Sovereignty is the lifeblood of a nation. The three powers—legislative, executive and judicial—must be understood as sovereignty. These three powers must be in the hands of our citizens and our national races. We cannot put them in the hands of any alien directly or indirectly. Once, the sovereignty of our country is influenced in any way by others, it is tantamount to indirect enslavement under neo-colonialism. Hence, the Tatmadaw must ensure perpetuation of sovereignty at the risk of lives.

Senior General Than Shwe
Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council
Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services
(Address delivered at the parade of 52nd Anniversary Armed Forces Day)

YANGON, 25 Dec—Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe, accompanied by member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, members of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint, Lt-Gen Tin Aung Myint Oo, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and Lt-Gen Tin Aye, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Li-Gen Myat Hein, Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Ye Myint, the ministers, senior military officers, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office and heads of departments, inspected the Anisakhan Airport construction project site in PyinOoLwin, Mandalay Division, on 23 December.

At the briefing hall, Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe reported to Senior General Than Shwe and party on the background history of the airport and construction.

Next, Director of Military Engineers Maj-Gen Tin Tun reported on the project for construction of the airport, cleaning of land, earth work, construction of a diversion canal between Sitha Creek and Hsingaunggyi Creek and Dobhin Creek and arrangements for paving of concrete on the runway to Senior General Than Shwe and party.

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PERSPECTIVES

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Strive for improvement of science and technology

The graduation parade of the Seventh Intake of the Defences Services Technological Academy took place on the parade ground of the DSTA in PyinOoLwin yesterday, with an address delivered by Senior General Than Shwe, Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services.

In his address, Senior General Than Shwe stressed the graduating cadets would have to strive as the human resources for building a developed nation while further promoting the science and technology sectors of the Tatmadaw, adding that as the saying which goes ‘the taller the person, the longer his shadow’, the task to build an industrial nation would be swifter and speedier, only when they tried to enhance their ability.

The 21st Century is an age of rapidly-changing science and technology. In particular, it is found that the invention and innovation of military equipment plays a larger part in the process of advancing science and technology than that of any other spheres. In a sense, it is undeniably that some world’s super powers are doing everything they can to keep the world at the helm by a firm grasp on dogmatism, he said.

Nowadays, new findings in the field of science and technology are emerging one after another. This being the case, the graduating cadets are to work hard to glean knowledge of science and technology, innovation, and creation, keeping pace with the time. The efficiency of the Tatmadaw plays a crucial role in defence of the country and its sovereignty. Only then will it be able to safeguard its land, water and air territories.

The second annual plenary meeting of the Myanmar Federation of Nationalities Youth Resistance Committees was held at 10 am at the Union Election Commission on Strand Road.

The meeting will be held at 10 am at the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry on 504/506 on Merchant Street in Kyauktada Township, Yangon, and all members of the association are invited to attend the meeting without fail.

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Respects paid to retired teachers at YTU

Yangon, 25 Dec — Old civil engineer students of Yangon Technological University paid respects to the retired aged teachers at a ceremony held at the University this morning.

At the ceremony, Rector of YTU Dr Hla Than made a speech and Chairman of Committee for organizing the Ceremony U Ko Ko Gyi expressed thanks. Next, the old students presented cash and kind to the teachers.

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* 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
Indo-Malaysian cooperation pact to go beyond trade

BANGALORE, 24 Dec — Malaysian Prime Minister Abdullah Ahmed Badawi on Wednesday said sectors such as education, health services and agriculture, besides trade, would figure in the proposed comprehensive cooperation agreement with India expected to be signed next year.

The Prime Ministers of both countries agreed to constitute a committee made up of representatives from both sides to look at “all sectors,” Badawi told reporters in this southern Indian city.

Trade will be a “very big element” in the agreement, in which education, health service, agriculture and “other areas” would also feature, he said.

“...no free trade agreement (between India and Malaysia) as it is. (The cooperation agreement would address)...more than trade,” Badawi added. Earlier, the visiting leader hoped the agreement would be signed during Singh’s visit to Malaysia next year.

“I hope discussions on this (agreement) can begin and be concluded soon...perhaps in time for the Prime Minister’s visit to Malaysia.”

“Beyond Malaysia, South-east Asia also needs greater integration with trading partners like India, and cannot remain competitive merely by strengthening South-East Asian Intra-regional cooperation,” he added.

Asked if Malaysia would consider issuing visa on arrivals for short stay, he responded “Why not; it’s not impossible.”

Earlier, he pointed out that Malaysia decided a few months ago to issue multiple entry visa for those coming from India. Malaysia has also appointed some companies to process visa applications in India.

China approves plan on port development in coastal areas

BEIJING, 24 Dec — At an executive meeting Wednesday, the State Council examined and approved, in principle, the blueprint on the Construction of Ports in the Deltas of the Yangtze River and the Pearl River and the Bay of Bohai Sea.

Premier Wen Jiabao presided over the meeting.

The participants heard a report on the issue made by the State Development and Reform Commission.

The Council said that it is of great importance to outline the development of ports in these coastal areas, which play a great role in China’s economic and social development.

India to help Nepal build military training school

KATHMANDU, 24 Dec — India will soon begin a massive project of constructing a military training school for the Royal Nepalese Army to help Nepal fight against anti-government guerillas, an Indian Army officer has said.

Fully funded by the Indian Government, the project is expected to be completed at an expense of over two billion Nepali rupees (28.57 million US dollars), The Himalayan Times newspaper on Thursday quoted the officer as saying.

