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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's India visit cements friendship, enhances bilateral cooperation Four agreements signed



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein addresses coordination meeting to implement bilateral agreements between Myanmar and India. — MNA

YANGON, 9 Nov — A coordination meeting to implement the bilateral agreements between Myanmar and the Republic of India was held at the meeting hall of Zeyathiri Beikman on Konmyinthar here at 3.30 pm today, with an address by Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein. The agreements were signed during the good-

will visit of State Peace and Development Council Chairman Senior General Than Shwe to India from 24 to 29 October.

Present at the meeting were SPDC member Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, ministers, the Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs, the director-general of the SPDC Office and heads of department.

In his address, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein said Head of State Senior General Than Shwe paid goodwill visit to the Republic of India from 24 to 29 October. It is the goodwill visit of the Head of State that cemented the friendly relations and cooperation between the two countries. During his visit, the Head of State had cordial discussions with the Indian President, Vice-President and Prime Minister, and four

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agreements, including the one that was signed prior to the visit, were inked, the Secretary-1 said.

Moreover, the ministers who accompanied the Senior General during the visit met their counterparts and discussed matters related to cooperation between the two nations. Regarding the agreements, the Secretary-1 quoted the Head of State as giving guidance that both sides had to carry out work some of which promptly and some duly.

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## Some unscrupulous persons launching gossiping campaign and spreading rumours on currency notes Government will not demonetize any currency note in circulation

YANGON, 9 Nov — Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun and Director-General of Myanmar Police Force Brig-Gen Khin Yi cleared up the rumours about the currency notes and unlicensed motor vehicles at the Ministry of Finance and Revenue this evening.

They clarified this to about 300 entrepreneurs, bankers, traders and members of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry.

In his clarification, the minister said it is

common knowledge that since its assumption of the State duties, the State Peace and Development Council (the Tatmadaw Government) has been always keeping in the fore the interest of the nation and the people. And since then, the Government has acknowledged the public officially that it will never demonetize the currency notes the State has printed and permitted to be used legally, in circulation.

At present, some of the unscrupulous persons

taking advantage of the latest developments in the nation are launching a gossiping campaign and spreading rumours, saying that although the new K200, K 500 and K 1000 notes have been issued, they are less in circulation because of their poor quality that does not meet the set standard; that it is possible that K 1000 notes can be demonetized soon as a large number of counterfeit notes are in circulation in border towns. Some unscrupulous persons are even saying

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

## PERSPECTIVES

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## Strive for successful holding of fourth World Buddhist Summit

The Fourth World Buddhist Summit is going to take place in Myanmar, where Theravada Buddhism flourishes. Through the Fourth World Buddhist Summit, Buddhist nations can grasp a unique opportunity to promote friendly relationships, mutual understanding and cooperation between them, and can preserve and further propagate Buddhism.

Surely, the Fourth World Buddhist Summit will bear fruits of promoting and propagating Pariyatti-based Buddhism, contributing towards emergence of a peaceful world necessary for the entire people of the world in the spectrum of Buddhism, and spreading the Doctrines of the Lord Buddha throughout the world without causing any negative impact on the essence of Buddhism.

A meeting was held at the International Theravada Buddhist Missionary University on 8 November to coordinate holding of the Fourth World Buddhist Summit in Yangon.

Addressing the meeting, Chairman of the Leading Committee for Holding the Summit Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win said that invited representatives from over 40 countries will attend the Summit.

Thus, arrangements should be made to win satisfaction and convenience of the participants and for the success of the Summit, he added. "We are certain that we will be hosting the Summit smoothly and on a grand scale according to schedule as we have taken sufficient time in making preparations for it", said the Prime Minister.

Now, necessary arrangements are being made sector-wise for ensuring the Fourth World Buddhist Summit to be an international level meeting as scheduled.

Furthermore, measures have been taken systematically and thoroughly to offer warm welcome and kind treatments to the delegates from abroad.

The Maha Pasana Cave on Kaba Aye Hill, in which the Summit will be held, has been redecorated, and religious books and papers, commemorative badges and other requisites have been made available.

We believe that respective subcommittees and those responsible will continue to make efforts and take all possible measures in all sectors for successful holding of the Fourth World Buddhist Summit.

## 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

## Cooperative Department organizes English proficiency course



Minister Col Zaw Min speaks at the opening of English proficiency course for staff of the Cooperative Department. — COOPERATIVES

YANGON, 9 Nov — English proficiency course for staff of the Cooperative Department of the Ministry of Cooperatives was opened this morning at the ministry here with an opening address by Minister for Cooperatives Col Zaw Min.

The course will last three months and a total of 60

trainees are attending the course.

The opening ceremony was also attended by Director-General of the Cooperative Department Col Soe Win, Director-General of the Cottage Industries Department U Sein Than, officials and trainees.

MNA

## Foreign Affairs Deputy Minister leaves for Vietnam

YANGON, 9 Nov — Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint this morning left for the Socialist Republic of Vietnam to attend the 11th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Haze and First Meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP-1) to the ASEAN Agreement on Transboundary Haze Pollution to be held on 10-11 November in Hanoi, Vietnam.

The ASEAN Agreement on Transboundary Haze Pollution has entered into force on 25 November 2003. Altogether Six ASEAN countries including Myanmar have ratified the Agreement. The objective of the ASEAN Agree-

ment is to prevent and monitor transboundary haze pollution, as a result of land and forest fires which should be mitigated, through concerted national efforts and intensified regional and international cooperation.

The deputy minister was seen off at Yangon International Airport by officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Mr Pham Quang Khon, Ambassador of SRV to Myanmar. Joint Secretary of the National Commission for Environmental Affairs (NCEA) Daw Yin Yin Lay is attending the 21st Meeting of ASOEN-Haze Technical Task Force which starts on 8



Deputy Minister U Maung Myint being seen off at the airport. — MNA

November. The Deputy Minister is accompanied by U Aung Aung Lay,

Head of Branch from National Commission for Environment Affairs. —MNA

## သတိ

၁။ ပြောက်အိုး၊ မီးရှူးနှင့် ခုံး (ရှူးခိုင်း) ပစ်ဖောက်ခြင်းဖြင့် ပြည်သူများ အထိတ်တလန့်ဖြစ်စေခြင်း၊ မသမာသူများမှ ရပ်ရွာအေးချမ်းသာယာရေးနှင့် လုံခြုံရေးကို ထိခိုက်အောင် လုပ်လန့်ခြင်းတို့ကြောင့် ပြောက်အိုးဖောက်ခြင်းကို တားမြစ်သည်။

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## Myanmar archery team leaves for SRV

YANGON, 9 Nov — The Myanmar archery team left here by air for Hanoi this morning to participate in the third Asia Archery Circuit (2004) to be held in the Socialist Republic of Vietnam from 10 to 15 November.

The team comprises Dr Khin Shwe as jury, Dr Myat Thura Soe (Joint-Secretary of Myanmar Archery Federation) as referee, U Tin Hsan of ACE Construc-

MAF) as leader, U Sa Than Oo (Executive of MAF) as second leader, managers, coaches, Mr An Seung Bum as techni-

cal adviser.

The Myanmar team will also take part in the compound event of the Circuit for the first time

with the aim of winning medals in the 23rd SEA Games to be held in the Philippines in 2005.

MNA



Myanmar archery team at the airport before their departure for Vietnam. — MNA

# Calls to pull out Black Watch as Iraq death toll mounts

LONDON, 9 Nov — Tony Blair faced calls from Labour MPs last night to pull British troops out of Iraq's notorious "triangle of death" after another Black Watch soldier was killed and two more were injured, one seriously.

The casualties were inflicted by a roadside bomb planted by guerillas north of their base, Camp Dogwood. The Ministry of Defence confirmed an incident had happened as the battle for Fallujah raged. Families of all three soldiers were being

contacted last night by the Ministry of Defence.

The attack brought the mounting death toll of British troops to four in the past five days.

Cabinet ministers arriving for a weekly meeting of the Parliamentary Labour

Party were visibly shocked when they heard the news.

The former Defence Minister, Peter Kilfoyle accused Mr Blair of allowing Britain to be dragged into a Vietnam-style war.

"It is a throwback to

the misjudgements of the Vietnam war," he said.

Bill Rammell, the foreign office minister confirmed that British soldiers had been attacked.

"I understand an incident has taken place. Our thoughts are with the troops who are doing an excellent job in very difficult circumstances," he told Sky News.

He defended the decision to send UK troops into the more dangerous US zone and said "minimising the risk to our troops" was part of the "operational judgement" made by the MoD.

Only two days after their redeployment last week from Basra to the US sector near Baghdad three Black Watch soldiers died when a suicide bomber drove his car into a roadblock.

Internet



Iraq police inspect the remains of a wrecked vehicle following a car-bomb in Mosul. At least six Iraqis were killed and more than a dozen people wounded during attacks in central and northern Iraq.—INTERNET

## Top US commander in Iraq expects house-to-house fighting for Fallujah

ARLINGTON, 9 Nov — Guerillas are planning to use car bombs and improvised explosive devices early in the fight for Fallujah, then retreat into the labyrinthine city centre and fight house-to-house, the top US commander in Iraq said Monday.

General George W Casey Jr., who is commander, Multi-National Force-Iraq, spoke from Baghdad via telephone to Pentagon reporters just hours after the long-anticipated main assault on the city began.

Casey refused to say precisely how many coalition fighters are involved in the Fallujah operation, but admitted that one reporter's estimate of 15,000 was "in the right ballpark."

Included in the fight are US soldiers and Marines, as well as Iraqi forces and the United Kingdom's Black Watch Regiment, which is "working along western bank of Euphrates River to disrupt [insurgent fighters'] movements towards Baghdad," Casey said.

How many opponents they will face remains unknown, Casey said.

"We've been watching this fairly closely," Casey said. "I think there are

people who have moved out; I think there are people who have moved in."

Yet even though "I don't have a specific number on the number of enemy who have left; I expect we will have a fight in there over the next few days," Casey said.

Guerillas are armed with "a range of weapons," Casey said, including AK-47 semi-automatic weapons, machine guns, rocket-propelled grenades and some anti-aircraft weapons.

However, the guerillas' "weapons of choice are improvised explosive devices and car bombs," Casey said.

"Our (intelligence analysts) tell us they (the guerillas) have lined the streets with IEDs," Casey said.

Coalition forces also as "expect them to come at us with car bombs," Casey said.—Internet

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## 1,133 US soldiers killed since beginning of Iraq war

WASHINGTON, 9 Nov — As of Monday, 8 November, 2004, at least 1,133 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 871 died as a result of hostile action, the Defence Department said. The figures include three military civilians.

