YANGON, 30 Jan — Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe, accompanied by Members of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and Lt-Gen Tin Aye, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, ministers, senior military officers and officials of the the State Peace and Development Council Office, on 27 January inspected resorts and beautifying tasks on Ngwe Hsaung Beach in Pathein, Ayeyawady Division.

Lt-Gen Tin Aye and Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw reported to Senior General Than Shwe on tasks being carried out for beautifying the beach.

The following day, Senior General Than Shwe and party inspected the Ngwe Hsaung-Hsinma-Ngayokekaung Road in a motorcade.

Afterwards, they attended a ceremony to grow physic nut plants in Shaukchaung Village in Ngwe Hsaung.

At the ceremony, first, town elders and officials reported on their overwhelming desire to grow physic nut plants after realizing the usefulness of the plant, development of Ngwe Hsaung region and better transportation in Ngwe Hsaung after being upgraded to town.

Next, Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo reported on use of cultivation methods of physic nut plants; Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw on arrangements for telephone services and Minister Dr Kyaw Myint on health care services in the region.

Afterwards, Senior General Than Shwe gave guidance.

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* Ngwe Hsaung-Hsinma Road is 13 miles long and Hsinma-Ngayokekaung Road is 19 miles long.

* Hsinma Bridge which is 150 feet long and 12 feet wide near Hsinma Village is under construction and arrangements are being made to complete the bridge by the end of March, 2006.
Work hard for speedy completion of projects

Myanmar is endowed with soil and climatic conditions suitable for the extension of agricultural work and the government is also providing all the necessary assistance and fulfilling all the requirements for boosting agricultural production. To ensure sufficient water supply and to green the dry and arid zones, dams and river water pumping stations are being built wherever possible.

Prime Minister General Soe Win and responsible officials, during their tour of Magway Division, visited Pyinbyu, Sedoktara and Chauk townships and inspected dam projects and the greening tasks being carried out there. In his meeting with responsible personnel at the Buywa dam project in Sedoktara township, the Prime Minister said that it was necessary to implement the Monechaung, Buywa and Kyeeohn-Kyeewa dam projects systematically.

Multi-purpose dams are being constructed for increasing the cultivated acreage and greening the dry and arid zones. Therefore, efforts will have to be made to supply water sufficiently for agriculture. Now, due to the newly-built dams and river water pumping stations all over the nation, not only monsoon and summer paddy but also other crops can be grown all the year round. Some dams are being constructed both for the agricultural purpose and for generating hydro-electric power. Therefore, it is necessary for all those concerned to try their hardest for speedy completion of the projects.

The Kyeeohn-Kyeewa dam being built across the Mone creek in Pyinbyu township is going to be 3,280 feet long and, on completion, it will be able to irrigate more than 90,000 acres of farmland and 70,000 acres of summer paddy through the Mezali dam. Moreover, it will be capable of producing 330 million kw hours annually. In the same way, the Buywa dam being built across the Mone creek in Sedoktara township is going to be 243 feet high and 6,040 feet long and it will be able to generate 320 million kw yearly.

As the government is building dams to supply water for agricultural purposes, for greening the dry and arid zones and for producing hydroelectric power, we would like to call on all those responsible to work hard for speedy completion of projects and the farmers to try to boost agricultural production by making effective use of dam water.

**U Kyar Nyo Chit Pe accredited to Belgium**

**Yangon, 31 Jan** — The Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar has appointed U Kyar Nyo Chit Pe, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Union of Myanmar to Serbia and Montenegro, as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Union of Myanmar to the Kingdom of Belgium. — MNA

**U Soe Nwe appointed Ambassador to Serbia and Montenegro**

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**GIFT FOR GOLD MEDALLIST**

Patron Daw San San Yi of Myanmar Women’s Sports Federation presents gifts to Kay Khuang Lwin, a gold medalist in track and field event at the XXIII SEA Games.

**China enters into festive spirit**

**Beijing, 30 Jan** — More than 20,000 cleaners rose early on Sunday morning to clear Beijing’s streets stern with exploded firecrackers after exuberant Lunar New Year’s Eve celebrations.

Following the lift of 12-year firecracker ban in the capital, Beijingers made up for lost time as they celebrated the coming of the Spring Festival and the Year of Dog.

No serious injuries or fires were reported in the central areas of Beijing as the week-long holiday kicked off to a perfect start. Sunday’s newspapers all carried stories about how people around the country celebrated the auspicious Year of Dog in different ways — setting off firecrackers, eating dumplings, burning incense, visiting temple fairs and extending blessings to friends and family.

The 1.3 billion Chinese people have every reason to revel at the beginning of a promising year to come.

In 2005, China’s GDP went up by 9.9 per cent, maintaining a rapid growth rate that has lasted more than 20 years. The latest economic expansion has benefited all citizens: more and more people in rural areas have shrugged off poverty; urban residents are becoming increasingly wealthier. A new survey has shown that one out of 10 Beijing residents now owns a car, which was unimaginable a few years ago. The Chinese Government has vowed to build a harmonious society, something the top authority has always emphasised. On the eve of the Spring Festival, President Hu Jintao travelled to Northwest China’s Shaanxi Province to talk with local farmers and prepare food together with them for the festival. Premier Wen Jiabao stayed in a farmer’s home on New Year’s Eve in East China’s Shandong Province. Chinese farmers were awarded a huge gift this year. Beginning January 1, they are no longer required to pay agricultural taxes, marking the end of a tax that has been in place for 2,600 years.

“We have more money to spend this year,” said Shi Yunzhao, a farmer in Doushan Village, Mengyin County of Shandong Province. His family of four paid agricultural taxes of 204.23 yuan (about 25.22 US dollars) in 2004, 105.45 yuan in 2005, and now nothing in 2006. Official figures show that, compared with 1999, the overall financial burden on farmers has been cut by more than 100 billion yuan — about 800 million farmers have benefitted from the new tax policy.

Spring Festival is a time for family gatherings. People travel hundreds or even thousands of miles to be reunited with their loved ones. The Ministry of Railways announced on Saturday that in the two weeks leading up to the Spring Festival, 49.39 million people travelled by train, up nearly 5 million over the same period last year.

MNA/Xinhua
**Chavez says US wants Venezuela on terror sponsor list**

CARACAS (Venezuela), 29 Jan—Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez said on Friday Washington planned to brand Venezuela a sponsor of terrorism as he used the World Social Forum to vent against US imperialism and the Iraq war.

Chavez, a close ally of US foe Cuba, gave no evidence to back up his claim and has often charged US President George W Bush with planning to overthrow or assassinate him since he survived a 2002 coup. Washington has repeatedly denied the allegations.

The socialist leader has become one of Bush’s fiercest critics after putting his self-styled revolution at the heart of regional opposition to Washington’s free-market propo-sals for South America.

