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Neo-colonialists trying to encroach on others through social, economic, cultural spheres and media instead of resorting to use of force

Message from Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe on 84th Anniversary of National Day

The following is a translation of the message sent by Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe on the occasion of the 84th Anniversary of the National Day:

Esteemed national people,

Today is the 84th Anniversary of the National Day, on which, the struggle for independence was launched with the participation of the entire national people who made energetic efforts in unity during the struggle. It must always be documented in the history of independence struggle as a momentous launching day of the national movement that continued to march with greater momentum till reaching the goal — the independence — with the setting up of a national education

system in the country as the starting point of the march.

Throughout the course of history, Myanmar was able to preserve and promote their dignity and integrity by daringly warding off all foreign aggression and encroachments with unyielding spirit. Although Myanmar had suffered the loss of sovereignty and independence for a certain period of time in history, the entire people were able to regain independence, based on their dynamic and strong patriotism, national spirit and Union Spirit, launching the national movement as the springboard of the struggle. Because of the rapid developments in scientific and technological fields, the neo-colonialists are adopting new means, trying to encroach on, dominate and manipulate others through social, economic and cultural spheres and the media and information industry, instead of resorting to use of force old and

obvious methods such as expansion of their territory with the use of military power or hegemonism. Hence, we must have constant national awareness to ward off their perpetration, while relying on patriotism and Union Spirit as our fundamental strength.

Since 1998, the Government has been laying down and implementing education promotion programmes for today's youths to adapt themselves to the changing socio-economic lives, which are the consequences of the development in science and technology, they are going to face in the 21st Century. And beginning fiscal 2001-2002, the Government has launched the national education development projects to produce human resources equipped with the international standard education and high fervour of patriotism and national spirit.

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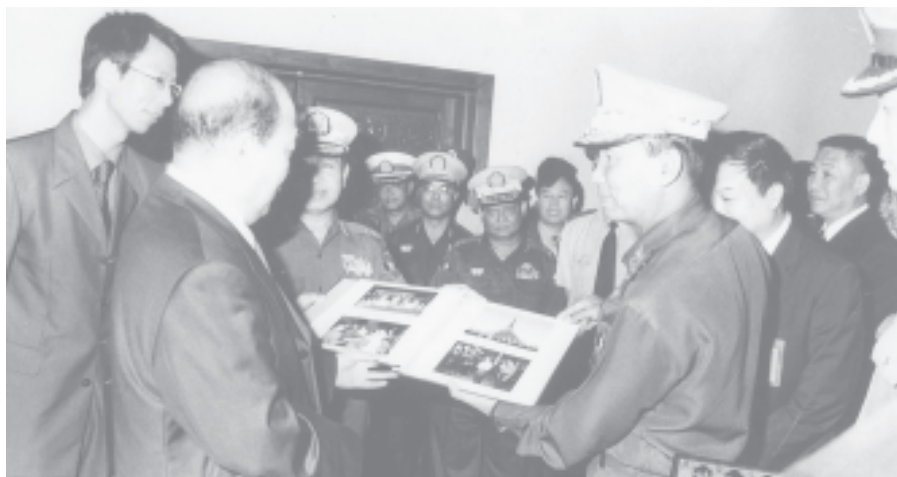
General Thura Shwe Mann bids farewell to PRC guests

YANGON, 5 Dec—Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann met General Ge Zhenfeng, Deputy Chief of General Staff of the People's Liberation Army of the People's Republic of China and members of the delegation at Tatmadaw guest house on Inya Road this afternoon.

General Thura Shwe Mann and the guests left the guest house for Yangon international airport in a motorcade.

At the airport special lounge, General Thura Shwe Mann presented an album and documentary video to General Ge Zhenfeng.

The guests left here for home this afternoon. They were seen off at the airport by General Thura



General Thura Shwe Mann sees off General Ge Zhenfeng, Deputy Chief of General Staff of the People's Liberation Army of the People's Republic of China and party. — MNA

General Thura Shwe Mann presents an album and video tape to General Ge Zhenfeng, Deputy Chief of General Staff of the People's Liberation Army of the PRC. — MNA



Shwe Mann, Chief of Staff (Navy) Captain Nyan Tun, senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Li Jinjun, Military Attaché Senior Col Ma Shoudong and officials.—MNA

Thai PM to pay official visit

YANGON, 5 Dec — At the invitation of the Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar Lt-Gen Soe Win, Dr Thaksin Shinawatra, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Thailand will pay an official visit to the Union of Myanmar in the near future. — MNA

HAILING THE 84TH ANNIVERSARY NATIONAL DAY

PERSPECTIVES

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Rubber cultivation that will bring prosperity to the country and the growers

Rich in natural resources is the Union of Myanmar. Efforts are being made for national development by making a good use of these rich natural resources.

Being an engine of the country's economy, agriculture is to be taken as the base in the drive for all-round development of other sectors.

In the agricultural sector, steps are being taken to ensure local food sufficiency as well as extend the sown acreage of perennial plants in addition to that of new crops, so the export of goods will be on the rise.

Of perennial crops, oil palm and rubber have now become a commercial success. Oil palm can satisfy the demand for local food while rubber has turned out the promising source of foreign exchange.

For Myanmar, the topographical conditions favour the cultivation of rubber. On the whole, rubber can be grown nationwide save some areas in Mandalay, Magway and Sagaing Divisions.

So profitable a livelihood is the culture of rubber that even posterity can benefit from it. The government is rendering assistance to rubber growers. Moreover, it allots land to national entrepreneurs so that they can undertake rubber cultivation on an extensive scale. Permission has also been granted to national entrepreneurs for free trade of rubber.

Myanma Perennial Plants Enterprise provides anyone who want to invest in rubber cultivation by means of land allotment and provision of strain, technology, fertilizer and pesticide. It takes six to seven years to nurse rubber plants, and they can be used for commercial purpose for 30 years.

Rubber being an industrial raw material, most consumer goods are made of it. As natural rubber fetches high price, some industrial nations have to use synthetic rubber.

In today's world market, Myanmar rubber sells for US\$ 1,100 to 1,300 per metric ton. Even its cuttings are priced at US\$ 1,000. Since rubber has a ready foreign market and can gain profits, it should be grown on an extensive scale.

With a growing demand in the world market, the sown acreage of rubber, the perennial plant beneficial for both the country and the growers, should be extended.

Education Minister provides teaching aids to monastic education school

YANGON, 5 Dec — Minister for Education U Than Aung, accompanied by Director-General of No 2 Basic Education Department (Upper Myanmar) Lt-Col Win Htein and officials, yesterday provided teaching aids to Myatayadana Monastic Education School in Chanmyathazi Township and Thingaza Monastic Education School in Chanayethazan Township.

The minister and party also paid obeisance to Sayadaws of the monastic education schools and viewed around the students learning at the schools.

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All this needs to be known

- * Do not be frightened whenever intimidated.
- * Do not be bolstered whenever flattered.
- * Do not be softened whenever appeased.

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

The national education development projects have been launched with the aim of safeguarding the national interest

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Thanks to the national education development projects that are being implemented with the cooperation of parents and the people to enable all school age children to attend classes, the enrollment rate at elementary level has increased to 96.56 per cent. A total of 4,736 post-primary schools have been opened in the nation to create greater opportunities for children who wish to pursue middle school education after completion of their elementary studies. At present, over 7.64 million students are attending classes at 40,505 basic education schools all over the country. In every part of the nation including rural and border areas, local authorities, education staff, parents, the public and wellwishers are joining hands to take part in the programmes to ensure equal teaching and learning opportunities in towns and villages, to enhance the qualifications of teachers, and to raise the adult literacy rate and reading power.

In the higher education sector also, more institutions of higher learning have been opened in 24 special development zones in the entire country to enhance learning opportunities of the sector. In addition, master of research degree courses, doctorate courses and region-wise skills courses have been extended and ICT electronic apparatus have been provided to education institutions. Now, about 900,000 students are attending classes at 156 universities, degree colleges and colleges, and up to now universities in the nation have produced 489 doctorate degree holders. The national education development projects have been launched with the aim

of safeguarding the national interest in the long run, and they are bearing good results and achieving success. At this opportune time, the Government and all the people will have to lend themselves fully to the efforts for emergence of a peaceful, modern and development nation and building of a discipline-flourishing democratic state, utilizing the strength of highly qualified human resources.

In accord with the fine traditions of the auspicious National Day, which was born during the struggle to establish the national education system that helped vitalize nationalism and nationalistic fervour of the people and the nation to regain independence, all the national people will have to strive in harmony and unison, based on national spirit, patriotism and Union Spirit, for the success of the seven-point Road Map, while keeping in the fore the national policy — non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity, and perpetuation of sovereignty.

Hence, I would like to urge the entire people of the nation in all seriousness to exert efforts with full national strength in accord with the Objectives of the 84th Anniversary of the National Day.

- Keeping national spirit alive and dynamic and uplift of national prestige and integrity
- Uplift of national education
- Perpetuation of independence and sovereignty of the State
- Success of seven-point future policy programme of the State. — MNA

Airports in Taninthayi Division Inspected

YANGON, 5 Dec — Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe, accompanied by Deputy Minister Col Nyan Tun Aung, Officer on Special Duty Brig-Gen Myo Tin and officials, went to Kawthoung Airport today and inspected the airport and the runway.

The minister inspected passenger lounges, X-ray Monitor Control room and the airport building and gave instructions on the cleanliness inside and outside the airport.

Next, the minister inspected the airway control tower.

Afterwards, the minister and party proceeded to Bokpyin Airport and inspected along the runway.

At the briefing hall, the minister attended to the needs after hearing



Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe inspects Myeik Airport.

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reports by the officials.

On arrival at Myeik Airport, the minister together with Chairman of Taninthayi Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Coastal Regional Command Maj-Gen Ohn Myint inspected Myeik Airport building.

When the minister and party arrived at Dawei Airport, In-charge of the airport Maj Kyaw Thu reported on the tasks of Dawei Airport Construction Project and Brig-Gen Kyaw Aung of Dawei Station gave supplementary reports.