The AP count matches the Defense Department's tally, last updated at 10 am Monday.

The British military has reported 74 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, 995 US military members have died, according to AP's count. That includes at least 762 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's numbers.

The latest deaths reported by the military:

Two Marines were killed Monday when their bulldozer flipped over into the Euphrates near Fallujah. A US soldier was killed Monday when his patrol came under fire in eastern Baghdad.

The latest identifications reported by the military:

Marine Lance Cpl Sean M Langle, 20, Lexington, Ky; killed Sunday in hostile action in Anbar province, Iraq.

Army Sgt Carlos M Camacho-Rivera, 24, Carolina, Puerto Rico; killed Friday in a rocket attack in Fallujah, Iraq.

Army Pvt Justin R Yoemans, 20, Eufaula, Ala; killed Saturday when a vehicle-bomb exploded near his vehicle in Baghdad.

Army Spc Brian K Baker, 27, West Seneca, NY; killed Sunday when a vehicle-bomb exploded near his patrol in Baghdad.—Internet

## Tanzania to scrutinize AIDS advertisements

DAR-ES-SALAAM, 8 Nov — The Tanzanian Government has decided to look into advertisements intended to help curb the spread of HIV/AIDS in the country, after it was advised that such advertisements might fuel the spread of the pandemic instead of curbing it. The advice was given by the country's lawmakers who met in Dodoma for a new session of the Parliament, according to reports reaching here on Sunday.

The government admitted that some HIV/AIDS advertisements appearing on local televisions seemed to encourage local people to practice unprotected sex instead of discouraging them from it.—MNA/Xinhua

## Official says French company to buy Nigeria's satellite images

LAGOS, 8 Nov — A French company is negotiating with the Nigerian National Space Research and Development Agency (NASRDA) about buying satellite images captured by the west African country's pioneer and sole satellite in space, the NASRDA head said on Sunday.

"The company recently bought some images from us, worth about 1,000 pounds (about 1,850 US dollars) and they are still interested in buying more, so we are currently negotiating with them," Robert

Boroffice told the official *News Agency of Nigeria*.

Boroffice did not name the company but said if the new deal was sealed, Nigeria would get 3 million pounds (about 5.55 million dollars), adding a meeting between Nigerian officials and the company had been scheduled for November 18 in China.

The images purchased by the company would be used to monitor crop health and yield in some agricultural fields in France, he said.

MNA/Xinhua



British soldiers from the headquarters company of First Battalion The Black Watch dig in at their base Camp Dogwood, 25 miles south of Baghdad, on 8 November, 2004.—INTERNET

# MoD says British soldier killed in Iraq, two others hurt

**BAGHDAD, 8 Nov** — A British soldier from the Black Watch regiment was killed and two others injured in an incident near their Camp Dogwood base south of the Iraqi capital Baghdad, the Ministry of Defence in London said.

"We can confirm one fatality and two injured," a ministry spokesman said in a telephone interview. The dead soldier "may" have been killed in a roadside bomb, the spokesman added. Last week three UK Black Watch soldiers were killed in an ambush, Armed Forces Minister Adam Ingram said.

UK Prime Minister

Tony Blair ordered the redeployment of 850 troops of the Scottish Black Watch regiment from southern Iraq to an area southwest of Baghdad to relieve US troops needed for an attack on rebels in Fallujah.

Fallujah has become the focus of US-led military efforts to subdue guerillas in the so-called Sunni Tri-

angle who threaten to disrupt national elections scheduled for January.

The latest Black Watch incident came as US and Iraqi forces began the main battle for Fallujah. The battle began late today, US Technical Sergeant Eric Grill, a military spokesman, said by telephone from Baghdad. Marines and

Army forces began a two-pronged ground attack into rebel strongholds in the northwestern Jolan district, in the heart of Fallujah, and the northeastern Askari district, the *Associated Press* reported.

Iraq's interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi earlier closed Baghdad's international airport and the country's borders with Syria and Jordan.

Internet



A Lynx helicopter flies over an armoured recovery vehicle in Camp Dogwood, Iraq, 8 November, 2004.—INTERNET

## Asia-Pacific diplomats meet in Sydney

**SYDNEY (Australia), 8 Nov** — Preventing terrorists from getting their hands on nuclear material was the focus on Monday of a meeting in Australia among government ministers and diplomats from across the Asia-Pacific Region.

The chief of the UN nuclear watchdog, Mohamed ElBaradei, also was at the meeting, and Australia's Foreign Minister said he would discuss with ElBaradei the nuclear standoff between international authorities and Iran over its nuclear programme.

"The threats to nuclear security — from nuclear proliferation by rogue states or terrorist acts involving nuclear facilities and nuclear and radioactive materials are global problems," Foreign Minister Alexander Downer said to the conference. "They will only be solved by global action".

"Proliferators and terrorists operate globally so any nuclear security weakness at the local or regional level risk being exploited," Downer added.

The United States and European powers fear Iran is trying to build nuclear weapons — although Tehran denies such claims, saying its nuclear programme is for energy production.

Washington and Eu-

rope want Iran to halt all uranium enrichment activities, a technology that can be used to produce fuel or weapons, and have warned they would seek UN Security Council sanctions if Tehran does comply.

Months of intense diplomacy appeared close to bearing fruit over the weekend with Iran and the Eu-

ropean Union's three big powers — France, Germany and Britain — reaching a preliminary agreement.

The deal could be finalized in the next few days, chief Iranian negotiator Hossein Mousavian told state-run Iranian television from Paris, where talks wrapped up Saturday.— *MNA/AP*

## 16th International Week of Science and Peace starts

**BEIJING, 8 Nov** — The 16th International Week of Science and Peace opened here Sunday with the theme of Science, Peace, Cooperation and Development.

"The world is experiencing rapid scientific and technological progress in the new century," said He Luli, vice-chairwoman of China's National People's Congress Standing Committee, at the opening ceremony.

"The Chinese people will pursue peaceful development to promote world peace."

From November 7 to 14, scientific and technological fairs, academic lectures and exhibitions on technical innovation, aerospace resources, women and children, agriculture and health will be held across China.

In 1988, the 43rd United Nations General Assembly passed a resolution proclaiming the week in which November 11 falls as International Science and Peace Week.

*MNA/Xinhua*

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## EU foreign policy chief

### pessimistic over Iraq poll in January

**THE HAGUE, 9 Nov** — European Union foreign policy chief, Javier Solana, said that the security situation in Iraq gave few grounds for optimism that the planned January general election can take place there.

'Let's hope that elections will still be in time,' Solana, the EU High Representative for Common Foreign and Security Policy, told reporters in The Hague, adding 'The situation from the point of view of security does not give much of a hope that that will be realised.'

Iraqi Prime Minister Iyad Allawi announced Sunday a state of emergency for 60 days saying it was necessary to ensure the successful conduct of the elections in January.

Internet

## Extremists moving across Iran-Iraq border

**ANKARA, 9 Nov** — Islamic extremists have been moving supplies and new recruits from Iran into Iraq, say Iraqi Kurdish and Western officials, though it's unclear whether Teheran is covertly backing them or whether militants are simply taking advantage of the porous border.

Iranian involvement with extremist groups in the Iraqi guerilla would be potentially explosive, especially given the history of US-Iranian animosity. Defence Secretary Donald H Rumsfeld said recently Iran was engaged in "a lot of med-

dling" in Iraq but gave no details. Iran, which shares a mountainous 800-mile border with Iraq, has confirmed that loyalists of the al-Qaida-linked Ansar al-Islam group illegally entered Iran from Afghanistan after the start of the US-led 2001 war to oust

the Taleban and destroy Osama bin Laden's terrorist training camps. But Iran's government has repeatedly denied it is backing the radicals.

A handful of senior al-Qaida operatives who were among those fleeing to Iran after the Afghanistan war may have developed a working relationship with the Revolutionary Guards, a special military unit in Iran linked to Tehran's hard-liners. US counterterrorism officials have said.—*Internet*

## ORIND completes 10 years in China

**BEIJING, 8 Nov** — ORIND Refractories Limited, the first Indian company to set up a wholly-owned venture in China, has completed 10 years of operations in the Communist nation and is ready for a large-scale expansion, emerging as a global player in the refractory business.

"We have completed a decade of successful operations in China and are now ready for a large-scale expansion which will enable us to be the largest refractory group in this part of the globe," Group Managing Director of ORIND, Rajeshwar Mishra, said.

"We have already acquired land, adjacent to the existing plant and work on the new facility will commence soon to produce new value-added refractory items," he said.

ORIND, a name derived from Orissa Industries Ltd, also plans to acquire a magnesite mine in

the mineral-rich Liaoning Province in northeast China as part of the efforts to reduce production costs, Mishra said.

*MNA/PTI*



British troops guard the perimeter after a car bomb injured three Iraqi Police officers in Basra, Iraq, on 8 Nov, 2004.—INTERNET

# US forces storm Fallujah as Iraqi Govt declares state of emergency

NEAR FALLUJAH (Iraq), 8 Nov— US forces stormed into western districts of Fallujah early Monday, seizing the main city hospital and securing two key bridges over the Euphrates River in what appeared to be the first stage of the long-expected assault on the guerillas stronghold.

An AC-130 gunship raked the city with 40 mm cannon fire as explosions from US artillery lit up the night sky. Intermittent artillery fire blasted southern neighbourhoods of Fallujah, and orange fireballs from high explosive airbursts could be seen above the rooftops.

US officials said the toughest fight was yet to come — when American forces try to enter the main part of the city on the east bank of the river, including the Jolan neighbourhood where guerillas defences are believed the strongest.

The initial attacks on Fallujah began just hours after the Iraqi Government declared 60 days of emergency rule throughout most of the country as militants dramatically escalated at-

tacks, killing at least 30 people, including two Americans.

Several hundred Iraqi troops were sent into Fallujah's main hospital after US forces sealed off the area. The troops detained about 50 men of military age inside the hospital but about half were later released.

Dr Salih al-Issawi, the head of the hospital, said he had asked US officers to allow doctors and ambulances go inside the main part of the city to help the wounded but they refused. There was no confirmation from the Americans.

"The American troops' attempt to take over the hospital was not right because they thought that they would

halt medical assistance to the resistance," he said by telephone to a reporter inside the city. "But they did not realize that the hospital does not belong to anybody, especially the resistance".

