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Four political objectives

- * Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order
- * National reconsolidation
- * Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution
- * Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution

Four economic objectives

- * Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well
- * Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
- * Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investments from sources inside the country and abroad
- * The initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national peoples

Four social objectives

- * Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
- * Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
- * Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit
- * Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

Senior General Than Shwe, wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing offer Kathina robes to members of Sangha Ministry of Defence holds 51st communal Kathina

YANGON, 6 Nov — The 51st communal Kathina of the Ministry of Defence was held at Anawrahta Hall of the ministry this morning, attended by Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing.

Present on the occasion were Vice-Chairman of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Aungmye Thazan Sayadaw Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Suddhamma-jotikadhaja Bhaddana Pañindabhivamsa, 27 members of the Sangha from Alanpya and Sangyoung monasteries, 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 wife Daw Mya Mya San, Daw Khin Than Nwe, widow of Lt-Gen Tin Oo, member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann and wife Daw Khin Lay Thet, Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win and wife Daw Than Than Nwe, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win, members of the State Peace and Development Council and their wives, the Commander-in-Chief (Navy) and the Commander-in-Chief (Air) and their wives, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command and wife, the ministers, the chief justice, the attorney-general, the chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board, the Yangon mayor and their wives, senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence and their wives



Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing present Kathina robes and offertories to the Vice-Chairman Sayadaw of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee. — MNA

and guests.

Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing and party took the Five Precepts from Vice-Chairman of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Zawtikayon Kyaung Sayadaw in Pyay Agga

Maha Pandita Agga Maha Suddhamma-jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Eindhalajoti.

Next, members of the Sangha recited Parittas.

Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing presented the eight requisites and offering to the Sayadaws.

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 wife Daw Mya Mya San, (See page 8)

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Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing and party share merits gained for offering alms to members of the Sangha. — MNA

Emergence of the State Constitution is the duty of all citizens of Myanmar Naing-Ngan.

PERSPECTIVES

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Promote cooperation with regional countries

The Union of Myanmar under the leadership of Head of State Senior General Than Shwe is taking measures effectively for national progress and stability and peace in the nation. At the same time, it is cooperating with its neighbours and ASEAN members through friendship in dealing with matters of mutual concern.

Now, Myanmar and the People's Republic of China have set up fraternal relations and maintained it for a long time throughout the history. The two sides are striving for maintaining fine traditions of bilateral friendship and fortifying cooperation.

At the invitation of the Government of the PRC, Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win on 2 November paid a goodwill Visit to China to attend the China-ASEAN Business and Investment Summit held in Nanning, the capital of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region. During the visit, the Prime Minister held a meeting with Vice-Premier of the State Council of the PRC Madame Wu Yi. The meeting focused on promotion of bilateral economic cooperation, and trade volume, and cooperation in anti-narcotic drugs.

At the meeting, Madame Wu Yi said that Myanmar's internal problems must be solved only by Myanmar nationals themselves, and outside pressures will not work in dealing with the problems. As China is true friend of Myanmar, it always stands by the country, she added.

The Myanmar Prime Minister also gave a speech, expressing his gratitude to the PRC, ASEAN members and regional and neighbouring countries for their understanding and support for Myanmar's development in the international and regional forums. The bilateral cooperation agreements reflect profound fraternal relations between the two countries. The two sides discussed transforming the border trade into a regular one, and boosting bilateral trade turnover as intended, investment and economic cooperation.

Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win during the visit also met with Laotian Prime Minister Mr Boungnang Vorachith and Cambodian Prime Minister Mr Sandech Hun Sen and dealt with matters on cementing bilateral friendly ties and cooperation.

Lt-Gen Soe Win attended the opening of the first China-ASEAN Expo held at Nanning on 3 November, and visited Myanmar's booths staged at the venue.

Thus, the fruitful results from the Prime Minister's visit to the China-ASEAN Business and Investment Summit will help Myanmar accelerate the momentum in promoting friendly relations and active cooperation with regional and neighbouring countries and ASEAN members.

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People's Desire

- * Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views
- * Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation
- * Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State
- * Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy

Commander, Mayor inspect beautifying, sanitation measures in Yangon City

YANGON, 6 Nov — Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe and Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin this morning inspected sanitation works for keeping the city clean and ensuring proper drainage. The commander and party inspected the laying of concrete tiles on platforms on both sides of the roads, the building of traffic islands, unblocking and the dredging of drains, the expansion of the roads, growing of landscaping plants in Dagon, Latha, Pabedan, Pazundaung,



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe inspects upgrading of the roads in Yangon City.

YGN COMMAND

Thaketa, Noth Okkalapa and Shwepyitha Townships. Officials conducted them around the sites.

During the inspection tour, the commander and the mayor gave instructions to the officials

on tasks for cleanliness and beautifying of Yangon City and attended to the needs of works.— MNA

Victorious Myanmar women soccer team honoured

YANGON, 6 Nov — The selected Myanmar women's football team was honoured at the M-3 Restaurant in Bahan Township here yesterday evening for winning the trophy of the first ASEAN Women's Soccer Tournament held in Hochi Minh, the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, from 29 September to 9 October this year.

The honouring ceremony was attended by Chairman of the Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint, Member of the MOC Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen Aye Myint Kyu, officials, members of the panel of leading patrons of the Myanmar Women's Sports Federation, the president of the



Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint presents gift to a footballer. — SPORTS

Myanmar Football Federation and guests.

Manager of the victorious football team Pandora Aung Gyi recounted the experiences of the team at the tournament. MFF President U Win Aung reported on the team's training.

The Minister de-

livered a speech, and awarded K 10 million presented by the State to the footballers.

The Dagon International Ltd presented K 4.6 million; the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Htoo Trading Company and Shwe

Than Lwin Co K 2.06 million each; and Taw Win Family Company, Yuzana Company, Yatha Cho Industry and Fortune International Ltd, K 1.03 million each to the team. Footballer Zin Mar Wan expressed gratitude.

MNA

Gifts for Fire Services Department

YANGON, 6 Nov — Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint this morning inspected five fire engines donated by Overseas Disaster Relief Organization (ODRO) of Japan and Dagon Timber Limited at Fire Services Department (Head Office).

Afterwards, a ceremony to donate fire en-

gines was held at the meeting hall of the ministry with an address by the Deputy Minister. Next, Chief Director Mr Nitou Hisamoto of ODRO of Japan and Chairman of Dagon Timber limited U Win Aung explained the purpose of the donation. The director-general of the Fire Services Department gave away the certificates of honour to the donors

and expressed thanks.

Off five fire engines, three engines donated by ODRO of Japan will be delivered to Pathein

Township and the other two donated by Dagon Timber Limited will be delivered to Pyu Township.— MNA

All this needs to be known

- * Do not be frightened whenever intimidated
- * Do not be bolstered whenever flattered
- * Do not be softened whenever appeased

Annan warns against Iraq assault

WASHINGTON, 5 Nov — UN chief Kofi Annan has warned Iraqi and coalition governments against an assault on the Iraqi city of Fallujah.

In a letter to the leaders of the US, UK and Iraq, Mr Annan warned that force risked alienating Iraqis when their support for elections was vital.

Iraqi Prime Minister Iyad Allawi called it a "confused letter" and said time for a peace

settlement in Fallujah was running out.

US forces are massed outside the town and say an operation is imminent.

Mr Annan wrote of his "increasing concern at the prospect of an escalation in violence... I have in mind not only the risk of

increased guerilla violence, but also reports of major military offensives in key localities such as Fallujah".

Spectator nations and international organizations should do more in Iraq and not in New

York.

He added that force could alienate Iraqis and "reinforce perceptions...of a continued military occupation".

He said the UN wanted to help, but: "We need a conducive environment if elections are to produce a positive effect."

A UN spokesman would not comment on the letter, reportedly dated 31 October.

But a US spokesman at the UN dismissed the intervention.

"This issue is for the government of Iraq and those who are willing to help the people of Iraq," said Richard Grenell.

"Spectator nations and international organizations should do more in Iraq and not in New York," he told the AFP agency. — Internet



American soldiers close a road leading into the guerilla-held city of Fallujah, Iraq, on 5 Nov, 2004. — INTERNET

Blair faces anger after three British soldiers killed in Iraq

LONDON, 5 Nov — The deaths of three British soldiers in Iraq intensifies the controversy over the decision by Tony Blair's government to send British troops to a more dangerous area and experts say worse is sure to come.

They expect more attacks on UK forces when the United States launches its long-awaited offensive on the rebel town of Fallujah.

In just their second day of full deployment, a suicide car bomber killed the three Black Watch regiment troops on Thursday, bringing Britain's death toll in Iraq to 73. It was the first time UK troops have been

killed by a suicide bomber.

"This is: 'Welcome to the Sunni triangle' -- it is what happens," said Tim Ripley, of Lancaster University's centre of defence and international security studies.

"But it will take on a new dynamic when the US goes into Fallujah," he added.

Blair, already hurt by a public backlash over the

Iraq war, agreed last month to send about 850 troops to high-risk areas near Baghdad.

The move, attacked by critics for exposing troops to danger levels they have not been used to in the southern Basra region, freed up US forces for the Fallujah offensive.

Scottish Nationalist Party leader Alex Salmond said public grief over the deaths would soon turn to anger.

"The Black Watch has been sent in to do an impossible job—that is 800 Scottish soldiers replacing 4,000 American Marines." — Internet

Macao's Chief Executive solicits policy address issues

MACAO, 5 Nov — Chief Executive of the Macao Special Administrative Region (SAR) Edmund Ho Hau Wah has consulted business and community leaders on issues to be prioritized in his annual policy address, government sources said here on Thursday.

Ho, poised to assume a second-term in office in December, is expected to deliver his policy address in the Legislative Council in the middle of this month. According to the Information Bureau of the SAR government, during the closed-door meetings with dozens of business and community leaders, Ho focused on problems of traffic congestion, human resources and rebuilding of old districts,

saying that a rapidly developing economy brings consequences that require gradual steps to ameliorate.

MNA/Xinhua

Chinese FM holds phone talks with Argentine, Brazilian counterparts

BEIJING, 5 Nov — Chinese Foreign Minister Li Zhaoxing held phone conversations with his Argentine counterpart Rafael Bielsa and his Brazilian counterpart Celso Amorim on Wednesday evening, exchanging views on cooperation in the fields of politics, economy and trade, and science and technology, according to the Foreign Ministry.

Bielsa and Amorim told Li that Argentina and Brazil attach great importance to Chinese President Hu Jintao's upcoming state visits to the two countries, and they believe the visits will certainly score positive results.

