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Four political objectives

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

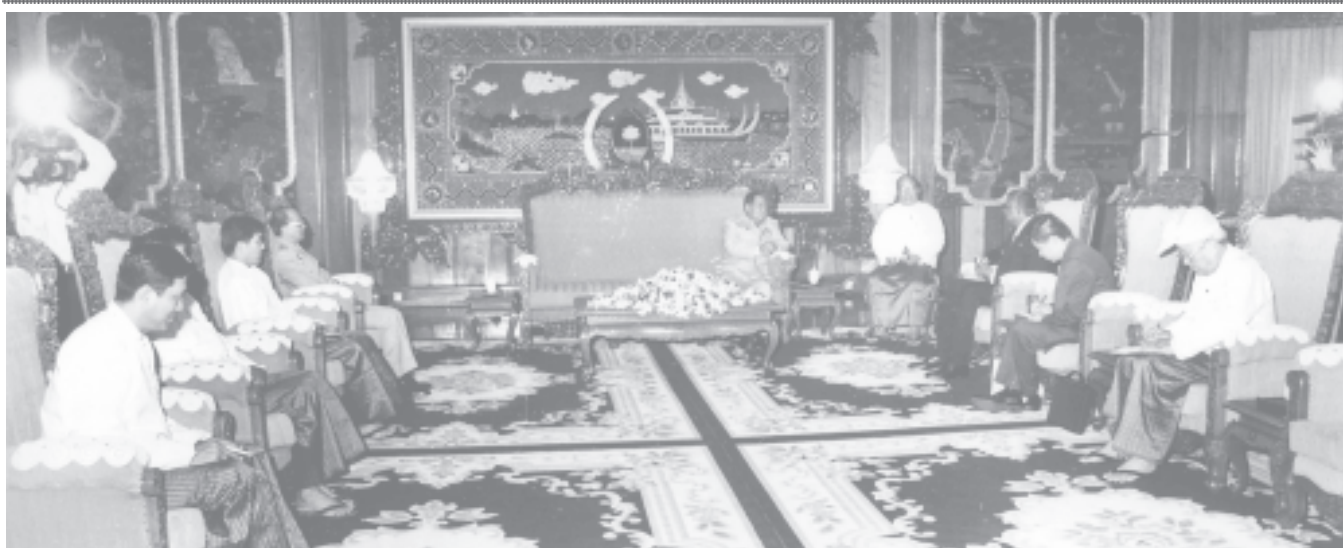
Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

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Senior General Than Shwe receives Singaporean Ambassador Mr T Jasudasen. — MNA

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Also present on the occasion were State Peace and Development Council Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Deputy Ministers U Kyaw Thu and U Maung Myint and Director-General Thura U Aung Htet of the Protocol Department.

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

PERSPECTIVES

Saturday, 20 November, 2004

Serve the interests of the nation and its people

The Union Solidarity and Development Association is formed mainly with those who love and cherish the nation and its people, those who wish to further vitalize national solidarity, those desirous of the rule of law as well as regional peace, and the youths who will discharge national duty. Founded with lofty aims, basic principles, pledges and code of conduct, the association turned 11 on 15 September this year. Under the leadership of the Government, the association is serving the interests of the people and thus the youths as well as the people are cooperating in the tasks of the association with firm belief.

The Preliminary Meeting of the Annual General Meeting (2004) of the Union Solidarity and Development Association was held at the central training school of the association in Hmawby Township Yangon Division on 13 November, with a speech by Member of the Panel of Patrons of USDA Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win.

In his address, the Prime Minister said that at a time when the State is gaining development momentum under the correct leadership of the Government, all members are to grasp unique opportunities to play an active role in implementing the association's objectives in the interests of the nation and the people.

Since its birth, the association has been able to implement the projects with added momentum for strengthening the unity of the USDAs at all levels, while making efforts for restoration of community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order and national progress. The association is training and nurturing its members to become qualified ones imbued with good moral conduct and good leadership so as to produce more and more human resources and to shape brighter future of the nation. Nowadays the Government is implementing border areas and national races development projects, those for development of the 24 special regions and the five rural development tasks for equitable development of all parts of the country.

Under the leadership of the Government and thanks to the adoption of the right policies and with the active participation of national people, progress has been made in political, economic and social sectors and the nation is now on the right track of development. At a time when national unity is consolidated and fruitful results are being achieved in all sectors, we would like to urge all the members of the USDA to actively participate in nation-building tasks for realization of the aims of the association.

Korean Products Show from 25 to 27 November

YANGON, 19 Nov— Under the sponsorship of the Embassy of the Republic of Korea, Myanmar, KOTRA (Korea Trade - Investment Promotion Agency), Yangon, is organizing the KOREAN PRODUCTS SHOW - 2004, the second such exhibition in Yangon, at the Yangon Trade Centre from 25 to 27 November.

Altogether 31 companies representing Korean products—among them are some of the leading Korean brand names—will be participating in the three-day exhibition with 59 booths. One of the highlights will be the opportunity for visitors to try some of the popular Korean foods which will be put on display and sales at the specially arranged Korean food corner. Myanmar business interested in dealing with Korean companies are cordially invited to visit the exhibition, which is opened to all—businessmen, consumers and wellwishers—and is free of charge, daily from 10 am to 4.30 pm.—MNA

People's Desire

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

Ministry of Culture offers Kathina robes

YANGON, 19 Nov— Under the aegis of Culture Minister Maj-Gen Kyi Aung and wife Daw Khin Khin Lay, family members of the ministry held Kathina robe

offering ceremony this morning at the ministry.

The congregation received the Five Precepts from Sayadaw Bhaddanta Konnalajoti.

After reciting

Parita by Sayadaws, the minister and wife, the deputy minister and wife and the directors-general offered robes and provisions to the members of the Sangha.

Next, Sayadaw Bhaddanta Pannabhivamsa delivered a sermon.

The congregation shared the merits gained.

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Kanbawza Open Golf Championship concludes

YANGON, 19 Nov— A prize presentation ceremony of Kanbawza Open Golf Championship organised by Myanmar Professional Golfers Association and Myanmar Golf Federation was held at Ayethaya Golf Course, Taunggyi Township, Shan State (South) yesterday evening.

At the ceremony, Professional Golfer U Aung Hla Han presented special prizes to Aung Win and Min Naing who stood first and second in Professional Golfers event.

Secretary U Yay Htet Doe of MGF awarded prizes to golfers who secured the Daily Best prizes in amateur event, U San Maung of Kanbawza Bank to golfers who won the Daily Best prizes in Professional Golfers event.

Marketing Planning and Development Manager U Kyaw Soe Lwin of Rothmans of Pall Mall Myanmar Pte Ltd presented prizes to golfers who won the first, the second and the third in ama-



Winners of Kanbawza Open Golf Championship. —MGF

teur event and Maung Yin Aung Latt who stood first in that event was awarded special prize from Tiger Beer and round trip air ticket (Yangon-Mandalay-Yangon).

Assistant Judge Advocate-General Lt-Col Wan Maung of Eastern Command gave away prizes to golfers who came by the first, the second and the third in Professional Golfers event and Aung Win (YCDC, Srixon) who secured the first in that event was presented

Yangon-Mandalay-Yangon round trip air ticket. Daw Khin Win Yi of Kanbawza Bank also presented cash award to Aung Win (YCDC).

Executive U Ko Ko Lay of MPGA and MGF gave away a certificate of honour to U San Maung of Kanbawza Bank.

Marketing Support Manager U Aung Win of Rothmans of Pall Mall Myanmar Pte Ltd presented souvenir to a representative of Ayethaya Golf Course.

Tour Sponsor of the championship is Rothmans of Pall Mall Myanmar Pte Ltd, Kanbawza Bank Ltd is Title Sponsor and Co-Sponsors are Air Mandalay, Tiger Beer, Eden Group Co Ltd, Alpine Purified Drinking Water, KM Golf Centre, Grandlam (Musingwear), Accel International Co Ltd (Canon), Sun Far Travels and Tour and Ayethaya Golf Resort. The championship was organised by Han Event Management.—MNA



Mr Abbassi Osman of World Wushu Federation and wife being welcomed at the airport.—NLM

Executive of IWF arrives

YANGON, 19 Nov— Executive Mr Abbassi Osman of Egypt of World Wushu Federation and wife arrived here by air this afternoon to attend the 6th Asian Wushu Championships. Mr Abbassi will also attend the meeting of executives of IWF.

A group from the People's Republic of China which will arrange the Wushu competitions to be held in Myanmar from 20 to 28 November also arrived here on the same flight.—NLM

Untimely Rain Warning

YANGON, 19 Nov— Issued at 15:20 hour MST on 19 November. According to the observation at 12:30 hour MST today, isolated rain are likely in South Rakhine State, Ayeyawady, Bago and Yangon Divisions, during the next 48 hours commencing this evening today.—MNA



CASH DONATED: U Aung Myint, Daw Amar Swe and family donate 630,000 Kyats for offering robes to Patron U Soe Win and Chairman U Bo Kyi of Buddha Pujaniya Hsini 9900 Association in Insein.—H

US death toll reaches 51 in Fallujah offensive

BAGHDAD, 19 Nov—An Islamic militant group in Iraq warned Muslims to skip the country's coming elections, and said anyone who runs for office would be branded an infidel and "punished in the name of God."

Thursday's threat came as the death toll for US troops in Fallujah climbed to 51 since American and Iraqi troops launched an offensive against guerillas there 11 days ago.

Meanwhile, guerillas fired a mortar round Thursday into the office of Nineveh's provincial

governor in Mosul, the US military said.

US and Iraqi security forces have stepped up their fight against the resistance in the northern city, in response to an guerilla offensive apparently timed to divert attention from the Fallujah operation.

The militant group, Ansar al-Sunna, said in a statement published on its Web site called on the Iraqis to avoid showing up at the election posts.

The group warned that voting sites would be targeted.

Internet



British armoured personal carriers from the Black Watch regiment drive through the desert after an operation 25 miles south of Baghdad, Iraq on 17 Nov, 2004.—INTERNET

Int'l security symposium highlights arms control, disarmament

BEIJING, 18 Nov—Experts at an international symposium held here on Wednesday called on the international community to "make concerted efforts" on arms control and disarmament.

Approximately 40 experts from Germany, the United States, Russia and China attended the two-day Chinese-German Symposium on International Security China, which opened on Tuesday with arms control and disarmament at the top of the agenda.

Although the authority of the United Nations (UN) and other international organizations has been challenged by unilateral approaches and interventionism, the UN is still an "indispensable" institution for promoting arms control and disarmament, said Li Genxin, secretary general of China Arms

Control and Disarmament Association.

Acknowledging that little progress has been made in arms control since 2003, Li called for all countries, especially big powers, to "make active endeavours" in the area.