The minister and

party inspected the constructing of new airport building and earth works for the runway.

Dawei Airport is also being extended into the airport with 12,000 feet in length and 200 feet in width, where Boeing 747-400 aircraft can land. —MNA

Malaysia to host 2nd East Asia Forum

KUALA LUMPUR, 4 Dec—Malaysia will host the 2nd East Asia Forum (EAF) on December 5-6 here, which will be opened by Prime Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, Malaysian Ministry of Foreign Affairs said Friday.

The forum is jointly organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the East Asian Business Council of Malaysia and its theme is "Towards an Integrated East Asian Community", the ministry said in a statement released here.

Those that have confirmed participation are the Foreign Ministers of Laos, Myanmar, the Philippines, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs of Singapore and Senior vice-minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan, the statement indicated.

Former leaders who are expected to attend are Malaysia's former Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad, Japan's former Prime Minister Tsutomu Hata, former President of South Korea Kim Dae-jung, according to the statement.

The former leaders are scheduled to make speeches after the keynote address by Abdullah Ahmad Badawi on December 6. In addition, representatives from the Government, private sec-

tor and scholars of the ASEAN+3 countries are also expected to participate in the forum.

Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN), now grouping 10 states in the region, was set up in 1967 to boost regional cooperation.

ASEAN+3 mechanism involves cooperation among the 10 ASEAN countries and China, Japan and South Korea.

The forum comprised two closed sessions, the first entitled "Political and Security Cooperation" involving the foreign ministers and head of delegations, while the second session will be on Economic and Financial Cooperation, which will see the participation of captains of industry. The forum is one of the 26 measures recommended by the East Asia Study Group as a mechanism to enhance the ASEAN+3 cooperation and to achieve the region's common goal of an East Asian Community. —MNA/Xinhua



A bicycle rider
peddles through the
snow-covered trees in
Ottawa on 1 Dec 2004.
This is the first snowfall
of the year.
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Singapore, Chinese firms can make win-win partnership

SINGAPORE, 4 Dec—A Singapore official said Friday that joint ventures between Singapore enterprises and Chinese firms can create win-win partnership.

Minister for Transport Yeo Cheow Tong made this remark at a businessmen gathering held here on Friday. Yeo said that many Singapore companies have successfully penetrated the China market by establishing partnership via investment in Chinese enterprises, supporting global customers as they expand into China, and banding together as a group to overcome shortcomings such as size or service offerings. On the other hand, Yeo added, Singapore's unique location, long history as an international trading hub and its sufficient operating environment can provide Chinese enterprises with the ideal gateway to expand into regional and global markets. —MNA/Xinhua

1,269 US troops killed since beginning of Iraq war

WASHINGTON, 4 Dec — As of Saturday, 4 Dec, 2004, at least 1,269 members of the US military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count.

At least 988 died as a result of hostile action, the Defence Department said as of Friday. The figures include three military civilians. The department did not update its numbers Saturday.

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

The British military has reported 74 deaths; Italy, 19; Poland, 13; Spain, 11; Ukraine, nine; Bulgaria, seven; Slovakia, three; Estonia, Thailand and the Netherlands, two each; and

Denmark, El Salvador, Hungary and Latvia have reported one death each.

Since 1 May, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 1,131 US military members have died, according to AP's count. That includes at least 879 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's numbers.

The latest deaths reported by the military: One US soldier was killed by a roadside bomb Saturday north of Baghdad.

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Putin accuses US of pursuing dictatorial foreign policy

NEW DELHI, 4 Dec— Russian President Vladimir Putin accused the United States on Friday of pursuing a dictatorial foreign policy and said mounting violence could derail progress towards bringing peace and democracy to Iraq.

Putin also criticized the West for setting double-standards on terrorism, pursuing Islamic fundamentalists in Afghanistan and Iraq while giving refuge to "terrorists" demanding Chechnya's independence from Russia.

The Kremlin leader's tough remarks came on a visit to former Cold War ally India, where he and Prime Minister Manmohan Singh issued a joint call for greater cooperation in stabilizing and rebuilding Iraq.

Unilateralism increased risks that weapons of mass destruction might fall into the hands of terrorists, and would stoke regional conflicts, Putin said in a hard-hitting speech to an invited audience. "Even if dictatorship is packaged in beautiful pseudo-democratic phraseology, it will not be able to solve systemic problems," Putin said. "It may even

make them worse."

Putin did not name the United States, but clearly had the Administration of President George W Bush in mind when he said policies "based on the barack-room principles of a unipolar world appear to be extremely dangerous".

Russia was a vocal opponent of the US-led war to oust Saddam Hussein, but has since joined efforts to rebuild Iraq's war-hit infrastructure. Moscow's assent was key to a recent Paris Club deal to write off most of Iraq's foreign debts.

Putin said he was worried by mounting violence and loss of life linked to operations by US-led coa-

lition forces in Iraq, and said these may disrupt plans to hold elections now scheduled for January 30, 2005.

Again the Russian leader was not specific, but he appeared to be referring to the US operation to crush die-hard guerrillas in the Iraqi city of Fallujah.

"This may put a question mark over holding of fair and democratic elections in Iraq early next year," he said.

Putin's speech echoed comments he made earlier to an Indian newspaper in which he said the war had turned Iraq into a breeding ground for terrorists.

MNA/Reuters

India, Russia sign joint declaration for strategic partnership

NEW DELHI, 4 Dec— Indian and Russia signed Friday a Joint Declaration emphasizing strategic partnership between the two countries and taking note of the transformation in the global environment in recent years.

The two countries also signed accords on outer-space, long-term cooperation in the field of joint development and use of Russian Global Navigational Satellite System (GLONASS) for peaceful purposes, visa-free travel for holders of diplomatic and official passports and cooperation between the cities of Mumbai and St Petersburg, the Press Trust of India reported.

The agreement on outer-space and GLONASS was signed by Indian Space Research Organization chairman G Madhavan Nair and director of Russian Federal Space Agency A Perminov. India's Foreign Secretary Shyam Sharan inked the deal on visa-free travel with Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Alexander Alexeev. Mumbai Municipal Corporation mayor Mahadev Deole signed the agreement for cooperation with Valentina Matvienko, governor of Russian President Vladimir Putin's home town St Petersburg. —MNA/Xinhua



An Iraqi police officer guides a wounded civilian into al-Yarmuk hospital after he was hurt in an early morning car bomb attack near a police station beside the heavily protected so-called "Green Zone" in central Baghdad, on 4 Dec, 2004. —INTERNET

Pakistan willing to train Malaysians in submarine operations

KUALA LUMPUR, 4 Dec — Pakistan has offered to share its expertise in submarine operations with Malaysia.

With 35 years experience in submarine operations and valuing the long-standing Kuala Lumpur-Islamabad ties, the Pakistani Navy "is ever willing to share its vast knowledge and know-how with Malaysians," Pakistani Navy Commodore Mohammad Asif Sandila told local reporters in Port Klang, 40 kilometres west of here, Friday.

Mohammad Asif is also Mission Commander of visiting Pakistani Navy vessels, *PNS Tariq*, a frigate, and *PNS Nasr*, a tanker.

They arrived at the port on Tuesday for a three-day training and goodwill visit. Their next destination is Brunei.

Mohammad Asif said the Royal Malaysian Navy (RMN) could seek assistance from the Pakistani Navy should the need arise.

He said Malaysian and Pakistani Navy personnel participated in training and joint naval exercises regularly.

"I suppose we can learn from each other. One aspect is the submarine operations where we can gain from each

other," he said.

On his opinion of Malaysia, Mohammad Asif said Malaysia was a fine example of a successful Islamic nation.

"As a Muslim, it gives me great pleasure to see an Islamic country modernizing and developing, putting it on par with other advanced countries in the world," he added.

Visiting Pakistani Navy vessels, among others, participated in a basic naval training exercise at the RMN base in Lumut.

MNA/Xinhua

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This photograph released by the US Army shows a deserted and devastated street in Fallujah, Iraq recently.

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Miss Peru crowned Miss World

BEIJING, 5 Dec — Twenty-year-old Miss Peru was crowned Miss World on Saturday in a southern Chinese resort town, as China looks to become the regular host of an event that would have once been deemed heretical by its Communist leaders.

Maria Julia Mantilla Garcia, dressed in a shimmering blue backless dress, burst into tears at the announcement, after winning the hearts of the audience saying the thing she would miss most about the competition was its host town, Sanya.

"I don't speak very good English. But the smiles of the people transcend language," she said through an interpreter.

Viewers from around the world called in to vote for contestants, choosing Garcia over runner-up Miss Dominican Republic, Claudia Julissa Cruz Rodriguez. The second runner-up was Miss US A, Nancy Randall.

In 2002 the contest moved to Britain from Nigeria. But organizers appear to be enjoying the quiet atmosphere in China.

This was the second year Miss World was held in Sanya, on the semi-tropical island of Hainan, and organizers have applied to hold the event at the same venue next year, the official Xinhua news agency reported. — MNA/Reuters



Miss Peru, Maria Julia Mantilla Garcia, crowned Miss World 2004.

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Greater Mekong River Subregion ministers to meet in Laos

MANILA, 4 Dec — Ministers of the six countries sharing the Mekong River will meet in Vientiane, capital of Laos, on December 14-16 to discuss ways to intensify regional cooperation, the Asia Development Bank (ADB) which assisted the programme said on Friday.

With increasing efforts in Asia towards greater economic integration, the ministers from the Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS) countries — Cambodia, China, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand, and Vietnam — will discuss at their 13th GMS Ministerial Conference how to move cooperation more effectively to achieve their common goal of growth, equity and prosperity for the subregion, said ADB.

The GMS Programme, assisted by ADB since 1992, has catalyzed the move towards regional economic integration by enhancing cooperation among the GMS countries and thus improving the competitiveness of the region's products in Asia and beyond, said ADB.

The ministerial meeting will include a GMS Senior Officials Meeting on December 14, a Development Partners Meeting on December 15 and the Ministerial Meeting on December 16.