China's Foreign Ministry announced on 26 October that Hu will pay state visits to Brazil, Argentina, Chile and Cuba from 11 November to 23, at the invitation of Brazilian President Luis Inacio Lula Da Silva, Argentine President Nestor Kirchner, Chilean President Ricardo Lagos Escobar, and Fidel Castro Ruz, president of Cuban Council of State and Council of Ministers. The President will also attend the 12th informal leadership meeting of Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) which will be held in Santiago, capital of Chile, between 20 November and 21. — MNA/Xinhua

စုတ်ကုန်နှစ်ဆ တိုးမြှင့်ကြ

1,127 US troops killed since beginning of Iraq war

WASHINGTON, 5 Nov — As of Friday, 5 Nov, 2004, at least 1,127 members of the US military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count. At least 865 died as a result of hostile action, the Defence Department said. The figures include three military civilians.

The AP count is two higher than the Defence Department's tally, last updated Friday at 10 a.m. EST.

The British military has reported 73 deaths; Italy, 19; Poland, 13; Spain, 11; Ukraine, nine; Bulgaria, seven; Slovakia, three; Estonia, Thailand and the Netherlands, two each; and Denmark, El Salvador, Hungary and Latvia have reported one death each.

Since 1 May, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 989 US military members have died, according to AP's count. That includes at least 756 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's numbers.

The latest deaths reported by the military:

One US soldier was killed Friday in an attack on a military base near Fallujah.

One US soldier was killed Thursday near Balad by an explosive.

The latest identifications reported by the Defence Department:

Two Marines died Thursday from injuries received in an attack in Anbar Province; they were assigned to 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif.:

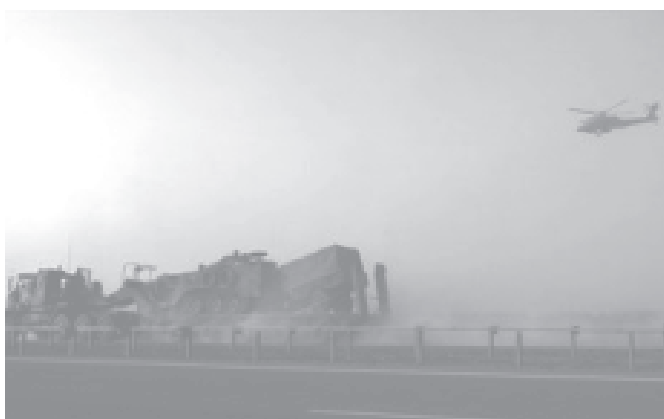
Marine Cpl. Jeremiah A. Baro, 21, Fresno, Calif.

Marine Lance Cpl. Jared P. Hubbard, 22, of Clovis, Calif. — Internet

China orders two helicopters from Eurocopter

SHANGHAI, 5 Nov — Citic Offshore Helicopter Co, Ltd, China's helicopter giant, has signed a contract this week with Eurocopter, a firm of European Aeronautic Defence and Space Company (EADS), for ordering two helicopters at the cost of 24.7 million US dollars.

Sources from the Citic Offshore Helicopter Co, Ltd noted that the order indicates a significant step forward for the Chinese helicopter giant to boost its capacity of transportation. As the second helicopter provider of China, the Citic Offshore Helicopter Co., Ltd is currently operating a fleet of helicopters imported from Europe, including seven AS 332 LI Super Pumas, five AS 365 N Dauphins, three EC 155 Bs, one EC 135 B and one EC 135 P2. — MNA/Xinhua



An American attack helicopter provides security from above for a convoy of armoured vehicles headed for Fallujah, Iraq, on 4 Nov, 2004. — INTERNET

Lebanese hostages freed in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 5 Nov—Two Lebanese held hostage in Iraq for more than two months have been freed and returned home, officials said in Beirut Friday.

Marwan Kassar and Mohammed Hussein, who had been working in Iraq for the Lebanese power equipment firm Al-Jbeili, were taken by car from Fallujah, where they had been held, to Baghdad on Wednesday.

They flew to Damascus the next day and then travelled by land to Lebanon.

The two men said they were kidnapped 25 August near Ramadi, while on their way from Amman to Baghdad, by a group of

about 60 militiamen from the Islamic Army in Iraq, according to the officials.

There were no details on the exact circumstances of their release, including whether a ransom had been paid.

On 2 October, an

Internet statement in the name of the IAI said the group was holding the two men and gave Beirut an ultimatum to stop its nationals working for the US-led military in Iraq.

A US-Lebanese man working for Iraq's Transport Ministry was kidnapped on Wednesday from his house in Baghdad.

About 25 Lebanese, working for private companies, have been kidnapped in Iraq and then set free, mostly for ransom.—Internet



A convoy of American armoured vehicles heads for Fallujah, Iraq, on Nov 4, 2004. —INTERNET

Two Asian hostages released in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 5 Nov — Iraqi kidnappers Friday released a Filipino and a Nepalese they seized earlier this week, reports said.

Al-Jazeera television said the Filipino national was released after his wife implored his kidnappers to release him because it's Ramadan.

The kidnappers still hold a Sri Lankan national who was seized in Baghdad 10 days ago.

The Sri Lankan ambassador in Doha, Mohammed Youssef, told al-Jazeera he

had little information about his kidnapped compatriot since contacts with the hostage-takers were not established yet.

"We call on the kidnappers to look with mercy at this Sri Lankan worker and his five little children who implore them to return him safe to them ... I hope my message will reach the kidnappers," Youssef said.—Internet

Hu Jintao sends congratulatory message to Karzai

BEIJING, 5 Nov — Chinese President Hu Jintao sent a congratulatory message on Thursday to Hamid Karzai on his election as Afghan President.

"On the occasion of Your Excellency's election as the president of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, I wish to extend, on behalf of the Chinese Government and people and in my own name, our sincere

congratulations and best wishes to Your Excellency and the Afghan people," Hu said in the congratulatory message.

"China and Afghanistan are friendly neighbours and the two peoples enjoy a long history of

friendly contacts. With the joint efforts of the two sides, the Sino-Afghan good-neighbourly relations and mutually beneficial cooperation have made new progress in recent years," Hu said.

"I believe, under the leadership of Your Excellency, the Afghan Government and people will make fresh achievements in promoting the peace and reconstruction process and contribute actively to regional peace, stability and development," he added.

"I wish to make joint efforts with Your Excellency to usher in a brighter tomorrow for the good-neighbourly relations and mutually beneficial cooperation between China and Afghanistan."

MNA/Xinhua

Pakistani PM arrives Dhaka on two-day visit

DHAKA, 5 Nov — Pakistani Prime Minister Shaukat Aziz arrived in Dhaka on Wednesday on a two-day visit as the current president of the seven nation grouping South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC).

Bangladeshi Prime Minister Khaleda Zia received his Pakistani counterpart at the Zia International Airport.

The charter of the SAARC stipulates the outgoing president of the grouping will visit the member countries before the next summit. Khaleda Zia will take over as the president of SAARC from Aziz at the 10th summit to be held in Dhaka in the first week of January next year.

A Foreign Ministry source said the visit of Aziz would mainly focus in making the grouping more effective.

MNA/Xinhua

ဝက်သ္မန်းအား ခေါ်ကျော်လွှား

Two Camp Pendleton Marines die in Iraq

WASHINGTON, 5 Nov—The Pentagon Friday released the names of two Camp Pendleton Marines from California who died from injuries suffered during enemy action in Iraq.

Cpl Jeremiah A Baro, 21, of Fresno, and Lance Cpl Jared P Hubbard, 22, of Clovis, died yesterday from injuries they got in Al Anbar Province, according to the Defence Department.

They were assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, 1st Marine Expeditionary Force at Camp Pendleton.

Internet

Grieving relatives condemn war in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 5 Nov—Relatives of Black Watch soldiers killed in a suicide attack in Iraq's "Triangle of Death" today condemned the decision to go to war.

Private Paul Lowe, 19, Sergeant Stuart Gray, 31, and Private Scott McArdle, 22, all from Fife, died in the blast at a vehicle checkpoint yesterday.

And according to his brother, Pte Lowe did not believe in the war which claimed his life. Fellow Black Watch soldier Craig Lowe, 18, called for the urgent withdrawal of troops from Iraq to prevent the loss of any more lives.

The teenage private, who only returned from Basra last month, said: "He thought they shouldn't be there, they should all just be back here because

it's a war which nobody knows why it was started or what it was done for."

Craig said the whole family, including his younger brothers, Stuart, Shaun and Jordan, and mother Helen were "heartbroken" by the news.

Relatives of Scott McArdle said they were devastated by his death.

His uncle, Martin McArdle, also attacked Mr Bush and Prime Minister Tony Blair for sending troops into "a death trap", which he said he feared would become another Vietnam.

Internet

Turkey sees increased exports to Iraq

ANKARA, 5 Nov — Turkish State Minister Kursat Tuzmen said Thursday that Turkey expected to increase exports to Iraq to 3.2 billion US dollars and trade volume to four billion dollars.

Tuzmen revealed the target when meeting visiting Iraqi Oil Minister Thamer Ghadhban prior to the 15th Turkish-Iraqi Joint Economic Commission (JEC) meeting.

Tuzmen said the issue of trade security would top the JEC meeting agenda, adding that the safety of businessmen,

transportation companies and drivers was very important.

Maintaining the trade volume was also very important, the minister said, stressing that studies were underway in this respect.

Tuzmen said one major problem in bilateral trade was failure to provide security on the Mosul-Baghdad route, adding that "measures like formation of check points and secure parking places should be taken rapidly".

MNA/Xinhua



Soldiers from the Black Watch check their vehicle before an early morning patrol from Camp Dogwood, 20 miles southwest of Baghdad, on 5 Nov 2004. —INTERNET

US soldier killed in bomb attack in Iraq

BANGKOK, 5 Nov— One US soldier was killed and another wounded in a roadside bomb attack southeast of Baghdad on Wednesday, the US military said in a statement.

The attack took place at about 7.12 am (0412 GMT) near Salman Pak area, some 20 kilometres southeast of Baghdad, the statement said, without giving further details about the incident. Over 1,120 US servicemen have been killed in Iraq since last year's US-led invasion of the country.

MNA/Xinhua

Iraqi Army officer beheaded by guerillas

BAGHDAD, 5 Nov — An Iraqi militant group claimed Wednesday on an Islamic web site that it beheaded a senior Iraqi Army officer.