Jurgen Bornemann, a senior military official with the German Federal Ministry of Defence, said Germany and the European Union were convinced that a multilateral approach to security, including arms control, disarmament and non-proliferation, provides the best option to maintain international order and stability.—MNA/Xinhua

China's tallest healthy giant challenges Guinness Record

HONHOT, 18 Nov—Xi Shun, a 2.38-metre-tall farmer from north China's Inner Mongolia, is applying for a new Guinness World Records as the world's tallest healthy adult.

Xi Shun, age 53, is 10 centimetres taller than Mu Tiejun, a former well-known Chinese basketball player, and 12 centimetres taller than NBA star Yao Ming. Xi is not the tallest man worldwide. He is outstripped by 2.45-metre-tall Wang Fengjun, from northeastern Shenyang and a 2.53-metre man in Ukraine.

But these other men reached their extraordinary heights by pathological growth. In other words, Xi Shun is the tallest healthy man in the world.

The conclusion was the based on a medical check-up conducted on October 27. Xi underwent 22 kinds of tests

including mental and physical check-ups. The medical results showed he is normal in everything.

Xi said he was the same as other kids of his age before 16. But he grew fast starting at age 16. By 23, he reached the height of 2.38 metres.

He was recruited as a basketball player by the Beijing Military Area Command in 1973 and but, failing to keep up with the speed of the other players, was let go in 1975. Since then, he has worked as a herdsman in his hometown in Chifeng City, Inner Mongolia.

MNA/Xinhua

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Clinton says Iraq war alienated US from world

LITTLE ROCK, 19 Nov—Former president Bill Clinton slammed the handling of the war in Iraq by his successor George W Bush, saying the conflict alienated the United States from the world.

"I supported giving the president the authority to take action against Saddam Hussein if he did not cooperate with the UN inspectors or if he was found to have had weapons of mass destruction he wouldn't give up," Clinton, at the inauguration of his presidential library here, told ABC television.

"I did believe that the administration made a mistake going to war when they did, and that's what alienated the world. And most Americans still haven't focused on this," Clinton said.

Speaking on the same programme, his wife, Democratic Senator Hillary Clinton of New York, told ABC she planned to run for re-election in 2006.

"I'm going to run for re-election to the Senate, which I am very excited about," she said when asked about a possible White House run of her own in 2008.—Internet

1,216 US troops killed since beginning of Iraq war

WASHINGTON, 18 Nov—As of Thursday, on 18 Nov, 2004, at least 1,216 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 945 died as a result of hostile action, the Defence Department said. The figures include three military civilians.

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

Since 1 May, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat op-

erations in Iraq had ended, 1,078 US military members have died, according to AP's count. That includes at least 836 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's numbers.

The latest deaths reported by the military officials in Fallujah, Iraq:

A Marine was killed Thursday in an attack in Fallujah.—Internet

China to launch new experimental satellite

XICHANG, 18 Nov—China will launch a small scientific experimental satellite sometime between 18 to 20 November from the Xichang Satellite Launch Centre in southwest China's Sichuan Province, a Chinese aerospace expert

said on Wednesday.

"All preparatory work is going smoothly," said the unidentified source with the China Aerospace Science and Technology Corporation.

The satellite will be launched by a Long-March 2-C carrier rocket

to a sun synchronous orbit 700 kilometres above the Earth.

The launch aims to test the technology of the satellite and conduct survey and monitoring of the land and resources and geographical environment on a trial basis.—MNA/Xinhua



Guerillas gather on the street in the northern Iraq city of Mosul, on 18 Nov 2004.—INTERNET

Reuters chief blames US military for death of three employees in Iraq

LISBON, 19 Nov—The global managing editor of *Reuters* news agency said the US military was entirely to blame for the deaths of three employees in Iraq since the start of the war there in March 2003, an allegation disputed by the Pentagon.

"All of them were killed by the American army," *Reuters* chief David Schlesinger told reporters on the sidelines of a media conference in the southern Portuguese resort of Vilamoura, national news agency *Lusa* reported.

"There is no understanding on the part of the US military regarding the exercise of journalism," he was quoted by the agency as saying.

"We can't run the risk that journalists will become targets (in Iraq). We must learn the lessons from

these tragic cases."

Sixty-two journalists have been killed in Iraq since the start of the US-led invasion of Iraq, according to the Brussels-based International Federation of Journalists.

"How can the Pentagon expect us to work un-

der these conditions," said Schlesinger.

The most recent death occurred on 1 November when an Iraqi cameraman working for *Reuters* was killed while covering fighting near his house in the western city of Ramadi.

The US military says Dhia Najim, 55, died in a gunbattle between Marines and guerrillas, but the Iraqi man's colleagues and family have said they believe he was shot by a US sniper after fighting had abated. —*Internet*



US troops inspect a car in Sadr City, in Baghdad, Iraq, on 18 Nov, 2004.

INTERNET

British Govt urged to accept Gulf War syndrome

LONDON, 18 Nov—An independent inquiry in Britain Wednesday urged the government to accept the existence of the so-called Gulf War syndrome saying that British soldiers who served in the 1991 Gulf War are more likely to suffer from the illness than those who served elsewhere.

"May their illnesses be described as a syndrome? Yes... The symptoms are not unique. What is unusual is the extent and intensity of the symptoms," said the report of the inquiry led by retired senior judge Lord Lloyd of Berwick.

"They (the symptoms) are twice as likely to occur among those who went to the Gulf when compared with those that remained behind. There is therefore every reason to call the illnesses by the label 'Gulf War Syndrome,'" said the report.

"The government ought now, in fairness, and not before time, to accept that the illnesses of those who were deployed to the Gulf were caused by their deploy-

ment," the report said, calling on the Ministry of Defence to set up a special fund to compensate veterans suffering ill health following the war.

Several thousand British veterans are believed to be affected by the syndrome whose symptoms include memory and concentration problems, extreme fatigue, severe muscle and joint pain, traumatic stress, depression, insomnia, headaches and skin rashes.

The inquiry heard testimony from the commander of the British forces in the Gulf, General Peter de la Billiere, a number of scientists and dozens of Gulf War veterans. —*MNA/Xinhua*

Vietnamese President in Brazil to promote trade ties

BRASILIA, 18 Nov—Vietnamese President Tran Duc Luong met Sao Paulo Governor Geraldo Alckmin on Tuesday to boost commercial ties between his country and Brazil.

"Vietnam could serve as a platform from which products made in Sao Paulo can be introduced into Southeast Asia," Alckmin told reporters af-

ter his meeting with Luong.

The Vietnamese leader and his delegation have showed interest in making contacts with Sao Paulo's sugar-and-alcohol and paper-and-pulp industries.

Luong also inaugurated a Brazil-Vietnam business forum in Sao Paulo and toured the facilities of aircraft manu-

facturer Embraer. Vietnam may purchase Brazilian-made aircraft, the President said.

Luong, who is on his way to a leaders' meeting of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Forum in the Chilean capital of Santiago, will meet his Brazilian counterpart, Luis Inacio Lula da Silva, in Brasilia on Wednesday. —*MNA/Xinhua*

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Hungary's withdrawal from Iraq troubles Bulgaria

BAGHDAD, 19 Nov—The decision of the Hungarian Parliament to withdraw its troops from Iraq might cause some problems for the Multinational division under Polish command.

General Nikola Kolev, Bulgarian Chief of Army Staff, underlined that Budapest's decision will impede the work of the Bulgarian troops as well, as they are a part on the division. The Hungarian troops were in charge of the transportation of the division's munitions.

The Hungarian Parliament rejected a government proposal to extend the stay of 300 non-combat troops in Iraq by three months until 31 March, 2005.

The government's plan to extend the mission of the transport contingent serving since mid-2003 in Hillah, south of Baghdad, failed after deputies of the centre-right opposition refused to back it.

Internet

Hungary tries to speed Iraq withdrawal

BUDAPEST, 19 Nov—Hungary will try to withdraw its troops from Iraq as soon as possible, the Prime Minister said Thursday.

"If we're going to return home, it should be with the fewest conflicts and as fast as possible," Prime Minister Ferenc Gyurcsany told Hungarian television station TV2.

Centre-right opposition parties in parliament Monday voted down a government plan to extend by three months the stay of the 300-member transportation contingent serving under Polish command in Hillah, south of Baghdad.

The extension would have kept the Hungarians in Iraq until March 31, 2005, but Gyurcsany said Thursday he had instructed Defence Minister Ferenc Juhasz to begin talks about bringing home as many soldiers as possible be-

fore the end of the year.

Earlier, the Socialist-led government said the soldiers would continue to carry out their duties in Iraq until 31 Dec—the end of their parliamentary mandate — and only then start preparing for the journey back to Hungary. But concerns arose that heading home in the new year could compromise the troops' safety, because other coalition forces would be devoted to securing Iraq for elections slated for late January.

One Hungarian soldier has died in Iraq. He was killed in June when a roadside bomb exploded by the convoy he was guarding.

Internet

Putin, Bush to hold summit in Chile

SANTIAGO, 18 Nov—Russian President Vladimir Putin and his US counterpart George W Bush will hold a bilateral summit on the sidelines of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Economic Leaders' Meeting at the weekend, Chile's *La*

Nacion daily reported Tuesday. The paper quoted Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov as saying that the two leaders will sign documents on economic and technological cooperation and declarations on the fight against international terrorism and

corruption. This will be the first meeting between the two men after their re-election — Putin's in April and Bush's in November.

APEC was set up in 1989 in response to the growing interdependence among Asia-Pacific economies. —*MNA/Xinhua*



A US Army Stryker vehicle crosses a curb during a trip through the northern Iraqi city of Mosul, on 18 Nov, 2004. —INTERNET

Iran says no plan to talk with US on Iraq

TEHERAN, 18 Nov—Iranian President Mohammad Khatami said on Wednesday that Iran had no plan to hold negotiations with the United States on Iraq, the official IRNA news agency reported.

"Iran will not consider negotiations with Washington on the Iraqi crisis, because before any negotiations, Washington should change its methods of dealing with Iran," Khatami said.

"The US policy has caused losses to the Iraqi people and other nations in the region," Khatami added.

However, Khatami said Iran was ready to "help the United States get out of the current trouble because Iran wants to help salvage the Iraqi nation."

He also denied an accusation that Iran was interfering in the internal affairs of its western neighbour.

We think that Iran has longstanding and deep relations with Iraq and it is impossible to resolve the Iraqi crisis without taking into account the views of the Iranian Government. It has nothing to do with the so-called Iranian interference," he said.

We favour peace and security in Iraq and we will do our best to help restore

peace and establish a democratically elected government in Iraq," Khatami added.

Khatami also noted that continued occupation of Iraq prepared the ground for terrorism and abduction in the country, so the neighbouring states and the members of the United Nations Security Council should study the case.

"We welcome such a development, but it does not mean that we are going to negotiate with Washington," he stressed.

"Iran supports Iraq's sovereignty which will be achieved by holding democratic elections," Khatami added.

"Iran has been keeping a close eye on the developments in Iraq since the downfall of Saddam Hussein.

The United States accuses Teheran of meddling in Iraq's internal affairs with its influence on the Shiite Muslims in the country, a charge categorically dismissed by Iran.

