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At this press conference today, clarifications will be made on matters relating to surrender and capture of insurgents of SSA (South) brigade No 241 led by Sao Khun Kyaw as they were being totally opposed by local people, Sao Khun Kyaw as they were being totally opposed by local people and they could no longer be able to move about in Namkhamb Township of Shan State (North). And also matter on seizure of arms and ammunition hidden by U Sai Yi and group of SSNA according to the tip-off by the people will also be explained at this press conference.

Moreover, clarifications will be made on forced recruitment of child soldiers, torture and massacre of residential villagers in the name of racism, setting the entire villages on fire, moving villages to border areas so as to utilize them as buffers for the safety of insurgents, collection of extortion money, committing rape against indigenous women, circulating counterfeit currency notes and trafficking of narcotic drugs by SSA (South) terrorist insurgent group led by Ywet Sit.

Emergence of the State Constitution is the duty of all citizens of Myanmar Naing-Ngan.
Strive for speedy completion of projects

The government is raising the momentum of implementing regional development projects for all-round development of the Union and for the long-term interests of the national peoples and systematically taking necessary measures for higher living standard of the people. Moreover, transport infrastructure necessary for regional development is being built. The better the transportation, the closer the relationship among the people and the more flourishing trade between states and divisions.

Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and responsible officials, during their tour of Taninthayi Division and Mon State, visited the construction sites of the Dawei airport and the approach road to the Thanlwin bridge (Mawlamyine) and gave necessary instructions to responsible personnel on 16 and 17 January.

At the briefing hall of the Thanlwin bridge construction project, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye urged all those responsible to strive for speedy completion of the project and meet the set standards and take necessary steps so that the train journey between Yangon and Dawei can be made within a day.

Taninthayi Division has great potential for economic development as it is rich in natural resources and has favourable soil and climatic conditions. National entrepreneurs and local farmers are putting their energies into the work of growing oil palm on 500,000 acres of land and extending the cultivation of paddy, rubber, pepper and physic nut. Moreover, fish and pearl can be produced from its long coastline and this will contribute to economic development of the region.

Nowadays, people in Taninthayi Division can travel to other states and divisions across the Union by land or by water or by air. Moreover, the Dawei airport is being extended so that it can handle large aircraft. And on completion of the approach railroad to the Thanlwin bridge, people in Taninthayi Division will be able to travel by train to Yangon within a day. We would like to call on all those responsible for road and bridge construction projects to strive for speedy completion of roads and bridges and meet the standards set for their work.

CASH DONATED: To mark the birthday, Ma Su Hlaing of No (126-A) of Win Mart Store at Myoma Kyang Street in Dagon Township donated laterally K 100,000 to Hninzigon Home for the Aged through U Maung Maung Gyi, Joint-Secretary of the Home for the Aged. — MNA
India, Pakistan review positive developments in bilateral ties

NEW DELHI, 18 Jan — India and Pakistan on Tuesday reviewed “positive developments” in bilateral ties and discussed a slew of confidence building measures, including a proposal for a rail link to Ajmer-Sharif, an important Sufi shrine visited by many Pakistanis.

An Indian team headed by Foreign Secretary Shyam Saran and the Pakistani side led by his counterpart Riaz Mohammad Khan discussed peace and security and reviewed progress made during the last two rounds of the composite dialogue for about two- and-a-half hours. The two sides are slated to discuss the Kashmir issue on Wednesday.

At the beginning of the two-day talks, Khan placed on record Pakistan's appreciation of India's assistance following the 8 October earthquake. The two sides lauded enhanced bus and rail connectivity leading to greater people-to-people contacts that continued to spur the peace process forward.

In this connection, India told the Pakistani side that it intended to extend the rail link between Khokhrapar in Pakistan's Sindh Province and Munabao in India's Rajasthan State to Ajmer, Indian External Affairs Ministry spokesman Navtej Sarna said. “This will greatly facilitate travel of pilgrims from Pakistan to Ajmer,” he said, adding the proposal was “appreciated” by the Pakistani side.

A slew of confidence-building measures (CBMs) like the Amritsar-Nankana Sahib bus, the Amritsar-Lahore bus, the Munabao-Khokhrapar rail link, the successful inauguration of the Srinagar-Muzaffarabad bus, and the opening of LOC meeting points were cited as positive achievements during the course of the talks.

Nuclear and conventional military CBMs like the agreement to upgrade existing communication links between the directors general of military operations was also discussed. — MNA/Xinhua

US hostage standoff ends

WASHINGTON, 18 Jan — A hostage standoff involving two suspects claiming to have an explosive device and a lawyer in the southeastern US state of Georgia ended peacefully on Tuesday, after the two surrendered to local police.

The suspects, a man and a woman, surrendered to police at around 9:30 local time, about 24 hours after the standoff began Monday morning, news reports said.