The group, calling itself "The Army of Ansar al-Sunna", posted a statement on the web site, saying it had abducted Major Hussein Shanoun in Mosul and beheaded him for helping the US occupation forces against guerillas in the northern Iraqi city, some 360 kilometres northwest of Baghdad.

The group also posted a video on the site, which showed the hostage sitting blindfolded in front of three masked men. After one of the militants read out a statement, warning Iraqi security forces against "any dealing with the occupying crusader forces", the hos-

tage's head was sawed off.

The authenticity of the video could not be confirmed yet.

The Army of Ansar al-Sunna has claimed responsibility for the kidnappings and beheadings of dozens of hostages.

MNA/Xinhua



US war planes have struck suspected rebel targets in Iraq's flashpoint cities of Fallujah and Ramadi over 24 hours on 6 Nov, 2004, the military says, as the threat of all-out action loomed. — INTERNET

Three Iraqi National Guards beheaded

BAGHDAD, 5 Nov— Three men from the Iraqi National Guard were beheaded by an Iraqi militant group, Qatar-based television reported on Wednesday.

The three were accused of spying for the US forces.

The video footage broadcast by the Arabic

TV station showed the three men with a masked militant standing behind them.

The station said it re-

ceived the tape from a group calling itself "Brigades of the Iraqi Honourables".

MNA/Xinhua

US researchers find sperm nursery cells in mice

WASHINGTON, 5 Nov— US researchers said on Thursday they had found sperm nursery cells in mice, grown them in lab dishes and used them to father baby mice.

They said the development could lead to easier ways to genetically manipulate animals, and said they expected their method to easily transfer to human beings.

Sperm nursery cells—or spermatogonial stem cells—are immature cells that give rise to sperm. Like other stem cells, they live longer than mature cells and generate new cells.

"This advance opens up an exciting range of possibilities for future research, from developing new treatments for male infertility to enhancing the

survival of endangered species," said Dr Duane Alexander, director of the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, which funded the study.

Hiroshi Kubota, Ralph Brinster and colleagues at the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine in Philadelphia said they knew the cells would probably work to make sperm in lab dishes but the precise recipe had eluded researchers.

"In adults, SSCs (spermatogonial stem

cells) are the only stem cells that are able to transmit genetic information to subsequent generations," they wrote in their report, published in the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, researchers said.

Batches of such cells grown in lab dishes could be genetically engineered and used to make gene-manipulated animals, they said. Currently the trick is done by inserting new, desired genes into fertilized eggs of very early embryos.

MNA/Reuters

NZ, Australia take joint action on climate change

WELLINGTON, 5 Nov— Seven projects have been announced on Thursday under the Australia-New Zealand Bilateral Climate Change Partnership, according to a government statement here on Thursday.

The statement said the new projects create more opportunities for Australia and New Zealand to work together to respond to climate change.

The partnership, formally announced by the New Zealand and Australian governments in July 2003, focuses on concrete and practical ways to address climate change.

The statement quoted Australian Minister for the Environment and Heritage, Senator Ian Campbell, as saying that the Climate Change Partnership was enabling New Zealand and Australia to work closely together on

climate change.

"We are already seeing progress on the first round of projects. The projects we are announcing today will build on this work and importantly include initiatives involving our Pacific neighbours," he said.

Convenor of New Zealand's Ministerial Group on Climate Change, Pete Hodgson said climate change was a reality and the issue was taken very seriously by both New Zealand and Australia.

The partnership is proving to be effective in furthering our shared ob-

jectives and expertise and in encouraging related business opportunities on both sides of the Tasman, Pete Hodgson said.

The seven partnership projects involve measuring and abating methane from livestock and nitrous oxide from agriculture; working with developed countries on adaptation strategies; extending the Australian-New Zealand end-use energy efficiency scheme to Fiji; and promoting efforts to improve climate observations for Pacific Island countries.

MNA/Xinhua

Thai PM pledges investment in human resources

BANGKOK, 5 Nov— Thai Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra on Wednesday pledged to invest in human resources to realize human-centred development in the country.

Speaking at a workshop for about 1,000 educationists, who just finished their doctorate study, Thaksin said he planned to enhance the country's human capital, the most valuable asset for the nation.

"Human capital is a rare asset which needs careful management," the Prime Minister was quoted by the *Bangkok Post* newspaper as saying on Thursday.

He urged the educationists to form a network to help expand people's

knowledge.

Thaksin also promised to gather fund for valuable research and development projects as Thailand has been lagged behind many countries in knowledge of new technology.

MNA/Xinhua



Soldiers from a company of Britain's 1st Battalion Black Watch take part in a patrol through the area of Ahmed Al Ahamadi near their base Camp Dogwood, 30 miles southwest of Baghdad, on 5 Nov, 2004. — INTERNET

Swiss Press worried about Bush's victory in re-election

GENEVA, 5 Nov— The Swiss Press is concerned that the re-election of George W Bush as President of the United States could have negative consequences for both the United States and Europe, according to Swissinfo, an official web site of Switzerland.

"Some newspapers made no secret of the fact that they were disappointed with the result...Many commentators warned that the next four years would be marked by a deepening transatlantic gulf, " said a Swissinfo article on Thursday.

Three of Switzerland's four main political parties say they are disappointed when Bush declared victory on Wednesday, according to Swissinfo.

"Are 62 million Americans simply stupid?" asked the tabloid *Blick* in its front-page headline. The French-language *La Liberté* said the Republicans would now be able to continue their unilateral foreign policy regardless of the international community. But the *Berner Zeitung* went further, saying Bush was convinced that he had a Christian mission to fulfill and this, combined with power, was a "dangerous mix".

The Zurich-based *Tages-Anzeiger* suggested that Bush would make changes in internal and social policy which would further distance the United States from the secular Europeans.

And the Geneva-based *Le Temps* said Bush's policies were only likely to benefit the rich and the religious.

The *Neue Zürcher Zeitung* (NZZ) made the point that although Bush was not popular in Europe, he had strengthened his position at home. But it also raised the question of whether Hillary Rodham Clinton, the senator and wife of former Democrat president Bill Clinton, would run for president in the next elections.

Switzerland's future relationship with the United States is also considered.

Writing in *Blick*, Swiss Foreign Minister Micheline Calmy-Rey said that even before the elections, she had argued that US policy was not likely to change fundamentally in the future.

Since 11 September, 2001, the Americans had been worried about security issues and this would not change, but this would not prevent Switzerland from collaborating with the country in areas of mutual interest, she wrote.

MNA/Xinhua



US soldiers look at a destroyed vehicle following an car-bomb attack on the outskirts of Baghdad on 5 Nov, 2004.

INTERNET

China cracks down on pirated "Super" DVDs

BEIJING, 5 Nov— China has started to crack down on pirated HDVD video discs, which have a much bigger capacity than ordinary DVD discs, the Ministry of Culture said on Thursday.

A HDVD can store a 10-episode TV serial or eight-movie-long video data, while an ordinary DVD holds just one movie of about two hours in

length, the ministry noted.

The video discs, which were marked as DVD-9, DVD-ROM or PC-DVD, played on both DVD players and computers, attract buyers for their large capacity and low price.

The nationwide campaign against pirated HDVD products, which was launched on Thursday, will last till February 28 next year. The administration will impose strict inspections on video and audio wholesalers, retailers and lending shops, the source added.

MNA/Xinhua

Thailand to host world environment conference

BANGKOK, 5 Nov— Thailand is preparing to host a world environment conservation conference in two weeks time.

More than 4,000 of participants and journalists from around the world will participate in the third conference of the World Conservation Congress, scheduled to be held November 17-25 at the Queen Sirikit Convention Centre in Bangkok. Natural Resources and Environment Minister Suwit Khunkittit was quoted by the *Thai News Agency* as saying on Thursday that the conference is organized by the World Conservation Union (IUCN), an independent body on environment conservation and ecology management.—MNA/Xinhua

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Jordan's King leaves for UAE to attend Zayed's funeral

AMMAN, 5 Nov— Jordan's King Abdullah II left here Wednesday for Abu Dhabi, the capital of the United Arab Emirates (UAE), to attend the funeral of late President Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan al-Nahayan, the official Petra news agency reported.

Abdullah was accompanied by Prime Minister Faisal al-Fayez and numbers of senior Jordanian officials, the report said.

A three-day mourning has been declared in Jordan and flags will fly at half mast over government offices and Jordanian embassies.

Sheikh Zayed, who had been the ruler of the UAE for more than 30 years, passed away at the age of 86 Tuesday.

MNA/Xinhua

Egypt holds preparing meeting on final communique of Iraq conf

CAIRO, 5 Nov— Egyptian Foreign Ministry on Wednesday hosted a two-day preparing meeting on the final communique of an international conference on Iraq due to be held in the Red Sea resort of Sharm El-Sheikh on 23 November, the Egyptian official MENA news agency reported.

The preparing meeting gathered ambassadors and representatives of countries and organizations that will take part in the conference aimed at drafting the final communique to be issued at the end of the conference, said a diplomatic source.

The conference is ex-

pected to be attended by Iraq and its neighbours, Egypt, the G-8, China, the United Nations, the Arab League, the Organization of Islamic Conference and the European Union.

Egyptian officials said earlier that a meeting of foreign ministers of Iraq's neighbouring countries

would be held on November 22 in Sharm El-Sheikh, one day ahead of the international conference.

Egypt, a major political player in the Middle East, hopes the gathering will hammer out a unified international stance on Iraq.

MNA/Xinhua

China opposes US import limits on Chinese chemical fiber

BEIJING, 5 Nov— The Chinese Government on Thursday expressed firm opposition to the US Government's acceptance of an application to limit imports of Chinese chemical fiber and cotton items, said a spokesman with the Ministry of Commerce.

The US textile industry submitted the application Wednesday, accusing Chinese textile goods of posing a threat to US market order.

"The Chinese Government strongly opposes the US Government's decision and reserves the right to take further actions under the framework of the World Trade Organization

(WTO)," Spokesman Chong Quan said in a statement.

The decision violates conditions delineated in legal documents for China's WTO admission and US domestic rules on the procedure, Chong said, noting that it also runs against to the WTO's principles of liberalization of free trade

and free textile trade.

"This will severely frustrate the Chinese confidence in the international trade environment after its WTO accession, and also harm the interests of US cotton growers, textile consumers, importers, fabric machinery makers and US investors in China," Chong warned.

MNA/Xinhua



US Marines of the 1st Division arrest Iraqi council members following a raid in the Abu Ghraib District of Baghdad, on 2 Nov, 2004.