MNA/Xinhua

Germany provides EAC with \$10m for building new office in Tanzania

DAR-ES-SALAAM, 18 Nov—Germany has provided the East African Community (EAC) with eight million euros (about 10 million US dollars)

for building its new headquarters based in the northern Tanzanian city of Arusha.

The grant is part of a German Government package of 20 million euros (26 million US dollars) in support of the community that includes Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania, according to Wednesday's *Daily News* newspaper.

EAC Secretary-General Nuwe Amany Mushega and German Ambassador to Tanzania Wolfgang Ringe signed the agreement in Dar-es-Salaam to release the fund for the construction of the headquarters.

MNA/Xinhua

US consumer prices increase 0.6% in October

WASHINGTON, 18 Nov—Consumer prices in the United States increased by 0.6 per cent in October, the biggest gain in five months, the US Labour Department reported on Wednesday.

The report showed that the big increase in the US Consumer Price Index (CPI), the most closely watched inflation barometer, resulted mainly from a jump in energy prices which rose 4.2 per cent in October, compared with a drop of 0.4 per cent in September.

Gasoline prices surged by 8.6 per cent and fuel oil costs powered upwards 9.4 per cent last month, the biggest gains since February 2003. Meanwhile, US food prices climbed 0.6 per cent in October after being flat in September. — MNA/Xinhua



A man passes burning police flatbed trucks inside al-Ahrar police station in Mosul, Iraq on 17 Nov, 2004, which were set on fire by armed guerillas ahead of the US troops advance on Tuesday.—INTERNET



A displaced Iraqi girl waits with her family in a US Marine truck to be evacuated from the city of Fallujah on 18 Nov.—INTERNET

Two British soldiers charged with murder in Dar-es-Salaam

DAR-ES-SALAAM, 18 Nov—Two British soldiers currently on leave from Iraq have been charged with murdering a young woman in Dar-es-Salaam, local Press reported on Wednesday.

The two accused, Nigel David Moffett (23) and Brett Richard Mallison (20), appeared on Tuesday in a local magistrate's court.

The accused were not allowed to enter any plea

because their case is scheduled to be heard by the High Court on November 29 this year.

They were remanded in custody pending further police investigation.

Assistant Commissioner of Police Patrick Byatao alleged that the two Britons had jointly murdered Conjesta Ulikaye last Wednesday in a local beach resort.

MNA/Xinhua

Suicide car bomb kills 15 Iraqis, wounds 22 in Baiji

BAIJI, 18 Nov—Fifteen Iraqis were killed and 22 wounded on Wednesday when a suicide bomber rammed his car into a US armoured vehicle in the northern oil city of Baiji, hospital and US military officials said.

Witnesses said the bomb, which blew up in a market area near the centre of the Sunni Muslim city, damaged the US vehicle and wounded some troops, prompting them to open fire. A US military spokesman confirmed that a suicide bomber had driven into what he believed was a Bradley infantry fighting vehicle but he had no information on casualties.

Clashes between US-led troops and guerillas later erupted in several parts of Baiji prompting the US military to seal off the oil refinery in the north of the city to protect it from attack.

Also in Sunni Muslim territory north of Baghdad, Iraqi police said they found the bodies of three Turkish drivers whose trucks had been destroyed when guerillas attacked their convoy with rocket-propelled grenades.

Two were found south of Samarra, 60 miles north of the capital, and another north of Baiji, police said. Violence has flared in the

north since US-led forces attacked Fallujah, another Sunni bastion west of Baghdad, to root out foreign militants and Saddam Hussein loyalists they say were entrenched there.

US and Iraqi officials have acknowledged many militants fled Fallujah before the offensive began

nine days ago and some have speculated they may be behind the spike in unrest.

US-led forces launched an offensive on Tuesday to crush guerillas that have overrun police stations in Mosul, Iraq's third biggest city.

MNA/Reuters

CPJ claims Iraqi freelance journalist detained by US troops

NEW YORK, 18 Nov—An Iraqi freelance journalist working for al-Arabiya television and the Associated Press has been detained by US troops in Fallujah since last week, the New York-based Committee to Protect Journalists said on Wednesday.

The US military said it was not aware of any such detention.

Citing another al-Arabiya correspondent as its source, the Committee to Protect Journalists said the Arabic satellite station lost contact with Abdel Kader Saadi, a reporter and photographer living and working in the Sunni Muslim city, on November 11.

US forces launched a massive assault on Fallujah last week. US

artillery was still pounding the city on Wednesday as troops hunted remaining guerillas, days after Washington said its offensive had destroyed guerilla control of the city.

The Committee to Protect Journalists quoted al-Arabiya as saying Saadi had been detained in a mosque along with several other civilians, and had been wearing a flak jacket with the word "Press" on it in Arabic and English. — MNA/Reuters



Secretariat Member U Aung Thuang chairs afternoon session of USDA Annual General Meeting (2004) together with CEC Members Thura U Aye Myint and Thura U Myint Maung. — MNA



Secretariat Member U Tin Htut presides over morning session with CEC Members U Ohn Myint and U Maung Maung Thein. — MNA

Peaceful, modern and...



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responsibility for the benefit of the country. Moreover, it is heartening to see and hear USDA members participate in nation-building tasks. They should also move into high

well-rounded individuals with strong conviction and determination. Consolidation must also be built among themselves. Everybody lives in hope and ambition. In a sense, belief is instrumental for the success of hope and ambition. With complete belief comes success. USDA members are not to waver in their determination. Brains and brawn breed determination, daring, and resoluteness. USDA members are to instill in themselves such capabilities. Only then will

to make the belief materialize. Those with a great amount of determination will succeed in acquiring the practice of putting the welfare of other people before theirs, willingness to sacrifice, ability to endure hardships, good discipline, perseverance, and resolute action.

Belief and determination are interconnected. The one with right belief will possess right determination. In other words, firm belief will consolidate the determination. This being the case, USDA members are to

the sense of determination in the minds of its members.

The annual general meeting would be held in accord with its set objectives in full essence as a mark of commemorating the 11th anniversary of the USDA. In every annual general meeting, discussions were held in coordination in consistence with the future work programmes. Moreover, another future tasks will also be projected. Continued efforts are to be made with added momentum to implement these programmes. Arrangements have also been made for the successful realization of the set

with the people has also made a considerable success in the tasks for the implementation of the political, economic and social objectives laid down by the State. Furthermore,

national stability, strong economy for the country and the people and higher education level.

He concluded his speech, calling on the participants to make



Dabayin Township USDA Executive Daw Hnin Hnin Khaing acts as master of ceremonies with Monghsat District USDA Joint-Secretary Daw Nan Khin Hla Nyunt at morning session. — MNA

it has gained some experience. The government, on its part, is also implementing the seven-point Road Map after drawing it up by tapping

concerted efforts with unswerving determination and to pool their suggestions in groups so that the objectives of both the USDA and the government will be

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objectives during the period of the meeting. It is believed that the tasks for the realization of the aims and objectives of the Association will become successful.



Kayin State USDA Joint-Secretary U Saw Han Aye presents progress of implementation of future tasks in one-year period. — MNA

members to be well-qualified so that they can serve the interests of their own regions more effectively. With this end in view, the Association conducts various courses, workshops, and paper-reading sessions to ignite

Turning the motherland into a peaceful, modern, developed, discipline-flourishing democracy is the national goal. The Association has set a definite goal. In a span of eleven years into its birth, the Association hand in hand



Putao District USDA Executive U B Hsar Aung presents progress of implementation of future tasks in one-year period. — MNA

the favourable resources it has created. The Road Map, which needs to be implemented phase by phase, is the one and only answer to the establishment of a future nation. USDA members are to join hands with the general public in implementing the Road Map. Only then will success be achieved in the march toward the national goal. All are to move into high gear to secure the basic needs like

successful.

The meeting went into recess after USDA Secretariat Member U Thuang had read out the CEC's report. At the resumption of the meeting, state- and division-level USDAs submitted their reports regarding the tasks carried out last year. At the outset, U Khun Kyaw Myint, Executive of Shan State (South) USDA, read out the report.

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Myebon Township USDA Executive Daw Myint Myint Htwe emceeds afternoon session with Toungoo District USDA Executive Daw Ni Ni Mar. — MNA

gear through organizational campaigns to win love and trust of the people around them while extending themselves in the community welfare tasks.

In this process, USDA members should establish themselves as

the strong belief produce success. Making up one's mind to realize one's belief in accord with well-tried methods is what is called determination. There is no use dreaming one's belief. Ways and means should be sought with determination



Fruhsu Township USDA Executive Daw Aye Aye Khaing presents progress of implementation of future tasks in one-year period. — MNA

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He said Shan State (South) USDA has opened various courses to provide training for its recruited members and to widen their scope of capacity under the 'quantity to quality' programme. Sixteen kinds of courses have so far been opened in 303 places, and altogether 51,625 persons trained. The association sent five members to ten foreign countries on excursion trips this year. Moreover, one member has also been sent abroad for further study.

The programme also covers domestic excursion trips. A total of 209 members



Falam Township USDA Secretary U Ngun Lar reports on progress of implementation of future plans during one-year period. — MNA

gravel roads with 12 miles in length. Four bridges were also constructed.

Altogether 16 water supply facilities have been provided as part of the measure for rural water supply. Furthermore, a water supply task in Heho is also under way at the cost of over K 28 million, funded by the association, in cooperation with departments concerned. A reservoir is

the region. Necessary medicines and medical equipments are also provided to them. Its members take part in such activities as blood donation, health education campaigns, and health care services. The association has spent over K 2.5 million on its health sector.

In a bid to promote the rural education, the association repairs schools, donates school exercise books and furniture and school uniforms. It also provides education stipends. Its members play an active role in school enrolment campaigns.

In view of economic growth for rural people, the association gets in touch with ministries concerned for purchase of power tillers as part of the shift from conventional to mechanized farming. It also renders assistance to rural farmers to enable them to receive agricultural methods and quality strains. Besides, the association facilitated one rural exchange booth, and five cordless telephones at five places.

As part of the effort for electricity supply in rural areas, the association formed a committee to handle the issue. As a result, a total of 51 villages has now had access to electricity. The association

spent K 5.8 million on these projects.

Moreover, the association spent over K 38.5 million on the five rural development tasks—transport, water supply, education, health, and economy and electricity supply.

For the health and fitness of the youths, the association conducts ten kinds of courses on sports. Moreover, the association has set up two soccer teams and placed them under systematic training to enable them to compete in

this year, the association has set up 12 libraries in rural areas and donated books and periodicals worth over K 156,000 to them. The association has opened the computer course four times and the technology course one time to enhance the science and technology through the use of computers.

In line with the resolutions of the Bagan Mass Rally, the association has launched organizational campaigns down to grass-roots level on a frequent basis to ensure the success

capable human resources, the association had trained and nurtured 76,157 members equipped with national outlook and policy of the association through a variety of courses in 2004. So far, 359,501 members or 87 per cent of the membership of the association have completed the courses. These qualified members in concert with other organizations are taking constant measures for stability, peace and progress of their regions.