The hostage, attorney Michael Hostilo, was found unharmed, Police Chief Stan York said.

Earlier Tuesday, gunfire erupted briefly when the two suspects walked out of the building, possibly in an attempt to surrender, but they made a threatening gesture toward law enforcement officers that prompted an exchange of gunfire, said Larry Schnall, a spokesman for the Georgia State Patrol.

The two then ran back into the building and negotiations resumed.

The male suspect, a former client of the lawyer, was angry about having been convicted in a criminal case in which the lawyer was his court-appointed attorney, and the two suspects wanted to call attention to the case, York said. — MNA/Xinhua

Roadside bomb kills two Americans in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 18 Jan — A roadside bomb hit a convoy carrying a US security team near the southern city of Basra on Wednesday, killing two American civilians and seriously wounding a third, the US Embassy said.

Iraqi authorities, meanwhile, held out hope that kidnapped American journalist Jill Carroll would be released, and the sister of Iraq's interior minister was freed by her abductors about two weeks after being seized in Baghdad, an official said.

The US Embassy said that coalition forces cordoned off the scene of the Basra attack, which occurred at 2 pm, and took the wounded to a hospital.

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An Associated Press photographer at the scene said two four-wheel-drive vehicles were targeted. The scene was surrounded by heavily armed British forces, whose main base in Iraq is in Basra.

A British Ministry of Defence spokesman said the attack struck a convoy northwest of Basra, 340 miles southeast of Baghdad.

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US fighter jet crashes into sea off Japan, pilot safe

TOKYO, 18 Jan — A US F-15 fighter jet crashed into the sea near an island in eastern Okinawa on Tuesday morning, but the pilot ejected and was safely rescued, local government said.

The F-15, which belonged to US Kadena Air Base in Okinawa, went down at about 70 kilometres east of Ieijima Island around 10 am local time (0100 GMT). A US plane rescued the pilot about an hour later.

The crash occurred during a routine overwater training mission, according to a statement issued by US Air Force officials on Kadena Air Base. The cause of the incident is under investigation.

The accident happened in an area used by the US military for flight drills, Kyodo News quoted Japanese Defence Agency as saying. Ieijima is a small island around 15 kilometres east of Okinawa's main island.

Three Turkish sportsmen freed in Iran

ANKARA, 18 Jan — Three Turkish sportsmen, who were kidnapped in Iran on 24 December, 2005, were released by their captors on Tuesday, the semi-official Anatolia news agency reported.

Officials from the Turkish Embassy in Tehran were quoted as saying that Iranian Foreign Ministry officials told them that Serdar Duran, Yurdaer Etike and Avni Ozan were freed upon efforts by Iranian and Pakistani authorities.

Anatolia quoted Turkish Ambassador in Tehran Halit Bozkurt Aran as saying that the sportsmen left Tehran on Tuesday night and then left for Turkey.

An Iraqi youth looks at a destroyed vehicle after a car bombing in Baghdad, on 18 Jan, 2006. A car parked on the side of the road exploded in Baghdad’s Karrada District on Wednesday morning, but the target of the attack could not be determined, police said. — INTERNET

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Seven sailors were found dead and one man was rescued after rescuers found him on a life raft, ministry spokesman Viktor Beltsov was quoted by the ITAR-TASS news agency as saying. Four are still missing.

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Clarifications by Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Hla Myint at the Press Conference No 1/2006 as regards the capture and surrender of SSA (South) brigade 241 insurgents led by Thangyaung (alias) Sao Khun Kyaw

YANGON, 19 Jan—The following is a translation of the clarifications of Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Hla Myint at Press Conference No 1/2006 as regards matters relating to surrender and capture of insurgents of SSA (South) brigade No 241 led by Sao Khun Kyaw as they were being opposed by local people.

Excellencies, local and foreign journalists, Mingalabar. Auspiciousness to you all. First of all, I would like to wish You Excellencies and journalists to have good health and wealth. I will clarify matters relating to capture and surrender of insurgents led by Thangyaung (a) Sao Khun Kyaw of SSA (South) brigade No 241 of Ywet Sit.

SSA (South) brigade No 241 started to undergo training at Lwetainglian camp on 30 June 2005 with 40 members to 40 recruits and extortion money amounting to (5.5) million kyats. On entering Kyaukme Township after crossing Dokhtawady river, the local people informed regional authorities about the arrival of the insurgents immediately. Hence, regional battalions of the Northeast Command were in hot pursuit of the insurgents and clashes broke out on 26 November.

SSA Thangyaung and group tried to avoid Tatmadaw columns very hard. However, local people on their own volition do not want to render assistance to the insurgents. Even the local people refused to guide the way for the insurgents. When the local people were to guide the insurgents, they didn't show encouragement, it is learnt.

