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Senior General Than Shwe observes production process of Patheingyi traditional umbrellas in Patheingyi Shwesar Umbrella Enterprise. — MNA

## 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

- \* We will never let our posterity become a race facing food inadequacy and insecurity when we are no more
- \* We have the duty to do what is necessary for our future generation

**Efforts are needed to develop ever changing, advancing human society**  
**Population of the nation will reach 100 million in next 30 years**  
**All will have to make preparations ensuring food security**

YANGON, 15 Nov — Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe met with departmental personnel at South-West Command in Patheingyi, Ayeyawady Division, yesterday morning.

At the meeting the Senior General gave

guidance, saying Ayeyawady Division is a region reliable for the nation in terms of economy, especially in the agricultural and fish and meat production sectors. Thus, greater efforts are required to exceed the targets of the two main sectors.

As long as strenuous efforts can be made for

boosting production, there will be progress in local as well as national economy. Like in Ayeyawady Division, targets have been set in all other states and divisions. In this regard, the respective states and divisions will have to strive with might and main to meet the targets.

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Senior General Than Shwe gives guidance at the meeting with departmental personnel at Mya Ayeya Hall of South-West Command in Patheingyi, Ayeyawady Division. — MNA



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

## PERSPECTIVES

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## Roads and bridges for development of trade and transport

Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe, accompanied by responsible officials, visited Ayeyawady Division on 13 November and inspected the Bo Myat Tun bridge in Nyaungdon Township, the Test Well-1 of Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise under the Ministry of Energy near Pyindongalay village in Pantanaw Township and the construction site of the Pathein bridge being built across the Ngawun river and gave necessary guidance to responsible personnel.

After hearing the reports by officials concerned at the Bo Myat Tun bridge in Nyaungdon Township, Head of State Senior General Than Shwe said that the Bo Myat Tun bridge is the busiest and most strategic one in Ayeyawady Division and that it is necessary to maintain it and to take all the necessary steps to prevent erosion of the river banks near the bridge. The Bo Myat Tun bridge is one of the 39 major bridges in Ayeyawady Division constructed by the Government for better transport.

During the tour, the Head of State also visited the Pantanaw Test Well-1 of Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise near Pyindongalay village and inspected the drilling. The well has been drilled up to 10,000 feet. The Pantanaw Test Well-1 is located 10 miles south-west of the Nyaungdon natural gas field where condensate and gas are being exploited on a commercial scale. Moreover, seismic surveys are being made to expand the exploration of oil and natural gas near Maubin-Sakkaw-Dedaye region and arrangements are being made to distribute natural gas to Pantanaw, Nyaungdon and Yangon through pipelines.

After inspecting the Pantanaw Test Well-1, Head of State Senior General Than Shwe proceeded to Pathein and viewed the harvesting of monsoon paddy and preparations being made for cultivation of summer paddy along the way. Then the Head of State arrived at the project site of the Pathein bridge being constructed across the Ngawun river, studied progress of work and gave necessary guidance. The bridge is to be inaugurated soon and on completion, Ngwehsaung Beach, Chaungtha Beach, Thabaung and Mawtinzun will be easily reached.

We would like to urge all those responsible to make constant efforts to complete roads and bridges in time and maintain them in accordance with the guidance by the Head of State to facilitate transport and trade.

## သတိ

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

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## People's Desire

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

## Observance of 58th Anniversary Union Day discussed



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe delivers introductory speech at coordination meeting for observance 58th Anniversary of Union Day. — MNA

YANGON, 15 Nov — A coordination meeting for observance of the 58th anniversary Union Day was held at Pyithu Hluttaw Building this afternoon.

Present on the occasion were Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Vice-Quartermaster-General Maj-Gen Khin Maung Tun, Director of Supply and Transport Maj-Gen Than Htay, Deputy Ministers, the Deputy Auditor-General, the Deputy Commander, military region commanders, the Secretary of Yangon Division Peace and Development

Council, heads of department and officials concerned.

First, the commander made a speech on the occasion. In his speech, he said the Union Day is observed with the aim of further strengthening of national solidarity. The deputy ministers and heads of department are to make concerted efforts for realization of the objectives of the Union Day. After the deputy ministers and the heads of department had reported on their respective sectors as to the observance of the Union Day, the commander gave suggestions to them and attend the needs. — MNA

## Medical symposia held

YANGON, 15 Nov — A medical symposium on Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorders in Children and Role Multivitamins with Citrus Bio-Flavonoids as Immunity Booster jointly organised by USV Limited in Mumbai, Republic of India and Zizawa Health Care was held at Grand Plaza Park Royal on Alanpya Pagoda Road, here yesterday morning.

Managing Director Dr Saw Mya Aung of Zizawa Health Care extended greetings on the occasion.

Dr Kyaw Lin of the Children's Hospital made a discussion on Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorders in Children, Prof Dr Mya Mya Ohn on Role Multivitamins with Citrus Bio-Flavonoids as Immunity Booster. Next, Groyit tonic for children produced by USV Limited and distributed by Zizawa Health Care was introduced. Likewise, a medical symposium on "Beta-Cell Preservation in Diabetes" was held at Grand Plaza Park Royal on Alanpya Pagoda Road in the evening. Dr Tint Swe Lat talked about "Myanmar Perspective of Diabetes Mellitus", Professor Col Ye Thwe of No 2 Military Hospital about Recent Advances on Insulin Sensitizers Focus-Beta Cell Preservation and Consultant Diabetologist Dr G Vijaya Kumar of Apollo Hospital and Isabell Hospital of India about Prolonged Sulphonyl Urea Exposure-Implications on Beta Cell Activity.—MNA



Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorders in Children & Role of Multivitamins With Citrus Bio-flavonoids as Immunity Booster in progress. — MNA



Director-General Col Myo Myint inspects a rural house built by Yanangyoung Township Development Affairs Committee. — PBANRDA

## Development tasks inspected

YANGON, 15 Nov — Director-General of the Development Affairs Department of the Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Myo Myint on 11 and 12 November inspected development tasks of the department including rural housing projects in Magway and Mandalay divisions.

On 11 November, the director-general inspected rural housing project in Hsat Thwa Village in Taungdwingyi Township. He also inspected water supply task and river water pumping project in Magway.

When he arrived at Yanangyoung Township, Col Myo Myint inspected the progress of rural housing project. Next, the director-general and party proceeded to Kyaukpadaung Township in Mandalay Division and inspected construction of a 770-foot long and 12-foot wide gravel road.

On 12 November, they inspected the landscaping tasks and nursery garden in Myingyan being carried out by Myingyan Township DAD. Next, they went to NyaungU Township in Mandalay Division and also inspected the rural housing project in NyaungU Township being carried out by Township DAD and left word for necessary assistance to be provided. In Mandalay Division, a total of 187 rural houses have been built and 11 are under construction. — MNA



# US death toll in Fallujah hits 38

FALLUJAH, 14 Nov— The US military said on Sunday that 38 American soldiers died in the week-long offensive against the Iraqi city of Fallujah.

The toll includes three non-combat deaths.

Nevertheless, the operation has proceeded quicker than expected, with the entire city occupied after six days of fighting.

ing, Marine Major-General Richard Natonski said.

He said he and other commanders learned from April's failed three-week marine assault on

Fallujah, which was called off by the Bush administration after a worldwide outcry over civilian deaths.

This time, the military sent in six times as many

troops and 20 types of aircraft. Troops also faked attacks before the assault to confuse enemy anti-US fighters.

"Maybe we learned from April," Natonski said in an interview with *The Associated Press*. "We learned we can't do it piecemeal. When we go in, we go all the way through. We had the green light this time and we went all the way."

Still, there seems to be no let-up in the overall violence level. On Sunday eyewitnesses reported a large explosion in Baghdad near hotels frequented by foreigners while Al Jazeera reported the downing of a US helicopter near Fallujah.

Internet



An Iraqi man looks at wreckage after clashes between guerillas and US forces in Ramadi, Iraq on 13 Nov, 2004.—INTERNET

## 1,186 US troops killed since beginning of Iraq war

WASHINGTON, 14 Nov—As of Sunday, Nov 14, 2004, at least 1,186 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 903 died as a result of hostile action, the Defence Department said as of Friday. The figures include three military civilians. The department did not provide an update over the weekend.

The AP count is twenty higher than the Defence Department's tally, which was last updated Friday at 10 am EST.

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, 1,048 US military members have died, according to AP's count. That includes at least 794 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's numbers.—Internet

## China to offer award in Tibetan studies

BEIJING, 14 Nov— Development of the Tibetan studies is poised to enter a new phase, said Lhagba Puncog, head of China Research Centre of Tibetan Studies, at a recent national conference on the research work.

Lhagba Puncog said China plans to establish a state-level award for Tibetan studies, which will be named after Mount Qomolangma.

The award aimed to help encourage more talented students to study Tibet, producing more academic works in the discipline. It will also enable China's Tibetan studies to become an international academic discipline, as Lhagba Puncog put it.

To raise China's status on the world Tibetan studies, Lhagba Puncog asked all related researchers and institutions across the nation to intensify cooperation so as to build a competent national web of research, education and publication for the Tibetan studies.

China now has scores of research institutions specializing in Tibetan studies, of which most are located in Tibet Autonomous Region and Tibet autonomous prefectures and counties in the western provinces of Sichuan, Qinghai, Gansu and Yunnan.

According to rough statistics, more than 3,000 books and about 30,000 theses on Tibetan studies were publicized in China during the past five decades. Tour de force include titles on Tibet's social conditions under the serfdom, the annotation of the Tibetan-language version of Buddhist scriptures and the *Donggar Grand Dictionary of Tibetan Studies*.

MNA/Xinhua

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## Iraqi officials fire thousands of policemen

BAGHDAD, 14 Nov— Iraqi authorities have fired thousands of police officers and taken over the recruiting of new policemen, the *Washington Times* reported Sunday.