Peace and tranquillity plays an important role and promotion of national people's economic progress and national education standard serves as a basic need for building a discipline-flourishing democratic nation.

The Head of State showed his foresightedness giving guidance on seeking all possible ways and means for ensuring food security of respective states and divisions. Adhering to the guidance, members hand in hand with local national brethren, Tatmadaw members and government service personnel took part in the agricultural tasks. So, per acre yield of Hsinshweli strain paddy has reached more than 200 baskets, up from about 60-70 baskets in the past. Now effective steps are being put into operation to hit the target of per acre yield of 300 baskets. In the near future, sufficient paddy seeds will be provided for Shan State (North).

With regard to perennial crops, Shan State (North) USDA is putting 500 acres under coffee in the 100,000-acre coffee project laid down by the State. Members are participating in the 5,000-acre land reclamation project of USDA Headquarters in Nahlyan region, Lashio Township.

Tatmadaw men, construction staff and the members have constructed

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Ye Township USDA Secretary U Kyaw Thura reports on progress of implementation of future plans during one-year period. — MNA

USDA football of the seven-point Road tournaments. Map. Furthermore, the

association gives talks on rural development tasks, the vitalization of Union Spirit and patriotism.

Shan State (North) USDA Executive Daw

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relief items to flood victims, and sanitation tasks after the floods receded. The association spent over K 1.4 million on these relief and rescue tasks.

For the education sector, the association has set up libraries in the offices of township USDAs. Moreover, it also donates books and periodicals to libraries in wards and villages. During

Nwe Moe Aye said that Shan State (North) USDA has been able to organize 413,408 local national brethren. Based on personal attachment, organizational measures were taken not only theoretically but also practically, so the tasks thoroughly covered such border areas as Manhiro, Mongkoe, Chinshwehaw and Tarmonye.

With a view to producing qualified and



Thandwe District USDA Executive U Tin Tun reports on progress in implementing future plans during one-year period by state/division USDAs. — MNA

including 72 university students went on such excursion trips under the close supervision of officials concerned to enable them to witness the all-round development of the country.

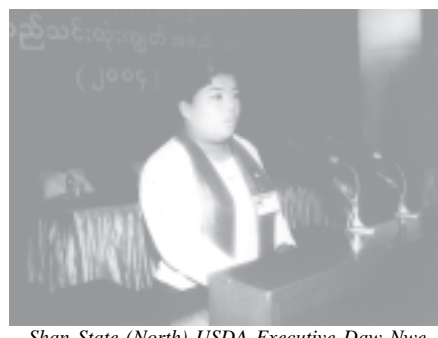
The association is also making contribution to the implementation of the political, economic and social objectives. In this process, it has constructed rural earth roads with 22.4 miles in length and rural

also being constructed in Kyauktalon village, Taunggyi Township, at the cost of over K 2.13 million to supply water for village-dwellers.

The creation of human resources with sound health and higher education is crucial for the social advancement of the country. Bearing in mind this matter, the association has opened rural health centres and dispensaries in



Shan State (South) USDA Executive U Khun Kyaw Myint reports on progress in implementing future plans during one-year period. — MNA



Shan State (North) USDA Executive Daw Nwe Moe Aye reports on progress in implementing future plans during one-year period by state/division USDAs. — MNA



Tachilek District USDA Executive U Saw Pe reports on progress in implementing future plans during one-year period. — MNA

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in majority. It is needed to encourage and modernize them.

Mostly, private industries are short of expertise and still remain scattered. There are over 8,300 private factories and workshops in the industrial zones the government has set up. Therefore, encouragement has to be given to the improvement of private industrial sector to an extent that they can produce marketable products on a greater scale. In this process, State-owned industries are to take the lead.

Moreover, the research for industrial development should also be taken into consideration. With research works for production of marketable

products, pragmatic approaches are to be taken to encourage private industries.

It is necessary to reconstitute some industrial committees, given changing trends of the industrial sector.

Encouragement is being given to the setup of modern foundries in industrial zones like Mandalay, Monywa and Taunggyi Ayethaya for production of farming implements, and buses and trucks. It is important to

supply raw materials to them so that they can produce marketable products. It is also needed to consider a pool of technocrats and capital investment.

With the assistance the government provides, the industrial zones will improve at high acceleration. It is necessary for the industrial committees to render assistance to them and make proper assessment, keeping pace with the time.

For replacement of compressed natural gas

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Senior General Than Shwe accepts credentials from newly-accredited Singaporean Ambassador Mr T Jasudasan. (News on page 1) — MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Lun Thi reports on progress in building CNG filling stations. — MNA



Minister Maj-Gen Saw Lwin reports on foundry plants in Mandalay, Monywa and Taunggyi (Ayethaya) Industrial Zones. — MNA



Minister U Aung Thaung reports on assembling of buses and trucks. — MNA

Deputy Minister Thura U Thaung Lwin reports on supply of raw materials, local and foreign orders, and skilled workers. — MNA



kits in vehicles, the State and the private sectors should double their efforts as targeted. It is important to establish gas stations and gas cylinder factories. As these measures are related to industry, they should be regarded as the national task crucial for the country.

Later, Secretary of IDC Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung presented a report, saying that efforts are being made with three aims — development of industries in 2004-2005, progress of power sector and reduction of prices of consumer goods. Duties have been assigned to the respective ministers, deputy ministers and heads of department for effective

development of industrial zones. Of the industrial zones, Mandalay, Monywa and Ayethaya industrial zones are setting up advanced steel mills. Thus, the respective ministries should provide raw materials to the factories. As necessary machines have been provided to the factories, they will have to assemble cars in accordance with the set standard. He explained developments in setting up mould and die factories, the task of installing CNG kits and progress of industrial zones and industries.

Chairman of Myanma Industrial Development Work Committee Minister for (See page 9)

Deputy Minister Lt-Col Khin Maung Kyaw reports on progress of construction of mould and die factories and installation of CNG kits. — MNA





Senior General Than Shwe receives Polish Ambassador Mr Bogdan Goralczyk. (News on page 1). — MNA

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Industry 2 Maj-Gen Saw Lwin presented a report on foundry being erected in Mandalay, Monywa and Ayethaya industrial zones, arrival of machines, and preparations to recruit technicians. Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi explained extension of natural gas filling stations, opening of new gas shops in Ahlon, Bayintnaung, Kyaikklo, Thakayta and Dagon Myothit,



Director-General U Sein Than reports on measures for development of small and medium industries.

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machines to be installed at the shops, filling capacity of the shops, the number of CNG cars and natural gas requirement.

Minister for Cooperatives Col Zaw Min explained development of Yenangyoung Industrial Zone and production of motorcycles and tri-motorcycles. Deputy Minister for Industry 2 Lt-Col Khin Maung Kyaw reported to the meeting on progress in erection of mould and die factories installation of CNG engines in patrol cars and diesel cars and

production of cylinders. Deputy Minister for Rail Transportation Thura U Thauang Lwin explained arrangement for supply of raw materials, availability of foreign and local deposit and skilled labour. Officials of Science and Technology Department and Cottage Industries Department submitted reports on industrial standard and development of small and medium industries, followed by a general round of discussion. Ministers and deputy ministers gave suggestions. The Prime Minister delivered the concluding address. — MNA



Deputy Director-General U Khin Maung Latt reports on industrial standards.

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Minister Col Zaw Min reports on development of Yenangyoung Industrial Zone.

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Hsipaw-Namlan-Tonlaw-Pankaytu Road linking Shan State North and South and are upgrading Mongyai-Namlaung Road and Tangyan-Mongkaung-Monghsu Road to strategic ones, and constructing Manton-Momeik Road,

Thedaw bypass on Hsenwi-Kunlon Road, Namhmyaw-Mongyaw-Mongkyat Road, Kutkai-Tarmonye-Mongsi-Tarpar-Tashwehtan Road and Wetwun-

Taungkham Road. In the past, Shan State (North) had only Kunlon suspension bridge across Thanlwin River. 600-foot-long Thanlwin bridge (Tarpar), 400-foot-long Shweli River bridge and 470-foot-long Dokhtawady River bridge will be completed soon.

Concerning electricity sector, on completion of the 400-megawatt Shweli Hydropower Project, it will have a capacity to generate 7,042 million units a year. The surplus electricity will be supplied to Bhamo in Kachin State and other parts of the nation.

In collaboration with development affairs committees, Shan State (North) USDA has constructed 40 miles of earth road, nine miles and five furlongs of gravel road, and 41 water supply stations.

During the two trips to Shan State (North) in February and in July 2004, Member of USDA Central Panel of Patrons Lt-Gen Soe Win fulfilled the requirements of education and health sectors, and gave permission to upgrade four BEHSs, three affiliated BEHSs, one BEMS, three affiliated BEMSs, one post-primary school, one primary school, rural health care centres and station hospitals. The association has contributed towards enrolment of 40,005 school-age children to attend classes, raising pass rate of ten graders, and provided K 900,000 for the students in Wa and Kokang regions to pursue education.

Now, remarkable success has been achieved in the education and health sectors, which reflects the Government's goodwill to national people living in border areas. Local Wa national people recognize and welcome genuine goodwill of the State that provided

adequate assistance for the region.

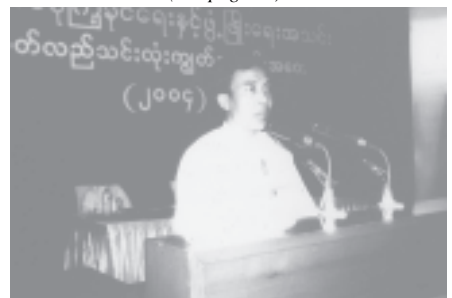
The association organized and rendered assistance for installation of small-scale hydropower generators in the villages. The association will also provide assistance for 16 more villages to get electricity. The association contributed K 6.5 million to Mongli model village in Hsenwi Township to get a 10 HP hydropower generator.

Moreover, the association provided 110 acres, K 500,000 and 200 gallons of fuel oil to 55 local farmers in Nawngkhio Township. In the past, Shan State (North) was notorious for poppy cultivation and trafficking of narcotic drugs that was evil legacy left by colonialists. In contrast, poppy cultivation met with its end due to collective and active efforts of local

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Hkamti District USDA Executive Daw Shanar Phaing reports on progress in implementing future tasks in one-year period. — MNA



Bago Division (East) USDA Executive U Aung Naing reports on progress in implementing future tasks in one-year period. — MNA

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officials and members. Under the New Destiny Project, members themselves distributed seeds of poppy-substitute crops free to local farmers.

In conclusion, local national brethren including Shan State (North) USDA

members, computer course (basic level) and 11 other courses in the townships in Shan State (East). USDAs at different levels have been formed in 10 townships in Shan State (East) for cementing unity of members.