“An initial study on its feasibility was carried out in March. The Indian officials are, however, yet to inspect the proposed site,” the officer said.

A delegation of the Indian Army is expected to inspect the site within weeks, he noted, adding “India wants to strengthen the Royal Nepalese Army to quell the rebels who are considered a threat to India, too.”

Dubbed as the Integrated Army Training School, the institute will integrate the infantry, signals, engineers and education schools currently at various places in Kathmandu. Along with the normal courses, the proposed school will also provide commando training, drivers’ training and maintenance training, he added. — MNA/Xinhua

Singapore, Qatar hold first round of FTA talks

SINGAPORE, 24 Dec — Singapore and Qatar have concluded their first round of negotiations on the bilateral free trade agreement (FTA) here on Thursday.

According to a joint statement by the Ministry of Economy and Commerce of Qatar and the Ministry of Trade and Industry of Singapore, substantive discussions were held in key areas such as trade in goods, investment and government procurement during their two-day talks.

The statement said that the FTA would enhance bilateral economic and trade relations by further spurring the growing interest by companies in each other’s regions, and catalysing greater cooperation between the two countries.

The two sides expect to hold the second round of talks in Doha of Qatar in late February next year and aim to conclude the FTA by mid-2005.

The Qatar negotiation delegation was accompanying their Economy and Commerce Minister Sheikh Mohammed to visit Singapore on December 21 and 22.

Singapore, which has signed FTAs with several countries including the United States, Japan, Australia, Jordan and New Zealand, is negotiating with a number of other countries on FTAs.

Air disaster averted in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 24 Dec — An air disaster was averted late on Wednesday when two passenger aircraft narrowly escaped from a mid-air collision near Rahimyar Khan District, eastern Pakistan’s Punjab Province.

The Associated Press of Pakistan (APP) reported Thursday that a plane with Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) and another one with the private Air Blue were flying at the same altitude, due to wrong navigation by the air traffic control.

“The disaster was only a few seconds away.”

Had the two aircraft continued flying on the same air corridor and there would have been a tragedy, an air crew was quoted as saying.

The PIA flight, carrying 179 passengers, had to drop the altitude at the last moment, to avoid “the imminent disaster”, said the report.

US relief group calls for Iraq withdrawal

WASHINGTON, 24 Dec — One of the oldest US overseas relief organizations has called for the United States to immediately withdraw from Iraq in light of the continuing carnage and Washington’s failure to restore basic services or revive the country’s economy.

The statement by the Philadelphia-based American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) came a day after US forces suffered their worst losses from a single incident in Iraq when an apparent suicide bomber blew himself up at US military base in Mosul, killing at least 22 people, including 14 US soldiers and four US contractors. The bombing brings to 1,034 the number of US troops killed in hostile action since the March 2003 invasion.

It also came as two new polls showed that US public opinion has become more pessimistic about the situation in Iraq and significantly more skeptical about the decision to go to war.

A majority of 56 percent of respondents in a Washington Post-ABC News poll released Tuesday concluded that, given the cost in military casualties, the conflict “was not worth the fight.” That marked an eight-point increase since last summer, and, as the Post pointed out, “the first time a decisive majority of people have reached this conclusion.”

The decision by AFSC’s board of directors may feed the sense that the war has been a serious mistake, even though the same poll found that 58 percent respondents still believe that Washington should keep its military forces — now numbering over 140,000 — in Iraq until “civil order is restored.” The relief group, which was founded during World War I to carry out humanitarian activities in Europe, is currently sponsoring “Eyes Wide Open,” a multimedia exhibition on the human cost of the Iraq War in major cities of the United States.

Iraqi National Guards inspect a van that was destroyed when it came in cross fire between Iraqi troops and guerillas in Baghdad on 24 Dec, 2004. — Internet

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Chinese, Venezuelan presidents pledge to boost strategic partnership

BEIJING, 24 Dec — China would like to join hands with Venezuela to bring the Sino-Venezuelan strategic partnership to a higher level, said President Hu Jintao while talking with visiting Venezuelan President Hugo Rafael Chavez Frias here on Thursday.

Hu spoke highly of the achievements made by both sides since they established diplomatic ties 30 years ago. He said during the 30 years, especially since President Chavez came into power, bilateral relations have been deepened and more high-level visits have been carried out. The two countries enhanced mutual understanding and political trust, expanded trade and economic cooperation and supported and closely cooperated with each other in international affairs.

The Chinese Government thanks the Venezuelan Government for its adherence to the one-China policy, and appreciates and welcomes its recognition of China’s full market economy status, said Hu.

Chavez said that Venezuela-China relations have been consolidated in the past 30 years. The two sides have carried out fruitful cooperation in fields like the economy, culture and science and technology.

He said the Venezuelan Government and people thank the Chinese Government and people for their help in the economic and social development over years, noting that the Venezuelan Government firmly adheres to the one-China policy and backs China’s reunification cause.

Hu said the new Chinese central leadership attaches great importance to developing Sino-Venezuelan relations. In order to deepen the relationship, he suggested that both sides keep high-level contacts and deepen their political ties, expand exchanges between governments, parliaments and political parties, and better utilize the bilateral high-level mixed committee system.

He also suggested that the two countries expand cooperation for mutual benefit, expand cooperation in the energy sector, launch mining cooperative projects, and enrich cooperation in agriculture, infrastructure construction and high-tech sector. They should also better coordinate and cooperate in international and regional affairs for world peace, stability and development.