"Most of the screening as far as the staff is up to the Iraqi staff now," said US Army Capt Kevin Bradley, who trains Iraqi national guardsmen. "Right now, whether or not the person is clean, it depends on the Iraqis."

The *Times* said the police officers trained and hired by the United States are believed to have been enemy informants and sympathizers who undermined numerous operations and tipped off terrorists.

The police chiefs of Mosul and Samarra were also fired following numerous guerilla attacks.

US and Iraqi officials confirmed that many other law enforcement officers have been fired for incompetence or suspected guerilla sentiments since Iraqis regained sovereignty from coalition forces at the end of June. The Iraqis have their own methods of recruiting police officers that might fall short of US civil rights standards, but they are proving effective, according to Bradley.—Internet

## Beijing depicts its future in 16 years

BEIJING, 14 Nov — Beijing aims to become a "resident-friendly cultural city" by the Year 2020, according to the city's latest urban planning programme on display recently.

The programme, covering overall development of the city from 2004 to 2020, positions Beijing as a city catering to the country's central political operation, and providing top-quality financial, trade, tourist, exhibition and information services. The thousands-year-old city also plans to become more culturally tolerant and environmentally friendly.

Meanwhile, it is estimated that Beijing's per capita gross domestic products (GDP) will exceed 10,000 US dollars. The service industry will contribute more than 70 per cent to the local economy, according to the programme, whose draft has been approved by the Beijing Municipal People's Congress.

At the start of 2004, Beijing's

population amounted to 14.56 million. Sixteen years from now, the figure will be around 18 million, growing by an average of 1.4 per cent year-on-year. Of those who live here, 13.5 million will be permanent residents and the rest migrant dwellers. The programme also predicts that approximately 16 million Beijing people will live in the urban area, increasing by 0.6 to 0.8 per cent annually.

Beijing currently has 2.3 million automobiles. That number will climb to some five million by 2020. Subways, railways and buses will become major transportation methods of Beijing residents.

The Draft Programme will be submitted to the State Council for further approval.

MNA/Xinhua



US Marines of the 1st Division take position overlooking the western part of Fallujah, on 13 Nov, 2004.—INTERNET

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## Internet



*Iraqis walk near an oil pipeline fire in Taji, Iraq on 14 Nov, 2004.*—INTERNET

*MNA/Reuters*

## MNA/Xinhua

"The helicopters hit several houses but the Americans have blocked the roads and ambulances cannot reach them," he said. —*Internet*

Argyros said that in the face of the end of his mission in Spain, he had requested the meeting with the Spanish Prime Minister for a dialogue "in which we concentrated on several difficult issues". Relations between the United States and Spain have cooled down after the departure of Spanish troops from Iraq ordered by socialist Prime Minister Rodriguez Zapatero. —MNA/Xinhua



*A US soldier from the 1st Infantry Division enters a house in the Iraqi northern city of Samarra during a raid for weapons on 13 Nov, 2004.—INTERNET*



## Situation in Fallujah a humanitarian disaster

**FALLUJAH, 15 Nov—** No food. No water. No help. As fierce fighting casts a pall of smoke over the rubble-strewn Iraqi city of Fallujah, thousands of Iraqi families remain cut off from desperately needed supplies.

Seven Red Crescent trucks and ambulances have reached the main hospital on the western outskirts, but it is still too dangerous for them to cross the Euphrates River to bring help to locals, including hundreds of children, cut off for six days.

"Our situation is very hard," said one resident contacted by telephone in the central Hay al-Dubat neighbourhood on Sunday.

"We don't have food or water. My seven children all have severe diarrhoea. One of my sons was wounded by shrapnel last night and he's bleeding, but I can't do anything to help him."

The man, who gave his name only as Abu Mustafa, said he had seen US troops and Iraqi national guards in his street as explosions rang out. "There were bodies lying in the street."

Abu Mustafa said he knew of six families nearby in a similar plight, but then broke down in tears.

"We are still fasting, though it is the Eid (end of Ramadan feast) today. Allahu akbar, Allahu akbar (God is

great)."

Aid groups describe the situation in Fallujah, where US and Iraqi troops launched a full-scale military offensive last Monday to crush guerillas, as a humanitarian disaster.

Up to half Fallujah's 300,000 people fled during daily airstrikes in the countdown to the assault, but thousands remain trapped as fighting rages around them.

There are no statistics on the number of civilians killed or wounded in the fighting, only personal accounts of pain, hunger and fear from those trapped in the city.

Some locals say the stench of decomposing bodies fills the air. Others tell of children dying because it was too dangerous to get them to help. One family buried their 9-year-old boy in the garden after he bled to death over several hours from a stomach wound.

Thousands of refugees are living in makeshift accommodation at camps outside the city, or with relatives.

MNA/Reuters

## Iraqi Red Crescent aid convoy enters Fallujah

**FALLUJAH (Iraq), 14 Nov—** An Iraqi Red Crescent aid convoy entered Fallujah on Saturday with the first humanitarian goods to reach the city since a US-led offensive began five days ago, a Red Crescent spokes-

woman said.

"They are in the city,"

Firdoos al-Abadi said.

She said 30 volunteers with five trucks and three ambulances had driven into the city, 32 miles west of Baghdad, after an initial delay at a

US checkpoint.

Abadi said the convoy was heading for northern Fallujah and was looking for a secure point from which to start distributing the aid to civilians trapped in the city by fighting.—MNA/Reuters

## Egyptian FM to visit Israel in peacemaking mission

**CAIRO, 14 Nov —** Egyptian Foreign Minister Ahmed Abul Gheit said on Saturday that he will visit Israel on November 24 to help restart the stalled peace process.

Speaking to reporters, Abul Gheit said that he and intelligence chief Omar Suleiman will travel to Israel to give a push to the peace process.

On Wednesday, Abul Gheit postponed his visit to Israel due to the deteriorating health of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, who died on Thursday.

During the visit, Abul Gheit is ex-

pected to discuss with his counterpart Silvan Shalom on a planned Israeli withdrawal from the Gaza Strip and ways to reactivate the Palestinian-Israeli peace track. The Abul Gheit-Shalom talks will be the first high-level face-to-face encounter following the passing away of the veteran Palestinian leader.

MNA/Xinhua



Masked leftist protesters shout anti-war slogans in Tokyo, on 14 Nov, 2004.—INTERNET



A picture released by the US Army shows a Marine attached to 1st Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, looking for guerilla activity in restive city of Fallujah on 13 Nov, 2004.—INTERNET

## Lebanese man abducted in Iraq

**BEIRUT, 14 Nov—** A Lebanese man has been abducted in Iraq, a Foreign Ministry official said on Saturday, in the most recent of a string of kidnappings that have targeted Lebanese living and working in Iraq.

The official said the man, Ghazi Abu Hamzeh, was believed to have been abducted about a week ago, but had no more details immediately about him or what he was doing in Iraq.

Scores of foreigners including Lebanese working in commerce have been abducted in Iraq since last April. Most have been freed but over 30, including one Lebanese, have been killed.—MNA/Reuters

## Worldwide energy consumption to surge 54% from 2001 to 2025

**ABU DHABI, 14 Nov—** Worldwide energy consumption is projected to increase 54 per cent over a 24-year forecast period from 2001 to 2025, the official WAM news agency cited figures as reporting Saturday.

Statistics by the International Energy Outlook 2004 showed that the total energy use is projected to grow from 404 quadrillion British thermal units (Btu) in 2001 to 623 quadrillion Btu in 2025.

The fastest growth appears in some developing Asian countries, including China and India, where robust economic growth accompanies energy consumption increase over the forecast period.

Meanwhile, the gross domestic product (GDP) in Asia is expected to expand at an average annual rate of 5.1 per cent, compared with an annual 3 per cent rate for the world as a whole.

With such strong GDP growth, de-

mand for energy in Asia doubles over the period, accounting for 40 per cent of the total projected increment in world energy consumption and 70 per cent of the increment for the developing world alone.

According to the outlook, oil is expected to remain the dominant energy source worldwide by 2025 and global oil demand will increase 1.9 per cent annually over the 24-year projection period, from 77 million barrels per day (BPD) in 2001 to 121 million BPD in 2025.

A robust energy consumption growth in transportation, fuelled by petroleum products, is expected to sustain the momentum over the period.

MNA/Xinhua

## German specialty chemical supplier to make high polymer in Shanghai

**SHANGHAI, 14 Nov—** Construction work started early this month on a German-invested polyester resin production project in this economic centre of eastern China.

Named DEGUSSA Specialty Chemical (Shanghai) Co., Ltd., the project was set up by DEGUSSA, a world leading specialty chemicals supplier from Germany.

Located at a chemical industry park in Shanghai, the project plans to produce 90 million units of macromolecule saturated polyester resin after construction is completed in early 2006, according to company officials.

The high polymer is believed to have good elasticity and corrosion resistance and have strong adhesion to aluminum and galvanized steels. It is used mainly to manufacture coil coating, tin paint and other industrial coatings for home appliances, transport vehicles and furniture.

Industry insiders say that in the past few years, demand for saturated polyester resin has been on rise with the fast economic growth in China. They cite coil coating as an example.

There are approximately 100 coil coating production lines in China, and that figure is expected to increase to 180 or so in the next few years, as a group of major construction projects are ready to start to meet the Beijing Olympics scheduled for 2008 and the 2010 World Expo in Shanghai.

China now relies on saturated polyester imports to meet demand from these production facilities, which still fall short of supply.—MNA/Xinhua

## 9th int'l convention of East Asian Economic Association held in HK

HONG KONG, 15 Nov—Representatives of the economic field discussed the topic “China’s Globalizing Economy and the Future of Hong Kong” at the 9th International Convention of the East Asian Economic Association here on Sunday.

Speaking at the convention, government economist of the Hong Kong Government Kwok Kwok-chuen said that key concerns of the evolving trends in the Chinese Mainland include the rising affluence of the consumers which forms a substantial power of the development of the market.

