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## Ayeyawady Division enters new age of progress Pathein Bridge, 40th facility in the Division, opens

YANGON, 22 Nov — Pathein Bridge linking Mayanchaung and Kanni villages across Ngawun River in Pathein Township, Ayeyawady Division, was commissioned into service today.

Chairman of Central Supervisory Committee for Smooth and Secure Transport Secretary-1 of State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein attended the ceremony to mark the opening of the facility, held at Mayanchaung village.

With 2,140 feet in length, Pathein is a suspension bridge of concrete-reinforced type. It has a 28-foot-wide motor road with a four-foot-wide pedestrian lane on either side. Its space of

Sein said that Pathein Bridge is a suspension facility spanning Ngawun River between Mayanchaung village on the east bank and Kanni village on the west bank on Pathein-Shwemyintin-Wayachaung road in Pathein Township. Myanmar engineers built the magnificent bridge, with maximum load-bearing capacity of 75 tons, within a period of over one year. Z-crafts are the only means of transport across the Ngawun in the past. The bridge cuts travel time for all who have to travel across the river for work or any purpose.

In accord with the guidance of the Head of State, the Government has built the bridge, es-



*Secretary-1 of State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein and party on newly-built Pathein Bridge. — MNA*

## Transport facilitation on the west bank of the Ngawun will further help develop the region

clearance is 840 feet in width and 33 feet in height. The bridge can withstand 75 tons of loads. It was constructed by the special bridge construction group-8 of Public Works.

In his address, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein

seintial for social, economic and regional development, with goodwill. In addition to the bridge, Pathein-Tha-baung, Pathein-Chaungtha and Pathein-Ngwehsaung roads have been upgraded phase by phase to become tar

roads. Transport facilitation on the west bank of the Ngawun will help further develop the region. Marine, agricultural and forest products from the region can be transported to all other places of the nation through the bridge in a short time,

leading to promotion of trade and economy on the west bank. Moreover, access to Chaungtha and Ngwehsaung beaches will become easier and speedier.

In this regard, the Government has been building a network of

roads linking the whole nation and also the bridges on them to narrow the gap between one region and another. More roads and bridges will be built at all necessary places. Up to now, the Government has built 40 large bridges including the Pathein Bridge in Ayeyawady Division, and on the Ngawun alone, flowing from north to south in the division, are two facilities — the

Ngathaingchaung bridge and the Pathein bridge. The division now has nearly 1,300 miles of roads, up from over 460 miles in the past. Now the division can rely both on  
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*Impressive view of illuminated Pathein Bridge which spans Ngawun River. — MNA*

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

## PERSPECTIVES

Tuesday, 23 November, 2004

## Do more research work for rapid industrial development

The government of the Union of Myanmar has been striving with the united strength of the entire national people for the nation to be able to catch up with the development of other nations of the world. In doing so, it is encouraging the emergence of national forces in various fields in accordance with the national policy.

It goes without saying that the development of the industrial sector plays a pivotal role in our endeavours to build the Union into a modern and developed nation. Therefore, all the necessary measures are being taken for the development of the industrial sector.

Head of State Senior General Than Shwe has given guidance that coordinated efforts should be made between different levels of the Industrial Development Committee, ministries concerned and national entrepreneurs for rapid development of the industrial sector. As all is being done in accordance with the guidance given by the Head of State and industrial development policies, industrial zones have emerged and the whole industrial sector is making rapid progress.

The coordination meeting 5/2004 of the Industrial Development Committee was held at the training centre of the Ministry of Industry-1 on 19 November and it was attended by Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win, also Chairman of the Industrial Development Committee. At the meeting, the Prime Minister said that it was necessary to expand industrial research and development work to help private industries produce marketable items.

With the purpose of paving the way for rapid development of the industrial sector, the government has not only taken steps to boost the production of State-owned heavy industries but also organized scattered private industries and established industrial zones where suitable. As a result, there are now more than 8,300 private industries operating in industrial zones all over the nation.

At such a time when the government is doubling its efforts for the development of the industrial sector, we would like to urge all those responsible of industrial zones to do more research work so that marketable items can be produced.

## Officials to attend Annual Meeting of GMS-BF

YANGON, 22 NOV— Vice-President U Win Aung of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and Joint-Secretary Dr Maung Maung Lay left here on 18 November to attend the 5th Annual Meeting of GMS-BF to be held in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. The delegation was seen off at the airport by officials.

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## People's Desire

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

## F &amp; R Ministry holds Kathina robes offering ceremony

YANGON, 21 NOV— Under the patronage of Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun and wife, the staff of the ministry conducted the 8th communal Kathina robes offering ceremony at the ministry this morning.

At the ceremony, Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun, Deputy Minister Col Hla Thein Swe and their wives, departmental heads under the ministry and officials offered Kathina robes and offer-tories to members of the Sangha led by Sayadaw of Maha Gandaryi Mon-



Families of the Ministry of F&R offer Kathina robes to members of Sangha.—MNA

astery Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Pannawa.

The congregation shared the merits gained and offered soon (a day

meal) to the members of the Sangha.

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## Transport Minister leaves for Cambodia to attend ASEAN meetings



Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe being seen off by officials concerned at Yangon International Airport. —MNA

YANGON, 22 NOV — Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe left

here by air this morning to attend the tenth ASEAN Transport Min-

isters Meeting (10th ATM) and the second ASEAN and Japan

Transport Ministers Meeting (2nd ATM+ Japan) which are to be held in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, on 23 and 24 November. The minister was seen off at the Yangon International Airport by Minister for Energy Maj-Gen Lun Thi, Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung, departmental heads and families of the delegation.

The minister is accompanied by Deputy Director U Kyaw Myo of Civil Aviation Department and U Wai Linn of the Ministry of Transport.

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## Workshop on Participatory Learning and Action begins

YANGON, 22 NOV — Workshop on Participatory Learning and Action, co-organized by the Medical Research Department (Lower Myanmar) and the Population Council, commenced at the MRD (Lower Myanmar) in Dagon Township here this morning.

It was attended by Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint, Deputy Minister Dr Mya Oo, directors-general, deputy directors-general and rectors, directors and professors of the departments and universities under the



Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint delivers an address at DMR (LM)/Population Council Workshop. —MNA

ministry, medical super-intendents and officials of NGOs.

Next, the workshop started after the opening speech of Min-

ister Dr Kyaw Myint. It will last five days.

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## New UAE Energy Minister affirms unchanged oil policy

ABU DHABI, 22 Nov— Newly-appointed Energy Minister of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) affirmed that the country would maintain its present oil policy and there are no changes to take place, the official WAM news agency reported Sunday.

In his first statement to WAM after assuming his portfolio, Mohammed bin Dha'en al-Hamili pointed out the UAE policy in the field of oil and energy is

clear and well-founded, which utilizes the oil revenue to achieve comprehensive development in the country, as evident from the past.

The UAE will continue fulfilling its obligation to produce sufficient supplies of crude oil to keep the global oil market's stability and safeguard the interests of both the producers and the consumers, the minister stated.

MNA/Xinhua

## Hu Jintao, Putin meet on ties, issues of mutual concern

SANTIAGO, 22 Nov— Chinese President Hu Jintao and his Russian counterpart, Vladimir Putin, exchanged views recently Saturday on their countries' ties and other issues of mutual concern.

The two leaders, who met on the sidelines of the 12th Economic Leaders' Meeting of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) in the Chilean capital, reached consensus on a wide range of issues, said a Press release issued by the Chinese delegation.

Hu was quoted as saying he and Putin agreed to further develop the ties between their countries, adding that the Russian President's visit to China earlier this year had achieved important results.

The consensus is of great significance to the long-term and stable development of Sino-Russian

strategic partnership of cooperation, the Chinese President noted. The ties between the two countries have witnessed sound development this year with the settlement of all the border issues, and bilateral trade is expected to exceed 20 billion US dollars, Hu said.

"The two countries have approved the programme for implementing the Sino-Russian Good-Neighbourly Treaty of Friendship and Cooperation, thus laying down a systematic plan for cooperation in the next four years," he added.

The Chinese President also put forward the fol-

lowing proposals for furthering the two countries' relations in 2005:

— Maintaining exchanges of high-level visits and contact;

— Earnestly implementing the programme of the Good-Neighbourly Treaty of Friendship and Cooperation and holding consultations for the purpose;

— Increasing the efficiency of the bilateral cooperation mechanism and striving to make breakthroughs in key areas; and

— Strengthening communication and consultation on international affairs.—MNA/Xinhua

## Chinese, Philippine foreign ministers discuss relations

SANTIAGO, 22 Nov — Chinese Foreign Minister Li Zhaoxing held a phone conversation with Philippine Foreign Secretary Alberto Romulo at the latter's request to discuss bilateral issues.

Li is in the Chilean capital accompanying President Hu Jintao to attend the 12th Economic Leaders' Meeting of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum.

In their conversation, Li clarified

China's principle and stance on Taiwan and on developing Sino-Philippine friendly and cooperative ties, according to a Press release issued by the Chinese delegation.

MNA/Xinhua



A picture released by the Multi National Force-Iraq shows soldiers with the Iraqi Special Forces along with US Marines clearing houses in the devastated city of Fallujah, 50 kms west of Baghdad on, 21 Nov, 2004.—INTERNET

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## ADB approves loan package to improve roads in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 21 Nov—The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved a loan package totalling 301.2 million US dollars to improve the road network in Pakistan's North West Frontier Province (NWFP), *The Nation* newspaper reported on Saturday.

The loan will be used to boost access of the rural population to economic opportunities and services and promote trade by enhancing connections to the Afghan border and Karachi ports.

To improve sub-regional connectivity, about 310 kilometres of national highways, including new access to Afghanistan, and border crossing infrastructure at two border points with Afghanistan will be built or improved.

The nearest ports to landlocked Afghanistan and most of the Central Asian republics are the existing facilities in Karachi and the under-construction port at Gwadar.

"With stability returning to Afghani-

stan and growing bilateral trade with Pakistan, the road corridor to be improved under the project will bring significant opportunities for the NWFP to benefit from the sub-regional trade and economic development," Hasan Masood, an ADB senior transport specialist was quoted as saying.