The action began after sundown on the outskirts of the city, which has been sealed off by US and Iraqi forces, and the minaret-studded skyline was lit up with huge flashes of light.

Flares were dropped to illuminate targets, and defenders fought back with heavy machine gunfire. Flaming red tracer rounds streaked through the night sky from guerilla positions inside the city, 40 miles west of Baghdad.

Before the assault began, US commanders warned troops to expect

the most brutal urban fighting since the Vietnam War.

Underscoring the instability elsewhere in Iraq, several heavy explosions thundered through the capital on Sunday even as government spokesman Thair Hassan al-Naqeb was announcing the state of emergency, which applies throughout the country except for Kurdish-ruled areas in the north.

MNA/AP

## Two British soldiers injured in Baghdad incident

LONDON, 8 Nov — Two British soldiers were injured near their post south of Baghdad in Iraq on Sunday, the Ministry of Defence said.

"At 9:22 local time (0622 GMT) this morning, two British soldiers were injured in an incident in the vicinity of Camp Dogwood," a spokesman said. "They are being treated at an American hospital in Iraq." He declined to give any further details of the incident or the soldiers' injuries.

British troops had previously been serving only in the relatively peaceful southern Iraqi region of Basra.

But in a decision hotly debated in Parliament, Prime Minister Tony Blair agreed earlier this month to dispatch 850 troops to volatile areas near the Iraqi capital to allow US troops to reinforce units fighting guerillas in the Sunni Muslim city of Fallujah and elsewhere. — MNA/Reuters

## Halliburton medic gunned down in Iraq

SPOTSYLVANIA, 9 Nov — A Halliburton-employed medic working at Iraq's Abu Ghraib prison has been fatally shot, his family said.

Jeffery Serrett had called home to Spotsylvania Tuesday morning and left a message for his wife. She then got a call at work that he'd been shot, and he was dead by 10:50 am.

Serrett, 43, was employed by KBR, a subsidi-

ary of Houston-based Halliburton and was working at the Abu Ghraib prison clinic, where he had been sent after the abuse scandal.

Serrett's family was told that someone

knocked on the door at the clinic, and when Serrett opened the door, he was shot him in the stomach. He was flown by helicopter to Baghdad, but he died in surgery.

Serrett was the 55th employee of Halliburton or its subcontractors killed in Iraq, where the company is rebuilding oil-industry infrastructure and providing support services for US troops.

He went to work with Halliburton in July 2003 as a medic at a US Army base in the Marshall Islands, then was called to Iraq earlier this year.

Internet

## 11 suspected of counterfeiting euro banknotes arrested

VILNIUS, 8 Nov— Lithuanian police on Saturday arrested 11 men suspected of counterfeiting euro banknotes after tip-offs from police in France, Belgium and Germany, a police official said.

Commissioner Vytautas Grigaravicius told Reuters police had so far counted eight million counterfeit euros in 100-euro notes that were confiscated in the raids. The 11 arrested are all male Lithuanian citizens, seized in the country's second largest city, Kaunas.

MNA/Reuters



US soldiers gather on the outskirts of the restive city of Fallujah on 8 Nov, 2004. —INTERNET



Smoke billows in the background as a US soldier monitors Fallujah on 8 Nov, 2004. —INTERNET

## "Dhanush" test fired from Orissa coast

BALASORE, 8 Nov— Dhanush, India's short-range ballistic missile, was test fired from the Bay of Bengal off the Orissa coast on Sunday, defence sources said. Mounted on a stabilized launcher, the missile was fired from naval ship *INS Subhadra*, anchored about 30 kilometres from Chandipur-on-sea at around 1220 hrs. Dhanush is the naval version of the surface-to-surface missile system *Prithvi-II*, the sources said.

With a pay load of 500 kilos, the 8.56 metre-long sleek missile has a striking range of 250 kilometres. The missile has a launch weight of 4,600 kilos and can be used with both conventional and nuclear warheads.

It uses a single stage liquid propellant engine. Sunday's test is the 'ship-launched version' of the missile and considered to be a major milestone for scientists at the Defence Research Development Organization (DRDO).

The 'submarine version' of a similar type missile was successfully tested from the Integrated Test Range (ITR) at Chandipur on 27 October last.

This is the third trial of Dhanush. The first experiment was aborted on 11 April, 2000 as a technical snag was detected in the software system during its blast-off phase while the second trial was conducted successfully on 21 September, 2001, the sources said. — MNA/PTI

## Venezuela to resume oil supply to Dominican Republic

CARACAS, 8 Nov — Venezuela has agreed to resume oil supply to the Dominican Republic after a suspension since last year, the Venezuelan news agency reported.

Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez, who was on a visit to the Dominican Republic, inked with his Dominican counterpart Leonel Fernandez an agreement, under which Venezuela will ship 50,000 barrels of crude oil per day to the Caribbean country as a loan.

The Dominican Republic would repay with its exports the 15-year loan with an interest rate of 2 per cent, according to the agreement.

Venezuela suspended oil supply to the Dominican Republic last year as it accused the then Dominican Government of backing ex-Venezuelan President Carlos Perez, who lives in the Dominican Republic, in conspiracy against the Chavez Government.

"We are ready to restart our relations" and leave behind the dispute, said Chavez at the signing ceremony in the Dominican capital Santo Domingo. "We are committed to starting the new shipment of petroleum and by-products as soon as possible." Fernandez, who took office last August, thanked Venezuela for the agreement, which could partly alleviate energy shortages caused by growing oil prices. — MNA/Xinhua

## Idaho residents exposed to radiation ask US Govt for compensation

**BOISE, (Idaho), 8 Nov** — Dozens of Idaho residents who claim nuclear tests conducted during the 1950s made them sick asked a panel of scientists on Saturday to recommend that the US Government compensate them.

The group, who call themselves "the downwinders" in reference to the toxic clouds that the wind carried their way from test sites in Nevada, described how radioactive waste coated their farms and towns 50 years ago. They said they believe it caused many of them to get cancer.

"My father remembers fallout on the grass like dew. We were exposed to radiation for the national security interests of the United States," said Shari Garmon, 52, who survived thyroid cancer but has contracted breast, bone and liver cancer.

The US Government tested nuclear bombs in

the Nevada desert during the Cold War through a series of 90 above-ground tests from 1951 to 1962. Wind blew radioactive clouds hundreds of miles to the north and east, coating crops and pastures.

The downwinders say residents who ate those crops and drank local cow's milk risked bone, thyroid, gall bladder and other cancers. They argue young children were especially vulnerable because they drank more milk and had smaller thyroids.

Garmon said her fate was decided on 5 June, 1952, when the government conducted one of its

nuclear tests. Garmon was less than six months old. According to National Cancer Institute estimates, Garmon received the equivalent of 10,000 chest X-rays, or about as much radiation as a person would naturally receive in 750 years, on that single day.

In 1990, the US Congress passed the Radiation Compensation Exposure Act (RECREA) to compensate cancer victims presumed to be injured by testing from nuclear bombs. That measure was expanded in 2000.

Now, people in 21 counties in Utah, Nevada and Arizona who have

contracted any of 19 cancers can receive 50,000 US dollars if they prove they lived in affected areas at the time of the testing.

Residents of Idaho, however, were not covered by the law. The National Academy of Sciences is now reviewing their claims and preparing a recommendation to Congress on whether to expand the law further to include Idaho.

"Our government knew about the harmful effects and planned to inflict this on us without our consent," said Jeannie Purkhart, who said many of her family members have had cancer and thyroid problems.

At age 17, surgeons removed my stomach, spleen and pancreas, which were ensnared in a massive tumour. I undergo surgery every four years to remove the advancing cancer."

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*Iraqi national guardsmen survey a damaged civilian car at the scene of car bomb attack in the eastern part of the northern Iraqi city of Mosul, on 8 Nov, 2004.—INTERNET*

## British business facing increasing pressure to move jobs abroad

**LONDON, 8 Nov** — British business is facing increasing pressure to move jobs abroad to cut costs and there is no sign that this global trend is set to reverse, an industry survey showed on Monday.

India and China top the list of destinations where British businesses are already doing plenty of offshoring as well as for those companies who were considering it, with Poland and the Czech Republic following.

"The pressures on companies to offshore ... are intense, and rising," said Ian McCafferty, chief economist at the Confederation of British Industry, ahead of the employers' group's annual conference in the central English city of Birmingham.

More than half of the 150 companies the CBI surveyed said pressure to move business overseas — as a growing number

of American companies are now doing — has increased over the past two years and a bit more than a fifth said very greatly so.

But the report said that while Britain has clearly lost jobs from offshoring

— leading to a loss of about 4 per cent of a given company's British workforce — the economy has been able to replace those jobs elsewhere and add even more.

MNA/Reuters

## Schwarzenegger heads to Japan for first official trade mission

**SACRAMENTO (California), 8 Nov** — In his first official trade mission since taking office, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger will fly to Japan this week for a five-day trip to promote California business and encourage Japanese tourism in the state.

Schwarzenegger, who became wildly popular in Japan during his career as a film star and action hero, will meet with business leaders and with Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi.

He will be joined on the trip by a 57-member delegation composed of farmers, business executives and others. — MNA/AP

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## FM says French hostages still alive

**PARIS, 8 Nov** — France said on Sunday two French reporters held hostage with their Syrian driver in Iraq were still alive a few days ago.

"We are working discreetly, following up leads, reestablishing contacts when they have been established ... We know they were alive a few days ago," Foreign Minister Michel Barnier told France's LCI television.

"We are continuing to work for their freedom."

Journalists Georges Malbrunot, who reports for *Le Figaro* daily, and Christian Chesnot who works for Radio France International were kidnapped with their driver on 20 August.

Barnier said France had had indirect dialogue with the kidnappers at regular intervals between September 18 and 29.

"(Since then) we have still not had direct contact, that does not exist, but people who speak to us all tell us separately the same thing, that is, that there is a likelihood... the three hostages will be freed," he said.

He said the hostage-takers all came from "extremely scattered groups", all with different motives.

"I am simply asking that we should be able to keep working as we have to in such circumstances: discreetly," he said.

The kidnapping of the journalists stunned France, which opposed the US-led war in Iraq. Paris mobilized a wide front of Arab leaders and Muslim figures to call for their release but this did not bring them freedom and initial hopes gave way to growing caution.

Efforts by two freelance mediators, one a parliamentarian, also failed to secure their release last month.