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General Thura Shwe Mann and wife Daw Khin Lay Thet offer eight requisites to a Sayadaw. (News on page 1) — MNA



Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win and wife Daw Than Than Nwe offer alms to a Sayadaw. (News on page 1) — MNA



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win offers alms to a Sayadaw. (News on page 1) — MNA



Daw Khin Than Nwe, widow of Lt-Gen Tin Oo, offers alms to a Sayadaw. (News on page 1) — MNA

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addressed the meeting. In his address, the Myanmar Prime Minister expressed his satisfaction at the opportunity to attend and to address the meeting. He said that he was also delighted to get a chance as the Prime Minister to pay a visit to Nanning for the first time. Nanning is a pleasant and green city and it is also a region that serves as a bridge linking China and ASEAN. The region is surrounded by Chinese South-eastern economic region, Chinese southern coastal region and ASEAN Free Trade Area.

ASEAN and China should make greater cooperation to overcome challenges. Only then will there emerge better opportunities for economic growth in the today competitive world.

In the rapidly-changing world, regional cooperation is the only thing that can promise economic growth, attract foreign investment, and create job opportunities. Integration is essential for the East Asia so as to secure a position in the world market. Although it is said that developed countries are in support of free trade, it is regional solidarity that matters as protectionism is still in practice. ASEAN and China should make greater cooperation to overcome challenges. Only then will there emerge better opportunities for economic growth in the today competitive world.

ASEAN holds that the rise of China as a giant economy brings good opportunities to the members of

ASEAN. It is apparent that ASEAN members will benefit from economic cooperation between ASEAN and China. By means of ASEAN-China integration, there will emerge a market for 1,700 million of people, one third of the world population. Natural resources and human resources of both sides will be of great help for shaping this huge market. There has been a gradual increase in the economy and trade between ASEAN and China in the past years, with 15 percent of annual trade. The trade between the two regions reached US\$ 54.8 million in 2002 and US\$ 78.2 million in 2003, an increase by 42.9. It is estimated that this year will see a more immense increase.

With economic development between ASEAN and China, the commercial and trade links between them will become broader. Geographical location as well as historical and cultural closeness will enable such links to move with great velocity. The Chinese practice of the

open economic policy is a huge opportunity for ASEAN as well as a market for ASEAN products.

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As regards investment opportunities in Myanmar, now is the time when the third five-year plan (2001-2002 to 2005-2006) is being implemented.

Three years into the plan, average annual economic growth has increased by 8.5 percent.

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Vice-Premier of the State Council of the PRC Madame Wu Yi gives a speech at the opening of China-ASEAN Business and Investment Summit at Nanning, China. — MNA

A complete explanation on the developments in the country is reported in a booklet and distributed together with today's dailies. If not received, subscribers may ask the copies from the newspaper agents.

Senior General Than Shwe, wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing offer kathina robes...

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Daw Khin Than Nwe, Council General Thura Shwe Mann and wife Daw Khin Lay Thet, Prime Minister Lt-Gen Oo member of the State Peace and Development Soe Win and wife Daw

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San offer alms to a Sayadaw. — MNA



Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing and party offer soon to members of the Sangha. — MNA



Than Than Nwe, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win, members of the State Peace and Development Council, the Commander, the ministers and senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence presented the eight requisites and offerings to the Sayadaws.

Aungmye Bonsan Sayadaw delivered a sermon.

Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing and party shared merits and they offered 'soon' to the members of the Sangha.

Families of the Ministry of Defence donated padethabins at the ceremony.

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The foreign trade balance sheet and the foreign exchange balance sheets are both in surplus. Therefore, the prospect of economic growth in Myanmar which is in the process of transition to the market-oriented economic system is encouraging. As for foreign investment, a total of 27 countries have invested US\$ 7.6 billion in Myanmar. Myanmar welcomes additional investment from ASEAN countries and China.

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The opening ceremony came to an end with speeches delivered by the vice-prime ministers of Thailand and Vietnam.

Those who delivered addresses at the Summit were the ASEAN Secretary-General, the Governor of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, Minister of the Industry and Primary Resources of Brunei Dato Abdul Rahman Taib, Indonesian Trade Minister MMe Mari Elka Pangestu, Laotian Commerce Minister Mr Soulivong Daravong, Malaysian Minister at the Prime Minister's Office Tan Sri Bernard Giluk Dompok, Myanmar Commerce Minister Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Singaporean Trade and Industry Minister Mr Jim Hng Kiang, Vietnamese Industry Minister Mr Hoahg Trung

Hai, Philippine Trade and Industry Undersecretary Mr Thomas G Aquino and Thai Commerce Deputy Minister Mr Anutin Charnvirakul. The summit successfully ended on 4 November afternoon. On 3 November evening in Nanning, Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win enjoyed the Nanning international variety show, which was held to mark the opening ceremony of the first China-ASEAN Expo 2004. Among the audience were the Chinese vice-premier, Cambodian and Laotian prime ministers, the

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Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win attends the China-ASEAN Business and Investment Summit held at Nanning, China. — MNA

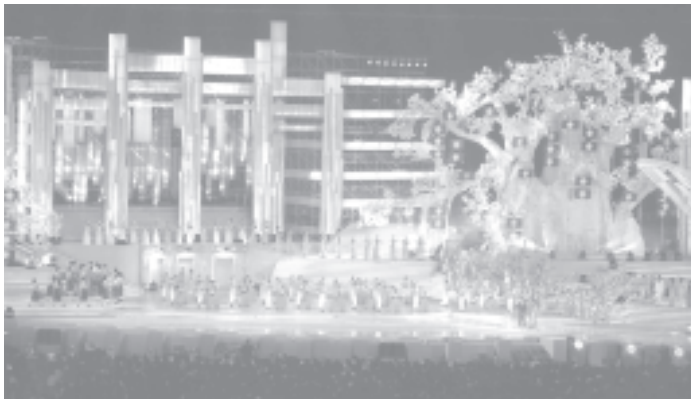
vice-prime ministers from Thailand and Vietnam, ministers of ASEAN countries and PRC, the ASEAN Secretary-General, and officials of economic organizations.

On the occasion, China Council for the Promotion of International Trade (CCPIT) Vice-Chairman Mr Yu Ping explained noteworthy points about the show.

Later, celebrated vocalists for China and ASEAN countries entertained the audience and guests with songs and dances. The Myanmar goodwill delegation led by Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win on 4 November afternoon arrived at the Guangxi Modern Agricultural & Technology Demonstration Zone in Nanning, the capital of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, in a motorcade.

They were welcomed there by Head of the Guangxi Modern Agricultural & Technology Demonstration Zone Mr Chen Zhengqin and officials. Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win and party viewed crops plantations and vegetables grown at the Zone where Mr Chen Zhengqin and officials conducted them round. Next, they viewed modern agricultural equipment there. After that, Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win and party planted flowering tress to mark the goodwill visit to the PRC.

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Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win attends Nanning and ASEAN variety show staged to mark the first China-ASEAN Expo in Nanning, the PRC. — MNA

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After viewing a 20-kilo pumpkin and other crops on display at the hall of the Zone, Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win signed in the visitors' book.

Afterwards, Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win presented a gift to Head of the Guangxi Modern Agricultural & Technology Demonstration Zone Mr Chen Zhengqin. Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win, in his meeting with Mr Chen Zhengqin and officials, said technological and economic cooperation between Myanmar and the PRC is to be launched for development of the agricultural sector as the two nations share similar geographical and weather conditions.

After returning to the Wharton International Hotel, where he was staying, Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win received Vice-Governor Mr Shao Qiwei of Yunnan

At the meeting, matters related to economic cooperation, establishment of the regular trade system and promotion of trade volume between Myanmar and Yunnan Province were discussed.

On 5 November morning, Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win received Mr Cao Bochun, General Secretary of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region Party and members at the Wharton International Hotel.

Also present on the occasion on Myanmar side were ministers and heads of department, and on the PRC side were Governor of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region Mr Lu Bing, Vice-General Secretary Mr Liu Qibao, Secretary of Party Central Committee Mr Chi Rongfu, Vice-Governor Mr Yang Taoxi and officials.

At the meeting, Mr Cao Bochun said that he was pleased that the Prime Minister of Myanmar himself attended the China-ASEAN Expo 2004; that he invited Myanmar to attend the trade fair, which is held in

whole PRC in terms of annual economic development; that the province is willing to cooperate with Myanmar in the fields of economy, education, sports and culture.

Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win said that the China-ASEAN Business and Investment Summit held in Nanning and the China-ASEAN Expo 2004 are of great significance and high standard; that there has been kind

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Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win visits Guangxi Modern Agricultural & Technology Demonstration Zone. — MNA



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Province and party.

Also present on the occasion were Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe and the Myanmar Ambassador to the PRC.

November yearly; that the Yunnan Province is becoming a place that plays a leading role in the process of China-ASEAN cooperation; and that strenuous efforts are to be made for promotion of cooperation between the two nations.

He added that the Yunnan Province with a total population of 48 million stands at the medium level in the

Myanmar has friendly relations with the PRC as she and Guangxi Zhuang Region share a common nature; that the sending of businessmen and agriculturists of Guangxi Zhuang Region to Myanmar will lead to creating the opportunities to cooperate in the Agricultural production sector.

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Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win being greeted by Vice-Governor Mr Shao Qiwei of Yunnan Province. — MNA



Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win receives General Secretary of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region Party Mr Cao Bochun and party at Wharton International Hotel in Nanning, the PRC. — MNA



Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win receives Chairman of ZTE Corporation Mr Yin Yi Ming at the Wharton International Hotel in Nanning, China. — MNA



Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win receives Chairman of Hui Ming Company Mr Ren Ping at the Wharton International Hotel in Nanning, China. — MNA

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On 4 November afternoon, Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win received the Chairman of ZTE Corporation and members whereas on 5 November

pm prior to their departure for home.

They were seen off at the airport by Vice-Governor of Guangxi Zhuang Region Mr Zhang Weixue, the Nanning

Naing Thein who was a member of Myanmar delegation afternoon called on Vice-Premier of the State Council of the PRC Madame Wu Yi at the Li Yuan Hotel 2 November yesterday and



Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win being bidden farewell by the Vice-Governor of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region at Nanning International Airport. — MNA

morning, he met with the Chairman of Hui Ming Co and members. Also present on the occasion were the ministers and the Myanmar Ambassador to the PRC.

Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win and party left the Wharton International Hotel and arrived at the Nanning International Airport at 2

Mayor and officials, Myanmar Ambassador to the PRC U Thein Lwin and embassy staff and others.

Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win and party left for Yangon by the special flight of Myanmar Airways International and arrived back here at 2.50 pm. Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin

discussed matters related to the establishment of the normal trade between the two nations.

Likewise, Minister Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein on 4 November morning attended a working dinner for trade ministers hosted at the Ming Yuan Hotel by leaders of the Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region.—MNA

Rules for Armed Forces Day commemorative poem contest announced

YANGON, 6 Nov—Hailing the 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day which falls on 27 March 2005, the Poem Contest Organizing Sub-committee under the Poem and Arts Competition Organizing Work Committee, chaired by Deputy Minister for Culture Brig-Gen Soe Win Maung, announced today to hold the Poem Contest to mark the 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day.

The contestants can present objectives of the 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day, matters related to fine traditions of the Tatmadaw, historic events occurred in the periods of Konbaung Era (AD 1824), Independence Era (1948-1988) and the State Peace and Development Council, endeavours of the State Peace and Development Council in religious affairs, construction, peace negotiation and drug elimination sectors.

The entries will be scrutinized with three sectors—theme style, presentation and composing.

The poem contest will be divided into two categories. Those who have won first second or third prizes in the Poem Contest to mark the Armed Forces Day and the National Motto Contest, Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Award Contest and the poem contest of the Pakokku U Ohn Pe Literary Award Contest and National Literary Award winners may participate in the level-1 and those who did not win

the prizes may take part in the level-2. Those who did not win the prizes can participate in the level-1. However, one contestant may take part in one level only, and the level number must be written on the entry. There will be two events at the level-1—the long poem and the short poem. The contestant can participate in both or one of them. However, it must be one entry for one event. The short poem must be between 100 and 300 stanzas and the long one between 1,000 and 2,000 stanzas.

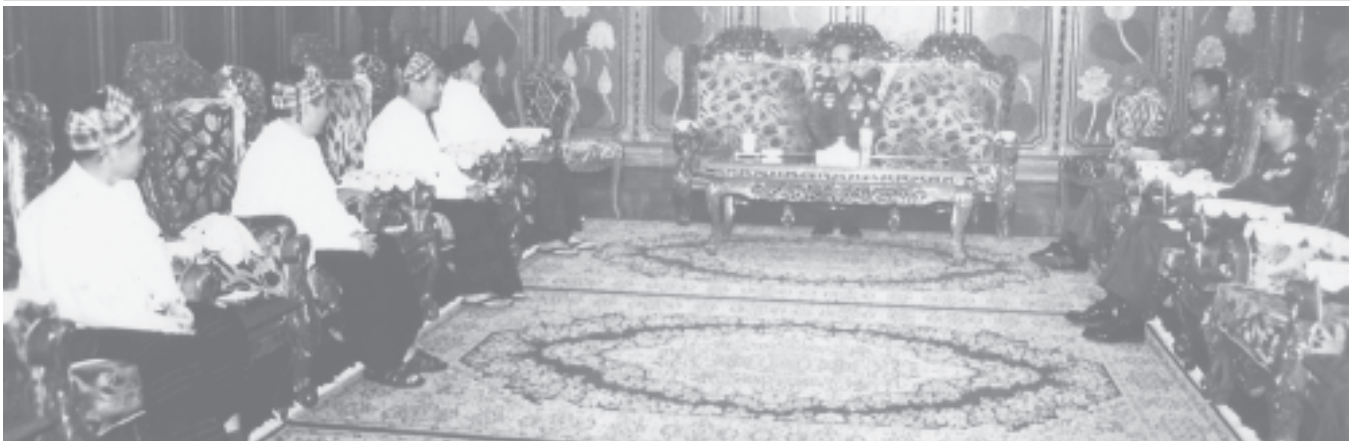
The entries must be in line with the rules. The free verse and modern poems will not be accepted.

The poem must be written on one side of paper and the two copies of the entry must be submitted. And, the entry must be attached with the name of the contestant, pen-name, names of parents, education, occupation and address together with three 2" x 2.5" size colour photos.

The entry must be own creation and has not featured in any publication yet. The State has authority to use the prize-winning works.

The entries are to be sent to Lt-Col Ohn Maung (Retd) (Myinmu Maung Naing Moe), Chief Editor, Naingngan Gonyi Literary House, Sarpay Beikman, 531, Merchant Street, here, Tel: 374532, not later than 31-1-2005.

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Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein receives national race leader of Kachin State Special Region-1 U Za Khon Tein Ring and party. (News on page 16) — MNA

Minister oversees poultry and cattle farms

YANGON, 6 NOV — Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein, accompanied by Director-General of Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department U Maung Maung Nyunt, Managing Director of Livestock, Feedstuff and Dairy Products Enterprise U Khin Maung Aye and officials, yesterday morning met farm managers at the poultry farm of LFDPE in Pyinmabin, Mingaladon Township. The Minister gave instructions on extending livestock breeding tasks by using modern breeding methods and preventive measures to be taken against animal diseases.

He next inspected raising of hybrid chickens at the farm.

In the afternoon, the minister and party oversaw the test run of the 20-kilowatt recycled bio-gas station of the Cottage Industries Department in Pyinmabin.

Later, the minister and party visited the Super Cow cattle farm of U Ohn Khaing in Shwepyitha Township where about 300 cattle are bred and gave necessary instructions to officials and cow breeders.

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Nepalese Journalist delegation visit downtown Yangon

YANGON, 6 NOV — A Nepalese Journalist delegation led by Mr Manju Ratna Sakya visited the MICT Park in Hlaing Township this morning. The delegation also visited Myanmar Gems Museum on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road in Mayangon Township. They were conducted round the museum by Deputy Director U Thet Lwin of Myanmar Gems Enterprise of the Ministry of Mines and officials. In the afternoon, the delegation went to Kandawgyi Gardens and they were briefed all-round upgrading tasks of the garden by Deputy Head U Win Myint of the

Park and Playgrounds Department of Yangon City Development Committee. Afterwards, they viewed the Elephant Plaza, the Education Zone, the Central Forest Zone, the

Recreation Zone and the Relaxation Zone at the garden. Next, the delegation also visited National Races Village of the Ministry for Progress of Border Area and National

Races and Development Affairs in Thanlyin Township and they were conducted round there by the officials the housings of national races in the village. — MNA



The visiting Nepalese journalist delegation at Kandawgyi Gardens. — MNA

The following are sample forms in connection with the Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Rules published in this paper on 4 and 5 November.—Ed

Form-5

The Government of the Union of Myanmar Ministry of Home Affairs Central Authority for Rendering Assistance in Criminal Matters Among States (Rule-27)

To.

The Chairman
Central Authority
for Rendering Assistance
in Criminal Matters among States

Subject: **Submission to Seek Assistance from the Authority of Foreign State.**

As it is required to seek assistance from the foreign state with respect to investigation, prosecution, and judicial proceeding relating to the offence contained in sub section (a) of section 3 of the Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Law, the following facts are submitted to seek assistance-

1. The requested State and the name, designation, department and address of the central Authority of the said State.....
2. Summary and Nature of the case concerning which the request for assistance is made.....
3. The Law and section under which action is taken
4. Matter desired to be performed.....
5. period during which matter is to be performed in an urgent Circumstance Statement "to be performed urgently"
6. Excerpts of relevant Law, Rules, Procedures which are exercised in its own country relating to the request for assistance and grounds.....
7. If it is for the taking of evidence, testimony or expert opinion, the name and address of the said person.....
8. If it is for the search and seizure of documents and records-
(a) document and type of record.....
(b) Name and Address of the person in possession.....
9. If it is for the Search, Seizure, Control, Issue of Restraining Order, Confiscation of Exhibit-
(a) Type, form and distinguishing characteristics of the property;

- (b) Location and detailed specifications of the property
 - (c) Order, judgment or decision of the relevant court.....
10. If it is for disclosure of information, the information to be disclosed
 11. If it is a matter to be performed confidentially statement "to be performed confidentially"
 12. Name, Designation, Department and function and duty of the Officer who conducts the investigation, prosecution, judicial proceeding of the said offence in Myanmar
 13. Statement of other required facts

(Head of the relevant Government
Department/Organization)

Letter No.....
Dated.....

Form-6

The Government of the Union of Myanmar Ministry of Home Affairs Central Authority for Rendering Assistance in Criminal Matters Among States (Rule - 29)

To.

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.....State

Subject: **Requesting Assistance in Criminal Matters**
In connection with the occurrence of Crime
.....State hereby submits the request to seek assistance with respect to investigation, prosecution, judicial proceeding.

1. Summary and Nature of the case concerning which the request for assistance is made
2. The Law and section under which action is taken
3. Matter desired to be performed
4. period during which matter is to be performed in an urgent Circumstance Statement "to be performed urgently"
5. Excerpts of relevant Law, Rules, Procedures which are exercised in its own country relating to the request for assistance and grounds

6. If it is for the taking of evidence, testimony or expert opinion, the name and address of the said person.....
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(a) document and type of record
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12. Statement of other required facts

Chairman
Central Authority for Rendering Assistance in Criminal
Matters Among States

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Dated.....



CASH DONATED: U Win Hlaing presents K 100,000 donated by Simon Soe Min Saw-Tin Zar Ni for renovation of the PhaungdawU Standing Buddha Image kept in Insein Myothit to the chairman of the pagoda board of trustees on 5-11-2004. — H

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1 killed, 12 injured in helicopter crash in Russia

Moscow, 5 Nov—One people was killed and 12 were injured in an Mi-8 helicopter crash in the Khanty-Mansi autonomous area in Russia's Tyumen District on Thursday, *ITAR-TASS* news agency reported.

The Mi-8 helicopter with crew of three and 17 passengers crashed soon after it took off at 07:26 local time (0226 GMT).

One pilot was killed, the other two were in grave condition. "The pilots who were trying to save the passengers and the helicopter from destruction, sustained the most serious injuries," said the report.—*MNA/Xinhua*

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147 tigers killed in Thailand to contain bird flu

BANGKOK, 5 Nov—The Thai Government killed 147 tigers during last month's operation to wipe out the bird flu virus, the *Thai News Agency* reported on Thursday.

According to the report, the tigers were killed at the Sri Racha Tiger Zoo where several tigers died from bird flu after being fed raw chicken. The government also killed more than 1.5 million chickens in the operation, the report said.

The destroyed fowls were mainly from farms and villages in the country's central and lower northern regions, where most of the bird flu cases both in poultry and human have been found since the virus re-emerged in July, the news agency quoted a report of the National Centre Fighting Bird Flu as saying. The report cited the lack of awareness and protective equipment among rural villagers and insufficient numbers of monitoring officials as main obstacles to effectively preventing the spread of the disease.