He added that improved connectivity ensures better and cheaper road transport that will play an important role in offering access to economic opportunities, including labour and product markets and will help overcome geographic isolation and cultural and social barriers.

MNA/Xinhua



A Vietnamese coffee farmer works on his field in Khe Sanh recently.—INTERNET

## US Marines gun down Iraqi civilians at checkpoint

BAGHDAD, 22 Nov—US Marines have killed several Iraqi civilians after opening fire at bus which drove through a checkpoint in the city of Ramadi, the US military and Iraqi police said.

Police said seven died on Saturday, the military said three.

"The driver ignored verbal warning and several warning shots," the military said in a statement.

"As US Marines in the vicinity of the checkpoint attempted to disable the

van, the van accelerated toward the Marines. The Marines then fired upon the vehicle to protect themselves and the integrity of the checkpoint."

Ramadi police chief Brigadier Jasim al-Dulaimi said seven died in the shooting near the central governorate building where US troops are positioned.

*Reuters Television* footage showed the bus peppered with bullet holes. Some of the windows were shattered and others splattered with blood.—Internet

## Sixth Iraq oil well set ablaze by saboteurs

KIRKUK, 22 Nov—Saboteurs set ablaze another well in Iraq's northern oilfields overnight, bringing to six the number firefighters are trying to extinguish in the region, security guards said.

"Saboteurs exploded a bomb, setting oil well number 20 on fire," said Lieutenant Colonel Hammudi Ali, of the security force operating for the state-owned North Oil Company. The well is located in the Al-Khabbaza field, west of the city of Kirkuk, where five other wells were already ablaze following previous attacks.

"The firefighters are still trying to put out the fires, but so far they haven't managed to extinguish a single one,"

Ali said. Guards thwarted a second sabotage attempt overnight, killing one assailant and wounding another, at a well further west, said Colonel Nawzad Ahmed, also from the oilfields protection force.—Internet

## Goh to push cooperation between Singapore, Malaysia

SINGAPORE, 22 Nov — Singapore's Senior Minister Goh Chok Tong said on Sunday that he would push forward the bilateral cooperation between the city state and Malaysia.

According to local Press reports, Goh will seek more opportunities for interaction between young people in the two neighbouring countries when he meets Malaysian Prime Minister Abdullah Badawi on 13 December in Malaysia.

In response to questions from the media in a community celebration here, Goh, who is now handling Singapore's negotiations with Malaysia, said he would not speculate on the outstanding bilateral issues, including price of water Malaysia supplies to Singapore and the proposed bridge to replace the Causeway linking the two countries.

"We've got to be realistic. I've got to listen to him first, at this stage I do not want to make any comment. I go up with the intention to move forward on the issues as much as possible," Goh said.

He said that it is important for the two countries to have the intention of establishing cooperation socially, politically and economically.

He added that he has known Badawi for a long time, which ensures the discussions to be frank and amicable, and each of them would have to be looking out for the interest of his own country.

MNA/Xinhua

## US offensive against cities in Iraq as "immoral assault"

DUBAI, 21 Nov — An influential Muslim cleric said on Saturday that fighting occupation forces in Iraq was a religious duty and described a US-led offensive against rebel-held cities in the country as an "immoral assault".

"All Islamic schools agree on the duty to resist, especially if the occupying aggressor does not heed laws, morality or international conventions," Sheikh Youssef al-Qaradawi, an outspoken Egyptian-born Sunni cleric based in the Gulf state of Qatar, told Arab satellite television Al-Jazeera.

He also condemned the shooting dead of a wounded and unarmed Iraqi in a mosque by a US Marine in the western town of Fallujah, the scene of fierce fighting in the past week. The US military has opened an investigation into the shooting, which was caught on videotape by an NBC television crew. — MNA/Reuters

## Chinese FM meets Papua New Guinea counterpart

SANTIAGO, 22 Nov — Chinese Foreign Minister Li Zhaoxing held separate talks on Saturday with Papua New Guinea Foreign Minister Rabbie Namaliu.

During the meeting between Li and Namaliu, the two ministers expressed satisfaction over the development of bilateral relations.

Li praised the government of Papua New Guinea for its adherence to the One-China policy and its support to the Chinese side when dealing with the Taiwan issue in international and regional organizations. Li also said China supports Papua New Guinea's efforts in developing national economy and improving the people's living standard. — MNA/Xinhua



A US Apache helicopter hovers above a US soldier in the Iraqi northern city of Mosul on 21 Nov, 2004. — INTERNET

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## China, Cuba to strengthen bilateral relations

HAVANA, 22 Nov — Chinese President Hu Jintao starts a two-day state visit to Cuba on Monday, a move expected to add new impulse to bilateral cooperation in economic, political and other fields.

Hu's visit, at the invitation of his Cuban counterpart Fidel Castro, will be the fourth and final leg of his Latin American tour that also included Brazil, Argentina and Chile.

Cuba in 1960 became the first Latin American country to establish diplomatic relations with China, and bilateral ties have been advancing over the past 10 years.

Bilateral ties were further promoted by a 2001-visit to Cuba by the then Chinese President Jiang Zemin, and a subsequent visit by Castro to Beijing in 2003.

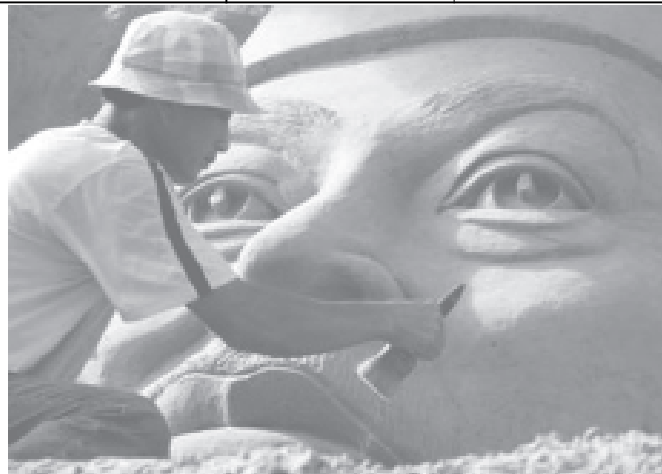
At present, the Havana-Beijing ties are characterized by the mutual political support

and understanding, with Cuba supporting the one-China principle and China rejecting the US-led blockade on the Caribbean island.

In the economic and trade aspects, the two countries have also witnessed sound development in cooperation.

China, one of Cuba's principal trading partners, imports tobacco, seafood, high-tech medical equipment and vaccines from Cuba, and exports electric appliances, machinery and other products to the island.

MNA/Xinhua



An artist from China builds a sand sculpture of Malaysian Prime Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi in Alor Gajah in Malaysian's state of Malacca, 170 km (106 miles) south of Kuala Lumpur, on 17 Nov, 2004.

INTERNET

## Western China to limit energy intensive, pollution projects

BEIJING, 22 Nov — The western region of China must limit the development of energy intensive and heavy pollution projects, said Chinese Vice-Premier Zeng Peiyan during an inspection tour in South China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region.

"The western region

must pay adequate attention to environmental protection while boosting economy," said Zeng.

"The western region should integrate economic, social and ecological benefits together at the same time and work hard to find a new industrialization road that echoes the concrete situation in western China," he said.

He said cities in western China need to get away from the "break it, then fix it" mentality. Instead, businesses need to work to prevent pollution.

He noted that the introduction of market-based operation could be an efficient solution to waste water and other pollution problems.

But at the same time, the region needs to develop a way to ensure those who do pollute are responsible for the clean up, he said.

MNA/Xinhua

## Nine Iraqi troops found shot dead in Mosul

MOSUL, 21 Nov — The bodies of nine Iraqi soldiers, each shot in the back of the head, were found in Iraq third city Mosul, the US military said on Sunday.

The northern Iraqi city remains on edge after anti-American insurgents routed the police force a week ago. There have been other reports of captured members of Iraq's new US-backed security forces being killed.

The nine dead soldiers were found in the city centre on Saturday by US troops, the military said in a statement.

"Each of the victims was found with a gunshot wound to the back of the head," it said, giving no further details.

A group led by al Qaeda ally Abu Musab al-Zarqawi said in an Internet statement dated 20 Nov that it killed members of the Iraqi National Guard at a base northwest of Mosul, but it was not clear whether the claim referred to the latest killings.

"The lions of Al Qaeda Organization of Holy War in Iraq killed 17 apostates of the Iraqi idolatrous guards," the group said in the statement posted on an Islamist Web site. It warned Iraqi soldiers they were all considered legitimate targets.

Ethnic tensions between Arabs and their Kurdish neighbours from the northern mountains have risen in Mosul recently with the arrival of Kurdish National Guards to replace police who fled their posts during the rebel offensive this month. — Internet



## China to accomplish lunar probe programme in 13 years

Bo'ao (Hainan), 22 Nov — China is now capable of probing the moon and will complete an unmanned lunar probe programme in 13 years.

These remarks were made by Ouyang Ziyuan, the programme's chief scientist, at the ongoing annual conference of China Association of Science and Technology held in Bo'ao, southernmost Hainan Province, on Sunday.

There will be no copy of the unmanned lunar probe programme, which brooks no failure, Ouyang, also an academican of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, told the 3,000 attendees of the meeting from the scientific and technological research circle in China.

Ouyang said that the programme will embrace three major stages, namely, a moon surrounding probe; a lunar probe based on soft landing vehicles and moon rovers; and automatic lunar sampling and returning to the Earth.

China is now able to receive, process and decipher lunar probe data, according to Ouyang.

Ouyang noted the programme will be

an important step toward China's exploration of deep space, for the moon will provide a good platform to explore space.

The lunar programme is also known as the Chang'e Programme, which was named after a goddess who reached the moon in an ancient Chinese fairy tale.

Ouyang said a satellite dubbed *Chang'e 1* will be launched to orbit the moon before 2007.