Thangyaung and some 40 insurgents left Lwetainglian camp on 31 August 2005. With obtaining guiding and help of SSA brigades, the insurgents mobilized new recruits forcibly and demanded extortion money. Together with 58 new recruits and 3 porters, the insurgents crossed Dokhtawady River by raft and infiltrate again into upper Sagaing Division and Namla/Mohnyat region of Kachin State. The preparations and training were provided by major Paung Khay. Ywet Sit and Sai Yi inspected and gave information to Tatmadaw columns and local people. Thus the insurgents returned to Namtu/Manton in Northeast Command area on 8 December via Kyaukme-Monglon road.

Thangyaung and the insurgents were not accepted by the local people. When the insurgents asked the local people to sell them food, the people did not sell them food but gave information to the Tatmadaw.

The insurgents are always on the run too and they are in distress. The Tatmadaw columns asked the local people to sell them food, the people did not sell them food but gave information to the Tatmadaw. They forced villagers to carry weapons as porters. The porters fled when they got a chance and they informed the movement of insurgents to the Tatmadaw. A porter from Panhsay region fled bringing along RPJ rocket launcher and 6 rockets and informed the Tatmadaw column.

As information was fed by the local people constantly to Tatmadaw, the Tatmadaw columns were always in hot pursuit of the insurgents. Every possible route of the enemies was blocked. (See page 5)
Increased generating of power in the time of the Tatmadaw Government

Hydel power plants under construction

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It is cost-effective to produce hydro electric power. Rivers and creeks are abundant in Myanmar and so it is possible to produce hydroelectric power.

In an attempt to fulfill the need of electricity, priority is given to the implementation of hydel power projects.

It is estimated that flow of rivers and creeks in Myanmar can produce 40,000 megawatts. Hence, the Government is building hydel power plants in the entire nation with added momentum. A total of nine hydel power plants are under construction and, upon completion, they can generate 1,500 megawatts.

Consumption of electricity in Myanmar reaches over 5,000 megawatts.

On completion of hydel power plants, they will be able to meet the electricity need of the nation.

In the time of the Tatmadaw Government, hydel power projects are being implemented in the interests of the people.

The table shows the progress of hydel power projects in the nation.

Clarifications by Deputy Commander...

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The Tatmadaw columns the same day near Tawtaik monastery of Namkham.

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Electric power sector witnesses sustained progress

The Electricity department under the Ministry of Power, Energy and Water Resources has made sustained progress to achieve the goal of meeting the country’s electricity demand.

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In 1988, the anarchistic unrest took place and the nation’s administrative machinery was stopped. Safety of lives and properties of the public was jeopardized. Thus, the Tatmadaw had to unavoidable take over State responsibilities. After taking over State responsibilities, the Tatmadaw always keeping the aspiration of the people in the fore took measures for transforming one-party political system into multiparty democracy as well as changing socialist economic system into market-oriented economy.

To practise democracy properly and with full essence, there are three basic requirements. They are stability and the rule of law and order in the entire nation; economic development of the nation and the people; and development of human resources with high level of knowledge and technology.

Thus, the Tatmadaw Government gives priority to prevalence of peace and tranquility as well as the rule of law and order. In so doing, it has got the full participation of the entire people. In addition, major armed insurgent groups and many smaller armed groups returned to the legal fold after realizing the genuine goodwill and deeds of the Tatmadaw. In the North-East Command area

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and other smaller groups have returned to the legal fold. Of them, PSLA group of Shan State (North) Special Region-7 led by U Aik Moe, the insurgent group of SSNA led by U Gon Khay and SSNA led by U Gon Khay exchanged arms for peace and gave up armed struggle unconditionally as they loathe acts of demanding extortion money and bullying the people. Hence, the people welcomed them with delight and now the entire North-East Command area is fully enjoying peace. The people can earn their livelihood conveniently and enjoy the fruits of their labourfully.

In as much as peace and tranquility prevail all over the nation, national development endeavours can be made without hindrances and obstacles. Hence, the combined force of the Government, the people and the Tatmadaw joining hand in hand has given priority to development of border areas and national races. Under the guidance of the Head of State, border area development works are implemented with great momentum as huge amount of funds have been spent on uplift of economic, education, health, transportation and living standard of the national brethren at border areas which lagged behind in development in the past.

At the same time, Four Economic Objectives have been laid down for promoting the socio-economic lives of the nation and the people. Emphasis is placed on development of agriculture as the base tural produce. Network of roads and bridges are constructed and existing ones are upgraded. Moreover, participation in terms of technical know-how and investments are invited from sources inside the country and abroad to do business in Myanmar. Industrial zones are established and emphasis is laid on transforming the nation from mechanized farming into an industrialized nation. As a result, national economy is achieving development year by year. Thanks to market-oriented economy in conformity with the wishes of the people, per capital income has increased.