The members contributed their services to the construction tasks for upgrading of nine rural roads stretching 76 miles in Shan State (East). And the association rendered K 6.3 million for construction of two bridges. With cash assistance of K 16.175 million by local development affairs committee, the association dug 30 wells, installed pipe-

Regarding the rural health care concern, in co-operation with the Health Department, the association gave talks on diseases control, dangers of narcotic drugs, potable water supply project, and other health services to rural people. And it contributed K 7.5 million to establishment of five rural dispensaries.

The association rendered K 217.5 for reconstruction of 18 schools, K 680,000 to 12 teachers annually, assistance for enrolment of 16,209 school-age children and literacy for 19,549 adults or older persons. For development of the communication sector of the region, the association also took part in the tasks for installation of telephone lines in three village-tracts in Kengtung. Ayeyawady Division USDA Executive Daw Nwe Nwe Oo said that the association had 1,602 members trained and nurtured in 13 kinds of courses conducted by USDA (Central) and 2,614,728 members in 26 kinds of courses organized by the Division.

With regard to the social and cultural sector, the associations donated 4,168 bags of rice, edible oil, salt, onions, shrimp paste and K 3,534,915 for Kathina robes offering ceremonies for 61 monasteries. Joining hands with departments and social organizations, the association participated in giving vaccines to children, holding educative talks on health, carrying out sanitation tasks, taking measures



Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein bids farewell to the Indian Chief of Air Staff at the airport on 19-11-2004—MNA

from the associations at different levels. The Secretary-General donated 5,000 polyethylene bags and in charge of Division USDA 30,000 polyethylene bags to flood-hit areas, and U Thein Aung and U Than Htay aid valued at over K 6 million to flood victims in Hinthada,

different courses including multiplier course on Myanmar development studies, and opened 179 rural libraries and reading sessions. And publications and CD Roms donated by USDA (Central) were provided to the rural libraries.

Regarding rural development tasks, the asso-

USDA of Kachin State presented the cultural and social sector, explaining the activities of the 42,497 members' contribution to the sector. The association provided K 25,599,270 for the sector. The USDA has set up garuna (humanitarian) associations in Myitkyina and Mohnyin and providing free burial services for local people. More garuna associations will be opened in Mogaung, Shwegu, Bhamo. Over 5,000 USDA members took part in taking flood preventive measures in Kachin State and also participated in flood relief and resettlement work being carried out in Myitkyina, Waingmaw, Bhamo, Shwegu, Chibwe and Putao townships from 18 to 30 July this year. The association provided over K 36 million to flood victims. USDA members contributed K 7,169,420 for upgrading rural roads, K 9,822,450 for rural education promotion, K 813,000 for rural water supply,

Local national brethren including Shan State (North) USDA members are already determined to brave and surmount all possible difficulties and problems in an attempt to successfully implement the State's seven-point Road Map.

Ingapu, Myanaung, Kyangin, Laymyethna and Zalun townships.

From 1998 to date, free medical services were provided to 62,002 local people in Ahtaung Station Hospital in Kyonpyaw Township. The association built delivery room, X-ray room, and sank a tube-well in the hospital compound. Associations at different

ciation rendered assistance for enrolment of 63,523 school-age children, provided 300 textbooks, 4,000.5 dozens of exercise books and K 4,168,883 to them, reconstructed 590 schools, donated furniture, constructed 119 rural health care centres, 168 village-to-village roads stretching 220.6 miles and 97 bridges, sank 130 tube-wells, dug



USDA Secretariat Member U Thauang reads the report of CEC members. — MNA

members are already determined to brave and surmount all possible difficulties and problems in an attempt to successfully implement the State's seven-point Road Map.

Shan State (East) USDA Executive U Saw Pe said that the association polished the abilities of its

lines and nine lakes for rural water supply.

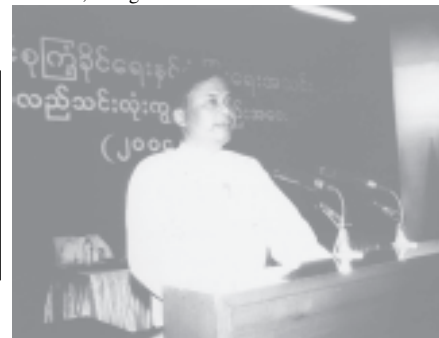
The association also implemented electric power supply project for 15 villages in five townships in Shan State (East) with the assistance of K 5 million funded by USDA (Central) and cash donations by the people.



Bago Division (West) USDA Executive U Khin Maung Win reports on progress in implementing future plans in one-year period. — MNA

members through instructors course on Myanmar development studies and special refresher course on public relations and information management for development of human resources. Altogether 29,238 members have been trained and nurtured through moral conduct course, international relations course, multiplier course for execu-

Another electric power project is being implemented with K 6 million out of 10 million funded by the USDA (Central). So, this year, measures could be taken to supply electricity to 21 villages in six townships. Concerning the sector for raising the economic standard of the region, the association participated in the agricultural tasks.



Taungdwingyi Township USDA Executive U Ye Tint Thein reports on progress in implementing future plans in one-year period. — MNA

for prevention of possible floods, and distributing cooked rice, giving medical treatments and providing groceries and clothes worth some K 16.3 million to flood victims. USDA Secretary-General U Htay Oo, Secretariat Member U Tin Htut, CEC Members U Thein Aung and U Than Htay and in charge of Division USDA visited officials

levels gave free medical treatments to 22,323 patients at 186 different places. As an education promotion programme, 206 teachers provided free lectures to 1,562 students for 2004 matriculation exam and 54 faculty members to 4,949 students in the region. The association had its 310,882 members trained and nurtured at 18



Mandalay Division USDA Executive U Tin Win reports on progress in implementing future plans in one-year period. — MNA

216 lakes. USDA CEC Member in charge of Division USDA presented K 3,652,726 million this year for community welfare. The association also provided assistance to agriculture and livestock sectors and installed a 2.5-megawatt generator in Myaungmya parahita school.

Executive U B Hsar Aung of Putao District

K 667,3969 for rural power supply, K 237,288,94 for rural economic development. A total of 32,279 youths attended the 21 USDA courses. The USDA members will continue to ensure unity, peace, stability, peace and development.

Daw Aye Aye Khaing of Pruhsu Township USDA, Kayah State, (See page 11)

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said that literature and cultural courses have trained 40562 persons in the state. Concerning the five rural tasks, the USDA has constructed four new school buildings and renovated the existing two, presented 170 desks and wood for furniture.

Six school buildings are under construction. In the health sector, the association has built eight rural health care centres, and presented furniture for Pruhs Hospital and set up a trust fund for Shadaw Hospital. It has laid two new water pipes in Loikaw and built public water tanks in Demawhso and Bawlake. It has also planted nearly 1500 Thitsient saplings in the state. Over 1,400 members paved four rural roads in Loikaw Township. The USDA also erected a telephone exchange in Thawhsule village in Demawhso Township and built a mini hydroelectric power station in Htisekha village, Loikaw Township. In the social and cultural sectors, it has held a number of religious ceremonies and presented provisions to Buddhist monks. The



Yangon Division USDA Executive U Aung Myint reports on progress in implementing future plans in one-year period. — MNA

association has presented over K 4.5 million for the religious sector and a trust fund of K 3 million for home for the aged. The members are also providing cash and other assistance to the poor and flood victims. The USDA in cooperation with Information and Public Relations Department opened 29 libraries in seven townships, donated books to them and held literary talks in townships and villages.

Joint Secretary of Kayin State USDA U Saw Han Aye said that in 2003-2004, Kayin State USDA opened various kinds of courses and trained 33774 members. It also sent 474 trainees to the courses conducted by the USDA central. The USDA is sending delegates abroad to gain experiences and extend friendship with youth organizations and NGOs of other nations. Thirty-three members from Kayin State were included in the delegates. The USDA members have attended the significant occasions of the State and participated in social and educational campaigns in order to achieve all-round development and vitalize their patriotism. In the sector of knowledge, the association is distributing journals and other books to

Altogether 4,715 USDA members were trained at 12 sports courses opened in summer in 15 venues for keeping fit in cooperation with Sports and Physical Education Department.

towns and villages, holding literary talks and sending news back to the journals published by the USDA central.

In his presentation, Secretary of Falam Township USDA of Chin State U Ngun Larl said that courses are being conducted to improve the capability of the growing USDA members. To create the opportunity for the USDA members, 12 courses were conducted at 175 different places for 185 times, and altogether 34,696 USDA members attended those courses.

Measures are being taken township-wise to turn Chin State into a Tea-growing State in accord with the

guidance of the Head of State. In the process, the USDA members are contributing their shares by putting 37 acres of land under tea.

In a bid to turn Chin State into a domesticated wild ox breeding State, 112 domesticated wild oxen are being bred in eight townships with the support of member of USDA Central Panel of Patrons Lt-Gen Soe Win. The number of the oxen has now increased to 144.

Under the instruction of member of USDA Central Panel of Patron Lt-Gen Soe Win, Katimoe coffee seeds sent to Chin State by Shan State (North) USDA were cultivated, and altogether over the two-year old 10,000 plants are now thriving.

In the regional development task, the USDA members in cooperation with local people built two village-to-village roads spending K1.76 million, three bridges spending K 0.45 million, upgraded 11 schools spending K 5.65 million, ensured power supply to 11 villages spending 16 million and provided TV and satellite disc antenna to 4 villages spending K 1.5 million. In the social and cultural sector, the USDA members held the ceremony to pay respects to elder persons on the International Day of Older Persons and presented cash and kind to the elder persons. In addition, the members also participated in the campaign to give Polio oral vaccines to children under five, in the ceremony to mark the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, in the drive to open libraries in villages, in the school enrolment week, in the publications donation ceremony and in other social welfare tasks.

Next, Executive of Khamti District USDA of Sagaing Division Daw Shana Phine, in her presentation, said that Sagaing Division USDA at different levels participated in social welfare tasks such as renovation of roads and bridges, digging of wells for drinking water, made donations to monasteries and Sarthintais, upgrading of rural health care centres, and establishment of youth development camps, spending K 9.26 million.

In the religious sector, the USDA members offered provisions and Waso robes to members of the Sangha, recited parittas and held Kathina robes offering ceremony, spending K 631,985. In the social sector, the USDA members provided K 192,500 to needy people with the establishment of social aid associations. With the aim of equipping the rural people with knowledge and education, the USDA members in cooperation with the Information and Public Relations Department opened 1,284 libraries. Meanwhile, the Sagaing Division USDA in collaboration with wellwishers contributed their shares in the treatment of patients with eye complaints.

In the Naga New Year festival and the ceremony to honour peoples militia of Gadu Ganan national races, the USDA members donated cash and kind. They carried out sanitation tasks in 125 different places including people's hospitals, pagodas and schools and constructed and upgraded village-to-village roads at 35 different places.

In addition, the USDA members planted 300,000 neem trees for greening purpose in Anya region (Upper Myanmar) and provided assistance to victims of natural disasters in some townships of Sagaing Division. With the close supervision of member of Sagaing Division USDA, steps are being taken for ensuring power supply to 49 villages. As a result, altogether 20 villages enjoyed electricity.