Chavez said he fully agreed with Hu’s suggestion, adding that the Venezuelan Government believes the exchanges and cooperation will benefit both countries in their development.

China to establish national land supervisory system

BEIJING, 24 Dec— China will set up a national land supervisory system and designate a superintend-ent general to ensure rational use of the coun-

try’s land.

“The central government will also send super-
visors to localities around the country to supervise land development activities,” said Li Yuan, Vice-

Minister of Land and Re-
sources, at a national con-
ference on land and re-
sources here Thursday.

He said the move will mark another major step taken to implement the October decision by the State Council on further tightening land management in the country. He did not give details.

In recent years, the area of China’s farmland has shrunk quickly due to overzealous industrial development and the speeding up of urbanization, resulting in sharp decline of grain output and increasing complaints from farmers who blamed the local governments for taking away their land without adequate compensation.

To reverse the trend of farmland shrinkage, last year the central government launched a campaign to rectify the land market, and a series of harsher measures have been taken this year, which have effectively check the random use of power by local officials.

Currently, the Chinese Government is seeking to establish a long-term land control mechanism to pre-

vent reoccurrence of over-

heated economic develop-
ment at the cost of farm-
land. — MNA/Xinhua

British Navy blamed for delays to strategy for shipbuilding

LONDON, 24 Dec— The British Ministry of Defence (MoD) was to miss its Christmas deadline for producing an outline of a national shipbuilding strategy because of foot-dragging by the Royal Navy over changing the delivery schedule for its new vessels, the British Financial Times newspaper reported Thursday.

The strategy is meant to be the end-product of unprecedented collaboration between the govern-

ment and industry to try to secure the future of British shipbuilders as the Navy gears up for its biggest construction pro-

gramme since the World War II over the next 15 years, the paper said.

The size of the programme involves the replacement of all the Navy’s fleet, yet shipbuilding industry warned that it lacked the capacity to meet the Navy’s delivery timetable as the number of shipyards have more than halved since the 1970s.

The delivery timetable envisaged by the Navy threatens to cripple the remaining yards because it creates a series of peaks and troughs in produc-

tion, the industry feared.

British defence procurement min-

ister Lord Bach then asked the industry and the Navy in October to work through the problem and deliver a framework of a strategy by the end of the year, with the aim of starting implementation at the end of 2005.

However, the paper said, progress on reaching an agreement that favours the establishment of a joint management company to run the build programme has stalled, as the Navy has so far failed to change its delivery schedule to smooth out the peaks and troughs in produc-

tion.

The main hurdle appears to be the lack of a mechanism that would allow the MoD to offer financial guarantees to industry for any rejigged build programme, the paper added. — MNA/Xinhua

Foreigners to enjoy single price for electricity supply in Vietnam

HANOI, 24 Dec— Foreign organizations and individuals in Vietnam will enjoy the same electricity prices as Vietnamese citizens from 1 January, 2005, Vietnam news agency reported on Thursday.

In comparison with 2004, the application of a single-price mechanism for electricity will help foreign organizations and individuals in Vietnam save around 300 billion Vietnamese dong (nearly 20 million US dollars), Minister of Industry Hoang Trung Hai was quoted as saying.

The move is part of a roadmap to apply a single price mechanism and slash a number of public service charges rates for complete elimination of the dual pricing system in 2005, the minister added.

Since early this year, a single price has been applied to both Vietnamese and foreigners for airfares on domestic routes, according to Ministry of Planning and Investment, which is in charge of executing the roadmap.

Militants attack two police stations in Iraq

BAQUBA, 24 Dec— Unknown militants at-
tacked two police stations near the restive city of Baqub northeast of Baghdad on Friday, witnesses said.

The gunmen attacked the two police sta-
tions outside the city with rocket-propelled grenades and mortars, they said. But they could not say whether there was any casualty at the scene.

They said that they saw US troops fighting near one of the police stations.

Baquba, some 65 km northeast of Baghdad, has long been a hotbed of insurgen-
cy against US troops and their allies since the US-led invasion of Iraq in March last year.

Internet
Chinese top political adviser vows to further ties with Kazakhstan

BEIJING, 24 Dec — China will make joint efforts with Kazakhstan to implement the consensus reached by the two countries’ leaders on developing bilateral ties and make the two countries “good neighbours, close friends and partners forever”, top Chinese political adviser Jia Qinglin said here on Thursday.

Jia, chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People’s Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC), made the remarks while meeting with N. Abykaev, chairman of the Kazakhstan Senate.

China and Kazakhstan share a traditional friendship and the frequent exchange of high-level visits enhanced mutual understanding and trust since the two countries forged diplomatic ties 12 years ago, Jia said.

The two sides witnessed fruitful cooperation in politics, economic and trade cooperation, culture, education and energy, and have supported each other in the fight against terrorism, separation and extremism, he said.

The two countries have also had close co-operation in regional and international institutions, such as the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, Conference on Interaction and Confidence-Building Measures in Asia and the United Nations, Jia said.

China appreciates the Kazakhstan Government’s support on the Taiwan issue, Tibet and China’s strike on the East Turkistan terror group, he said.

CPPCC’s exchange and cooperation with overseas partners is an important component of China’s foreign affairs and the conference will enhance exchange and cooperation with the Kazakhstan Senate in a bid to further bilateral ties, he said.

Abykaev said that China was a reliable partner and great neighbour of Kazakhstan and the Kazakhstani people were grateful for China’s support.