When talking about the future of Hong Kong, Kwok said that Hong Kong could make use of its position as an international financial and business centre, the business and financial capital, people, and experiences to help the development and change of the Mainland’s economy.

Kwok said the future development direction of Hong Kong would be to integrate with Pearl River Delta, and then reach out to other parts of the Mainland.

Chief Economist of Hong Kong and Shanghai

Banking Corporation George Leung said the future of Hong Kong was still optimistic due to the work done by the Hong Kong Government as well as other circles.

He said both labour and capital market mobility were necessary to eliminate structural economic problems, and Hong Kong is now moving toward this direction under the experiment of CEPA.

He also said that Hong Kong remains a cooperative place in international finance and wealth management while the availability and the convertibility of Renminbi becoming the crucial factor.

The East Asian Economic Association was established in 1987 as the first international academic organization to focus on the economics of East Asia. The convention is held once every two years.

MNA/Xinhua



## Overseas Chinese students encouraged to serve motherland

JINAN, 15 Nov— In an effort to lure Chinese students studying abroad to come back to “serve for the construction of the Motherland,” China will work out “more effective measures and create a better environment”, a senior personnel official said here on Sunday. Speaking at the third China Shandong Overseas Personnel Exchange Fair in Jinan, capital of east China’s Shandong Province, Zhang Bolin, China’s minister of personnel, said that China will put as much importance on wooing talented students studying overseas to come back as it has placed on the introduction of foreign funds, advanced technologies and modern management mechanisms. — MNA/Xinhua



This picture shows a painting of one of the first animation films made in Kenya on 14 Nov, 2004. UNESCO has launched in Kenya the first animation film workshops with the objective to promote African economy. Since July 2004, seven short animation films have been produced in Kenya by African interns after a five week internship. — INTERNET

## Indonesia to shorten FDI approval processing to 30 days

JAKARTA, 15 Nov — The Indonesian Government would drastically shorten time needed to process foreign investment licences from 150 days to 30 days, Indonesian Coordinating Minister for Economy Aburizal Bakrie said.

“It’s usually 150 days, but we will shorten it to only 30 days. Even though the regulations have not been prepared yet, I will instruct the Investment Coordinating Board (BKPM) to do so as soon as possible,” Aburizal was quoted by the daily *Jakarta Post* here Saturday as saying.

He said that in order for the plan to be materialized, his office would implement a kind of one-roof system in the processing of the foreign investment applications at the BKPM.

Aburizal added his office would also change BKPM into an investment promotion institution, where investors could

submit their applications once and BKPM would later be in charge of processing them to other related offices.

The new system will be different from the current cumbersome one where would-be investors are still required to go through a number of bureaucratic steps at BKPM. The top Economy Minister also said his office would impose limitations on the investment licence processing.

“If, over a certain period of time, there isn’t any answer from BKPM, the applications will be considered to have been approved,” he added.

MNA/Xinhua

## Berlin builds world’s largest hydrogen fuelling station

BERLIN, 14 Nov— The world’s largest station for fuelling car-driven hydrogen was inaugurated Friday in Berlin.

Through two pumps, the station can provide two types of hydrogen energy—liquid hydrogen (LH) and compressed gaseous hydrogen (CGH)—for up to 100 vehicles daily. Hydrogen is regarded fuel of future as it is widely available and its only byproduct is steam. While LH can propel cars in

normal engines like petroleum, CGH should be converted through fuel cells into electricity to power electric vehicles.

BMW has developed prototype LH-powered cars, while DaimlerChrysler, Ford and Opel are ready to produce electric vehicles driven by CGH. — MNA/Xinhua

## Worker back pain, injury make EU eco loss

BRUSSELS, 14 Nov— The EU could be losing up to 2 per cent in economic output a year due to worker back pain and repetitive strain injury, the European Commission said on Friday, calling for more coordinated steps to fight the problem.

It affects over 40 million workers in the 25-nation bloc and accounts for nearly half of all sick days. The Commission estimates that the health and safety issue is shaving 0.5-2.0 per cent off gross national product on an annual basis. The figure is based on data supplied by Nordic states and the Netherlands in 1999.

“If you have back pain, part of the problem is information and awareness,

adopting a good posture,” Commission official Jaume Costa told *Reuters*. “But to have good posture, you need a good chair and a good table.”

The Commission is asking workers’ and employers’ bodies whether the problem should be tackled at a national level or new EU rules should be drafted. The groups have six weeks to reply. — MNA/Reuters

## Greek PM ends visit to Cyprus

NICOSIA, 15 Nov— Greek Prime Minister Costas Karamanlis left here Saturday afternoon after concluding his two-day visit to Cyprus.

Cypriot President Tassos Papadopoulos and Cabinet ministers saw Karamanlis off at the airport, where a red carpet departure ceremony was held for the Greek Premier. During stay here, Karamanlis held talks with President Papadopoulos and other Cypriot officials on Turkey’s bid to join the European Union and the Cyprus issue.

The Greek Prime Minister also addressed an extraordinary session of the Cypriot House of Representatives and met parliamentary party leaders.

Karamanlis, who arrived here Friday, stressed that the efforts for a Cyprus settlement within the UN framework will continue with incessant efforts. — MNA/Xinhua

## Turkey captures 148 illegal immigrants

ANKARA, 15 Nov — Turkish security forces arrested 148 illegal immigrants in Kumluca Town of the southern city of Antalya on Saturday as they were trying to proceed illegally to European countries by ship, semi-official *Anatolia* news agency reported.

A total of 130 Pakistanis, 11 Indians, 4 Syrians and 3 Mauritians were captured in the region, said the report.

The immigrants were taken into custody for violating Turkish borders and passport law, said the report, adding that they would be deported once the legal proceedings

were completed.

In September this year, Turkish Interior Minister Abdulkadir Aksu said nearly half a million illegal immigrants, many seeking a better life in the European Union, had been intercepted in Turkey in the past five years.

MNA/Xinhua



A Chinese vendor peers from behind an array of shoes at a stall in Beijing on 15 November, 2004. China’s retail sales for October rose a faster-than-expected 14.2 percent from a year earlier, their highest growth rate in five months, though some analysts said the strength was due in part to higher consumer prices. — INTERNET



# USDA training and nurturing new generation youths

*Thein Win Latt*



The Union of Myanmar is home to national races, where the national brethren have been living in amity and in unity and keeping eggs and nest intact for thousands of years.

The State Peace and Development Council is putting the 12 political, economic and social objectives into motion for transforming the nation into a peaceful, modern and developed one. The goal of the entire people is emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation.

In fact, unity, peace and stability require the special focus to push forwards the nation on the development path. That is why the Government has been implementing border areas and national races development projects one after another, after restoring peace and tranquillity throughout the border areas, while building national unity firmly.

In the process, the Government practises the policy for ensuring equitable development of all parts of the nation. In this regard, it has designated the 24 development regions in States and Divisions to achieve greater success in all spheres.

Moreover, the State, the Tatmadaw and the people are making collaborative efforts harmoniously in carrying out the five rural development tasks for progress of rural areas, where the majority of the nation's population live.

In a bid to build a modern developed nation, the Government has been exerting increased endeavours day in, day out for ensuring all-round development of political, economic and social basic foundations and human resources.

The Union Solidarity and Development Association has stood as a national force for more than 11 years in translating the national goal — shaping the nation into a peaceful, modern and developed discipline-flourishing democratic state.

During the period of 11 years, tasks and programmes have been accomplished on a wider scale after organizing USDAs at village, ward, township, district, state and division levels. Future tasks were laid down at USDA Annual General Meetings and then

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implemented the length and breadth of the nation.

In concert with its partners—War Veterans Organization, Red Cross Society, Auxiliary Fire Brigade, Maternal and Child Welfare Association and Women's Affairs organization, the USDA is playing an active role in community welfare services. Joining hands with the people, it is also participating actively in development projects, sanitation works, agricultural undertakings, literacy campaigns, rural water supply projects, repairing and constructing rural roads and bridges and schools, public health care concerns, taking measures against disaster-preparedness, donating blood and corneas, organizing respect-paying ceremonies, and caring older persons.

A careful analysis of today's international affairs will show great changes that occur at high speed. In such a situation, the entire people are to firmly

build mental and physical abilities and powers in advance so as to safeguard and protect the interests of the nation and the people.

With this concept, the Government is taking all possible steps for promotion of morale and abilities of the people, and especially it is nurturing and training the new generation youths in accordance with the objectives adopted by the State.

In making attempts for progress in all regions and all sectors, the Government depends on national forces made up of those wishing to build firm national solidarity, and to ensure prevalence of law and order and community peace and tranquillity.

The Union Solidarity and Development Association is indeed a national force formed in line with its oaths to discharge national duties and to be loyal to the State and the people. The USDA is training and nurturing the youths to have national outlook and to be fully equipped with patriotism and Union Spirit in carrying out tasks in the interests of the nation. Training courses are being conducted to enable executives and members of USDAs at all levels to skilfully manage matters, and to be able to catch up with Myanmar and international affairs and national development. Through a wide variety of training courses, so far, the USDA has produced more than one million qualified trainees capable of carrying out community welfare services. At the training courses, member trainees have to learn lectures on promotion of national prestige and integrity, preservation of national culture, traditions, customs and family ethics, and uplift of morale and morality.

In a word, the USDA is training and nurturing new generation youths for their all-round progress, while the State is organizing the citizens to become morally strong and skilled national forces capable of constantly serving the interests of the nation and the people.

(Translation: MS)

## Korean dance troupe entertains audience



Minister U Nyan Win and wife enjoy performances of Korean dancers. — MNA

YANGON, 15 Nov — Under the cultural promotion programme between Myanmar and the Republic of Korea, the visiting dance troupe from Incheon Metropolitan City Dance Theatre of the ROK gave their traditional performance at the National Theatre on Myoma Kyaung Street here this evening.