In the education sector, the USDA members provided stipends, donated desks and bags of cement worth K4 million for renovation of schools. They are also engaged in the tasks for distribution of speeches of the USDA Patron and CD on nation-building endeavours by the Tatmadaw Government, explaining the 104 basic principles of the National Convention and participating in the successful realization of the seven-point Road Map by doing their bit.

Next, the morning session of the meeting went into recess.

The afternoon session of the meeting resumed at 12.30 pm.

It was presided over by Meeting Chairmen

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USDA Secretariat member U Aung Thuang, USDA CEC members Thura U Aye Myint and Thura U Myint Maung together with Myebon Township USDA Executive Daw Myint Myint Htwe as master of ceremonies and Executive of Taungoo District USDA Daw Ni Ni Mar as joint-master of ceremonies.

In his presentation, Joint Secretary of Myeik District USDA U Min Thein said that the seven work programmes of the USDA are their practical work. In their organizational work, they placed emphasis on organizing the people to take part in successful realization of the third short-term project. They made field trips right down to different villages with senior USDA members. There are now 295,472 USDA members in Taninthayi Division, up from 242,492 in 2003. All the USDA members were engaged in the five rural development tasks, especially in development of transport, education and health sectors. This year also, they are engaged in the tasks for ensuring power supply to ten rural regions of ten townships and they made arrangements to contribute K 10 million to the project.

Ten USDA executives from the division attended the Special Refresher Course and the Instructor Course on Myanmar development studies conducted by USDA (Headquarters) and other USDA members attended 18 other courses at 136 different places. With better transport in the division, one can travel from



Myeik District USDA Joint-Secretary U Min Thein reports on progress in implementing future plans in one-year period. — MNA

Kawthoung, the southernmost of Myanmar to the northernmost of Myanmar in a so short a time. The opening of Bokpyin airport with 10,000-ft runway has contributed much to development of the division. Better transport in the region was the product of the genuine goodwill and practical work of the State Peace and Development Council.

In his presentation, Executive of Bago Division (West) USDA U Khin Maung Win said that under the supervision of the Division USDA, 16 kinds of courses attended by 12,585 trainees were conducted at 702 different places in 2004. Courses on national culture and moral conduct attended by 193,075 trainees were also conducted at 2111 different places.

In the rural development task, the USDA members were engaged in rural water supply, renovation of schools and upgrading of road and bridges. With the assistance of CEC member (Division In-charge), the USDA members have carried out tasks for ensuring power supply to the villages and progress has been made to a certain extent.

In conclusion, he said, all the USDA members in the division will participate in the successful realization of the seven-point Road Map with Union Spirit by doing their bit, and to accept the guidance given at the USDA (Central) Annual General Meeting for 2004 as the work guidelines.

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Spain seizes over a ton of cocaine

MADRID, 18 Nov — Spanish police Wednesday seized over a ton of cocaine hidden in a container arriving from Venezuela and arrested seven suspected drug traffickers. About 1,100 kilos of the drug was found in cargo shipped from Venezuela to the Spanish city of Alcala near Madrid, the police said.

The police said the trading company importing the container had been under suspicion since July, 2002 when undercover investigations began resulting in Wednesday's cocaine haul. — MNA/Xinhua

FAO sees no more locusts in Egypt in winter, spring

CAIRO, 18 Nov — The UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) said on Wednesday that Egypt would not see more swarms of locusts in winter or spring, the official MENA news agency reported.

FAO's anti-locust emergency unit was quoted as saying in a report that more swarms of immature locusts are not expected because the southwestern wind from Sahara desert which brought the locusts to Egypt has virtually stopped.

The report recommended, however, all precautionary measures be taken and regular locust surveys conducted.

MNA/Xinhua

Internet hunting offers target practice on Texas ranch

HOUSTON, 18 Nov — Hunters soon may be able to sit at their computers and blast away at animals on a Texas ranch via the Internet, a prospect that has state wildlife officials up in arms.

A controversial web site, already offers target practice with a .22 caliber rifle and could soon let hunters shoot at deer, antelope and wild pigs, site creator John Underwood said on Tuesday.

Texas officials are not quite sure what to make of Underwood's web site, but may tweak existing laws to make sure Internet hunting does not get out of hand.

"This is the first one I've seen," said Texas Parks and Wildlife Department wildlife director Mike Berger. "The current state statutes don't cover this sort of thing."

Underwood, an estimator for a San Antonio, Texas auto body shop, has invested 10,000 US dollars to build a platform for a rifle and camera that can be remotely aimed on his 330-acre southwest Texas ranch by anyone on the Internet anywhere in the world.

The idea came last year while viewing another web site on which cameras posted in the wild are used to snap photos of animals.

"We were looking at a beautiful white-tail buck

and my friend said 'If you just had a gun for that.'

A little light bulb went off in my head," he said. Internet hunting could be popular with disabled hunters unable to get out in the woods or distant hunters who cannot afford a trip to Texas, Underwood said.

Berger said state law only covers "regulated animals" such as native deer and birds and cannot prevent Underwood from offering Internet hunts of "unregu-

lated" animals such as non-native deer that many ranchers have imported and wild pigs.

He has proposed a rule that will come up for public discussion in January that anyone hunting animals covered by state law must be physically on site when they shoot.

Berger expressed reservations about remote control hunting, but noted that humans have always adopted new technologies to hunt.

"First it was rocks and clubs, then we sharpened it and put it on a stick. Then there was the bow and arrow, black powder, smokeless power and optics," Berger said.

"Maybe this is the next technological step out there." Underwood, 39, said he will offer animal hunting as soon as he gets a fast Internet connection to his remote ranch that will enable hunters to aim the rifle quickly at passing animals.

MNA/Reuters

HK to invest in diversified tourism projects

HONG KONG, 18 Nov — Hong Kong Secretary for Economic Development and Labour Stephen Ip said on Wednesday that the government will continue to invest in diversified tourism projects to enhance the attractiveness of Hong Kong as a tourist destination.

Hong Kong Tourism Board (HKTb) will devise promotional strategies for different target groups to attract visitors from all over the world, he said.

Family visitors are one of HK's targeted segments in future. Tourism projects to be completed between 2005 and early 2006 including the Hong Kong Disneyland, Tung Chung Cable Car System and Harbour Lighting Plan Phase 2, are major projects with considerable appeal to family visitors, he said.

MNA/Xinhua

China invites foreign investment in mining sector

BEIJING, 18 Nov — Chinese officials have sent invitations to foreign enterprises to invest in the country's mining sector, promising a better investment environment with more supportive policies.

China encourages foreign investment in prospecting and exploration of mineral resources and in the western regions, foreign capitals could establish wholly-owned mining enterprises for some minerals including copper, lead, zinc, bauxite, said Wang Min, vice-minister of land and resources, at the on-going China

Mining 2004 symposium.

The government also encourages starting joint venture in prospecting and mining of low grade ores and ores difficult in metallurgy.

Foreign investors are also allowed to begin wholly-owned enterprises in these areas in the western regions, said Wang.

MNA/Xinhua



Korean cars awaiting export. South Korea economy achieved lower-than expected growth in the three months to September as domestic demand failed to pick up the slack from weakening exports. INTERNET

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ECU Aung Naing of Bago (East) USDA said with the aim of strong conviction and sacrifice and organizing hard-core USDA members altogether 543 trainees attended ten courses — executives management course, executive advanced management course, special refresher course, inter-

national relations course, computer application course, accounting diploma course, Myanmar and international studies course, Myanmar development study instructor course, public relations and information management course and basic and office computer course conducted by the Central.

He said altogether 254,004 members were trained through eight courses such as executives management multiplier course, Myanmar development study course, music course, spoken English course, basic computer course, traditional medicine course, aviation course for new generation youths and morale and cultural course opened in Bago Division.

Magway Division USDA at different levels are participating in all sectors for making tangible progress in the region. Officials organized local farmers for boosting production of groundnut, sesame, cotton, sugarcane, sunflower and beans and pulses.

Altogether 4,715 USDA members were trained through 12 sports training courses opened in summer in 15 venues for keeping fit in cooperation with Sports and Physical Education Department.

He said USDA donated VCDs on education worth K 3.18 million to 106 schools in the division, the commander and the minister K 6.5 million for purchase of furniture, for construction of school to basic education schools. The association presented K 2.35 million to monastic education school. School enrolment rate reached 97.42 percent. Priority was also given to summer literacy campaign activities. Over 980 self-reliance libraries were opened in cooperation with IPRD.

The USDA at different levels took part in health educative talks, blood donation, opening of rural health care centres and Shwe Hlay sluice gate, Minywa Kyaungsu Bridge, Thagara-Koepin-Yoma Road and Gyagon-Taikkyi strategic Road. Over 1,900 patients were given treatment. Sadan Yadana Bridge was constructed at a cost of K 60 million. Rural roads and 20 houses were built in cooperation with Development Affairs Department.

Hand pumps were installed in 42 villages in the division. Altogether 1,356,500 plants were grown for greening of Bago Yoma with the help of Forest Department and NGOs. A total of 11,825,000 fingerlings were put in nine dams and paddy fields. The association donated K 3 million for installation of bio-gas power stations in three villages in Nyaunglaybin, DaikU and Thanatpin Townships. CEC donated K 7 million for rural development tasks to township USDAs.

Next, Executive of Taungdwingyi Township USDA U Ye Tint Thein said peace and tranquillity, strong economy of the State and the people and uplift of national education are the basic needs for building of a discipline-flourishing democratic State. For realization of these needs Magway Division USDA at different levels maintained stable conditions and created good atmospheres in the respective regions. There are over 600,000 acres of paddy. USDA members actively participated in agricultural and industrial development. Now there are 29 dams and 50 river water pump stations. Yenangyoung and Pakokku industrial zones can produce three-wheeled motor cycles, Super cub motor cycles, vehicles, their spare parts and farm equipment.

In education there are now 3,875 schools, 17 colleges and universities, 175 branch schools, 178 affiliated schools and 585 post-primary schools. The number of students increased up to 600,000. The association provided 5.1 million for 58 schools in 22 townships, K 8.1 million for multimedia teaching classes in 29 schools in

12 townships and books and furniture worth K 1 million for 208 libraries in 16 townships with the assistance of the minister who is also in-charge of the region. Officials of different levels and USDA members participated in activities which contribute towards development of national education. He said various plans on transport, economy, education, health and social affairs are being implemented nationwide for perpetuation of national solidarity and equal development of states, divisions and border areas. This year is the fourth year of third short-term five year-plan.

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The Division USDA is implementing the annual targets for realization of five rural development tasks.

He spoke at length on building roads linking 15 townships and 48 villages in 2003-2004, digging of lakes, installation of hand pumps, tube wells for drinking water in 28 villages in 11 townships, donation of cash to uplift of education promotion programme, construction of schools and providing furniture.