“The imperialism we face now is the most perverse, murdering, genocidal and immoral,” Chavez told packed crowds at an “anti-Chavez made his remarks during a nearly two-hour speech at the 6th World Social Forum, where international activists gathered to protest against US economic policies and debate on topics from fair trade to indigenous rights.

**Alaska volcano erupts after ten days of quiet**

ANCHORAGE (Alaska), 29 Jan—After 10 days of relative calm, Alaska’s Augustine Volcano roared back to life late on Friday, shooting a cloud of ash 40,000 feet into the sky.

It was the 10th explosion since 11 January, when the 4,134-foot (1,260-metre) volcano in southern Cook Inlet began an eruptive phase, reported the Alaska Volcano Observatory, a joint federal-state office.

**Poll shows most Americans want Bush reveal lobbyist ties**

WASHINGTON, 29 Jan—Three in four Americans want President George W. Bush to disclose his links with disgraced lobbyist Jack Abramoff, a demand the White House has rejected so far, according to a poll published on Saturday.

The Washington Post said the demand was supported by clear majorities of both Republicans and Democrats in the Washington Post-ABC News poll conducted between 23 January and 26 January.

Abramoff pleaded guilty to fraud charges this month and agreed to help US prosecutors in a corruption probe that has sparked calls for reform of the Washington practice of lobbying lawmakers with donations and favours to influence legislation.

At a White House news conference on Thursday, Bush said he did not know Abramoff and would not release photographs in which the two appeared together.—MNA/Reuters

**Six drowned in Rio mall garage flooded by rain**

RIO DE JANEIRO (Brazil), 29 Jan—Six people drowned in a bomb attack in central Iraq, a US military spokesman and the men’s media organization said.

The incident occurred near Taji and the two are now in hospital, the spokesman told AFP.

**Zanzibar police detain armed robbery suspect**

DAR-E-S-SALAAM, 29 Jan—Police in Zanzibar have detained a man in connection with an armed robbery against a local bureau de change a week ago.

George Kizuguto, regional police commander of Zanzibar West Urban region, said that the man, identified as Hassan Abdulla Nyambwe, had been rounded up in Dar-es-Salaam, according to a report reaching here on Saturday.

The suspect was claimed to have snatched away 25 million Tanzanian shillings (21.550 US dollars) from the Corlen de Mero Bureau de Change in central Stone Town of Zanzibar.

**Demonstrators protest against the British Army by burning a British flag, on 29 Jan, 2006, in Basra, Iraq’s second-largest city, 550 kilometres (340 miles) southeast of Baghdad, Iraq. —INTERNET**
India proposes Pan-ASEAN FTA, common ASEAN eco community

DASOM (SWITZERLAND), 29 Jan—India Friday mooted a Free Trade Pact between ASEAN and six countries including Japan, China, Korea, Australia and New Zealand aiming at a common economic community in East Asia.

“We need a common economic community in East Asia. The core will be ASEAN. We are now proposing ASEAN+3 plus India, Australia and New Zealand. A formal proposal has been put forward by our Prime Minister,” Finance Minister P. Chidambaram said at a meeting with Asian leaders and ADB president H. Kuroda here at the World Economic Forum.

India has already signed and ratified the South Asian Free Trade Agreement (SAFTA) and signed a Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement with Singapore, he said adding “next we will sign a CECA with ASEAN soon”.

India has signed a framework agreement for free trade with ASEAN last year. But the Minister outlined the need for a comprehensive economic treaty that takes care of investment and other financial matters.

To a query on whether India could sign a FTA with China, Chidambaram said “it is not inconceivable. Trade with China is growing very fast. Some time in future there could be a FTA with China”, he said.

He also said there was a need to develop an Asian Bond Market where Asian nations could invest a significant portion of their burgeoning foreign exchange reserves.

There was also a need to set up a Asian Monetary Fund, he said. “We will engage in dialogue (for all these initiatives),” he added. — MNA/PTI

Central American Parliament criticizes US migration law

MEXICO CITY, 29 Jan—The Central American Parliament (Parlacen) on Friday rejected a planned US law designed to boost US anti-migrant measures, according to reports from Guatemala.

The rights of Central Americans, Mexicans and Dominicans living in the US would be seriously threatened, the Guatemala-based body said in a resolution on Friday.

It was particularly critical of the initiative to criminalize undocumented migrants and build new walls on the border with Mexico, Guatemalan deputy Alvaro Dubon said.

The plan was approved last December by the US Senate. Some 18 million undocumented migrants live in the US, the bulk of whom are from the Caribbean or Latin America.— MNA/Xinhua

Jury awards $29m in Ford/Firestone suit

DETROIT, 29 Jan—A Texas jury on Friday handed down a verdict of more than $29 million US dollars against Ford Motor Co. and Firestone for a 22-year-old woman who was rendered a quadriplegic by an accident in her Mazda Navajo, attorneys for the woman said in a statement.

Ford said it would appeal the verdict in the trial against Ford and Firestone, the tire brand involved in the highly publicized 2000 and 2001 safety recalls.

The tire recalls came after at least 271 people died in accidents attributed to tire blowouts.

Ford owns one-third of Japanese automaker Mazda Motor Corp.

The court has ordered Ford to pay $385 per cent of the 29 million US dollars, and Firestone to pay 15 per cent, according to Jason Hoelscher, an attorney from law firm Sico, White & Braugh, who represented the plaintiff.

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Fadi Kabboul, energy counsellor at the Venezuelan Embassy in Washington, said the discount shipments had been made out of concern for poor people trying to deal with sharply higher fuel prices this winter.

The leaders of the ring included a British former policeman and a former British Marine. It said the operation, launched last October, had been difficult because the leaders used their experience to lecture other members of the ring on police investigation techniques.

The leaders of the group lived in dream houses in Marbella, a resort on the southern Spanish coast, and “enjoyed a life full of luxuries”, Spanish police said.

In simultaneous raids in several cities in Spain and Britain, police seized 3.8 tons of hashish, arrested 34 people and confiscated luxury cars and more than 100,000 euros in cash. The statement did not say when the raids were carried out.

The police statement listed 12 people arrested in Spain, including 10 Britons and two Spaniards.

The Marbella-based members of the group are alleged to have obtained the drugs and prepared them for smuggling to Britain.— MNA/Reuters

Spain donates heating oil again to US poor

PHILADELPHIA, 29 Jan—Some low-income households in the Philadelphia area will get cheap heating oil from Venezuela, officials said on Friday, in the latest snipe by leftist President Hugo Chavez against the US Government.

The donations deepen an ongoing spat between Chavez and President George W Bush, who calls Chavez a threat to democracy in Latin America. Socialist Chavez says Bush is trying to undermine his political support.

The world’s fifth-biggest oil exporter will supply five million gallons (22.7 million litres) of heating oil starting next month to about 25,000 households that qualify for the state home heat assistance program.

The households, which will be entitled to as much as 200 gallons (909 litres) each, will have to pay just 60 per cent of the retail price for the Venezuelan fuel.