Among the audience were Minister for Foreign

Affairs U Nyan Win and wife Daw Myint Myint Soe, Deputy Minister for Culture Brig-Gen Soe Win Maung, departmental heads and officials, Korean Ambassador Mr Lee Kyung-Woo and officials of the UN agencies. After the performance, the minister presented a bouquet to the dance troupe. The performance will continue tomorrow.—MNA

## Outstanding youths tour Yangon

YANGON, 15 Nov — An excursion team comprising outstanding youths from different fields of education and social organizations toured Yangon this morning. The youth excursion team under the supervision of officials arrived at the Shwedagon Pagoda at 8 am, where they paid obeisance to the pagoda from the site of victory.

Next, they went to Kandawgyi Natural Park, where they were conducted around the park by officials concerned. They enjoyed their lunch at Royal Garden Restaurant there. In the afternoon, they proceeded to the Drug Elimination Museum at the corner of Hanthawady Road and Kyundaw Street in Kamayut Township. They also visited the Union National Races Village, where Deputy Director-General of the Department for Border Areas and National Races Development U Win Aung and departmental officials welcomed the youth excursion team.

U Win Aung gave a brief account of the purpose of establishing the village. He also explained the designs and symbols of national race houses and monumental edifices. Afterwards, the outstanding youths made an observation tour of the village.

The youths were students ranking from first grade to tenth grade in the matriculation examination of 2004 academic year, students who stood first in their respective states and divisions, athletes who won gold medals in Asian sports competitions, outstanding members of red cross and fire brigade, outstanding aviation and navigation youths, the youth who stood first in the extempore talks organized by the Union Solidarity and Development Association to commemorate the 59th Anniversary Armed Forces Day, and the youths who won five gold and above in the Myanma Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions.—MNA

## Kanbawza Open Golf C'ship continues



YANGON, 15 Nov — Kanbawza Open Golf Championship, organized by Myanmar Professional Golfers Association and Myanmar

Golf Federation, continued at Ayethaya Golf Course in Taunggyi Township, Shan State (South) this morning.

In the professional golfers event, Aung Win

(YCDC) maintained his lead with 145 strokes. His runner-up was Myint Thaung (KM Golf Centre) with 148, Min Naing (Srixon) and Aye Lwin (Wilson) with 150 each.

In amateur event, Yin

Aung Lat was leading with 145 strokes, followed by Thein Zaw Myint with 150, and Htay Aung Htay, with 151.

The championship continues tomorrow.

MNA

## Senior General Than Shwe presents provisions and offertories to Sayadaws in Pathein

YANGON, 15 Nov.—A ceremony to offer provisions to Sayadaws and members of the Sangha in Pathien, Ayeyawady Division, was held at Sasana Beikmandaw in Pathein, this morning, attended by Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe.

Also present on the occasion were members of the Sangha led by Sayadaws in Pathein, Chairman and Secretary Sayadaws of the Division/Township Sangha Nayaka Committee, members of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and Lt-Gen Tin Aye,

Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Soe Naing, ministers, senior military officers, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, heads of department, members of the Union Solidarity and Development Association and religious associations and guests.

The ceremony was opened with the recitation of Namo Tassa three times.

The congregation led by Senior General Than Shwe received the Five Precepts from Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Sangha Nayaka Committee Kontha Kyaung Sayadaw Agga

Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Vilasa.

Next, Senior General Than Shwe presented provisions and offertories to Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Sangha Nayaka Committee Wayluwun Kyaung Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Nagavamsa.

After that, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than, Lt-Gen Tin Aye, the commander, ministers and officials presented offertories to members of the Sangha.

Afterwards, Kontha Kyaung Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Vilasa delivered a sermon and the congregation shared merits gained.

The ceremony ended with the recitation of Buddha Sasanam Ciram



Senior General Than Shwe offers provisions to Wayluwun Monastery Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Nagavamsa. — MNA

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mony, Senior General Than Shwe and party

inspected development of Pathein.—MNA



Senior General Than Shwe and party receives the Five Precepts from Kontha Monastery Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Vilasa. — MNA

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Township level officials play a pivotal role in regional economic development. Thus, they should make efforts to find new virgin and vacant lands, which of the farming enterprises will suit best to the region and which of the enterprises should be extended. The region will develop actually if the township

level officials make efforts with keen interest. Continuous thinking and efforts are needed to develop the ever changing and advancing human community. The growing population of the nation will reach 100 million in the next 30 years. In this regard, from now on, all will have to make necessary preparations including extension of sown acreage and raising of per acre yield ensure food security for the growing population in the future.

We will never let our posterity become a race facing food inadequacy and insecurity when we are no more. We have the duty to do what is necessary for our future generation.

Endeavours should be made to develop the industries, which have high prospects, in the division in addition to agricultural and fish and

meat sectors. Industries based on agricultural, forest and fish and prawn products have bright prospects to develop in the division.

The State has used a large amount of money to build necessary roads and bridges in the division, and the facilities have helped speed up and

resources to the most effective degree. As the division has an adequate strength of human resources, the only need for greater development is innovation.

Before the address, Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-

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smoothen cargo transport in the division and develop it. As the State has already been dutiful on its part, all the people of the division will have to strive to further develop their region utilizing the rich land, water and forest

West Command Maj-Gen Soe Naing reported to him on area, population, rain fall and land use in the division, endeavours to ensure the rule of law and community peace.

The commander said that up to 31 October

2004 the division had put 3.5 million acres of land under monsoon paddy, and work is under pay to meet the monsoon paddy target of 3.6 million acres and summer paddy cultivation target of over 1.7 million acres. In addition to the ten main crops, the division will also cultivate coffee, pepper, onion, ginger, water convolvulus, cashew, thitsein, and rubber.

Targets have been set to produce over 250 million baskets of surplus rice this year and to run 100,000 acres of fish farms.

The division is raising over 40,000 acres of fresh water and sea prawns, over 9.7 million chicken of local strains, over 2.4 million ducks, running irrigation works, introducing mechanized farming, he said, explaining the industrial, health, education and rural development sectors.



Commander Maj-Gen Soe Naing. — MNA

In his turn, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha explained the implementation of short-term plans for economic development, increase in per capita income, region-wise and Ayeyawady Division's contribution to the State economy, regional economic development and future work programmes.

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Minister U Soe Tha. — MNA



## Efforts are needed to...

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Also present at the meeting were members of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and Lt-Gen Tin Aye, ministers, senior military officers, local authorities and officials. After the ceremony, Senior General Than Shwe and party inspected foodstuff produced by Shwemyinbyan Pathein Halawa Industry, various kinds of Thinbyu mats, Pathien traditional umbrellas, rattan and bamboo wares.

In the afternoon, Senior General Than Shwe and party inspected upgrading of Pathein Airport runway and were conducted around by Lt-

Gen Tin Aye.

On arrival at Pathein Government Technological College, Senior General Than Shwe and party were welcomed by Principal U Htay Aung and faculty members.

At the hall of the college, Principal U Htay Aung reported on the salient points of the collage to Senior General Than Shwe and party.

In response to the report, Senior General Than Shwe gave guidance, saying that the government has been taking systematic steps for bringing about equitable and harmonious development the length and breadth of the nation;

that strenuous efforts are being exerted for all-round development in education, health and economic sectors after designating the 24 development zones; that the teachers themselves are, therefore, to make constant learning to be more qualified in the respective subjects. At the same time, they are to teach their students to become outstanding and highly-qualified ones, he added. Only when human resources are of high standard will the nation be on top position, and the emergence of highly-qualified human resources is of utmost importance for the nation, he stressed.

Next, Senior General Than Shwe cordially greeted the faculty members.

Later, Senior General Than Shwe and party left Pathein Government Technological College by car and arrived back here in the evening.—MNA

## Government to march towards...

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In other words, he said, the government is implementing national education promotion programmes and making efforts to enable the motherland to stand tall amidst the nations of the world in accord with national objectives.

At a time of domination of science and technology, only citizens with high efficiency in education can safeguard and promote the national interest and the power of intellectuals and intelligentsia can make progress of the nation as well, he said.

He said now the government has laid down the seven-point future political programme and is implementing it for a peaceful, modern developed and discipline-flourishing democracy nation.

Only when the citizens are armed with high

standard of education and international knowledge can avoid instigations from home and abroad and build the future of the nation and its people with dignity.

He said explicitly the State Peace and Development Council would march towards the national goal step by step

In fact, he said, the seven-point Road Map opened opportunities for those who want progress to participate in the tasks to march towards the right, genuine national path.

He urged all the faculty members to take part in the national tasks for realization of the seven-point Road Map step by

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

YANGON, 15 Nov—Shan State (North) Union Solidarity and Development Association held its annual general meeting (2004) at the City Hall in Lashio on 31 October.

It was attended by Chairman of Shan State (North) Peace and Development Council Commander of North-East Command Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing, USDA CEC Member Minister at the Prime Minister's Office Brig-Gen Pyi Sone, senior military officers, officials, USDA members and others.

Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing delivered a speech on the occasion. The CEC Member stressed the importance of efforts for national development and successful implementation of the association's future tasks.

Secretary of Shan State (North) USDA U Saing Naw Kham Oo presented the annual report (brief).

The Commander presented gifts to outstanding students who got through 2004 matriculation examination and outstanding Red Cross members who are also USDA members. He also presented K 500,000 donated by Shan State (North) PDC to Shan State (North) USDA.

Local national race leaders presented cash donations to the USDA honouring its participation in rural development tasks to the Commander and the Minister.

Secretary U Saing Naw Kham Oo accepted 17,447 USDA membership applications. — MNA



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein cordially converses with trainees after the opening of Special Refresher Course No 6 for Faculty Members. — MNA



Pathein Technological College. (News on page 1) — MNA

## Efficient use of electricity

- \* Use daylight as the main source of light
- \* Use the least possible amount of electricity only if there is not enough natural light
- \* Use the least possible amount of electricity required in production and service enterprises
- \* Preventing waste of electricity benefits the user and others

There are about 500,000 households using electricity in Yangon. Thus, saving a four-foot fluorescent lamp everyday by each household amounts to saving power that is equal to the capacity a 20-mega-watt power station can supply.



