of French players, before Mauresmo's emphatic 6-2, 6-0 win finally gave the home fans something to shout about.Number one seed Williams saw off qualifier Emilie Loit 6-4, 6-1, but was made to work much harder than she had done in her opening two matches.

Internet

Marathon man Nadal edges Tsonga

***Spanish Rafael Nadal returns the ball to French Jo-Wilfried Tsonga during the ATP World Tennis Tournament in Rotterdam.* —INTERNET**

ROTTERDAM, 14 Feb—Rafael Nadal had to struggle through another three-set challenge before beating Frenchman Jo-Wilfried Tsonga 6-4, 6-7 (5/7), 6-4 on Friday to reach the Rotterdam Open semi-finals.The world number one has been taken to three sets in all three rounds this week, but the Spaniard said his game was improving on this fast, indoor surface.

"This was definitely my best match of the week," said Nadal after two hours, 40 minutes in a contest where Tsonga fired six aces."Tsonga just came from winning a tournament and was extremely tough. This was a very important win for me. I'm so glad to be in my first semi-final here."—*Internet*

***Bayer Leverkusen's Stefan Kiessling (R) clashes with Hoffenheim's Austrian defender Andreas Ibertsberger during their 20th day Bundesliga football match on 13 Feb, 2009 at the Rhein-Neckar-Arena in Sinsheim.*—INTERNET**

Leverkusen shock leaders Hoffenheim

BERLIN, 14 Feb—Germany striker Patrick Helmes scored twice as Bayer Leverkusen shocked Bundesliga leaders Hoffenheim 4-1 on Friday.Both goals were executed with ruthless finishing by Helmes as Hoffenheim were humbled at home for the first time at the Rhein-Neckar-Arena which opened in January.

"We knew that we had to put our opponents on the back foot," said Bayer coach Bruno Labbadia."We wanted to be the first team to beat Hoffenheim here and I am happy for the team that we achieved that. It was important for us to know we can beat any team in the league."

The league leaders are now in danger of losing their place at the top to Bayern Munich or Hertha Berlin on Saturday. They lead by just a point from Bayern with Bayer Leverkusen now up to fourth and just three points off the leaders.

"We made too many errors, which is not typical of us," said Hoffenheim coach Ralf Rangnick."We conceded two goals in the first ten minutes. There were a few key passages of play for us, above all the goals just before and after half-time."It is crucial now to see how the team responds in our next game against Stuttgart."

Internet

Wie in position for 1st LPGA victory

KAHUKU, 14 Feb—Michelle Wie just wanted to start anew where she could leave all her past struggles. She's in a position to do more than that.Wie put herself into contention for her first LPGA Tour victory, shooting a 2-under 70 in difficult conditions Friday in the second round of the season-opening SBS Open.

Michelle Wie

Making her rookie debut as an LPGA card-carrying member, Wie used a three-birdie run to surge to the top of the leaderboard and finish with an 8-under 136, where she was tied with Angela Stanford (71) heading into Saturday's final round."I'm starting with a clean slate," she said. "I earned my way here. I'm a rookie. ... And I've been through a lot, so I'm just going to start fresh, start new and just have a great year."

Internet

***Eighty computers have been lost, stolen or gone "missing" at a major US nuclear weapons lab, the nonprofit watchdog group Project On Government Oversight has said.—*INTERNET**

Turkish Army kills 13 rebels in north Iraq

ISTANBUL, 14 Feb—Turkish Armed Forces killed 13 Kurdish PKK rebels during an air strike last week in northern Iraq, the state-run news agency *Anatolian* reported on Friday, but a Kurdish spokesman said the number of casualties was lower.

The airstrike also badly damaged a PKK operations and logistics base, according to *Anatolian*. PKK spokesman Ahmed Danees said three rebels were killed.

"Not 16 like the Turkish Army said," he said. "The PKK is in a self-defence posture. They don't want to escalate the war with Turkey but if they are forced into it they are ready." Kurdish separatist fighters use Iraq's autonomous northern region as a base to launch attacks on targets in southeastern Turkey, and Turkish forces have frequently retaliated with air and artillery strikes.—*MNA/Reuters*

MRTV-3
Programme Schedule
(15.2.2009) (Sunday)

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

Local Transmission

- ❒ Signature Tune
- ❒ Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights
- ❒ Hundred Fruits from a Common Stem, our Union (Bago Division)
- ❒ Chaungtha Beach Resort
- ❒ Naga Traditional Cultural Showroom
- ❒ Versatile Toddy Palms
- ❒ The Beauty of Ingyin Fossils from Chindwin River
- ❒ Aung Zay Yon Hill Htamane Festival
- ❒ 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 (Taninthayi Division)
- ❒ Welcome To Shwemyaing (Mawlamying)
- ❒ Beautiful Sculptures for Sale
- ❒ Exhibition Centre Introducing Hkakaborazi National Park
- ❒ Dressing Styles of Law-Waw Ladies
- ❒ Mandalay's Grand Walls and Moat...
- ❒ Myanmar Modern Song
- ❒ Hundred Fruits from a Common Stem, our Union (Bago Division)
- ❒ Chaungtha Beach Resort
- ❒ Naga Traditional Cultural Showroom
- ❒ Versatile Toddy Palms
- ❒ The Beauty of Ingyin Fossils from Chindwin River
- ❒ Aung Zay Yon Hill Htamane Festival
- ❒ Myanmar Orchestra, A Blend of Arts!
- ❒ Travelogue (Inlay)
- ❒ Myanma Natural Spirulina (Part-II)
- ❒ Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights

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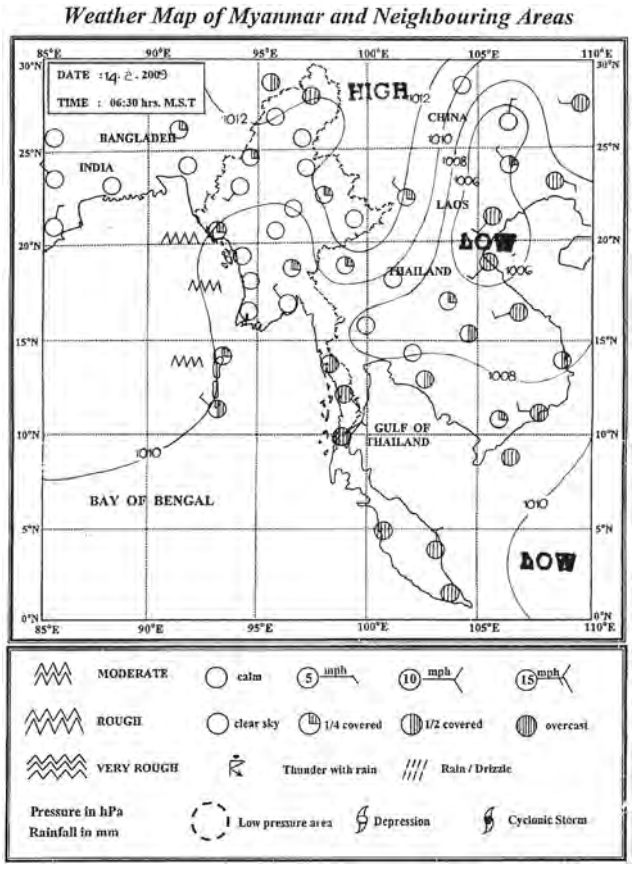
TV Myanmar

Sunday, 15 February
View on today

7:00 am
1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော် ယောဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ဥပ္ပါတသုန္တိပါဠိတော်
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. ယဉ်ကျေးလိမ္မာ(၃၈)ဖြာမင်္ဂလာ
8:05 am
6. Musical programme
8:15 am
7. နွေအတွက်စိုက်ပျိုးမခက်၊ အလင်းပါဆောင်မည့် ခပေါင်းရေလှောင်တမံ
8:30 am
8. International news
8:45 am
9. အဆိုဖြိုင်ပွဲ
8:50 am
10. Musical programme
11:00 am
1. Martial song
11:10 am
2. Musical programme
11:20 am
3. Round up of the week's International news
11:30 am
4. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "အားကိုးချစ်သူ ကျေးတောသူ" (အပိုင်း-၂၃)
12:15 pm
5. Golf magazine (TV)
12:35 pm
6. မြန်မာဗွီဒီယိုဇာတ်လမ်း "သံယောဇဉ်ထောင်ချောက်" (ဝေဠုကျော်၊ ရဲအောင်၊ နဝရတ်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ကျော်ဇ)
2:15 pm
7. Musical programme
2:25 pm
8. အတီးဖြိုင်ပွဲ
2:35 pm
9. Song of national races
2:45 pm
10. International news
4:00 pm
1. Martial song
4:10 pm
2. ပြန်ကြားရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံစုံတီးဝိုင်းဖျော်ဖြေ တင်ဆက်မှုအစီအစဉ်
4:20 pm
3. Musical programme
4:30 pm
4. ၂၀၀၉ခုနှစ်၊ တက္ကသိုလ်ဝင်စာမေးပွဲ ဘာသာရပ်ဆိုင်ရာသင်ခန်းစာ (ရူပဗေဒဘာသာရပ်) (အပိုင်း-၁)
5:00 pm
5. Song to uphold National Spirit
5:10 pm
6. Sing and enjoy
6:00 pm
7. Evening news
6:30 pm
8. Weather report
6:35 pm
9. ကာတွန်းအစီအစဉ် "Pocket Dragon Adventure"
6:50 pm
10. တစ်မျက်နှာတစ်ကွက်စာ "အတူတူမသွားဘူး" (ဘုန်းလျှံ၊ ထက်အိကလျာ) [ဒါရိုက်တာ-ကြည်သာ (ပွဲကြိုက်ခင်)]
7:10 pm
11. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "သစ္စာနှင့်ယှဉ်သောမေတ္တာ" (အပိုင်း-၁၉)
8:00 pm
12. News
13. International news
14. Weather report
15. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ကြမ္မာမုန်တိုင်း" (အပိုင်း-၁၁)

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Saturday, 14 February, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kachin State, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions. Night temperatures were (5˚C) below February average temperatures in Bago Division, (3˚C) to (4˚C) below February average temperatures in Chin State and Mandalay Division, (5˚C) to (6˚C) above February average temperatures in Kachin State and Mandalay Division and about February average temperatures in the remaining State and Divisions. The significant night temperatures were Loilem (-1˚C), Haka and Namhsam (2˚C) each, Heho (3°C) and Pinlaung (4˚C).