Putin accuses US of trying to “isolate” Russia

MOSCOW, 24 Dec — Russian President Vladimir Putin Thursday accused the United States of trying to “isolate” Russia from its neighbours among the former Soviet republics.

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POWERFUL BLAST ROCKS BAGHDAD SUBURB

BAGHDAD, 24 Dec — A powerful blast in the vicinity of the Jordanian and Libyan embassies in Baghdad has killed at least two people and injured 20, witnesses and hospital officials said.

More casualties were feared from the explosion on Friday night, which lit the night sky and sent columns of smoke over western Baghdad.

Twenty people were wounded in the blast, said a doctor at Baghdad’s Yarmouk hospital.

He said most of the casualties suffered second-degree burns, and that several had been sent on to burn centres in other hospitals.

Baghdad-based Iraqi journalist Ziyad al-Samarrai told Aljazeera the initial casualty roll reported by local police - 13 - was likely inaccurate as hospitals were still receiving the injured.

Britney Spears named top star of 2004

BEIJING, 24 Dec — “Access Hollywood” has named its “Top Ten Stars of 2004,” with Britney Spears in the No 1 spot. The rankings are based on the number of stories the syndicated entertainment television show aired on each star.

Spears — who was married twice, canceled a summer tour because of a knee injury and released a greatest hits album — topped the list with 119 stories.

Beyonce is in the No 2 spot, with 102 stories, followed by Donald Trump, 94 stories; Michael Jackson, 84 stories; Tom Cruise, 72 stories; Jessica Simpson, 69 stories; Paris Hilton, 63 stories; Nicole Kidman, 62 stories; Jennifer Lopez, 54 stories; and Whitney Houston, 52 stories.

“We want to thank these stars for helping to make 2004 the best in ‘Access Hollywood’ history,” executive producer Rob Silverstein said in a statement Tuesday. “Here’s to more ‘can’t miss’ moments in 2005.”

Internet
Myanmars as slaves Were once mired.
Not too far
If you take a glimpse at the past
To see our nation splinter
Colonialists in a guise
Set up a trap in special pretext
Committed intrusion.

Like the dirty wolf
Finding fault on the lamb
Saw to disintegration of our land
This heart-rending event isn’t too old
“The best is set aside for them
The exclusive went into their hands”

In shacks, using dirty, cracked crocks
Making-do with and eating whatever we could get
We felt dejected and small
Our Myanmar national’s citizens.

Hey, beware
Having consumed both fat and meat
That cunning cat with short tail
Is now scrounging for a chance
Using modern methods when opportune
Will try to slice our nation again
As the colonialist is scheming
Don’t cease holding hands
“Once suffered, it’s the doer’s fault
Second time around, it’s the sufferer’s fault”

The dirty, nasty people
To be prevented from setting foot on our homeland
Awakening the true vibrance of our people
Let’s strive hard.

Khun Ye Thway (Ayethayar)

Sagaing Division USDA holds discussions on implementation of seven objectives and nine future tasks adopted by AGM (2004) and plans in Sagaing Division. — MNA

Police Col Tin Maung Maung presents cash assistance of K 1 million to outstanding youths through Sagaing Division USDA Executive Daw Moe Moe Thein. — MNA
## FACTORIES BUILT FOR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

### Industrial development in the time of the State Peace and Development Council

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**HAILING THE 57TH ANNIVERSARY INDEPENDENCE DAY**

The main building of Pwintbyu Textile and Garment Factory built by the Ministry of Industry-1 in Pwintbyu Township, Magway Division. — MYANMA ALIN

Soya bean oil factory in Shwelinban Industrial Town in Hlinethaya Township, Yangon Division.—MYANMA ALIN

Pakokku Textile and Garment factory built by the Ministry of Industry-1 in Pakokku Township, Magway Division. —MYANMA ALIN
The early Konboung era saw the building of the united and powerful Third Myanmar Empire. The penetration of British and French spies into the court had led to the weakening of national unity resulting from the feuds among the opposing groups. It can be said that unity broke down due to the conflicts and reliance on outsiders.

The British and French colonialists tried to interfere in Myanmar’s internal affairs with every intention of exploiting the nation’s natural riches, including forests, gems and oil. King Mindon allowed the British to open a mission in the royal capital to establish a diplomatic channel and bilateral trade links between the two nations. Similarly, he accepted a group of French agents who came to Myanmar under the guise of a French trade mission. The two missions later turned out to be spy groups.

The British permitted the two princes of Myingun and Myingondine to take refuge in Yangon that was under its occupation then. With the pledge to offer them the throne if they helped annex upper Myanmar, the British hatched plots to cause instability and dissension in the nation. Without knowing the tricks of the British, the two fugitive princes made attempts to cause unrest in upper Myanmar. But they met their tragic end abroad like other persons relying on aliens.

The British and French agents used women of their race to win the trust of the queen, royal family members and court attendants in a bid to spy on court affairs and means to organize some elements. Certain elements were misled by the false promise of the British that Nyaungyan Prince taking refuge in India would be made king after the annexation of upper Myanmar.

Hence, the British troops were able to annex the upper Myanmar easily during the Third Anglo-Myanmar War. It was because the elements failed to know the colonialist tricks and they colonized territories including Assam, Manipur and Bengal.

But after the first war of aggression, it was Britain that occupied Taninthayi and Rakhine regions of Myanmar.

Beware of the tricks of colonialists

The colonialists’ unrealistic excuse for launching an aggressive war against Myanmar for the first time during the reign of King Bagyidaw in 1824 was that the British troops had to defend their colonized territories including Assam, Manipur and Bengal.

