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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



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein addressing Meeting of Central Committee for Observing 57th Anniversary of Independence Day (2005). — MNA

## Independence and sovereignty are to be perpetual in order that the people can shape the brighter future of the nation on their own Central Committee for Observing Independence Day meets

YANGON, 11 Nov—The Central Committee for Observing the 57th Anniversary of Independence Day (2005) met at Zeyathiri Beikman on Konmyinthathar here this afternoon, with an address by Chairman of the Central Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein.

Also present were Chairman of Yangon Division PDC Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, ministers, the Chairman

of Yangon City Development Committee the Mayor, deputy ministers, the Vice-Mayor, senior military officers, departmental heads and officials of the SPDC Office.

The Secretary-1 in his address said that independence is the most basic requirement for a nation. So, each and every nation must be a sovereign state to be able to stand shoulder to shoulder with others.

Throughout Myanmar history stretching thousands of years, the entire national people have been living in unison in the nation with own monarchs. And they have a fine tradition of

defending and safeguarding their motherland with might and main, whenever it faces foreign aggression.

National unity broke up and Myanmar fell under subjugation only because of the wedge driven by the deceitful and devious colonialists.

However, Myanmar regained independence, invaluable for the people, thanks to the struggle launched by the entire national races with strong national spirit and nationalistic fervour and unity.

Therefore, such invaluable historic lessons are to be made known to today's new

generation youths at Independence Day celebrations to enable them to understand well the unforgettable experiences of the past.

Again, Myanmar is now facing instigations and interventions of tricky neo-colonialists who want to manipulate and dominate the nation.

It is high time to show the fine traditions of Myanmar's independence struggles in which the national people resisted the colonialists with strong nationalist fervour and patriotism.

Besides, independence and sovereignty are to be perpetual in order that the people can shape

the brighter future of the nation on their own but without foreign instigation and to move on the correct path free from any external interferences.

Even if a nation

does not lose independence, it cannot stand firmly as a sovereign nation, if it is dancing to the tune of others and is overshadowed by foreign nations.

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Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe gives an account of matters for observing Independence Day.— MNA

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

## PERSPECTIVES

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### For boosting agricultural production

As Myanmar has a favourable environment for agriculture, it is trying to build an agro-based economy.

Therefore, in our drive to boost the productivity of the agriculture sector, it is targeted not only to meet the domestic consumption but also to meet the regional need for food sufficiency.

Most of the population of Myanmar, which stands at more than 53 million, are engaged in agriculture, livestock breeding and forestry sectors.

The Government has been taking all the necessary measures to ensure sufficient water supply for agricultural purpose. Since 1988, 167 dams and sluice gates and 265 river-water pumping stations have been built.

As a result, paddy can now be cultivated all the year round. Ayeyawady Division is one of the regions which contribute to the increased production of paddy in Myanmar.

A prize-giving ceremony for excellent performance in agricultural production for the year 2003-2004 was held under the sponsorship of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council in Patheingyi on 9 November.

Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of the South-West Command Maj-Gen Soe Naing, Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo and Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein attended the ceremony and gave away the prizes.

Ayeyawady Division has been giving special emphasis to boosting the yield of paddy, increasing the sown acreage and minimizing loss and wastage.

Moreover, steps are being taken in such a way that the targeted yield of ten major crops and new variety of crops that are suitable to the respective regions can be met. To be able to meet the targeted yield of each and every crop, systematic cultivation method, use of high-yield strains, combined application of organic and inorganic fertilizers and increased sown acreage are necessary.

We would like to call on departmental personnel, national entrepreneurs and farmers to work in concert to boost the productivity of the agriculture sector and to exceed the targets of the projects.

### New waterway under Chindwin Bridge

YANGON, 11 Nov — The new waterway under the Chindwin River Bridge (Monywa) is between the pillar Nos 7 and 8 for downstream vessels and between Nos 6 and 7 for upstream vessels, with effect from 5 November. The clearance under the bridge is 300 feet wide and 40 feet high.

A triangle-shaped warning sign in green colour has been marked at the entrance to the waterway and during the night time, and it is illuminated with green light. The no-entry warning sign is a red-coloured cross lighted with red bulbs at night. Due to change of course in Chindwin River, the former downstream waterway between pillar Nos 3 and 4 and upstream waterway between pillars 2 and 3 will be closed for safety reason for the time being. — MNA

### 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

### MYANMAR GAZETTE

YANGON, 11 Nov — The State Peace and Development Council has confirmed the appointment of Rector of Institute of Pharmacy (Mandalay) Dr Khin Maung Myint of Medical Science Department under the Ministry of Health on expiry of the one-year probationary period. — MNA

### Military code of conduct test, extempore talks commence

YANGON, 11 Nov — The military code of conduct test for Tatmadaw (Air) and extempore talks to mark the 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day were held at the hall of Mingaladon Station yesterday morning. Present on the occasion were Air Base Commanders Brig-Gen Thein Myint and Brig-Gen Ye Chit Pe, senior military officers, other ranks and participants.

The competitions are divided into four categories, in which 200 participants are taking part and will continue till 19 November. — MNA

### MYANMAR GAZETTE

YANGON, 11 Nov — The State Peace and Development Council has appointed the following persons as heads of service organizations shown against each on probation from the date they assume charge of their duties.

Name	Appointment
(a) U Aye Mauk	Managing Director
General Manager (Planing)	Myanma General and Maintenance Industries
Myanma Ceramics Industries (Headquarters)	Ministry of Industry-1
(b) U Myint Thein	Director-General
Deputy Director-General	Survey Department
Survey Department	Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation.
Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation	

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Minister Maj-Gen Saw Tun inspecting the Sinkhan Bridge Project. — CONSTRUCTION

### Bridge, road construction inspected in Mandalay Division and Kachin State

YANGON, 11 Nov — Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun, accompanied by officials of Public Works, arrived at Letpanhla Camp in Singu Township, Mandalay Division, on 7 November. At the briefing hall, the minister heard reports on construction of roads in Madaya, Singu and Thabeikkyin townships

and plans to be carried out in this fiscal year.

After hearing the reports, the minister gave instructions on proper utilization of the funds allotted and fulfilled the requirements regarding the construction projects.

The minister also inspected the construction projects at Thabeikkyin-Tagaung road section,

Tagaung-NgaO road section, Daungtaung-Hanhtet road section, and NgaO-Mabein road section. Next, the minister and party went to the Sinkhan bridge construction project. At the briefing hall, engineers reported on progress of earth work for construction of the approach road and other related bridge construction works.

In response to the reports, the minister gave instructions on timely completion of the project and the priority for worksite safety. Located at milepost 158/2 on the road linking Mandalay to Tagaung, Bhamo and Myitkyina, Sinkhan bridge, now under construction, is of reinforced-concrete type.

MNA

### Red Cross delegates leave for Japan

YANGON, 11 Nov — Sai Chan Myae Thu from Taunggyi Red Cross Society and Ma Khine Wai Thwin from Magway Red Cross Society left here by air this evening to attend the International Red Cross Youth Exchange Programme organized by Japan National Red Cross Association to be held in Tokyo, Japan.

They were seen off at Yangon International Airport by Deputy Executive Director U Hla Myint of Myanmar Red Cross Society and responsible officials.

MNA

Sai Chan Myae Thu and Ma Khine Wai Thwin before departure for Japan. — MNA





# Three members of Allawi's family kidnapped

**BAGHDAD, 11 Nov —** Gunmen abducted three members of Iraqi Prime Minister Ayad Allawi's family from their Baghdad home, his spokesman said Wednesday, and militants said they would be beheaded in two days if the siege of Fallujah was not lifted.

A cousin of the premier, Ghazi Allawi, the cousin's wife and their daughter-in-law were snatched Tuesday night from their house in the western Yarmouk neighbourhood Tuesday evening, government spokesman Thair al-Naqeeb said.

A statement from Al-Naqeeb corrected his earlier report that two relatives were kidnapped, the cousin and the

daughter-in-law. Initial police reports had said the wife was also abducted.

"Ghazi Allawi is 75 years old. He has no political affiliation, and is not holding a government post," the statement said.

A group calling itself Ansar al-Jihad group claimed in a Web posting that it carried out the abductions and threatened to behead the three in 48 hours unless Allawi and

his government release all female and male detainees in Iraq and lift the siege on Fallujah.

"We promise Allah and his messenger that if the agent government doesn't respond to our demands within 48 hours, they (the hostages) will be beheaded."

The claim's authenticity couldn't be verified.

Hundreds of Iraqis have been kidnapped in recent

months, mainly by groups demanding ransom payments.

More than 170 foreigners have been kidnapped by guerrillas in Iraq since Saddam Hussein's regime fell in April 2003. More than 30 foreign hostages have been killed. Many of the kidnappers pursue political motives such as the withdrawal of foreign companies and troops from Iraq. —*Internet*

## Contractors in Iraq bogged down by violence

**LONDON, 10 Nov —** Firms working to rebuild Iraq have become bogged down by violence as militants step up their campaign to distract US and Iraqi forces from their assault on Fallujah, experts say.

Contractors say they have been hemmed into their compounds by ambushes and kidnappings, and security experts see little improvement before planned elections in January.

"The violence has slowed reconstruction yet again," said Andy Bearpark, who worked until July as the senior UK official in the Coalition Provisional Authority, the body that preceded Iraq's interim government.

**"This is the only post-war theatre I can think of where things have got worse bit by bit, rather than better and better," UK security official**

"This is the only post-war theatre I can think of where things have got worse bit by bit, rather than better and better," Bearpark, who now works for Olive Security, told *Reuters* on Wednesday.

Over 50 foreign workers have been killed by rebels since the interim government took office on 28 June.

Security in Iraq has become so bad that authorities have managed to spend only five percent — just over \$1.5 billion (810 million pounds) — of the more than \$30 billion promised by the United States and the world community for reconstruction.

"A lot of workers are confined to barracks," said Graham Hand, whose British Consultants and Construction Bureau represents around 30 UK firms working in Iraq.

"Bearpark says the recent upsurge in violence serves two main aims — to disrupt the January elections and to distract US and Iraqi troops from their assault on the rebel-held town of Fallujah, west of Baghdad.

The projects worst affected are the hi-tech ones that need specialist foreign contractors.