The satellite will obtain three-dimensional images of the lunar surface, analyze the content of useful elements and materials, and probe the depth of the lunar soil and the space environment between the Earth and the moon, Ouyang said.

Last year China became the third country in the world to send a man into space. Chinese space experts said earlier this month that two Chinese astronauts are expected to enter space late next year on a several-day mission.

MNA/Xinhua

## North China port on track to be in top-10 worldwide

TIANJIN, 22 Nov — Tianjin port, the largest international port in north China, is expected to handle a record of 200 million tons of goods this year.

According to sources with the Tianjin port authorities, the port handled 171 million tons of goods in the first 10 months this year, nine million more than the whole of 2003.

During the January-October period, the port also handled 3.15 million TEUs (twenty-foot equivalent units) of containers, a year-on-year increase of 25.29 per cent, said the port authorities.

As an international business harbour, Tianjin port currently operates more than 70 regular shipping routes and has connections with more than 300 ports around the world.

The port has made

record growth in its handling capacity in the past decades, with its annual capacity surging from only 10 million tons in 1984 to 162 million tons in 2003. To lure more overseas shipping carriers and meet challenges from the top three domestic container ports, including Shanghai, Shenzhen and Qingdao, the Tianjin port has set its goal for the next decade early this year.

Tianjin Port aims to become a world-class container hub in northeastern Asia in the next decade, with an annual handling capacity of 300 million tons targeted for 2010, said port authorities. By the year

2010, the port's container handling capacity will reach 10 million TEUs, with a 200,000-tons-class deep water sea-route established around the port.

To meet the goal, Tianjin has decided to increase investment to the port. With an annual input over two billion yuan (about 241.6 million US dollars), a total of 16 billion yuan (1.93 billion US dollars) will be invested in the port in the coming six years. Statistics show that in 2003, the number of containers handled in China reached 48 million TEUs, ranking the first around the world.

MNA/Xinhua

## Chilean security officers stop Bush's secret service agent

SANTIAGO, 22 Nov — US President George W Bush on Saturday reached into a throng of squabbling bodyguards and pulled a Secret Service agent away from Chilean security officers after they stopped the US agent from accompanying the President at a dinner.

Chilean security stopped several members of the President's Secret Service detail and a pushing and shoving match ensued. It occurred as Bush was entering the Mapocho Station cultural centre for an official dinner of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation summit's 21 leaders.

Bush was posing for pictures on the red carpet with his wife, Laura, and Chilean President Richardo

Lagos and his wife, Luisa Duran, when the President noticed the confrontation unfolding behind him.

He stepped away from them and reached into the quarrelling crowd and hauled the lead Secret Service agent from Chilean security agents.

For a few seconds Bush met resistance from the Chilean officers. Bush was seen shaking his head and muttering

under his breath as he walked away.

APEC's summit television showed the incident.

The White House had little comment.

"Chilean security tried to stop the president's Security Service from accompanying him. He told them they were with him, and the issue was resolved," White House Spokeswoman Claire Buchanan said.

MNA/Reuters



Chilean protesters burn a US flag as rioting demonstrators marched through downtown Santiago, on 21 Nov, 2004. — INTERNET

## Children pay cost of Iraq's chaos

BAGHDAD, 21 Nov - Acute malnutrition among young children in Iraq has nearly doubled since the United States led an invasion of the country 20 months ago, according to surveys by the United Nations, aid agencies and the interim Iraqi government.

After the rate of acute malnutrition among children younger than 5 steadily declined to 4 percent two years ago, it shot up to 7.7 percent this year, according to a study conducted by Iraq's Health Ministry in cooperation with Norway's Institute for Applied International Studies and the UN Development Programme. The new figure translates to roughly 400,000 Iraqi children suffering from "wasting," a condition characterized by chronic diarrhea and dangerous deficiencies of protein. "These figures

clearly indicate the downward trend," said Alexander Malyavin, a child health specialist with the UNICEF mission to Iraq.

The surveys suggest the silent human cost being paid across a country convulsed by instability and mismanagement. While attacks by insurgents have grown more violent and more frequent, deteriorating basic services take lives that many Iraqis said they had expected to improve under American stewardship.

Iraq's child malnutrition rate now

roughly equals that of Burundi, a central African nation torn by more than a decade of war. It is far higher than rates in Uganda and Haiti.

"The people are astonished," said Khalil M. Mehdi, who directs the Nutrition Research Institute at the Health Ministry. The institute has been involved with nutrition surveys for more than a decade; the latest one was conducted in April and May but has not been publicly released. — Internet

Donate blood

## Nepal hosts international mountain bike race

KATHMANDU, 22 Nov — An International mountain bike race concluded here Saturday afternoon, with nearly 100 cyclists from 13 countries and regions participated in. A total of 60 Nepali cyclists and 31 foreigners attended the 30 kilometres off-road race from Panuati to Godavari in the Kathmandu Valley.

Participants of the competition were divided into four categories: men's open race, men's senior race, men's junior race and women's race. "It's a very good experience to match with so many foreign cyclists," Herman Thapa, the first place winner of the men's junior race, told Xinhua.

MNA/Xinhua



This image courtesy NASA shows an artist's rendition of the Swift spacecraft observing a gamma burst. Swift is a first-of-its-kind, multi-wavelength observatory dedicated to the study of gamma-ray burst (GRB) science. — INTERNET

## Pathein Bridge, 40th facility in Ayeyawady Division



*Pathein Bridge, a suspension one, across Ngawun River in Pathein, Ayeyawady Division. — MNA*

### Facts about Pathein Bridge

Location	— Pathein, Ayeyawady Division
Length	— 2,140 ft long
Width of motor road	— 28 ft
Width of Pedestrian lanes	— 4 ft
Clearance	— 840 ft in width and 33 ft in height
Type of the bridge	— A concrete-reinforced suspension bridge
Load permitted	— 75 tons
Launch date of construction work	— 30-7-2003
Inauguration date	— 22-11-2004

With the opening of Pathein Bridge, marine, agricultural and forest products from the region can be transported to all other places of the nation through the bridge in a short time. Moreover, socio-economic life of over 500,000 population living on the western bank of Ngawun River will improve.



*Pathein Bridge across Ngawun River in Pathein, Ayeyawady Division, seen from the east bank of Ngawun River. — MNA*



## Ayeyawady Division enters new...

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road and water transport. Thus, it can be said that the division has entered a new age of development and changes, or, in other words it is a victory for both the Government and the people of the division.

Motor roads will reach every town in the division when the erection of Pyapon and Myinkaseik bridges complete. A strong economic growth is required for the nation to

couragement to entrepreneurs to set up large scale crop, fish and prawn farms. Thanks to their participation in the business, large areas of wetlands can be reclaimed for practical use.

In his address,

emony of the bridge was held on 30 July 2003. The duration of construction lasted only 16 months. It is the 176th bridge of over 180 feet opened after 1988 and the 40th in Ayeyawady Division.

Patheingyi and Thabaung Townships will improve due to the bridge, he said.

Holiday-makers from all parts of the country can go to beach resorts Chaungtha and Ngwehsaung through the bridge and enjoy the scenic beauty of the beaches. The beach resorts can

**Marine, agricultural and forest products from the region can be transported to all other places of the nation through the bridge in a short time, leading to promotion of trade and economy on the west bank. Moreover, access to Chaungtha and Ngwehsaung beaches will become easier and speedier.**



Secretary-1 of State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein delivers an address at opening of Patheingyi Bridge. — MNA



Thousands of attendance at a ceremony to open Patheingyi Bridge. — MNA

build transport infrastructures one after another on self-reliant basis. The Government has been making efforts to develop the livestock breeding sector in addition to agriculture.

It is providing en-

Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun said better transport is a major factor for development of a region. Feasible study was conducted for construction of Patheingyi Bridge in 2003. Cornerstone laying cer-

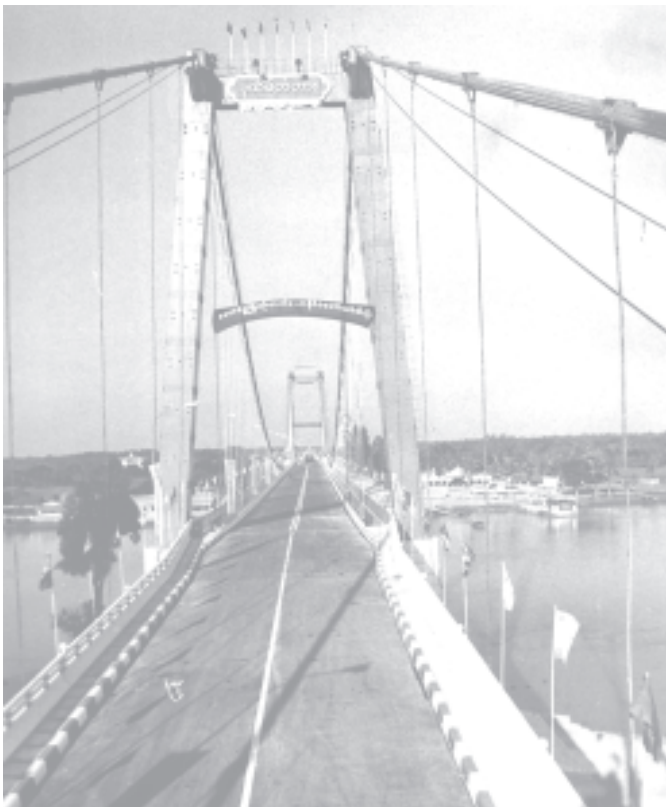
Health, economic and education standards of over 500,000 people in

now be reached from Yangon in five hours. He called for mainte-

tural and livestock breeding sectors. So, great efforts are needed to boost

sion cultivated 4.72 million acres of paddy out of 16.16 million in the

**A strong economic growth is required for the nation to build transport infrastructures one after another on self-reliant basis.**



Overlooking view of Patheingyi bridge across Ngazun River in Ayeyawady Division. — NLM

nance of the bridge for its durability.