He also said the association donated K 1.45 million for nine hospitals and dispensaries. In making trips to the grassroots levels, officials discussed with rural people on cultivation of marketable crops, project crops and kitchen crops.

He elaborated on increased number of telephone lines in 2003-2004, opening of five rural libraries, installation of bio gas power stations in villages in five townships, use of hydro-electric power in 15 villages in 12 townships and spending K 29.9 million in rural development tasks.

Altogether 983 trainees attended courses conducted by the headquarters. USDA members at different levels in the division attended 2,852 trainees attended Myanmar development study multiplier course in 35 venues, 2,433 in management courses in 20 venues, 205 in spoken English in 6 venues, 344 in basic computer course in 14 venues, 897 in sport course in 22 venues, 80 in fire fighting course in 2 venues. So, over 300,000 youths in Magway Division were trained.

He said USDA members in Magway, Minbu, Pakokku and Thayet Districts participated in 13 district greening project, establishment of forest plantation, forest conservation, use of firewood substitute fuel and pure water supply projects. Green and pleasant mountains and forests emerged in the division due to the implementation of 30-year greening projects. He said he was glad to prevent desertification in the region.

Next, Mandalay Division USDA executive U Tin Win said the association has conducted various courses for the youths such as morale and culture course, computer application course, international relation course (spoken English course), sports training course, art course and USDA organizing multiplier course. So far, a total of 812,927 youths have been trained. In addition, the courses enabled the youths to be equipped with the sense of the three main national causes and Union Spirit. Thanks to the association, 9746 children of school age were able to go to school, he said. As regards the opening of e-library, there are now seven in Mandalay Division, and those libraries have been installed with 41 computers including 31 donated by the commander. Besides, measures have been taken for holding talks, seminars and extempore talks at division, district and township levels, he added. Under the instructions of Mandalay Division in charge minister, plans are under way to submit news collected from the village USDAs to the headquarters. Nanmyint journals and Myanmar bulletins are being published with news reports about Mandalay Division, he added. In carrying out nation-building tasks, the association has been collaborating with social organizations and departments in implementing the five rural development works. Next, U Tin Win said he would like to present rural development tasks carried out for 2003-2004. In the division, 166 earth roads (353.55 miles), 54 gravel roads (68.50 miles), three tar roads (4550 feet) and 16 bridges have been constructed.

As for water supply tasks, the members of association in cooperation with local people dug 54 lakes for drinking water, 141 tube wells and 104 hand pumps. With the cash assistance of K 30 million contributed by the Central Command, 41 wells were dug. And 39 tube wells and hand pumps were dug at a cost of K 27 million

including K 20 million donated again by the command and K 7 million by local people.

In relation to the education sector, under the cooperation of the Ministry of Education, a total of 234 USDA affiliated high, middle and primary schools have been opened. The patron of Mandalay Division USDA contributed K 30 million for the first time to 60 schools and K 20 million for the second time to 50 schools for their renovation. With the cash assistance of the central USDA and well-wishers, MCWA and the division USDA, 44 schools have been built, he added. In the division, 154 schools were renovated with the donations of K 77.4 million including K 27.4 million by the people, and they have been handed over to the divisional education officer at the anniversary of its department.

With regard to the health care services, there are 50 rural dispensaries and the association is participating



Ayeyawady Division USDA Executive Daw Nwe Nwe Oo reports on progress in implementing future plans in one-year period. — MNA

in the health projects of the State. So far, the members of the association have donated blood, accounting for over 3000 bottles of blood.

To supply irrigation water, the strength of 7065 participated in the construction of diversion weirs and channels. With the harnessing of bio gas, 3521 households of 15 villages in rural areas are now enjoying electricity. And with the assistance of the Division USDA patron, in Kyaukse District 48 villages have been supplied with electricity by use of bio gas. By driving the generators, 530 houses of the villages in Chanmyathazi Township are being supplied with electricity. In addition, Nyaunggon hydro-electric power station is providing electricity for 57 houses in Moegok Township and

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Kyauknaga hydro-electric station for Kyauknaga Village.

Afterwards, Yay Township USDA Secretary U Kyaw Thu Ya of Mon State reported that for the development of rural areas, the USDA CEC member and the Mon State USDA contributed bags of cement, corrugated iron sheets and K 3 million for rural water supply; K 14.5 million for education sector; K 55 million for health sector; K 4.5 million for economic development; K 5 million for transport and K 58.6 million for social and religious affairs totalling K 37,860,400. The association of Mon State also assisted in the disasters that occurred in the state in the form of money and manpower.

For the supply of rural electricity, small-scale hydro-electric power stations have been constructed — 6 in Kyaukto Township, two in Bilin Township, one in Thaton Township and 6 in Paung Township. Moreover, plans are afoot to build a 30 KVA hydel power station in Mannaung Village, Yay Township and a bio gas power station in Kyounwan Village, Kyaukmayaw Township.

As the Union Solidarity and Development Association is the single national association in the country, it will always try to stand by the State for the national economic development, he concluded.

Later, Thandwe District USDA executive of Rakhine State U Tin Tun said that educative talks, seminars and courses have been conducted to enable the

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Milan Baros to be out of action about four weeks

LONDON, 19 Nov — Liverpool striker Milan Baros will be out of action for up to four weeks with a hamstring injury, the Premier League club's web site reported on Thursday.

Baros sustained the injury playing for the Czech Republic in a World Cup qualifier against Macedonia on Wednesday.

"Milan returned to (training ground) Melwood this afternoon (Thursday) and underwent a scan," a club spokesman said.

"Unfortunately that has shown a pull in the hamstring of his left leg and he is likely to be out for between three and four weeks.

"Milan will not travel with the rest of the squad to Middlesbrough but will begin his rehabilitation at Melwood on Friday."

Liverpool were already short of strikers following England's Michael Owen's move to Real Madrid and a long-term injury to French international Djibril Cisse.

MNA/Reuters

Ecuador end Brazil's 10-match unbeaten run

QUITO, 19 Nov — Ecuador pulled off a shock 1-0 win over world champions Brazil on Wednesday, ending their opponents' unbeaten run in the South American World Cup qualifying competition.

Mexican-based midfielder Edison Mendez struck the winner with a low drive from the edge of the penalty area in the 77th minute on a wet afternoon at the Atahualpa stadium.

Brazil began the day top of the 10-nation group with 20 points from 10 games, one point ahead of Argentina who were at home to Venezuela later on Wednesday. Ecuador moved on to 16 points. The world champions, whose players arrived in Ecuador from Europe

less than 48 hours before kickoff, suffered from a combination of fatigue and the high altitude of Quito at 2,800 metres above sea level.

But they still had the better of the game until Mendez struck to give Ecuador a repeat of their historic win over Brazil in the 2002 World Cup qualifiers at the same venue.

The visitors could have enjoyed a halftime lead if Ronaldo and Kaka had been on the same wavelength.

Kaka wasted an excellent chance in the eighth minute when he failed to spot Ronaldo in a good position.

Three minutes later, Ronaldo broke clear on the left and shot across the face of the goal with Kaka waiting unmarked in the penalty area.

Another chance when begging went Kaka shot straight at goalkeeper Edwin Villafuerte instead of crossing to Ronaldo, who gesticulated angrily.

Kaka also sidefooted wide from Cafu's low cross and shot into the side-netting after combining with Ronaldinho.

Agustin Delgado had Ecuador's best first-half effort with a close-range header which was brilliantly stopped by Dida after Mendez crossed from the right.

Brazil continued to dominate after the break and Ronaldinho had a shot tipped onto the crossbar from Villafuerte after his own free kick went into the wall and rebounded straight to him.

MNA/Reuters



Brazilian striker Ronaldinho (L) challenges for the ball with Edwin Tenorio during their World Cup qualifying match at Atahualpa Olympic Stadium, in Quito, on 17 Nov, 2004. Ecuador defeated Brazil 1-0.—INTERNET

Montero earns Uruguay 1-0 win over Paraguay

MONTEVIDEO, 19 Nov — Uruguay captain Paolo Montero headed a late goal to earn his side a 1-0 win over Paraguay in a World Cup qualifier on Wednesday.

The 33-year-old Juventus defender, lucky to escape with only a booking for a late challenge in the first half, rose at the far post to convert a corner in the 78th minute.

Montero, who quit international football after the 2002 World Cup but reconsidered this year, was playing only his second match in the South American zone qualifying campaign.

Uruguay, beaten by Peru and Venezuela in Montevideo earlier in the campaign, badly needed the win to stay in contention for a place at the 2006 finals.

They now have 14 points from 11 games in the 10-nation South American group, two behind Paraguay, who are third but have taken only two points from their last three games.—MNA/Reuters



Ronald Arana, right, of Bolivia, fights for the ball with Freddy Grisales of Colombia, during a South American qualifying soccer match for the 2006 World Cup in Barranquilla, Colombia, on 17 Nov, 2004.—INTERNET

Argentina moves to top of S American WC qualifying group

BUENOS AIRES, 19 Nov — Argentina went top of the South American World Cup qualifying group on Wednesday, defeating Venezuela 3-2 despite having problems with their improvised rearguard.

The home side were never able to relax as their defence, missing Gabriel Heinze and Walter Samuel through suspension and Roberto Ayala through injury, struggled to cope with Venezuela's attack.

The win, their 14th in as many meetings with Venezuela, took Argentina top of the 10-nation group with 22 points from 11 games, two more than Brazil, who lost 1-0 to Ecuador.

Venezuela dropped to ninth with 13 points but are still in the race for a place at their first World Cup finals.

Argentina were gifted the lead after only four minutes when defender Jose Manuel Rey headed a free kick into his own net. The visitors hit back with a superb individual goal by Ruberth Moran after 33 minutes.

Moran slipped past Gabriel Milito before firing past Roberto Abbondanzieri for his fifth goal in the last three qualifying matches.

Argentina regained the lead on the stroke of halftime when midfielder Juan Roman Riquelme swerved a free kick over the wall and into the net.

Javier Saviola struck the third from the edge of the area in the 66th minute, 10 minutes after replacing Cesar Delgado.

An Abbondanzieri blunder let Ven-

ezuela back into the game six minutes later.

Substitute Leonel Vielma's weak free kick found its way through the defensive wall, slipped through Abbondanzieri's arms and into the goal.—MNA/Reuters



Argentina's Javier Saviola celebrates after scoring his team's third goal against Venezuela during their World Cup 2006 South American qualifying zone's final game of the year at the Monumental Stadium in Buenos Aires, on 17 Nov, 2004.—INTERNET

Peru beat Chile 2-1

LIMA, 19 Nov — Paolo Guerrero grabbed his first goal for Peru as they beat neighbours Chile 2-1 in a pulsating World Cup qualifier on Wednesday to stay in the chase for a berth at the 2006 finals.

Dutch-based striker Jefferson Farfan fired Peru in front early in the second half before striker Guerrero, 20, a substitute for his Bayern Munich teammate Claudio Pizarro, sealed the points with a freak goal four minutes from time.