—*MNA/Xinhua*

China, Macedonia sign agreement on media cooperation

SKOPIE, 5 Nov—Macedonia and China signed Thursday an agreement over media cooperation.

The agreement was signed by the visiting Chinese Vice-Minister of the State Administration of Radio, Film and Television Tian Jin and the Director of the Macedonian Agency of Information Vele Mitanski.

The agreement will enhance cooperation between the two countries' media, Tian said.

The agreement opened new possibilities for cooperation between media of the two countries, Mitanski said.

—*MNA/Xinhua*

Africa requires \$37b to double irrigation area

ADDIS ABABA, 5 Nov—The United Nations Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) said Thursday that Africa requires an investment of 37 billion US dollars to increase the area of irrigation from the present 7 per cent to 15 per cent by 2015.

Louise O. Fresco, Assistant Director General of the FAO said that there is a great potential to address the needs of Africa in food, poverty reduction and ecosystems.

"This requires investment in increasing the productivity of the multitude of irrigated and rain-fed

systems," Fresco said at the pre-conference of a three-day regional forum being held in the Ethiopian capital of Addis Ababa under the theme "Water for Food Ecosystems".

Fresco indicated that the mobilization of water resources for agriculture

in Africa is still well below the level of other regions.

"In Africa, at present, only 5 per cent of total renewable fresh water resources are being used, compared with 20 per cent for Asia, and only 7 per cent of the total arable land is being irrigated in Af-

rica compared with 42 per cent in south Asia and 36 per cent in east and south-east Asia," she said.

"Today, agricultural cropland consumes 13 per cent of total global evapotranspiration, of which irrigation accounts for 1.5 per cent," said Fresco.—*MNA/Xinhua*

China's Poyang Lake wetland applies for natural World Heritage

NANCHANG, 5 Nov—The wetland of China's largest freshwater lake, Poyang Lake in eastern Jiangxi Province, has been applied for a world natural World Heritage, according to a provincial government source on Thursday.

Application was made formally to the Chinese Ministry of Construction and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). This will be the first wetland natural reserve to apply for natural world heritage in Jiangxi. Located in the middle and

lower reaches of the Yangtze River, China's longest river, Poyang Lake wetland is one of the world's six top wetlands abundant in various species. The wetland, whose area accounts for 97.2 per cent of the total wetland area in Jiangxi, is also among the first batch of

wetlands in China listed as the world's leading wetlands.

Since Jiangxi set up a provincial-level bird protection haven around Poyang Lake in 1981, a total of 15 natural reserves have been established in the lake area, covering an area of 22,400 hectares.

Currently, the lake area has become home for more than 310 kinds of birds, 47 kinds of wildlife, 122 kinds of fish, 122 varieties of shell fish, 227 kinds of insects, 47 types of zooplankton, 50 types of phytoplankton and nearly 480 species of higher plants.—*MNA/Xinhua*

US movie industry to sue computer users

LOS ANGELES, 5 Nov—Taking a cue from recording companies, Hollywood movie studios are preparing to file copyright infringement lawsuits against computer users they say are illegally distributing movies online, a source familiar with the studios' plans said.

The lawsuits will target movie fans who share digitized versions of films over peer-to-peer networks, with the first wave of litigation planned for as early as Thursday, according to the source, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Like the recording industry, which began suing individual music file-sharers last year, the movie studios plan an ongoing litigation campaign,

the source said Wednesday.

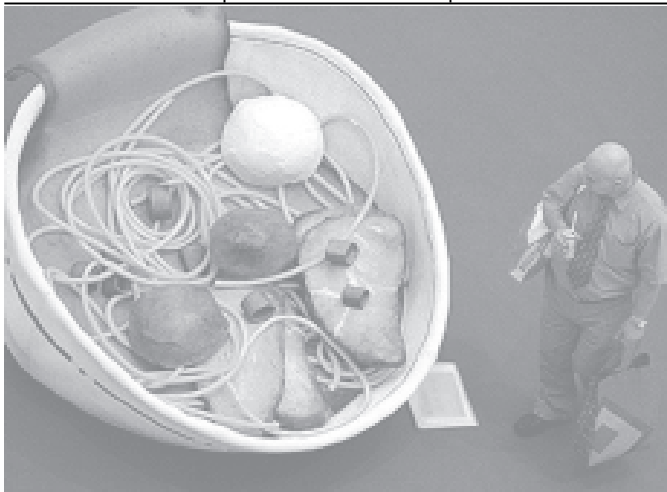
The Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA), which represents the major film studios, declined to comment Wednesday. But the organization issued a release saying MPAA president and chief executive Dan Glickman would be making "a major announcement regarding illegal file sharing of motion pictures on peer-to-peer networks"

early Thursday.

Studio executives, legislators, filmmakers and union leaders, among others, were scheduled to participate in the news conference, according to the MPAA statement.

The movie studios were still finalizing how many lawsuits would make up their initial filing, but it would probably be around 200 or so, the source said.

—*MNA/AP*



Pondering soup: A man looks at a Chinese soup sculpture displayed at a shopping mall in Hong Kong.—INTERNET

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NZ scientists invent cattle-fed pill to protect environment

WELLINGTON, 5 Nov—New Zealand scientists have invented a pill that promises to remove the source of two of Earth's biggest environmental bugbears in one hit, local daily *The Dominion Post* reported on Thursday.

The pill, fed to cattle once a year, will drastically reduce harmful nitrates leaching into waterways and slash the amount of the greenhouse gas nitrogen being discharged into the atmosphere.

A team of scientists from crown research centre AgResearch at Hamilton have worked for two years on the pill and could be another year from releasing it commercially. However, they have

proved it will work and are patenting their research.

The pill, a 250-gramme bullet-shaped bolus, works on the beast's urine to repress the nitrates it passes on to farm soil. AgResearch team leader Stewart Ledgard was quoted as saying that in trials, on farms beside Lake Taupo, the pill had been found to reduce the amount of nitrate leaching into the soil by 60 per cent.

It had also reduced the amount of nitrous oxide discharged into the atmosphere by 60 per cent.

Ledgard said more work was needed to test that the pill was not being taken up by the animal's tissues. So far this had not been the case, he added.

He said it seemed New Zealand was leading the world in this research. When going through the patenting process no other similar work had been discovered.

Ledgard was reluctant to apply the unscientific description of "breakthrough" to the invention. "It is quite rewarding to find something that will help farmers and the environment," he said.

MNA/Xinhua

Yangtze River Delta to contribute at least 20% to China's GDP

SHANGHAI, 5 Nov — The Yangtze River Delta, with Shanghai at the centre, is expected to contribute at least 20 per cent to China's gross domestic product (GDP) this year.

In the first three quarters alone, the area reported 1.97 trillion yuan (about 240 billion US dollars) of GDP, making up 21.2 per cent of the country's total, said a source with State Development and Reform Commission (SDRC) at an ongoing meeting on the coordinated economic development in the Yangtze River Delta in Shanghai.

This is close to the region's total GDP generated in 2003, said Wang Yiming, vice president of the commission's macro-economy institute.

Wang acknowledged the Yangtze delta posted 2 trillion yuan (some 241 billion US dollars) of GDP last year, or 19.5 per cent of the country's total.

The Yangtze River Delta, which refers to Jiangsu and Zhejiang provinces and Shanghai Municipality, is playing an increasingly vital role in China's overall economic growth, particularly in the globalization and industrialization processes, Wang said.

He went on to say that the region has replaced the Pearl River Delta in the southern Guangdong Province as the largest recipient of foreign capital.

In 2002, the Pearl River Delta used 11.3 billion US dollars of foreign direct investment (FDI), a 5-per-cent decline over the previous year, he said, quoting Ministry of Commerce statistics.

MNA/Xinhua

Chile, Peru to promote bilateral eco relations

SANTIAGO, 5 Nov—Chile and Peru will promote the bilateral economic and political integration with a "constructive spirit" despite their territorial disputes, said the Chilean Foreign Ministry on Thursday.

In a joint statement signed by Chilean Foreign Minister Ignacio Walker and his Peruvian counterpart Manuel Rodriguez Cuadros, the two men expressed the willingness to forge closer ties as they participated in the 18th Summit of the Group of Rio in the Brazilian city of Rio de Janeiro.

The two ministers share identical views particularly "on the dynam-

ics of the economic and trade links as well as all the aspects of the institutional cooperation," said the statement.

They considered their territorial demarcation on which they had differences "a matter of legal nature" and should not affect the positive development of the relations between Peru and Chile," said the statement.

MNA/Xinhua

Vanuatu will continue to adhere to "one China" principle

BEIJING, 5 Nov—Senior officials from the tiny South Pacific island of Vanuatu have pledged not to switch diplomatic recognition from China to Taiwan, a Chinese Government spokeswoman said on Thursday.

The comment, by Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Zhang Qiye, threw into question statements on Wednesday by Taiwan and Vanuatu that they had agreed to establish relations, bringing to 27 the number of countries.

Vanuatu's acting president and foreign minister "said the Vanuatu Government will not change its 'one China' policy and will not establish diplomatic relations with Taiwan", Zhang told a news conference.

Beijing has driven Taipei into diplomatic isolation with a "one China" policy, which dictates that Taiwan and the Mainland are part of a single country. Beijing severs ties with countries that recognize the self-ruled island over which it claims sovereignty.

China and Taiwan accuse each other of using "dollar diplomacy" to sway allies back and forth. Most of Taipei's allies are impoverished states in Af-



Sand and petals : Flower and sand art, made from millions of rose petals on a river-sidewalk in Tokyo. — INTERNET

Vietnam to post higher export earnings in next 2 months

HANOI, 5 Nov — Vietnam forecasts to gain export revenues of 4.2 billion US dollars in the two remaining months of this year, a year-on-year increase of 19.3 per cent.

The expected growth, to be fuelled by higher demand for such key items as crude oil, footwear and woodwork, will lift the country's total export re-

venues in the whole year to 25.5 billion dollars, up 26.4 per cent against last year, according to sources from the Ministry of Trade on Friday.

Prices of crude oil in the world market are predicted to remain high between November and December, while demand for Vietnamese footwear will increase in the European Union (EU), Japan, the United States, Thailand, Taiwan and South Korea. Local companies are creating their own models and diversifying products, not just relying on designs supplied by foreign companies or focusing on making sports and cloth shoes.