"There's no doubt the big power stations and water purification and transmission projects are the most susceptible to delay," he said. —*Internet*

*Protesters against the US-led war in Iraq protest outside the White House in Washington on 10 Nov, 2004, the day after Pennsylvania Avenue was reopened to the public following a months-long beautification project which had the street shut down. —INTERNET*

## 1,149 US soldiers killed since beginning of Iraq war

**WASHINGTON, 11 Nov —** As of Wednesday, 10 Nov, 2004, at least 1,149 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 877 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 Wednesday.

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, 1,011 US military members have died, according to *AP*'s count. That includes at least 768 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's numbers.

Since the start of US

military operations in Iraq, 8,458 US service members have been wounded in hostile action, according to the Defense Department's

weekly tally. The latest deaths reported by the military: A soldier was killed Wednesday when a roadside bomb detonated

north of Baghdad.

A soldier was killed Tuesday while on patrol in southern Baghdad.

*Internet*



*A US Marine wounded in Fallujah is rushed to a helicopter from a military hospital in Baghdad, Iraq, to transfer for evacuation to Landstuhl Regional Medical Centre in Germany, on 10 Nov, 2004 —INTERNET*

## Russia criticizes US for causing civilian casualties in Iraq

**Moscow, 10 Nov —** Military operations conducted by the United States and its allies in Iraq should not bring the suffering to civilians, Russian Foreign Ministry official said on Tuesday, *ITAR-TASS* reported.

Russian Foreign Ministry spokesman Alexander Yakovenko told a news conference in Moscow that the military operation in Iraq should be proportionate to the existing threat. The spokesman's remark referred to the storming of Fallujah, Iraq, by coalition forces, the report said.

"Hostilities should not be causing sufferings or victims among the Iraqi people. They should be proportionate to the existing threat," he noted.

Yakovenko said Moscow hopes the hostilities will not aggravate the

situation in Iraq ahead of the planned elections.

"It is impossible to reach a settlement in Iraq solely by using force," he emphasized and adding "intensive measures should be taken to reach a public consensus and national accord".

Dozens of Iraqi people, including at least 20 medics, were killed in a US air raid on a government clinic in the centre of Iraq's western city of Fallujah overnight, witnesses said Tuesday.

*MNA/Xinhua*



# Two British soldiers hurt in Iraq attacks

LONDON, 11 Nov—Two British soldiers have been injured, one seriously, in separate attacks close to the Camp Dogwood military base, south of Baghdad.

The Ministry of Defence said a Lynx helicopter pilot was badly wounded when his aircraft came under small arms fire on a mission at 11.20am local time.

A spokesman said the Army Air Corps soldier was transferred by US

helicopter to a military hospital in Baghdad and confirmed that his family have been informed.

An MoD spokesman said: "The helicopter was hit by three rounds at an undisclosed location within the British area of operations.

"The pilot was wounded, but his co-pilot was unharmed and able to fly the helicopter safely back to Camp Dogwood. He was taken by US helicopter to their military hospital in Baghdad."

A Black Watch soldier was injured later when the

desert compound, 25 miles south west of the Iraqi capital, came under mortar attack. It is not thought that the man's injuries are life-threatening.

The spokesman said: "A mortar landed inside the compound, injuring a soldier. We do not believe the soldier has life-threatening injuries."

Black Watch soldiers are continuing their mission to stop guerrillas escaping from the under-siege city of Fallujah.

The 850-strong British battlegroup was controversially deployed to Camp Dogwood, 15 miles south of Baghdad.—Internet



*A Fallujah man cradles his four-year-old son recovering from a head wound in the ICU unit of the 31st Combat Support Hospital in Baghdad, Iraq on Wednesday, 10 Nov, 2004. The child was wounded in Fallujah on Monday by shrapnel from an explosion.*

INTERNET

## UNHCR says fate of Fallujah refugees uncertain

GENEVA, 10 Nov — The UN's refugee agency said Tuesday it is extremely concerned about the fate of tens of thousands Iraqis fleeing from Fallujah.

"The majority of civilians appear to have left the city, although it is difficult to establish numbers with any certainty," a spokeswoman for the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) told reporters.

"The most immediate needs of the displaced are food, shelter, water, sanitation and health care," she said.

US troops launched an all-out assault on Iraqi guerrillas in Fallujah early Monday to retake the city from guerrillas and restore security and stability to the region in the run-up to Iraq's planned general elections slated for January 2005.

UNHCR, which has no presence on

the ground in Iraq, is part of a joint emergency group based in Amman composed of the UN, the Red Cross and a number of non-governmental organizations.

Despite the volatile security situation in Iraq, UNHCR has continued to facilitate voluntary repatriation of Iraqis insisting on going home from camps in neighbouring Iran.

Over the past two weeks, 64 Iraqis returned to southern Iraq and more than 700 travelled to the north bringing the total of returns facilitated by UNHCR to 18,115 people since August 2003, the spokeswoman said.

MNA/Xinhua

## India to participate in "Galileo" satellite project

THE HAGUE, 10 Nov — India will participate in the Galileo satellite navigation project that will guarantee the availability of highest quality signals over the Indian territory as the European Union on Monday set up an Energy Panel to help power-deficit countries like India.

The Joint Press Statement issued after the

India-EU summit on Monday welcomed the progress in the on-going Draft Cooperation Agreement on the Galileo project which will ensure India's equitable participation in space, ground and user segments and guarantee the availability of highest quality signals over the Indian territory.

Considering that India has well proven capabilities

in space, satellite and navigation-related activities, the agreement will provide an important positive impulse for Indian and European industrial cooperation in many high-tech areas.

"We express our willingness to continue our discussions with a view to conclude the agreement in the near future," the statement said.

MNA/PTI

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## Another aid group to pull out of Iraq

BAGHDAD, 10 Nov—The International Rescue Committee has announced plans to pull out of Iraq based on security concerns, the *New York Times* reported Wednesday.

Mark Bartolini, the agency's regional director for the Middle East and Asia, told the newspaper in a telephone interview the New York-based group decided a month ago to end its operations by the end of the year, but had not publicized the decision to protect the scores of Iraqi and non-Iraqi employees still working in the country.

"There's no question that security has played a big role in the decision," Bartolini said.

The group has done extensive work on building and repairing water and sanitation systems in Iraq, mainly in rural areas. The announcement came just days after Doctors Without Borders announced similar plans to cease operations. CARE has also suspended its work after the kidnapping last month of its director, Margaret Hassan.—Internet

## Hundreds of US soldiers in Iraq hit by parasite that causes chronic sores

MIAMI, 11 Nov —More than 650 US troops deployed in Iraq have been infected with a fly-borne parasite that causes chronic, festering sores, officials said at a health conference in Miami.

About 660 soldiers were found to have contracted the leishmaniasis parasite since US troops launched operations in Iraq in March 2003, Colonel Naomi Arenson, an expert on the disease at the Walter Reed Army Medical Centre, said.

The cases found in Iraq are all of cutaneous leishmaniasis, which is seldom lethal, and usually heals over time but can

leave significant scarring.

If left untreated, simple skin sores in rare cases can spread to the nose and mouth. The number of victims was likely to rise

in coming weeks, she told *AFP* on the sidelines of the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene's annual conference.—Internet

## Indian PM says no question of going back on eco reforms

THE HAGUE, 10 Nov — Assuring foreign investors of continuity in policies and that India will never become an "international liability", Prime Minister Manmohan Singh said there was no question of going back on the economic reforms initiated 13 years ago by the then Congress government.

"There have been three or four general elections but the broad directions of the governments has been the same. There has been, there is and there will be considerable continuity in the economic policies," he told a gathering of Indian community at a reception hosted in his honour by the Indian Ambassador Shymala Cowsik late last night.—MNA/PTI



*A video image shows US soldiers on the streets of Fallujah in Iraq, during fighting as US and Iraqi troops battled through much of Fallujah, on 10 Nov, 2004.—INTERNET*



# Bahrain to help secure Philippine hostage release in Iraq

MANILA, 10 Nov — Bahrain's Prime Minister Shaikh Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa has vowed to help the Philippine Government secure the release of a Filipino hostage from his captors in Iraq, the Philippine Department of Foreign Affairs announced on Monday.

In a Press statement, the department said Foreign Affairs Secretary Alberto Romulo met with the Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Bahrain for 50 minutes over the weekend.

During the meeting, Romulo thanked the Arab leader for his country's role in obtaining the freedom of Filipino truck driver Angelo de la Cruz, who was abducted in Iraq in July.

"The Prime Minister said that Bahrain is always ready

to help in such situations and said that he will personally exert every effort to secure the release of Robert Tarongoy," Romulo said, referring to the Filipino accountant kidnapped on November 1 in Baghdad with several other foreigners.

During the dialogue in the Bahrain capital of Manama, both officials reiterated their commitment to stronger ties between the two countries and the welfare and protection of

Filipinos in Bahrain.

Khalifa also told Romulo that he was personally committed to ensuring the safety and welfare of all Filipinos in Bahrain.

Late Sunday, Romulo appeared at Al-Jazeera TV, appealing for the safe and early release of Tarongoy in a live broadcast.

Romulo is in the Middle East on the instructions of Philippine President Gloria Macapagal-

Arroyo. He first flew to the United Arab Emirates to offer the country's condolences on the death of former United Arab Emirates President Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan. —MNA/Xinhua

## Car bomb kills three people in Kirkuk

KIRKUK, 10 Nov — A car bomb exploded at a big Iraqi National Guard base near the northern city of Kirkuk on Tuesday, killing three people and wounding two, the base commander said.

Major General Anwar Ibrahim, the Guard commander for Kirkuk Province, said the casualties were workers who had been arriving at the base, 10 miles northwest of Kirkuk. Police said earlier the blast had caused no casualties. The National Guard and police are constantly under attack by guerillas determined to disrupt the creation of stand-alone Iraqi security forces.

At the weekend, gunmen lined up and shot dead more than a dozen Iraqi police in a carefully planned attack in Haditha, northwest of Baghdad. More than 30 police and guards died in a separate coordinated strikes in the town of Samarra. —MNA/Reuters



An Iraqi man sits on the wreckage of his damaged car following an overnight car bomb attack, which struck al-Zayoon district in Baghdad, on 11 Nov, 2004. The car bomb went off near an Iraqi security checkpoint killing at least seven people, residents of the area said. —INTERNET

## US air raid on Fallujah clinic kills dozens of Iraqi people

FALLUJAH, 10 Nov — Dozens of Iraqi people, including at least 20 medics, were killed in a US air raid on a government clinic in the centre of Iraq's western city of Fallujah overnight, witnesses said on Tuesday.