In developing the Union, efforts are made to ensure simultaneous development of all areas across the country. Accordingly, 24 Special Development Regions are designated and economic, health and education matters of the local people are promoted remarkably. Lashio in the northern Shan State is a special development region and its economic, trade, agriculture and livestock breeding, transportation, education and health sectors are making progress. In the past, health care services with advanced technology and specialists were available only in Yangon and Mandalay. Now, advanced health care services are available in every special development region. Moreover, universities, technical colleges, institutes and Teachers Training Colleges are opened extensively in every special development region.

About 70 per cent of the nation’s total population are rural people. Hence, it is important to ensure development of rural areas simultaneously. Accordingly, five rural area development tasks have been laid down and are being implemented with the combined strength of the State, local people and wellwishers.

As a result, economy, health, education, transportation, water supply and irrigation of rural areas are in progress with momentum.

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The National Convention Convening Work Committee had submitted detailed basic principles for legislative functions of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, Pyithu Hluttaw, Amyotha Hluttaw and Region or State Hluttaw to be included in the legislative sector in formulating the Constitution to the Plenary Session of the National Convention.

Delegate groups had read out their respective proposals at the Plenary Session of the National Convention. Findings of the NCC Work Committee on detailed basic principles for the Citizenship, Fundamental Rights and Duties of Citizens and the Role of the Tatmadaw to be included in drafting the State Constitution have been submitted to the Plenary Session of the National Convention.

At present, delegate groups held discussions to compile proposals concerning the above-mentioned sectors. And, the delegate groups are carrying out their tasks to present their proposals to the NCC Work Committee through respective panels of chairmen.

The National Convention is performing its tasks with momentum. At the same time, ceremonies in support of the National Convention are being organized throughout the nation daily. National-building tasks such as opening ceremonies of roads and bridges and physic nut planting ceremonies are being held in support of the National Convention in many townships.

Holding of the mass meetings in support of the National Convention on a grand scale means that the entire people unanimously agreed to functions of the National Convention. As such, all are to work in concert to achieve success in convening the National Convention.

The delegate groups of the National Convention have nearly completed compilation of their respective proposals. Hence, the Plenary Session of the National Convention will be held in coming week.

Members of the NCCC are to submit and discuss matters related to the National Convention and future tasks. In conclusion, the Secretary-1 stressed the need to perform accommodation, reception, health, welfare and entertainment tasks under administrative functions for the NC delegates with momentum.

Afterwards, NCCC members studied the proposals submitted by the NCC Work Committee to the NCCC, and discussed matters concerning the reports to be submitted to the National Convention. Later, Secretary-1 Mr Bhaskar Kumar Mitra and Defence Attaché Colonel Jasvinder Singh Chopra in the evening. — MNA

Vice-Admiral Soe Thein welcomes COSC and Chief of Staff Naval and wife of Indian Navy

Yangon, 19 Jan — A delegation led by Chairman Chiefs of Staff Committee (COSC) and Chief of Staff Naval Admiral Arun Prakash (PVSM, AVSM, VrC, VSM, ADC) and wife of Indian Navy of the Republic of India arrived here by special aircraft at 11 am to-day to pay a goodwill visit to the Union of Myanmar.

The Indian Admiral and wife and party were welcomed at Yangon International Airport by Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Soe Thein and wife Daw Aye Aye, Chief of Staff (Navy) Commodore Nyan Tun and wife Daw Khin Aye Myint, Commander of Naval Dockyard Command Rear-Admiral Paw Tun, Commander of Ayeyawady Naval Region Command Captain Aye Pe, Commander of Tanintharyi Naval Region Command Commodore Win Shein, Commander of Naval Training Command Captain Tin Oo, senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence officials, Indian Ambassador Mr Bhaskar Kumar Mitra, Defence Attaché Colonel Jasvinder Singh Chopra and embassy staff.

Vice-Admiral Soe Thein and the Indian Chief of Staff Naval took the salute of the Guard of Honour on the dias at the lounge of the airport. Next, they inspected the Guard of Honour. The Indian delegation proceeded to Tatmadaw Guest House from the airport. In the afternoon, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Soe Thein and wife hosted a dinner in honour of the Indian Admiral and wife and party at Ayeyawady Naval Region Command Headquarters.