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MNA/Reuters

Death toll from cold weather rises to 55 in Romania

BUCHAREST, 29 Jan—The Siberian cold snap gripping Romania claimed 10 more lives on Saturday, bringing the death toll to 55.

Most of the dead had suffered heart and respiratory problems caused by the cold, local media reported.

Since 15 January, most countries in central and eastern Europe have been hit by the cold wave, in which icy winds and heavy snow have led to the closure of roads, schools and ports. — MNA/Xinhua
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YANGON, 30 Jan — The following is a translation of the suggestions presented by U Khin Maung Kyi of Education Ministry from the delegate group of State service personnel concerning the Citizenship, Fundamental Rights and Duties of Citizens at the plenary session of the National Convention held today.

I am going to make suggestions on two points concerning the citizenship, persons regarding equality, five points on freedom, two points in connection with enslavement and forced labour, seven points on religious rights, three points on cultural and educational rights, two points in relation with election, three points regarding the economic rights, four points relating to criminal procedures, six points on protection guaranteed by the constitution, seven points concerning the duties of citizens, and one point on the term the State.

The 1947 Constitution and the 1974 Constitution and the constitutions of other world nations also state the chapter “Citizenship, Fundamental Rights and Duties of Citizens.” We find the 48 points comprehensive.

Concerning the citizenship, the group agrees that the following points should be adopted.

“(1) All persons who have either one of the following requirements are citizens of the Union of Myanmar —
   (a) All persons born of parents both of whom are nationals of the Union of Myanmar
   (b) Persons who are vested with citizenship according to existing laws on the date this Constitution comes into force”

(2) Citizenship, naturalization and revocation of citizenship shall be prescribed by the law.”

The following points should be adopted concerning the equality of citizens.

1. The State shall enable any citizen to enjoy equal rights before the law and shall equally provide legal protection.
2. The State shall not discriminate against or in favour of any citizen based on race, birth, religion, official position, status, culture, sex and wealth.
3. Citizens shall enjoy equal rights in the following spheres —
   (a) public employment
   (b) occupation
   (c) trade
   (d) business
   (e) technical know-how and vocation
   (f) science and technology
4. Women shall be entitled to the same rights and salaries as that received by men in respect of similar work.
5. Mothers, children and expectant women shall enjoy rights as prescribed by law.
6. The State shall, in appointing or assigning duties, not discriminate against or in favour of any citizens with qualifications set for positions or duties based on race, birth, region, and sex.

However, nothing in this section shall prevent appointment of men to the positions that are naturally suitable for men only”

The Chairman of the National Convention Convening Work Committee explained the following points.

1. Nothing shall, excepting in accord with existing laws, be detrimental to the lives and personal freedom of any citizens.
2. There shall be liberty in the exercise of the following rights subject to the laws enacted for State security, prevalence of law and order, community peace and tranquillity, public order and morality —
   (a) The right of the citizens to express freely their convictions and opinions
   (b) The right of the citizens to assemble peacefully without arms and the right of procession
   (c) The right of the citizens to form associations and unions
   (d) The right of the citizens to develop their language, literature, culture they cherish, religion they profess, and customs without prejudice to the relations between one national race and another, or among national races and to other faiths.

3. Every citizen shall have the right to settle and reside in any place within the Union according to the law.
4. The Union shall, according to the law, protect every citizen's belongings and movable & immovable property lawfully earned and acquired.
5. The State shall, by law, protect the privacy and security of the home, property, correspondence and other communications of citizens subject to the provisions of this Constitution.”

Our nation is going to exercise genuine multi-party democracy system through a new enduring Constitution. In the process, it is found that among the democratic practices are freedom of speech, press, assembly, procession, association, settlement in the State, property ownership and security of premises, etc. In view of the provisions of the constitutions of many nations, it is found that they prescribe the provisions that are in conformity with prevailing situations (See page 6)

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State shall help national businessmen have access to technologies, investments, machinery, and raw materials.

YANGON, 30 Jan — The following is a translation of the suggestions presented by U Myint Tun of Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement from the delegate group of State service personnel concerning the Citizenship, Fundamental Rights and Duties of Citizens at the plenary session of the National Convention held today.

First I would like to give suggestions on points —

1. Subject to this Constitution and relevant laws, every citizen shall have the right to elect and to be elected to the Pyithu Hluttaw, the Amyotha Hluttaw, the Region or State Hluttaw; and
2. Respective electorate shall have the right to revoke the duties of a Hluttaw member in accord with the law”

Hluttaws at different levels have to be formed in accord with the provisions of the Constitution to carry out such matters. After the terms of Hluttaws have been fixed, the people will have to elect Hluttaw members representing the people to carry out functions. The people also have the right to be elected in accord with the law.

The people shall be given the right to revoke, in accord with the law, the duties of a representative they have elected if he is not dutiful. Hence, the above-mentioned points should be adopted.

The Chairman of the National Convention Convening Work Committee explained the following points.

1. “Every citizen shall have the right to freely do business in accord with the law for the national economic development.
2. The State shall help national businessmen have access to technologies, investments, machinery, and raw materials.
3. In doing businesses without prejudice to the law, every citizen should be guaranteed the rights of privacy of property, using assets, innovation, and copyright by the State.”

To ensure national economic development, citizens shall have the right to freely do businesses in accord with the law, and the State shall help them have access to technologies, investments, machinery, and raw materials. Moreover, the State shall give guarantee to the citizens in doing businesses without prejudice to the law, the citizens should be guaranteed property of right, rights to use assets and to innovate. Hence, the above-mentioned points should be adopted.

The Work Committee Chairman clarified the following points at the National Convention.

1. “An accused should be convicted of crime in accord with the law at the time of the commission of the offence, nor shall he be subjected to a penalty greater than that applicable.
2. Except the matter for which a next higher court revokes a judgement and orders to rehear the case regarding the judgement in which the court concerned convicted or acquitted an accused of the crime, any cases shall not be reheard.
3. An accused shall have the right to make an argument against the charge.
4. No citizen shall, except matters on precautionary measures taken for security of the State, prevalence of law and order, and community peace and tranquillity in accord with the law in the interests of the people, or the matters permitted according to an existing law, be placed in custody for more than 24 hours without the sanction of a competent judicial organ.”

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U Khin Maung Kyi of Education Ministry.

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Now I will deal with the points the Work Committee Chairman explained at the National Convention.

1. “The right to move the Supreme Court of the Union by appropriate proceedings for the enforcement of any of the rights conferred by this Chapter is hereby guaranteed.
2. The Supreme Court of the Union shall have the power to issue the following writs as appropriate in a matter to enforce the rights bestowed by this Constitution;
   (a) Writ of habeas corpus
   (b) Writ of mandamus
   (c) Writ of prohibition
   (d) Writ of quo warranto
   (e) Writ of certiorari

The power to issue writs vested in the Supreme Court of the Union shall not affect the power that is similar to the power vested in other courts according to an existing law.