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein addresses prize presentation to outstanding students in matriculation exam (2003-2004) and Maths Olympic Contest. — MNA

## A glance at international affairs will reveal that global nations are vying with each other for advancement in science and technology

### MEC Chairman Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein addresses ceremony to present prizes to outstanding students

YANGON, 15 Nov—Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein attended a ceremony to present prizes to students who are outstanding in the Maths Olympic Contest and in the 2003-2004 Matriculation Examination held at the Yankin Education College and delivered an address.

Also present on the occasion were Chairman of

Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Minister for Education U Than Aung and MEC members, the deputy ministers, directors-general, rectors and officials, township education officers, school heads and prize-winning students.

In his address, MEC Chairman Secretary-1 Lt-



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presents third prize (arts combination) to Maung Kyi Zaw Lat of Bogale, Ayeyawady Division. — MNA



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presents second prize (science combination) to Maung Ye Oo of No 3 BEHS in PyinOoLwin. — MNA

Gen Thein Sein said that the State Peace and Development Council has laid down the national education promotion programmes and is implementing them for the emergence of highly-qualified human resources capable of safeguarding and



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presents first prize (science combination) to Maung Zin Lin of No 14 BEHS in Mandalay. — MNA

developing the nation while making all-out efforts for enabling the Union to keep abreast of the world community.

At such a time, the emergence of such outstanding new generation youths amounts to the constant emergence of the national forces on whom the State can rely in future.

A glance at the international affairs will reveal that the global nations are vying with each other for advancement in science and technology which is keeping pace with changes and developments.

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Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and party pose for a documentary photo together with outstanding students in Maths Olympic Contest. — MNA



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and party pose for a documentary photo together with outstanding students in matriculation examination (2003-2004). — MNA



## Indian Air Chief and wife arrive on goodwill visit

YANGON, 15 Nov — A delegation of the Republic of India led by Air Chief Marshal S Krishnaswamy, COSC, PVSM, AVSM, VM & Bar, ADC Chief of the Air Staff and wife Mrs Harveen Krishnaswamy arrived here by air on a goodwill visit at 12.30 pm today.

The Indian delegation was accorded a warm welcome at the Yangon International Airport by Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein and wife Daw Htwe Htwe Nyunt, Mingaladon Air Base Commander Brig-Gen Thein Myint and wife, Brig-Gen Ye Chit Pe of Mingaladon Station, senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, Military Attaché of Indian Embassy Col JS Chopra

together with Lt-Gen Myat Rajiv Kumar Bhatia and Yangon Division Peace Hein and wife, proceeded Military Attaché Col JS and Development Coun-



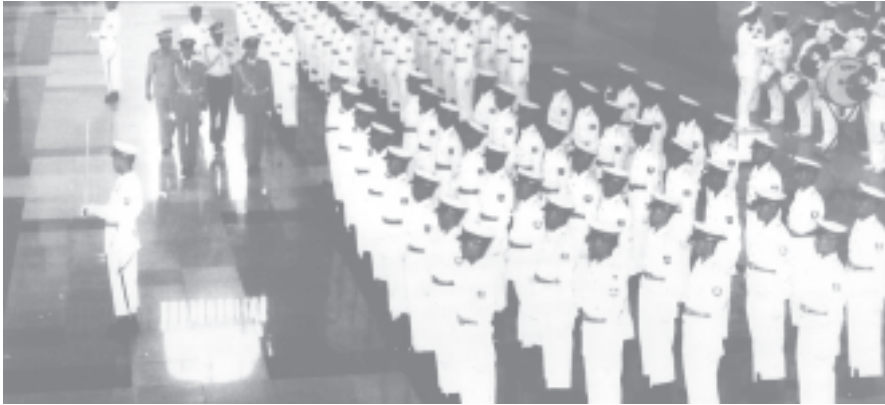
Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein and wife welcome Air Chief Marshal S Krishnaswamy, COSC, PVSM, AVSM, VM & Bar, ADC Chief of the Air Staff and wife at the airport. — MNA

to the Tatmadaw Guesthouse. At 3 pm, the Commander-in-Chief (Air) received the Indian goodwill delegation at Zeyathiri Beikman on

Chopra and officials of the Indian Embassy.

In the evening Lt-Gen Myat Hein hosted a dinner in honour of the goodwill delegation at the

cil Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe and wife Daw Khin Thet Htay, Brig-Gen Thein Myint, Brig-Gen Ye Chit Pe and their wives,



Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein and the Indian Chief of Air Staff inspect Guard of Honour. — MNA

and officials.

Lt-Gen Myat Hein and the Indian Air Chief Marshal took the salute of the Guard of Honour from the dais at the airport. They next inspected the Guard of Honour.

The delegation, to-

Konmyinthta. Also present during the call were Mingaladon Air Base Commander Brig-Gen Thein Myint, Brig-Gen Ye Chit Pe of Mingaladon Station, senior military officers, Indian Ambassador Mr

Karawaik Palace. Also present at the dinner were Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Rear Admiral Soe Thein and wife Daw Khin Aye Kyin, Daw Htwe Htwe Nyunt, wife of the Commander-in-Chief (Air), Chairman of

the Indian Ambassador and the Indian Military Attaché.

Before and during dinner, artistes of the Fine Arts Department entertained the guests with traditional dances and songs. — MNA

## Indian Mily delegation lays a wreath at Memorial to Fallen Heroes

YANGON, 15 Nov — Visiting Indian Air Chief Marshal S Krishnaswamy, COSC, PVSM, AVSM, VM & Bar, ADC, Chief of the Air Staff, and party today laid a wreath and saluted the Memorial

to Fallen Heroes on Arzarni Road in Bahan Township.

Afterwards, they viewed around the Memorial to Fallen Heroes before leaving.

The delegation, ac-

companied by Indian Military Attache to Myanmar Col J S Chopra and officials, arrived there in the afternoon and they were welcomed there by Chairman of Maintenance Committee for Memorial to

Fallen Heroes Yangon Military Region Commander Defence Services Record Office Commander Brig-Gen Myo Myint and senior military officers.

— MNA



Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein and Air Chief Marshal S Krishnaswamy, COSC, PVSM, AVSM, VM & Bar, ADC Chief of the Air Staff pay tribute to fallen heroes. — MNA

## News from the districts

### Citizenship Scrutiny cards issued in Toungoo Township

TOUNGGOO, 25 Oct — Toungoo Township Immigration and Population Department has been issuing Citizenship Scrutiny Cards to nationalities who reach the age limit to hold the cards.

On 24 October, officials of Toungoo Township IPD led by Head of Township IPD Staff Officer U Tin Win made a field trip to Lebu Village-tract in Toungoo and issued the NRC cards.

At Lebu Village-tract Peace and Development Council office, U Tin Win handed over Citizenship Scrutiny cards to the local people. — H



Head of Toungoo Township IPD U Tin Win presents a Citizenship Scrutiny card to a local. — H

### Trade fair and market festival to be held in Toungoo, Bago

BAGO, 10 Nov — With the aim of directly distributing the quality goods to the consumers and providing the goods at reasonable prices, trade fair and market festival will be held from 18 to 22 November at Ketumati Hall in Toungoo, Bago Division, and from 25 to 29 November at the Shwemadaw Pagoda ground in Bago.

Local and foreign companies will display and sell household goods and consumer products, food-stuff, kitchen utensils, agricultural equipment, textile and garments. Moreover, the business companies will demonstrate their new products and will stage the fashion shows.

With the assistance of Bago Division Peace and Development Council, Climax Business Group Co Ltd will organize the fairs and festivals.

Those companies who will participate in the fairs and festivals will have the opportunity to directly distribute goods to the consumers.

Those wishing to display and sell the goods in the fairs and festivals may contact Climax Business Group Co Ltd, Room 28, Building No 6, Pyiyeikmon Housing Project in Kamayut Township, Yangon, Ph 524790. — KYEMON

### Multi-purpose natural fertilizer demonstrated

MAWLAIK, 25 Oct — Multi-purpose natural fertilizer produced by the Myanma Agricultural Service (Mawlaik) was demonstrated on 15 October in Mawlaik.

According to the demonstration, it is learnt that the new fertilizer not only increases the crop yield but also conserves the fertility of soil. Besides, it reduces the level of air, water and soil pollution and supports the environmental conservation. A bag contains 25 kg of fertilizer. One acre of paddy field needs four bags of fertilizer.

— KYEMON

## CLAIMS DAY NOTICE MV YANGON STAR VOY: NO (365)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV YANGON STAR Voy No (365) are hereby notified that the vessel arrives on 16.11.2004 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11.20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm upto Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the vessel.

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

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## Central American, Mexican leaders discuss regional integration

MEXICO CITY, 14 Nov — Mexico and five Central American countries on Friday pledged to join efforts to press ahead with the regional integration and promote common prosperity.

During a one-day summit in the southern Mexican city of Tuxtla Gutierrez, the leaders from Mexico, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Panama evaluated the implementation of the Plan Puebla-Panama

project proposed by Mexican President Vicente Fox shortly after he took office in 2000.

The leaders discussed the comprehensive strategy on cracking down on a growing underworld gang in the Central America and agreed to take co-ordinated actions to combat the gang which has posed as a threat to the security of the region.

MNA/Xinhua

## Rumsfeld meets Panamanian President

PANAMA CITY (Panama), 14 Nov — Panama's security chief told US Defence Secretary Donald Rumsfeld on Saturday the Central American nation was working to prevent any terror attack that might close the Panama Canal.

Rumsfeld met Panamanian President Martin Torrijos and Minister of Government and Justice Hector

Aleman on the third leg of a Latin American trip to highlight security in the Americas and was assured by Aleman that money and global cooperation were being poured into safety measures.

Under the Panama Canal Treaties signed three decades ago, the United States in 1999 turned over to Panama jurisdiction and operation of the key waterway, through which

millions of tons of goods transit daily between the Atlantic and Pacific.