"Over 20 medics were killed in the air raid and dozens others, including wounded people, were killed as a result of the US raid on the city early Tuesday," local residents told Xinhua. The sources said the one-storey Community Clinic, which had been receiving wounded guerillas and civilians, was totally destroyed. The building was one of the three Community Clinics erected in the city to substitute the main hospital, which was seized by US and Iraqi forces Monday night, just hours before a full-scale offensive began. Medics in the city told Xinhua that

their clinics were running out of medical supplies and the only ambulance they had was hit by US fire.

Fierce battles continued on Tuesday as the US-Iraqi forces penetrated the heart of the city from the northwestern Jolan District and al-Mualemeen District in the east.

Xinhua reporter saw that five tanks were set ablaze in a public field near the city centre and another tank was also on fire in a nearby main street.

The US-led forces faced stiff resistance from

the fighters defending the city, which forced the US troops to withdraw from several positions in the battlefield.

MNA/Xinhua

## FTC sues six US companies

WASHINGTON, 10 Nov — As part of a renewed effort to curb false weight-loss claims, the Federal Trade Commission said on Tuesday it has sued six companies that sold products ranging from cellulite cream to diet teas and patches.

"These ads offer false hope and encourage consumers to postpone making more difficult changes in diet and exercise that can make a real difference," FTC Chairwoman Deborah Platt Majoras said in a news conference. "They're junk."

The suits were filed with several US district courts.

The advertisers could face civil penalties, including restitution of ill-gotten financial gains. The six privately held companies named as defendants in the FTC suits are: AVS Marketing Inc, CHK Trading Co Inc, Femina Inc, Natural Products, New England Diet Center and Selfworx.com LLC. Selfworx referred

calls to its lawyer, Joe Groff, who was not immediately available. Contact information for the other five companies could not be found in public directories.

FTC officials also sent letters to a number of media companies that ran the ads cited in the six lawsuits. The ads ran in Hearst Corp's *Cosmopolitan* magazine, Gannett Co Inc's *USA Weekend*, and Belo Corp's *Dallas Morn-*

ing News, among others.

A Hearst representative said the company has not received the FTC's letter yet and referred questions on the issue to an industry group, the Magazine Publishers of America. The group said last December, when the FTC filed its first complaints, that it supported truth in advertising, but it did not think publishers were responsible.

MNA/Reuters



An armoured US military vehicle passes near a burning oil pipeline on the outskirts of Fallujah, Iraq, on 10 Nov, 2004. —INTERNET

## China hopes Iraq will restore stability as early as possible

BEIJING, 10 Nov — China hopes situation in Iraq will be stabilized as early as possible, and the relevant parties will create favourable conditions for the election to be held as planned and the Chinese side will also make its due efforts to this end, Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Zhang Qiyue said here on Tuesday.

At a regular Press conference, Zhang said China is worried about casualties of innocent Iraqi civilians caused by the lingering turbulence in Iraq. She called for relevant parties to create favourable conditions for Iraq's election to be held as scheduled and the smooth progress of reconstruction and China ex-

pects the Iraqi people to live a peaceful, stable life at an earliest date.

As to an international conference on Iraq due for November 22-23 in the Red Sea resort of Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt, Zhang said that the Chinese Government has designated Chinese Permanent Representative to the United Nations

Ambassador Wang Guangya as the envoy to the meeting.

Iraq, Egypt, the Group of Eight, China, the United Nations, the Arab League, the Organization of Islamic Conference and the European Union (EU) are expected to attend the meeting.

MNA/Xinhua

# US on "very dangerous path" for too much military spending

UNITED NATIONS, 10 Nov— The United States is on "a very dangerous path" because it is spending 450 billion US dollars annually on the military and just 15 billion US dollars to promote development in poor countries, the head of the UN anti-poverty effort warned Tuesday.

"We can't solve problems of security through military means, certainly not through military means alone," said Jeffrey Sachs. "No one has ever succeeded in doing that, and no one ever will because hungry and desperate people will do desperate things, or the places that they live will face collapse."

Of the 22 largest donor

countries, the United States is spending the lowest percentage of its gross domestic product on development — just 0.14 per cent — compared to the 0.70 target that all countries agreed to 34 years ago, Sachs told a news conference. "We're roughly 50-55 billion US dollars short per year," he said.

Sachs was appointed by

Secretary-General Kofi Annan in 2002 to head the Millennium Project developing a plan for the world to meet UN goals to reverse the poverty, hunger and disease affecting billions of people. His report is due in January.

The best way to peace is through solving the problems "of how people can stay alive on the

planet," said Sachs, director of the Earth Institute at Columbia University and a special adviser to Annan on anti-poverty efforts.

"People don't see that right now," Sachs said. "What they see is the United States spending hundreds of billions of dollars on the military approach and then complaining about any call to spend anything much on development."

He said there are rumours that the Bush Administration will soon ask Congress for another 70 billion US dollars for Iraq, yet it's hard to get any money for development.

"This has been a bipartisan effort of neglect for decades," Sachs said.

"From the point of view of America's own specific interests and security, we're on a very dangerous path right now ... because the world will not be stable with mass suffering, disease and poverty," he said.

MNA/AP



Iraqis survey battle damage following air strikes in Tikrit, Iraq, on Wednesday, 10 Nov, 2004. —INTERNET

## Two of Bush's Cabinet members resign in post-election change

WASHINGTON, 10 Nov — US Attorney General John Ashcroft and Commerce Secretary Don Evans have resigned from the Cabinet of President George W Bush in the first post-election changes, the White House announced Tuesday.

"The President accepted their resignations," White House spokesman Scott McClellan said as he released the letters by the two Cabinet members.

Evans said in his letter: "I have concluded with deep regret that it is time for me to return home."

For months, Ashcroft's associates have said that he was preparing to step aside, weary after waging an aggressive campaign against terrorism. They said he longed for a quieter life, especially after his gallbladder surgery in March.

Evans, a close friend of Bush, was instrumental in the President's 2000 campaign and came with him to Washington.

At his first news conference after the re-election Thursday, Bush said changes in the Cabinet before his second term would be inevitable. He spent the weekend in Camp David considering personnel changes.

As more Cabinet members are expected to resign, the most intense speculation centres on the decisions by Secretary of State Colin L Powell and Defence Secretary Donald H Rumsfeld.

Rumsfeld on Monday brushed aside a question over whether he intends to remain in the new Cabinet, saying he had not discussed the matter with the President.

Rumsfeld aides have said that the defence secretary had an interest in staying in the job to complete some of the changes he initiated like the troops deployment or to clean up the mess in Iraq, according to local media reports.

MNA/Xinhua

## Fallujah attack creates humanitarian disaster in Iraq

FALLUJAH, 11 Nov— Fighting in Fallujah has created a humanitarian disaster in which innocent people are dying because medical help cannot reach them, aid workers in Iraq said on Wednesday.

In one case, a pregnant woman and her child died in a refugee camp west of the city after the mother un-expectedly aborted and no doctors were on hand, Firdoos al-Ubadi, an official from the Iraqi Red Crescent Society, told Reuters.

In another case, a young boy died from a snake bite that would normally have been easily treatable, she said.

"From a humanitarian point of view it's a disaster, there's no other way to describe it. And if we don't do something about it soon, it's going to spread to other cities," she said.

About 10,000 US soldiers and 2,000 Iraqi troops are fighting to wrest control of Fallujah, 32 miles west of Baghdad, back from guerillas.

At least 2,200 families have fled Fallujah in recent days and are struggling to survive without enough water, food or medicine in nearby

towns and villages, she said.

Some families have fled as far as Tikrit, about 95 miles north of Fallujah.

But the biggest concern is people in and around Fallujah itself — they cannot be reached because US and Iraqi forces have set up a wide cordon around the city to prevent anyone from entering and any guerillas from fleeing.

Between a nightly curfew and the danger of venturing onto the streets, many are effectively trapped at home.

"We've asked for permission from the Americans to go into the city and help the people there but we haven't heard anything back from them," Ubadi said. "There's no medicine, no water, no electricity. They need our help."

The Red Crescent Society has teams of doctors and relief experts ready to go into each of Fallujah's districts with essential aid, but needs US approval first.

The US military was not immediately available to comment on the aid agency's request, but has said its first priority is to defeat the rebels holed up in Fallujah.

MNA/Reuters



Rescuers comb the wreckage after a bomb attack in central Baghdad on 11 Nov, 2004. A suspected car bomb exploded near a central Baghdad square, setting several vehicles ablaze and causing serious structural damage to buildings. —INTERNET

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## Arafat officially announced dead

PARIS, 10 Nov — Palestinian Leader Yasser Arafat has been officially announced dead in a Paris military hospital, Arab broadcaster Al-Jazeera said on Thursday. Arafat, 75, suffered a brain haemorrhage on Tuesday at the French hospital where he was flown from the West Bank on October 29 and had lain in a coma.

Arrangements were being hastily made on Wednesday for a funeral in Cairo and burial at his West Bank headquarters. — MNA/Reuters

## Richest nations urged to spend \$16b to bring electricity to 500m people

UNITED NATIONS, 11 Nov — The International Energy Agency urged the world's richest nations Wednesday to spend 16 billion US dollars a year to bring electricity to 500 million people, saying it would strengthen their countries' economies and help them escape poverty.

In global financial markets, "this is really peanuts", said Fatih Birol, chief economist of the Paris-based agency which is the energy arm of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development.

But what is needed is a "decisive, concerted international effort" and he told a news conference that the IEA, which represents 26 major industrialized countries, "is ready to support those efforts".

"Today, 1.6 billion people, about one-quarter of the world's population, have no access to electricity," Birol said. — MNA/AP



# Thanlwin Bridge, the longest rail-cum-road bridge in Myanmar

The construction of the bridge started on 18-3-2000. It is 11,575 feet long including 1,624-foot-long approach bridge on Mawlamyine bank and 2,252-foot-long approach bridge on Mottama bank. It can withstand 60-tons loads.