The Development Partners Meet-

ing will bring together representatives from more than 50 bilateral and multilateral development agencies as well as representatives of the private sector.

"The investment requirements in the GMS region are huge and it will therefore be critically important for the GMS countries to successfully mobilize new resources from public and private sectors inside and outside the region," said Rajat Nag, Director-General of ADB's Mekong Department.

"The GMS countries' dialogue with existing and new development partners is very important feature of the GMS Ministerial Conference," said Mr Nag.

The GMS ministers will also discuss the preparation for the Second GMS Leaders' Summit to be held in Kunming, southwest China in July 2005.

Home to some 250 million people, the subregion, as big as Western Europe, is expected to become a dynamic growth area in the years ahead, according to ADB. — MNA/Xinhua

Bangladesh expects cold waves in mid-December

DHAKA, 5 Dec — A series of cold waves with foggy weather are likely to sweep across Bangladesh from the second half of December, as the temperature is projected to dip below 10 degrees in Celsius, reported the *Daily Star* on Saturday.

The whole country is likely to witness at least two to three cold waves ranging from mild to moderate level during this winter, Deputy Director of Dhaka Met Office Arjumand Habib was quoted by the newspaper as saying.

The country's northern and central parts will witness mild to moderate cold waves, and the night temperature will fluctuate between 6 to 10 degrees there. — MNA/Xinhua

China, Bulgaria to promote cooperation in agriculture

BEIJING, 4 Dec — China is ready to promote cooperation with Bulgaria in a bunch of agricultural sectors, said Chinese Vice-Premier Hui Liangyu here Thursday.

In meeting with Mehmed Dikme, Bulgarian Minister of Agriculture and Forestry, Hui said the Chinese Government values and supports the exchanges and cooperation in agriculture between the two countries.

"China hopes the two countries can carry out extensive cooperation in such agricultural fields as technology, product processing and machinery," Hui said. Over the past half century, China-Bulgaria relations have kept stable development and the two countries have extended its cooperation in economy, culture, education, science and technology, said Hui. — MNA/Xinhua

Italy to broaden cooperation with China

ROME, 4 Dec — Italian President Carlo Azeglio Ciampi said here Friday that his country is willing to broaden cooperation with China in all fields and that his visit to China will push forward the bilateral friendly relations.

Ciampi made the remarks at the airport before leaving for China for a state visit on December 4-9.

As a civilized country with a long history, he said China is one of the leading players in the world stage in the 21st Century.

Both Italy and China have shared common views on many important international issues and they have carried out cooperation in many fields, said the 84-year-old President. Ciampi said his state visit to China would serve as an impetus to boost bilateral cooperation. — MNA/Xinhua



Visitors look at scale model of newly developed apartment at the real estate exhibition on 5 Dec 2004 in Shanghai, China.

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One more civilian airport to be built on Tibetan Plateau

XINING, 4 Dec— Engineering experts have approved a feasibility report on building a civilian airport in Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture of Yushu, northwest China's Qinghai Province.

The project evaluation was made by experts from the China International Engineering Consulting Company.

And the approved report will be submitted to the State Development and Reform Commission for final approval, according to sources with the provincial commission of development and reform.

The planned airport will allow access to the outside by air for the 260,000 Tibetan residents in the prefecture.

Jiegu Town, capital of the prefecture, is 800 kilometres from the provincial capital of Xining City.

Located in the hinterland of the Tibetan Plateau, the prefecture is now linked to the outside only by a highway.

The sources said the airport will be built in Baitang Town to accommodate A319-100s, one model of Airbus regional series.

Investment in the

project is estimated at some 500 million yuan (60.2 million US dollars).

Currently, there are six civilian airports on the Tibetan Plateau, known as the Roof of the World, with two in Qinghai and four in Tibet Autonomous Region.

MNA/Xinhua

Pakistan, India agree to resume 2nd rail link

ISLAMABAD, 4 Dec— Pakistan and India agreed Friday to resume the second rail link between the two nations.

According to a statement jointly issued by technical teams from both sides at the conclusion of a two-day meeting, the two authorities agreed to restore the rail service between Pakistan's Khokhrapar City and India's Monabao City.

"The (two-day) talks were held in a cordial and constructive manner," it said.

The two sides will meet again on mutually agreed date for continuing con-

sultation on details. Concerned departments from both countries will undertake specific activities including laying of railway tracks and other related infrastructure, said the statement.

The once-broken railway link between Pakistan's Lahore City and India's Amritsar City was reopened in January as a goodwill gesture for the peace process.

MNA/Xinhua

Indian FM rejects UNSC membership without veto power

NEW DELHI, 4 Dec— Indian Foreign Minister K Natwar Singh said Thursday that India would not accept UN Security Council membership without veto power.

Dismissing reports that India may get into the Council without veto power, Singh told the Rajya Sabha, or Upper House of Parliament that such reports were "purely speculative," the *Indo-Asian News Service* reported.

"Without a veto, I do not think (UN Security Council membership) will be acceptable to the country," he said.

The minister said New Delhi's stance on the issue is wellknown and India is working together with Japan, Brazil and Germany in this regard.

On suggestions that India could get into the Council first and then work for achieving veto power, he said the expansion of the Security Council was an "extremely complicated issue with wide ramifications."

Singh also said New Delhi would wait for the report on UN reforms from UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan which is expected in the middle of the month.

"We will study the report. This issue is very much before the government. We will apply our

mind," he said.

Minister of State for External Affairs E Ahamed said that several countries had openly expressed their support to New Delhi's aspirations.

"India believes that the reform and restructuring exercise is important and that by any objective criteria, India's case is credible and strong," he said, adding that there has been a growing momentum in support of India's candidature for the permanent Security Council membership. —MNA/Xinhua

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ADB approves loan for railway project in S-W China

MANILA, 4 Dec— The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved a 180-million-US-dollar loan for a railway project aimed at helping remove transport constraints to growth in southwestern People's Republic of China.

The project, to build a 167-kilometre railway from Dali County to Lijiang City in northwestern Yunnan Province, will develop efficient, safe and environment friendly rail transport in the region, creating jobs and income generating opportunities, and providing better links for the poor in the area, the ADB said Friday in a statement.

The single-track railway will provide the shortest land route between the two key centres in the province, the statement said.

Besides laying of railway track, the project will construct 11 new railway stations and install modern signalling and safety systems, including mechanized track main-

tenance.

Around 1.1 million people, mostly ethnic minorities, living in the project area will benefit from the ensuing greater economic integration, access to services, and lower transport costs, as will railway freight operators and passengers, who will face shorter travel distances and times.

The railway construction will also generate direct jobs for more than 7,000 poor people, the majority of whom are ethnic minorities.

The project will also provide better connec-

tions to Kunming, Shanghai and Beijing via various national rail systems. Further, it will promote regional cooperation in the Greater Mekong Subregion through its links to the port of Haiphong in Vietnam and to the proposed Pan-Asian Railway (Singapore-Kunming Railway).

The total project cost is estimated at 548 million US dollars. Trial operation is scheduled to start in January 2009, and it will take one year before commercial operations begin.—MNA/Xinhua

Car bombings, other attacks kill nearly 40 in Iraq

MOSUL, 4 Dec— A wave of attacks that included car bombings here and in Baghdad have left nearly 40 people dead in Iraq exacerbating fears that violence could derail Iraq's January elections.

Against that backdrop, the special advisor on Iraq to UN Secretary General Kofi Annan was quoted as saying the current climate of insecurity makes holding elections impossible.

The Patriotic Union of Kurdistan's chief in Mosul, Saad Pira, told *AFP* that 17 Kurdish militiamen were killed and more than

40 wounded when a suicide car bomber rammed their convoy as they were traveling through the Karama neighborhood of Mosul Saturday afternoon.

"An Opel car slammed into the convoy and exploded against the minibuses, two of which were totally gutted by fire," Pira said.

Internet

Putin arrives New Delhi

NEW DELHI, 4 Dec— Russian President Vladimir Putin arrived here early Friday on a three-day visit to India.

Putin, who is heading a high-level delegation of ministers, officials and businessmen, will hold talks with Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh.

He will also meet President A P J Abdul Kalam and other Cabinet ministers and opposition leader.

The two countries are expected to sign a series of agreements.

They will also issue a joint declaration, spelling out their overall vision of cooperation and steps to concretize their strategic partnership, a senior Indian official said.

MNA/Xinhua



A US Army soldier keeps watch over two young men detained for questioning in Baghdad's restive Sadr City district December 4, 2004.

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Masterpieces of French impressionists on show in Shanghai

SHANGHAI, 4 Dec— Fifty-one original masterpieces by 12 French impressionist painters arrived Tuesday morning in this largest metropolis and cultural centre of eastern China for an exhibition from 9 December, 2004 to 19 January.

The art show is part of the "Year of France in China", a Sino-French cultural exchange event which was officially launched on 10 October.

The 51 paintings include those by Claude Monet, Paul Cezanne, Edgar Degas, Edouard Manet and Alfred Sisley. The collection is believed to be a feat of light and colours and beauty of humanity. Of the 51 works, 38 are provided by the Musee d'Orsay in Paris, 11 others are from other French museums, and one from the Moet Hennessy Louis Vuitton Group, which is sponsoring the exhibitions in China.

The outstanding paintings are matched by their insurance value — 5 billion euros or 6.02 billion US dollars.

The display in Shanghai, scheduled to run at the Shanghai Art Museum, is a follow-up of the exhibition in Beijing, which was held from 11 October to 27 November at the National Art Gallery.

The art show attracted approximately 300,000 visitors in Beijing. The National Art Gallery in the nation's capital had to extend service time every day, and at the end of the event, it set a record of nonstop operation for consecutive 36 hours to receive enthu-

siastic art lovers.

Service time extension will also be arranged for the impressionist art exhibition in Shanghai, according to the Shanghai Art Museum.

"Many Chinese at my age have been familiar with some of the exhibits since childhood. The pictures were printed in our school textbooks, and it's so cool to see the real ones," Li He, a Beijing journalist was quoted by a local paper as saying.