Next, Commander Maj-Gen Soe Naing said as the State has built a lot of motor roads and bridges in Ayeyawady Division that abounds with rivers and creeks, the people can now travel easily in a short time. With the opening of Patheingyi Bridge, the socio-economic life of the population of 300,000 living in the townships of Patheingyi, Thabaung and Ngazun on the western bank of Ngazun River will improve. And local people can trade easily in their products. Those seeking rest and recreation can visit Ngwehsaung and Chaungtha beaches through the bridge.

The Head of State during his inspection tour of the division gave guidance saying that Ayeyawady Division is blessed with good fundamental prospects for the development of agricul-



Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Soe Naing expresses his thanks at a ceremony to open Patheingyi bridge. — MNA

the sectors. The division is undertaking a quarter of paddy cultivation acreage of the whole State. With its fertile soil, the division can contribute to the targeted yield of 1200 million baskets of paddy if more efforts are made to boost the per acre yield. As for the breeding sector, encouragement is to be given to extended breeding of fish and prawns. The commander said in 2003-2004 Ayeyawady Divi-

entire country, accounting for 29 percent. In 2004-2005 also, the division has grown 3.5 million acres of monsoon paddy and is striving for cultivation of 1.7 million acres of summer paddy. Prawns and fish were bred in 156,352 acres of ponds. In conclusion, he expressed thanks to the SPDC and the government, calling for the local people to maintain the bridge.

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Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein formally unveils the plaque of Patheingyi Bridge. — MNA



Secretary-1 of State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein sprinkles scented water to the plaque of Patheingyi Bridge. — MNA



Secretary-1 of State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein and party pose for documentary photo after opening of Patheingyi Bridge. — MNA

## Ayeyawady Division enters new...

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Next, a local expressed thanks for constructing the bridge. The Secretary-1 cordially greeted those present.

Also present were member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than, Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development

Council Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Soe Naing, ministers, deputy ministers, senior military officers, Myanmar ambassadors of missions abroad, officials of State Peace and Development Council Office, heads of departments, officials, social organizations and the local people totalling

over 6,200.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than, Commander Maj-Gen Soe Naing and Minister Maj-Gen Saw Tun formally opened the bridge.

Next, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and party posed for a group photo together with local people in front of the

archway of the bridge.

The Secretary-1 unveiled the stone inscription of the bridge.

Next, the Secretary-1 and party sprinkled the stone inscription with scented water. They also had cordial chats with local people.

Later, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and party inspected the construction project at the road leading to



Construction Minister Maj-Gen Saw Tun reports on construction of Patheingyi Bridge. — MNA

Chaungtha Beach and that of the road leading to Ngwehsaung Beach.

The Secretary-1 and party also oversaw the progress of construc-

tion at Patheingyi Airport. Leaving there by car, the Secretary-1 and party arrived back in Yangon in the evening. MNA



Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than, Commander Maj-Gen Soe Naing and Minister Maj-Gen Saw Tun formally open Patheingyi Bridge in Ayeyawady Division. — MNA

As the State has built a lot of motor roads and bridges in Ayeyawady Division that abounds with rivers and creeks, the people can now travel easily in a short time. With the opening of Patheingyi Bridge, there will improve socio-economic life of the population of 300,000 in Patheingyi, Thabaung and Ngapudaw townships on the western bank of Ngawun River.



## Two resolutions passed,...



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Executive Committee at the first day session of the annual general meeting 2004 of USDA held on 14 November as the future work programmes for the USDAs at different levels.

The nine future work programmes are as follows: USDA members upholding Our Three Main National Causes— non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of the national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty — are to build a peaceful modern and developed nation; — USDA members are to

adopt the 12 political, economical and social objectives laid down for the emergence of a peaceful modern and developed nation which is the goal of the State as the policy of the association;

- USDA members are to ensure active participation of the entire national people by playing their part with Union spirit in successful realization of seven-point policy programme;
- USDA members are to actively cooperate with people for success of the National Convention;
- USDA members are to guard against the internal and external destructive elements with the strength and unity of the people;
- As peace and stability of the State, strong economy of the State

and the people, and high standard of the national education are the basic requirements for establishment of a discipline-flourishing democracy, USDA members are to actively participate in the successful realization of the requirements;

- USDA members are to participate in the implementation of the third short-term five-year project and the five rural development tasks;
- USDA members are to fully engage in the organizational works by enhancing the four capabilities of the Association; and
- USDA members are to adopt the guidance of the USDA Patron as their work guidelines.

The approval was for the report presented by the USDA Central Executive Committee at the first day session of the annual general meet-



Member of State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and wife attend the reception of the 33rd Anniversary Armed Forces Day of the People's Republic of Bangladesh. — MNA

ing 2004 held on 14 November 2004. The first matter is to put on record the objectives of the annual general meeting 2004 included in the report presented by the Central Executive Committee at the first day session of the annual general meeting 2004 of USDA held on 14 November.

The second matter is to put on record the progress of implementation of future tasks in one-year period presented at the first day session of the annual general meeting 2004 of USDA held on 14 November.

The third matter is to put on record the findings of sector-wise dis-

cussion on organizational, management, economic, social, cultural and education, and participation in the successful realization of the seven-point political programme of the State presented at the third day session of the annual general meeting 2004 of USDA held on 16 November. — MNA

## Government pledges to shape...



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the meeting together with CEC members U Aung Min and U Aung Thein Lin. Singaing Township USDA executive Daw Theingi Aung of Mandalay Division acted as MC and Shartaung Township USDA member Daw Chaw Su Yi of Kayah State as co-MC.

First, Meeting



Secretary-General of USDA U Htay Oo gives concluding remarks at the AGM 2004. — MNA

Chairman U Htay Oo announced the resolution to follow the guidance of Senior General Than Shwe, Patron of the USDA, given at the USDA Annual General

Meeting (2004) as work guidelines for USDA at all levels.

Next, he also announced the approval of the reports of CEC members which were fully sup-

ported by the USDA at different levels; the resolution to lay down the nine future work programmes that were included in the reports of CEC members; and the resolutions to keep

abilities after seeking approval from those present at the meeting.

The MC with the permission of the chairman, submitted two resolutions passed, one matter

organizational tasks, management, economy, social and cultural affairs, education, peace and stability, unity, success of the seven-point Road Map and improvement of new generations' abilities. In addition, sound resolutions were passed by the meeting. So, it is heartening to see the success of the Annual General Meeting.

At the meeting, delegates of States and Divisions presented their reports on regional undertakings of the work programmes. Reviewing their reports presented, it can clearly be seen that the members of the association have achieved success in implementing the tasks including organizational tasks, the training of its members for the improvement of their abilities, peace and stability of the State, national (See page 10)

## Future work programmes of the association bode well for the people of the country



Secretary-General of USDA U Htay Oo presides over the meeting together with members of panel of chairmen U Aung Min and U Aung Thein Lin at the AGM 2004. — MNA

records of the seven objectives of the USDA AGM (2004), of the future work programmes implemented by respective State and Division USDAs in a year, and of the findings of different groups that were discussed at the third-day session of the meeting regarding the sectors including organizational tasks, management, economy, social and cultural affairs, education, peace and stability, unity, success of the seven-point Road Map and improvement of new generations'

approved and three matters put on record.

In his speech, USDA Secretary General U Htay Oo said it was the last day session of the USDA Annual General Meeting (2004) in which priority was given to successful implementation of the seven objectives. Discussions were focused on works carried out in the past year by the association at all levels. USDA delegates from the various regions also actively participated in the discussions concerning the or-

## Government pledges to shape...



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economic development, national education promotion, five rural development works and power supply for rural areas that are infrastructural development of the State, he noted. Moreover, USDA members participated in the successful implementation of the seven-point Road Map. The associations at different levels could realize the resolutions and carry out the future work programmes of the Annual General Meeting (2003) in cooperation with some social organizations and local people. It is sure that the future work programmes of the association bode well for the people of the country. And the members of the association will implement the work programmes successfully. Owing to its relentless efforts, the association won confidence and recognition of the people, and the membership has

## USDA members should be patient, polite and have positive attitude in their organizational campaigns

swelled, he said. In other words, Secretary General U Htay Oo said, the association had been able to organize the people while carrying out the tasks in public interest. That was why on behalf of the USDA CEC members, he honoured the achievements of the association at all levels.

USDA Patron Senior General Than Shwe himself graced the annual general meeting with his attendance and gave guidance on the role the association can play actively in the drive for the establishment of a future nation. The USDA Patron stressed the importance of human resources in nation-building tasks, and the nurturing of the youths to become ones capable of evaluating the prevailing conditions of the country. The Patron also spoke of the endeavours for the restoration of stability and security through concerted efforts and for national development drive. He attached importance to national solidarity, saying that the government considers its most vital in modernizing the country.

The Patron also recalled peace talks with armed groups to restore peace and stability in border areas and the develop-

ment endeavours. The Patron stressed the government would work hard to protect and consolidate national unity in the interests of the country and the entire national people, adding that stronger economy and higher education of national people must be secured first to turn the country into a democracy.

The Patron also called for concerted efforts to further vitalize the national unity, to protect peace and stability, to create and maintain the socio-economic life of the people, and to cooperate with Union Spirit in the successful implementation of the seven-point Road Map.

The guidance the Patron gave proved pragmatic for the association in its march towards the goal. Therefore, the associations at different levels are to take the USDA Patron's guidance as working guidelines.

Member of the Central Panel of Patrons Lt-Gen Soe Win also delivered an address at the preliminary USDA meeting. In his speech, he praised the association for its standing as a consolidated national force as well as for its success in serving public interests under the correct leadership of the gov-

ernment. Its membership is now on the increase as the association has won the trust and confidence of the people from all walks of life. The members are also being trained to become well-rounded ones. He also urged USDA members to participate in the tasks the five rural development plans, for the success of the objectives of the annual general meeting, and for the successful implementation of the seven-point Road Map.

The government has made a pledge to shape the country as a discipline-flourishing democracy. The emergence of an enduring democracy depends on stronger national unity based on Union Spirit. Constant measures are being taken to secure national stability, economic security, higher education standard of the country and the people. In shaping a peaceful, modern and developed nation, plans are to be drawn thoroughly so that border areas and rural areas will not remain unattended. The national development endeavours being carried out by the government are not for a single person. It will be clearly seen that they are in the interests of the country and the entire na-

tional people.