*Iron beams installed at Thanlwin Bridge (Mawlamyine) which is constructed by the Public Works of the Ministry of Construction.—MYANMA ALIN*



*Approach road of the Thanlwin Bridge (Mawlamyine) on Mawlamyine Bank.—MYANMA ALIN*

Thanlwin Bridge (Mawlamyine) linking Mawlamyine and Mottama in Mon state is built across Thanlwin River. It is the longest, largest and most valuable rail-cum-road bridge in Myanmar. It is situated on Yangon-Mawlamyine-Myeik-Kawthoung Road.

*Progress of the Thanlwin Bridge (Mawlamyine) in Mon State which will be opened soon.  
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## Independence and sovereignty...

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As independence and sovereignty, which are the most basic requirements necessary for a nation are indeed inseparable, all the people are to safeguard and defend the independence and sovereignty based on nationalist fervour and patriotism.

Now, the Government is putting the State's Seven-point Road Map into operation, which can guarantee the independence, sovereignty and perpetual existence of the nation.

In conclusion, the Secretary-1 called on those responsible to make all necessary arrangements for

Independence Day celebrations to be held with the collaborative participation of the people in conformity with the national essence for enabling the entire national people including the new generation youths to realize the value and essence of the independence and sovereignty of the motherland and for successful implementation of the State's Seven-point Road Map.

Secretary of the Central Committee Director-General of the Government Office U Soe Tint reported on formation of subcommittees for observing Independence Day.

Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe, chairmen of the subcommittees also deputy ministers, and offi-

cials reported on matters for holding the State Flag hoisting ceremony, saluting the State Flag, Independence Day reception and dinner, security measures, information, conducting essay and poem competitions, TV Quiz, computer drawing competition, compiling Independence Day message of the SPDC Chairman, and organizing Independence Day commemorative exhibition, entertainment programmes, health and sports games.

Those present also presented reports in respective sectors.

The Secretary-1 added necessary points to the reports and delivered concluding remarks.

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## Management Committee for Organizing 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day meets

YANGON, 11 Nov — The first coordination meeting of Management Committee for Organizing the 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day 2005 was held at the hall of Yangon Command Headquarters this afternoon.

Present on the occasion were Chairman of Management Committee for Organizing the 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day 2005, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council, Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, members of the management committee, chairmen of work committees and officials.

At the outset, the commander made a speech on the occasion. In his speech he said that work procedures laid down by the leading



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe delivers an address to the 1st Meeting of Management Committee for Observing the 60th Anniversary of Armed Forces Day (2005). — MNA

committee are to be carried out for the parade ceremony for the 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day 2005 to be held on a grand scale.

He added that the members of the management committee, the chairmen of the work groups and officials are to carry out their assigned duties successfully

keeping pace with the time.

Next, Secretary of the management committee, Staff Officer(Grade I) of Yangon Commander Lt-Col Myo Naing reported on the formation of the management committee and work committees.

Afterwards, the chairmen and officials

of the work committees for parade, preparation of the parade ground, transportation and accommodation, information and entertainment, invitation, medical treatment, welcoming and reception, scrutinizing of the best parade columns, security, administration camps reported on their respective work

procedures to be carried out.

After that, heads of the Myanmar Police Force, the Fire Services Department, the Myanmar Red Cross Society, the Myanmar Electric Power Enterprise, the Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise reported on tasks to be carried out in group-wise.

Also those present at the meeting reported on arrangements made for holding the 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day 2005 on a grand scale significantly and magnificently.

Regarding the reports, the commander gave suggestions to the officials.

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## Myanmar Products Expo-2004 commences

YANGON, 11 Nov — With the permission of the Ministry of Commerce, the Myanmar Products Expo-2004 was launched at Yangon Trade Centre in Mingalar Taungnyunt Township this morning.

Present on the occasion were Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Minister for Cooperatives Col Zaw

Min, departmental heads, members of social organizations and guests.

Minister Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein and Managing Director of Media Essential & Horizon Kyaw Trading Co Ltd U Kyaw Kyaw formally opened the Expo. Next, the ministers, departmental heads and guests viewed the showrooms

around the Expo.

Available at the Expo are a wide range of local and foreign-made cosmetics, consumer goods, foodstuff, electrical and electronic appliances, construction materials, clothes and traditional medicines.

The Expo will be kept open daily until 15th November. — MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein inspects booths at Myanmar Products Expo-2004. — MNA



Minister Maj-Gen Saw Lwin inspects production process of fluorescent lamps. INDUSTRY-2

## Industry-2 Minister inspects tasks of fluorescent light production

YANGON, 11 Nov — Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Saw Lwin together with officials arrived at workshop of electric bulb and fluorescent light production of the Electric and Electronic factory of the Myanmar

Machine Tool and Electrical Industries on Inya Lake Hotel Road in Mayangon Township yesterday afternoon.

The minister inspected tasks for production of fluorescent lamps, quality control and pack-

ing and General Manager Daw Lae Lae Win explained the products of the factory.

The minister gave necessary instructions on boosting the productivity of the factory.

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Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects Kyauktaga Dam Project. — MNA

## Lt-Gen Ye Myint stresses ...

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The earth dam, 6,400 feet long and 40 feet high, will supply water to Meiktila Lake, the main source of water for the project, and to divert a large volume of unused water body lying between the lake and Chaunggaik Dam in Pyawbwe Township for effective utilization. Water surface of the reservoir will be 3,500

acre-feet at the highest water level. It will supply water to Meiktila Lake through a 4.5-mile long canal connected with its broad crest type spillway with a 120-foot long conduit.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint started the day at Kyauktaga Dam Project at Kyauktaga village in Natmauk Township, Magway Division, where he heard a report on 86 per-cent completion of ground works, cent-per-cent completion of the conduit, 67 per-cent completion

of the spillway, completion of the irrigation canal up to 3,000 feet, and agriculture and irrigated areas in Myingyan and Magway districts. He then went round the project.

The Kyauktaga Dam will store the waters from Kyauktaga and TaungU creeks to supply water to Kyetmauktaung Dam via Taungyay Dam. In addition, it will irrigate 750 acres of crops in Natmauk Township. MNA

## Course of events worldwide...

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be strong". At a time when strenuous efforts are being made to turn the country into a modern and developed one that can keep abreast of the international community,

will be decorated with pilot wings, which should not be regarded as ordinary. It however symbolizes the heroic virtue of those who dare to risk their lives in defence of their nation.

the case, the onus is on the graduating officers to establish themselves into highly-qualified human resources through constant pursuit of advanced technologies.

Moreover, they are to make themselves skilled pilots and to be of a great help for building a modern and efficient Tatmadaw while implementing four tasks such as training, administration, welfare and aspiration. Just as the graduating officers should get themselves ready for air fights, they should also get prepared as able leaders for ground fights in times of need.

The historical background of the air force will show gradual improvement that aircraft used in reconnaissance mission was developed into fighters, and then bombers after World War II. To prevent the detection of the enemy's reconnaissance mission on one's own air space and the bombing attempts, the fighter jets were invented.

A constant pursuit of air strategies concerning growing technologies of aircraft and weaponry as well as that of electronic warfare will enable the graduating officers to win a victory in aerial combat.

Although the graduating officers have completed the course, they are to continue their studies by flying different types of aircraft. Although they are officers of the Tatmadaw (Air), the

principal duty of the Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) is to defend the country.

The Tatmadaw has been formed to launch a conventional warfare in the event that the country were in danger. However, guerrilla warfare in addition to people's militia strategy will be exercised

if need be.

As for the country which is marching to a peaceful, modern and developed nation, the strength of the nation lies within as to crushing the internal and external destructive elements.

As regards the developments in the country, it is important for the graduating officers to understand the implementation of the seven-point Road Map including the holding of the National Convention, the unchanged attitude of the government towards the armed forces of national races which have turned into the legal fold and are joining hands with the government, and continued cooperation and immutable friendly ties with world nations in international relations.

The graduating officers are always to be on alert to protect the country and its sovereignty from encroachment of any kind.

The duty of the

Tatmadaw is to fight, undergo training, and carry out public welfare tasks. The Tatmadaw being a patriotic one, the graduating officers are to safeguard the country at the cost of their lives and lend themselves to the nation-building tasks regardless of time and place.

Next, the Commander-in-Chief (Air) concluded his speech calling for the graduating officers to uphold the twelve fine traditions of the Tatmadaw that upholds our three main national causes and to try to establish themselves into able leaders in the future.

Afterwards, the Commander-in-Chief (Air) presented wings and certificates to graduating officers.

After the ceremony, he cordially greeted the graduating officers and their parents, and he also posed for a group photo together with them. MNA



Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein presents best pilot award to Saw Htet Aung. — MNA

the emergence of stout as well as efficient and modern armed forces is a historical need. Accordingly, it is also an inherent duty of all the members at every level of the Tatmadaw (Air) to build their institution into a strong air force possessing technologically advanced air power.

In this process, training programmes are provided annually to produce pilots who can fly modern aircraft skillfully, alongside material requirements. The graduating officers

That brooch should be fastened to the left top of their chest so that they will always remember the real essence of the brooch by placing it close to their heart.

In mobilizing the air power, immediate action can be taken to the need of aircraft and weaponry, depending on financial strength. However, the same thing cannot be said of the human resources. It will be found that the engines and weaponry installed in the aircraft in use are very sophisticated. This being

## Model monsoon paddy plot harvested

YANGON, 11 Nov —

A ceremony to harvest monsoon paddy of model plot was held on 8th November at Daw Thauang Yi's Sinthwelat monsoon paddy plantation, Kyaukan Village Tract, Shwetaung Township, Pyaw District, Bago Division (West).

It was attended by Chairman of Bago Division (West) Peace and Development Council Brig-Gen Hla Min and members, the chairmen of District and Township Peace and Development Councils and members, members of Division Agriculture Service Coordination Committee, departmental heads, staff, chairmen of village tract and local farmers.

On the occasion, Brig-Gen Hla Min cordially met local farmers and members of Division, District and Township Agricultural Coordination Committee and attended to the needs. MNA

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## Need to conduct region-wise large-scale farming stressed



Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo inspects Thayaungchaung high-yield paddy strain farm in Patheingyi Township, Ayeyawady Division, on 9-11-2004. — AGRI & IRRI

YANGON, 11 Nov — Officials sought means to boost agricultural production in Ayeyawady Division at a meeting held in Patheingyi on November 9.

Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Soe Naing delivered the opening address.

Speaking on the occasion, Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo spoke of the need to strive to meet the

crop production targets, to cultivate monsoon and summer paddy as targeted, to observe agricultural rules strictly, to prevent trespassing and to keep precise records for development of agro-based economy. He urged officials of the model farms to play an important role in disseminating techniques to farmers and contributing to meeting the crop cultivation targets. Region-wise large-scale farming is required, he said, stressing the need to

draw agriculture maps and to compile facts about crops. As Ayeyawady Division is the main agricultural region, it is a national task for the related departments to strive together with the people for development of its farming sector, he pointed out.

Director-General U Win Kyi of Settlements and Land Records Department explained facts concerning land use, land distribution, land ownership, and land control.

Also present were

local officials of the division, five districts and 26 townships.

After the meeting, the minister visited Thayaungchaung farm, two and a half miles from Patheingyi, where officials explained production of pedigree strains. The farm is responsible for improving the quality of crops and soil condition in the division. The minister visited the research division and observed cultivation fields to produce pedigree rice strains. — MNA

## Minister inspects hydropower projects

YANGON, 11 Nov — Minister for Electric Power Maj-Gen Tin Htut, accompanied by officials of the Myanma Electric Power Enterprise and the Department of Electric Power, met officials of Ye Ywa Hydropower Project at the hall of the Project on 8 November.

The Minister made clarification on the instructions and directives of the State's leaders and instructed the officials to ensure timely completion

of the tasks, systematization in carrying out tasks and avoiding misappropriation.

The Minister inspected the construction site and left necessary instructions.

On 9 November, the Minister inspected Paunglaung Hydropower Project and gave instructions on worksite safety, earlier installation of machines, and distribution of electricity.

MNA

## Meeting on drafting law for protection of herbal plants and traditional medicine held

YANGON, 11 Nov — Meeting on drafting law for protection of herbal plants and traditional medicine was held this morning at the Ministry of Health here.

At the meeting Director-General Dr Thein Swe of the Indigenous Medicine Department and Director Dr Sein Win discussed matters regarding the draft.

The meeting was also attended by Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo, the directors-general and deputy directors-general and directors of the departments under the ministry and lawmakers. — MNA

## Mayor inspects repair of trucks of YCDC

YANGON, 11 Nov — Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin this morning inspected repair of garbage trucks of YCDC at

the Environmental Conservation and Sanitation Department of YCDC in Ahlone Township.

An official of the department reported on condition of machinery

and garbage trucks, maintenance tasks and storage of fuel.

After hearing the report, the mayor attended to the needs.

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Minister Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein and Managing Director U Kyaw Kyaw formally open Myanmar Products Expo 2004 Trade Fair. — MNA

## Course on Application of Modern Communications opened

YANGON, 11 Nov — A ceremony to open Course on Application of Modern Communications organized by the Livestock, Feedstuff and Dairy Products Enterprise under the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries was held at the meeting hall of LFDPE (headoffice) this morning, with an address by Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen

Maung Maung Thein.

A total of 22 trainees from feedstuff factory, breeding farms,

headoffice, administration and accounts divisions are attending the six-week course. — MNA

## TV quiz for 60th Armed Forces Day to be held

YANGON, 11 Nov — In honour of the 60th Armed Forces Day, Work Committee for organizing TV quiz for the 60th Armed Forces Day announced that the TV quiz was divided into two categories - basic education

level and higher education level for the contest.

For basic education level, 8th, 9th and 10th standard students and for higher education level, students of Universities, Degree Colleges, Colleges and Institutes

can take part in it.

Handsome prizes will be presented in prize presentation ceremony on Armed Forces Day for 2005 and central level contests will be held at MRTV in January 2005.

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Minister Maj-Gen Sein Htwa views computer room of No 2 Pre-primary School in Hline Township. — SOCIAL WELFARE

## Minister inspects Pre-Primary Schools, Day Care Nursery

YANGON, 11 Nov — Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Sein Htwa, together with Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint, Director-General of the Social Welfare Department U Sit Myaing and officials, this morning inspected pre-primary schools and gave instructions to the officials concerned.

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At Pre-Primary School No 2 in Hline Township, Headmistress Daw Aye Aye Than reported to the minister on background history of the school, organizational set up and nursery tasks.

The minister gave instructions on nursery education in accordance with the teaching and training methods of the development of children.

Next, Minister Maj-Gen Sein Htwa viewed the recitation of poems by the children and presented toys to them.

The minister and party also inspected playing room, reading room and computer room and attended to the needs.

At the Pre-Primary School in Bahan Township, the minister and party also inspected computer room, dining room, playing room and teaching room and gave instructions. Similarly, the minister and party also inspected the Shwegondine Day Care Nursery in Bahan Township and ChanMyayEin Pre-Primary School of the Social Welfare Department. — MNA

**Donate blood**



# Kahtein Festival of Tazaungmon

Dr Khin Maung Nyunt

Tazaungmon (November) is the first month of the cold season in Myanmar which covers a four-month period—Tazaungmon (November), Nattaw (December), Pyatho (January) and Tabodwe (February). It is also the first month of the open season in that rain has entirely passed but and the Tazaungmon sky is cloudless and clear blue. The north-east wind passing through the icy lands of the north turns itself into a chill breeze as it enters into Myanmar. It is this pleasant weather that favours the holding of many pwes (festivals) in Tazaungmon.

“Bjeihsa” (Vrischika, Scorpio) as Tazaungmon is called in Myanmar astrology, it has scorpion as its zodiacal sign. The cold wind and the morning dew nourish a particular creeper specie called Kha wei in Myanmar (angular luffa plant). Kha wei grows wild or is grown in the garden for its shoots and fruits which make nice vegetable for Myanmar dishes. Its flowers are soft and golden yellow full of delicate pollens producing light fragrance. The countryside in Tazaungmon is adorned with Kha wei flowers which Myanmar people traditionally designate as the flower of the month Tazaungmon.

There are many festivals held in this month, which are pre-Buddhist, Buddhist and post-Buddhist in origin. But Myanmar being a predominantly Theravada Buddhist country, the designated festival of this month is Kahtein festival—a Buddhist festival.

The word “kahtein” is derived from a Pali word “kathina” meaning “firm” or “durable” monks who receive kahtein robe and monks who express their appreciation at the offering and receiving of kahtein robe and uttering, “Sadhu” (well done) three times, gain five ‘firm’ or ‘durable’ merits. The five durable merits are the privileges of enjoying relaxation of certain rules of Vinaya (Priestly Disciplines) governing the monks such as:

- (1) monks can go out to the house of the donor who invites them for offering food, without informing the other monk nearby, even if the donor has inadvertently used improper language in inviting.
- (2) monks who have resolved to practise the Tivara austerity (possessing a robe of three garments only) are permitted to go out without carrying the resolved robe with them.
- (3) robes received can be worn by monks without performing certain religious procedure.
- (4) even when an invitation for food offering comes in an improper manner, at least four monks and above can accept it.
- (5) monks of the same monastery where kahtein robes are offered for the Sangha can wear these robes.

The donors of Kahtein robe attain the following merits:

- (1) there shall be no danger or disturbance wherever the donor travels.
- (2) the donor will have plenty of good and healthy food. He will never suffer from food poison.
- (3) the donor's property is safe from destruction, robbery or theft.
- (4) the donor will recover the long forgotten property.
- (5) the donor will get wealth without much difficulty, and
- (6) the donor will have a good look.

There is no restriction regarding the offering of robes to the monks. Donors can offer robes, one piece or the whole set of three pieces to any monk at anytime. But regarding the Kahtein robe, there is the set period and strict rules governing the offering of Kahtein robe.

From the first waning moon day of Thadingyut (October) to the fullmoon day of Tazaungmon (November) is the period allowed for the offering of Kahtein robe to the monks. The donor and the recipient must observe this time limit. Either one or the whole set of three-piece robe is offered as Kahtein robe.

The donor must have good and sincere intention and must donate Kahtein robe out of his voluntary will. The donors offer Kahtein robe not to an individual monk or monastery but to the Sangha (all members of the Buddhist Order) as a whole. Monks must never request directly or indirectly anyone, not

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even parents or relatives to donate them robes. According to Vinaya, if monks are in need of robes and there is no donation of robes, they must collect discarded clothes, wash them clean, dye with bark, piece and sew them together to wear as robes.

Recipients of Kahtein robes are selected in accordance with the rules regarding Kahtein robe. Not any monk and not all monks are eligible to receive Kahtein robe. The deserving recipients are those monks who have

- (1) observed Purima Wa or first lent (the first waning day of Waso) (July) to the fullmoon day of Thadingyut (October).
- (2) performed the Pawarana (a confession of

monks to one another) on the fullmoon day of Thadingyut.

- (3) have no record of breach of lent vow
- (4) shortage of robe and
- (5) being the most senior monk among those who are in real need of robe.

The selection of the deserving recipient of Kahtein robe is carried out by an assembly of monks in the Sima or ordination hall. The Kahtein robe is offered to the monk or monks who have the above-mentioned qualifications. The recipient has to discard the piece of the robe he is wearing which is corresponding to that of Kahtein robe offered him. Then, he has to say in Pali the acceptance of the Kahtein robe offered him. He makes a mark on the accepted Kahtein robe. He declares in Pali that the Kahtein robe has been offered and accepted in accordance with the rules of Vinaya laid down by the Lord Buddha. Then he requests all monks present to share the merit by exclaiming word of appreciation “Sadhu” (well done) three times.

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The origin of Kahtein robe offering dates back to the life time of Lord Buddha. While Lord Buddha was residing at Jetavana Vihara in the city of Savatthi, thirty Buddhaveggi monks from Paveiyaka came to pay homage to Lord Buddha. As it was a very long journey they could not reach Savatthi before lent commenced. They had to transit at a small town named Thakayta during lent. When lent was over they continued their journey.

On the way a heavy rain came down soaking them wet and damaging their robes. Since they were practising 13 classes of austerities, they did not have extra robes to change. When they arrived at Jetavana Vihara, Lord Buddha on seeing their plight allowed offering and receiving of Kahtein robe, laying down rules and procedures and expounding the merits gained from this religious deed.