"We have presented Impressionism in China because it shows the essence of the French spirit, that is, of romanticism and freedom," said Serge Lemoine, president of the Musee d'Orsay who is also a co-curator of the exhibitions in China.

Impressionism is an art movement that happened in the late 19th and early 20th centuries in the West, chiefly in France. It is so important to art history that it brought about a fundamental change to Western art and also had an impact on Chinese art, he added. He believed the Chinese public would find it easy to accept Impressionism because it involved elements of Chinese art.

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Pakistan keen to promote trade with neighbouring countries

ISLAMABAD, 4 Dec— Pakistan is keen to promote its trade links with its neighbouring countries and thaw in Pakistan-India relations is a good omen for the promotion of trade between the two countries, Acting President Muhammad mian Soomro has said.

Talking to a delegation of shippers from India and the representatives of shipping lines, the official *Associated Press of Pakistan* Thursday quoted Soomro as saying that the Pakistani Government attaches great importance to the port and shipping sector and has set up a separate ministry with a view to promoting ports and shipping sectors in the country.

Soomro said there are a lot of prospects for promoting trade with Central Asia countries via Pakistan. He hoped that Gwadar Port would be a centre of business activities for trade to Central Asia, China and Middle East countries.

Foreign businessmen should use this channel to promote their business activities, the acting president said.

Members of the Indian delegation briefed the acting president about the problem relating to their business areas and put forward various proposals to improve the facilities at the ports of Pakistan, the report said.

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More Japanese firms feel labour shortage amid eco recovery

TOKYO, 4 Dec— More companies in Japan are feeling a labour shortage amid improving economic activity, sending a related index to a seven-year high, according to a quarterly labour ministry survey released on Thursday.

The index, which is in all nine industries.

These are among principal findings by the ministry's November 1 survey conducted on 5,408 businesses each employing 30 or more workers. Valid replies came from 2,929, or 54.2 per cent of them.

Asked whether overtime work increased in the July-September period over the previous quarter, more companies replied in the affirmative, reducing the index from 12 points to 8 in the manufacturing sector and from 3 points to minus 3 in the nonmanufacturing sector.

With the index for the construction industry rising to 1 point from minus 1, companies having labour shortages outnumbered those with labour surpluses

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The Crazy Horse monument in South Dakota honours the famous chief of the Lakota tribe. Low cost airline Jet2.com refused to accept an online booking for Jeremy Brown—who changed his name to Crazy Horse Invincible.—INTERNET

China's environmental protection donates fund for Tibetan farmers

BEIJING, 4 Dec— China's environmental protection staff Friday donated 625,000 yuan (75,510 US dollars) to the Aid-Tibet Fund to help Tibetan farmers and herdsmen buy solar energy-powered appliances.

Last June, the Aid-Tibet Fund, founded in 1987, called on people from across the country to donate money to farmers and herdsmen living in remote areas in Tibet to buy solar-energy appliances, which can solve their difficulties in heating, lighting and bathing.

Pan Yue, deputy director of the State Environmental Protection Administration, said this fund will both improve the living standards of the Tibetan people and reduce the damage to woods and vegetation in Tibet.

"Then the fragile environment in the Qinghai-Tibet Plateau can be protected," Pan said.

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Sri Lanka eyes more foreign investment in 2005

COLOMBO, 5 Dec — Sri Lanka expects foreign investment to grow by 50 per cent to 300 million US dollars in 2005 with good performance in its construction, apparel and tourism sectors, *The Island* newspaper reported on Saturday.

The newspaper quoted Sri Lankan Board of Investment Chairman Saliya Wickramasuriya as saying that peace on the island country was essential for realizing the target.

However, with the peace talks between the government and Tamil Tigers far from resuming soon, Wickramasuriya said the government will address the most immediate concern of potential inves-

tors by exploring ways to reduce labour costs.

"Infrastructure, both in terms of access roads, highways as well as power, that is another strong focus," he said, adding that the government is well prepared to weather the end of the so-called Multi-Fibre Agreement.

Sri Lanka expects to see foreign direct investment of around 200 million dollars this year, the annual

average. That is equivalent to around 1.0 per cent of the country's gross domestic product (GDP).

The government's 2005 budget passed by Parliament last week focuses spending on rural infrastructure projects, as well as offering incentives for investment in power generation projects and bolstering small-and-medium-sized businesses.

MNA/Xinhua



Fishing at dawn
Fishermen in
Real town sail
their boats at
sunrise as calm
returns to the
devastated towns
in Quezon
Province located
in northeastern
Philippine
coast.—INTERNET

Tatmadaw government's steadfast objective of market economy and democracy

Aung Moe San

Since 1988, the Tatmadaw government has been putting the 12 objectives into operation. In its drive to realize these objectives, the government has given the top priority to proper evolution of market-oriented economic system, first introducing the multi-party system in the nation, adhering strictly to the concept that democracy does not flourish at home without a firm market-oriented economic system.

Goals on the political, social, cultural and democracy affairs can be achieved only after full-scale practice of the market-oriented economic system. For example, now the People's Republic of China has made dramatic progress through the market-oriented economic system, standing as a model for international community. The nations trying to introduce democracy without strong economy have faced total disintegration in addition to bloodshed events and a large variety of crises in various sectors, and are still suffering from adversities and getting into great economic crisis. The existing government will never let the nation fall into such situations. No matter how much certain foreign countries are putting pressure on the nation, the government will choose the most appropriate path towards democracy that is in conformity with the traditions and culture of the people. That is the reason why the government is taking all possible measures and steps to build a discipline-flourishing democratic nation through step-by-step implementation of the seven-point Road Map.

When interviewed by Mr Scott Johnson of the News Week magazine, a famous Mexican writer, also journalist and thesis resource person, Mr Carlos Flute, expressed his belief that the best way for introducing democracy in a nation was to take the first step through free trade, adding that Cuba would be on its path towards democracy when there was no danger of the colonialism of the US. China was enjoying rapid development and that would help flourish democracy in the country, he said. Every nation had activities, culture and ways of their own to flourish democracy and it was not proper to make forced prescription of democracy for other nations. Any foreign countries could not prescribe democracy for other nations, he

said. Mr Flute served as Mexican Ambassador to France from 1974 to 1977, and as a faculty member of US universities including Columbia, Princeton and Pennsylvania universities.

It is all known that today the developing countries, that are making democratic reforms, are facing interference, instigation and intervention of certain big powers, posing great danger to them. Developing countries will be able to transform themselves into democratic ones in line with prevailing situations of their social life. The world nations cannot copy US democracy system nor British democracy system. Even Western countries' democratic reforms were not the same. Of them, some countries had to take hundreds of years to become democratic nations on their own ways. Economic production forces play a basic role in turning a nation into a democratic one.

Contrary to the propensity for democracy and human rights, these western countries are imposing lopsided economic sanctions against Myanmar, which is now in the process of transition to democracy. Their motive is to put Myanmar economy in deep recession. Some internal political parties assume that economic sanctions as well as external pressure would enable democracy to thrive. Sticking to the cause of dogmatism, they are totally opposed to the ruling government. In other words, they are practising the 'Look-West' policy. They ignore the cause of national consolidation. These are the internal issues stemming from the interference of some western powers in the internal affairs of Myanmar.

However, neighbouring countries, ASEAN member countries, and Asian countries in addition to fair-minded countries of the international community bearing positive attitude toward Myanmar have now come to double their cooperation with her as they realize her authentic situation.

As a result, there emerges a conceptual difference in the international community: the stance of the US and its allies to establish a democracy in a country with the use of external pressure, and that of the ASEAN and Asian countries to establish a democracy based on the social life of the country concerned.

The 10th ASEAN Summit; the CLMV (Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar and Vietnam) Summit; the Summits of the Heads of State/Government of ASEAN countries, the People's Republic of China, Japan and the Republic of Korea; the ASEAN-India Summit; and the ASEAN+Australia-New Zealand Commemorative Summit were held in Vientiane, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, on 28-30 November this year. At these summits, the US and its allies as well as pessimists pushed the ASEAN and Asian countries to press for immediate installation of democratic system in Myanmar. The ASEAN and neighbouring countries, which hold the policy that a country shall enjoy the right to solve its internal affairs in its own way, however waved their demand aside.

At these summits, the memoranda of understanding were signed on the ASEAN Frame Work Agreement for the Integration of the Priority Sectors; the ASEAN Sectoral Integration Protocols and ASEAN Protocol on Enhancement Disputes Settlement Mechanism; the Agreement on Trade in Goods of the Framework Agreement on Comprehensive Economic Cooperation between ASEAN and China; the ASEAN-India Partnership of Peace, Progress and Shared Prosperity; the Joint Declaration on Comprehensive Cooperation Partnership between ASEAN and ROK; the Joint Declaration of the Leaders at the ASEAN-Australia and New Zealand Commemorative Summit; and the Instrument of Extension of Treaty of Amity and Cooperation and Instrument of Accession to Treaty of Amity and Cooperation between ASEAN and Russia.

A Myanmar delegation led by Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win attended the ASEAN Summits.

It is undeniable that the rise in constructive cooperation with Myanmar is due to the government's steadfast objective of market economic system and the democratic goal being undertaken by the Tatmadaw government. All ASEAN countries, neighbouring countries, Asian countries including the fair-minded countries of the international community have a complete understanding of it.

Translation: MS+KTY

Improvement of Myanmar film and video industry discussed Plots of stories should be filled with new thoughts, visions as natural as possible

YANGON, 5 Dec — Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan met with members of the panel of judges of the Myanmar Film Promotion Committee, members of the Video

heads, officials, and guests.

Speaking on the occasion, Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan said the meeting was held to seek ways and means for technological

He continued that he met with executives of Myanmar Motion Pictures Asayon on 20-12-2002 as part of these measures, adding that he always emphasised the development of the film world on such occasions as academy award ceremonies in 2001 and 2002.