3. In times of the following situations, the power to issue writs according to para (36) shall not be suspended unless the public safety may so require. (See page 6)
Tatmadaw, core armed forces for national defence

1. “The Tatmadaw is strong, modern and must be the sole existing brilliant and patriotic Tatmadaw”
2. “The Tatmadaw is mainly responsible for safeguarding the State Constitution”
3. “The Tatmadaw is mainly responsible for safeguarding non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty”
4. “The Tatmadaw shall lead in safeguarding the Union of Myanmar against all internal and external dangers. The Tatmadaw is the core armed forces for national defence”
5. “The Tatmadaw has the right to independently administer all affairs concerning the forces”
6. “The Tatmadaw has the right to administer in times of war, invasion, rebellion, insurrection or grave emergency”
7. “The Defence Services Commander-in-Chief is the Supreme Commander of all armed forces”
8. “As a reference in designating the official position of the Commander-in-Chief, the Commander-in-Chief is designated as Vice-President level”
9. “The President shall appoint the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services with the proposal and recommendation of the National Defence and Security Council”
10. “The Tatmadaw has the right to independently administer all affairs concerning the forces”
11. “Military justice for members of the Tatmadaw may be administered according to law by a collective organ or by a judge”
12. “The decision of the Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services is final and conclusive in military justice”
13. “A Law shall be enacted to provide assistance and care for families of the disabled or fallen Tatmadaw members”
14. “The Tatmadaw shall render assistance to the people”

Citizenship, naturalization and revocation of citizenship...

now I will discuss the following points.
1. Every citizen shall, in accord with the law, has the right to freely develop literature, culture, arts, customs and traditions he loves. In the process, one and all shall avoid any act which is to the detriment of national solidarity. Any particular action in this respect which might adversely affect the interests of one or several other national races shall be taken only after consulting with and obtaining the consent of those affected
2. Every citizen, in accord with the education policy laid down in the State shall, (a) have the right to education (b) be given basic education prescribed by the law as compulsory (c) have the right to innovate and express conscience for the development of science, literature and arts, and freely do research on culture
3 The State shall encourage and provide, based on qualifications, assistance for citizens outstanding in the education, irrespective of race, religion, and sex
A national race, in enjoying this right, will have to avoid any particular action in this respect which might adversely affect the literature, culture and arts of other national races. The State shall, in the education aspect, encourage and provide assistance for citizens outstanding in education, irrespective of race, religion, and sex. So, the points should be adopted. — ANVA

State shall help national businessmen have access to technologies...

(a) in time of war,
(b) in time of invasion,
(c) in time of rebellion; 4. Every citizen, at home or abroad, dealing with foreign countries shall have the right to seek protection of the State; 5. Except the situations, the right to enforce the remedies prescribed by law shall not be suspended regarding the deprivation of citizens — (a) in time of invasion, (b) in time of rebellion, (c/in time of insurrection or grave emergency, 6. If there are, of the rights prescribed in this chapter, some rights that need to be restricted or revoked, they should be done so only after the enacting of a necessary law for members who are discharging national defence duties, or duties for prevalence of law and order and State security to be able to discharge their duties effectively with discipline. Hence the above-mentioned points should be adopted. — ANVA
Citizens have to be loyal to the State, and in return the State has to care them

upon occurrence of a calamity in the Union that affects the nation and the people.

A nation’s life rests on its own constitution, that states the powers and functions of the governing bodies and the rights of citizens. Hence, the point "The Tatmadaw is strong, modern and must be the sole existing brilliant and patriotic Tatmadaw" should be adopted.

The Tatmadaw is strong, modern and must be the sole existing brilliant and patriotic Tatmadaw. The Tatmadaw has been able to preserve and follow its traditions, and run its staff, adjutant and quartermaster independently administer all affairs concerning the forces. 

The Tatmadaw has the right to assemble, the right of procession, the right to settle and reside in any place within the Union, the right to acquire property, and the right of protection of premises and security of home. According to the constitution, all the national people will enjoy freedom of democracy equally. So, regarding the rights of freedom, the detailed basic principles from No 9 to No 13 should be adopted.

The recommendation of the National Defence and Security Council that the Tatmadaw shall render assistance to the people upon occurrence of a calamity in the Union that affects the nation and the people has adopted.

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Tatmadaw, core armed forces for national defence

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The Tatmadaw is mainly responsible for safeguarding the independence and sovereignty. The Tatmadaw members' total obeisance to the commands, the Tatmadaw was able to regain independence and continue to safeguard the independence. The national people, with their unyielding spirit and the love for the motherland, strongly support the Tatmadaw in their missions, the Tatmadaw’s career is an invaluable part in the history of the nation.

The Tatmadaw has to be loyal to the State, and in return the State has to care them.

The Tatmadaw has been able to preserve and follow its traditions, and run its staff, adjutant and quartermaster independently administer all affairs concerning the forces. Therefore, points Nos 14 and 15 that say "The Tatmadaw has the right to assemble, the right of procession, the right to settle and reside in any place within the Union, the right to acquire property, and the right of protection of premises and security of home" has been adopted.

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The National Convention has already laid down the basic principles "Every citizen is responsible to undergo military training in accord with the provisions of the law to serve in the armed forces to defend the State", "The Tatmadaw is mainly responsible for safeguarding the independence and sovereignty", and "The Tatmadaw shall perform its task only if it has the right to administer all affairs concerning the forces in accordance with the constitution." Hence, the point "The Tatmadaw is strongly modern and must be the sole existing brilliant and patriotic Tatmadaw" should be adopted.
Service personnel and local people...

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related to development of the region and called for cultivation of physic nut plants as a development task.

Next, Senior General Than Shwe grew a physic nut plant to launch the ceremony and members of the State Peace and Development Council, Commander-in-Chief (Navy), Commander-in-Chief (Air), Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of the South-West Command, ministers and officials grew physic nut plants as a development task.

Afterwards, Senior General Than Shwe and party viewed the growing of physic nut plants by residents at the ceremony.

Next, Senior General Than Shwe inspected the test run of a tractor with a 50 HP engine, harvester, engine and pumping machine and Leya-16 power tiller with the use of physic nut oil. They also viewed demonstration of the generation of the physic nut oil. After the ceremony, they inspected the development of villages along Ngwe Hsaung-Hsinma Road in a motorcade.

At the Hsinma Village, Chairman of Pathein District PDC Lt- Col Hla Thwin reported on development of the villages located on Ngwe-Hsaung-Hsinma-Ngayokekaung Road. According to his report, Ngwe Hsaung-Hsinma Road is 13 miles long and Hsinma-Ngayokekaung Road is 19 miles long. They are negotiable only in the winter and the summer.

Hsinma Bridge which is 150 feet long and 12 feet wide near Hsinma Village is under construction and arrangements are being made to finish the bridge by March, 2006.

Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and Commander Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung gave supplementary reports.