Also present at the dinner were Members of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint andLt-Gen Kyaw Win, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein and wife Daw Htwe Htwe Nyunt, Chief of Staff (Navy) Commodore Nyan Tun and wife Daw Khin Aye Myint, Commander of Naval Dockyard Command Rear-Admiral Paw Tun and senior military offic-ers, Indian Ambassador Mr Bhaskar Kumar Mitra and Defence Attaché Colonel Jasvinder Singh Chopra. — MNA

59th Anniversary Union Day objectives

— For all national races to safeguard the national policy — non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty.
— To keep the Union spirit ever alive and dynamic among the national people.
— For all national people to defend and safeguard the Union for its perpetual existence.
— To prevent, through national solidarity, the danger of internal and external destructive elements undermining peace and stability of the State and national development.
— For all national races to make concerted efforts for successful implementation of the seven-point future policy programme of the State.

Later, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein gave necessary instructions, and the meeting ended in the afternoon. — MNA

Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Soe Thein welcomes Indian goodwill delegation led by Chairman Chiefs of Staff Committee and Chief of Staff Naval Admiral Arun Prakash. — MNA

Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Soe Thein meeting with Indian goodwill delegation led by Chairman Chiefs of Staff Committee and Chief of Staff Naval Admiral Arun Prakash. — MNA
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There emerged persons confessing SSA (South) led by Ywet Sit...

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In December, 2004, Thai police raided an apartment in Chiangmai where Ywet Sit’s follower Lonhein Nandi resided. The Thai police seized counterfeit money-making machines and documents. Lonhein Nandi fled and sought refuge at Ywet Sit. He was a village chairman of Nant Pan Chiang village and he was brought in by Ywet Sit in moving the camp to Lwetainglian. At a village near Lwetainglian, there is said to be a machine which can make counterfeit notes.

Similarly, when Sao Khun Kyaw and group were arrested, altogether 571 K-1000 currency notes were seized. Ywet Sit has a house in Kawlon village near Weihany of a neighbouring country. He has also had two houses in Chiangmai and he has two wives. Still, he is a womanizer. Only after his follower Sai Tun (a) Nai Tun Wiswuton Aron was arrested, all 1000 currency notes were displayed at the press conference. — MNA

Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsun and diplomats observe documentary photos displayed at the press conference. — MNA

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Surrendered and captured members of brigade 241 of SSA (South) led by Thangyaung (a) Sai Khun Kyaw seen together with their surrendered arms. — MNA

Captured members of brigade 241 of SSA (South) led by Thangyaung (a) Sai Khun Kyaw seen together with their surrendered arms. — MNA

About 500 people homeless. On 22 November, 2005, about 50 members of SSA (South) Ywet Sit group abducted and killed 10 persons from Kunhein who were extracting timber in the forest, in the west of Pakhol Village, Kunhein Township, Southern Shan State. SSA (South) Ywet Sit group members had been destroying the whole villages and killing all the villages, setting fire to the whole villages, and perpetrating terrorist acts.

The evidences are dis-
cussed. In the evening of 18 January, 1997, around 20 members of SSA (South) Ywet Sit group set fire to Meethawgon Village in Nambhsan Township and opened fire on the homes. In the incident, 13 villagers including children were killed and eight were injured. Moreover, they raped village girls.

On 13 June, 1997, about 40 terrorist drug bandits of Ywet Sit’s group halted 30 passenger buses on Kunhing-Kengtung Road and demanded extortion money from passengers. They ordered some passengers to sit on the roadside and the terrorists also raped women passengers. They then opened fire randomly at the passengers. Thus, twenty-five passengers were killed and five were injured. On 2 September, 2004, some 30 members of SSA (South) halted four cars travelling from Taunggyi to Kunhing at a place between Konhobung and Waingmon villages and collected extortion money from passengers. They also raped women.

My explanations and documents and photos bear witness to the fact that those members of SSA (South) Ywet Sit group acted as if they were Liangteng escaped. Being afraid of the bad news about the forced recruitment by Ywet Sit group, 35 youths from surrounding areas of Kengtawng got resettled. They are at Weihaing Monastery, nine at Panhsan Monastery, three at Sasana Rakhi Monastery, 11 at Taung Nant Tun Monastery, and nine at Weinhau Monastery in Kengtawng. Some local people who encountered similar experiences are now here to present their bitter experiences. Your Excellencies and journalists may interview them after the press conference.

Clarifications have been made with sound evidences at the previous press conferences that SSA (South) Ywet Sit group members had been destroying the whole villages and killing all the villages, setting fire to the whole villages, and perpetrating terrorist acts. — MNA

Many young men of national races fled to Loilem, Taunggyi and Mandalay and entered novitiate or monkhood. Some earned their living taking odd jobs and they were separated from their families.