MNA/Reuters

## Chavez visits Cuba, Castro appears to be healthy

**HAVANA, 8 Nov** — Venezuelan President Hugo Rafael Chavez Frias paid a surprising visit to Cuba and said his Cuban counterpart Fidel Castro Ruz appeared to be healthy, local media reported Sunday.

Chavez arrived in Cuba on Saturday afternoon and held talks with Castro, said local newspaper *Juventud Rebelde*, noting Castro regarded the meeting as "the best night he has had since his accidental fall".

The 78-year-old Cuban leader fell off a step during a ceremony in the central city of Santa Clara on 20 October, which resulted in his broken left knee and fractured right arm.

Castro was "extraordinarily" strong, healthy and clear, Chavez told local

reporters after the meeting.

The two leaders discussed bilateral relations, and Chavez informed Castro of the recent Rio Group summit which Cuba did not attend, said *Juventud Rebelde*.

Chavez' visit showed "a new gesture of solidar-

ity to ask after the health of Fidel and continue strengthening friendly ties with the Cuban people," the newspaper commented. There are no reports on whether Chavez was still in Cuba or had already returned to Venezuela.

MNA/Xinhua



*An abandoned car burns on the side of the road leading to Fallujah on 8 Nov, 2004.—INTERNET*

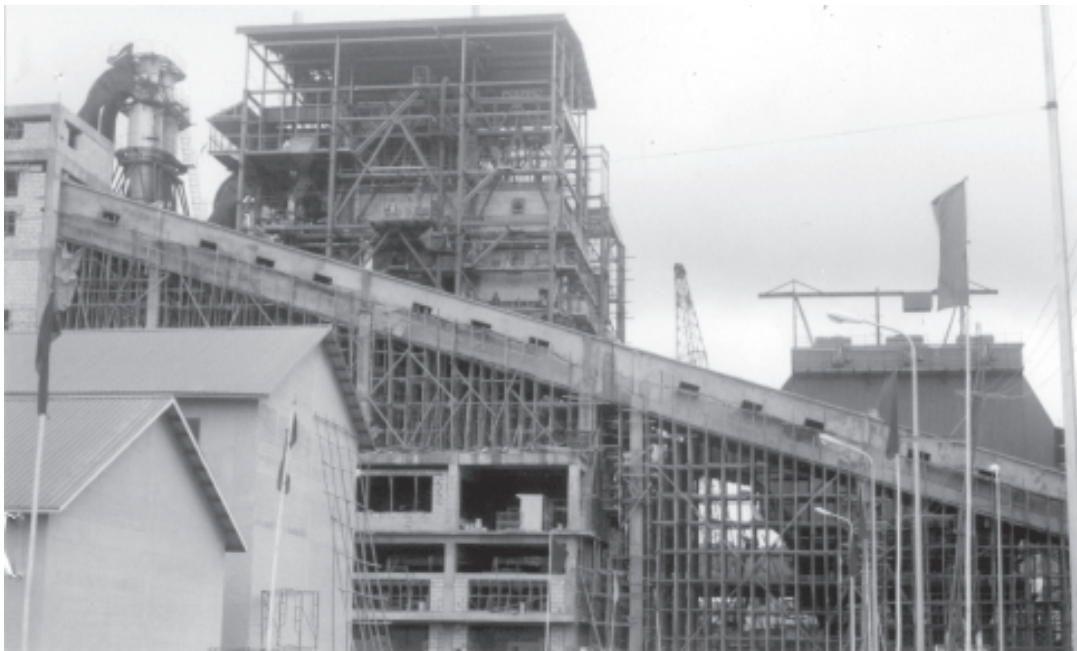
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Minister U Nyan Win reports to the coordination meeting to implement bilateral agreements between Myanmar and India. — MNA



Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min addresses the coordination meeting to implement bilateral agreements between Myanmar and India. — MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw speaks at the coordination meeting to implement Myanmar-India bilateral agreements. — MNA

## Senior General Than Shwe...

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communication, information technology, science & technology, culture, trade, international relations, border trade and security.

In addition, the three agreements such as the MoU on Cooperation in the field of Non-traditional Security Issues, the MoU on the Tamanthi Hydro-electric Project and the Cultural Exchange Programme were signed, the minister said.

Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung, Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw, Minister for Science and Technology U Thaung, Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint and Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min reported on the implementation of the coordinated issues that were discussed with their counterparts during the goodwill visit to India.

Later, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein urged the ministers to speedily implement the plans and to present progress of work.

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Minister U Thaung delivers a speech at the coordination meeting to implement Myanmar-India bilateral agreements. — MNA



Minister Dr Kyaw Myint reports to the coordination meeting to implement Myanmar-India bilateral agreements. — MNA

## Forestry Minister inspects MeinMaHla Kyun wildlife sanctuary in Bogale Township



Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung inspects crocodile breeding farm at MeinMaHla Kyun wildlife sanctuary in Bogale Township. — FORESTRY

YANGON, 9 Nov — Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung together with Deputy Director-General Col Aye Myint Maung of the Forest Department and officials arrived at the Kyauk Htauk Kyun in Meinmahla Kyun wildlife sanctuary, Bogale Township yesterday.

At the briefing hall, in charge of the

sanctuary, U Soe Lwin reported on conservation of the wildlife sanctuary and finding and taking a census of crocodiles.

The minister inspected breeding the crocodiles at the camp and displaying birds species.

The minister then proceeded to Byone Hmwe Kyun mangrove farm. An official reported

on conservation of the mangrove and land reclamation for plantations. The minister went over mangrove nursery.

The minister looked into Poelaunggyi Kyun and breeding of crocodiles in Thauung Kyaung camp. During the trip, the minister fulfilled the requirements on plans of conservation of the mangroves.—MNA

## Shan State (East) USDA holds annual general meeting

YANGON, 9 Nov—The annual general meeting of Shan State (East) Union Solidarity and Development Association (2004) was held in Kengtung yesterday morning with an address by Patron of Shan State (East) USDA Commander of Triangle Region Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw.

Next, CEC member of USDA Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe elaborated on successful implementation of five-year short-term project and five rural development tasks and active participation in

realization of the seven-point Road Map and nine future tasks of the association with Union Spirit.

The commander presented certificates and prizes to outstanding students who passed the matriculation examination for 2003-2004 and those who passed in high and middle school examinations.

The minister presented a TV for Yanshin-4 village and clothing for Township USDAs to Secretary of Township USDA U Sein Lwin.

Next, village organizer U Thi Ha handed over membership appli-

cations to the CEC member.

The second session of the meeting was presided over by Secretary of Shan State USDA Dr Sai Say Kaw and Executives U Peter Thauung Sein and U Aung Soe.

Executive U Bo Thein submitted administrative and organizational report of Shan State USDA.

Executives U Sha May La Shan and Joint Secretary U Myint Naing submitted social, cultural and educational reports and economic and youth reports.

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## Minister inspects fry production farms in Ayeyawady Division

YANGON, 9 Nov—Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Thein, accompanied by officials of the Fisheries Department inspected produc-

tion of fry and breeding of rare species of fresh water fish and ornamental fish at the Pathwe Fry Farm in Pantanaw Township, Ayeyawady Division, yesterday afternoon.

At the venue, the Minister met those in charge of fish farms and gave instructions on constant production of fry and exceeding the targets.

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## Yangon Command holds 15th communal Kathina



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe and wife Daw Khin Thet Htay offer alms to a Sayadaw. — YGN COMMAND

YANGON, 9 Nov — The 15th Communal Kathina of the Yangon Command was held this morning at Alanpya Phaya Monastery in Dagon Township here.

Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe and wife

Daw Khin Thet Htay and senior military officers presented Kathina robes and offertories to Sayadaw of the Monastery Bhaddanta Sirinda and members of the Sangha and shared the merits gained.

The commander and officials also offered *soon* (a day meal) to the members of the Sangha.

Also present on the occasion were Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Wai Lwin, military region commanders, senior military officers, members of Yangon Division and District Peace and Development Councils, officers and other ranks of the Yangon Command and guests.

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## Shwehtidaw hoisted atop Maha Zeya Aungsakya pagoda

YANGON, 9 Nov — A ceremony to hoist the Seinbudaw (Diamond Bud), Hgnetmyatnadaw and Shwehtidaw atop the historic Maha Zeya Aungsakya Pagoda (Pyay) was held in conjunction with the merit-sharing ceremony for the construction of the Dhammayon on 6 November.

Present on the occasion were Vice Chairman of Bago Division Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Agga Maha Saddhama Jortikadhaja Bhaddanta

Vepolla and members of Sangha, Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Kyi Aung, Chairman of Bago Division (West) Peace and Development Council Brig-Gen Hla Min, departmental heads and officials, officers of regiments and units and families, members of pagoda board of trustees, donors and locals.

The ceremony was opened with three-time recitation of Namo Tassa. And the congregation received the Eighth Precepts. Next, Brig-Gen Hla Min supplicated on

religious affairs.

Afterwards, the Minister, Brig-Gen Hla Min and officials presented the Seinbudaw (Diamond Bud), Hgnetmyatnadaw and Shwehtidaw and alms to the Sayadaw. The congregation shared merits gained. Next, the minister and party sprinkled scented water to Seinbudaw (Diamond Bud), Hgnetmyatnadaw and Shwehtidaw.

After the ceremony, those present offered *Soon* to members of the Sangha. — MNA



PHOTO STUDIO OPENED: KAI Digital Photo Studio was launched at room No 39, Lanthit Street, Lanmadaw Township, on 9-11-2004. Photo shows Myanmar Photographic Society Patron U Pe Khin, actor Lwin Moe and professional photographer Maung Maung Hnyat formally opening the Studio. — NLM

## Annual General Meeting of Rakhine State USDA held

YANGON, 9 Nov — The Annual General Meeting for 2004 of the Rakhine State Union Solidarity and Development Association was held at the City Hall in Sittway, Rakhine State, yesterday morning, with an address by USDA CEC member Minister at the Prime Minister's Office Brig-Gen Pyi Sone.

It was also attended by officers of battalions and units and their wives, members of Rakhine State, District and Township Peace and Development Councils,

departmental officials, townselders, social organizations, teachers, trainee nurses, representatives from Rakhine, District and Township USDAs and others.

After the minister's address, Executive of Rakhine State USDA U Nan Aung Tun explained the objectives of the USDA annual general meeting for 2004. Next, Executive of Rakhine State USDA Daw Swe Than read the annual report of the Rakhine State USDA.

Afterwards, USDA

CEC member Minister Brig-Gen Pyi Sone and officials presented prizes to outstanding USDA members and the morning session of the meeting ended.