It is not for fame that the government is making constant efforts for national development. The government is doing so with genuine goodwill. It will also be found that the government is fulfilling the needs of the country and the people, depending on the wealth of the nation. It can be found nationwide the development trend.

USDA members are to be patient, polite and have

public so that they can win latter's hearts. They are responsible to fulfill the needs of the people. In doing so, they are to explain to the people authentic situation.

Next, U Htay Oo expressed his thanks to the participants for their contribution to the successful holding of the annual general meeting, calling for concerted efforts to accomplish the future work programmes laid down at the meeting.



Executive Daw Theingi Aung of Mandalay Division acts as master of ceremonies with member Daw Chaw Su Yi of Kayah State as co-master of ceremonies at AGM 2004. — MNA

positive attitude in their organizational campaigns. They are to instill in themselves aspiration and determination. They should also keep close contact with the

Afterwards, the annual general meeting ended successfully with the slogans chanted in chorus by those present.

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## Interview with...

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He passed his life as an editor in other magazines for 50 years. His pseudonym Htay Maung was first

used in Shumawa and Thwaythauk Magazines.

He won the National Literary Awards for *Ayaydawbon* and *Taik-pwe-khaw-than* in 1964

and in 1965 respectively.

He said he was very proud that he won the award for the government acknowledged his literary works.

(Translation: NW)

## Paper reading sessions on 27 November

YANGON, 22 Nov — The Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association is to hold paper reading sessions. Shwe Bo Mi Mi Gyi

and U Aye Cho (MA) will read their papers at the hall of Sarpay Beikman Building, No 529, Merchant Street at noon Saturday on

27 November 2004 and members of MWJA and enthusiasts can attend the session.

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## Executive Committee meeting of WWF held

YANGON, 22 Nov — The 18th meeting of Executive Committee of World Wushu Federation was held at Grand Plaza Park Royal Hotel this

morning.

Present on the occasion were President of WWF Mr Yu Zaiqing (China), Vice-Presidents Mr R W Smith (UK), Mr

Lim Keng Yaik (Malaysia), Anthony Goh (USA), Abbassi Osman (Egypt), General Secretary Mr Wang Xiaolin (China) and executives. — NLM



The Executive Committee Meeting in progress at Grand Plaza Park Royal.

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## Winners of Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Award announced

YANGON, 22 Nov — The authorities concerned today announced winners of Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Award and prize-winning manuscripts for 2003 Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Award Competition held by Printing and Publishing Enterprise under the Ministry of Information.

In the novel category, Aung Lin Latt (Okkala) stood first for his novel "Ein-met-hla-hla-met-bar-zay"; Twingyitha Tin Win Oo, second for his novel "Lin-let-kye-dopyaw-ya-mye"; and Aung Thu Rein (Pale), third for his novel "Pon-daung-tha-do-ei-gon-hsaung-dah".

In the collected stories category, Mye Latt Min Lwin stood first for his "Aung-ze-paing-ze and other short stories"; Nay Soe Thaw, second for his "Hna-lon-tha-shwe-ahmuday"; Thet Thet Thin (Education), third for her "Pyonpan-taya-pwint-shalay-pyi and other short stories".

In the collected poems category, Zarni stood first for his "Hnin-nu-nyah-hla-phu-kabya-mya"; Tint Tun (Chauk), second for his Ah-rein-madha-taing-ahh-nine-meshwepyi"; and Ma Kyi Dan (Loikaw), third for her "Narathi-kabya-mya".

In the Knowledge (Arts) category, Reporter Thaug Nyunt (Pyabon) stood first; Htan Hlaing, second and Yamin, third.

In the Knowledge (Science and Applied Science) category, Maung Maung Myint Thein (Sethmu Tekkatho) stood first; Dr Tin Tin Myine, second and Dr Myint Thein (Nyaunglaybin), third.

In the belles-letters category, Myoma-Myint Kywe stood first; Shwe Naga Tin Win, second and Maung Chit Htwe (MA), third.

In the Myanmar culture and arts literature category, Shin Htwe Yin (Anthropology) stood first; Thet Nwe (University of

Culture), second; and Aye Aye Soe (Pyabon), third.

In the children literature category, Theikpan Soe Myint Naing stood first; Maung Thet Hnin (North Okkalapa), second and Pantanaw Naung Latt, third.

In the youth literature category, Pathein Aung Than Oo stood second.

There is no winners in the play category, the politics category and the translation category as the manuscripts of those categories did not meet the prescribed norms. The prize-winning writers are to contact the Sarpay Beikman, No 529-531, Merchant Street (Tel 252560 or 240048 or 381449) as soon as possible. The prize-distribution ceremony will be held at the National Theatre on Myoma Kyaung Road on 12 December 2004. The prize winners are to report to the Chief Editor of Sarpay Beikman not later than 25 November 2004. — MNA



# Members of Sangha, laity pay respects to the remains of Myingyan Sayadaw

YANGON, 22 Nov — Members of Sangha and laity paid respects to the remains of Chairman Sayadaw of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee.

Various religious associations recited parittas and religious verses. In the evening, vocalists, the laity sang religious songs.—MNA



People pay respects to the remains of Myingyan Sayadaw. — MNA

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## Interview with National Literary Award winners

Article & Photo by Thaug Win Bo



Salin  
Phone  
Kyaw

Major Than Aye, deputy director of Public Works, won National Literary Award for his selected poems book, named Myitta Yeiknan Panyaungson. His penname is Salin Phone Kyaw.

In an interview with him, he said he was born of U Khin Maung and Daw Hla May on 29-1-1959 in Kyatthakaing village, Salin township, Magway Division. As a middle school boy, he took inter-

est in Myanmar poetry, he recalled. It was in 1978 that he joined the Tatmadaw, at which he had a chance of making an intensive study of poetry during a span of four years, he said.

Now that he has lived a poet for several years, he has learnt a wide range of poetry-composing methods, he continued. He composed poems about his experience of a soldier's life and traditions and customs of national

## L&F Minister inspects fish farms in Ayeyawady Division

YANGON, 22 Nov — Minister for Livestocks and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein together with directors of Fishery Department inspected fish farms of Thazinyaykyaw in Nyaungdon Township, Ayeyawady Division yesterday morning.

The minister then proceeded to Maubin

Township and inspected fish farms of Wahtaw and gave necessary instructions on the farms.

The minister inspected harvesting of the fishes for export of Anhawawlan Co Ltd.

Afterwards, the ministry and party inspected fish farms No 13, 14 and 15.

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brethren, he recalled.

He also said that of his six selected poem books, five were prize-winning works, adding that he had won ten literary awards, of which three were for the poem books he sent from a frontline.

He expressed his delight at winning his first-ever National Literary Award, saying that he would continue trying to make his pen mightier. He also expressed his gratitude to his masters Htilar Sithu, Myinmu Maung Naing Moe, and Tin Maung Aye (Pakokku).

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(Translation: KTY)

## Yangon Command wins championship shield in Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) Cycling Race

YANGON, 22 Nov—The 11th Defence Services Commander-in-Chief's Shield Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) Cycling Race was held at Thuwunna sports ground on 19 November.

On behalf of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief, Commander of Mingaladon Air Base Brig-Gen Thein Myint delivered a speech.

In 800-metre individual race, Aye Min Oo of Eastern Command stood first, Myint Thu of Eastern Command second and Min Zaw of Central Command third.

In 1600-metre individual race (novice division), Zeya Win of Yangon Command secured first, Min Zaw of South West Command second and Myo Min Than of Central Command third.

In 4000-metre team race, Yangon Command stood first, Eastern Command second and Commander-in-Chief (Navy) third.

Aye Min Oo of Eastern Command won the best cyclist award and Zeya Win of Yangon Command also won the best cyclist award (novice).

Commander of Mingaladon Air Base Brig-Gen Thein Myint presented championship shield to Yangon Command team and senior military officers prizes to the winners.

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## C-in-C's Shield Track & Field events

YANGON, 22 Nov — A ceremony to open Track and Field tournament for Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services (Army, Navy and Air) in 2004 and present prizes to outstanding athletes was held in Aung San Stadium today. Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe delivered an address on the occasion and gave away prizes to winners.

After the participating athletes had taken their designated positions, the commander delivered an opening

speech.

The commander and party watched several events, after which, senior military officers and officials presented prizes to outstanding athletes who attained the first, second and third positions.

On behalf of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, the commander handed over the respective championship shields to officials concerned for Yangon Command Track and Field teams (Men) (Women).

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Competitors to the 6th Asian Wushu Championships being welcomed by officials concerned at Yangon International Airport on 22-11-2004. Malaysia, Thailand, China (Taipei), Vietnam, Japan and Nepal teams also arrived here. —NLM

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2. Tender documents are available at the office of the Deputy General Manager (Supply), Myanma Railways, Corner of 51st Street and Merchant Street, Botataung, Yangon starting from 22.11.2004 during the office hours.

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Deputy General Manager

Supply Department, Myanma Railways, Botataung, Yangon

## Dhaka takes measures for post-MFA grant

**DHAKA, 22 Nov—** The government of the country is exploring internal and external avenues for ways and means to withstand possible fallout on the ready-made garment sector when the Multi-Fibre Arrangement expires in about six weeks.

The Commerce Ministry has recently formed two committees for guidelines on cash support to garment units that may face closure because of the MFA phase out and on training and rehabilitation of garment workers, who may lose their jobs, *The New Age* reported Sunday.

The report quoted sources in the Finance Ministry as saying that the current budget of 200 million taka (3.3 million US dollars) has been earmarked for post-MFA measures and the amount will be increased if the situation demands so.

Finance and Planning

Minister M Saifur Rahman, who left for London on Saturday, is scheduled to meet World Trade Organization (WTO) Director-General Supachai Panitchpakdi in Geneva on November 25 to seek his support for a grant from the World Bank (WB) and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) for a post-MFA grant.