Stone inscriptions, and Myanmar literature bear evidences of holding Kahtein robe offering festival in Tazaungmon since the time of Bagan or even earlier. Myanmar chronicles have records of Kahtein robe offering festival supported, sponsored and participated by the royalty and the public.

Festive atmosphere was created and heightened by grand celebrations and entertainment of performing artists.

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## About 20,000 Angolans die of malaria annually

LUANDA, 10 Nov — About 20,000 Angolan people die of malaria annually in Angola, making it the main cause of death in the southwest African country, a senior Angolan health official told Portuguese radio TSF on Tuesday.

Filomeno Fortes, the director of programmes to

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## Norway's oil production on rise

STOCKHOLM, 10 Nov — Oil production in the Norwegian-controlled sectors of the North Sea

rose to around 2.8 million barrels a day in October, the Norwegian Petroleum Directorate reported on Tuesday.

That is up from 2.6 million in September. Total September output of oil, gas and natural gas liquids totalled 18.7 million standard cubic metres of oil equivalents.

Of that, 12.4 million cubic metres was oil, 4.9 million was natural gas and 1.3 million was natural gas liquids and condensate.

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## WB signs grant agreement to support Iraq's training programme

WASHINGTON, 10 Nov — The World Bank signed a 7- million-dollar grant agreement with Iraq on Tuesday to support a training programme for the country's senior civil service.

The training programme will help Iraq's civil service play a leading role in the reconstruction and development process and set the stage for economic reforms, including social protection measures, in the medium term, said a Press release issued by the World Bank.

This is the second Capacity Building Project, it said. Last February, a training programme was launched aimed at building procurement and fiduciary skills, considered critical to managing internationally-financed development projects. — MNA/Xinhua

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## Singapore PM asked to boost investment in Indonesia

JAKARTA, 10 Nov — Indonesian Vice-President Jusuf Kalla on Tuesday asked visiting Singapore Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong to increase his country's direct investment in Indonesia.

We hope increase in direct investment instead of portfolio investment (from Singapore). Direct investment is much better," Kalla told reporters shortly after meeting Lee at his office here.

Kalla, who was accompanied by Trade Minister Mari Elka Pangestu, said that at the meeting, the two sides discussed mostly economic issues between the two countries and efforts to strengthen bilateral economic cooperation, which he said is the centre of finance in Asia.

Lee's two-day visit to Indonesia is part of his Southeast Asia trip intended to introduce himself as new Singapore leader to neighbours.

He has visited Malaysia and Brunei and will depart to Thailand from Jakarta later in the day.

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## Malaysian Air Force fighter crashes

KUALA LUMPUR, 10 Nov — A Royal Malaysian Air Force (RMAF) MIG-29 fighter jet crashed about 16 nautical miles north-west of the Kuantan air base, north Malaysia, at 10:22 a.m. on Tuesday.

Deputy Prime Minister Najib Tun Razak, also Defence Minister, told reporters here that the pilot of the aircraft was on a normal training flight which took off from the air base at 10:20 am. The pilot had ejected safely. "Search and rescue operations are underway," he said.

Najib said that a *Nuri* aircraft left the air base at 10:35 am to locate the wreckage and the pilot.

RMAF would also set up a board of inquiry to determine the cause of the crash, he added.

Najib said that according to the initial report, the engine of the aircraft was said to have caught fire before it crashed. He however said that the initial report had yet to be confirmed.

The crash of the *MIG* fighter jet was conveyed to the air base by the pilots of two aircraft flying behind the ill-fated aircraft.

"We have eyewitnesses who saw the aircraft crashing down," he said.

Asked whether such aircraft would be grounded, Najib said: "Only temporarily".

MNA/Xinhua



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## Shanghai business school set to become "one of the best" in world

SHANGHAI, 10 Nov— The Shanghai-based China-Europe International Business School (CEIBS), has set to become one of the best business schools in the world in the next ten years.

Professor Pedro Nueno, chairman of the school's Academic Council, made the remark in an interview with *Xinhua* on the occasion marking the 10th founding anniversary of the school on Monday.

CEIBS, which jumped to the 20th on the list of world's best Executive MBA programmes according to the latest ranking made by the *Financial Times*, has vowed to rank among the world's top ten

in the next decade, earlier report quoted Professor Liu Ji, president of CEIBS, as saying.

CEIBS will continue its development strategy to provide best China-oriented management education against backdrop of the global environment through optimum creation and imparting of knowledge, Pedro Nueno said.

CEIBS was founded in Shanghai on November 8, 1994 in accordance

with an agreement signed between the Chinese Government and the European Union. Its goal was to meet the need for high-level management education in China, as a way of supporting the country's economic, social and administrative reforms and further integration into the world economy.

More than 1,100 MBAs and over 2,800 EMBAAs have graduated from the school, which has

also provided short-term training of 35,000 people over the past ten years.

CEIBS, the first to open special training courses targeting senior managers in China, has developed into the largest business school in China, training business people for transnational corporations, private companies and state-owned enterprises.—MNA/Xinhua

## Annual radio charity for children begins in Cyprus

NICOSIA, 10 Nov— A two-day annual fund-raising charity, Radiomathon, was launched in Cyprus on Monday for children with special needs.

This was the 15th time in a row Radiomathon was organized by the Cyprus Broadcasting Corporation (CYBC) and the Laiki Group, one of the largest financial institutions in Cyprus.

A total of 54 kiosks would be opened from 6 am (0400 GMT) until midnight on Tuesday, 12 bank

cars on tour to collect money and many Laiki employees collect funds on the road.

CYBC also introduced special programmes, including phone ins and donations through airwaves.

Runners, cyclists, police, volunteers, football fans and motorcyclists or-

ganized marches and other events to raise funds while choirs sang in open-air venues to entertain the public and collected contributions. Special events also took place among overseas Greek and Cypriot communities as part of efforts to boost the Radio-mathon contributions abroad. MNA/Xinhua

## Thailand ranks 60th in world education

BANGKOK, 10 Nov— Thailand stands at the 60th place in education quality among 127 countries, newspaper *Nation* on Tuesday quoted a UNESCO survey as saying.

Thailand is "well on the way to achieving some of the goals, but are being held back by slow progress on others, notably quality", said the UNESCO report released in Brazil on Monday.

It noted that the kingdom spent 5.1 per cent of its GNP on education in

2001, which was considered among those in the middle group.

The survey also showed that Thailand has 82 per cent of net enrolment ratio in primary education and 50 per cent of adult literacy.

Newspaper *Nation* ran the story on frontpage

headline, noting "Thailand was surpassed by Poland, Argentina, Chile, Kazakhstan, Romania, Mexico, Jordan, China and Uruguay, among others".

Norway comes first in the survey, while South Korea is the one leading in Asia.

MNA/Xinhua

## US government lowers penalty tariffs on Chinese furniture

WASHINGTON, 10 Nov— The US Government on Tuesday lowered the level of penalty tariffs to be imposed on Chinese bedroom furniture and upheld a ruling that Chinese furniture was being sold in the United States at unfairly low prices.

The US Commerce Department lowered the penalty tariff for 115 Chinese companies, accounting for roughly 65 per cent of Chinese furniture imports, to 8.64 per cent, down from the preliminary tariff of 12.91 per cent.

A smaller group of six companies accounting for roughly 35 per cent of Chinese furniture imports will face penalty tariffs ranging from 2.22 per cent to 16.7 per cent. However, the new ruling will not become final until the US International Trade Commission upholds its preliminary ruling that US companies are being harmed by imports of Chinese furniture. MNA/Xinhua



Christmas at the corner... : Filipino workers set up colourful giant star-shaped lanterns in downtown Manila in preparation for the Christmas season. —INTERNET

## Russia offers to buy Canadian steel company

OTTAWA, 10 Nov — Russian steel giant OAO Severstal on Tuesday made a formal takeover offer for Canadian's insolvent Stelco Inc. which is in the midst of bankruptcy protection.

According to industrial sources, the Russian company said it plans to assume or refinance all of the company's long-term debt. Severstal will also satisfy Stelco's unsecured bond and trade creditors with cash payments.

The buyer is also offering 400 million US dollars in capital spending on Stelco's foundries. Severstal says it will "work with the company and labour to address the company's benefit and pension issues."

The head of Severstal's North American operations, Vadim Makhov, said the Russian company has expertise in restructuring that includes the purchase of a bank-

rupt Michigan steel plant last year.

He said if Severstal gains control, "Stelco will be a vigorous company, continuing to serve its clients reliably and efficiently, contributing to the community and providing new opportunities for all employees."

Stelco sought creditor protection last year and has been working on restructuring plans that included the option of selling the whole company, or some of its divisions, and re-financing its balance sheet, which includes 1.25 billion Canadian dollars (about 1 billion US dollars) in pension shortfalls and other employee benefits. —MNA/Xinhua

## Five-year-old girl saves sister from wild dog attack

BRISBANE (Australia), 10 Nov— A 5-year-old girl saved her infant sister from a possible attack by an Australian wild dog — called a dingo — on an island where the animals savaged a 9-year-old boy to death three years ago.

The mother of the girls said on Wednesday she and her husband were in the bathroom of their hotel room on Fraser Island off Australia's east coast last Friday when the husband heard their daughter shout "Dingo! Dingo!"

"We ran into the bedroom, expecting to find the dingo out on the road

or nearby, but not in the hotel room," Belinda Corke told Australian Broadcasting Corp. radio. "We had our three-month-old baby lying on the bed and Georgia was standing in front of her — very bravely," she added. "The dingo was about one metre away from the baby and yeah, it

was quite nasty."

Dingoes roam wild around much of the World Heritage-listed island about 150 kilometres north of Queensland state capital Brisbane, but authorities have tried to keep them away from areas visited by tourists since the 2001 death of Clinton Gage. — MNA/AP



A fishing boat cruises in the Ilulissat fjord, 250 kms north of the Arctic circle. The melting of the Arctic ice cap could in the future open a new northern waterway, creating a shorter route for ships sailing between Europe and Asia and providing a safe haven from piracy and terrorism. —INTERNET

## SPORTS

## Lille defeat Olympique Lyon 3-2 in extra time

PARIS, 11 Nov — Lille handed Olympique Lyon their first defeat of the season on Wednesday, beating the champions 3-2 after extra time in a League Cup first round match.