"Be assured that the appropriate investments have been made," Aleman told a joint news conference with the secretary following the talks. Those steps, he said, include radars, well-guarded industrial security measures and general police protection.

MNA/Reuters

## Israel urged to pull back troops from Palestinian cities

RAMALLAH, 14 Nov — A Palestinian Cabinet minister told Israel on Friday "we want peace" and urged the Jewish state to pull back troops from Palestinian cities to assist elections after Yasser Arafat's death.

"If you are ready for peace we can do it, we can make it," Saeb Erekat told Israeli Channel Two television. "We want

peace and we are committed to peace."

He was speaking from the West Bank city of Ramallah, where Arafat was buried amid chaos earlier on Friday.

Erekat urged Israel to withdraw troops from Palestinian areas they returned to after the outbreak of an uprising four years ago. He said their continued presence

would hamper presidential elections due within 60 days.

"If we can do these elections, if we can legitimize the new leaders of the Palestinian people through elections, I believe this will be the turning point towards democracy, accountability, peace and transparency," he said.

MNA/Reuters

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### UNION OF MYANMAR MINISTRY OF RAIL TRANSPORTATION MYANMA RAILWAYS INVITATION TO SEALED TENDER

1. Sealed Tenders are invited by Myanma Railways, for supply of the following Stores which will be purchased in US Dollars and Myanmar Kyats:-

Sr. No.	Tender No.	Description	Quantity
1.	14(T)9/MR(S&T) 2004-2005	- Hand Generator - Signal Motor	15- Nos 15- Nos
2.	12(T)27/MR(ML) 2004-2005	- PGEV Woodward Governor (8572-687) - PGEV Woodward Governor (8572-849)	1- No 1- No

Closing Date.- 13.12.2004 (Monday) (12:00) Hours.

2. Tender documents are available at the office of the Deputy General Manager (Supply), Myanma Railways, Corner of 51<sup>st</sup> Street and Merchant Street, Botataung, Yangon starting from 12.11.2004 during the office hours.

3. For further details please call: 291982, 201555 Ext-602,605,612

**Deputy General Manager**  
Supply Department, Myanma Railways, Botataung, Yangon

## Powell says US relations with China best in 30 years

WASHINGTON, 14 Nov — US Secretary of State Colin Powell said on Saturday that the United States has had a "best" relationship with China in over 30 years, in an interview to be broadcast on Sunday.

"But we have a good relationship with China. I would submit it's the best relationship that the United States has had with China in over 30 years," Powell said in an interview with CNBC's weekly programme The Wall Street Journal Report, which is also aired on some 200 broadcast stations across the country.

Transcripts of the interview were released by the State Department on its web site on Saturday.

Powell lauded China's role in regional affairs, particularly in South Asia and on the nuclear issue on the Korean Peninsula.

"I have found the Chinese leadership over the last three or four years...to be very helpful as we worked our way through problems on the (South Asian) subcontinent, the challenge that we faced two years ago between India and Pakistan," he said.

On the nuclear issue of North Korea, he said "China is playing a very helpful role in the resolution of the problem with" North Korea, and that "it's China that's been hosting these six-party talks and playing a leadership as well as a hosting role."

The United States is pleased to have a strong economic relationship with China, and would rather "be competing with China in the world of economics than in other kinds of worlds," Powell said.

The Chinese are sensitive to the trade imbalance between the two countries, and that the Chinese side is doing more to buy more from the United States, he said.

"So what we want to do is engage China, watch how they develop in the future, watch it with caution, but not with fear; watch it for the purpose of moving along with China and not trying to contain China," he said.

MNA/Xinhua

## Powell hopes to meet Palestinian leaders

WASHINGTON, 14 Nov — Secretary of State Colin Powell said on Saturday he hoped to meet Palestinian leaders soon as part of a harder US push for peace in the region following the death of Yasser Arafat.

Powell will travel to Egypt for a November 22-23 conference and could meet there with the current and former Palestinian prime ministers, Ahmed Qurei and Mahmoud Abbas, respectively, or visit them in the Palestinian territories, a State Department official said.—MNA/Reuters

## Cheney treated in hospital for experiencing shortness of breath

WASHINGTON, 14 Nov — US Vice-President Dick Cheney, who has a history of heart attacks, went to a Washington hospital on Saturday after experiencing shortness of breath but later left for home and said he was fine.

Cheney, 63, has had a cold and aides said his cardiologist, Dr Jonathan Reiner, advised him to visit George Washington University Hospital out of an abundance of caution.

Reiner later issued a statement ruling out "any cardiac cause" of Cheney's symptoms and also ruled out pneumonia and lung problems.

"The Vice-President likely has a viral, upper respiratory infection," Reiner said in a statement. Walking toward his motorcade as he departed the hospital, Cheney told reporters, "I feel fine."

With Cheney was his wife, Lynne, who said, "Sorry we ruined your Saturday. We're great. Thank you." Cheney has had four heart attacks, the first in 1978 when he was 37 but none while he has been vice-president. The most recent was a mild one shortly after the contested presidential race in November 2000.

MNA/Reuters



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## GE to expand business in China's infrastructure construction

SHANGHAI, 15 Nov — US manufacturing and energy giant General Electric Co. (GE) has announced that it will expand its business in China's infrastructure construction to further explore the potential of the huge market in the country.

GE sees vast room to expand its business in China, one of its biggest overseas markets, where a booming economy, Olympics 2008 and World Expo 2010 are sure to yield many business opportunities, according to GE sources in Beijing. — MNA/Xinhua

## New, high tech industry booms in E China province

BEIJING, 15 Nov — East China's Shandong Province is seeing a booming new and high tech industry thanks to government support and the well-run technological innovation system of local enterprises, said a provincial government official at a new and high tech project negotiation conference.

Statistics show that Shandong has 15 new and high tech industrial development zones with more than 2,500 enterprises.

The gross output value of Shandong's new and high tech industry exceeded 300 billion yuan (about 36 billion US dollars) in 2003. The enterprises have achieved a year-on-year growth of 35.7 per cent in the output value during the first nine months of this year, while contributing 4.1 billion US dollars' worth of export turnover to the province.

The official said

Shandong has a relatively complete scientific research system. It includes 85 universities and colleges, 101 provincial scientific research institutions, and 41 key laboratories of state or province level, employing a total of more than 2.7 million research staff. This has dramatically helped the development of local enterprises, the official noted. So far 43 per cent of large- and medium-sized enterprises in Shandong have established their own research institutions.

The provincial gov-

ernment has supported the development of the new and high tech industry through favourable policies. The government has created conditions to boost software development, serving the upgrade of light industry, textile, chemical industry, machine building, building materials industry and metallurgy, the official said. He added that Shandong plans to expand its cooperation with advanced countries and regions to guarantee a steadily stable trend of the new and high tech industries.

MNA/Xinhua



Volunteers clean the Figueras oiled beach in Galicia, recently devastated by the sinking of the Prestige oil tanker. The cost of pumping heavy oil out of the wreck of the Prestige oil tanker cost 130 million US dollars.—INTERNET

## HK to set new system for expedite customs enforcement

HONG KONG, 14 Nov — Hong Kong will establish an immediate notification system with Australian and New Zealand Customs administrations to expedite enforcement, according to a government Press release on Saturday.

Commissioner of Customs Timothy Tong led a five-member delegation to Sydney and Auckland to attend bilateral conferences with the Australian Customs Service and the New Zealand Customs Service from 8 to 12

November.

An agreement was reached between Hong Kong Customs and the two Customs administrations to set up an immediate notification system, which will enable enforcement officers to track down

criminals and suspects at airports and beyond.

"It is extremely important especially in dangerous drugs and money laundering cases that require prompt Customs intervention," Tong said.

MNA/Xinhua

## Expert says auto financing has good prospect in China

BEIJING, 15 Nov — Auto financing has great room for development in China since loans granted for car purchases account for less than 1 per cent of loans extended by Chinese banks, an economic expert has said.

Xu Hongyuan, vice-director of the Development and Research Department under the official State Information Centre, made the remarks at the 2nd International Finance Forum Annual

Conference, which finished here Saturday.

He said in mature markets such as the United States, Europe, Japan and Hong Kong auto loans usually account for cover 60 to 70

per cent car sales. While the proportion hit a record of just 30 per cent in developed Chinese cities in 2001 and the first half of 2002, and then saw a drop again.

MNA/Xinhua

## Nigeria gives priority to combating HIV/AIDS among youths

LAGOS, 15 Nov — The Nigerian Government has paid priority attention to combating the spread of HIV/AIDS among the youths in the country, an official said here Saturday.

Abraham Abebe, director of public health division of the Ministry of Health, told reporters that "a National Youth Agenda (NYA) derived from the National Youth Policy (NYP) has been worked out to implement step by step strategies aimed at

reducing the HIV/AIDS prevalence rate among the young people".

The NYP through the NYA is pursuing a mission to expand strength and coordinate integrated multi-sector responses for youth empowerment that would reduce poverty and

the influence it has on youths to illicit sex, she said. She said the government was considering the establishment of a youth fund that would have allocations from the yearly budget to execute programmes of the NYA.

MNA/Xinhua

## China exports four million home brand mobile phones in first nine months

BEIJING, 14 Nov — Latest statistics from the Ministry of Information Industry show that China exported more than four million Chinese-brand mobile phones from January to September, far exceeding last year's total of 2.06 million.

The annual export of Chinese manufactured mobile phones in 2004 is estimated to exceed six million.

"The rocketing growth

of mobile phone export indicates that China's national brands are increasingly expanding their influence in international markets," said the minis-

try. China's top selling brand, the Bird, is expected to hit a record export of three million in 2004, far ahead of other Chinese brands.—MNA/Xinhua

## Japanese Princess Sayako to marry next spring

TOKYO, 15 Nov — Japanese Princess Sayako would be married next spring with a Tokyo metropolitan government employee, Japanese media reported Sunday.