With patriotism and nationalistic fervour, the Myanmar commanders including Maha Bandoola and Myawady Mingyi U Sa led their troops to fight back the intruders bravely during the war.

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The truth was that the British started the unjust war to loot Myanmar as King Bodaw Phaya rejected the overtures made by the British East India Company to hire Hainggyi Island with the annual rent of K 100,000. There were concrete reasons for the King to reject the company’s offer. King Alaungphaya permitted the company to open its branch on the island with the goodwill to facilitate Anglo-Myanmar trade, and in view of strengthening cordial relations between the two nations. Instead of conducting a proper trade with sincerity, the British East India Company tried to drive a wedge among the nationalities of Myanmar, and cause commotion in the nation by organizing some national races with arms and money. Thus, King Alaungphaya had no alternative, but had to close the island branch of the company.

The British made another unjustifiable accusations against Myanmar, saying that the Myanmar government was not properly dealing with the British merchants, and with that groundless excuse, the colonialists waged the Second Anglo-Myanmar War in April 1852 under the reign of King Bagan and annexed the lower Myanmar including Yangon, up to Bago in the northern end.

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In the second incident, the colonialist government sent a ship to Yangon to demand compensation for two British merchants who lost goods worth K 10,000 in a robbery in Myanmar. And in the third case, a British citizen sent a letter to the British government in India. In the letter, he accused Myanmar of torturing and murdering 40 British subjects. And with those accusations and complaints, the colonialists launched the third war and occupied the lower Myanmar including Yangon, Pathein, Bago, Toungoo and Pyay.

All the weaknesses in national unity and general backwardness coupled with the tricks of the colonialists and the misdeeds of the national traitors were the causes why the nation had fallen into the mire of subjugation.

Hence, I would like to urge the entire people to ward off the deceitful traps of the neo-colonialists and remove the traitors relying on the aliens, while trying to further consolidate national unity in order to build a modern developed nation. (Translation: TMT)  

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After waging three aggressive wars against Myanmar, the colonialists annexed the country. The photo shows ships of colonialists docked at Mandalay jetty on 28 November, 1883.
Emphasis is to be placed on producing medicines...

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Afterwards, Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun reported on matters related to fulfillment of machinery in paving of concrete while member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thida Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo reported on other salient points to Senior General Than Shwe and party.

After hearing the reports, Senior General Than Shwe gave guidance on implementing the project and signed in the visitors' book.

Later, Senior General Than Shwe and party looked into the project being implemented with heavy machinery, construction of a diversion canal between Sitha Creek and Hsinguungyi Creek and stockpiling of sand and gravel.

The runway of the old Anisakhan Airport was 4,450 feet long and 200 feet wide. It is of earth-mixed gravel type.

Under the project, the runway of the airport will be 10,000 feet long and 200 feet wide. It will be of concrete type, in which Boeing 747-400 aeroplanes can land and take off.

Next, Senior General Than Shwe and party inspected measures being taken at the project and then arrived at the Myanmar Pharmaceutical Factory project (PyinOoLwin) of the Ministry of Industry-1.

At the briefing hall, Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung reported on location and objectives of the project, progress in construction of factory buildings and installation of machines, arrangements for producing a variety of medicines and others to Senior General Than Shwe and party.

Next, Assistant Factory Manager of Myanmar Pharmaceutical Factory Dr Aung Htay Oo reported on kinds of medicines to be produced by the factory to Senior General Than Shwe.

Senior General Than Shwe gave guidance, saying that emphasis is to be placed on production of medicines of higher standard to meet medicine demand of the nation; that it is required to reduce the production cost so as to secure reasonable prices; that efforts are to be made to produce potent medicines in cooperation with Medical Research Department (Upper Myanmar) of the Ministry of Health.

Afterwards, Senior General Than Shwe inspected the chart of Myanmar Pharmaceutical Factory project (PyinOoLwin), at which Minister U Thaung explained progress in construction of factory buildings.

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On completion of the project, the factory will produce 100 kinds of medicines in tablet, 17 kinds in capsule, 67 kinds of injection, 9 kinds of intravenous fluids 10 kinds of liquid medicine, 7 kinds of embrocation and 3 kinds of medicine powder.

Senior General Than Shwe heard reports by Minister Maj-Gen Thein Swe on Anisakhan Airport Project in PyinOoLwin, Mandalay Division. — MNA

Senior General Than Shwe looks at the chart of Myanmar Pharmaceutical Factory project (PyinOoLwin). — MNA

Senior General Than Shwe inspects PyinOoLwin National Gardens. — MNA

Senior General Than Shwe hears reports by Minister U Aung Thaung on Pharmaceutical Factory (PyinOoLwin) Project. — MNA

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Next, Senior General Than Shwe and party proceeded to the Medical Research Department (Upper Myanmar), where they were welcomed by Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint and the directors-general, researchers and staff.

At the hall of the centre, Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint presented a report to Senior General Than Shwe and party, saying that construction of buildings for MRD (Lower Myanmar) is nearing completion; that according to the guidance of Head of State Senior General Than Shwe during his inspection tour of MRD (Upper Myanmar), work is well under way to conduct research on medicines for malaria, tuberculosis, hypertension, diabetes, diarrhoea and dysentery; and that 273 kinds of herbal plants have been grown. Next, Director-General Dr Thein Tun of Medical Research Department (Upper Myanmar) reported on strength of staff of the department, courses conducted for producing skilled staff, research works, cooperation with the international universities and future tasks.