Senior General Than Shwe said the respective development committees are to lay down annual plans for ensuring better rural roads. The development committee in cooperation with local people is to undertake measures for improvement of Ngwe Hsaung-Hsinma-Ngayokekaung Road.

He said the development committees are to implement municipal activities such as urban development tasks and works of district council—rural region development tasks, better rural roads and water supply. He said the role of the development committees is to be upgraded by undertaking rural development tasks more widely than ever.

On 29 January, Senior General Than Shwe met departmental officials and members of social organizations at Ngwe Hsaung General Administration Department Office.

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Service personnel and local people...

Officials concerned reported on the area of Ngwe Hsaung, constitution of wards and villages, population, economic enterprises of local people, peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order, monsoon and summer rice cultivation, sufficiency and surplus of rice in the region, cultivation of other crops, telephone communication and education, health and development conditions. Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and the commander gave supplementary reports. Senior General Than Shwe gave guidance on development of Ngwe Hsaung. He said the government is making efforts for equal development of the country including border areas. As a result, various parts in states and divisions have developed. Arrangements are to be made for improvement of health standard of villages and towns.

Ngwe Hsaung is not a border area but it is close to the sea. The government on its part has made arrangements for effective administrative system, prevalence of law and order, community peace and tranquillity and security, regional development and strong economy in the region. Service personnel and local people are to make efforts for peace and development of their respective regions after realizing the government’s arrangements, he said.

Next, Senior General Than Shwe and party inspected construction of 16-bed Ngwe Hsaung Hospital. Minister Dr Kyaw Myint and Director U Tin Shwe of Yaungchi Tuntauk Co Ltd reported on progress of work. Senior General Than Shwe then gave guidance.

On arrival at Bay of Bengal Resort of Woodland Co Ltd, Senior General Than Shwe and party were welcomed by Director U Win Aung and officials. He reported on construction of the resort. Senior General Than Shwe and party inspected construction of bungalows, greening tasks for the resort and its beauty. Senior General Than Shwe and party went to Aureum Palace Hotel Resort where Managing Director U Teza of Htoo Trading Co Ltd and officials welcomed them. U Teza and officials reported on construction of the hotel resort, beauty of the beach and arrangements for tourists.

Senior General Than Shwe and party inspected the hotel resort. They proceeded to Sunny Paradise Resort where they were welcomed by Managing Director of TMW Co Ltd U Wai Lwin and wife Dr Win Min Thit and officials. Senior General Than Shwe and party inspected arrangements for beauty of the resort and hotel rooms. They also went to Myanmar Treasure Resort where U Teza reported on arrangements for recreation.

Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw reported on development of Myanmar tourism, annual increase of tourist arrivals to resorts in Myanmar, high standard of hotels and motels and conditions of Ngwe Hsaung resort. Then, Senior General Than Shwe gave guidance. Senior General Than Shwe and party inspected beautifying tasks of Myanmar Treasure Resort.

They went to the Palm Beach Resort where they were welcomed by Chairman U Win Aung of Dagon International Ltd and wife Dr Daw Moe Mya Mya. They went to Yuzana Resort Hotel where Chairman of Yuzana Co Ltd U Htay Myint and officials welcomed them. U Htay Myint reported on tourist arrivals, prawn breeding, cultivation of rubber and reclamation of land for cultivation of physic nut. Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo reported on measures undertaken for agriculture. Senior General Than Shwe gave guidance and signed in the visitor’s book of Yuzana Co Ltd. Secretary General of USDA Maj-Gen Htay Oo and member of the Secretariat Brig-Gen Thein Zaw met joint secretary and executives of Ayeyawady Division, District and Township USDAs at Ngwe Hsaung USDA Office. Ministers Maj-Gen Htay Oo and Brig-Gen Thein Zaw inspected satellite communication station and post office in Ngwe Hsaung. Brig-Gen Thein Zaw also met service personnel.

NCCC, Work Committee and Management Committee meet

YANGON, 30 Jan—
The National Convention Convening Commission, the Work Committee and the Management Committee held the meeting hall of the NCCC at Nyaungnapin Camp in Hmaubw Township, Yangon Division this afternoon, with an address by Chairman of NCCC Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein.

Also present on the occasion were Vice-Chairman of NCCC Minister for Electric Power Maj-Gen Tin Htut, Secretary Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Aung Toe, Vice-Chairman Attorney-General U Aye Maung and work committee members. — MNA

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein speaking at work coordination meeting of NCCC, the Work Committee and the Management Committee. — MNA

Convening Work Committee Chief Justice U Aung Toe, Vice-Chairman of National Convention Chairman of National Convention Convening Commission — MNA

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Citizens have to be loyal to the State,...

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assigned thereupon by the State in accord with the law for public interests** should be adopted.

Citizens in the nation have the right to proficient any religions of their choice such as Christianity, Islam, Hinduism and Animism. Here, religious freedom should not be associated with politics, social affairs and other secular affairs in the interests of the people. There should be a principle to prohibit the misuse of religion for political purposes and any act which is intended or is likely to incite the feelings of hatred, enmity or discord between racial or religious communities or sects.

The plenary session of the National Convention held on 16 September 1993 laid down 104 basic principles, and one of them concerns religious freedom.

Thus, the seven points from No 16 to No 22 should be adopted.

Some characteristics of the customs and traditions of the national races are similar in essence, and some are different from one another. So, ethnic groups should have the rights to freely develop their literature, culture and arts. The system of compulsory basic education for all citizens should be practised to promote cultural and education standards of national races. National races should have the rights to develop literature and arts, to explore science and technology, and to freely express cultural matters. And outstanding citizens should be awarded.

Thus, the points Nos 23, 24 and 25 that concern cultural and education rights should be adopted.

As the Constitution will build a discipline-flourishing democratic nation, the holding of election, a symbol of democracy, is important. There will be the Pyithu Hluttaw, the Amyotha Hluttaw and Region or State Hluttaw with Hluttaw members elected by the people. Every citizen, if he has all qualifications, shall have the right to be elected to Hluttaws.

Respective electorate shall have the right of recall if the Hluttaw members they have elected fail to do their duty.

So, among the points the WC Chairman discussed, points Nos 26 and 27 concerning rights to election should be adopted.

The future State will practise the market-oriented economic system. In this regard, every citizen shall have the right to do businesses freely in accordance with the system. The State should provide national entrepreneurs with technical know-how, machinery, and raw materials. The State should also guarantee citizens the rights of property, privacy, using assets, innovation, and copyright in doing businesses without prejudice to the law.

Therefore, the points Nos 28, 29 and 30 should be adopted.

In respect of the rights to criminal laws, the Work Committee Chairman explained judgments to be handed down in accordance with the law, the right of defence against the charge, holding no citizen under detention for more than 24 hours without the remand of a competent magistrate. These points should be adopted.

Every citizen has the right to apply to the Supreme Court of the Union for appropriate proceedings for the protection of the rights guaranteed under this chapter. The right to issue writs is vested in the Supreme Court of the Union.