Now I would like to explain the brief account of the Tatmadaw’s control and command system and obediance of discipline. The Tatmadaw was born of the national people during the independence struggle. Because of its excellent control and command system and discipline, the Tatmadaw has been protecting the people as a reliable force in accord with its 12 fine traditions since its birth over 60 years ago. The control and command system of the Tatmadaw covers all the ranks from the top to the lowest level. The Tatmadaw members have esprit de corps, obedience and loyalty. Privates, other ranks and the officers are always observing their code of conduct in their relations with one another and with the people. Good discipline and high morale are the dignity of the Tatmadaw. Tatmadaw members have to abide by the military law, and rules and regulations as well as the civilian law and rules and regulation. Because of good discipline and serving the interests of the people, the Tatmadaw is able to overcome all kinds of hardships and attacks to destroy it. (See page 13)
Press Conference on returning …

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(North), U Ar Phone of Special Region-2, U Kaung Taing of Special Region-3, U Zaw Htun and U Zaw Yar of Special Region-5, who had returned to the legal fold and U Saing Mon of Mongpan regional militia group, U Kyaw Myint and members of Pangsa region militia group and local residents.

Chairman of the Information Committee of the State Peace and Development Council Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan cordially greeted those present, and answered the further questions.

Afterwards, diplomats and journalists at home and abroad viewed the documentary photos of arms and ammunition from the arrested insurgent group of brigadier Than Gyaung (a) Sao Khun Kyaw of SSA (North-East Command), and those who returned to legal fold, arms and accessories of brigadier Than Gyaung (a) Sao Khun Kyaw of SSA (North-East Command) on 1 January, photos of arms, ammunition and accessories from the former headquarters of SSA Brigade 241 near Momeyin Village seized on 15 January, acting on further information of the local people who desired for peace opposing the destructive acts, the documentary photos of Bo Kyaw Htun and party of SSA Ywet Sit group, the map reference of SSA (South) Ywet Sit Group, the photography notes of brigadier Than Gyaung (a) Sao Khun Kyaw who entered the area of the command, and the groups who unconditionally exchanged arms for peace, the documentary photos showing arms and ammunition of brigadier Than Gyaung (a) Sao Khun Kyaw and party of SSA (South) Brigade 241 seized in the area of North-East Command, the communication machine, papers, jewellery and currency notes of brigadier Than Gyaung (a) Sao Khun Kyaw and party of SSA (South) Brigade 241 who entered the area of North-East Command, and documentary photos of an interview of Myawady TV with those from SSA (South) Brigade 241 who returned the legal fold.

Questions and answers made between officials…

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Deputy Commander of North-East Command Brig-Gen Hla Myint answered the question, saying that he knew the incident best as he was the base commander in Namkhama to barricade Than Gyoung and his men. He said, after Sgt Tun Kyaw and party surrendered themselves to the Tatmadaw columns on 1 January 2006, the Tatmadaw columns had surrounded Than Gyoung and his men. At that time, the columns received a message saying that a group of armed men was behind their lines. Thus a Tatmadaw column was ordered to drive out the armed group. A shoot-out occurred when the Tatmadaw column tried to drive out the group. There are many restrictions in jungle warfare. Because of the mountains, trees and bushes, vision is not clear. So most of the battles are fought in a close range. They said battle was fought in a forest. When the Tatmadaw members met the group and the shooting started, they didn’t know that the group was from the KIO. Later KIO officers came to the Tatmadaw columns and held discussions. The Tatmadaw has agreed with the KIO on designating the places for KIO movement. But the place where the Tatmadaw column met with the KIO men is not included in the agreed designated places. Thus officials of KIO central came to the base tactical operation command and discussed with the tactical command commander. The KIO officers accepted it as their group’s fault that they are not outside the designated places. They said that they wished to bury their dead in accord with the religious tradition. The Tatmadaw has agreements with the armed organizations. The members of those organizations are not permitted to hold arms in the areas outside the designated places. And even if the situation becomes unavoidable, they should ask permission to do so. Besides, the Tatmadaw columns were in hot pursuit of Than Gyoung and his men to encircle and crush them.

Deputy Commander of North-East Command Brig-Gen Hla Myint replying to queries at the press conference (1/2006).—MNA

During the peace talks between the Government and KNU peace talks between the Government and KNU was not ended. Recently, peace talks between the Government and KNU was not ended. Recently, the two sides discussed time and place for another meeting. The Tatmadaw Government was always willing to hold out an olive branch to any armed groups that would like to join hands with the Government sincerely. There have been contacts between the two sides. U Hla Htway asked about the strength of troops of Ywet Sit and where he was. Commanding Officer Sai Phone (a) Phone Tun of Brigade 241 of SSA (South) asked that there were over 1000 troops at the Headquarter of SSA (South). He and his men left there on 31-8-2005. Ywet Sit was in Thailand at that time. (See page 11)
Questions and answers made between…

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Fuji TV's U Nyunt
Tín said first he would like to thank the Major General and he wanted to know whether there was any rules and regulations to follow in the Ywet Sít’s group.