After hearing the report, Senior General Than Shwe gave guidance, saying that a variety of herbal plants that grow in various parts of the nation are to be collected and grown; that research work is to be made on potency of the herbal plants; that efforts are to be made for producing and using traditional medicines on a wider scale after completion of the research work; and that integrated and well-coordinated efforts are to be made to produce potent traditional medicines for six major diseases. Next, Senior General Than Shwe and party viewed round herbal plants grown in the compound of MRD (Upper Myanmar).

Later, they inspected the e-Library, reading room and Bio-medical Library. Next, Senior General Than Shwe and party proceeded to National Park in PyinOoLwin, where they were welcomed by Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung and officials. At the briefing hall, Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung presented a report, saying that the Head of State has given guidance during his inspection tour of the National Park; that in accord with the guidance, measures are being taken for all-round development of the park including the construction of Natural Landmarks. Next, Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung also reported in detail on arrangements being made for construction of Natural Landmarks Garden. In response to the reports, Senior General Than Shwe gave instructions on construction of Natural Landmarks Garden. In response to the reports, Senior General Than Shwe gave instructions on construction of Natural Landmarks Garden.

Industry-2 Minister inspects Hlaingthaya Industrial Zone

Yangon, 25 Dec—Chairman of the Myanmar Industrial Development Work Committee Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Saw Lwin and Deputy Minister Lt-Col Khin Maung Kyaw visited Shwethaya Automobile Co Ltd on Hlaingthaya Avenue No. 1, U Chein Street in Hlinethaya Industrial Zone-2 in Hlinethaya Township yesterday morning.

The minister inspected the process of changing diesel and petrol-used automobiles into Compressed Natural Gas- (CNG) used ones, production of import-substitute parts of automobiles, CNG cars, diesel/gas-used trucks and parts of car frames. The minister gave instructions on speedy implementation of the works, systematically keeping of records, and extended production of CNG buses and trucks.

The minister also inspected production process of gas cars at Myanmar Arman Automobile Enterprise on Setsaya U Tun street in Shwe pyitha Industrial Zone-4 and left instructions on speedy production of gas cars, and coordination with related departments for constant supply of natural gas.

Centenary of Sayagyi Yan Aung marked

Yangon, 25 Dec—A ceremony to mark the centenary of Sayagyi Yan Aung organized by Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association was held on the 2nd floor of Sarpay Baikman building on Merchant Street here at noon today. Present on the occasion were Vice-Chairman of MWJA U Than Maung (Than Maung), Secretary U Hla Tun (Hla Tun), Twantay), joint-secretaries, CEC members, writers, enthusiasts and guests.

The vice-chairman of MWJA made an opening speech. Next, Life Long Literary Award winner writer Paragu, National Literary Award winners writer Kyu Kyu Thin and Tekkatho Sein Tin and Pakokku U Ohn Pe Life Long Literary Award winner writer Maung Hsu Shin gave talks on the works of Sayagyi Yan Aung.

U Tin Aung (Tin Aung-Institute of Technology) expressed thanks and the family of Sayagyi U Yan Aung donated cash for Paragu Shantimikatan and Tekkatho Htingyi Digital Libraries. Next, the gifts were presented to the senior writers.
Consignees of cargo carried on MV “MALMLANYE” Voy No ML12/N are hereby notified that the vessel will arrive at Yangon port on 27-12-2004 and will be berthing on about 28.12.2004 and cargoes will be discharged into the premises of Myanmar Port Authority where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and subject to the by-laws and conditions of the port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11.30 am and 12 noon to 4 pm into Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from vessel.

No Claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.
WHO plans to ration supplies of malaria drug to contain disease

GENEVA, 23 Dec—The World Health Organization said on Wednesday a massive shortfall in a key malaria drug was now certain, leaving poor countries with about half of what they need to fight the deadly tropical disease next year.

The WHO said it now knew the full scale of the shortage it had warned of earlier this year and planned to ration supplies of the drug to try to contain the disease, which kills some one million children each year in Africa.

Chinese suppliers were unable to deliver sufficient quantities of a key natural ingredient, artemisinin, to Swiss drug firm Novartis, maker of the WHO’s preferred malaria-fighting drug, the UN health body said.

Artemisinin is key to producing combination therapy drugs known as ACTs, the most effective means known to fight the toughest strains of the parasitic disease, the WHO said. “Novartis has informed WHO that despite the company’s investment and rapid scale-up to meet the growing need...it is unable to utilize its full production capacity,” the WHO said in a statement.

WHO warned in November of a looming shortfall in the Novartis ACT drug Coartem, but was uncertain at that point how much would be lacking. Nearly two billion people live in areas affected by malaria.

Novartis, which sells malaria drugs to the WHO at production cost, will be able to produce only around 30 million doses of Coartem in 2005, roughly half what the WHO requires to keep the disease in check.

In response, the WHO would seek to stagger deliveries of available ACT supplies to better target poor countries’ needs, said WHO medical officer Andrea Bosman.

“That will be the only way that we can go ahead, that we can avoid a major disaster,” he said by telephone. “There will be problems and shortages, we can be certain of that.”

US scientists decode human chromosome 16

LOS ANGELES, 23 Dec—Scientists with the US Department of Energy Joint Genome Institute (JGI) have finished sequencing and analyzing human chromosome 16, a JGI Press release said on Wednesday.