A basic principle says Union comprises a Supreme Court. The Union Supreme Court is the highest court of the Union. The Union Supreme Court is vested with the right to issue writs.

The points from No 35 to 40 concern the right to apply to the Supreme Court for the protection of the rights, the power to issue writs, the right to seek a right not included in the Constitution and the right to seek protection of the State, the right to enforce remedies for loss and damages, and restriction and abrogation through enactment of necessary law. I would like to suggest they should be adopted.

Every citizen shall have the right to enjoy fundamental rights and shall discharge duties conscientiously. Every citizen is responsible for upholding non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity, and perpetuation of sovereignty. Moreover, citizens shall have to safeguard State’s independence, sovereignty, territory, to enhance national solidarity, to strive for community peace and stability, and emergence of a modern developed nation, to undergo military training in accord with laws so as to serve in the armed forces to defend the State, and to pay taxes levied according to the laws.

The points from No 41 to 47 that concern duties of citizens should be adopted.

The term “The State” is stipulated in the Chapter “Citizenship, Fundamental Rights and Duties of Citizens”. It is required that in a constitution, every point is enumerated specifically.

Thus, the point No 48 “The State” means a body that exercises legislative and executive powers according to this Constitution should be adopted.

The rights of human beings are rich in meaning. The scope of their meaning is wider and wider day after day. In the Charter of the UN adopted on 24 October 1945, the expression about human rights is stated three times in three different places; and in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, 30 times.

We are pleased with the fact that the points stipulated in the Chapter “Citizenship, Fundamental Rights and Duties of Citizens” are in conformity with the points included in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

We members of the delegate group of other invited persons would like to suggest:

(a) Every citizen is responsible for recognition and preservation of national cultural heritage;

(b) Every citizen is responsible for environmental conservation;

(c) Every citizen is responsible for the development of human resources;

(d) Every citizen is responsible for maintenance of public-owned property — should be adopted as detailed basic principles for ensuring successful completion of the National Convention.

Now, delegate U Mann Aung Tin Myint will read the second part of our proposal, the Role of the Tatmadaw. — MNA
Delegate of other invited persons group pledge to march together with Tatmadaw till reaching discipline-flourishing democratic state

Next, U Myint Tun of the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement presented the proposals.

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The plenary session took a break.

When the plenary session resumed, U Sao Kai Hpa of Other Invited Persons presented proposals of Deleg-ate Group of Other Invited Persons.

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Next, U Mann Aung Tin Myint of Haungtharaw special region presented the proposals.

(Translation is reported separately.)

The Plenary Session of the National Convention adjourned at 11.30 am.

The Plenary Session of the National Convention continues tomorrow.— MNA
Death toll reaches 20 in roof collapse in Poland

WARSAW, 29 Jan—At least 20 people were killed and 100 injured when the roof collapsed at an exhibition hall in the southern Polish city of Chorzow on Saturday, officials said.

One fire officer said about 100 people might be trapped in the wreckage of the building the size of a soccer field where an international meeting of pigeon enthusiasts was being held.

Five Germans, a Czech and a Belgian were among those injured at the exhibition that had also drawn spectators from the Netherlands and Ukraine as well as from across Poland, local media reported.

The injured were rushed to nearby hospitals while rescuers fought their way through the debris from the collapsed metal roof under floodlights.

Nearly 1,000 police, fire fighters and military gendarmes were involved in the rescue mission after the collapse of the football-field-sized exhibition hall’s roof.

Fire fighters with dogs trained to find victims beneath wreckage have been sent from the neighbouring province of Malopolska to help in the rescue effort. Malopolska provincial police spokesman Andrzej Siekanka said.

Temperatures have plunged to minus 15 Celsius and emergency services started to blow hot air into the collapsed structure to increase the chances of survival for those trapped.

The police initially said the weight of the snow caused the roof to collapse, but the building manager told Polish television that snow had been regularly cleared from the roof of the modern building.

MNA/Xinhua

Singapore opens new Naval training base

SINGAPORE, 29 Jan—The Republic of Singapore Navy’s new training base, RSS Panglima — Changi Naval Training Base, opened Saturday afternoon, according to a statement by the Ministry of Defence (MINDEF).

Located at the western end of Changi Naval Base, the 6.7-hectare compound is equipped with state-of-the-art training technologies including the Ship Handling Simulator, the Platform Systems Emulation Centre and the Submarine Steering and Dive Trainer to offer realistic and effective training.

"Advanced learning methods such as Problem-based Adult Learning Strategies and self-directed learning are employed in the training base, according to the MINDEF.

Speaking at the opening ceremony, Defence Minister Teo Chee Hean called the training base the Navy’s flagship for knowledge and learning.

MNA/Xinhua

Ugandan police arrest serial killer in Kampala

KAMPALA, 29 Jan—The Uganda police have arrested a man who confessed to killing three women including a 17-year-old girl in different parts of the capital city Kampala.

According to local Press on Saturday, Baker Walusimbi, a resident of Wankokozono in southern suburb of Kampala, was arrested in a recent joint operation by the Violent Crime Crack Unit (VCCU) and the police. Walusimbi confessed to killing Maureen Nabbalale, a student of VCCU and the police.

He was also trained to find victims beneath wreckage who were found naked, saying “what is so surprising is that all the three phones, women’s handbags and a toy pistol. VCCU head David Magara was quoted as saying “what is so surprising is that all the three women were murdered in the same way”. “Their bodies were found naked, without any identification. We suspect that they were first raped before they were killed,” Magara said.

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Britons save harder than ever to buy first home

London, 29 Jan—First-time buyers in Britain need at least five years to save for a deposit on a new home as house price rises far outstrip earnings, a report by the nation’s largest mortgage lender showed on Saturday.

Halifax, part of the HBOS Plc banking group, said that compared with three years ago it was needed to get the deposit together five years ago and contrasted markedly with just two years a decade ago.

As house price rises have outstripped earnings growth, a rising number of Britons have been kept off the property ladder, causing a drop in the number of first-time buyers, a traditional driver of the British housing market.

Halifax said the number of first-time buyers was the lowest in a quarter of a century in 2005 at an estimated 320,000.

“First-time buyers need to save harder and for longer than ever before as to put down a decent deposit on a house,” Tim Crawford, group economist at Halifax, said in a statement. “This explains why the number of first-time buyers entering the market was close to record lows in 2005.”

The typical deposit now stands at 76 per cent of average earnings compared with 42 per cent five years ago, Halifax said.

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The accident involved a Rwanda registered trailer and a Kenya registered semi-trailer.

MNA/Xinhua

End of a march

KAMPALA, 29 Jan—A student died at the National Police College at the end of the student’s strike in the capital city Kampala.

According to the police, the student was undergoing self-directed learning through the Learning Strategies and Emulation Centre and the police.

The student was found in Kawaala. Speaking at the memorial, VCCU head David Chee Hean called the training base the Navy’s flagship for knowledge and learning.