Bangladeshi Government expects at least 300 million dollars in WB-IMF technical assistance under the WTO trade integration mechanism.

Dhaka has been negotiating with the WB and IMF for grant to address

possible fallouts in the quota-free regime since the multilateral lending agencies announced a global coherence policy for economic integration for least developed countries early this year through a joint notification.

Under the policy, the lending agencies will give grant to the least developed countries as they are marginalized due to trade liberalization.

MNA/Xinhua

### China calls for more rational, fair order for world economy

**BERLIN, 22 Nov —** Chinese Finance Minister Jin Renqing Sunday called for respect for various development ways and a more rational and fair order in the world economy.

Addressing the 6th ministerial meeting of the G-20 held here, Jin said international cooperation is vital for more balanced and stable world economic growth. Jin briefed the participants on China's macro-economic control, energy policy, and its efforts to reduce poverty and promote competition and more effective distribution of resources.

In an interview with Chinese reporters on the sideline of the weekend G-20 meeting, Jin said, "As the G-20 consists of industrialized and main emerging economies, it can provide a good platform for discussing economic policy coordination." — MNA/Xinhua

## Iran denies accelerated Uranium activities ahead of suspension

**TEHERAN, 22 Nov—** A top Iranian nuclear official on Sunday denied Iran accelerated activities in a uranium conversion facility in Natanz, a city in the central province of Isfahan, the official IRNA news agency reported.

"The Isfahan plant has a specified capacity and can not operate beyond what has been planned," Gholam-Reza Aqazadeh, head of Iran's Atomic Energy Organization, was quoted as saying.

Aqazadeh made the comments after a meeting with a four-member delegation representing the Non-Aligned states in the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Board of Governors, referring to recent reports that Iran accelerated its nuclear activities before Monday, the promised date to fulfil the suspension.

"The plant has no en-

richment activity. Raw materials are just processed there and it has started activities in this field since a few months ago," Aqazadeh said.

Aqazadeh further denied claims made by the exiled opposition group Mujahedin Khalq Organization on Iran's activities in a hidden site in north-east of Teheran, saying, "there is no place which Iran tries to hide".

"The United States and certain groups usually make propaganda against Iran on the eve of the Board of Governor's meetings," he said.

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### Slovak Govt pledges aid to windstorm-hit region

**BRATISLAVA, 22 Nov—** The Slovak Government on Sunday pledged all possible help to the Tatra Mountains area, which was hit hard by a severe windstorm over the weekend.

Of the 46,000 hectares of the Tatra forests, more than one-half was completely destroyed or damaged by the windstorm, local media reported.

Slovak Prime Minister Mikulas Dzurinda called on all Slovak citizens to help.

"Everything indicates that it is a wide-scale catastrophe which requires a nation-wide civic approach. I just want to call on every citizen to consider how they can help," Dzurinda said.

Slovak Environment Minister Laszlo Miklos said that the windstorm was the largest natural disaster in Slovakia for the last one hundred years.

"It is unbelievable that we will not see woods we used to see in Tatra for the next 70 to 80 years," he said, adding that it was now necessary to think about the future and about the restoration of nature in the High Tatra Mountains.

"It is absolutely clear that the nature of the Tatra National Park will completely change after this catastrophe," Miklos said. "We can say that the most valuable forests remained intact and the mono-cultural spruce forests have been mostly damaged by the windstorm."

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## Zimbabwe working on programme against Vitamin deficiencies

**HARARE, 22 Nov—** Zimbabwean Minister of Health and Child Welfare David Parirenyatwa has said the government was working on a programme to the population against vitamin and mineral deficiencies, which "remain a major public health problem" in the country.

Minister Parirenyatwa was quoted by local media as saying on Sunday that the exercise was being done together with the National Taskforce on Staple Food Fortification.

"Millions of Zimbabweans, especially women and children, are suffering from brain damage, intellectual impairment, lowered immune and increased susceptibility to infection due to vitamin and mineral deficiencies," said Dr. Parirenyatwa.

"It is heart-rending knowing that the same population, reeling under the effects of the AIDS pandemic, continues suffering needlessly from vitamin and mineral deficiencies which are preventable at low cost,"

he said.

A national micronutrient survey revealed that vitamin A deficiency was a major health problem.

About 35 per cent of children under seven years had vitamin A deficiency, while 18 per cent of children under 15 years and 7 per cent of women were similarly affected.

Dr Parirenyatwa said that other vitamins and minerals such as folic acid, zinc and calcium were associated with public health disorders.

He said several strategies were used to address vitamin and minerals deficiencies that included supplementation, food diversity and nutrition education.

MNA/Xinhua



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## 11 African countries sign peace deal for Great Lakes Region

**DAR-ES-SALAAM, 21 Nov**—Eleven African countries signed a UN-backed peace deal for the Great Lakes Region on Saturday, pledging to end genocide, war, hunger and disease that killed three million over more than a decade.

Thirteen heads of state signed the peace framework — the first step toward stability in an area encompassing Rwanda, Burundi and Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) — on Saturday at the close of a two-day summit in Dar-es-Salaam.

"No one has got everything they wanted from this process, but everyone has got what they need — a real chance for peace, stability, democracy and development in a vast region," UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan said at a

signing ceremony.

The Dar-es-Salaam Declaration pledges regional leaders to confidence-building measures, including efforts to disarm rebel groups, stop arms flows and cooperate on resolving the plight of millions of refugees.

Officials call the pledge an important move toward stability for one of Africa's most chaotic regions, but it contains few details on implementation. The next steps are to be considered at a Nairobi summit scheduled for November 2005.

Nigerian President Olusegun Obasanjo, chairman of the 53-member African Union, hailed the Great Lakes peace framework as an example of Africa's new willingness to craft solutions to its own problems.

Obasanjo told the gathered heads of state he had been assured of "unflinching" support by the international community for the peace process, which he expected to be implemented by year-end.

"While the first step is always very important in any journey, sustained effort is always necessary... we must nurture and sustain this momentum," he said.

But even as the leaders met, international watchdog Human Rights Watch issued a report accusing local government officials in the eastern DRC of supplying guns to civilians despite a United Nations embargo, raising the risk of new ethnic violence.

MNA/Reuters



A Boeing Delta II rocket lifts off with a NASA spacecraft, the Swift observatory, from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, Florida on 20 Nov 2004. The Swift observatory will monitor gamma-ray bursts, which are thought to cause the formation of black holes in space.—INTERNET

## Russia completes probe into submarine accident

**MOSCOW, 21 Nov**—A special commission set up by the Russian Navy's Main Staff has completed an investigation into a blast accident onboard a submarine belonging to Russia's Pacific Fleet, a high-ranking staff official was quoted by *Interfax* as saying on Saturday.

"The commission qualified the accident onboard the K-223 nuclear submarine as a mechanical incident. An explosion onboard the sub was caused by a rupture of a pipeline providing pressure to a fresh water tank," the official said.

According to him, the conclusions of the investigation have been reported to the Navy commander and the defence

minister.

The accident took place not during a mission but when the submarine was at its base in Kamchatka, he said.

The explosion, which occurred onboard the second-generation submarine last Sunday, killed sailor Dmitry Koval and injured several other servicemen, said the official. —MNA/Xinhua

## Eight killed in Italian apartment gas explosion

**BARI (Italy), 21 Nov**—Eight people from two families were killed when a gas explosion destroyed their apartment building in southern Italy early on Saturday, fire services said.

The explosion razed a two storey house in the southern town of Foggia. Among the dead were two couples and their three children aged seven, 10 and 17.

The body of a 79-year-old man, grandfather of one of the families, was found buried in the rubble on Saturday afternoon. Nine people were also injured in the blast, which fire services blamed on a gas leak. —MNA/Reuters

## Beijing retail sales keep rising

**BELJING, 21 Nov**—Beijing notched up about 180.31 billion yuan (about 21.72 billion US dollars) in retail sales of consumer commodities in the first 10 months of the year.

According to information from the municipal bureau of commerce retail sales volume for January-October period shows a year-on-year rise of 15.9 per cent in constant prices, lower than the 16.9 per cent the city recorded in the first three quarters of the year.

However, Beijing is ahead of Shanghai, Tianjin, Guangzhou and Chongqing in terms of the growth rate of retail sales of consumer commodities in the first ten months of this year,

according to the information. Beijing chalked up 160.91 billion yuan (some 19.39 billion US dollars) in retail sales of consumer goods for January-September period.

Compared with performance in October last year, retail sales of food-stuffs, apparel and fuel continued to soar in October this year, but retail sale of durable commodities just met last year's standard, according to the information. —MNA/Xinhua

## Afforestation helps reduce sandstorm days in Tibet

**LHASA, 21 Nov**—Afforestation projects have led to a dramatic drop in the annual number of sandstorms in Tibet Autonomous Region in southwest China.

According to the regional meteorological station, the regional capital Lhasa has seen the number of sandstorm days

drop to 5.2 days this year from 53.8 days in the early 1950s.

The early 1970s to early 1980s saw increasing sandstorms in Tibet — peaking in 1984. Since then the number has dropped gradually and even faster in recent years, research results have shown. —MNA/Xinhua



A model presents a collection by Chinese designer Tsai Meiyue during China Fashion Week in Beijing on 20

Nov, 2004.

INTERNET



## Dhaka finalizes draft national housing policy

**DHAKA, 21 Nov**—The Housing and Public Works Ministry of Bangladesh has finalized the draft national housing policy, aiming to solve housing problems through proper residential arrangement and sustainable human habitation.

The draft report has been sent to the Cabinet for scrutiny and approval, *The New Age* Saturday quoted ministry officials as saying.

The number of households in Bangladesh was 25.3 million in 2001 and about 6.2 million more houses will have to be built by 2010 to meet the growing demand of habitat.

There has been a shortage of around 0.33 million houses every year in the past 12 years since 1991.

At least 30 per cent of people in rural areas and 40 per cent in the Dhaka City do not have shelters. Besides, 80 per cent of rural people live

in non-brick houses that are vulnerable to natural disasters, including storms.