Vietnam's woodwork export is expected to increase sharply, especially to the United States, Japan and the EU. Most of local woodwork exports to the US market are made from materials imported

from the United States.

However, Vietnamese seafood export to the United States as well as the EU is likely to slow down, mainly due to US anti-dumping tariffs and fierce competition from Chinese products in the EU market. Besides, garment exports to the United States will decline, since local enterprises have almost used up their quotas for the market.

Vietnam gained export turnovers of 21.3 billion dollars in the first 10 months of this year, a year-on-year surge of 28.1 per cent, according to the General Statistics Office. In the period, it earned nearly 4.7 billion dollars, 256 million dollars and over 3.7 billion dollars from shipping crude oil, coal, and garments and textiles, up 48.6 per cent, 76.1 per cent and 19.5 percent, respectively.

MNA/Xinhua

WHO calls for more efforts to fight AIDS in poor countries

OTTAWA, 5 Nov—The World Health Organization (WHO) called here Thursday for more efforts to fight against the HIV/AIDS in poor countries, especially in Africa.

At a Press conference in Ottawa, Dr Lee Jong-wook, Director-General of the WHO, said at present there are 38 million people worldwide are HIV positive, 70 percent of them are in Africa. Meanwhile, over six million people need treatment. He said the WHO will take measure to ensure that HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment ef-

forts in poor countries.

"We are determined to reach as many people as we can in the world's poorest and most hard-hit countries with antiretroviral treatment and information on how to prevent HIV/AIDS," he said.

He said the WHO will also help expand equitable, quality and sustainable health services for people

living with HIV/AIDS, their families and their communities. He said Canada's contribution of about 80 million US dollars to the WHO this year is key in helping to build these services which include urgently addressing the shortage of health workers in countries suffering the most pressure from the effects of HIV/AIDS.— MNA/Xinhua

SPORTS

Santini quits as Tottenham Hotspur manager

LONDON, 6 Nov— Frenchman Jacques Santini has resigned as manager of Tottenham Hotspur after 13 games in charge of the English Premier League club.

Spurs said in a statement on Friday that the former France manager is returning to France for "personal reasons" and his job will be taken over by Martin Jol, Santini's assistant at White Hart Lane.

Santini said his time at Tottenham has been memorable so that he leaves with deep regret.

"Private issues in my personal life have arisen which caused my decision," said Santini. "I have therefore requested to return to France. I very much hope that the wonderful fans will respect my decision."

Spurs' sporting director Frank Arnesen said that club respected his decision and would act swiftly to minimize the impact of Santini's departure.

MNA/Xinhua

Arsenal to cope with more negative vibes than before

LONDON, 6 Nov— Arsenal have had to cope with more "negative vibes" than they are used to since their 2-0 Premier League defeat at Manchester United, according to their manager Arsene Wenger.

The English champions have struggled since their 49-match unbeaten league run ended in the controversial match at Old Trafford two weeks ago.

"As a group, since the defeat at Manchester United we have to cope with more negative vibes around us than before," Wenger told the *Evening Standard* newspaper on Friday. "We have to deal with that."

Arsenal initially reacted positively to the defeat by arch-rivals United when a reserve side won 2-1 at Manchester City in the League Cup, but they were then

held to two surprise home draws.

The Gunners needed an injury-time goal to salvage a 2-2 Premier League draw against Southampton, and squandered a 1-0 lead over Panathinaikos in the Champions League when defender Pascal Cygan's late own goal earned the Greeks an unexpected point.

"In the Champions League I feel the team puts too much pressure on their shoulders because of this nonsense about 'why you do not win the European Cup'," Wenger said.

MNA/Reuters

Ecuador's Barcelona coach quits

QUITO, 6 Nov— Juan Urquiza has quit as coach of Ecuador's Barcelona after the players went home to their families instead of returning to the team hotel following Wednesday's match with Olmedo.

"Professor Urquiza believes that the players have broken the principle of authority," Barcelona president Leonardo Bohrer told the Ecuadorean Football Federation (FEF) official web site.

Urquiza said he wanted his team to stay in "concentration" for their next Ecuadorean championship on Sunday against Deportivo Cuenca.

Barcelona are third in the six-team final stage, three points behind leaders Cuenca. The Argentine coach told local media: "It was a decision taken by the group. They used the excuse that they wanted to be with their families."

"All of us need to be with our families but there are times when you have to make sacrifices. Dignity, discipline and principles are not negotiable."

MNA/Reuters



A big step towards victory: Marat Safin of Russia hits a return to Lleyton Hewitt of Australia during their Tennis Masters Series quarter-final match in Paris.—INTERNET

PGA Tour championship golf

ATLANTA (Georgia), 6 Nov— Veteran Jay Haas edged closer to his first PGA Tour win for more than 10 years on Friday with a four-under-par 66 for the halfway lead at the Tour Championship.

The 50-year-old, the oldest player in the field at the East Lake Golf Club, moved to seven under for the tournament with three birdies and a chip-in eagle on the par-five ninth.

Canadian Stephen Ames is alone in second place at five under after a four-under-par 66 while Tiger Woods lurked a further shot back after a superb six-under-par 64—his best round since February at the Nissan Open.

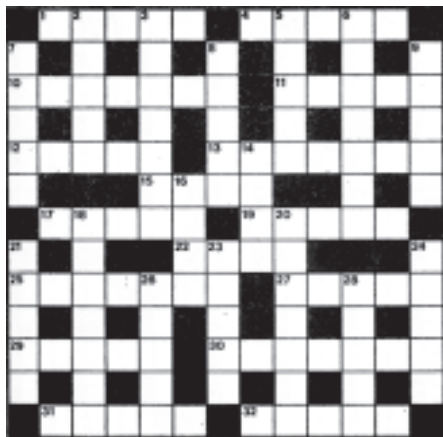
Level with Woods is South African Retief Goosen who shot a 66. Canadian Mike Weir and first round co-leader Jerry Kelly are tied for fifth at two under, four shots off the lead.

World number one Vijay Singh, attempting to win 10 events in a single season, struggled to a three-over-par 73 which included six bogeys and he finds himself eight shots back of Haas.

Starting out with a bogey when he went from one bunker to another, Haas did almost everything right on the remaining 17 holes including making a birdie on the 235-yard 18th hole.

Prior to that Haas had floundered in PGA Tour mediocrity and had not been in the top 30 on the money list since 1995. From the beginning of 2003 through 2004 Haas has recorded two runner-up finishes, a third and 15 top 10 finishes, earned more than four million US dollars and has played on both Ryder and President's Cup teams.—MNA/Reuters

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



ACROSS

- 1 Author of "Brides-head Revisited"
- 4 "And so—" (Pepys) (2,3)
- 10 Wrench
- 11 Perfect in conception
- 12 Wireless
- 13 Sluggishness
- 15 Solitary
- 17 Vast sea-area
- 19 Porcelain
- 22 Throw
- 25 Tourist
- 27 Edict
- 29 Swimming stroke
- 30 Perpetually young
- 31 Bingo
- 32 Dwarf

DOWN

- 2 Prize
- 3 Venetian boat
- 5 Oil-yielding tree
- 6 Cast out
- 7 Take possession unjustly
- 8 Name for a bear
- 9 Gather corn, etc.
- 14 Headland
- 16 At a former time
- 18 City of USA
- 20 2nd century Greek astronomer
- 21 Keep for sale
- 23 Tapestry
- 24 Bumptious
- 26 Ship's guide
- 28 Vision

Wenger dismisses as surreal suggestions Arsenal in crisis

LONDON COLNEY (England), 6 Nov— Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger has dismissed as "surreal" suggestions that his team are in a crisis.

Wenger said, however, that a Premier League victory against Crystal Palace on Saturday would lift spirits at Highbury after disappointing home draws against Southampton and Panathinaikos.

"Any victory will help," the Frenchman told a news conference on Friday. "But it is surreal for me to say that we are in a crisis. 'There are always periods when things go less well. This is part of a marathon and we are in the mile when things get a bit difficult.'"

The English champions have struggled since their 49-match unbeaten league run was ended by their controversial 2-0 loss at Manchester United two weeks ago.

They needed an injury-time goal to salvage a 2-2 Premier League draw against Southampton, and

squandered a 1-0 lead over Panathinaikos in the Champions League on Tuesday courtesy of a Pascal Cygan own goal.

MNA/Reuters

Man City's Sinclair ruled out for rest of season

LONDON, 6 Nov— Manchester City winger Trevor Sinclair has been ruled out for the rest of the season due to a knee ligament injury, the BBC reported on Friday.

A scan showed the 31-year-old former England international had ligament damage and would need an operation.

Sinclair is the second midfielder City Manager Kevin Keegan has lost in less than a month. Chinese international Sun Jihai has been ruled out for a year with knee ligament damage and left back Ben Thatcher faces a month out after an ankle operation.

Sinclair has been suffering with knee problem for some time and experienced further discomfort after making his comeback against Arsenal in the League Cup on October 27.

City play local rivals Manchester United at Old Trafford on Sunday.

MNA/Reuters



New Jersey Nets (news) guard Travis Best (news) tangles with Chicago Bulls (news) forward-center Othella Harrington (news) during overtime in Chicago, November 5, 2004. New Jersey won 111-106 in double overtime.—INTERNET

Chinese Premier meets ASEAN security officers

BEIJING, 6 Nov — Chinese Premier met here Friday with the heads of delegations attending the first Security Policy Conference of the ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF).

The three-day meeting, scheduled from November to 6, was the highest level of its kind ever held within the framework of ARF. It was attended by defence officers from 24 members of the ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF). They discussed such topics as the international and regional security situa-

tions.

ARF is composed of ASEAN members, ASEAN dialogue partners, Papua New Guinea, Mongolia, North Korea and Pakistan.

The security policy session was proposed by China at the 10th ARF foreign ministers' meeting in 2003 and approved by the 11th ARF foreign ministers' meeting in 2004. The meeting was hosted by China and chaired by Indonesia, ASEAN's current chair.

MNA/Xinhua

Officials say Indonesia, China to build strategic partnership

JAKARTA, 6 Nov — The governments of Indonesia and China agreed to build a bilateral strategic partnership, senior officials of the two countries said here on Friday.

The statement was made in a joint Press conference between Indonesian Foreign Minister Hassan Wirajuda and visiting Chinese President's Special Envoy and State Councillor Tang Jiaxuan after their meeting here.

The two governments would prepare the concepts of the partnership, which is expected to be discussed in the summit meeting between Chinese President Hu Jintao and Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono in the APEC meeting in Chile at the end of this month, Wirajuda said.