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Malaysian scientists to hunt “Bigfoot” in rainforest

KUALA LUMPUR, 29 Jan — Malaysia plans to send two teams of scientists to scour its southern rainforests and track down a huge ape said to have been spotted there, a government official said on Friday.

“Bigfoot” fever has dominated Malaysian newspaper headlines for several weeks now, with several dramatic sightings of a hairy, gorilla-like creature reported in the thick forest in the southern state of Johor.

One local man said he saw a 10-foot (three-metre) tall ape standing on two legs beside a river, according to one report. “Yes, the state government has decided to send teams of scientists to try and track it,” said a state official who declined to be named. But he gave no further details.

The country is home to the orang-utan, a large red-haired ape that can grow the size of a small man, but they are not found in peninsular Malaysia — although monkeys and gibbons are common.

National news agency Bernama has said the Johor state government intends to set up two expedition teams, one to explore the forests and a second to try and study the animal itself. “We hope the expedition will be able to prove its existence,” the agency quoted Chief Minister Abdul Ghani Othman as saying.

Bigfoot sightings across the world have fueled a mystique and market for products and research into the existence of the creature that is also known as Bigfoot, Sasquatch or the Himalayan yeti, whose existence has never been proved, but the Malaysian sightings are worth investigating, an environmentalist said.

“The national park is as big as Singapore island,” said Vicent Chow, who works in the area and has often lobbied the state government to investigate past sightings. “It’s quite possible there is something there.”

The Endau-Rompin national park, where the sightings were reported, sprawls over an area of about 49,000 hectares (490 square kilometres).

Bangladesh maintains strict policies on female workers export

DHAKA, 29 Jan — Bangladesh Government maintains strict principles in conformity with certain policies on exporting female workers to different countries following allegations and apprehensions of being cheated abroad.

The Ministry of Expatriates Welfare and Overseas Employment imposes a number of conditions on the Bangladesh Association of International Recruiting Agencies (BAIRA), recognizing it as the sole supervisory body outside the government, for sending abroad women mainly as housemaids, local daily New Age quoted sources in the ministry as saying on Saturday.

The ministry, however, cannot say how many Bangladeshi women are working abroad since some of them went through unofficial channels or taking spouse visa in many cases.

The ministry in consultation with the BAIRA framed a set of policies on female workers’ export on a trial basis as there is a sound demand of housemaids in the Middle East countries.

If any Bangladeshi woman is to be sent abroad with job, she must be between 23 years and 35 years old and should be provided with proper training before leaving the country, according to the policy paper.

Wild bird suspected to carry H5N1 virus in HK

HONG KONG, 29 Jan — The result of preliminary testing of a dead oriental magpie robin found in Sha Tau Kok, Hong Kong, indicated a suspected case of H5N1 avian influenza, a spokesman for the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) said here on Friday.

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The spokesman reiterated that the department would maintain frequent inspections on poultry farms to ensure that proper precautions against avian influenza had been implemented.

“We will continue to monitor poultry farms closely. There is no abnormal mortality and the chickens show no symptoms of avian influenza,” he said.

As a safety measure, the department is carrying out inspection of some 10 poultry farms within five kilometres from where the bird was found. Surveillance of wild birds in the area has also been stepped up. Backyard poultry owners are advised to contact the AFCD through the government hotline if they would like to surrender or vacinate their chickens.

“They should consider giving up backyard farming if biosecurity measures are found inadequate. Any suspicious outbreak of disease among their birds or their neighbours’ birds, or significant increase in mortality should be reported to the AFCD immediately,” he said.

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**SPORTS**

Valencia score two late goals to earn draw, Osasuna lose

**MADRID,** 30 Jan—Second-placed Valencia scored two goals in the last seven minutes as they fought back to earn a 2-2 draw at home to Real Zaragoza in the Primera Liga on Sunday.

Zaragoza had taken the lead through Sergio Garcia only to see the dismissal of David Gameiro and the introduction of Valencia striker Patrick Kluivert in the second half turned the game.

The Dutchman pulled a goal back in the 83rd minute and set up the second for Argentine playmaker Pablo Aimar to head the equalizer six minutes later.

Valencia consolidated second place on 40 points, nine behind leaders Barcelona who were playing away against Real Mallorca later on Sunday.

Third-placed Osasuna, on 39 points, continued to drop off the pace when they suffered their first home defeat in the league this season, going down 2-0 to lowly Real Betis.

Real Madrid, on 36 points, can move up to third if they beat Celta Vigo away.

Valencia’s win was their eighth in 12 games.

FA Cup woe for holders Arsenal

**LONDON,** 30 Jan—Bolton Wanderers knocked holders Arsenal out of the FA Cup on Saturday, Greek striker Stelios Giannakopoulos heading an 84th-minute goal to earn a 1-0 fourth-round victory at the Reebok Stadium.

In the fourth round of the FA Cup a weakened United team needed a replay to get past minor league Burton Albion but this time manager Alex Ferguson selected a strong, though somewhat unbalanced team with England centre back Rio Ferdinand playing in midfield alongside Wayne Rooney.

They were in charge from the start, especially after Richardson steered home from 12 metres when the Wolves denied failed to clear a low Louis Saha cross.

Wolves, eighth in the Second Division have drawn 13 of their 30 games, always looked off the pace despite the efforts of evergreen 38-year-old captain and former United midfielder Paul Ince. A Carl Cort header over the bar was their best first-half effort.

United got their second this time the last minute of the first half when more static central defending allowed Saha to race onto a 50-metre punt by new defender Nemanja Vidic and to drive the ball past Stefan Postma.

The game was sealed seven minutes after the restart when Park Ji-sung did well to break down the ball and pull the ball back to Ruud van Nistelrooy. The Dutchman then calmly chipped across goal to the waiting Richardson to head into an empty net.

Polish international striker Tomasz Franowski came on to make his Wolves debut in the 64th minute and nearly marked it with a goal when he shot just wide four minutes later.

But it was a rare uncomfortable moment for United, who went close to a fourth when van Nistelrooy whistled a stinging shot against the top of the bar.

**SPRINT**

Siena’s Bogdani grabs hat-trick to face Palermo

**Rome,** 30 Jan—Albanian striker Erion Bogdani notched a hat-trick to give Serie A strugglers Siena a 3-1 win at Palermo on Saturday.

The result lifted Siena to 12th in the 20-team division on 24 points, six above the relegation zone, and increased the pressure on underfire Palermo coach Luigi Del Neri who has now lost five of his last seven league matches. Siena took the lead in the 30th minute when Enrico Chiesa threaded a pass through the defence for Bogdani to beat keeper Cristiano Lupatelli.

Palermo pushed forward at the start of the second half but Bogdani struck again in the 57th minute, slipping his marker to head in a free kick at the far post.

Bryan twins win dramatic doubles final

**MELBOURNE,** 30 Jan—Top seeds Mike and Bob Bryan of the US came from a set down to beat Czech Republic’s Martin Damm and India’s Leander Paes 4-6, 6-3, 6-4 in the Australian Open men’s doubles final on Saturday.