The draft report predicts around 50 per cent of the people in urban areas will be compelled to live in slums or densely populated areas by 2010.

To overcome the housing problem, the policy proposes some techniques, including arrangement of land for low income people in appropriate areas. —MNA/Xinhua

**Don't smoke**

## SPORTS

## Inter come from behind to beat Bologna 3-1

ROME, 22 Nov— Inter Milan came from behind to beat Bologna 3-1 in an Italian Cup third round, first leg match at the San Siro stadium on Sunday.

Bologna took the lead in the 22nd minute when striker Claudio Bellucci caught Inter's defence napping, latching on to a long pass before slotting the ball past keeper Alberto Fontana.

Despite enjoying more possession, Inter struggled to break down the visitors' defence from open play and had to wait until the end of the half before Christian Vieri headed in the equalizer from a corner.

After the break, Inter continued to dominate but failed to apply the finishing touch until 11 minutes from time, when substitute Alvaro Recoba was scored with a close-range header before a corner.

With Bologna pressing forward, striker Julio Cruz sealed the win with a late goal, heading in a cross by midfielder Giorgios Karagounis.

MNA/Reuters



Alessandro Santos (second from left) from Brazil, Yuri Nikiforov (3) from Russia and other Urawa Reds players celebrate after clinching the second-stage title at Urawa, north of Tokyo, on Saturday November 20, 2004. Despite a 2-1 loss to Nagoya Grampus Eight, the Reds claimed the first-ever title they needed badly after second-placed Gamba Osaka lost to Yokohama Marinos in a home game.—INTERNET

## Urawa Reds clinch J-League second-stage title

TOKYO, 22 Nov— Urawa Reds clinched the J-League second-stage title on Saturday despite being beaten 2-1 at home by nine-man Nagoya Grampus Eight.

Japan's best-supported club were guaranteed their first J-League stage title courtesy of Japanese champions Yokohama F-Marineros, who beat second-placed Gamba Osaka 2-0 away.

The Reds have 31 points from 13 games and hold an unassailable seven-point lead over Gamba with two games left.

Urawa will take on Yokohama, who won the first stage, in the two-leg championship final on December 5 and 11.

"I think we really have dominated the second stage," said Reds manager Guido Buchwald, a former World Cup winner with West Germany.

"We have struggled with injuries but we have a great squad of 20 to 22 players who rose to the challenge."

Urawa's first J-League title will more than make up for the disappointment of

losing to FC Tokyo on penalties in the final of the Nabisco Cup earlier this month.

"The Reds fans have waited so long for this moment," said Buchwald. "This is to say thank you to them."

Nagoya had Masayuki Omori and Brazilian Claiton sent off but the visitors snatched victory with goals from Marques and Makoto Kakuda. Emerson's 89th-minute penalty came too late for Urawa.

Elsewhere, JEF United Ichihara won 5-1 at home to Vissel Kobe, who have been linked with Japan's former coach Philippe Troussier. Sanfrecce Hiroshima beat Jubilo Iwata 3-2 at home while Kashima Antlers won 3-0 at struggling Oita Trinita.

Omiya Ardija clinched promotion to the top flight with a 3-1 win over visiting Mito Hollyhock to join Kawasaki Frontale in J-1 next season.—MNA/Reuters

## Man Utd executive prepares to offer peace deal to Glazer

LONDON, 22 Nov— English soccer club Manchester United could offer US tycoon Malcolm Glazer a seat on their board if he puts on hold for a year his attempt to buy the company, the *Observer* newspaper said on Sunday.

David Gill, chief executive of the world's richest soccer club, is prepared to offer a peace deal if Glazer allows the company to get on with running its business rather than wrestling with potential bidders, the paper said.

"What the board wants is a one-year standstill to allow directors to concentrate on the everyday affairs of the club," the paper quoted an unidentified indus-

try source as saying.

Glazer is the club's second-biggest shareholder with a 28.11-per-cent stake, which he used to vote three directors off the board at the company's annual meeting this month. Manchester United called off talks with Glazer last month over his proposed offer worth almost 800 million pounds (1.5 billion US dollars).

MNA/Reuters



Dwight Yorke, seen here playing for Blackburn in 2002. Yorke was the object of more racist controversy by saying he received monkey taunts during Birmingham's 3-3 Premiership draw with his former club Blackburn at Ewood Park.—INTERNET

## Birmingham hold 3-3 draw by Blackburn

LONDON, 22 Nov— Birmingham City manager Steve Bruce said striker Dwight Yorke was abused by Blackburn Rovers fans as he warmed up to play against his former club in an English Premier League game on Sunday. A thrilling match at Ewood Park ended in a 3-3 draw that left Blackburn still stuck at the bottom of the league.

Matt Jansen put the home side ahead with a well-struck goal after four minutes before Birmingham took control with goals from Darren Anderton (17), Robbie Savage with a volley (38), and David Dunn against his old club on the stroke of halftime.

Blackburn rallied in the second half with Steven Reid lashing the ball home for his first Blackburn goal after 57 minutes and substitute Paul Gallagher forcing the ball over the line for the equalizer just after the hour mark.

MNA/Reuters

## Lille hold RC Lens 1-1 draw

PARIS, 22 Nov— Midfielder Christophe Landrin hit a second-half equalizer to give second-placed Lille a 1-1 draw at RC Lens in the Ligue 1 northern derby on Saturday.

Third-placed AJ Auxerre missed the chance to close the gap on the pacesetters after slumping to a shock 3-1 defeat at Racing Strasbourg.

Lille, with 30 points from 15 games, remain three points behind unbeaten leaders Olympique Lyon, who were held to a goalless draw by 10-man Paris St. Germain on Friday.

Lens, who have not won in their last 12 outings, are 16th with 15 points.

The hosts went in front just before the interval thanks to Olivier Thomert but Landrin levelled before the hour mark with a fine free kick.

"We deserve this draw as we came back with better intentions after the interval," Lille coach Claude Puel told Canal Plus.

"We have a good team spirit and a lot of character."

AJ Auxerre were routed at struggling

Strasbourg, Yacine Abdekassi scoring twice to help the home side move out of the relegation zone.

Auxerre remain third with 25 points, level with fourth-placed Sochaux who grabbed a 3-1 win at Monaco on Friday.

Olympique Marseille lost 2-0 at AC Ajaccio to increase the pressure on under-fire coach Jose Anigo. Former Marseille midfielder Andre Luiz scored twice for the Corsicans.

French international Camel Meriem, who celebrated his first cap against Poland on Wednesday, handed Girondins Bordeaux a 1-0 away win at Nantes.

St. Etienne posted their fourth victory in a row when a Lilian Compan late goal earned them a 1-0 over Stade Rennes.

Bottom of the table Istres remain the only side without a win after they drew 0-0 against Metz.

MNA/Reuters

## Rangers beat Celtic 2-0

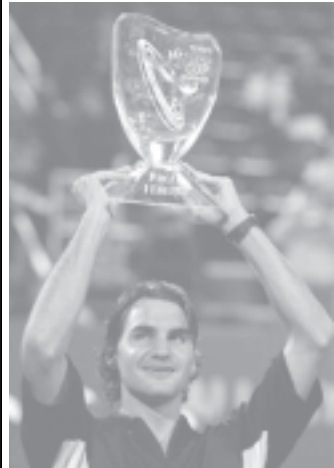
GLASGOW, 22 Nov— Celtic lost two men, gave away two poor goals and allowed their discipline to crumble in a chaotic 2-0 Scottish Premier League defeat at Glasgow rivals Rangers on Saturday.

Rangers are now only one point behind Celtic, who lead the standings on 37 points from 15 games. Nacho Novo's 15th minute penalty and a Dado Prso header on 36 minutes gave Rangers their first Old Firm league win since December 2002 but they were helped by a visiting side that was lucky to escape with only two red cards.

Alan Thompson was sent off a minute after Prso's goal for pushing his head into Peter Lovenkrands's face. Chris Sutton followed him up the tunnel for handling early in the second half after he had been booked earlier for persistent fouling.

Celtic striker Henri Camara kicked Gregory Vignal off the ball in the final minute of the first half but the referee missed it. Celtic had enjoyed the best of the opening moments before defender Bobo Balde's loose header was picked up by pacey Spanish striker Novo. He was brought down by Joos Valgaeren's late tackle and a penalty given.

MNA/Reuters



Roger Federer of Switzerland holds aloft the Tennis Masters Cup trophy after defeating Lleyton Hewitt of Australia, November 21, 2004 at Westside Tennis Club in Houston. World number one Federer capped one of the finest seasons in tennis history by successfully defending his Masters Cup crown with a devastating 6-3 6-2 win over Hewitt Sunday. The 23-year-old Swiss collected a first prize of \$1.52 million and now heads for a well-earned holiday to savour a memorable campaign in which he lifted 11 titles, including the Wimbledon, US and Australian Open grand slams.

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## HK police stage Carnival to raise charity funds

HONG KONG, 22 Nov— Hong Kong Police Community Carnival 2004, a charitable event to raise funds for The Community Chest, opened here Saturday.

At the opening ceremony, Commissioner of Police Lee Ming-kwai said: "Through the carnival, we wish to foster police-community cooperation and mutual understanding, bringing the police and the public closer together."

"Police-community cooperation has been the key to the stability and prosperity of Hong Kong. Therefore, apart from routine contacts with the public, we are keen to share with the community our role and future direction of the force, which is part of our quality service."

Members of the police force have been offering their support to activities that are beneficial to the society and they have participated in charitable events promoting the harmony of society, Lee added.

The proceeds from the sale of admission tickets and souvenirs of the carnival will be donated to The Community Chest for the benefit of over 140 charitable organizations.

The carnival, co-

organized by the Police and The Community Chest, is to be held at the Police Training School and the adjacent Aberdeen Sports Ground in Wong Chuk Hang Saturday and Sunday.

The two-day carnival features a variety of "police" programmes, including performances by the Guangdong Armed Police and Hong Kong Police bands, Chinese Wushu display and police dog show.