In the afternoon session which was presided over by Secretary of the Rakhine State USDA U Oo Kyaw Yin, officials from the respective Township USDAs presented the annual work report. The meeting came to a close with the concluding remarks by the meeting chairman. — MNA

## Ministry of Industry-1 offers Kathina robes

YANGON, 9 Nov — Under the patronage of Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung and wife, staff of the Ministry of Industry-1 held the 2nd Communal Kathina this morning at Thayettaw Monastery in Lanmadaw

Township.

At the ceremony, Minister U Aung Thaung and wife, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Thein Tun and officials presented Kathina robes and offertories to 15 members of the Sangha

and shared the merit gained. Later, the minister, officials and staff families offered *soon* (a day meal) to the 645 members of the Sangha and 12 novices and donated cash for the fund. — MNA



Minister U Aung Thaung and wife Daw Khin Khin Yee offer Kathina robes to a Sayadaw. — INDUSTRY-1

## Kanbawza Open Golf Championship on 14 to 17 November

YANGON, 9 Nov — Kanbawza Open Golf Championship organised by Myanmar Professional Golfers Association and Myanmar Golf Federation will be held at Aye Thaya Golf Course, Taunggyi, Shan State (South) from 14 to 17 November.

Only amateur golfers with handicap 0 to 12 stroke together with

professional golfers can take part in the championship.

Those under 18 are not allowed to participate in it.

The golfers have to enlist to Aye Thaya Golf Course (Ph 081-24245, 24246, 24247) not later than 12 November afternoon.

The golf championship will be cosponsored by Rothmans of Pall Mall Myanmar Pte Ltd is Tour Sponsor, Title Sponsor is Kanbawza

Bank Ltd and Air Mandalay, Tiger Beer, Eden Group Co Ltd, Alpine Purified Water, KM Golf Centre, Maruman, Tour Stage, Wilson, Srixon, Grandslam (Munsingwear) and Accel International Co Ltd (Canon).

Handsome prizes will be awarded to Hole-In-One winners by Sun Far Travels and Tours and the championship is organised by Han Event Management.

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## Nursery Market Festival continues

YANGON, 9 Nov — The Nursery Market Festival continued at Myay Padetha Park in Bahan Township here today with the aim of providing necessary

assistance to growers and attracting the public to be interested in agriculture, horticulture, livestock breeding and vegetable farming.

Kitchen crops,

fruits and saplings of herbal plants are being shown at the festival. Poultry farming and fish breeding are also exhibited there.

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## Upgrading of roads in Yangon City inspected

YANGON, 9 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 inspected tasks for upgrading the roads by YCDC in Yangon City this morning.

The Commander and the Mayor first inspected upgrading Strand Road in Lanmadaw Township with the use of heavy machinery and sanitation tasks carried



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe and Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin inspect upgrading of roads in Yangon City. — YGN COMMAND

out between Sixth Street and Kaingdan Street.

In addition, they inspected upgrading of

roads, reconstruction of pavements, growing Tawwin strain oil palms and grass on the traffic

islands in Mingala Taungnyunt, Thakayta and Dagon Myothit (North) townships.

In the inspection tour, the Commander and the Mayor gave instructions on meeting the set

standards, and completion of Maungmagan Kantha road section earlier than scheduled. — MNA

## Workshop on Utilization of Research Findings opens



Minister Dr Kyaw Myint makes an address at the opening of Workshop on Utilization of Research Finding. — MNA

YANGON, 9 Nov—The Workshop on Utilization of Research Findings co-sponsored by the Ministry of Health and Myanmar Academy of Medical Science was held at the meeting hall of Medical Research Department (Lower Myanmar) in Dagon Township here this morning with an address by Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint.

Also present on the occasion were Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo, heads of department under the ministry and officials, rectors, Chairman of MAMS Dr Ko Ko, the Vice-Chairman and executives, officials of Myanmar Medical Association, Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association and Myanmar Red Cross Society and guests.

Minister Dr Kyaw Myint, in his address, said that the utilization of research findings is of great help in conducting research work; that the practical use of

findings in the projects, revealing of findings in journals and healthy practice of the people based on findings reflect the utilization of research findings; that it is imperative that the findings are to be of great help in addressing the health problems of the State.

With this end in view, researchers are to collaborate with the users and the project managers concerned. In other words, collaboration and networking are vital in successful realization of the research work, he added.

The workshop is the first of its kind held in Myanmar, to which three researchers will present the papers on current utilization of research findings, difficulties and challenges in utilization of research findings and tactics to widely use of research findings, he stressed. Thus, scholars from the respective health fields, who are present at the workshop, are to disclose how to widely use of the research findings through group-wise discussions.

The minister expressed his hope that the suggestions resulting from the workshop will be able to help solve the health problems of the State.

The workshop continues tomorrow. — MNA

## Schools inspected in Mandalay

YANGON, 9 Nov—Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Ye Myint, Minister for Education U Than Aung, Chairman of Mandalay City Development Committee Mandalay Mayor Brig-Gen Yan Thein, and officials inspected No 7 Basic Education High School in Chanmyathazi Township yesterday.

The commander, the minister and party met Township Education Officer, school head, teachers and members of the school board of trustees.

Commander Maj-Gen Ye Myint called on service personnel and members of the school board of trustees to discharge the respective duties whatever role they are in. The commander, the minister and party went to No 10 Basic Education High School and inspected renovation of Thande Kyaung built and donated by King Mindon in 1869.

On 7 November, the commander and party went to Salay monastic education school.

The minister presented exercise books and pencils for the school. He also visited PhaungDawOo monastic education and presented exercise books and pencils for the school. — MNA

## Programmes of pilgrimage to Nepal and India coordinated

YANGON, 9 Nov — A coordination meeting on pilgrimage programmes organized by the Ministry of Religious Affairs for member Sayadaws of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee to India and Nepal was held at the hall of the Ministry of Religious Affairs this morning. It was attended by Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, the deputy ministers of various ministries and others.

The minister delivered an address on the occasion. Those present reported on matters relating ministry-wise assistance.

The minister then gave concluding remarks and the meeting ended. — MNA

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Minister Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung speaks at the coordination meeting on pilgrimage for SSMNC Sayadaws to religious sites in India and Nepal. — MNA

# Peaceful and developing Manpang

Myint Soe (Na-ta-la)



The monastery of Manpang Village.

The World Food Programme on 25 July this year provided rice for farmers of Manpang village, Tangyan Township, northern Shan State, who abandoned their practice of growing poppy for opium. The Department for Progress of Border Areas and National Races also presented school uniforms and exercise books to students of the village elementary school. Director-General of the department Col Than Swe and WFP officials were also present.

When I saw the grand Manpang Hall of the village, I came to remember the condition of Manpang in 1989-90. It was just a small village like other villages in the surrounding area then. There was not any school or dispensary in the village, where residents earned their living through century-old method of conventional farming. The worst was that not a single road reached it. It was just an unknown village lying silently in a mountain valley.

But now, Manpang is a village enjoying significant changes and developments in many aspects as it is linked with towns such as Lashio, Mongyai and Tangyan through all-weather roads, in addition to all rural roads leading to it. The villagers have also been making efforts on self-reliant basis to supply electricity to their village round the clock and are also striving with goodwill for development of health and education in

the whole region. Besides, a large coal deposit has been found near the village. So, we can imagine easily the extent of progress it will achieve in the future.

## The strength of Manpang

After the unconditional surrender of the MTA on 5 January 1996, a group of MTAs led by U Sai Mon has resettled at Manpang, Nonghlaing and Nammuse villages in Tangyan Township, northern Shan State, with Manpang as the base, and

Panglong-Panyok earth road, gravelled the 12-mile

Manpang-Nonghlaing road and the two-mile Nanpong-Konbaung rural road.

In addition, the wooden bridges large and small on the above-mentioned roads have been substituted with concrete ones.

They also built new monasteries and renovated the existing ones in Manpang, Phatlin, Nartaung, Narkham, Phatan, Nongwo, Khahlyo, Nongtong,

Mannong, and Paphan villages. Manpang pagoda is very sublime. New monasteries are in construction stage in Nammuse, Konmon, and Weinlaung villages.

## Alternative cropping

I had been to the villages located north of Tangyan in 1989-90. Every direction from Nonghlaing I could see poppy fields.

The situation was the same in Manpang. The MTA is worthy of honour as it after making the unconditional surrender

Panma, Moneyaw, Paphein, Narmat, Teinhaing, Hapalan and Nanpong to grow opium substitute crops.

Paddy has been cultivated on 1,100 acres; maize on 2,000 acres; soybean, 200 acres; orange, 100 acres; peanut, 55 acres; pineapple, 40 acres, palaw pinan, 40 acres; pigeon pea, 20 acres; lychee, 10 acres; mango and papaya, four acres; sesame, 500 acres, and wheat, 20 acres. In accord with the guidance of the Head of State, slash-and-burn cultivation has been substituted with highland cultivation. As a model, 200 acres of land has been reclaimed as highland cultivation at Panon village; 10 acres of land, at Mongkyaing village; and 10 acres of land at Paphein village.

## Livestock breeding

Multipurpose farms have been set up in Manpang, Panon, Moneyaw and Nanthu/Loika villages. The farms have bred 100 water buffaloes, 100 cattle, 180 pigs, 175,000 fish fingerlings. The farms are also striving to produce feedstuff.

Manpang has seen changes and developments in all sectors including transport, health, education, religious affairs and agriculture. Nonghlaing TV transmission will be completed in the near future. The past scenes of undeveloped Manpang were left behind in the mist.

(Translation: TMT)

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The concrete bridge on the entrance road to Manpang Village.



Machinery at work to construct road in Manpang.

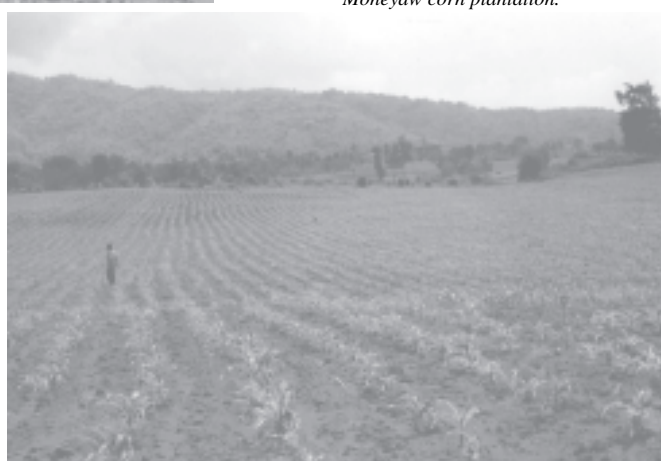
quitted the drug business totally.