Sergeant Sai Htun Kyaw of SSA (South) Brigade-241 replied that the Ywet Sít led SURA had prescribed and published a handbook of rules and regulations on soldiers’ codes of conduct. But, as leaders as well as those with lower ranks do not follow the rules. There were sometimes car robberies committed by brigade commanders and their privates. For example, Brigade Commander Than Gyoung (a) Sai Khun Kyaw and his men used to rob cars along Naungge-Kaukume road. During a car robbery, Than Gyoung ordered his men to kill three policemen on board the car. As for women’s affairs, they also have prescribed rules and regulations. However, Ywet Sít has two wives legally. He has also married some other women illegally. Besides, he used himself who violates the rules of their group. What’s more, Mein Sit, commander of Brigade-758, has 40 wives and Khun Laung, commander of Brigade-756, 20 wives. As leaders, they break the rules and they do whatever they want to do taking advantage of their wealth. But those with the lowest ranks have to strictly follow the rules.

Next, U Myat Khin of Maha New Journal and Good News Journal said he wanted to know the names of Ywet Sít’s group members, who were tortured by the group. He said that the local people are happy to see the surrender of Ywet Sít’s group.

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Sai Phone (a) Phone Tint of SSA (South) Brigade (241) said that they were under siege of Tatmadaw columns, and they surrendered. After that, a Tactical Operations Commander led them at a village. He conversed with them. Till today, prisoner personnel and members of Myanmar Police Force treated them well.

Dr Tin Tun Oo of Pyi Myanmar News Journal asked about the involvement of Ywet Sít’s group with narcotic drugs, and if the group continues to engage in narcotic drugs.

Cpl Khang Win of SSA (South) Brigade (241) said that the narcotic drugs were carried from the headquarters. It is because of the fact that the headquarters is under strict security guards. According to the information from the security guards, there was an arm factory in the restricted area. For further information, the central was said to have reported that they had not earned income due to drug elimination in Thailand. So the group is believed to have dealt with stimulant drugs. Furthermore, the group collected opium as extortion money from local growers, and encouraged the local people to cultivate poppy in the fertile region. In the villages within reach of the headquarters, local people were supposed to grow poppy and so had the family members of the group.

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United crush Burton, Everton set up Chelsea tie

LONDON, 19 Jan — Teenage striker Giuseppe Rossi scored twice to help Manchester United crush minor league Burton Albion 5-0 in their FA Cup third-round replay on Wednesday.

United were joined in the fourth round by Burton, who beat Second Division Millwall 1-0 with a goal by Tim Cahill to set up a home tie with Premier League leaders Chelsea.

Australian Cahill, who spent seven years at Millwall before joining Everton in 2004, scored the only goal at Goodison Park following a 1-1 draw in the first game in London.

Cahill slid in to send James Beattie’s right-wing cross into the top corner of the box at the near post. AC Milan had their title challenge on course with a 1-0 victory over bottom-placed side Treviso.

AC Milan tied on 43 points after a Filippo Inzaghi goal gave them a 1-0 win against Ascoli. Fiorentina remain fourth on 40 points despite a 3-1 defeat at the hands of Sampdoria.

Everton had lost every game against Juventus at the Bentegodi since they arrived in the top flight in 2001 and did not look capable of much resistance in the early stages as keeper Alberto Fontana twice parried shots by Zlatan Ibrahimovic.

It seemed only a matter of time before Jove took the lead, but in the 22nd minute a Chievo break ended with midfielder Franco Semioli racing down to the left to cross for Daniele Franceschini to volley past Gianluigi Buffon.

Their lead was short-lived. Midfielder Patrick Vieira headed Jove’s equalizer just past the half hour but the champions never managed to stamp their authority on the match.

Both teams created chances in the second half. Chievo defender Federico Giunti hit a long-range effort just over the bar while at the other end Fontana dived to scoop Alessandro Del Piero’s slow cross away from the feet of David Trezeguet.

The draw was only the third time this season the leaders had dropped points in Serie A, following a 3-1 defeat to Milan in October and a 1-1 draw with Lazio in December.

The main beneficiaries of Juve’s slip were their nearest challengers Inter, who went ahead in the 23rd minute at Treviso courtesy of a Julio Cruz header.

Adriano went close to extending their lead with a shot that hit the post just before the break.

Trezeguet occasionally made life uncomfortable for the visitors. Andri Pina curled a free kick against the bar and Marco Borriello was unlucky not to earn a penalty after he was flattened by Inter defender Ivan Cordoba.

Milan’s players also laboured for their three points, though after four defeats in their last five away matches they were probably glad to be back in the familiar surroundings of the San Siro Stadium.

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US reggae music executive guilty of drug trafficking

New York, 19 Jan — Reggae music executive Horatio Hamilton was found guilty on Tuesday of conspiring to traffic in over a ton of marijuana a week for seven years, federal court officials said.