Two players were sent off, both teams hit the crossbar and both goalkeepers made outstanding saves before an astonishing climax in which Se-

bastian Gonzalez pulled a goal back in injury time and missed the chance of an equalizer with the last kick of the game.

The win allowed Peru to leap-frog their opponents into seventh place in the 10-nation South American qualifying group. The two sides have 13 points from 11 games but Peru are ahead on goal difference. Peru midfielder Roberto Palacios had a fourth-minute goal dis-

allowed for offside while Pizarro, playing his first international since July, crashed a header against the crossbar in the opening quarter of an hour.

The visitors nearly took the lead when Mauricio Pinilla broke clear, only for his shot to hit the underside of the bar.

Chile midfielder Rodrigo Melendez and Peru defender Santiago Acasiete were dismissed for their part in a brawl in the 41st minute.

PSV Eindhoven striker Farfan volleyed Peru ahead in the 55th minute following a corner and goalkeeper Nelson Tapia made reflex saves to deny Nolberto Solano and Guerrero further goals.

Tapia's opposite number Oscar Ibanez prevented a Chile equalizer when he brilliantly turned away a Pinilla header.

In the 86th minute, Guerrero chased a long pass forward, Tapia raced out of his goal and got to the ball first only to see it rebound off his opponent and into the net.

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public to be imbued with the sense to uplift the national prestige and integrity and to preserve and safeguard cultural heritage and national character. The association is lending themselves to the religious and social affairs. On 19 May this year,

some townships of Rakhine State suffered a storm. So, the USDA (Central) contributed K 10 million for the victims. The Rakhine State USDA also donated K 1 million and contributed much to the relief measures taken for the storm victims. On 24 June, the association donated bags of rice to flood victims of rural areas in Thandwe Township.

The association participated in conducting health talks, opening traditional medicine courses and rural dispensaries, and providing health care services to rural people by specialists.

For the smooth transport of rural people, earth and gravel roads, and 17 bridges were constructed and five small bridges repaired. To supply water for rural people, lakes, wells and hand pumps have been dug, he said. Besides, the association carried out tasks for supplying electricity to the people.

As for the rural education sector, the schools were renovated, and 1298 pieces of furniture, cash, text books and exercises books and stationery donated for the students. In cooperation with the education department the association donated 364 corrugated iron sheets to the schools and participated in the opening of self-reliant libraries.

For raising the health standard of the rural people, in collaboration with social organizations, the association participated in conducting health talks, opening traditional medicine courses and rural dispensaries, and providing health care services to rural people by specialists.

The association also participated in the manageable-scale breeding of poultry and cattle and provided quality seeds and paddy strains to the local farmers. A total of 3274 USDA members have been trained through the various training courses conducted by the association, he said. In addition the USDA members participated in the religious affairs.

Next, Yangon Division USDA Executive U Aung Myint explained that the association could train and nurture its members to make itself stronger. Altogether 183 members have completed various courses conducted by the association at central level. The 13th multiplier course on Myanmar Development Studies was successfully opened. A total of 832 members in that course, 6,403 in the organizational course, 9,069 in the basic and higher courses on E-mail and Internet, 1,020 in the sports and music courses, and 2,573 in the culture and morality course. A total of 383,729 members have completed these courses.

Besides, the association opened 11 base camps in 45 townships to speed up its organizational campaigns and to get in touch with the people and the youths alike. The association also provided these camps with televisions, video players, generators, apartments and representatives worth K 5,015,850 on a monthly basis.

The strength of the association totals 1,889,612—969,892 males and 1,919,720 females.

To serve the interests of the country and the people with national outlook, dynamic patriotism and flourishing Union Spirit, the youths are being organ-

ized as follows:

(a) talks were given in 45 townships of Yangon Division to strengthen the mass of youths; and

(b) courses were conducted to enhance the capacities of the youths.

To organize the womenfolk, seven tasks are being implemented as follows:

(a) free education is provided for needy students with the contribution of K 1.2 million;

(b) for women's health care service, K 60,000 is provided for the health of its members

(c) K 5.55 was disbursed as loan for the economic development of women.

(d) In women's social and cultural affairs, women's religious associations are formed in 45 townships; religious verses are recited at Shwedagon Pagoda on Saturdays; and provisions worth K 1.538 million were donated to a nunnery in Insein Township.

(e) preventing women against violence, cooperation with departments concerned in young women's development and sports affairs, tailoring and spoken English courses for young women, women basic organizational courses and women vocational training schools could be opened with the total strength of 510 members and enhancing women's participation in football tournaments, and

(f) carrying out the tasks of public interests in cooperation with Women's Affairs Federation and Maternal and Child Welfare Association in the organizing tasks of social organizations of women's affairs and giving talks on women's affairs.

During the field trips of central executives, tasks of regional development, organizing, transport, supply of water, and the assistance of health care teaching aids materials, stationery for education development, sports gear and funds for the association is also provided.

As industrial development tasks, two garment factories and tailoring courses were opened. For the development of human resources and ensuring smooth transport, opening of computer training and Internet & E-mail services at the office of Yangon Division USDA and running bus lines are being carried out.

Continuous efforts for the works of public interests are also being carried out by Social organizations. A total of 2,890 blood bottles were collectively donated by the members. Relief for flooding in Taikgyi, cash and provisions were donated to victims.

Besides, the students who were in trouble due to

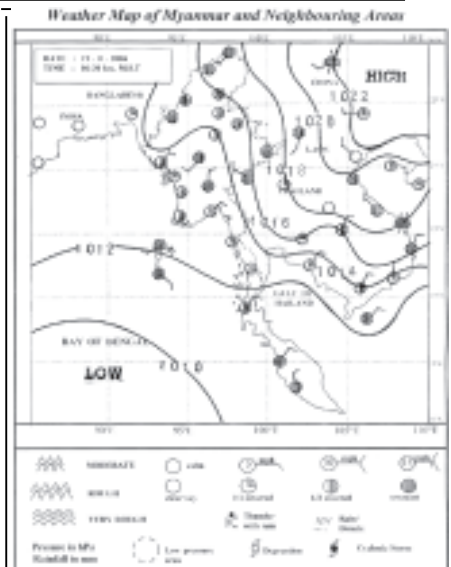
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the flooding in Taikgyi, Aphyauk and Hmawby townships were provided necessary assistance and cash by Yangon USDA. Distribution of drinking water in summer to the people and educative measures for health care were also carried out by the members. Yangon USDA could carry out more effective measures in education and health this year. New school buildings were constructed and donated by the association. In organizing to electrify the villages of Yangon Division, the association could take measures to get electricity in 110 villages.

He promised and gave a concluding account of putting into successful practice the guidance and addresses of the USDA Patron, future work programmes and objectives of the association.

Next, the first session of the preliminary meeting of the Annual General Meeting of 2004 USDA was adjourned at 2.10 pm.

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WEATHER

Friday, 19 November, 2004

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:

During the past 24 hours, light rain have been isolated in Yangon and Bago Divisions and weather have been generally fair in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded was Coco Island (0.71) inch. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below normal in upper Sagaing Division, Kachin, Northern Shan and Chin States, (3°C) above normal in Rakhine State and Taninthayi Division and about normal in the remaining areas. The significant night temperature was (4°C) in Hakha.

Maximum temperature on 18-11-2004 was 97°F. Minimum temperature on 19-11-2004 was 68°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 19-11-2004 was 81%. Total sunshine hours on 18-11-2004 was (8.0) hours approx. Rainfall on 19-11-2004 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 10 mph from Southwest at (16:30) hours MST on 18-11-2004.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 20-11-2004: Light rain are likely to be isolated in Ayeyawady, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and weather will be generally fair in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Slight increase of night temperature in the Lower Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 20-11-2004: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 20-11-2004: Generally fair.

Weather outlook for third weekend of November 2004: During the coming weekend, weather will be partly cloudy in Yangon Division and generally fair in Mandalay Division.



Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win addresses the Meeting No 5/2004 for Industrial Development. — MNA

Head of State gives guidance to accelerate momentum of industrial development

Encouragement to be given to improvement of private industrial sector

YANGON, 19 Nov — The Industrial Development Meeting No 5/2004 took place at the training hall of the Ministry of Industry-1 on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road here this afternoon.

Industrial Development Committee Chairman Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win addressed the meeting.

Present were Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Chairman, Yangon Command Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe, IDC member ministers, the Yangon mayor, deputy ministers, the vice-mayor, responsible personnel of the State Peace and Development Council Office, departmental heads, chairmen and members of the supervisory committees

for industrial zones, chairmen and members of the management committees for industrial zones, the president and officials of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, industrialists, and guests.

Speaking on the occasion, Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win said efforts are being made in accord with the guidance given by Head of State Senior General Than Shwe in 1995 concerning the policies of industrial development. With the emergence of industrial zones one after another, the whole industrial sector is now going well as a result of the correct policies. Now, the Head of State has given another

guidance to accelerate the momentum of industrial development. In line with the new guidance, the IDC and other committees at different levels are to make concerted efforts in cooperation with relevant ministries, and entrepreneurs. Success has been achieved on account of field trips down to grass-roots level. Generally speaking, the prospect of the industrial development is encouraging as has been anticipated.

The number of private factories and workshops has totalled nearly 100,000, more than that of the State-owned and the cooperative-owned ones. Even in the private industries, the medium and small-scale factories are

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Peaceful, modern and developed nation — national goal

USDA members should establish themselves as well-rounded individuals with strong conviction and determination

USDA members to join hands with public in implementing Road Map



USDA Secretary-General U Htay Oo, members of the secretariat, members of the Central Executive Committee, secretaries of state/division-level USDAs, and representatives of USDAs at different levels.

USDA Secretariat Member U Tin Htut, CEC members U Ohn Myint and U Maung Maung

Thein chaired the meeting. Daw Hnin Hnin Khine, Executive of Dibayin Township USDA in Sagaing Division, acted as emcee together with Daw Nan Khin Hla Nyunt, Joint Secretary of Monghsat District USDA in Shan State (East), as co-emcee.

At the outset, the emcee announced the start of the meeting as the

number of USDA representatives present on the occasion totalled 444.

USDA Secretary-General U Htay Oo extended greetings and wished the representatives mental and physical health. Speaking on the occasion, he said the emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed nation being our national

goal, the existence of a national force that will discharge national duties is necessary so as to reach that goal. The USDA is founded with five lofty aims, five basic principles, four pledges, eleven codes of conduct and fourteen responsibilities, by enlisting a majority of youths who will perform national duties for the

country.

The government formed the Association, with lofty aims to carry out the national duties effectively. It is therefore incumbent upon USDA members to pin their hope on the realization of the goal with determination. It is believed that they will do their share of

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YANGON, 19 Nov — The first day session of the Union Solidarity and Development Association's Annual General Meeting 2004 took place at Pyidaungsu Hall of the USDA Central Training School in Hmawby Township here on 14 November.

It was attended by



USDA Secretary-General U Htay Oo extends greetings on the first day session of USDA Annual General Meeting (2004). — MNA

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