The findings, published in the December 23 issue of British science journal Nature, have completed US share of the Human Genome Project. The Nature paper analyzed the 78.8 million bases, or letters of DNA code, on chromosome 16. The chromosome contains 880 genes including those implicated in the development of breast and prostate cancer, Crohn’s disease, and adult polycystic kidney disease.

Researchers characterized many regions on chromosome 16 that have been copied to other places within the chromosome

An elephant strolls on a foggy morning in New Delhi on 21 Dec, 2004. In the last few days thick fog has hung over the city, disrupting air, road and rail traffic.—INTERNET

Russia launches ballistic missile for training

MOSCOW, 23 Dec—The Russian Strategic Missile Forces on Wednesday successfully carried out a training launch of a Voyevoda intercontinental ballistic missile, the Interfax news agency reported.

The missile was launched at 11:30 a.m. Moscow Time (0730 GMT) from the Orenburg region in western Russia and hit the target on the Kamchatka Peninsula in Russia’s far east, covering a distance of over 6,000 kilometres, said

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70% rivers, lakes polluted, threaten China’s drinking water safety

SUZHOU, 23 Dec—More than 70 per cent of China’s rivers and lakes are polluted to different degrees, aggravating water resources shortage and threatening the drinking water safety, Wang Shucheng, Minister of Water Resources said here on Wednesday.

“Currently, 300 million Chinese people are drinking unsafe water, among which 190 million are drinking water with harmful substances above set standards,” Wang said at a conference for directors of water resources bureaus.

Since the founding of the People’s Republic of China, the government has solved drinking water issues for 273 million rural residents, sources with the conference said, adding Chinese Government has allocated more than 18 billion yuan (2.17 billion US dollars) to build 800,000 drinking water projects in rural areas since 2000.

However, Zhai Haohui, Vice-Minister of Water Resources, said the drinking water safety in many rural areas has not been guaranteed yet. “More than 63 million peasants living in north, northwest, northeast and east China plains are drinking water with fluorine above set standards,” he said.

ITU named the most enduring institution

NEW YORK, 23 Dec—The United Nations’ global telecommunications agency — International Telecommunication Union — was Tuesday named one of the world’s top ten most enduring institutions by a panel of scholars from US universities.

The International Telecommunication Union, which brings together government and the private sector and has been instrumental in building global telecommunication networks, was cited in the category of Government Institution as “notable for its effective information flow”.

The awards were announced by Booz Allen Hamilton, a global strategy consulting firm, to celebrate institutions that have reinvented themselves time and again — and remained market leaders — as the unique circumstances of their founding have given way to changing conditions.

Founded in 1865 as the International Telegraph Union, ITU became a specialized agency of the UN in 1947 and most recently held the first World Summit on the Information Society, in which 175 countries pledged to bring the benefits of information and communication technologies to the mankind by 2015.
Japanese midfielder joins Cardiff City

LONDON, 25 Dec— Japan midfielder Junichi Inamoto has joined English First Division side Cardiff City on a one-month loan from Premier League club West Bromwich Albion.

The 25-year-old will be eligible to play in Cardiff’s match against Wolverhampton Wanderers on Sunday, the club said on their official website.

“I feel fit and I’m ready to go,” said Inamoto, who has hardly played since breaking his leg in Japan’s friendly against England in June. “I’m looking forward to playing.”

Inamoto moved from Fulham to West Brom in August but has yet to make his first-

Klinsmann did great job in first five months

BERLIN, 25 Dec— Germany coach Lothar Matthaeus believes Juergen Klinsmann, who he described as a “killer” in October, has done a great job in his first five months in charge of the Germany team.

The praise was unlikely as the two former international teammates, who played together in the West Germany side that won the World Cup in 1990, have never got along off the pitch.

“One has to say ‘Congratulations Juergen, you’ve done everything right so far’, Matthaeus told Friday’s Bild newspaper.

Matthaeus was critical of Klinsmann and the German football association (DFB) after he

Greek striker joins Ajax

AMSTERDAM, 25 Dec— Greece striker Angelos Haristeas has joined Ajax Amsterdam from Werder Bremen, the Dutch club said on Friday.

Ajax said in a statement it had signed Greece’s Euro 2004 hero until June 30, 2008. No financial details were given.

German media reported on Thursday that Bremen wanted five million euros (6.72 million US dollars) for

Former coach of Once Caldas completely paralyzed by robbers

BOGOTA (Colombia), 25 Dec— Luis Fernando Montoya, the former coach of South American champions Once Caldas, has been left completely paralyzed by robbers who shot him twice in the neck, one of his doctors said on Thursday.

"The injuries are irreversible. He’s going to be a quadriplegic," Dr. Ignacio Gonzalez, a neurosurgeon who operated on the 47-year-old Colombian at the Las Americas hospital in the city of Medellin, told Reuters. Montoya, who quit Once Caldas earlier this month after they lost the World Club Cup to Portugal’s Porto in Japan, was shot near his home in Caldas on Wednesday after he tried to defend his wife Adriana from robbers after she with-drew cash from an ATM.

He led Once Caldas to win the Colombian Apertura championship in 2003 and this year’s Libertadores Cup, South America’s premier club competition. He has a three-year-old son.

President Alvaro Uribe, who had praised Once Caldas’ success for raising the spirits of a nation torn by guerrilla war, called the attack on Montoya “a tragedy”.

Police arrested four people, including two women they said were being accomplices, over the attack.

Violence has hit soccer many times in Colombia, which reported about 30,000 homicides a year.