The official announcement will come out in late December in line with the wishes of the Princess. *Kyodo News* quoted a senior official of the Imperial Household Agency as saying.

Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko had approved the marriage with 39-year-old Yoshiaki Kuroda, the official said.

The 35-year-old Princess will lose her royal status thereupon under impe-

rial rules.

The engagement should have been announced earlier this month, but was delayed in consideration that the timing was not proper because of a series of disasters like typhoons and earthquakes, the reports said.

Princess Sayako and Kuroda both graduated from the Gakushuin University in Tokyo. As a classmate and close friend of her

brother Prince Akishino, Kuroda knew the Princess from childhood, the *Asahi Shimbun* said.

Since graduating from the Japanese Language and Literature Department of the university in 1992, Princess Sayako has been working as a research assistant at the Yamashina Institute for Ornithology, and later became a researcher of the institute, according to the agency.—MNA/Xinhua

## Crude oil imports via Tianjin Port rise by 10%

TIANJIN, 15 Nov — Crude oil imported via Tianjin Port in north China rose by 10 per cent year on year to hit 1.7 million tons in the first ten months this year, according to statistics released by Tianjin Customs.

The value of the imported crude oil totalled 480 million US dollars, a year on year rise of 41 per cent. The price per ton of import crude stood at 284.7 US dollars, an increase of 28 per cent over the 2003 corresponding period.

Vietnam and Russia were the port's two major suppliers. Imports from Vietnam were 508,000 tons, 30 per cent

of the total, and imports from Russia were 320,000 tons, 19 per cent of the total. Imports from both Vietnam and Russia increased markedly over last year, Customs statistics show.

Customs officers owed the rise in imported crude volume to China's fast economic growth, especially the great demand for crude oil and related products by the power, industrial production, plastic and chemical, transportation and infrastructure construction industries, the closure of several small domestic oil refineries and continued demand for quality crude oil.

MNA/Xinhua

## SPORTS

## Romania abandons plans for 2012 Euro C'ships bid

BUCHAREST, 15 Nov—Romania has abandoned plans for a joint bid with Hungary for the 2012 European Championship finals because of infrastructure problems, a Romanian Soccer Federation (FRF) official said on Saturday.

Last January, Ferenc Gyurcsany, at the time Hungary's Sports Minister, came to Bucharest to discuss a common candidature with his Romanian counterpart.

The two countries agreed to postpone a final decision for a year while they looked into the bid.

"Romania is not able to host such an important event," FRF president Mircea Sandu told reporters on Saturday. "Our country does not have the necessary infrastructure, which maybe available in 2016 or in 2020."

He said the country did not have suitable stadiums and that roads, hotels and airports in cities where matches would be played were not fit for such a big event.—MNA/Reuters

## Tottenham chairman attacks Jacques Santini

LONDON, 15 Nov—Tottenham chairman Daniel Levy attacked Jacques Santini on Saturday after the Frenchman said he had quit as manager because of his lack of control over first-team affairs rather than because of personal reasons.

Santini, who was working for French television at White Hart Lane on Saturday where Tottenham lost 5-4 to Arsenal, said he was unhappy with his role in the Premier League club's European-style management set-up.

Levy recruited Dane Frank Arnesen as the club's sporting director before bringing in Santini as first-team coach, backed up by assistant Martin Jol.

"Firstly I find it absolutely incomprehensible that Jacques claims not to have understood the role he took at this club, or indeed his contract. He himself was both coach and technical director at Lyon," Levy said in a statement read out to journalists.

"Secondly, at no times during our discussions did he say or suggest that he had any problems working with Frank Arnesen. Jacques asked to leave for personal reasons, he resigned on this basis and that's what he told the players when he left.

"I'm flabbergasted that Jacques should say that he had no massive family problems, if this is the case he clearly has been less than honest with us."

Santini, who resigned last week after 13 games in charge amid speculation that his family had failed to settle in London, earlier criticized the club's transfer policy and said he already knew last month that he had no future there.

MNA/Reuters

## Man Utd to record first win in three Premier League matches

LONDON, 15 Nov—Wayne Rooney scored twice and Ruud van Nistelrooy converted a penalty as Manchester United beat Newcastle United 3-1 away on Sunday to record their first win in three Premier League matches.

United remain 11 points behind leaders Chelsea, who won 4-1 at Fulham on Saturday when champions Arsenal beat Tottenham Hotspur 5-4 at White Hart Lane in a remarkable north London derby to stay two points behind in second place.

United believe they can still fight for the title with Rooney telling Sky Sports: "I think we're a good enough team to win the championship, specially after this win. It's always difficult at Newcastle."

Rooney put United ahead after only seven minutes with his second goal in six league matches and fifth altogether since manager Alex Ferguson won the race against Newcastle for the England striker's transfer from Everton in August.

Midfielder Darren Fletcher crossed from the right into the box and Rooney, lurking outside the near post with his

back to goal, turned to strike the ball first time past goalkeeper Shay Given.

Alan Shearer equalized in the 71st minute after robbing substitute defender Wes Brown of the ball but that did not prevent Newcastle from going down to their third successive home defeat in domestic competition.

Newcastle barely had time to savour the goal before Rooney split the defence with a run into the box on the left before chipping a curling shot aimed at the far top corner.

Given palmed the ball down but then was ruled to have fouled Paul Scholes as they went for the loose ball and van Nistelrooy stuck a fine 74th-minute spot kick into the bottom corner for his third league goal and 12th overall this season.—MNA/Reuters

## English Premier League match reports

LONDON, 15 Nov—Brief reports of English Premier League matches on Saturday:

## Birmingham City 0 Everton 1

Denmark's Thomas Gravesen converted a penalty in the 69th minute as third-placed Everton got back to winning ways after a run of three matches without victory, including an embarrassing defeat by Arsenal's reserves in the League Cup in midweek.

City midfielder Muzzy Izzet gave away the penalty when he tipped Lee Carsley's goal-bound shot over the bar with his hands. The Turkey international was sent off. Former Manchester United striker Dwight Yorke spoilt his chance of equalizing in the dying minutes when he blasted over the bar after finding space on the left.

## Bolton Wanderers 1 Aston Villa 2

German international midfielder Thomas Hitzlsperger struck a superb winner one minute from time as Villa notched up their second league win in a row to climb to fifth, only one point behind Bolton.

The home side went in front when Winger El-Hadji Diouf turned in Kevin Nolan's wayward shot in the 21st minute

to give Bolton the lead but Gavin McCann equalized just before halftime with a header from Lee Hendrie's cross.

## Charlton Athletic 4 Norwich City 0

Finnish international Jonatan Johansson scored twice as Charlton won for the second game in a row and kept Norwich still looking for their first win.

Johansson headed in the first in the 15th minute and tapped in again six minutes later from Danny Murphy's header. Defender Paul Konchesky added Charlton's third 15 minutes from time and striker Jason Euell made it four two minutes from time.

## Manchester City 1 Blackburn Rovers 1

Blackburn's third draw in a row lifted them off the bottom of the standings.

Veteran former City striker Paul Dickov equalized with a 78th-minute penalty after being brought down by full back Danny Mills, who was sent off.

Midfielder Antoine Sibierski had given the home side the lead with a tap-in just before halftime from Shaun Wright-Phillips' pass.—MNA/Reuters



Marat Safin in action at the Tennis Masters Series final earlier this month. Attitude adjustments will be crucial for Safin, Lleyton Hewitt and Andy Roddick in Houston this week at the ATP Masters Cup as they compete to become world number one Roger Federer's top challenger.—INTERNET

## Adriano suspended for 2 Champions League games

NYON (Switzerland), 15 Nov—Inter Milan striker Adriano has been suspended for two Champions League games after his sending-off against Valencia last week.

The Brazilian international was dismissed for violent conduct in the last moments of the Group G match which ended 0-0.

The ban, imposed by UEFA's Control and Disciplinary Body, rules him out of Inter's remaining group matches away to Werder Bremen on November 24 and home to Anderlecht on December 7.—MNA/Reuters

## West Brom go down 2-1 to Middlesbrough

LONDON, 15 Nov—Bryan Robson had an unhappy start as West Bromwich Albion manager on Sunday when the Premier League strugglers went down 2-1 to Middlesbrough on the ground he once graced as a budding England great.

Dutch winger Boudewijn Zenden headed the winner seven minutes into the second half to lift Middlesbrough to fourth on 22 points, above Bolton Wanderers on goal difference and 10 points behind leaders Chelsea.

Chelsea won 4-1 at Fulham on Saturday and champions Arsenal kept on their heels two points back in second place with a 5-4 win over Tottenham Hotspur in a remarkable north London derby.

Robson's side fell behind just past the half hour when defender Darren Purse turned in a low shot from the left by

Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink at the near post which keeper Russell Hoult appeared to have covered.

Wales striker Robbie Earnshaw scored the first West Brom goal of the new era under former Boro manager Robson when he swept in a pull-back from the right by winger Cosmin Contra to equalize five minutes later.

Zenden, advancing into the box down the middle, headed a cross from the left by midfielder Stewart Downing over Hoult and into the top far corner for the 52nd-minute winner.—MNA/Reuters



AC Milan coach Carlo Ancelotti believes there is much more to striker Andriy Shevchenko, pictured (R) fighting for the ball with Simone Bonomi of Siena during their Italian Serie A match, than just finding the net at the Ukrainian scored his 100th Serie A goal in a 2-1 win over Siena.—INTERNET



## A glance at international affairs...

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For a nation like Myanmar which has to rely on own resources for national development efforts are to be made for nurturing the new generations to become intellectuals and intelligentsia of high capability. Only then will the future of the nation be bright.

As advanced techniques and technologies are gradually overwhelming all the sectors of human society systematic measures are to be taken in advance for the emergence of highly-qualified human resources. Only then will the nation be able to face the challenges of Knowledge Age in future.