He also pointed out the increase in the number of films, video plays and CDs entering the country. According to the statistics, there were a total of 40,793 illegal video tapes and laser discs plus 771 movies from 1988 to 2004.

It posed a threat to the world of Myanmar

movie and video as well as to national culture, national aspiration, patriotism and Union Spirit, he said. Myanmar film world would thrive only when those challenges were crushed, he continued.

Duties had been assigned to respective committees and censorship boards to provide close su-

pervision for advancement of Myanmar film world, for preservation of cultural heritage, for vitalization of national solidarity and patriotism, for emergence of outstanding film stars, and for prevention of films that are against Myanmar culture and tradition.

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The minister pointed out the weakness in acting, mode of dress, production, shooting, editing, and screening, adding that efforts to deter the danger of the penetration of foreign films would not work without improving these weaknesses.

Scrutinizing Central Committee, the film and video censorship board, film stars, and technicians at the meeting hall of the ministry on Theinbyu Road here this morning.

Present were Deputy Ministers U Thein Sein and Brig-Gen Aung Thein, departmental

improvement of Myanmar film and video, for higher standard and quality of Myanmar films and video plays, and for penetration of Myanmar films and video plays into foreign countries in line with the guidance of Head of State Senior General Than Shwe.



Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan delivers an address at the meeting with responsible officials of Myanmar film promotion, film stars and technicians. — MNA

Efforts should be made to ensure peace and stability, rule of law, development, drug free zone in a region

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In the afternoon, the Secretary-1 and party left for Lashio in northern Shan State by helicopter.

They were welcomed by Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council (North) Commander of North-East Command Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing, Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Hla Myint, senior military officers, departmental officials, national race leaders from special regions in Shan State (North) and members of social organizations.

Kachin Peace Group of Shan State (North) Special Region-5 will cooperate with the government in the political drive initiated by the State.

U Mahtu Naw

They proceeded to Shweli Yeiktha in Lashio. In the afternoon, the Secretary-1 met Kokang, Wa, Shan, Kachin and Palaung national races leaders from special regions in northern Shan State and Manpang people's militia and Monhin and Monha people's militia separately.

In meeting with Chairman of Kokang peace group in special region-1 U Phon Kya Shin, Vice-Chair-



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein receives U Mahtu Naw, Chairman of Kachin Peace Group of Shan State (North) Special Region-5, and party. — MNA

of the seven-point future programmes, is the most important. Only when the National Convention is successful, will other steps such as the drafting of

He said the government acknowledges cooperation of Kokang national race leaders with positive attitude for the success of the National Convention.

Efforts for eradication of narcotic drugs in Kokang region are to be put on record in history and the region will continue to exist and thrive as a drug-free zone.

He assured that the government would provide continued assistance in the benefits of the

We will work together with the government with Union Spirit until the National Convention, which is the most crucial for the State, concludes successfully.

U Aik Mone

region, local people and the State with no policy changes.

Next, U Phon Kya Shin said efforts would be made for total eradication of narcotic drugs in the region under the leadership of the government. He expressed his pleasure for the clarification by high-ranking officials and fulfilling the requirements for regional development.

He pledged that they would make efforts hand in hand with the government to reach the goal set by the State. (See page 9)



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein hands over presents to U Aik Mone, Chairman of Palaung Peace Group of Shan State (North) Special Region-7 and Vice Chairman U Nyi Lone. — MNA

man U Phon Kya Phyu and CEC members U Kyan Te Wan and U Sit Hsan, the Secretary-1 said there is no change of policy towards national race organizations that returned to the legal fold. Firstly, he said the government would provide assistance for regional development and higher living standard of local people under the framework of law.

He said the State Peace and Development Council has laid down the seven-point Road Map and is implementing them for the emergence of a discipline-flourishing democratic nation that the people desire while making endeavours for all-round development.

The government would continue to implement the tasks without fail for the realization of the objectives, he said.

The National Convention, which is the first step

We will participate in the development drive together with the government in accord with the directive of the State.

U Sai Mon of Manpang Militia and U Law Ma of Monhin Monha Militia.

the State Constitution, approval of the people and the holding of elections in accord with the constitution run smooth, he said.



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein receives U Sai Mon of Manpang Militia and U Law Ma of Monhin Monha Militia of Shan State (North). — MNA



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein receives U Phon Kya Shin, Chairman of Kokant Peace Group of Shan State (North) Special Region-1, and party. — MNA



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presents gift to central committee members of Wa Peace Group of Shan State (North) Special Region-2 U Paw Laik Kham and U Aung Myint. — MNA



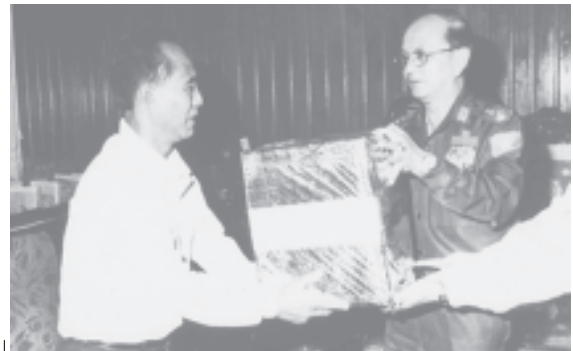
Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presents gift to U Ma Htu Naw, Chairman of Kachin Peace Group of Shan State (North) Special Region-5 and party. — MNA



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein receives U Lwei Maung, Chairman of Shan Peace Group of Shan State (North) Special Region-3, and party. — MNA



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein receives Chairman of Palaung Peace Group of Shan State (North) Special Region-7 U Aik Mone and Vice-President U Nyi Lone. — MNA



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presents gift to U Sai Mon of Manpang Militia and U Law Ma of Monhin Monha Militia in Shan State (North). — MNA

Efforts should be made...

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The Secretary-1 fulfilled the requirements and presented gifts to U Phon Kya Shin.

In meeting with central committee members of Wa Peace Group of Shan State (North) Special Region-2 U Paw Laik Kham and U Aung Myint, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein said Wa national race organization had already made it clear that they will continue cooperating with the government and take part in the successful realization of the seven-step Road Map.

The government, on its part, will not change its policy toward the national race groups and they understand one another. Thus, continued efforts are to be made for ensuring successful realization of the objectives.

Next, central committee member of Wa Peace Group of Shan State (North) Special Region-2 U Paw Laik Kham expressed thanks for State-level officials themselves came and explained, and pledged that they will continue to cooperate with the government in successful holding of the National Convention. He also reiterated that they will strive for national and regional development under the leadership of the government.

Afterwards, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presented gifts to U Paw Laik Kham.

In meeting with Chairman of Shan Peace Group

of Shan State (North) Special Region-3 U Lwei Maung and Vice-Chairman U Kai Hpa and U Sai Swunt and U Ron Khe, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein explained the State policy towards the national race groups and cooperation to be extended until the successful realization of the seven-point Road Map starting from the National Convention.

Afterwards, Chairman of Shan Peace Group of Shan State (North) Special Region-3 U Lwei Maung expressed his belief in the government leadership and spoke words of thanks.

Next, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presented gifts to Chairman of Shan Peace Group of Shan State (North) Special Region-3 U Lwei Maung and party.

In meeting with Chairman of Kachin Peace Group of Shan State (North) Special Region-5 U Mahtu Naw, Vice-Chairman U Zaw Yon and General Secretary U Zaw Hsai, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein said the State, without changing its attitude towards the national armed groups which have returned to the legal fold, will remain committed to successful implementation of the seven-point Road Map, and continue to cooperate and work together with them. Next, U Mahtu Naw pledged to cooperate with the government in the political drive initiated by the State. The Secretary-1, after giving necessary assistance, pre-

sented gifts to U Mahtu Naw.

Similarly, the Secretary-1 in meeting with Chairman of Palaung Peace Group of Shan State (North) Special Region-7 U Aik Mone and Vice-Chairman U Nyi Lone, said national race armed groups have returned to the legal fold as they trusted the government. That's why the government on its part will continue to render assistance to them in accord with the State's policies. U Aik Mone replied that they will work together with the government with Union Spirit until the National Convention, which is the most crucial for the State, concludes successfully. The Secretary-1 fulfilled the requirements and presented gifts to U Aik Mone.

In meeting with U Sai Mon of Manpang Militia and U Law Ma of Monhin-Monha militia, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein said efforts should be made to ensure peace and stability, rule of law, development, and drug free zone in a region. Particularly, it is needed to strive for improvement of health and education of the people. And the State will continue to render assistance to its national people. Next, U Sai Mon and U Law Ma said they will participate in the development drive together with the government in accord with the directives of the State.

Later, the Secretary-1 presented gifts to U Sai Mon and U Law Ma. — MNA

Objectives of the 84th Anniversary National Day

- ★ Keeping national spirit alive and dynamic and uplift of national prestige and integrity
- ★ Uplift of national education
- ★ Perpetuation of independence and sovereignty of the State
- ★ Success of seven-point future policy programme of the State.



General Thura Shwe Mann sees off General Ge Zhengfeng, Deputy Chief of General Staff of the People's Liberation Army of the PRC. (News on page 1) — MNA

Chinese delegation visits Defence Services Museum



General Ge Zhengfeng, Deputy Chief of General Staff of the People's Liberation Army of the PRC and party visits Defence Services Museum. — MNA

YANGON, 5 Dec — The Chinese delegation led by General Ge Zhenfeng, Deputy Chief of General Staff of the People's Liberation Army of the People's Republic of China, accompanied by Maj-Gen Aye Myint of the Ministry of Defence,

arrived at the Defence Services Museum on Shwedagon Pagoda Road, Dagon Township this morning.

The guests were welcomed by Lt-Col Zaw Win of the Defence Services Museum and officials.

General Ge Zhenfeng and party were conducted round the museum by Lt-Col Zaw Win and officials.