The MTA members have been working together with the Government for progress of their region. The developments in Homein, Monehta/Monehta, Shwepyiaie (Kathekwin), Narrai (Namsang), Manpang, Monehin/Moneha stand witness to the fact. Over 3,500 acres of land has been reclaimed in Manpang, Nonghlaing, Panon, Mongkyaing,

including Moneyaw-Paphein-Tahsailyan road, Paphein-Monekyet road, Moneyaw-Narlu road, Manpang-Nonghlaing-Nammuse road, Nammuse-Paphan road, Nammuse-Naryu-Mongkyaing road. The Government upgraded the Nanpaung-Manpang-Nonghlaing and Narya-Ponhtoon road into gravel roads.

Beginning 1999, the group has constructed 109 miles of earth roads

U Sai Mon and his men built the 15-mile Paphan-Lwekyant-



Moneyaw corn plantation.

## Vietnam to record bigger food output this year

HANOI, 9 Nov.—Vietnam will record 38.6-38.9 million tons of food, mainly rice, in 2004, a year-on-year rise of 2.9 per cent to 3.7 per cent, according to the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development on Monday.

The country is estimated to produce over 35.7 million tons of paddy rice from 7.4 million hectares this year, up 3.3 percent in output but down 0.4 percent in acreage against last year. It plans to export 3.8 million tons of rice in 2004, down from 3.9 million tons in 2003.

This year, Vietnam cultivates three rice crops with productivity of 4.1-5.7 tons per hectare. It now has 964,600 hectares of maize and 370,500 hectares of cassava with productivity of over 3.5 tons and 14.5 tons per hectare, respectively.

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## Palestinian official says Arafat still in critical condition

PARIS, 8 Nov — Yasser Arafat lay critically ill in a French hospital on Sunday as doctors struggled to diagnose his illness.

Amid conflicting reports over whether the 75-year-old Palestinian leader is in a coma, Israel called for a moderate leadership to emerge that pursues Middle East peace.

"He is still in a very critical condition. He's still alive, but we don't know how things will develop," a Palestinian official said.

Nabil Abu Rdainah, a senior Arafat aide, said: "He's in a stable condition

... We hope that in the coming few days we will be able to know exactly what he is suffering from."

Doctors have ruled out leukaemia but remain puzzled why Arafat's health deteriorated sharply last week at the military hospital in a southwest Paris suburb where he has been having tests since he was airlifted from the West Bank on 29 October.

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Consignees of cargo carried on MV SEA BRIGHT VOY NO (667) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 10-11-2004 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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## Africa asked to take measures against water mismanagement

**ADDIS ABABA 8 Nov —** African countries have been asked to take "strong action" against water mismanagement at the local, national and water basin levels.

Experts drawn from over 30 African countries, who were gathered during the past three days in Addis Ababa suggested the existing poor water management in many of African countries contributed to food insecurity.

A communique issued at the conclusion of the pre-international conference on "water for food and ecosystems" urged African countries to give due attention for better utilization of water resources for agriculture and ecosystems.

"It is hoped that they shared in sights and experiences as well as the general conclusion and recommendation will help improve the management of water resources in Africa at the local, national and river basin levels," said the communique.

It noted representatives will bring home knowledge, contacts and experience that can help them in their

own policies and practices when shared with other government agencies.

It said population growth and a rapidly expanding use of water put an increasing pressure on the availability and quality of water resources and the ecosystem.

"Water management institution should become financially self-sufficient, rather than depend on external financing. This can be achieved through mechanism such as fees collection and taxation. The benefits of sound water management are not only in economic terms, but have also clear benefits in terms of social and political stability," the communique added.

Crown Prince of the Netherlands Willem-Alexander, patron of many water initiatives, told the gathering changes are needed in the use of water in the agricultural sector.— MNA/Xinhua

## British police begin investigation on train crash

**LONDON, 8 Nov —** British police began a detailed investigation on Sunday into a high-speed train crash which killed six people and injured many more.

A passenger train carrying 300 passengers ploughed into a car at a level crossing and flew off the rails in southern England on Saturday.

Deputy chief constable Andy Trotter of British Transport Police said it was "remarkable" so many had escaped alive.

"It is quite remarkable...if you look at the scene...which is a scene of some great devastation, that so many people managed to escape from such an awful event," he told reporters.

"Scenes of crime officers...are now combing the site looking for evidence to find out what happened," Trotter said. He promised a "meticulous investigation" into the crash.

There was no indication that infrastructure failure or railway staff

were responsible for the crash, in a country where rail safety has been a political issue since a series of deadly crashes followed the industry's privatization in the 1990s.

Rail analysts said the train from London's Paddington station to Plymouth in western England would have been travelling at 100 miles per hour as it approached the crossing and passengers said it braked hard just before the crash.

Police said one of the six killed was in the car. The train's operator First Great Western, a subsidiary of rail and bus operator FirstGroup Plc, said the train driver was another of those killed. Among scores injured, 11 were seriously hurt.

MNA/Reuters

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## Beijing residents may feel cold winter for insufficient heating

**BEIJING, 8 Nov** — A shortage of heating resources could force some Beijing residents to endure a cold winter, sources with the city's largest heating company said.

The municipal government has issued a notice requiring that heating companies begin the trial heating season on November 7 and formally provide heating on November 15.

Major heating companies in Beijing have operated at maximum capacity but are not able to cope with the potential sharp cooling in the coming winter, said Liu Diansheng, general manager of the municipal heating group, which is responsible for 30 per cent of the city's total heating area.

There are two major kinds of heating modes in Beijing: several thousand separate heating boilers across the city and one central heating system owned by the municipal heating group.

In the past four years, the group offered heating to eight million square metres each year, with no new heating companies built. Several new heating

transportation projects have not been finished, which affect some newly-built communities, said Liu.

In addition, the project of introducing natural gas from Shaanxi Province was not put in force before this winter as scheduled, which has negatively impacted local heating enterprises, Liu said.

"We will guarantee the heating supply for residents' houses first, so some commercial buildings may be affected by the possible heating shortage," said Liu.

The city's coal supply is below the alert line for both power use and civil use. The municipal government and Beijing railway department have established a joint mechanism to transport an additional 500,000 tons of coal for heating by the end of December, sources with local authorities said.

MNA/Xinhua

## Some bird species in Europe may disappear

**AMSTERDAM, 8 Nov** — Over 40 per cent of all bird species in Europe face an uncertain future and some are so threatened that they may disappear soon due to intensive agriculture and climate change, scientists said on Monday.

Many bird species, including the house sparrow, starling, wood warbler and corn bunting, have been declining alarmingly, BirdLife International said in a report. "The number of bird species in trouble across Europe is rising," said BirdLife, a British-based conservation group.

The report identifies 226 species, or 43 per cent of all European bird types, as being threatened. Many of them are declining, while other populations

have failed to recover from large declines seen in the 1970s and 1980s.

A number of bird species could disappear in the very near future if immediate action is not taken, warned the report "Birds in Europe", due to be presented at a European conference on biodiversity in the Netherlands later on Monday.

The birds which face extinction include the sociable lapwing, a wader which breeds only in

south-west Russia and Kazakhstan, the Mediterranean shearwater, a seabird from the Balearic Islands, and the Azores Bullfinch that lives only on one small island in the Atlantic, BirdLife says.

"The fact that more birds in Europe face an uncertain future compared with a decade ago in deeply worrying," said Claire Papazoglou, head of BirdLife's European Community Office.

"Birds are excellent environmental indicators and the continued decline of many species sends a clear signal about the health of Europe's wildlife and the poor state of our environment," Papazoglou said.

MNA/Reuters



## Cold snaps, air pollution can trigger heart deaths

**NEW ORLEANS, 8 Nov** — Cold snaps and air pollution can trigger heart deaths, and breathing dirty air day in and day out may help heart disease develop in the first place, researchers said on Sunday.

Several studies show that people are more likely to die or have acute heart trouble when the temperature drops suddenly, or when air pollution levels are especially bad. Stress of some sort is probably causing the effects in both cases, four teams of researchers told a meeting of the American Heart Association in New Orleans.

"The issue is not just the absolute temperature outside — the issue is how well you protect against the temperature," said Dr Gad Cotter of Duke University in North Carolina.

Cotter's team studied 300 patients last winter in Israel. When the temperature dropped below about 7 degrees C (45 degrees F) — a cold snap for Israel's climate — between two and three times the number of people were

taken to hospital with acute heart failure than on warmer days.

"On these nights, or the morning after, we would get a huge number of patients with acute heart failure," Cotter told a news conference. "During days when there was high pollution we also had more patients with acute heart failure."

Acute heart failure is a worsening of a chronic and often deadly condition in which the heart loses its ability to pump well.

In an acute episode patients can feel breathless or faint.

Dr Toru Suzuki of the University of Tokyo and colleagues looked at patients around with world with a rare but deadly condition called acute aortic dissection.

MNA/Reuters

Ranger from the elephant patrol unit in Langkat. Six elephants have been found dead on the outskirts of a jungle on the Indonesian island of Sumatra in what is believed to be a case of deliberate poisoning.

INTERNET

## Six Sumatra elephants found dead in Indonesia

**JAKARTA, 9 Nov** — Six Sumatra elephants were found dead Monday at the Indonesian province of Riau on Sumatra Island due to suspected poisoning. The bodies of the elephants were found by villagers at an area in Pasir Panda Village, Rokan Hulu Regency at around 7:00 a.m. local time, reported Detik-com online news service.

Wild elephants often intruded into villages and rice fields because of the growing expansion of palm plantations in the province. Residents sometimes used food poisoning to control the elephants, it said.

At least 15 elephants were killed by food poisoning in previous findings.

The population of Sumatra elephants (Elephas Maximus Sumatranus) is estimated at around 2,600 with Riau being a home to 800 of them. — MNA/Xinhua



The movie's poster on display at the Variety Screening Series: "The Incredibles" at the ArcLight Theater on 3 November, 2004 in Hollywood, California. Super-hero spoof "The Incredibles" overpowered the competition at North American box office, taking 70.4 million dollars in its opening weekend, final figures showed. — INTERNET

## Cambodia fears of rice shortage due to draught

**PHNOM PENH, 9 Nov** — Fearing of rice shortage due to draught that erupted since mid-October, Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen appealed to his countrymen to join hands and work at their best to help supplying sufficient water to the farmers.