In a tense, dramatic match full of superb net play by both partners, Mauresmo and Damm broke Mike Bryan’s serve in the seventh game of the match to give them the first set.

The twins broke Paes in the eighth game of the second set to send it into a deciding tie-break.

They broke Damm early in the third set then had their own serves placed under intense pressure, saving one break point in the sixth game and four in the eighth to set up the opportunity to serve for the title.

“I had nothing left in my body by the end of that match,” Bob Bryan told a news conference. “It was so emotional...there was a lot of energy there and we were hanging on.

“We were down break points pretty much every game in the third. It was just pure relief and happiness and excitement at the end.”

The 27-year-old twins, who became just the second pair in 50 years to make all four Grand Slam finals last year, were playing their third successive final at Melbourne Park.


“I had every type of emotion, pissed off, jacked up, you know, just let it all hang out,” said Mike Bryan.—**MENA/Reuters**

Mauresmo wins Australian Open as Henin retires

**MELBOURNE,** 30 Jan—Third seed Amelie Mauresmo won her first Grand Slam title when Justine Henin-Hardenne retired from the Australian Open women’s singles final because of illness on Saturday.

Mauresmo, the 1999 Melbourne runner-up, won the first set 6-1 after dominating the early exchanges and led 2-0 in the second when Henin-Hardenne pulled out.

“It’s been a very long time,” Mauresmo said after lifting the trophy in her 32nd Grand Slam tournament.

“It was a surprise for me also,” she said of her opponent’s retirement.

The Frenchwoman raced into a 5-0 lead after breaking eighth seed Henin-Hardenne in the second and fourth games of the first set, the second one coming after an uncharacteristic backhand error by the Belgian.

Mauresmo served out the set 33 minutes on Rod Laver Arena, Henin-Hardenne netting a forehand service return on the final point.

She grabbed another service break in the opening game of the second set but Henin-Hardenne was clearly struggling and could go no further, retiring after 52 minutes.

“I’m feeling very disappointed to lose the tournament this way,” Henin-Hardenne said.

“I’m feeling so sick, I couldn’t stay on the court any more. It’s very frustrating that it ends this way.”—**MENA/Reuters**
Climate expert says NASA bids to muzzle him

New York, 30 Jan — NASA's top climate scientist said the Bush Administration has tried to stop him from speaking out since he gave a lecture in December calling for prompt reductions in emissions of greenhouse gases, The New York Times said on Saturday.

In an interview with the newspaper, James Hansen, director of NASA's Goddard Institute for Space Studies, said that officials at the space agency's headquarters had ordered the public affairs staff to review his lectures, papers, postings on the Goddard Website and requests for interviews from journalists.

"They feel their job is to be this censor of information going out to the public," the Times quoted Hansen as saying, adding that the scientist planned to ignore the new restrictions.

A NASA spokesman denied any effort to silence Hansen, the Times said. "That's not the way we operate here at NASA," said Dean Acosta, deputy assistant administrator for public affairs. "We promote openness and we speak with the facts."

Rather, the spokesman said the restrictions applied to any and all NASA personnel who could be seen by the public as speaking for the agency.

Acosta added, however, that while government scientists were free to discuss scientific findings, policy statements should be left to policy makers and appointed spokesmen, the Times said.

The story was posted on its Website and will be published in Sunday's editions.

Hansen, a physicist who joined the space agency in 1967, is an authority on climate who directs efforts to simulate the global climate on computers at Manhattan's Goddard Institute.

Since 1988 he has warned publicly about the long-term threat from heat-trapping emissions, dominated by carbon dioxide, that are a byproduct of burning coal, oil and other fossil fuels, the Times said.

It said he fell out of favour with the White House in 2004 after a University of Iowa speech ahead of the presidential election in which he complained that government climate scientists were being muzzled, adding that he planned to vote for Democratic nominee Senator John Kerry.

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WEATHER

Monday, 30 January, 2006

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been generally fair in the whole country. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below normal in Kachin and Chin States, upper Sagaing, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and about normal in the remaining areas. The significant night temperatures were Haka (1°C), Lashio, Pinlaung, Pyin Oo Lwin and Mogok (4°C) each.

Maximum temperature on 29-1-2006 was 92°F. Minimum temperature on 30-1-2006 was 58°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hrs MST on 30-1-2006 was (82%). Total sunshine hours on 29-1-2006 was (8.3) hours approx.

Rainfall on 30-1-2006 were nil at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2006 were nil at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (6) mph from Southeast at (14:30) hours MST on 29-1-2006.

Bay influence: Weather is generally fair in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 31-1-2006: Weather will be generally fair in the whole country.

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Weather will be generally fair in the whole country.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 31-1-2006: Fair weather.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 31-1-2006: Fair weather.
Plenary Session of National Convention continues

Delegate Groups of State Service Personnel, Other Invited Persons present suggestions on detailed basic principles to be laid down for the Chapters on Citizenship, Fundamental Rights and Duties of Citizens and the Role of the Tatmadaw

YANGON, 30 Jan — The Plenary Session of the National Convention continued at Pyidaungsu Hall of Nyaunghnapin Camp in Hmauby Township, Yangon Division, at 9 am today.

It was attended by Chairman of the National Convention Convening Committee Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung and Management Committee members, chairmen and officials of the respective sub-committees, delegates of National Unity Party, Union Pa-O National Organization, Mro (or) Khami National Solidarity Organization, Lahu National Development Party, Union Kayin League, Kokang Democracy and Unity Party, and Wa National Development Party, Rakhine, Shan State (South), Shan State (East), Sagaing, Taninthayi, Bago, Magway, Mandalay, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions, delegates of intellectuals from delegates of intellectuals and intelligensia and delegates of workers from Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine, Shan State (South), Shan State (North), and Shan State (East), Sagaing, Taninthayi, Bago, Magway, Mandalay, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions, delegates of peasants from the State Peace and Development Council Office, the Presidium’s Office, the Pyithu Hluttaw Office, the Government Office, the Supreme Court, the Attorney-General’s Office, the Auditor-General’s Office, the Multi-party Democracy General Election Commission Office, the Office of Civil Service Selection and Training Board, the Yangon City Development Committee, the Mandalay City Development Committee, and ministries concerned, other invited delegates, delegates of national race groups that have returned to the legal fold and exchanged arms for peace. Before the Plenary Session of the National Convention at 7.30 am, Chairman of the NCCC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and Commission members, NCC Work Committee Chairman Chief Justice U Aung Toe and Work Committee members, NCC Management (See page 11).

Chairman and members of Panel of Chairmen at the Plenary Session of the National Convention.—MNA

As the government is building dams to supply water for agricultural purpose, for greening the dry and arid zones and for producing hydroelectric power, we would like to call on all those responsible to work hard for speedy completion of projects and the farmers to try to boost agricultural production by making effective use of dam water.