General Ge Zhenfeng then signed in the visitor's book and presented gifts to Lt-Col Zaw Win. — MNA

Prizes of ASEAN Radio Quiz presented

YANGON, 5 Dec — ASEAN Radio Quiz was held on 2nd December and the enthusiasts took part in it. In the quiz, Maung Ko Ko Thein of Thingangyun Township won the first prize, Ma Le Le Naing of

Thingangyun Township second, Ma Khin Myo Kyaw of Dagon Myothit (South) third and Ma Thanda of Thayawady Township consolidation prize respectively.

Prizes were presented by the officials

concerned.

Myanmar Radio and Television is implementing ASEAN in Action Plan from radio programme and transmitting the salient points on Association of South East Asia Nations (ASEAN) at 9.45 am every Saturday. ASEAN Radio Quiz for December will be held at 10 am on 6 January.

The enthusiasts can take part in it regardless of age and education and handsome prizes will be awarded. The entries are to report at 9.30 am before the quiz time.

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Winners of ASEAN Radio Quiz. — MNA

Construction of Yandaing Aung Sutaung Pyae Pagoda inspected

YANGON, 5 Dec — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Aung Htwe of the Ministry of Defence together with Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council (North) Commander of North East Command Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing arrived at the Sasana Beikman in construction project of Yandaing Aung Sutaung

Pyae Pagoda, a replica of the Shwedagon Pagoda, which is 135 feet in height on Wizaya Bumi hill in Lashio on 1 December afternoon.

Lt-Gen Aung Htwe and the commander paid obeisance to Padanmya Myatshin Muni bronze image and Buddha images in the Beikman.

Later, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe paid homage to Seinphudaw, Htidaw and

Hngetmyatnadaw to be hoisted on the pagoda and Buddha images to be consecrated in it and gave necessary instructions on the construction of the pagoda. Afterwards, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe also inspected the construction project of the pagoda and progress of the construction. After hearing the reports by the officials he gave necessary instructions on it. — MNA

Health Minister tours Rakhine State

YANGON, 5 Dec — Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint on 3 December arrived at Sittway People's Hospital in Sittway and inspected OPD, laboratory room, X-ray room, operation room, and wards and attended to the requirements. He also met doctors, nurses and staff of the hospital.

Afterwards, the minister inspected Midwifery Training School and Nursing School in Sittway and attended to the needs.

During his tour, Dr Kyaw Myint also oversaw Kyauktan Station Hospital in Sittway.

The minister and party reached yesterday Kwan-Taung Rural Health Department in Ponnagyun Township and briefed on rural health care activities.

Next, he inspected Ponnagyun Township Hospital's X-ray room, cold-storage room, operation room and wards, and fulfilled the requirements.

When he arrived at YoTaYoke Station Hospi-

tal in the township and ApaukWa Station Hospital in Kyauktaw Township, the minister comforted the patients there.

Later, Minister Dr Kyaw Myint inspected Kyauktaw Township People's Hospital, Myaungbway Station Hospital in MraukU Township, Minbya Township People's Hospital and MraukU Township People's Hospital and left instructions and attended to the needs.

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Minister Dr Kyaw Myint inspects Minbya People's Hospital. — HEALTH

Rural development measures in Sagaing Division inspected

YANGON, 5 Dec—Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye and Secretariat member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association (Central) Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan formally opened “Linn Yaung Chi” self-reliant library in Kyaukka (North) USDA Model Village-tract, Monywa Township, on 30 November morning. Next, the commander and minister formally opened the rural development hall in North Kyaukka USDA Model Village-tract.

Afterwards, the commander and minister formally opened the new building for No 90 basic education post-primary school, which was constructed at a cost of K 3.2 million.

Next, officials of the School Board of Trustees handed over the documents



Commander Maj-Gen Tha Aye, USDA Secretariat Member Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan formally open No 90 Basic Education Post Primary School in Kyaukka Village in Monywa Township. — MNA

ing—K 1 million by U Aung Linn, two computers and one generator worth K 785,000 by U Aye Ko, K 900,000 by the Township Education Office and K 1 million by U Nyi Nyi. Next, the minister presented cash for rural development hall, gift for local people and cash and kind for new school building to Chairman of the Village Peace

worth K 70,000 by U Boda Tar. The commander expressed his pleasure for opening of the new school building, the library and the rural development hall.

The minister stressed the need for the people to actively participate in the successful realization of the seven-point Road Map since the government had already ful-

USA and gave necessary instructions. The minister proceeded to the Upper Myanmar Government Press where he gave instructions on undertaking information tasks to be sharp and dynamic and timely completion of publishing of school textbooks.

Next, the minister inspected round the press and gave necessary instructions. On 1 December afternoon, the minister arrived at the TV retransmission station in Taungoo, Bago Division and met staff of the station and gave instructions on uninterrupted broadcasting of TV programmes, security and fire preventative measures and growing of shade trees and vegetables in the compound of the station.

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Agga Maha Saddamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Medhavi who passes away on 4 December.

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Lwentyeint Monastery Presiding Sayadaw passes away

YANGON, 5 Dec — Religious Affairs Department has announced that State Ovadhacariya Shan State (South) Nyaungshwe Inlay region Lwentyeint Monastery Presiding Sayadaw Bhaddanta Medhavi (Agga Maha Saddhama Jotikadhaja), aged 91, vasa 71, passed away at 7.20 pm on 4 December 2004.

The Sayadaw was born of U Kya Ywet and Daw Shwe Phi in Tegyigon Village, Myanaung Township, Hinthada District, Ayeyawady Division. He was novitiated in 1288 ME and ordained in 1296 ME.

The Sayadaw studied basic religious knowledge in Patheingyi and Yangon. He started giving lectures on religious affairs to Intha, Shan Dhanu and nationals since 1300 ME. The Sayadaw undertook religious matters throughout his life as Visodhaka at the Sixth Buddhist Synod, as Chairman at Inlay Regional Pariyatti Sasanapala Examination, as State Vinayadhara and as State Ovadhacariya Sayadaw.

The Government presented the Sayadaw with Agga Maha Saddhama Jotika Dhaja Medal in 2000.

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Commander Maj-Gen Tha Aye presents 21" TV set to No 90 Basic Education Post Primary School through Headmistress. — MNA

related to the new school building to the Monywa Township Education Officer. Later, the commander donated a TV set for the school.

After that, the commander accepted the donations for new school build-

ing and Development Council.

Afterwards, the minister accepted the donations for the library—K 300,000 by U Kyaw Soe, K 200,000 by U Aung Linn, publications and cupboard worth K 300,000 by U Myo Lwin and two cupboards

filled the needs for rural and national development.

Next, the commander and the minister met secretaries and executives of Sagaing Division/ Monywa District and Township USDAs at the office of Sagaing Division

First CLMTV-ECS Trade Fair continues

YANGON, 5 Dec — The First CLMTV-ECS Trade Fair-2004 continued for the third day today at Myanmar Convention Centre here. Eight ministries, 135 local companies and 20 foreign companies and 163 organizations from five nations—Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam — participate in the fair. There are 162 booths displayed at the fair and about 50,000 people visited the fair yesterday.

Ministries yesterday fetched K 1,413,498; private companies, K 10,721,741; Myanmar Pearl

Booth, K 404,200 plus US \$ 75; foreign companies, K 771,050 totaling K 13,310,489 plus US \$ 75.

At the fair, wood-based furniture, electronic appliances, traditional medicines, plastic pipes, paints, traditional clothes, foodstuff and sculptures are put on display. Moreover, cultural troupes entertained the visitors with dances daily. Fine Arts Department of Myanmar and cultural troupes of Thailand and Cambodia will entertain the audience with dances tomorrow. Besides, Myanmar Fashion Show will also

be staged and vocalists will entertain the audience. This morning, talks on Myanmar pearl were held at the first floor of Myanmar Convention Centre and Managing Director of Myanmar Pearl Enterprise U Maung Toe gave talks on pearls, production of Myanmar pearls and pearl market. The trade fair continues tomorrow for the forth day at the same venue.

To ensure the convenience of visitors to the trade fair, bus lines No 79, No 51, No 102, No 103, No 96, No 168 and No 224 are plying. — MNA

CLMTV ECS TRADE FAIR



1st Five Countries Trade Fair-2004
Yangon, Mindhamma Road, Myanmar Convention Centre
(From 3 to 7 December, 2004)



Booth of Hlagabar furniture being seen at CLMTV-ECS Trade Fair. — UMFCPI

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Driving bans for diesel cars without filters

FRANKFURT, 4 Dec — Drivers of diesel-powered cars without particle filters could face occasional bans in many European city centres next year under new EU air quality rules about to take effect, officials and activists say.

The regulations seek to limit particulate matter that pollutes the air and has been linked to a series of health problems, especially in children, the elderly and sick people.

"We assume that there will be driving bans in all the big (German) cities in built-up areas and indeed several times a year depending on weather and traffic conditions," said Juergen Resch, head of the Deutsche Umwelthilfe environmentalist group. At issue are European Union limits on particulate matter that communities have to uphold from 2005 under clean-air guidelines.

Environmental groups adopted in 1996. They also cover levels of other pollutants such as nitrous oxide, lead and carbon monoxide. Despite the long transition period, dozens of cities seem unprepared to meet the new standards, officials say. One study found that five times as many people die from inhaling microscopic particulate matter—much of which comes from diesel smoke—than die in vehicle accidents.

Material rubbed off tyres, construction dust, and emissions from industry and heating also play a role.

Environmental groups

are poised to help citizens file lawsuits over excessive pollution levels and say they stand excellent chances of success.

The Council of German Cities estimates that the first violations of air-quality rules should begin in late February, when weather conditions tend to trap particulate matter.

It sees driving bans as a measure of last resort and would prefer alternate steps such as detours.

Driving bans are hardly enforceable when filters for diesel cars are not required as standard equipment, the association says.

MNA/Reuters

UNICEF needs visionary leader for child survival, development

LONDON, 4 Dec — The survival, rather than the rights, of children must be the priority of UNICEF over the next decade because 10 million children are dying every year — many from preventable causes, a medical journal said on Friday.

The attack on the United Nations Children's Fund came in a commentary published online by the editor of the *Lancet* magazine, Dr Richard Horton. Horton also criticized how the leader of the organization is chosen.