Lille, who are second in the Ligue 1 standings a point behind Lyon, ended the leaders' 18-match unbeaten run.

Lyon forced extra time in the dying seconds when former Lille defender Eric Abidal equalized after the home side had led from the 55th minute through a Matt Moussilou goal.

Lyon then took the lead when youngster Hatem Ben Arfa scored in the 103rd minute.

But Geoffrey Dernis and Stephane Dumont, in the 113th and 119th minutes, gave Lille a well deserved victory.

In the other big first-round clash PSG won 3-2 at Olympique Marseille for the eighth successive victory over their rivals just three days after a 2-1 league win at the Parc des Princes.

MNA/Reuters

## Juventus move six points clear at top of Serie A

MILAN, 11 Nov — Juventus moved six points clear at the top of Serie A after beating Fiorentina 1-0 while champions AC Milan were held to a goalless draw at Brescia.

Uruguayan substitute Ruben Olivera grabbed the 72nd-minute winner for Juventus at the Delle Alpi stadium on Wednesday. Juve lead with 28 points with Milan in second place on 22 points while Udinese move up to third after Vincenzo Iaquinta scored twice in their impressive 3-0 win at AS Roma.

Inter Milan's remarkable run of drawn games continued as they were held 2-2 at home to Bologna — their ninth draw in 11 outings. On a bad night for the big clubs, Lazio fell to a 1-0 defeat to Livorno leaving them down in 12th place — level on 13 points with Roma.

Fiorentina made Juventus work right until the final minute, when they went close to an equalizer and had a penalty appeal turned down, but Juventus are showing the title-winning habit of winning games in which they struggle.

Fabio Capello's side have now won nine of their

opening 11 matches and not for the first time they had a substitute to thank for their victory.

Mauro Camoranesi headed on a corner from Pavel Nedved and Olivera pounced to fire home from close range.

In the final minute, Enrico Fantini looked to

have been brought down by Juve defender Lilian Thuram right on the edge of the penalty area but no spot-kick was awarded.

The ball fell to Javier Portillo but the Spanish striker, on loan from Real Madrid, was unable to find the target.

MNA/Reuters



Fiorentina's striker Enrico Fantini, right, is tackled by Juventus defender Lilian Thuram, from France, during their Italian major League soccer match at 'Delle Alpi' Stadium in Turin, northern Italy, on Wednesday, 10 Nov, 2004. Fiorentina claimed a penalty kick which was refused by the referee and Juventus won, 1-0. —INTERNET

## Lower-ranked Elche overpower Deportivo Coruna 1-0

MADRID, 11 Nov — Deportivo Coruna become the latest Primera Liga side to fall victim to lower-ranked opponents in the King's Cup when they lost 1-0 at Second Division Elche in a second round match on Wednesday.

Former Rayo Vallecano forward Roberto Peragon put an end to Depor's hopes of repeating their Cup triumph of five seasons ago as he fired home from 10 metres to finish off a lightning counter-attack.

Fellow Primera Liga side Racing Santander also went out as they lost 2-1 at Valladolid, who were relegated from the top flight last season, but Real Betis had no such problems as they claimed a 2-0 win away to Second Division Cadiz.

Deportivo, who have had a poor start in the Primera Liga and Champions

League, had their share of possession against Elche but never looked comfortable as the home side hounded them in midfield and kept them clear of the area for most of the game.

Striker Diego Tristan did, however, spurn two great chances to level the game midway through the second half, the first when he lost control of the ball with only the keeper to beat and his second as he sliced wide with the goal at his mercy.

Holders Real Zaragoza, league leaders Barcelona and champions Valencia all fell victim to lower-ranked opponents in the first round.

Real Madrid, the biggest name still left in the competition, travel to Second Division Tenerife in Wednesday's late match.

MNA/Reuters

## Man Utd, Liverpool reach League Cup quarters

LONDON, 11 Nov — Big guns Liverpool and Manchester United reached the League Cup quarterfinals on Wednesday with 2-0 wins over holders Middlesbrough and an under-strength Crystal Palace side respectively in their fourth round ties.

Liverpool, who have won the League Cup a record seven times, put paid to Middlesbrough's hopes of returning to the Millennium Stadium to defend the trophy they won last year with victory over Bolton Wanderers thanks to a late double from Neil Mellor.

The striker, on loan at Second Division West Ham United last season,

struck twice in the last seven minutes with a right-footed close range strike and then showed he can use both feet as he fired home a left-foot shot from 20 metres.

United made light work of a Palace team missing several first team players who had been rested or were injured as they enjoyed a comfortable victory at Old Trafford with

goals from Louis Saha and Kieran Richardson.

France striker Saha opened the scoring in the 22nd minute as he struck from close range after being fed by Quinton Fortune before 20-year-old Richardson fired home from 25 metres just before the break.

Newcastle United and Chelsea, who won the trophy in 1998, and Nottingham Forest and Fulham were playing extra time.

North London neighbours Arsenal and Tottenham Hotspur reached the quarterfinals on Tuesday along with fellow Premier League side Portsmouth and Second Division Watford, who produced the upset of the night with a 5-2 win over Southampton.

MNA/Reuters

## Kashiwa Reysol edge away from relegation zone

TOKYO, 11 Nov — Kashiwa Reysol edged away from the relegation zone with a comfortable 3-1 victory over Albirex Niigata on Wednesday in a J-League game rearranged because of a deadly earthquake last month.

Yasuhiro Hato, Mitsuru Nagata and Japan striker Keiji Tamada were on target at Tokyo's National Stadium as Reysol moved up to 13th in the 16-team first division.

Kashiwa have 12 points from 12 second-stage matches but are five clear of bottom club Cerezo Osaka in the overall season standings. — MNA/Reuters

## Bayern sweeps to 3-0 victory to VfB Stuttgart

FRANKFURT, 11 Nov — Bayern Munich swept to a 3-0 victory at home to Bundesliga rivals VfB Stuttgart to reach the quarterfinals of the German Cup on Wednesday.

England international Owen Hargreaves cracked in from 25 metres for the opening goal 10 minutes before the break and second-half goals from Michael Ballack and Dutch striker Roy Makaay sealed a commanding win.

Schalke 04 joined Bayern in the last eight with an easy 2-0 win away to Second Division Eintracht Frankfurt. Hansa Rostock and SC Freiburg also made the quarterfinals on Wednesday but had to work a lot harder to do it.

Hansa needed an extra-time winner from Magnus Arvidsson to clinch a 3-2 victory away to Second Division Ahlen, while Freiburg scraped through on penalties against amateur club Paderborn in an afternoon match.

Arminia Bielefeld, Hanover 96 and Werder Bremen all won on Tuesday, along with Bayern Munich Amateurs, giving the Bavarian giants two teams in the last eight of the competition.

The place of Bayern's senior team was rarely put in doubt by a disappointing Stuttgart side. Makaay twice went close with a long-range shot and a first-time waft over the bar be-

fore Hargreaves opened the scoring with a left-foot blast from outside the area.

Oliver Kahn's only problem in the first half was to deal with an unexpected hug from a supporter who ran on to the pitch dressed up as a dal-

matian dog.

Stuttgart saw a little more of the ball at the start of the second half but still failed to worry Kahn and Ballack's header from a right-wing free-kick in the 69th minute gave Bayern breathing space.

MNA/Reuters



Bayern Munich's Bosnian midfielder Hasan Salihamidzic (front) is tackled by Kevin Kuranyi of VfB Stuttgart during their German Cup, third round match at the Olympic Stadium in Munich, on 10 Nov, 2004. —INTERNET



## Vitamin E supplements may do more harm than good

NEW ORLEANS, 11 Nov— Vitamin E supplements, which millions take in the hope of longer, healthier lives, may do more harm than good, researchers reported on Wednesday.

In fact, people taking high doses of Vitamin E may in some cases be more likely to die earlier, although the reasons are not clear, said Dr. Edgar Miller of Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, who led the study.

"I think people take Vitamin E because they think it is going to make you live longer, but this (study) doesn't support that," Miller told reporters. Miller and colleagues re-analysed 19 studies of Vitamin E and health between 1993 and 2004. The trials involved more than 136,000 mostly elderly patients in North America, Europe and China.

People who took 200 international units of Vitamin E a day or more died at a higher rate during the study, which lasted three years, than people who did not take supple-

ments, they told a meeting of the American Heart Association. "It's about a 5-per-cent increased risk at 45 years in the trials pooled together," Miller said.

"That doesn't sound like a lot but if you apply it to 25 per cent of the (US) adult population taking Vitamin E, that is significant."

Miller, whose findings are also being published online by the Annals of Internal Medicine, said two-thirds of people who take Vitamin E supplements take 400 IU or more.

"We don't think that people need to take Vitamin E supplements, that they get enough from the diet," he said. Nuts, oils, whole grains and green leafy vegetables are all rich in Vitamin E.

The average US diet

supplies six to 10 IU of E, Miller said. The Institute of Medicine, which sets recommended doses of vitamins and minerals, gives 1,500 IU of E as a daily upper limit.

"I would say it is too high," Miller said. The US Government's Food and Drug Administration is barred by law from regulating dietary supplements so the limits are voluntary.

People take large doses of Vitamin E in the belief that it helps counter oxidation by unstable "free radical" molecules, which damages cells and can accelerate aging and lead to heart disease and cancer.

Miller, who was surprised by the findings of the study, said there could be several ways the vitamin supplementation is damaging the body.

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## 10,000 blind children in Bangladesh to get back sight in 4 years

DHAKA, 11 Nov— Over 10,000 blind children in Bangladesh suffering from cataract since childhood are expected to get back their vision in the next four years, reported the *Daily Star* on Wednesday.

The announcement was made by Sight Savers International (SSI) on Tuesday, as the non-governmental organization formally inaugurated a sight saving campaign in Bangladesh to operate upon the cataract of the blind children with supports from ORBIS international, a non-profit global organization aiming at preserving and restoring sight.

A recent survey shows that there are 40,000 blind children in the country. Of them, 10,000 to 12,000 are suffering from blindness due to un-operated cataract.— MNA/Xinhua

## Nepal organizes lake festival to attract tourists

KATHMANDU, 11 Nov— A "Festival in Golden City of Seven Lakes" will be held from November 26 to December 2 in Pokhara City, the famous tourist city in western Nepal, to promote the country's domestic and international tourism.