Earlier in 2004, former World Cup striker Albeiro Urasiga was shot to death outside his apartment in Cali. Perhaps the most notorious incident took place in 1994, when Colombian national team defender Andres Escobar, who scored an own goal in a match against the United States, was also gunned down and killed.

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Indian’s Harshbajaj Singh, center practices with a ball as his teammates Sachin Tendulkar, right, and Joginder Sharma, left look on during the practice session a day before the second one day international cricket match against Bangladesh in Dhaka, Bangladesh, on 25 Dec, 2004.

Former Davis Cup player appointed Australia’s Fed Cup captain

MELBOURNE, 25 Dec— Former Davis Cup winner John Alexander was appointed Australia’s Fed Cup captain on Friday, replacing Evonne Goolagong Cawley.

Alexander was the first man to take on the nation’s Fed Cup captaincy since Neale Fraser in 1978, Tennis Australia said in a statement. The 53-year-old Alexander said he felt confident world number 13 Alicia Molik could lead Australia to success in the Asia/Oceania Group I round robin competition from April 18-24.

The top two teams advance to the World Group II playoff tie on July 9-10 at a place in the top 16 nations in the 2006 Fed Cup. “With Alicia doing so well over the past year and currently on the verge of breaking into the top 10 in the world, it’s an exciting time to become part of the Australian team,” Alexander said.

“We have a great group of players to forge our way back into the World Group where we feel Australia belongs.

“Our team is very much like when John Newcombe took over the Davis Cup team when it was at rock bottom. "Maybe we’re at rock bottom right now for various reasons but, strangely enough, we can look at our players and our team would be capable of beating any team in the world.”

MNA/Reuters
Sanitation and road construction tasks inspected

YANGON, 25 Dec — Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Chairman and Yangon Command Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe, accompanied by Yangon City Development Committee Vice-Chairman and Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa and officials, inspected sanitation tasks and landscaping tasks this morning.

The commander oversaw tasks for proper drainage and sanitation at the junction of Lanmadaw and Maha Bandoola Roads, the laying of concrete slabs on the platform at the junction of Maha Bandoola Road and Latha Street, the laying of concrete slabs on the platform at the junction of Maha Bandoola Road in Kyauktada Township, the repaving of tar on Strand Road in Ablon Township and Lower Kyimyinda Road in Kyauktada Township, the repaving of Strand Road in Insein Township, the laying of concrete slabs on the pedestrian lane along the approach road to Shwepyitha Bridge, and the extension of No 4 Trunk Road by nine feet to each side of the road in Shwepyitha Township. Officials concerned conducted the commander and party round the construction sites. In his inspection tours, the commander gave instructions on proper garbage disposal system and speedy implementation of road construction tasks.

Next, the commander and party proceeded to Danyinngon Market, where he inspected the tasks for keeping the market pleasant and attractive, construction of shops and the sales of goods at the market. After inspecting the market, the commander gave instructions on maintenance of the market.

List of prize winners in essay, poetry competitions announced

YANGON, 25 Dec — The list of students who won prizes in the competitions organized by the sub-committee for essay, poetry, TV quiz, and computerized painting competitions held on 4-5 December was announced today.

The competitions were categorized into university, college, institute, high school and middle school levels and were held to highlight the Independence Day objectives.

In the essay competitions at university, college and institute level, first prize went to Ma Thet Wai Hlaing of University for Development of National Races in Sagaing Division; second prize to Naw Sha Ro Phaw of Institute of Agriculture in Myanmar; and third prize to Maung Si Thu Aung of University of Veterinary Science (Yezin).

In the poetry competitions at higher education level, Ma Su Sandi Thway of YenanChaung BEHS 3, Ma Wint Wa Phyo of Thonze BEHS, and Ma Hay Ma Nwe Win of Pathein BEHS 2 stood first, second and third respectively.

In the poetry competitions at middle school level, Ma Su Sandi Thway of YanChaung BEHS 3, Ma Wint Wa Phyo of Thonze BEHS, and Ma Hay Ma Nwe Win of Pathein BEHS 2 stood first, second and third respectively.

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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

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**Senior General Than Shwe, wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing attend graduation dinner of DSTA**

YANGON, 25 Dec—
The dinner to mark the 7th Intake graduation of Defence Services Technological Academy was held at DSTA in PyinOoLwin yesterday, attended by Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing.

Also present were member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thu Shwe Mann, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, members of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint, Lt-Gen Thida Thu Tha Tin Aung Myint Oo, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and Lt-Gen Tin Aye,

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**Sagaing Division USDA approves of successful implementation of seven objectives, nine future tasks of AGM (2004) and plans**

YANGON, 25 Dec—
Sagaiing Division Union Solidarity and Development Association held a meeting at Monywa City Hall this morning to discuss implementation of the seven objectives and nine future work programmes laid down by the USDA Annual General Meeting (2004) and the plans being carried out in Sagaing Division.

It was attended by USDA members, townswelders, members of Myanmar War Veterans Organization, Myanmar Women’s Affairs Federation, Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association, Red Cross Society, Auxiliary Fire Brigade, nurses, students and outstanding youths. First, those present saluted the State Flag while the students sang a song.

Meeting Chairman Sagaing Division USDA Secretary U Htay Aung said the purpose of the meeting was to discuss successful implementation of the seven objectives and nine future work programmes laid down by the USDA Annual General Meeting (2004) and the plans being carried out in Sagaing Division. As is known to all, that under the correct leadership of the government, the association, keeping ‘Our Three Main National Causes’ in the fore, is participating in realizing the political, economic and social objectives of the State. As a result, the association has won the hearts of people.

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