The Premier made such an appeal at a ceremony marking the 51st anniversary of the founding of the Cambodian Armed Forces, some 17 kilometres west of the capital.

"I would now appeal to the government's competent authorities at all levels, the military, and the generous people to join hands at your best to help intervening in restoring the rice dam-

ages caused by draught," Hun Sen appealed.

He said he would prefer to get assistance such as pumping machines or fuel, both of which are necessary aids to rice crops. — MNA/Xinhua

*The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago.*

*The second best time is now.*

## SPORTS

## Cerezo Osaka remain bottom in J-League

TOKYO, 8 Nov—Cerezo Osaka's gloomy campaign in the J-League second stage continued on Sunday when they were held to a 2-2 draw away to former champions Jubilo Iwata, thanks to a double strike by Japan midfielder Takashi Fukunishi.

Cerezo remain bottom of the 16-team standings on goal difference, although they are level on nine points with Kashiwa Reysol.

Fukunishi levelled twice for Jubilo, his second coming three minutes from time, to cancel out earlier goals from teenager Takuya Kokeguchi and Takaaki Tokushige.

In the day's other clash, Vissel Kobe leapfrogged over visitors Kashima Antlers with a 2-1 victory in front of 23,000 fans at Kobe Wing Stadium.

Brazilian Baron cancelled out a rare strike from Vissel veteran Kazuyoshi Miura but played little part in the rest of the game after picking up two yellow cards in the next seven minutes.

MNA/Reuters



Although only one week old the NBA season is over for Denver Nuggets guard Voshon Lenard (C), pictured, who will miss at least six months after undergoing successful surgery to repair a torn left Achilles tendon.—INTERNET

## Shalke 04 beat Hamburg SV 2-1

BERLIN, 8 Nov—Schalke 04 recovered from a goal down to beat Hamburg SV 2-1 in a thrilling match on Sunday as they closed in on VfL Wolfsburg at the top of the Bundesliga with their sixth straight win under new coach Ralf Rangnick.

Brazilian Lincoln got the winner for Schalke two minutes after substitute Mike Hanke, who came on in the second half for a disappointing Ailton, equalized in the 79th minute to cancel out Stefan Beinlich's opener for Hamburg just after the break.

The win left Schalke on 24 points, second on

goal difference despite Wolfsburg's 4-0 mauling by lowly Nuremberg on Saturday. Schalke have not been this high in the table since 2001 when they finished a heart-breaking second to Bayern Munich.

Schalke, the hottest form team in the league, lost three of their first four matches this season and were down in 15th place when Jupp Heynckes was sacked.

Alongside their Bundesliga winning streak they also won their UEFA Cup match on Thursday in Scotland 1-0 against Hearts. Sunday's victory was their first for 12 years in Hamburg.

Schalke's abundant confidence was on display again as they created numerous chances against Hamburg, a reinvigorated side with two wins and a draw since Thomas Doll replaced the sacked Klaus Toppmöller as coach last month.—MNA/Reuters

## PSV Eindhoven crush Den Bosch 3-0

AMSTERDAM, 8 Nov—PSV Eindhoven defeated Den Bosch 3-0 on Sunday to consolidate their lead in the Dutch first division while second-placed Feyenoord thrashed NAC Breda 4-0.

PSV head the table with 29 points after 11 matches, four more than Feyenoord.

Jefferson Farfan opened the scoring for PSV four minutes before the break, while second half goals by Alex and Philip Cocu sealed PSV's ninth win of the season.

Dirk Kuijt netted the ball at the far post to give Feyenoord a 1-0 lead after 15 minutes.

Two minutes after the break Bart Goor scored and Kuijt then missed a penalty four minutes later. Thomas Buffel struck the third goal in the 87th minute and Goor grabbed a second in the 90th.

Martijn Meerdink struck in the second minute for AZ Alkmaar who recorded a comfortable 4-0 win over Utrecht.

Kenneth Perez scored a second six minutes into the second half and in the final five minutes Robin Nelisse and Olaf Lindenberg completed the rout.

AZ remain third on 24, three more than champions Ajax Amsterdam, who recovered from their humiliating 2-1 midweek Champions League defeat at Maccabi Tel Aviv to move into fourth place after a 3-1 win at Willem II Tilburg.—MNA/Reuters

## Ferguson accuses referees of refusing to give penalties

MANCHESTER (England), 9 Nov—Manchester United manager Alex Ferguson accused referees of refusing to give his side penalties after they were held 0-0 by Manchester City in Sunday's derby.

Ferguson claimed officials were scared of giving spot kicks in the wake of a controversial penalty awarded to United in their 2-0 home victory over champions Arsenal two weeks ago when Wayne Rooney went down under Sol Campbell's challenge.

He felt United should have been awarded two penalties in the opening 15 minutes of a game which ended with Alan Smith being sent off.

"I have seen the penalties at halftime and they were clear penalties, there is no dispute about that," Ferguson told the post-match news conference.

"But we are being penalized for getting the penalty against Arsenal. We are not allowed to get them now."

"You will have to hit someone with

an axe before we get a penalty.

"I don't know what you do about that. I mean, the laws of the game are there... They were pulled back, (Mikael) Silvestre was, (Louis) Saha was."

Ferguson also criticized referee Graham Poll for sending Smith off for two bookable offences. It was the 10th red card of the England and former Leeds United striker's career.

"I will have to see it again," Ferguson said. "He's only made two tackles in the whole game and when you see the number of fouls they gave away and there were only two yellow cards for them in the game it seems absolutely ridiculous."

Ferguson accepted his side will have to improve their form if they are to mount a serious title challenge.—MNA/Reuters

## Safin wins Paris Masters tennis title

PARIS, 8 Nov—Marat Safin won the Paris Masters for a record-equalling third time when he beat Czech qualifier Radek Stepanek 6-3, 7-6, 6-3 on Sunday.

The Russian sixth seed, playing his fourth final in Paris since 1999, emulated Germany's Boris Becker, the only other player to win a hat-trick of titles on the Parisian indoor courts.

Winner of last month's Madrid Masters, the former US Open champion proved he is in superb form for next week's Masters Cup in Houston.

The final, which lasted two hours and 19 minutes, epitomised Safin's impeccable all-round displays in the Bercy Sports Hall during the week.

The Russian's serve was his main weapon but the 24-year-old also returned to perfection and

used his blistering backhand, arguably the best in the game, to keep him out of trouble.

The 25-year-old Stepanek, playing his first ATP final, provided brave opposition but was overpowered and outwitted when it mattered most, especially in the second set tiebreak when he was unable to convert a set point.

It was Safin's 14th career title, and his third in 2004. Safin, far more experienced than his opponent, was quicker off the mark, breaking straight away to take a 3-0 lead before going on to win the first set 6-3.

He broke Stepanek's serve again in the second set to lead 2-1 before the Czech put a bandana around his hair at the break, which seemed to spur him into action.

Stepanek broke back immediately and then had two break points in the next game.

In the tiebreak the Czech, who had beaten Safin this year in the Kremlin Cup, looked more aggressive and took a 4-2 lead.

But Safin served impressively to level the score, went 6-5 ahead on a disputed call and finally took the tiebreak 7-5.

MNA/Reuters



Tiger Woods reacts to a poor shot on the first fairway during the final round of the PGA Tour Championship at East Lake Golf Club in Atlanta, Georgia.—INTERNET

## Rangers keep up pressure on Celtic

GLASGOW, 8 Nov—Rangers kept up the pressure on Scottish Premier League leaders Celtic with a 4-1 demolition of Livingston on Sunday.

The Glasgow side exposed some poor defending by the hosts with three goals from corner kicks to stay four points behind the champions in the standings.

Celtic lead the table with 34 points from 13 games, after beating Kilmarnock 2-1 on Saturday, while Rangers are on 30 after nine wins.

Peter Lovenkrands put Rangers ahead after 37 minutes before an unmarked Nacho Novo doubled their lead with his 10th goal of the season 10 minutes after halftime.

Craig Easton gave Livingston hope when he hooked the ball over goalkeeper Stefan Klos in the 61st minute to make it 2-1.—MNA/Reuters

### ASLEEP IN JESUS Rev; Maran Zau Yaw Age(74) Years

Son of late Namhkyek Duwa Maran Zau Tawng - Du Jan Share N-hkum Ja Doi, Son-in-law of late Col. L. Hkun Nawng - Lahtaw Nang Seng,

Rev; Maran Zau Yaw, Pastor of Yangon Kachin Baptist Church, Chairman of the Bible Society of Myanmar, former Secretary-General of the Myanmar Baptist Convention and President of the Myanmar Council of Churches, beloved husband of Daw Lahpai Htu Raw, father of Maran Dingung Bawm - Lahpai Nang Seng @ Ma Yamin, Maran Zau Htoi, Maran Ja Seng - Mahka La Ding, grandfather of Maran Christine Ja Seng Hkawn fell asleep in Jesus at 11:00 am on 7 November, 2004 at No (90), Gantgaw Myaing Road, Parami Yeiktha.

Funeral service will be conducted at 0900 am on (12-11-2004) Friday at Judson Memorial Hall, No. (143) Minye Kyaw Swar Road and thence proceed to Yayway cemetery.

**Bereaved family members.**

## Tanzania's largest dam to continue generating power

DAR-ES-SALAAM, 9 Nov — The Mtera Dam, the largest in Tanzania, is to continue generating electricity in spite of a water shortage caused by the lack of water feed from upstream.

The Tanzania Electric Supply Company Limited has just been given the go-ahead by the government to do so until the water level drops to 688 metres instead of 690 metres, the previous dead storage level set for the dam, according to sources from the power

firm on Sunday. The Mtera Dam, located in the southern Tanzanian region of Iringa, now has six centimetres to go before reaching the new dead storage level.

The dam itself generates 80 megawatts of electricity and supplies water to the Kidatu Dam which generates 200 megawatts of electricity.

The combination of the two dams supplies about half of the power Tanzania requires.