Jointly organized by local administrations and chambers of commerce and promoted by the Nepal Tourism Board (NTB), the festival is expected to attract more than 100,000 visitors, the NTB said in a Press release on Tuesday.

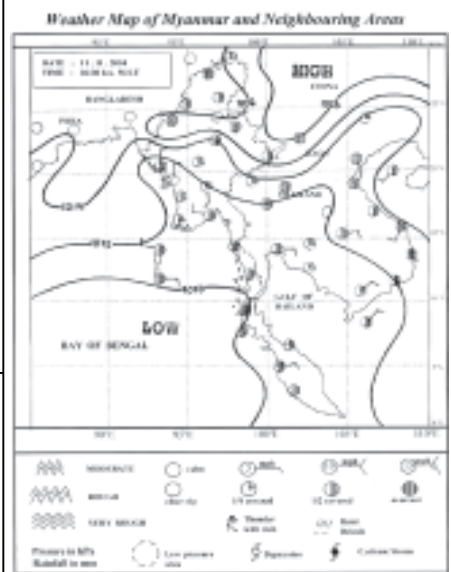
"The festival is being organized to promote the

idea of Greater Pokhara and bring all gamut of tourism in an organized manner," the Press release said.

The festival also aims to identify the goods or things suitable for exports, showcase different industrial goods and handicraft, create awareness and preserve folk culture.

Food festival, folk dance and song competition would be organized for visitors during the festival. And there will be 200 stalls, showcasing industrial goods, fish, and fresh vegetables.

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### WEATHER

Thursday, 11 November, 2004

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, weather has been fair in the whole country. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Mandalay Division and Mon State, (5°C) above normal in Rakhine State, (3°C) to (4°C) below normal in Yangon Division and Chin State and about normal in the remaining areas.

Maximum temperature on 10-11-2004 was 98°F. Minimum temperature on 11-11-2004 was 66°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 11-11-2004 was 74%. Total sunshine hours on 10-11-2004 was (8.7) hours approx. Rainfall on 11-11-2004 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 6 mph from South-west at (16:20) hours MST on 10-11-2004.

**Bay inference:** Weather is cloudy in the South-west Central Bay and generally fair elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

**Forecast valid until evening of 12-11-2004:** Weather will be partly cloudy in Yangon, Ayeyawady and Tanintharyi Divisions and generally fair in the remaining areas.

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

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

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 12-11-2004:** Fair weather.

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 11-11-2004:** Generally fair weather.

## China builds giant container ship

SHANGHAI, 11 Nov— China's largest container ship capable of carrying 8,530 TEUs is expected to be launched in three years, according to the Shanghai-based Hudong-Zhonghua Shipbuilding (Group) Co, Ltd, which is working on it.

The 90,500-ton container ship is 334-metre long and 42.8-metre wide and can sail at a maximum speed of 27 knots.

"This king-size ship will be the best-equipped container ship in China and up to the world's advanced level," said a Chinese expert.

Hudong-Zhonghua will build four or five container ships of this size for the China Shipping Group, according

to an agreement signed here Monday.

Building of these gigantic container ships will be completed in October 2008. The first one is expected to leave Shanghai for its maiden overseas voyage in 2007, company officials said.

An 8,500-TEU container ship, manufactured in the South Korea, is believed the largest one in the world currently.

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<div> </div> <p><b>Friday, November 12</b></p> <p><b>View on today:</b></p> <p><b>7:00 am</b> 1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Ottamathara</p> <p><b>7:25 am</b> 2. To be healthy exercise</p> <p><b>7:30 am</b> 3. Morning news</p> <p><b>7:40 am</b> 4. Nice and sweet song</p> <p><b>7:50 am</b> 5. လွင်ရှားပုံပြင်စိတ်ဆွေပွင့်</p> <p><b>8:00 am</b> 6. The mirror images of the musical oldies</p> <p><b>8:10 am</b> 7. အတူပြိုင်</p> <p><b>8:20 am</b> 8. ဓမ္မာပဒေသနာ (မြို့လှ) ရေလှောင်တံခွန် (ခဲလှိုင်)</p>	<p><b>8:30 am</b> 9. International news</p> <p><b>8:45 am</b> 10. English for Everyday Use</p> <p><b>4:00 pm</b> 1. Martial song</p> <p><b>4:15 pm</b> 2. Songs to uphold National Spirit</p> <p><b>4:30 pm</b> 3. Demonstration exercises for correct pronunciation</p> <p><b>4:45 pm</b> 4. Musical programme</p> <p><b>5:00 pm</b> 5. အဆေးသင်တန်းသင်တန်းစာရင်းပြပွဲ (သရုပ်)</p> <p><b>5:15 pm</b> 6. Songs of National races</p> <p><b>5:25 pm</b> 7. "သစ်ကောင်းသစ်ပင်" နှစ်ပတ်ပြည့်နှစ်ကျော်မြို့ဟိန်း၊ မိုးယံသတိရန်ရိုင်းစာပေဂန္ထဝင်၊ ဒါရိုက်တာ-မိုးထက်လှ(သစ်ကောင်း)</p> <p><b>5:40 pm</b> 8. နည်းစနစ်မှန်မှန်အားကစားအမြင်</p>	<p><b>5:50 pm</b> 9. ဂီတဟောပြောစာ</p> <p><b>6:15 pm</b> 10. Discovery</p> <p><b>6:20 pm</b> 11. နယူးဗွမ်းသွယ်သွယ်ကြွယ်</p> <p><b>6:30 pm</b> 12. Evening news</p> <p><b>7:00 pm</b> 13. Weather report</p> <p><b>7:05 pm</b> 14. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတမ်းလွှဲလွှဲလွှဲ (အပိုင်း-၂၀)</p> <p><b>7:35 pm</b> 15. Songs of yesteryears</p> <p><b>7:40 pm</b> 16. အလှဆင်ဆင်တူမည် တံတားစုတော် (စုတော်တံတားစုတော်)</p> <p><b>8:00 pm</b> 17. News</p> <p><b>8:10 pm</b> 18. International news</p> <p><b>8:20 pm</b> 19. Weather report</p> <p><b>8:30 pm</b> 20. ၂၀၀၄ ခုနှစ်မြို့သစ်အကြောင်း (သရုပ်) မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှုအဆိုအကားအရုပ်၊ အတီးမြိုင်ပွဲနှင့်သဘာဝပတ်ဝန်းကျင်ထိန်းသိမ်းရေး၊ မြို့ဆက်သစ်တို့၏ ဖော်ပြမှုအစီအစဉ်</p> <p><b>21. The next day's programme</b></p>
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*Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects groundwork for Nyaunggon Dam Project in Meiktila Township. — MNA*

## Lt-Gen Ye Myint stresses timely implementation of Meiktila Greening Project

YANGON, 11 Nov — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence discussed greening of Meiktila plain and irrigation works in Meiktila, Mandalay Division, yesterday.

He said three ways have been laid down to implement the first stage of Meiktila Greening Project within a two-year period. Although some portions of project have been started, cooperative efforts are required for simultaneous completion of all its sections. Personnel concerned will have to make systematic calculations to know the exact number of heavy machinery and amount of labour and fuel required.

Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central

Command Maj-Gen Ye Myint explained the Meiktila Greening Project and the task of putting one million acres of land under monsoon paddy in Mandalay Division, officials of Irrigation Department and Water Resources Utilization Department work programmes sector-wise, and local authorities the number of irrigation facilities and sown acreage in the region.

In his concluding address, Lt-Gen Ye Myint said that the Meiktila Greening Project should be implemented jointly with the task of putting one million acres under monsoon paddy in Mandalay Division. Different work programmes must be laid down in implementing the two projects, he pointed out, inviting officials to present the requirements. In addition to constructing new irrigation facilities, the existing ones

must be repaired and maintained, he stressed. Departmental personnel should strive to implement their designated sectors successfully, he said.

He also inspected Nyaunggon Dam Project, a related facility of the Meiktila Greening Project, near Nyaunggon village four miles from Meiktila-Kyaukpadaung road in Meiktila Township in the morning. Officials briefed him on salient points of the project, and progress in implementing the main task covering dam construction, groundwork (up to 60 per cent have been completed), and outlet conduit construction.

Project officials will have to strive for completion of the project in time, Lt-Gen Ye Myint stressed.

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## Course of events worldwide are living proof of the fact that “only when the Tatmadaw is strong will the nation be strong” C-in-C (Air) addresses graduation parade of 66th Intake of Pilot Course

YANGON, 11 Nov — The Pilot Course No 66 of No-1 Flying Training School concluded at the Flying Training Base in Shante, Meiktila, this morning.

Present were members of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, Lt-Gen Maung Bo, Chief of Armed Forces Training Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and Lt-Gen Tin Aye of the Ministry of Defence; Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Rear Admiral Soe Thein, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Chairman and Central Command Commander Maj-Gen Ye Myint, senior military

officers of the Ministry of Defence, FTB Commander Brig-Gen Khin Maung Tin, senior officers of the FTB, officers of the battalions and regiments of Meiktila Station, departmental officials, parents and relatives of the graduating officers, and guests. After inspecting the graduating companies, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein took their salute. At that time, jet fighters of the Tatmadaw (Air) flew in formation and saluted the Commander-in-Chief (Air).

Next, Lt-Gen Myat Hein presented the outstanding literary award to Air-2938 Lieutenant Aung Aung, outstanding flying award to Air-2946

Lieutenant Khin Zaw, and outstanding pilot award to Air-2937 Lieutenant Saw Htet Aung.

Later, Lt-Gen Myat Hein, on behalf of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, delivered an address. In his speech, he said today is a historic one because it is the day on which the graduating air

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officers have successfully completed the basic and advanced flying courses and the day on which a new strength has been added to the Tatmadaw (Air).

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A study of today's international flying techniques will reveal that enormous changes are occurring at a great speed, threatening the security of small nations.

Faced with challenge after challenge, the world nations as well as the neighbouring countries have to work hard for the development of their own countries while building stronger defence system. The course of events worldwide are living proof of the fact that

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*Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein inspects companies at the graduation parade of the Pilot Course No 66. — MNA*