In addition, there are interesting and informative displays as well as game stalls.

MNA/Xinhua

## Three nations approved as Chinese group travellers destinations

BEIJING, 22 Nov— Brazil, Argentina and Chile have been approved by the Chinese Government as Chinese group travellers destinations, according to the latest news from China National Tourism Administration (CNTA).

Cuba was approved as a Chinese travellers destination last year.

With no direct flights between China and South America, package prices to the three nations will be quite high. The current price to Cuba within seven days cost more than 20,000 yuan (2,000 US dollars) in local travel agencies.

Brazil's rainforest and Samba dance, Chile's volcanoes and Easter Island and Argentina's Moreno Glacier are expected to attract Chinese travellers.

Chinese travel agen-

cies will organize groups only after CNTA reaches a consensus with those three nations in visa procedure and local guide issues. Travellers can fly there via Europe or North America.

According to the World Tourism Organization (WTO), China is among the top ten overseas tourist consumption markets. Last year, more than 20 million Chinese travellers went abroad, passing Japan to rank first in Asia for the first time.

MNA/Xinhua

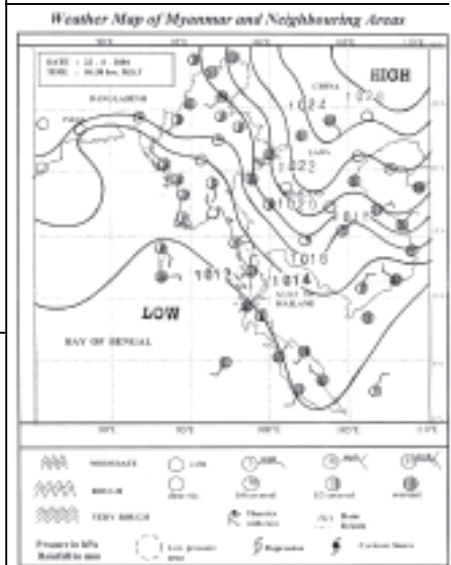
## Five people die in Costa Rican quake

SAN JOSE, 22 Nov — Five people have been reported dead in an earthquake that jolted Costa Rica early Saturday.

The Red Cross said three elderly people died of heart attack and a 32-year-old man was killed in a quake-related motorcycle accident. The cause of the fifth death is not known yet.

The quake, with a magnitude of 6.2 on the open-ended Richter Scale,

struck at 2:07 a.m. (0807 GMT). With its epicentre located 48 kilometres southwest of the capital San Jose, the tremor was strongly felt all over the country. All leaders of 21 nations, who gathered here for an Ibero-American summit, were reported to be safe. — MNA/Xinhua



## WEATHER

Monday, 22 November, 2004

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, light rain has been isolated in Shan State, Yangon and Bago Divisions, weather has been generally fair in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded was Kengtung (1.69) inches. Night temperatures were (8°C) above normal in Rakhine State, (3°C) above normal in Mon State, Bago and Ayeyawady Divisions and (3°C) to (4°C) below normal in Kayin State, Magway, Taninthayi and Yangon Divisions and about normal in the remaining areas. The significant night temperatures were Hakha (5°C), Pyinoolwin (7°C) and Moekok (8°C).

Maximum temperature on 21-11-2004 was 94°F. Minimum temperature on 22-11-2004 was 65°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 22-11-2004 was 77%. Total sunshine hours on 21-11-2004 was (6.4) hours approx. Rainfall on 22-11-2004 was (0.04 inch) at Yangon Airport, nil at Kaba-Aye and central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2004 was (112.28 inches) at Yangon Airport, (106.77 inches) at Kaba-Aye and (109.64 inches) at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 6 mph from East at (09:20) hours MST on 22-11-2004.

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

**Forecast valid until evening of 23-11-2004:** Likelihood of isolated light rain in Shan State, Bago, Ayeyawady, Taninthayi and Yangon Divisions and weather will be generally fair in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%).

**State of the sea:** Moderate to tough seas accompanied with strong easterly winds of (35) mph are likely at times in the Gulf of Mottama and off and along Mon-Taninthyai Coast. Seas will be slight elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

**Outlook for subsequent two days:** Likelihood of light rain in extreme southern Myanmar areas.

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 23-11-2004:** Possibility of isolated light rain. Degree of certainty is (40%).

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 23-11-2004:** Partly cloudy.

## Strong water flips truck, kills 27

LA PAZ, 22 Nov— Strong waters flipped a truck as it tried to cross shallow river in Bolivia, killing 27 farmers on their way to market, police said on Saturday.

The accident occurred Friday evening in Palca, Cochabamba Province, some 275 miles east of La Paz. The truck's driver tried to cross through the water because a nearby bridge had collapsed.

"The Palcamayu River was calm but when we reached the middle of it, a flood of water flipped the truck and carried us for several metres. Everything happened quickly. Luckily, I am

still alive," said Juan Terrazas, the truck driver and one of three survivors, according to police.

Police said that 27 bodies were recovered and sent to their hometowns before burial.

"The mud was covering several bodies. The rescue effort was difficult and did not end until Friday night," an Air Force official said.

MNA/Reuters



Tuesday, November 23  
View on today:

7:00 am

1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Ottamathara

7:25 am

2. To be healthy exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning news

7:40 am

4. Nice and sweet song

7:50 am

5. ကဗျာနိဗ္ဗာန်

8:00 am

6. အတိ:မြင့်

8:10 am

7. Songs of yesteryears

8:20 am

8. နဂါးရေညောင်တံ

8:30 am

9. International news

8:45 am

10. Let's go

4:00 pm

1. Martial song

4:15 pm

2. Song to uphold National Spirit

4:30 pm

3. English for Everyday Use

4:45 pm

4. Musical programme

5:00 pm

5. အခင်းသစ်တစ်ခုကို ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ

-တတိယပုဒ် (ပထဝီအထူးပြု) (ရုက္ခဓာ)

5:15 pm

6. Dance of national races

5:30 pm

7. ခံစားစားသင်တန်းစာတိုင်း

5:40 pm

8. Sing and enjoy

6:10 pm

9. မြိုင်မြိုင်:စာတိုလမ်းခွေ

"ချောင်းဝင်းရေခုံး" (အပိုင်း-၄၄)

6:30 pm

10. Evening news

7:00 pm

11. Weather report

7:05 pm

12. မြန်မာ့အလင်းစာတို

7:20 pm

13. The mirror images of the musical oldies

7:35 pm

14. သားငါးဖူးမြို့ပြည့်အကျိုး

15. မုန့်ချောင်းတံတားပေါ်က လက်ခွံသံ

8:00 pm

16. News

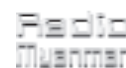
17. International news

18. Weather report

19. မြိုင်မြိုင်:စာတိုလမ်းခွေ

"သေဦးရေချစ်သူ" (အပိုင်း-၄၅)

24. The next day's programme



Tuesday, November 23

Tune in today:

8:30 am

Brief news

8:35 am

Music:

-Billi balla

8:40 am

Perspectives

8:45 am

Music:

-Boom Boom

8:50 am

National news/Slogan

9:00 am

Music:

-Cert la vie

9:05 am

International news

9:10 am

Music

-Do wah diddy

1:30 pm

News/Slogan

1:40 pm

Music:

-Let it be me

-Before the next tear drop falls

-Don't cry Joni

-Will you still love me tomorrow

English speaking course level-2

Unit (II)

Article/music

Weekly sports reel

Music for your listening pleasure

-Written in the star

-If you had my love

News/Slogan

9:45 pm

10:00 pm

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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

## Government pledges to shape country as discipline-flourishing democracy

### USDA members are responsible to fulfil needs of people



YANGON, 22 Nov — The second session of the fourth day of the Annual General Meeting (2004) of the Union Solidarity and Development Association

took place and concluded at the Central Training School of the association in Hmawby Township on 17 November. It was attended by USDA Secretary-General U Htay Oo, secretariat members, CEC members, secretaries of State and Division USDAs and delegates from state, division, district and township USDAs.

Secretary-General U Htay Oo presided over (See page 9)



Members of Panel of Chairmen chanting slogans to mark the successful conclusion of the AGM of USDA.—MNA



Chairman, members of panel of chairmen and those present chanting slogans to mark the successful conclusion of the AGM of USDA. — MNA

## Two resolutions passed, one approval made, three matters put on record



YANGON, 22 Nov — The annual General Meeting 2004 of the Union Solidarity and Development Association held at the central training school of USDA in Hmawby Township from 13 to 17 November passed two resolutions, made one approval and put three

matters on record.

The first resolution is the USDA at different levels are to adopt and follow the guidance of Patron of USDA Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe given at the fourth day session of the annual general meeting 2004 of USDA held on 17 November as work guideline, and the second resolution is to lay down the following nine work programmes included in the report presented by the Central (See page 9)

## Interview with National Literary Award Winners

Article & Photo by Thaung Win Bo

U Htay Maung (Writer Htay Maung) won life-long literary award for his brilliant literary career that contributed towards Myanmar literature.

In an interview with NLM, he said, "I am 78 and my literary career is 60 years. I'm very pleased to win the award. I entered the literary world in 1947." "I won prize in short story contest held by Pyithu Yebaw Journal and I was very proud of it and then my writing started," he told NLM.

He was born of U Taing Kyaw and Daw Ngwe Khe in Chauk, Magway Division, on 19 January 1927.

His first novel was *Yenanmyay Yebaw*. In 1964, he wrote a novel, *Ayaydawbon* (Revolution) and it was translated to Russian. His famous novel, *Taik-pwe-khaw-*

*than* (Clarion Call) was written in 1965.

He became an editor in *Myawady Magazine* in 1956 and served in the magazine for 23 years.

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Writer U Htay Maung, life-long literary award winner in an interview with NLM. —

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## TV retransmission station on air in Shan State (North)

YANGON, 22 Nov — Under the extended broadcasting programme of TV, TV retransmission station project in Pangphein (Lwepang) of Shan State (North) was completed on 1st November 2004.

The station started to air programmes through clear, distinct pictures and sound commencing 2nd November.—MNA