"Child survival must sit at the core of UNICEF's advocacy and country work," said Horton. "Currently, and shamefully, it does not."

"The language of rights means little to a child still-born, an infant dying in pain from pneumonia, or a child desiccated by famine."

The most fundamental

right of all is the right to survive."

But UNICEF said it has indeed promoted survival and noted that child deaths fell 11 per cent during the 1990s.

"It is at the centre of everything we do and that is reflected in the public record of our own surveys, reports, studies and initiatives," said UNICEF spokesman.

Half of the world's 10 million deaths among children under 5 years old occur in six countries — India, Nigeria, China, Pakistan, Democratic Republic of Congo and Ethiopia, according to the World Health Organization.

Horton said the appointment of a new head of UNICEF by UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan next year offers an opportunity to set a course to reduce child deaths.

But he added that the process of selecting a new leader for UNICEF is flawed because there is no agreed criteria to judge a candidate to lead the organization.

"This discredited process threatens to damage the integrity of the UN system and, more importantly, it may well prove disastrous for the future of child health," said Horton.

MNA/Reuters

South African Govt wants control over Internet

JOHANNESBURG, 4 Dec — South African Communications Minister Ivy Matsepe-Casaburri on Thursday called for greater "legitimate" government involvement in the governance of the Internet.

Addressing the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) annual meeting in Cape Town, the minister said it is no secret that the South African Government has been critical of the existing Internet governance structures. This is "because they were established by and skewed in favour of those who first implemented these technologies as this

had the consequence of potentially disadvantaging those who are only now accessing (gaining access to) these technologies," she said. About three million South Africans have access to the Internet at present, making South Africa the largest Internet consumer in Africa. However, the Internet has been beyond the control by the government.

MNA/Xinhua

Even "safe" levels of benzene damage immune system cells

WASHINGTON, 4 Dec — Even "safe" levels of benzene damage immune system cells and could lead to cancer or other problems, US and Chinese researchers reported on Thursday.

A study of factory workers in China shows that tiny amounts of the chemical can affect bone marrow and blood cells—which suggests the chemical is even more dangerous than people believed, Qing Lan of the National Cancer Institute and colleagues there and in Beijing reported. Benzene is just about everywhere and it is almost impossible to avoid. It is

known to cause leukaemia

Exposure to benzene occurs worldwide to workers in the oil, shipping, automobile repair, shoe manufacture, and other industries and to the general public from cigarette smoke, gasoline, and automobile emissions," the researchers wrote in their report, published in the journal *Science*.

MNA/Reuters



Miss Singapore Lisa Huang models evening wear during the 54th Miss World Final 2004 in Sanya on China's tropical island of Hainan on 4 Dec, 2004.

INTERNET



Aishwarya Rai,
Bollywood actress
and former Miss
World waves to her
fans in the northern
Indian city of Agra on
1 Dec, 2004.

INTERNET

HK researchers develop novel treatment for liver cancer

HONG KONG, 4 Dec — A study result of novel liver cancer treatment released by the University of Hong Kong (HKU) on Friday has shown that arginase is effective on suppressing cancer cell growth.

Assistant Dean (Research) of Faculty of Medicine of HKU Tung-ping Poon said that liver cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death in Hong Kong, and conventional treatments were found not effective for advanced liver cancer. Conventional chemotherapy depends on drugs that are cytotoxic to cancer cells, but these drugs are also cytotoxic to normal cells, said Poon.

A study done by HKU and the Polytechnic University of Hong Kong found that arginine depletion in cancer cells resulted in inhibition of cell cycle and hence cancer cell proliferation, but did not result in significant adverse effects on the normal cells. According to Poon, arginase was a naturally occurring enzyme that degrades arginine, with urea as an end-product. To further enhance the effectiveness

of arginase, a Human Recombinant Arginase has been developed as a new drug to allow its therapeutic use in treating liver cancer. Results in experimental research and pre-clinical studies done on rats and monkeys showed positive results that the new drug was effective in inhibiting the growth of human liver cancer and no observed side effects were found.

MNA/Xinhua

SPORTS

PSG hold Lille to 1-1 draw

PARIS, 5 Dec—Paris St Germain suffered a new setback on Saturday when Lille held them to a 1-1 draw before they clash next week with CSKA Moscow in their final Champions League group game.

Lille went ahead in the 17th minute through Mathieu Boldmer who was set up by a fine cross from Christophe Landrin.

PSG levelled 17 minutes later through Reinaldo who slotted the ball home after three one-touch passes.

"A draw at the Parc des Princes will always be a good result but I feel a bit frustrated because I think we could have done even better," said Lille's coach Claude Puel.

Lille, who are now on a series of four draws, stay second in the standings on 32 points, four adrift of leaders Olympique Lyon who were playing later on Saturday at AC Ajaccio.

PSG are without a win in four games and lie ninth in the standings on 21 points.—MNA/Reuters

AC Milan move to point behind Juve by beating Parma 2-1

MILAN, 5 Dec—Late goals from Brazilian Kaka and midfielder Andrea Pirlo gave AC Milan a 2-1 win at lowly Parma in Serie A on Saturday.

The champions move to just a point behind leaders Juventus who are at home to Lazio on Sunday but it was so nearly a costly defeat for Carlo Ancelotti's side.

Milan, who face Juve away on December 18, dominated the first half but only managed to create three serious chances.

Ukrainian striker Andriy Shevchenko, a contender for the European Footballer of the Year award, hammered a shot against the post in the 13th minute.

Then Dutchman Clarence Seedorf had an effort ruled out due to a foul by Argentine teammate Hernan Crespo.

Seedorf went close again in the 34th minute when his shot was superbly saved by Parma's French keeper Sebastien Frey.

Parma created little and it was their

first real effort on goal that provided them with the lead.

Australian Mark Bresciano whipped in a free kick from the right and Alberto Gilardino, a Milan transfer target, rose well to glance a header past the poorly positioned Dida.

Ancelotti made three changes as he sought a way back into the game and it was one of those substitutes, Serginho, who proved the game's decisive figure.

The Brazilian's corner was flicked on by another substitute, Danish forward Jon Dahl Tomasson, and Kaka drilled the ball home at the back post.

With only a minute of normal time remaining Parma's defence failed to clear a Serginho cross from the left and Pirlo pounced to fire home from the edge of the area.—MNA/Reuters

Bayern Munich hold 2-2 draw at Nuremberg

BERLIN, 5 Dec—Bayern Munich squandered their chance to widen their lead at the top of the Bundesliga on Saturday when they gave up a late goal and were forced to settle for a 2-2 draw at Nuremberg in the Bavarian derby.

Nuremberg's Ivica Banovic converted a penalty in the 74th minute after Ilijan Salihamidzic got a red card for bringing down Stefan Kiessling in front of Bayern's goal before a sold-out Frankenstadion crowd of 44,359.

The draw, ending a four-match winning streak that had lifted Bayern to the top of the table, was especially bitter because Nuremberg

were down to 10 men from the 25th minute. Bayern coach Felix Magath said his side gave Nuremberg a Christmas present.

VfB Stuttgart moved into second place on 30 points after a 5-2 win over VfL Bochum, with Germany striker Kevin Kuranyi scoring twice. Schalke 04, who play at Dortmund on Sunday, also have 30 points, Bayern lead on 33.

Defending champions Werder Bremen moved up a notch to fifth with a 6-0 win at Freiburg. Greece striker Angelos Charisteas made the most of starting lineup chance with a hat-trick ahead of Bremen's Champions League match on Tuesday at Valencia.

Iertha Berlin jumped two to seventh and stayed unbeaten in six matches with a 6-0 thrashing of Borussia Moenchengladbach.

In Nuremberg, Magath made no attempt to conceal his anger over the weak showing against the 12th place hosts before Bayern's Champions League match on Wednesday at Ajax Amsterdam.

"We squandered two points that could cost us dearly at the end of the season," Magath said. "The team got complacent after taking the lead 2-1. Instead of adding to that we ended up giving Nuremberg a little Christmas present. They deserved it."

MNA/Reuters

Chelsea stretch lead at top of Premier League

LONDON, 5 Dec—Chelsea maintained their drive for their first title for 50 years when they thrashed Newcastle United 4-0 at Stamford Bridge on Saturday to stay five points clear of Arsenal at the top of the Premier League.

Chelsea briefly led the table by eight points after kicking off early but the status quo returned at the top when Arsenal beat Birmingham City 3-0 at Highbury, Everton beat Bolton Wanderers 3-2 at Goodison Park and Manchester United beat Southampton 3-0 at Old Trafford.

With 16 matches played and the top four all winning, Chelsea lead the standings with 39 points followed by Arsenal (34), Everton (33) and Manchester United (30).

At the other end of the table the bottom four all lost. West Bromwich Albion stayed bottom after losing 3-2 at Portsmouth, Norwich were 19th after losing 1-0 at home to Fulham, Southampton 18th after their defeat at United and Blackburn Rovers staying 17th after losing 1-0 at home to Tottenham Hotspur.

It took Chelsea more than an hour to make the breakthrough against Newcastle, who have won only twice at Stamford Bridge in the last 50 years and were beaten there 5-0 last season.

There was only going to be one outcome after Frank Lampard put Chelsea ahead in the 63rd minute with a volley after chipping down a header by Didier Drogba.

Drogba doubled the tally after 69 minutes after being set up by a 30-metre pass by Lampard and goals from Arjen Robben (89) and Mateja Kezman with



Chelsea's drive to claim the club's first English title in half a century gathered pace as Newcastle were blown away 4-0 in a late goal blitz including one from striker Didier Drogba.—INTERNET

a stoppage-time penalty, completed the rout. It was the fifth time in seven matches that Chelsea had scored four goals.

Arsenal had things almost as easy at Highbury where they beat Birmingham thanks to goals from Robert Pires and Thierry Henry, who scored twice in the last 10 minutes to take his tally for the season to 16.

It was Arsenal's first win in any competition for five matches and manager Arsene Wenger, who dropped goalkeeper Jens Lehmann and gave a league debut to Manuel Almunia, was a relieved man afterwards.