Maximum temperature on 13-2-2009 was 92˚F. Minimum temperature on 14-2-2009 was 63˚F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 14-2-2009 was 95%. Total sunshine hours on 13-2-2009 was (7.4) hrs approx.

Rainfall on 14-2-2009 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 (6) mph from Northeast at (14:30) hours MST on 13-2-2009.

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 15th February 2009: Weather will be partly cloudy in Kachin, Kayin and Mon States, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions.

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 15-2-2009: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 15-2-2009: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 15-2-2009: Generally fair weather.

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Prosperous Tamoenye region with business of thriving tea plantations

Article & Photos: Sai Thar Hlaing (Orange Land)

The scenic beauty of Tamoenye region can be seen as a part of the panoramic view in Shan region. Such beautiful scene depicts thriving Hsinshweli Wulon strain tea plantation grown on contour lines of the hilly regions of Tamoenye region in Kutkai Township, Shan State (North), applying modern agriculture technology.

Tamoenye is a hilly region. Capturing rainfall all year round, the region has 20 degrees Fahrenheit in maximum and 4 degrees Fahrenheit in minimum. It rains 125 days every year registering 76.41 inches. As such, the freezing air always brings moisture to the region. We saw mountain toddy palms along the road to the town and on the mountain ranges.

Eight wards of Tamoenye are home to over 10,000 people and 29 village-tracts, home to over 50,000 people. Most of the people are engaged in the growing of tea plantation and hill-side cultivation.

In the region, Hsinshweli Wulon strain tea plantation was introduced to the local growers in February 2004. With a view to ensuring welfare and economic development of the local people, the suitable and marketable tea plantations were established in the region.

With regard to thriving Hsinshweli Wulon strain tea plantation in Tamoenye, Tea Industry Manager U Myint Lwin explained that the tea

(See page 9)

Wulon Tea Industry U Myint Lwin points to thriving Hsinshweli Wulon strain tea plantation.

Reminder for watercrafts issued

YANGON, 14 Feb—The overhead cable of Thanlyin-Thakayta 230 KV power grid is being installed across Bago River between Dagon Bridge and Thanlyin Bridge from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily from 13 to 20 February.

Directorate of Water Resources and Improvement of River System issued a reminder today that the waterway in the area of cable installation is being closed temporarily to prevent waterway accidents.

Therefore, the watercrafts are to wait in safe areas and pass through the project site only after the work hours.

MNA

Families of Bayintnaung Market to donate blood on 28 Feb

YANGON, 14 Feb—Bayintnaung Market development committee will organize the 9th collective blood donation ceremony at the office of the committee in the market in Mayangon Township on 28 February (Saturday). Those whishing to donate blood or refreshment for blood donors may contact Chairman of the committee U Hla Aye (Ph: 726269), secretary U Khin Maung Lwin (Ph: 728467) and office (Ph: 682019).

At the 8th blood donation ceremony, families of Bayintnaung Market donated 2103 bottles of blood and K 9 million to National Blood Unit of Yangon General Hospital.

MNA

BEWARE OF FIRE

Portsmouth 2-0 Manchester City

LONDON, 14 Feb—Portsmouth won Paul Hart's first match as caretaker manager, beating Manchester City 2-0 in the Barclays Premier League.

Goals from defenders Glen Johnson and Hermann Hreidarsson handed Pompey a well-earned win over City in their first outing since Tony Adams' sacking. The tireless Johnson scored a wonderful solo goal after 70 minutes, with Hreidarsson adding a headed second five minutes later.

David James, celebrating a record 536th Premier League appearance, was able to cap his landmark with a clean sheet, saving well from City's only real chance in the closing minutes.—*Internet*

Shaleum Logan of City and David Nugent of Portsmouth battle for the ball.

Scotland earns Swansea draw against Fulham

LONDON, 14 Feb — Fulham survived a testing trip to south Wales on Saturday, drawing 1-1 with Swansea City in a free-flowing FA Cup, fifth round tie.

The Premier League side were outplayed for most of the game by their Championship (second division) opponents but took a fortunate lead just before the break when Swans skipper Garry Monk scored an own goal. Swansea's Trinidadian striker Jason Scotland scored a superb equaliser after 52 minutes, turning in an instant to slam a low shot past Fulham's keeper Mark Schwarzer and set up a replay.—*Internet*