Hamilton, president of LOY (“Lords of Yard”) Inc, a production company specializing in reggae which participated in reggae hit “Chi Chi Man” by TOK, faces a mandatory 20 years in prison and could face life.

The jury rejected Hamilton’s argument that he quit the marijuana-trafficking business after his arrest with nearly two tons of marijuana at Los Angeles International Airport in 1999, the US Attorney’s office said.

According to trial evidence, Hamilton jumped bail, adopted a new alias and continued to operate his trafficking business after the 1999 arrest as his role in the reggae music world grew, court officials said.

Hamilton, who went under aliases Tony Dunmar, Desmond Hamilton and Romie Robertson, is scheduled to be sentenced on 24 April. MNA/Reuters

Alaska volcano erupts, shooting ash miles high

ANCHORAGE, 19 Jan — A volcano on an uninhabited island off the coast of Alaska erupted again on Tuesday, shooting ash miles (km) into the air, a scientist at the Alaska Volcano Observatory said.

The eruption from the Augustine volcano, which is about 175 miles south-west of Anchorage, sent a cloud of ash 8.5 miles above sea level. It was the ninth eruption since the volcano rumbled to life last week.

The National Weather Service issued advisories of ash fall, which poses a risk to people with respiratory problems and can damage the engines of aircraft and vehicles on the ground, to the communities on the Kenai Peninsula and in nearby bays.

Based on past eruptions in 1976 and 1986, Augustine’s explosions are expected to continue, said a scientist at the Alaska Volcano Observatory, a joint federal-state office.

“They’re still an accumulation of eruptive behaviour of a single volcano over time,” said Jennifer Adleman, a geologist at the observatory.

“It could be up to two weeks, based on what we know of recent eruptions.”

The 1,260-metre volcano forms its own uninhabited island in Cook Inlet, the channel that runs from the Anchorage area to the Gulf of Alaska.

Last week’s ash bursts, which were reported as high as 10 miles (16.09 km) above sea level, prompted some school closures and briefly grounded some south-bound Alaska Airlines flights. — MNA/Reuters
Press Conference on returning to legal fold and capture of members of Brigade 241 led by Sao Khun Kyaw from SSA (South) held

Yangon, 19 Jan — The press conference (1/2006) of the Information Committee of the State Peace and Development Council on matters related to the returning to the legal fold and arrest of the members of Brigade 241 led by Sao Khun Kyaw from SSA (South) who were totally opposed by local national races was held at the city hall of Lashio in Shan State (North) on 17 January.

It was attended by Chairman of the Information Committee of the State Peace and Development Council Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint of the Ministry of Defence, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Thu, Deputy Commander of North-East Command Brig-Gen Hla Myint, senior military officers, Dean of the Diplomatic Corps to the Union of Myanmar Philippine Ambassador Mme Phoebe A Gomez and ambassadors, charges d’affaires and resident representatives from UN agencies in Yangon, members of the Information Committee, local authorities, Patron of Myanmar Foreign Correspondents Club U Hla Htway, President U Sao Kai Hpa and members, townsholders and others.

Likewise, an arrested insurgent group under control of commanding officer Sai Tint led by Thangyaung (a) Sao Khun Kyaw of Brigade No 241 of SSA (South) and surrendered Sgt Tun Kyaw and group also attended it. Also present on the occasion were U Kan Na, U Gon Khae, U Sai Ku, U Lauk Lynn, U Aik Mone who had unconditionally exchanged arms for peace, U Yan Kyee Myint of Kokang Special Region-1 of Shan State (See page 10)

Questions and answers made between officials and diplomats and journalists at press conference (1/2006) of Information Committee of the State Peace and Development Council

Yangon, 19 Jan — The press conference (1/2006) of the Information Committee of the State Peace and Development Council was held at the city hall of Lashio in Shan State (North) on 17 January afternoon.

Diplomats and charges d’affaires of foreign missions, resident representatives of UN agencies in Yangon, members of Information Committee, Patron of Myanmar Foreign Correspondents Club U Hla Htway, President U Sao Kai Hpa and members and officials of local magazines and journals were present at the conference.

The following are questions and answers made between Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, North-East Command Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Hla Myint and the diplomats and the journalists at home and those from abroad.

Ambassador of Pakistan Mr Muhammad Nawaz Chaudhry asked questions concerning the support the insurgents are receiving from internal and external elements and who they are.

Answering the questions, Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan said, there are many dissidents away from Myanmar and they formed many organizations abroad. There are various organizations formed by the dissidents. They are raising funds abroad and supporting the insurgent groups.

Ambassador of Britain Ms Vicky Bowman asked a question about a shoot-out between the Tatmadaw columns and a group of KIO members and how action is to be taken against Tatmadaw members? (See page 10)