"What was important today was that we did the job and got a win. We stayed focused and showed some real

strength."

Everton stayed third on 33 points after coming from behind twice to beat Bolton Wanderers 3-2 in a fiercely contested Lancashire derby at Goodison Park with an 85th-minute own goal from Tunisian defender Radhi Jaïdi handing Everton the points.

Kevin Davies twice put Bolton ahead but Everton equalized first through Duncan Ferguson and then Thomas Gravesen before sealing victory when Jaïdi deflected the ball into his own net five minutes from time. Manchester United won their fourth successive league game, with Paul Scholes, Wayne Rooney and Cristiano Ronaldo all scoring in the second half.

MNA/Reuters

Barca keep stranglehold on leadership of Primera Liga

MADRID, 5 Dec—Barcelona kept their stranglehold on the leadership of the Primera Liga with a 4-0 win over a lightweight Malaga at the Nou Camp on Saturday.

Leading scorer Samuel Eto'o took his tally for the season to 12 as he helped himself to a well taken double. Portugal midfielder Deco scored with a spectacular 25-metre strike and highly rated youngster Andres Iniesta weighed in with another.

The victory, Barca's seventh in seven home games this season, sent them 10 points clear of arch-rivals Real Madrid at the top of the Primera Liga.

Real travel to Villarreal on Sunday with a weakened side as they rest several first-choice players ahead of next week's decisive Champions League clash against AS Roma.

Earlier, last season's champions Valencia notched their third victory

in a row as they rode their luck to snatch a late 1-0 win at dominant Albacete.

Substitute forward Xisco scored the winner three minutes from time when he netted with a deflected shot from five metres out after centre-half Carlos Marchena had cut a neat pass back from the byline.

The win lifted Claudio Ranieri's side up to third in the table, level on 25 points with Real and two ahead of Espanyol who travel to Real Zaragoza on Sunday.

Barcelona were never put under any pressure by feeble Malaga who only managed to keep the home side at bay in the opening quarter by packing their defence.—MNA/Reuters

Answers for yesterday's crossword puzzle



Improvement of Myanma film...



Vice Chairman-1 of Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayon U Kyee Myint.
MNA

(from page 7)

Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan also quoted the censorship boards saying as the routine and typical plots were found in the movies and video plays and that they were an exact copy of foreign films.

The minister pointed out the weakness in acting, mode of dress, production, shooting, editing, and screening, adding that the efforts to deter the danger of the penetration of foreign films would not work without improving these weaknesses. He also called for active participation of film stars, pledging that necessary assistance would be provided for the promotion of the movie world in Myanmar.

He also urged them to compile papers through

broad coordination.

He cited successful stories of some Myanma films screened in foreign countries as a result of relentless efforts. He also called for the active participation of the artists in the drive for the establishment of a modern, devel-



Director Maung Nanda.
MNA

oped, discipline-flourishing democratic nation in line with the seven-point Road Map in cooperation with the government, the Tatma-daw and the national people.

Next, Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayon Vice-Chairman-1 U Kyi Myint gave suggestions on the tasks for improvement of Myanma films and video industry and expressed his thanks.

Officials of the respective committees and boards also gave their suggestions on the occasion.

In response to the

Some Myanmar films achieve success in foreign countries for their relentless efforts.



Those present at the meeting with Information Minister and responsible officials for Myanma film promotion, film stars and technicians. — MNA



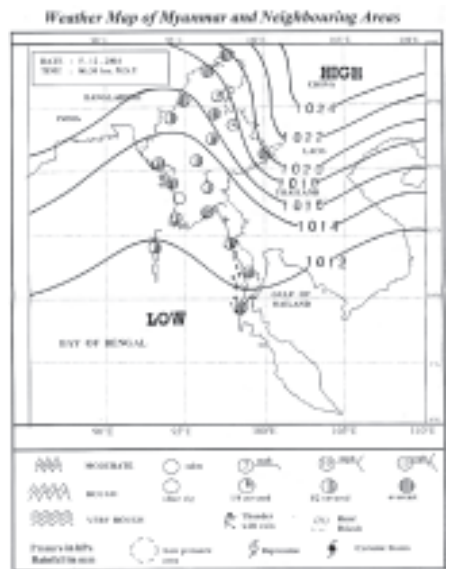
warned that there might be some difficulties in that process, adding that it was necessary to place priority to the advancement of Myanma film and video industry. He also pledged that his ministry would provide necessary assistance for the improvement of the Myanma film world through coordination with other related ministries.

The meeting ended in the afternoon. — MNA



Technician U Kyi Min Thein. — MNA

suggestions, Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan said that he found them very excellent and they would be the foundation for the bright prospects of Myanma movie standard. He also



WEATHER

Sunday, 5 November, 2004

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been fair in the whole country. Night temperatures were (3°C) below normal in Chin and Rakhine States, Magway and Yangon Divisions, (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Kachin State and Taninthayi Divisions and about normal in remaining areas. The significant night temperatures were Hakha (3°C), Namsam (4°C) and PyinOoLwin (6°C).

Maximum temperature on 4-12-2004 was 94°F. Minimum temperature on 5-12-2004 was 60°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 5-12-2004 was 74%. Total sunshine hours on 4-12-2004 was (8.7) hours approx. Rainfall on 5-12-2004 was nil at Yangon Airport, 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 109.68 inches at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 7 mph from Northeast at (06:30) hours MST on 5-12-2004.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 6-12-2004: Except for the possibility of isolated light rain in Taninthayi Division, weather will be generally fair in the whole country. Degree of certainty is (40%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Fair weather in the whole country.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 6-12-2004: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 6-12-2004: Fine weather.

OBITUARY

Mrs. P.B Trutwein (Nee) Raphael
ex (Singer Sewing Machine Co) Rep

Age 78 years

Wife of Mr Stanley Trutwein @ U Thein Win EX Burma Airforce, St Alberts old boys. Retd Air Traffic Control Officer Yangon Airport, mother to Bryan, Deborah Ann, Raymond Nicholas, Yolanda & Wally, grandmother of 13 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren expired on the 4th Dec, 2004 at 17:30 hrs at the Kanthayar Hospital. Cortège will leave St Francis Church at 2:00 pm for Yeway Cemetery for burial.

The bereaved family

OBITUARY

(Trutwein Nee Raphael Bernadette Phyllis)

78 years

Wife of Stanley-Daughter of Joseph+Sarah Raphael (dec.)+Sister of Aloysius (dec.), Victor (Perth), Tommy (dec.), Josie (Perth)+Eddie (dec.) expired at Kanthayar Hospital on Saturday 4th December 2004. Cortège will leave St Francis Church at 2:00 pm for Yeway Cemetery for burial.

The bereaved family



Monday, December 6
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

7:55 am

5. Song of national races

8:05 am

6. Cute little dancers

8:15 am

7. ကတင်ဘီးလင်းရေလှောင်တံ

8:30 am

8. International news

8:45 am

9. Islands of Dhamma

4:00 pm

1. Martial song

4:15 pm

2. Song to uphold National Spirit

4:30 pm

3. Practice in Reading

4:45 pm

4. Musical programme

5:00 pm

5. အစောသင်တန်းသို့လ် ပညာရေး

ရပ်ခြင်းသင်ကြားသင်ခန်းစာ

-ဝတ်စုံနှင့် (အထူးပြုအားလုံး)

(အင်္ဂလိပ်စာ)

5:15 pm

6. Dance variety

5:30 pm

7. လက်ဆင့်ကမ်းပေး ဂီတတေး

5:40 pm

8. မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာ တေးဂီတ

ကျေးလက်တေးသံများ

5:50 pm

9. Musical programme (The Radio Myan-mar Modern Music)

10. Discovery

11. နိုင်ငံခြားကာတွန်းစာတိုလမ်းတွဲ

"မျောက်မင်းဂုဏ်"

(အပိုင်း-၄၇)

6:30 pm

12. Evening news

7:00 pm

13. Weather report

7:05 pm

14. Musical programme

7:15 pm

15. Industrial Achievement

7:50 pm

16. အမျိုးသားနေ့တေးများ

8:00 pm

17. News

18. International news

19. Weather report

20. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုလမ်းတွဲ

"သံစဉ်ရေလွန်" (အပိုင်း-၁၈)

21. The next day's

programme

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 to provide continued assistance in interest of regional, local people and State with no policy change

Secretary-1 meets national race organizations in Shan State (North)

YANGON, 5 Dec — Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, accompanied by member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Aung Htwe of the Ministry of Defence, Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt, Minister at the Prime Minister's Office Brig-Gen Pyi Sone, Minister for Cooperatives Col Zaw Min, Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint of the Ministry of Defence, Deputy Minister for Education Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo and officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, left here and arrived at Magway Airport on 4 December.

The Secretary-1 and party were welcomed by Chairman of Magway Division Peace and Develop-

- * **Will strive for total eradication of narcotic drugs.**

U Phon Kya Shin



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein greets U Phon Kya Shin, Chairman of Kokang Peace Group. — MNA

- * **U Lwei Maung expressed his belief in the government leadership and spoke words of thanks.**

INSIDE

It is undeniable that the rise in constructive cooperation with Myanmar is due to the government's steadfast objective of market economic system and democratic goal being undertaken by the Tatmadaw government.

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Aung Moe San



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein greets U Paw Laik Kham, central committee member of Wa Peace group of Shan State (North) Special Region-2. — MNA

ment Council Col Phone Maw Shwe, senior military officers and departmental officials.

In meeting with officials concerned, the Secretary-1 discussed regional development.

The Secretary-1 and party left Magway for Mandalay. They arrived at Mandalay International Airport at 11 am. They were welcomed there by Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Ye Myint and departmental officials.

The Secretary-1 gave instructions on regional development at the airport lounge.

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- * **Will continue to cooperate with the government in successful holding of the National Convention.**

U Paw Laik Kham



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein greets U Lwei Maung, Chairman of Shan Peace Group of Shan State (North) Special Region-3. — MNA