The Foreign Minister said that the Chinese Government positively responded on the plan to enhance the bilateral relations.

He said that Chinese Government plans to develop a new cooperation with the Indonesian Government within a new phase. In dealing with the Chinese efforts to end separatism, Wirajuda reaffirmed that Indonesia

adheres to its One China policy.

The Chinese special envoy said that one of the goals of his visit here was to follow up the suggestion of President Susilo.

"My visit here aims to discuss with the Indonesian Government how to build the bilateral strategic partnership between the two countries," Tang said.

Tang also said that the two presidents would also hold a bilateral meeting on the sidelines of the ASEAN plus one and ASEAN plus three meetings in Laos later this month.

The strategic bilateral partnership is first initiated by Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono shortly after he was elected as the 6th President of the republic in October.

During the meeting Tang said that the Chinese Government fully supports the Indonesian Government as a host of the Asian-African summit in Jakarta on 25 April, 2005, to be followed by the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Bandung Asian-African summit.

MNA/Xinhua

Thailand to boost trade, investment cooperation with China

BANGKOK, 6 Nov — Thai Deputy Prime Minister Chaturon Chaisaeng said here on Friday that the trade and investment cooperation between China's Henan Province and Thailand are expected to be further promoted to facilitate joint economic development of the two sides.

At the 2004 Henan, Thailand Trade and Investment Fair held here on Friday, Thai Deputy Prime Minister Chaturon Chaisaeng praised the investment Thai enterprises had made in China's Henan Province, saying cooperation between two sides are expected to be further promoted with the participation of Federation of Thai Industries and other parties.

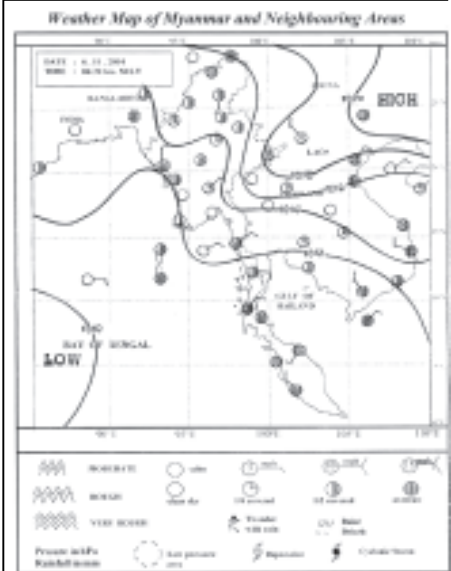
Wang Mingyi, vice-governor of China's Henan Province said as an important inland province, Henan has maintained an average GDP

growth rate of 10.85 per cent since 1997, growing into one of the most dynamic provinces in China's central and western region. In 2003, its total GDP value reached about 88 billion US dollars, ranking the sixth in

China.

Situated along the middle and lower reaches of Huanghe River, Henan Province occupies an area 167,000 square kilometres with a population of 96.67 million.

MNA/Xinhua



WEATHER

Saturday, 6 November, 2004

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, except for the isolated light rain in Northern Shan State, weather has been generally fair in the whole country. Night temperatures were (3°C) above normal in Chin State and Magway Division, (5°C) above normal in Taninthayi Division and about normal in the remaining areas.

Maximum temperature on 5-11-2004 was 96°F. Minimum temperature on 6-11-2004 was 68°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 6-11-2004 was 75%. Total sunshine hours on 5-11-2004 was (8.5) hours approx. Rainfall on 6-11-2004 was nil at Yangon Airport, Kaba-Aye and central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2004 was (112.24 inches) at Yangon Airport, (106.77 inches) at Kaba-Aye and (109.64 inches) at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 4 mph from East at (15:00) hours MST on 5-11-2004.

Bay inference: According to the observations at (09:30) hours MST today, yesterday's low pressure area over Southwest Bay persists. Weather is cloudy in South and West Bay and generally fair elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 7-11-2004: Except for the possibility of isolated light rain in Taninthayi Division, weather will be generally fair in the whole country. Degree of certainty is (40%).

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

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

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 7-11-2004: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 7-11-2004: Fair weather.

Radio Myanmar

Sunday, November 7

Tune in today:

- 8.30 am** Brief news
- 8.35 am** Music:
-Must have been high
- 8.40 am** Perspectives
- 8.45 am** Music:
-I can't give you anything but my love
- 8.55 am** National news/Slogan
- 9.05 am** Music: Where have all the cowboys gone?
- 9.10 am** International news
- 9.15 am** Cultural images of Myanmar: -Lion statue
- 1.30 pm** News/Slogan
- 1.40 pm** Story for children Mg Kan Yun and Mg Kyinnar
- 1.50 pm** Songs for children
- 9.00 pm** Weekly news review
- 9.10 pm** Music
- 9.15 pm** (Special Feature) Beautiful Kayin State
- 9.25 pm** Latest hits!
-Living on the island
-Making love out of nothing
- 9.45 pm** News/Slogan
- 10.00 pm** PEL



Sunday, November 7

View on today:

- 7:00 am** 1. Recitation of Parittas by Sayadaw U Ottamathara
- 7:25 am** 2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am** 3. Morning news
- 7:40 am** 4. Nice and sweet song
- 7:50 am** 5. ယဉ်ကျေးလိမ္မော်(ရတနာ)ပြောမင်္ဂလာ
- 8:10 am** 6. အကရိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:20 am** 7. နီလီမြတ်ဗျံနိုးတံတား
- 8:30 am** 8. International news
- 8:45 am** 9. Say it in English
- 11:00 am** 1. Martial song
- 11:10 am** 2. Musical programme
- 11:25 am** 3. Round-up of the week's international news
- 11:35 am** 4. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတမ်းတွဲ "သမ္မတရခိုင်မိုး" (အပိုင်း-၄၂)
- 12:20 pm** 5. ပုလင်းရေလှောင်တံခါး
- 12:20 pm** 6. Myanmar movie: "ပုလင်းရေလှောင်တံခါး" ရုပ်ရှင်အသစ်မင်းဦး၊ ဇေယျာနိုး (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မြတ်တင်အေး)
- 2:45 pm** 7. International news
- 4:00 pm** 1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm** 2. Songs to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm** 3. English for Everyday Use
- 4:45 pm** 4. အစေးသင်တန်းသို့ လဲ ပညာရေး ရုပ်ရှင်မြတ်သောသင်ခန်းစာ - ဂုဏ်ထူးဆောင် (စာတည်းအေးထွန်းမြတ်) (စာတည်း)
- 5:00 pm** 5. Dance of national races
- 5:15 pm** 6. မြန်မာစာမြန်မာစာတား
- 5:25 pm** 7. Musical programme
- 5:40 pm** 8. Sing and Enjoy
- 6:30 pm** 9. Evening news
- 7:00 pm** 10. Weather report
- 7:05 pm** 11. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်ကြိုသွယ်တဲ့လင်းစိုင်းစိုင်း" (အပိုင်း-၃၀)
- 7:30 pm** 12. Agricultural force country's development
- 7:45 pm** 13. Musical programme
- 8:00 pm** 14. News
- 8:00 pm** 15. International news
- 8:00 pm** 16. Weather report
- 8:00 pm** 17. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်မေယုသည့်" (အပိုင်း-၁၅)
- 8:00 pm** 18. The next day's programme



Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win addresses the China-ASEAN Business and Investment Summit at Nanning, the People's Republic of China on 3-11-2004. — MNA

Regional cooperation, source of economic growth

Bilateral trade between Myanmar and China on steady growth

Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win attends Sino-ASEAN Economic Summit

YANGON, 6 Nov— Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win delivered an address at the opening of China-ASEAN Business and Investment Summit in Nanning, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, the People's Republic of China, on 3 November afternoon.

Also present at the meeting were Vice-Premier of the State Council of the PRC Madame Wu Yi, Cambodian Prime Minister Mr Sandech Hun Sen, Laotian Prime Minister Mr Bounnang Vorachith, Thai Deputy Prime Minister Mr Phinij

Jarusombut, Vietnamese Deputy Prime Minister Mr Pham Gia Khiem, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for

Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe, Myanmar Ambassador to China U Thein Lwin, Director-General of the SPDC Office Lt-Col Pe Nyein, departmental heads, ministers, deputy ministers, high-ranking officials and businessmen from Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao People's

Democratic Republic, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, the Socialist Republic of Vietnam and the PRC, and ASEAN Secretary-General Mr Ong Keng Yong and officials.

President of the China Council for the Promotion of International

Trade (CCPIT) Mr Wan Jifei extended greetings.

The Chinese Vice-Premier, the Cambodian Prime Minister and the Laotian Prime Minister delivered speeches.

The Myanmar Prime Minister also (See page 7)

Seven-point Road Map is not policy of individual but State policy

Secretary-1 receives national race leader of special region-1 of Kachin State

YANGON, 6 Nov— Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein received national race leader of special region-1 of Kachin State U Za Khun Ting Ring at Yangon Command this afternoon.

Also present were member of the State Peace

and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col

Thein Nyunt, Director-General of the State Peace and Development Council Office Lt-Col Pe Nyein and senior military officers, U La Yauk Zal Lwang and members.

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein explained developments in the country and said the

seven-point Road Map is not policy of an individual person but the State policy laid down by the State Peace and Development Council.

Therefore, he said, the government would continue to implement the seven-point Road Map without fail until it

succeeds.

Efforts are to be made for success of the National Convention, the first step of the Road Map and also the most important sector with greater momentum, he said.

He said there would be no change in the attitude towards the armed groups that returned to the legal fold, adding that the government would continue to work together with the groups in line with the national policies based on consolidation of national solidarity and perpetuation of the Union.

He said the government would continue to provide assistance to border areas and national races development tasks in accord with the noble traditions.

National race leader U Za Khun Ting Ring said he and his party would work with the government loyally in accord with the policies laid down by the State.

He said his party would attend the National Convention held for building of a discipline-flourishing democratic State until it concluded.

He said it is the time for national people to cooperate with the Tatmadaw government with oneness for emergence of a modern developed discipline-flourishing democratic State.

He said priority is to be given to the requirements of the government and cooperation will also be made for success of the National Convention and realization of the seven-point Road Map.

He also discussed requirements regarding transport, education, agriculture, food sufficiency, continued cooperation for eradication of narcotic drugs, economic and regional development in special region-1 of Kachin State.—MNA



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein offers warm welcome to U Za Khon Tein Ring and party. — MNA