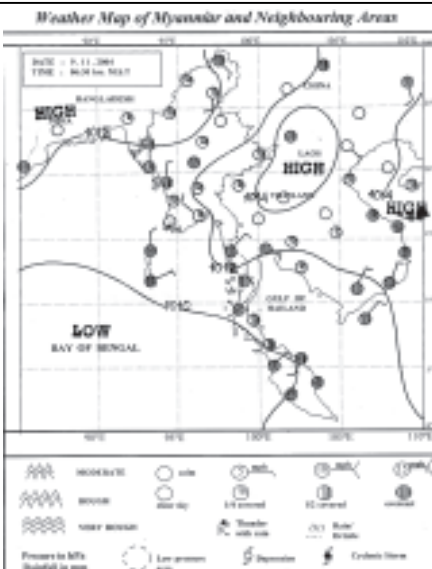
*MNA/Xinhua*

### Obituary Daw Aye Myint (Mrs GE Turnbull) (PyinOoLwin) Age 84

Daw Aye Myint beloved wife of (Mr GE TURNBULL) of 5(A) Yodaya Lane, 9th Mile, Pyay Road, Mayangon Township, Mother of Daw Khin Aye Lwin (Nancy) - U Myint Than (Derrick), Peter-Janine Turnbull (Australia), U Kyaw Kyaw Myint (Gilbert) - Daw Ni Ni, U Aung Shwe (Victor) - Daw Khin Aye, (Daw Nandar Oo (Anne)), U Myint Thein (Thomas) - Daw Aye Aye Myint and grandmother of 15 passed away on 9.11.2004 at 9:40 am and was cremated the same day at Yayway Cemetery.

Relatives and Friends, far and near, please accept this as the only intimation.

**Bereaved Family**



## WEATHER

Tuesday, 9 November, 2004

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, light rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Taninthayi Division and weather has been generally fair in the remaining states and divisions. Night temperature were (3°C) above normal in Taninthayi Division, (3°C) to (4°C) below normal in Rakhine, Kachin and Mon States, Magway and Yangon Divisions, (5°C) below normal in Chin State and about normal remaining states and divisions.

Maximum temperature on 8-11-2004 was 97°F. Minimum temperature on 9-11-2004 was 68°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 9-11-2004 was 65%. Total sunshine hours on 8-11-2004 was (8.3) hours approx. Rainfall on 9-11-2004 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 5 mph from North-east at (11:20) hours MST on 8-11-2004.

**Bay inference:** Weather is cloudy in the South Bay and fair elsewhere in the Bay and Bengal.

**Forecast valid until evening of 10-11-2004:** Weather will be partly cloudy in Yangon, Bago and Taninthayi Divisions and generally fair in the remaining states and divisions.

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

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

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 10-11-2004:** Partly cloudy.

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 10-11-2004:** Fair weather.

### Earthquake Report

(Issued at 09:30 hours MST on Today)  
An earthquake of strong intensity (6.3) Richter Scale with its epicenter outside of Myanmar about (1750) miles northeast of Kaba-Aye seismological observatory was recorded at (22) hrs (30) min (30) sec MST on 8th November, 2004.

## Oman to set up \$300m petrochemical plant

ABU DHABI, 9 Nov — Oman Oil Company (OOC) signed an agreement with South Korea's LG International (LGI) and Iran's National Petrochemical Company (NPC) for setting up an ethylene dichloride (EDC) venture in its industrial Sohar area, the *Khaleej Times* daily reported Monday.

Oman's Minister of Commerce and Industry Maqbool bin Ali Sultan, also chairman of OOC, signed the contract with LGI and NPC, saying the plant will create employment opportunities in different fields and in highly technical areas.

The plant is a clear example of additional investment projects being carried out by the government to attract foreign investors, he added.

Under the agreement worth 300 million US dol-

lars, the OOC will have 33.4 per cent stake in the new venture, while LGI and NPC own 33.3 per cent of the shares each.

Equity capital will fund 30 per cent of the project, and the balance 70 per cent will be financed through loans from local and international banks.

Financial closure is expected to be concluded in the last quarter of 2005 with work starting in early 2006.

The plant is expected to begin commercial production in the second quarter of 2008 with an annual output of 300,000 tons of EDC.

LGI is also a partner in a 1.2-billion-dollar polypropylene project now under construction in Sohar, reported the daily. — *MNA/Xinhua*

## Iran congratulates new UAE President

TEHERAN, 9 Nov — Iranian President Mohammad Khatami has sent a message to the United Arab Emirates' new President Sheikh Khalifa Bin Zayd Al-Nahayan to congratulate his succession of the country's leader from his late father, the official *IRNA* news agency reported on Monday.

"I extend my sincere regards to your election as president of the friend

and neighbouring country, the UAE," Khatami was quoted as saying in the message on Sunday.

Khatami also expressed hope that "the two nations' relations, which is underpinned by cultural, religious and historical commonalities and was bolstered by the late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan an-Nahayan, will be strengthened further in the future".

*MNA/Xinhua*



Wednesday, November 10  
Tune in today:

- 8.30 am Brief news
- 8.35 am Music:  
-Stuck in my heart
- 8.40 am Perspectives
- 8.45 am Music:  
-Promises
- 8.50 am National news/Slogan
- 9.00 am Music  
Woman in me
- 9.05 am International news
- 9.10 am Music  
-Fine line
- 1.30 pm News/Slogan
- 1.40 pm Lunch time music  
-When you walk into my life  
-Let's make to night special  
-The tide is high  
-That's where you take me
- 9.00 pm Variations on a tune  
Eternal flame
- 9.15 pm Article/Music
- 9.25 pm Musica at your Request  
-You'll still be the one  
-I knew I love you  
-I don't wanna love your love  
-Bring it all back
- 9.45 pm News/Slogan
- 10.00 pm PEL



Wednesday, November 10

View on today:

- 7:00 am Recitation of Parittas by Missionary 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
- 7:55 am 5. မြေမြေကြွယ်ကြွယ်ကုသကုသကုသ
- 8:10 am 6. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:20 am 7. ရိုက်ကူးရေထိန်းတံခါး
- 8:30 am 8. International news

- 8:45 am 9. Let's Go
- 4:00 pm 1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm 2. Songs to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm 3. Practice in reading
- 4:45 pm 4. Musical programme
- 5:00 pm 5. အဆေးသင်တန်းသို့လ် ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ -ဒုတိယနံပါတ် (သရုပ်ဆောင်)
- 5:15 pm 6. Song of national races
- 5:30 pm 7. ဂီတပညာရေးစာစဉ်
- 5:50 pm 8. ခေတ်သစ်ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားအစဉ်
- 6:00 pm 9. ရွှေဖွဲ့လင်းအသံသံသယအစဉ်
- 6:10 pm 10. Discovery
- 6:20 pm 11. Muscial programme
- 6:30 pm 12. Evening news
- 7:00 pm 13. Weather report
- 7:05 pm 14. "မေတ္တာအမှတ်" မြတ်ကောင်းအောင်ကောသိုလ် ဂွမ်းပုံဆွဲကြည့်ရအောင် (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မောင်ကြည်စိုး)
- 7:20 pm 15. Strong and healthy myanmar
- 7:35 pm 16. Musical programme
- 8:00 pm 17. News
- 18. International news
- 19. Weather report
- 20. "မိုးသွင်းလွှမ်းမိုးမည့်ကောင်းစာတို့၏အမှတ်" (အပိုင်း-၁) ညွှန် ဝင်းရုန်းအောင်၊ ကျော်ရဲအောင်၊ လွင်မိုးရီ၊ ဝင်းမင်းသန်း၊ မြတ်သူဇာ၊ စိုးမြတ်နုနု၊ စိုးသင်းကြည်၊ ရတနာမင်း (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မောင်ရဲမောင်မောင်)
- 19. The next day's programme

## Agreements between Myanmar and India

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- \* the Kaladan River Development Project
- \* Tamanthi hydro-electric power project
- \* Construction of the road linking India, Myanmar and Thailand
- \* Dawei deep sea port project
- \* Cooperation in the fields of communication, information technology, science & technology, culture, trade, international relations, border trade and security
- \* MoU on Cooperation in the field of Non-traditional Security Issues
- \* The Cultural Exchange Programme

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That was why the Head of State had given guidance to speed up the implementation of those agreements, he said.

Those present were to present their plans and tasks to be undertaken concerning the agreements between the two countries, he added.

Next, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win discussed matters on cooperation between the two nations in construction of Rhi-Tiddim and Reed-Falam roads, the Kaladan River Development Project, Tamanthi Hydro-electric Project, construction of the road linking India, Myanmar and Thailand, Dawei deepsea port project, and cooperation in the fields of

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Minister U Aung Thaung reports to the coordination meeting to implement bilateral agreements between Myanmar and India. — MNA

## Government impounding unlicensed vehicles

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that the K 200, K 500 and K 1000 notes in circulation at present must be entrusted to the banks; that the persons who entrust the notes to the bank must explain how they have got those notes; and if they fail to do so, they will be subject to interrogation.

In order to alleviate the people's worry, from anxieties, the minister reiterated the fact that the Tatmadaw Government, as it has already assured, will not demonetize or stop legal circulation of any existing currency note. In addition, the existing old notes or the new ones issued under the notification dated 30 September 2004 will continue to be in circulation as legal tender currency. "Thus, I would like to make it clear officially the people through the entre-



Minister Maj-Gen Hla Tun makes clarification to rumours about the currency notes at the press conference. — MNA

preneurs and bankers that they have nothing to worry about the rumours concerning the currency notes, and that they can use any of the notes old or new with full confidence and with peace of mind", he said.

Next, Director-General of Myanmar Police Force Brig-Gen Khin Yi said: "I would like to

explain to the public, through the bankers and entrepreneurs, about the matter concerning the unlicensed cars, which have been illegally imported".

He said the MPF already has the information on the use of illegally imported unlicensed vehicles in the nation at present. According to the existing law, all vehicles

with licence will be allowed to be used or driven. Thus, the government is now impounding the unlicensed vehicles.

But the Government will confiscate only the vehicle, and the owners or the driver will not be subject to any legal action. They will not be asked about the person who has sold the car or the

route of illegally importing it. The impounded vehicles will be confiscated according to law.

Thus, owners of unlicensed vehicles are asked to hand over their cars to the nearest police station as soon as possible.

The MPF has information that some owners of unlicensed cars are donating them to certain organizations or dismantling them, for fear of legal action or interrogation. No merits can be gained by donating an illegal property. Moreover, dismantling unlicensed cars will not benefit anyone. It will be only a loss to the State as well as to the owner himself.

As the Government will not take action or interrogate any owners of unlicensed cars, the best and the most appropriate way is to officially hand over the illegal cars to the

nearest police station soonest.

Also present were Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo, Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint of the Ministry of Defence, Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue Col Hla Thein Swe, Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Phone Swe, Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar U Kyaw Kyaw Maung, departmental heads, and invited guests. — MNA



MPF Director-General Brig-Gen Khin Yi clarifies rumours about the unlicensed cars at the press conference. — MNA

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