With the aim of ensuring the emergence of an education system able to create a constant learning society capable of facing the challenges of Knowledge Age, the present era, the Government has laid down the national education promotion plans at different levels and is implementing them for the emergence of highly-qualified human resources.

Nowadays, the higher education sector in cooperation with the basic education sector is striving for development of human resources, effective use of modern communication technology, conducting researches for national interests, emergence of a constant learning society, ensuring an education of international standard and keeping the national norm in keeping with the objectives of the 30-year long-term national education promotion plan.

In the basic education sector, efforts are being made for upgrading of curricula, wider use of IT in multimedia classrooms, fulfilment of publications and lab equipment and emergence of well-facilitated schools.

Not only the government but also well-wishers are providing assistance for wide use of IT in multimedia classrooms.

With the effective use of multimedia and electronic equipment and software equipped in schools, the gap of teaching and learning opportunity between urban and rural schools will narrow, thereby contributing to promoting the education standard across the nation.

As a result, the number of students passing with flying colours in the matriculation examinations are increasing year after year. In the past, outstanding emerged only in urban areas. However, such students are emerging from every nook and cranny of the country.

Nearly 550,000 students sat the matriculation examination held in 2004 academic year. Of them, some 200,000 students passed it. With 313 six-distinction winners and 693 five-distinction winners, the pass rate was 36.02 percent.

Of subject combinations, 30 students turned out to be outstanding ones who ranked from first to tenth grade: 18 in the combined science subject and 12 in the combined arts subject.

The government will present stipends and cash awards to outstanding students of respective states and divisions who stood first in their subject combinations.

Moreover, students securing positions ranging from first to tenth in the Mathematics Olympic Contest at basic education high school level will



Minister U Than Aung presents second prize for Maths Olympic Contest to Ma Le Le Zaw of No 5 BEHS in Mayangon Township, Yangon. — MNA

also be awarded.

To produce high school students good at mathematics and to produce outstanding mathematicians for the country, Mathematics Olympic Contests at different levels are held for high school students.

These measures are taken by the government as an impetus to the successful creation of well-rounded human resources.

The higher education sector has now gained momentum as a result of the national education promotion programmes being implemented by the government. These are good opportunities in which students can better sharpen their ability.

Next, he called for the outstanding students to make constant efforts to establish themselves as highly-qualified intellectuals and technocrats who can serve the interests of the country.

Later, the Secretary-1 presented prizes to outstanding students ranking from first to tenth in the combined science subject of the matriculation examination for 2003-2004 academic year as well as to those in the combined arts subject.

Minister U Than Aung presented awards to students who won first, second, third and consolation prizes in the Mathematics Olympic Contest for 2003-2004 academic year.

After the ceremony, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and party posed for a group photo together with outstanding students.

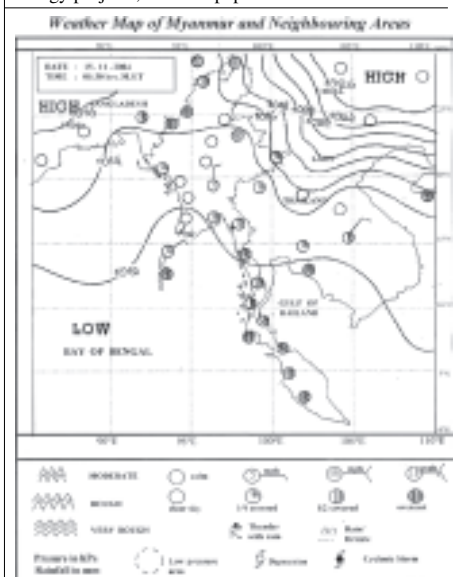
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## India to provide more educational aid to Myanmar

YANGON, 14 Nov —India will provide more educational aid for Myanmar public servants in terms of scholarship to help develop the country's human resources, a local news journal reported Sunday. Under the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) Scheme 140 scholarships would be offered by India to Myanmar during the current fiscal year ending next March, and increase of 40 from two years ago, the Myanmar Times quoted Indian Embassy sources as saying.

The scholarships provide training in agriculture, rural development, finance and diplomacy and foreign policy, they said. Such scholarships have been available to Myanmar public servants since eight years ago.

The scholarships include those provided under Colombo Plan, a regional organization aimed at increasing economic and social cooperation in the Asia-Pacific region according to the sources. In most recent years, economic and technological cooperative ties between the two countries have grown. Recently India extended to Myanmar a line of credit of 7 million US dollars for telecom projects and a grant of 3 million dollars for implementation of information and communication technology projects, the newspaper said. —Xinhua



## WEATHER

Monday, 15 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 above normal in Taninthayi Division, (3°C) to (4°C) below normal in Kachin, Shan, Rakhine, Kayah States and upper Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway and Yangon Divisions, (7°C) below normal in Chin State and about normal in the remaining areas. The significant night temperature was (1°C) in Hakha.

Maximum temperature on 14-11-2004 was 100°F. Minimum temperature on 15-11-2004 was 66°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 15-11-2004 was 70%. Total sunshine hours on 14-11-2004 was (8.3) hours approx. Rainfall on 15-11-2004 was nil at Yangon Airport, Kaba-Aye and central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2004 was (112.24 inches) at Yangon Airport, (106.77 inches) at Kaba-Aye and (109.64 inches) at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 5 mph from Northwest at (14:00) hours MST on 14-11-2004.

**Bay inference:** Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy in South Bay and generally fair elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

**Forecast valid until evening of 16-11-2004:** Except for possibility of isolated light rain in Taninthayi Division, weather will be fair in the whole country. Degree of certainty is (40%). **State of the sea:** Seas will be slight to moderate in Myanmar waters.

**Outlook for subsequent two days:** Likelihood of slight decrease of night temperatures in the Upper Myanmar areas.

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 16-11-2004:** Fair weather.

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 16-11-2004:** Fair weather.

ASLEEP IN JESUS

**Dr Willian Tan (a) U Ba Than**  
**Dental Surgeon**  
**89 Years**

Son of U Ba Sein and Daw Kyin Alam, beloved husband of Daw Hla Sein. He who lived in 75, 54th St, Botataung Yangon was sleep in Jesus on 14th November 2004. The funeral service will held on 16th, Nov, 2004 in Methodist English Church at 10 am. After that he will be buried in Wayway.

**Bereaved family**

ASLEEP IN JESUS

**Rev. Brother Sebastian Gabriel, FSC**  
**Age 85 Years**

Former Provincial of the De La Salle Brothers, Myanmar, and Teacher-St Albert's High School, Pyin-Oo-Lwin, St Anthony's High School, Upper Pansodan Street, Yangon; St Patrick's High School, Mawlamyine and Schools in Malaysia and Singapore.

Rev. Brother Sebastian Gabriel, son of (Saya Gabriel, Catechist and Daw Bibiana Aye Nan Byit), brother of (Saya Didacus Gabriel); Mr Alphonse Gabriel, USA; (Mr Marino); Bro James Gabriel, FSC; Sr Fidelis Gabriel, JJ, Penang, Malaysia; Saya Joseph, Pathein; Mr Louis, Pathein; and (Bishop John Gabriel) Pathein passed away peacefully at 12.45 noon on 15th November 2004 at St Mary's Cathedral Compound, 372 Bo Aung Kyaw Street, Yangon. Requiem Mass will be held at 10.30 am on 17th November, Wednesday, at St Mary's Cathedral and thence to burial place at St Francis Assisi Church, Tamwe for entombment.

**Dela Salle Brothers and the Bereaved Family**

## Efforts are needed to develop ever...

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The Government on its part is laying down and implementing plans for proportionate development of all states and divisions, to improve living standard of the people and to alleviate poverty.

Food, clothing and shelter play a key role in improving the living standard of the people and alleviating poverty. In addition to the paying serious attention to existing or conventional ways of farming, other economic enterprises with high potentials must also be sought to introduce new products.

As the division is rich in land and water resources, prospects are bright for it to extend cultivation of perennial and seasonal crops which grow well in the region. For example, extension of rubber cultivation in hilly western part of the division will not only boost rubber production but also develop the related industries.

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Senior General Than Shwe observes Myanmar traditional handicraft in Yekyi Township. — MNA



Senior General Than Shwe inspects foodstuff produced by ShweMyinByan Pathein Halawa Industry in Pathein. — MNA

### Excerpts from speech of Senior General Than Shwe

- \* The Government on its part is laying down and implementing plans for proportionate development of all states and divisions.
- \* Food, clothing and shelter play a key role in improving the living standard of the people and alleviating poverty.
- \* As Ayeyawady Division is rich in land and water resources, prospects are bright for it to extend cultivation of perennial and seasonal crops which grow well in the region.
- \* Township level officials play pivotal role in regional economic development.
- \* Continuous planning and efforts are needed to develop the ever changing and advancing human society.
- \* All will have to make necessary preparations including extension of sown acreage and raising of per acre yield to ensure food security for the growing population in the future.

## Government to march towards national goal step by step with strong determination in accord with national policy and seven-point Road Map

YANGON, 15 Nov—The Special Refresher Course No 6 for faculty members of universities and colleges was opened at the Nawarat Hall of the Central Institute of Civil Service (Phaunggyi) this morning, with an address by Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein. Present on the occasion were the ministers, the attorney-general, the chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board, and its members the deputy ministers, the deputy auditor-gen-

eral, senior military officers, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, departmental officials, rector of CICS (Phaunggyi), heads of departments, instructors and trainee teachers.

In his address, the Secretary-1 said at a time when development of science and technology dominates education, health, economic, security and defence sectors, developing countries like the Union of Myanmar must build national education of high standard so that the country can avoid the domina-

tion of some big nations with superiority in technological development and it can possess national strength that can safeguard and promote national interest. Therefore, he said, the government is making endeavours for all-round development including uplift of national education, fitness of the entire nation, strong national economy and social affairs as the main national duty of education sector with the aim of turning out the citizens with high efficiency.

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Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein addresses opening of Special Refresher Course No 6 for faculty members. — MNA